

## **Public Space Protection Order Consultation**

Consultation on a new Public Space Protection Order for the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness is now underway.

The Council has a vision for the Borough of a healthy population with high aspirations, living in good quality housing and with decent jobs in a diverse economy. The Council's priorities are built around this vision and it wants to ensure that the Borough remains a great place to live, work and visit.

To help us achieve this we want to put measures in place to deter anti-social behaviour whilst continuing to ensure that appropriate support is in place to protect some of the most vulnerable people in our Borough.

This consultation will inform the evidence base and ensure the order is both reasonable and proportionate. If the proposed PSPO is made it will seek to replace existing Designated Public Place Orders and Dog Control Orders. The existing orders place controls on the consumption of alcohol in public places and the behaviour of dogs and their owners. The proposed PSPO will keep these controls in place and will place controls on other types of behaviour in addition. A brief description of each type of behaviour which will be controlled is set out in the consultation document.

To help us decide whether to have a PSPO, we are consulting to provide you with the opportunity to tell us what you think of the proposal. There are a number of ways you can tell us your views and these are set out at the end of this document.

### **What will be included in the Proposed Public Space Protection Order?**

The Council's proposed PSPO would encompass activities which are currently covered by existing orders (Dog Control Orders) under previous legislation together with other activities which are currently not subject to orders.

At present there are Dog Control Orders in place which covers the whole of the local authority area.

Dog Control Orders regulate a number of offences including the control of dogs on leads, permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded. Enforcement action in relation to Dog Control Orders is taken by the Council against persons seen to contravene the Order either by prosecution or by means of a fixed penalty notice. The proposed PSPO would allow the continuation of these enforcement actions.

It is proposed that the new PSPO would also include the following activities:-

- Challenging anti-social behaviour by groups or individuals in the Town Centre, public spaces and car parks across the Borough, including:
  - Begging;
  - Appropriating monies for charitable or other purposes (also known as chugging);
  - Behaviour that may be seen as intimidating or threatening to others;

- Behaviour that could cause offence, distress, annoyance or harassment to others through shouting, swearing, and general anti-social behaviour; and
  - Driving or permitting a vehicle to be used in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm, risk or distress to any person.
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- Smoking in play areas;
  - Ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using substances believed to be psychoactive substances;
  - Consuming alcohol in a public place; and
  - Dog Fouling.

A full copy of the order can be viewed during opening hours at the Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD or on the Council's website [www.barrowbc.gov.uk](http://www.barrowbc.gov.uk)

If you wish to make a formal object or make comment on the consultation please write to:-

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The consultation will close at **4pm on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**