

Public consultation on proposed introduction of Public Spaces Protection Order

Rugby Borough Council is undertaking consultation to establish the views of those who live in, work in, or visit, the town centre in respect of proposals to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) designed to help ensure that the pedestrianised areas are a safe, environment for all.

PSPOs were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can be made by a local authority if they are satisfied, on reasonable grounds that

1. Activities carried on in a public place have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried on and they will have such an effect and
2. The effect or likely effect of the activities is/or is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature, is likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed

Where the above test is met, a PSPO may prohibit specified things being done in a public place identified in the order, and or require specified things to be done by persons carrying on specified activities in that area.

A review by the Council's Councillors into PSPO and associated anti-social behaviour established there were a number of concerns relating to cyclists failing to dismount in the Town Centre pedestrianised area.

The proposed PSPO seeks to the prohibit the riding of a push/pedal cycle on pavements, pathways or in business premises in the pedestrianised area on the highways in the area shown edged red on the attached plan and listed below:

- Sheep Street • High Street • Market Place • Dukes Jetty
- Drury Lane from the junction of Chapel Street extending 60 metres south westwards • Chapel Street from the junction with Market Place extending 32 metres north westwards • Little Church Street from the junction with Market Place extending 27 metres south eastwards
- Windsor Court

The views of those who live in, work in or visit the town centre are important to us, and we want to hear whether you support the terms of the proposed PSPO, the closing date for responses are 20 December 2018.