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Dear Simon

### Public Spaces Protection Order

Further to our conversation at the Community Safety Partnership meeting earlier this week, I have outlined below my support for the continuation of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

The issues of anti-social behaviour, street drinking, drug-taking, littering and begging have a significantly detrimental effect on those who live in, work in and visit the city of Exeter.

The PSPO has been in place since 2017 and sends a clear signal that such behaviour is not acceptable to the people of Exeter and enables the City Council and Police to tackle such issues in a timely and proportionate manner.

On average, the PSPO dispersal power is used five times a week, serving to dissipate the impact of groups acting in a loud and disruptive manner and significantly reducing aggressive begging.

Fourteen arrests have been made as a result of failures to disperse (for those acting in manner likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to members of the public).

Over thirty people have received fines for urinating in public; a positive, timely sanction for an offence which causes the business community, in particular, great consternation.

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The PSPO has proven to be a vital tool in preventing and deterring anti-social behaviour and identifying those who require additional help and support.

It has helped to promote a more positive environment for our communities both in the day and at night.

The City Council & Police continue to work with all agencies to engage, support and, where necessary use enforcement to tackle perpetrators of anti-social behaviour. The PSPO is the key tool in enforcement.

Devon and Cornwall Police are supportive of this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antony Hart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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