

Title: Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour

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1.0 Issue

1.1. To consider the Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation findings and approve the implementation of the PSPO.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1. Members are requested to:

- i. Note the PSPO consultation findings at Appendix 1.
- ii. Approve the implementation of the draft Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour Public Spaces Protection Order at Appendix 2 for a period of three years.

3.0 Background/Options

3.1 In November 2025, this committee agreed the draft PSPO; and approved the proposals for public consultation on the draft PSPO.

3.2 Consultation commenced on 12 January 2026 and closed on 16 February 2026. A consultation form was developed and made available on the ECDC website; hard copy forms were also available. The consultation was sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees, including stakeholders and community representatives such as the local chief officer of police, the Police and Crime commissioner, local councillors, the MP, owners of car parks including local businesses, parish councils, leisure centres and railway stations, community groups, representatives of the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership, housing associations, Neighbourhood Watch, youth groups, emergency services, Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways team and to those on the Council's Register of Consultees. The Council sought the views of residents and promoted the consultation online via the ECDC website, press releases, social media, via posters issued to parish councils, leisure centres, GP surgeries and libraries to display in public spaces, hard copies and posters displayed at The Grange.

4.0 Arguments/Conclusions

4.1 A summary of the consultation findings can be found at Appendix 1.

- 4.2 The consultation received 202 responses. 88.1% of respondents either strongly support or support the implementation of the PSPO. 87.6% of respondents answered in the capacity as a resident of East Cambridgeshire. Other responses were received from the police, parish councils, local businesses and organisations, county and/or district councillors, and a landowner. A letter of support was also received from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 4.3 Respondents stated that the three issues affecting them most were high-speed driving that has or could cause a nuisance or danger, excessive engine revving, and racing between vehicles.
- 4.4 With the agreement of the police, prohibitions seven, eight and nine of the PSPO have been updated to reflect the consultation feedback. The proposed changes can be seen in red text in appendix 2.
- 4.5 Initial discussions have taken place amongst council teams and with the police to identify what PSPO enforcement and administrative processes are required. If implementation of the PSPO is agreed, these processes and procedures will be developed and finalised. A full communications campaign would be carried out prior to live launch, and signage would be displayed around East Cambs to notify people that a PSPO is in place. Implementation is anticipated from summer 2026 onwards, once multiagency administrative, data sharing, and enforcement procedures have been established; and staff have been trained and/or briefed.

5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

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Financial Implications YES	Legal Implications YES	Human Resources (HR) Implications NO
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) YES	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) NO	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) YES

Financial implications

It is estimated that set up costs, including signage, will cost around £2,000. If the PSPO is to be implemented, a bid will be submitted to access grant funding from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to cover these costs.

Any income received by the Council through the payment of FPNs will be used to offset any costs incurred, including set up costs.

Legal Implications

If approved, the Council will be required to make the PSPO using its powers under Section 59 and 72 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 (the 'Act') and under all other enabling powers. Legal officers will be required to take individuals who do not pay their FPNs to court.

Equality Impact Assessment

The PSPO will ensure that there is no direct or indirect discrimination, harassment or victimisation; and that people with a protected characteristic have equality of opportunity as those who do not have a protected characteristic.

Data Protection Impact Assessment

A DPIA has been drafted and is awaiting final details to be confirmed once processes and arrangements have been determined. Minimal data risks identified which can be mitigated.

6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – PSPO consultation findings report

Appendix 2 – Draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour

7.0 Background documents

Item 7 of 17 November 2025's Operational Services Committee report
Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Request Form