

## **Appendix B – Proposed website wording**

### Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation

#### **What is this about?**

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) were introduced as part of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. PSPOs can be used to control behaviours which are having, or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. PSPOs impose conditions or restrictions on people using that area.

An order under s.59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was made by Exeter City Council on 20 April 2017. The order came into effect on the 1 June 2017.

The order was made following the Council's public consultation on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order that ended on 29 February 2016, with around 1250 having been considered. In light of the responses received as part of the consultation some of the restrictions were revised when considered through the committee process.

The revised proposals were considered at Place Scrutiny Committee on 12 January 2017 and Executive Committee on 14 February 2017 before going before Full Council on 21 February 2017 where it was decided to adopt the proposed PSPO.

The period for which this Public Spaces Protection order remains effective was extended until the 31 May 2021 by this Council's decision (made in accordance with section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Disorder Act 2014) on the 25 February 2020

The period for which this Public Spaces Protection was extended again until the 31 May 2022 by this Council's decision (made in accordance with section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Disorder Act 2014) on the 23rd February 2021.

The order has resulted in the Police and Council being able to deal with unacceptable behaviour in the city centre. Information regarding the current PSPO can be found at [Exeter Community Safety Partnership](#)

The Council is seek views on varying Prohibition E of the order so that individual who behaves in a manner that has caused or is likely to cause a member of the public to suffer harassment, alarm or distress by that behaviour can be dispersed. At present this prohibition can only be applied to individuals whilst in a group.

The consultation is also seeking views on varying the time that a dispersal may last. The proposal is to increase this to no later than 24 hours from the time that an authorised person orders a person to disperse.

This is an opportunity for you to offer your feedback relating to this proposal. Those wishing to participate in the consultation may do so in writing between 2 November and 31 December 2021 either by email at [community.safety@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@exeter.gov.uk) or via by post addressed to Environmental Health and Community Safety, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter EX1 1RQ. Any responses we receive after this date will not be included in the analysis.

We will not be responding individually to responses. After the consultation has closed we will include a summary of the responses received as part of our report to be present to Executive

and Council in February 2022. We will not publish names of individuals who respond but we may publish the name of the organisation for those responses made on behalf of organisations.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish response to this consultation, but will not include any personal information. Even if an individual has requested for a response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.