



PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 22/20

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The purpose of this Report is to ask Members if they wish to submit a corporate response to the Isle of Wight Council's current consultation on its Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is legislation that allows a local authority to address a particular nuisance or problem that may occur in a particular area. The PSPO works by imposing conditions on the use of that area that apply to everyone.
- b) PSPOs are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour.
- c) The Isle of Wight Council's Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), include the controls that were previously called Dog Control Orders (DCOs), Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) and other measures to control antisocial behaviour.
- d) It is turning these previous orders into a single set of PSPOs and considering some small amendments to the previous orders.
- e) The consultation is open until the 15 April and responses can be submitted by completing the questionnaire that is available [here](#).

2) PROPOSED CHANGES

- a) The current PSPOs are gathered into various categories as listed here:
- b) *Alcohol Consumption*: There are none of these at present in the Ventnor area; only in East Cowes, Freshwater/Totland, Lake, Newport, Ryde and Sandown.
- c) *Responsible Dog Ownership*: This includes three aspects:
 - o *Fouling of the land*: If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence; it covers all open land on the Island.
 - o *Exclusion*: Excludes dogs from the Island's beaches during the period 1 May to 30 September each year. Maps of the relevant areas are provided and in Ventnor runs from the Bandstand to the Spyglass.
 - o *Dogs on Leads*: The failure of a person in charge of a dogs to keep it on a lead on each and every length of road including adjacent pavements and verges, within the administrative area of the Isle of Wight Council is an offence.
- d) *Beaches*: The current proposal is to migrate the [Dog Control Orders](#) (DCOs) - which permit dogs to use beaches during the winter into the new PSPO. This proposal would continue to exclude dogs from beaches between 1 May - 30 September each year
- e) *Cemeteries*: A new proposal is for dogs to remain on leads at all times while visiting the cemeteries under Isle of Wight Council control. Please view [Maps relating to Dogs on Leads Cemeteries](#).
- f) *Fenced Children's Play Areas*: The new proposals, with the aim of protecting the health and wellbeing of people using fenced play areas, is to restrict access of dogs in fenced children's play areas. [Maps relating to Dog Exclusion zones fenced children's playgrounds](#).
- g) *Rights of Way*: The Isle of Wight Council proposes to move the existing dog control order (DCO) relating to dogs being on leads on a public highway over to the new PSPO. The existing dog control order requires a person in charge of a dog to keep that dog on a lead at all time whilst on a length of road including adjacent pavements and verges. Land owners of some of our public rights of way have also requested that dogs are kept on leads to help protect livestock.