

Appendix – Consultation Response received from individuals

[REDACTED]
Exeter Police Station
Middlemoor
EX2 7HQ
30th April 2025

Subject – Exeter PSPO consultation

Dear Victoria,

As per our brief discussion during the Exeter TIMS meeting on Monday 28th April, I have consulted further with our geographic and strategic commands and on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Police would like to formally support the renewal of the Exeter PSPO.

Over the last three weeks I have consulted with a variety of roles and ranks based within Exeter and had an overwhelmingly positive response from all officers and staff that have access to, and use, the order. The unanimous feedback confirms that the order is proportionate, necessary and ethically used, particularly when tackling anti-social behaviour and consumption of alcohol, but also offers an additional tool in our toolbox when dealing with begging and street urination.

The powers provided by the order are used in the city daily – I have reviewed a sample of over 100 dispersals served so far this calendar year and am encouraged by its effectiveness in preventing an escalation of behaviour by removing subjects from the city. I worked an evening and night time economy shift on 12th April and was with an officer that issued a PSPO to a male as his behaviour was likely to cause revellers within the city to feel harassed, alarms and distressed - the subject has intelligence relating to violence against women and girls and is listed within the project Nighteye briefing - having access to this order provided an immediate mitigation of future risk without the requirement of waiting for offences to be committed.

In terms of the area covered within the map, it is again believed this encapsulates the key streets in the City without needlessly incorporating areas of lower risk. We therefore would be in support of keeping the current map as it is without any additional changes.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Dear Victoria

Colab would be keen to be involved in any consultation regarding an extension of the current PSPO.

We fully appreciate the benefits to the police of the powers the PSPO gives them and have seen many occasions where these are used positively to disperse ASB. However our observation would be that it is not possible to police the current PSPO in any consistent way due to resourcing and the area the PSPO covers.

We would also like to see consideration given to a tolerant space within the city, otherwise the problem is just being moved around, often just away from Cathedral Green, rather than addressed. A tolerant space would allow the consumption of alcohol within a particular area and would enable organisations to outreach to one location to engage with the people who were street drinking and try and connect them in with services

I would be happy to talk further about experiences of our visitors and indeed ourselves as we are in the PSPO area if it is helpful.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Welcome Team Leader

Colab

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 April 2025 20:46
To: Victoria Hatfield <victoria.hatfield@exeter.gov.uk>
Subject: PSPO Consultation

Victoria

As Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, Safer Exeter, Please record my response in support in renewing the PSPO for the City.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2025 09:28
To: Victoria Hatfield <victoria.hatfield@exeter.gov.uk>
Subject: PSPO Exeter Chamber Response

Hi Victoria

I hope you are well. Further to the PSOP consultation, please find a response from Chamber attached.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

In line with the request for views on the “**Consultation on the Public Spaces Protection Order for Exeter City Centre (“the PSPO”)**” I have been requested by the Board of Exeter Chamber to write in support of the proposed extension/renewal.

At Exeter Chamber we believe that the extension of the PSPO will ensure the continued delivery of a vibrant experience for all type of visitors to Exeter City Centre, and will give businesses of all types (both hospitality businesses looking to welcome local residents and visitors) and office-based employers (concerned for the welfare of their staff while travelling through the City Centre) the confidence that they can grow and expand within the City Centre within the right social environment.

We believe that it is vital for businesses of all types within Exeter City Centre to ensure that their visitor/guest/staff experience is of the highest quality and that extending the PSPO will support this, hence wishing to voice our support for the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Chair, Exeter Chamber

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2025 14:23
To: Freya Branley <Freya.Branley@exeter.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: PSPO Consultation - Community Safety Partnership

Hi Freya

Public Health's only comment is:

We would expect that if individuals are intoxicated and in possession of alcohol or illicit substances that an offer to refer to the person to Together the commissioned Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Service, is made.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 April 2025 17:32

To: Freya Branley <Freya.Branley@exeter.gov.uk>

Cc: Victoria Hatfield <victoria.hatfield@exeter.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: PSPO Consultation

Dear Freya and Victoria,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation on the extension of the PSPO.

InExeter, representing the business community wholly support the continuation of the PSPO in the city centre and welcome the recent enforcement of it which has been carried out by the recently mobilised Community Safety Team.

The PSPO is integral to the vibrancy of Exeter City Centre. Anti-social behaviour is a key concern for businesses and this order allows for the authorities to be able to effectively respond to ASB.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 May 2025 16:18
To: Freya Branley <Freya.Branley@exeter.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: PSPO Consultation

Victoria Hatfield
Head of Service, City Centre & Net Zero
Exeter City Council
By email: Victoria.hatfield@exeter.gov.uk
2 May 2025

Dear Victoria

Re: Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the Act')

Consultation on the Public Spaces Protection Order for Exeter City Centre ('the PSPO')

Thank you for the invitation to contribute to the consultation surrounding the proposed renewal of the Public Spaces Protection Order for Exeter City Centre. I have been asked to provide a response from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), as follows.

Our annual public survey indicates that ASB is one of the biggest concerns for the public in the region and the OPCC is therefore supportive of the various tools and initiatives to address this in our communities. Equally the strong leadership shown by local authorities is welcomed in order to tackle what is a serious and persistent issue for the people of Devon and Cornwall.

The OPCC is supportive of providing the police and local authority partners with suitable additional powers to tackle ASB in our communities and we recognise that PSPOs can be an effective, visible deterrent, often working well to reduce ASB. PSPOs can also provide opportunities to engage with individuals who may be in breach of the order to address underlying causes, as well as through enforcement and the issuing of fines.

The OPCC also understands the challenges in enforcing PSPOs which are put in place and seeks assurance from local authorities that appropriate investment and resources are allocated to support enforcement using relevant powers. This enforcement should be focused on key areas, where these behaviours are displayed, and ensure that councils and the police work together to tackle anti-social behaviour, supporting community safety and the quality of life for residents.

The Commissioner will continue to encourage and hold the Chief Constable to account for maintaining high levels of visible policing, alongside safer streets and hotspot policing investment. However, it is essential that councils similarly dedicate suitable resources to enforcing PSPOs.

With regards to the current order in place for Exeter City Centre, the local policing team have evidenced that this has been and should continue to be, an effective tool utilised on a daily

basis to prevent, tackle and de-escalate antisocial behaviour. The geographical area covered by the PSPO also encapsulates the key areas within the city that can attract ASB.

As part of the government's plans to keep town centres safe this summer, we understand all relevant authorities are being encouraged to maximise the use of existing ASB powers, including increased enforcement of breaches of Public Space Protection Orders and use of Community Protection Notices. The OPCC is therefore supportive of this approach and the proposal to renew the PSPO for Exeter City Centre.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 April 2025 11:54

To: Victoria Hatfield <victoria.hatfield@exeter.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: PSPO Consultation

Victoria

On behalf of the Exeter city Centre Police I have seen firsthand the positive impact the PSPO has had since its implementation.

It has given my officers and me the necessary tools to deal with persistent issues more effectively, from aggressive begging to alcohol-related disorder. These are problems that, if left unchecked, can have a serious effect on how safe people feel in our city.

The PSPO allows us to address these behaviours proportionately and fairly, often giving individuals the chance to change their conduct before formal action is taken. Our goal has always been to protect the wider community while offering support to those who need it, and the PSPO is an important part of that balanced approach.