

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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Decision Ref. No:
AHWB/082/2017 consult on
a Public Spaces Protection
Order for Doncaster town
centre

Box 1

DIRECTORATE: Adults, Health and Wellbeing **DATE:** 24 August 2017

Contact Name: Pat Hagan

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Subject Matter: To consult on a Public Spaces Protection Order for Doncaster town centre

Box 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To consult on a Public Spaces Protection Order for Doncaster town centre that would provide additional powers to act and to stop individuals or groups of individuals committing anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

Box 3

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

What is a Public Spaces Protection Order?

Public Spaces Protection Orders are designed to stop individuals or groups of individuals committing anti-social behaviour in a public space. They provide additional powers for enforcement agencies to act to manage behaviours that are prohibited – to enable more effective management of the issues.

What is the problem we are trying to solve?

The aim of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order is to address concerns related to vulnerable people, anti-social behaviour and begging in the Town Centre.

In most cases this is directly linked to people who have very complex and unstable lifestyles – sometimes homeless, sleeping rough and often with drug and alcohol addictions, mental ill-health and offending behaviours.

Our main concern is for the welfare of these people and to help them break the cycle of behaviours that they can be locked into – for example, people who beg are not likely to see the incentive to stabilise their lives and resettle in society without some support to break that cycle. We also want to ensure that the Town Centre is a welcoming and vibrant place for all Doncaster residents and visitors – we know this is a big concern for town centre users and for traders. Overall, we believe this is a really big issue for Doncaster, and we want to use all the tools we can to resolve it.

What is the scale of the challenge in Doncaster?

Directly relating to the town centre, since November 2016, we have been working with a

group of between 60 and 90 people who have been in and around the town centre area and who we know are in need of support in various ways. The picture varies and the group is fluid, people coming in and out for various reasons.

Of these, we believe between 10 and 20 are genuinely street homeless, but the rest are still in very unstable positions, in and out of hostels and supported accommodation and needing help to properly stabilise and recover.

National research has estimated that there could be more than 4,000 people in Doncaster facing these types of complex issues. More broadly, like many towns and cities in the UK we have concerns about rising homelessness and the instability of people's housing position. The latest figures we have on this show that use of bed and breakfast is increasing, as well as the number of one person households being accepted as a duty to house. Loss of Assured Short hold Tenancy is the main reason for homelessness, with violent breakdown of a relationship coming in second and parents no longer willing to accommodate being the third main reason for approach for those accepted a duty to house. These are in line with national trends.

What is the cause of the problem?

We know that national welfare reform and housing policies can make life increasingly hard and unstable for people who are just coping – flipping them into these situations.

We are especially concerned now about the impact of Universal Credit full rollout and also the recent cut to Housing Benefit for 18-21 year olds. For young people where family relationships have broken down, they need a safety net – and this has been taken away. So we see that this issue is one we will face for some time yet, as a result of national policy issues.

At an individual level we know that people in these situations often have traumatic pasts and some have experienced major events in their lives, which can trigger a decline. Of course, addiction to drugs and alcohol is also a major issue, and can lock people into a cycle of behaviour that is hard to break. For example, we are concerned about the availability and use of 'Spice' - synthetic cannabis, which leaves people in a very vulnerable state.

We know also that more can be done to deal with causes we can manage, like better arrangements for accommodation and support for young people leaving care and also for prisoners on release who we know are especially at risk – we are working on both of these. We also have to see the cause as related to economic opportunity. For some of these people, begging in the town centre provides money to live on, and unfortunately often to feed habits, so the cycle continues.

What else are we doing about it?

The PSPO is just one part of a much wider, partnership approach to supporting people with complex lives. This is very comprehensive and balanced, focused on finding lasting solutions that can help people into support services and to resettle back in society.

Since November 2016 we have been developing and testing a new joined up operating model to support people with complex lives. Called the Complex Lives Alliance.

This includes a new multi-agency Complex Lives front line team, which delivers on street

outreach, building relationships then working to ensure a joined up approach to housing, addiction support and work on other issues like mental health and finances.

This also includes work to develop the accommodation on offer – including work with hostels and supported accommodation to help them support people to move on.

There is also a big focus on prevention and early intervention, including work with care leavers, prisoners and families who are struggling.

This is integrated with a new partnership approach and plan for managing the town centre – which we think is crucial – and which we think could be a model for other towns and cities in the UK to learn from.

What results are we seeing?

The team have had some really good successes, helping people who have been entrenched in this lifestyle for many years – who are now in stable accommodation and doing well – on the road to recovery.

For example:-

Case 1 - One person had been rough sleeping and begging in the town centre for more than four years, and was always reluctant to access hostels. The team has gained their trust, found them suitable accommodation and now they are living independently in a flat. The individual is now off drugs and supported by a wrap-around package of drug and alcohol treatment. They are also volunteering with local groups to give something back and keep themselves active.

Case 2 - One person had been rough sleeping and begging for more than 8 years and although would talk to services, would not access support or hostels. Following regular engagement and a brief hospital stay, swift action was taken to arrange temporary accommodation upon release with wrap round support for drugs whilst longer term rehab placement was arranged. This was successfully achieved and they are drug free.

Case 3 - One person had been made homeless as a result of losing accommodation due to behaviours. They had started mixing with associates who were having a negative impact especially around drug and alcohol misuse. The team worked with this individual and found suitable accommodation with tenancy support alongside a drug and alcohol treatment plan. The individual was also registered with a GP. Having settled into accommodation they have been supported to enrol in training programmes and accredited programmes and is now looking at finding employment.

One big step forward is that the team now have a joined up view and plan for each of a cohort of 97 people, that was never the case before. The team has so far helped half of these into accommodation. It's clearly not a quick fix job - but we are very encouraged by what has been achieved so far – but lots more to do.

Why do we need a town centre PSPO?

The Council, Police and other partners are working hard to manage the day to day issues in the town centre – and especially to engage with people who are vulnerable and help them access services. This work also involves managing behaviour that is anti-social and can affect other people's peaceful enjoyment of the town centre and their feelings of safety and

security.

However, in some circumstances the agencies do not have the powers through existing legislation to be able to deal effectively with the issues. This is true especially of deterring people from begging in the town centre, and to managing drug and alcohol misuse and the anti-social behaviour connected with that.

What specifically will it cover (the prohibitions)?

If a PSPO is introduced, it would mean that the following acts would be prohibited;

1. Requesting money, donations or goods using hats, including through placing of hats, clothing or containers;
2. Loitering around pay machines (including banks, supermarkets) unless waiting to legitimately use them;
3. Returning to the Town Centre within 24 hours after being requested to leave by an authorised officer due to them behaving in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance;
4. Congregating in a group of 3 or more people and behave in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Town Centre;
5. Consuming alcohol other than at licensed premises or being in possession of any opened vessel containing alcohol in any public place in the Town Centre;
6. Ingest, inhale, inject, smoke or otherwise use intoxicating substances within the Town Centre or possess any item that can be used to assist in the taking of intoxicating substances;
7. Urinating or defecating other than in public toilets;
8. Camping or sleeping overnight with or without a tent, or using a vehicle, caravan or any other structure in a public place;
9. Making approaches to people with the intention of entering into any arrangements which involve people making future payments for the benefit of charity, access to credit or other purposes – unless authorised by the Council.
10. Loitering, standing around, touch or interfere with any parking equipment, in the Town Centre.

The rules would be in place in Doncaster town centre, in a clearly identified boundary, which is included in the consultation notice. The consultation notice is attached at **Appendix 1**.

How will it be managed/enforced?

There will be a partnership approach to the management and enforcement of the PSPO, involving the Police, PCSOs, Council, St Leger Homes and other housing and support

services in the Complex Lives Alliance.

The focus of the enforcement will be on guiding people to stop the prohibited behaviours and to access services and support to get help on to a path of a recovery.

If there is no co-operation or compliance with this, clearly enforcement will have to take a different route, but the clear brief to all partners will be to work together with people to break the cycle they are in.

We will also be working closely with Town centre businesses to support the aims and objectives of the PSPO as much as they can – for example by reporting and discouraging the behaviours near their businesses.

How will we know if it's working?

The operation of the PSPO and its success will be subject to monthly reviews and adaptation of methods where necessary. Elected members will also take a close interest in this, in terms of how this is dealing with and supporting people.

Every three months there will be a more in depth review of effectiveness and impact, including taking views from key town centre stakeholders.

Box 4

OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION:

If other options were considered, please specify and give reasons for recommended option

Option 1 is not to consult upon the introduction of a town centre PSPO. This is not a recommended option. The reasons being are that the council, police and other partners in some circumstances do not have the powers through existing legislation to be able to deal effectively with the issues. This is true especially of deterring people from begging in the town centre, and to managing drug and alcohol misuse and the anti-social behaviour.

Option 2 and recommended option is to consult upon the introduction of a town centre PSPO. Increasing the vibrancy of Doncaster's Town Centre is a priority and this approach will support the focus on improving day to day presentation of the town centre in terms of cleanliness and environmental issues, alongside measures to improve economic performance, including retail investment, events, animation such as street art and combine to assist the work to support people with complex needs.

This option will help to improve the management of the town centre. It will also contribute to enabling a focus on root causes and prevention.

Box 5**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Section 59 Anti-Social Behaviour Crime, and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") introduced the Public Space Protection Orders (Order). The Order deals with individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public place.

The Council must ensure that conditions are met before an Order can be made and Section 72(3) of the Act places a duty on Councils to carry out the 'necessary consultation' and 'necessary publicity and necessary notification before an order can be made. The consultation and publicity should comply with the terms of the Act which sets specific requirements as to the persons to be consulted and the nature of the consultation.

There are some key considerations when undertaking a consultation exercise:

- Consultation should be undertaken when the relevant proposal is still at a formative stage
- The views of the decision maker must be tentative and remain provisional upon the outcome of the consultation process.
- There is nothing objectionable about putting forward a specific proposal and often it is necessary so that the consultees have sufficient information to enable them to properly respond to the consultation exercise.
- If there is a provisional view that a particular proposal should be implemented consultees should be aware what the preference is.
- An authority does not need consult on options that it does not favour however a decision maker should not close its mind to other options and it must not preclude consultees from expressing views on them. An important alternative option from the material to consultees; incorrect or misleading references to an alternative; or failure to afford consultees the opportunity to express a view on an alternative could render the consultation process unlawful.
- Adequate information should be provided to consultees to enable them to properly respond.
- Consultees should be given information to enable them to understand the proposals and express meaningful views on it including:
 - i) the nature of the proposal,
 - ii) the reasons why the decision maker is putting forward the proposal including the evidential base and any assumptions made
 - iii) any advice received in relation to the proposal
 - iv) details of the approach the decision maker propose to adopt when deciding whether to implement
 - v) any realistic alternatives options to the proposals
- Information provided must be accurate and in a comprehensive form
- Where the identities of consultees are unknown adequate steps must be taken with regard to publicity of the consultation.
- Consultees should be given adequate time in which to respond

In starting consultation, the Council must be aware of its initial duties under the Equality Act and which are detailed further in Box 12. A 'protected characteristic' is defined in the Act as:

age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; (including ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality); religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership. The decision maker must ensure that adequate evidence, including that obtained from consultation has been considered to understand the effects of the decision to be made.

Name: Karen Winnard Signature: by email_ Date: 25th August 2017
Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

Box 6
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage as it is not anticipated that any additional resources, equipment or processes are needed to undertake the consultation.

Name: Olivia Brown Signature: _by email_ Date: 25.08.17
Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance (or representative)

Box 7
HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no apparent HR Implications within this ODR.

Name: Kelly Wilks _____ Signature: By Email Date: 25th August 2017
Signature of Assistant Director of Human Resources and Communications (or representative)

Box 8
PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS:

There are no procurement implications.

Name: D Bann _____ Signature: _____ Date: 25/8/17
Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance (or representative)

Box 9
ICT IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct ICT implications in implementing the recommended options detailed in this ODR. If as a result of implementing the recommended option, any ICT or Technology requirements are identified, a business case should be submitted to the ICT Governance Board for approval and consideration of implications in respect of data and network security.

Name: Dan Parry Signature:  Date: 29.08.17
Signature of Assistant Director of Customer Services and ICT
(or representative)

Box 10
ASSET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report that impact on the use of DMBC assets.

Name: David Stimpson, Property Manager Signature:  Date: 25 August 2017
Signature of Assistant Director of Trading Services and Assets (or representative)

Box 11
RISK IMPLICATIONS:

The key risk is that by not consulting on a town centre PSPO to address concerns related to vulnerable people, anti-social behaviour and begging in the town centre it would deny an opportunity to consider what would be an important element to a much wider, partnership approach to supporting people with complex lives. It would not allow the option to introduce additional powers to better manage behaviour that is anti-social and can affect other people's peaceful enjoyment of the town centre and their feelings of safety and security.

Box 12
EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

The proposal to consult will have due regard to the Equalities Act 2010. Should a town centre PSPO be adopted, we will undertake an assessment of impacts. We will use the evidence from our consultation to identify the likely or actual effects on individuals, groups and communities in respect of the different protected characteristics. We look for opportunities to promote equality, as well as identifying any actual or potential adverse impact so that, where possible, it can be removed or mitigated.

Name: Pat Hagan Signature:  Date: 25.8.17
(Report author)

Box 13
CONSULTATION

Officers

A wide range of officers from Regeneration and Environment, Adults, Health and Wellbeing and Finance and Corporate services have been consulted on the development of PSPO

prohibitions via the Integrated Town Centre Management Group. Other key stakeholders including the Police and St Leger Homes. There is universal support to conduct a consultation on a PSPO for Doncaster town centre as set out in this report.

Members

The Executive Board has received a briefing and agreed a recommendation to conduct a public consultation on a potential Public Spaces Protection Order for Doncaster Town centre aimed at addressing anti-social behaviour, removing the disincentive that begging presents and for this to contribute to helping people stabilise and move on.

The Cabinet Members for Communities, the Voluntary Sector and Environment, Adult Social Care, Public Health, Leisure and Culture and Housing and Equalities have been consulted and briefed. They similarly agree to conduct a public consultation on a potential Public Spaces Protection Order for Doncaster Town centre aimed at addressing anti-social behaviour, removing the disincentive that begging presents and for this to contribute to helping people stabilise and move on. Town Ward Members have received a briefing on the proposal to consult and will form part of the formal consultees should this proposal be agreed.

If the proposal to consult on a Public Spaces Protection Order is agreed, a formal consultation process will take place in accordance with specified requirements and consultation plan.

Box 14

INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the Public's interests for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

**Name: Gillian Parker Signature: by email Date: 29/08/2017
Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates**

Box 15

Signed: 

Date: 29 August 2017

Riana Nelson, Assistant Director Partnerships and Operational Delivery

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Additional Signature of Chief Financial Officer or nominated representative for Capital decisions (if required)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Mayor or relevant Cabinet Member consulted on the above decision (if required).

- **This decision can be implemented immediately unless it relates to a Capital Scheme that requires the approval of Cabinet. All Cabinet decisions are subject to call in.**
- **A record of this decision should be kept by the relevant Director's PA for accountability and published on the Council's website.**
- **A copy of this decision should be sent to the originating Directorate's FOI Lead Officer to consider 'information not for publication' prior to being published on the Council's website.**
- **A PDF copy of the signed decision record should be e-mailed to the LA Democratic Services mailbox**

Contact: Pat Hagan
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Date: XX August 2017

Dear Resident

Doncaster Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

Residents and businesses are encouraged to take part in a consultation on measures to tackle anti-social behaviour in Doncaster town centre.

The aim of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order is to address a number of specific concerns related to begging and anti - social behaviour in the Town Centre and to encourage vulnerable people to access support and services, seeking to break the cycle of behaviour and vulnerability they can be locked into.

The consultation is open until 26th September and gives people the chance to have their say on the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) the council plans to introduce in Doncaster town centre.

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3. Returning to the Town Centre within 24 hours after being requested to leave by an authorised officer due to them behaving in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance;
4. Congregating in a group of 3 or more people and behave in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Town Centre;
5. Consuming alcohol other than at licensed premises or being in possession of any opened vessel containing alcohol in any public place in the Town Centre;
6. Ingest, inhale, inject, smoke or otherwise use intoxicating substances within the Town Centre or possess any item that can be used to assist in the taking of intoxicating substances;
7. Urinating or defecating other than in public toilets;
8. Camping or sleeping overnight with or without a tent, or using a vehicle, caravan or any other structure in a public place;
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10. Loitering, standing around, touch or interfere with any parking equipment, in the Town Centre

Paper copies of this document are also available at:

- Civic Office, Waterdale
- Central Library, Waterdale
- Tourist Information Centre, High Street

On behalf of Doncaster Council, I have enclosed details of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order as well as notice of the consultation that is currently taking place. The council will value your comments on the proposed PSPO, and invites you to contribute to the consultation process by using the enclosed form.

If you could return your comments by 26 September, after which time we will consider all comments received and determine whether to formally make the Public Spaces Protection Order.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Hagan
Head of Localities and Town Centre

Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order

Consultation Notice

Highlighted Issue/s	Anti-social behaviour within Doncaster Town Centre
Area Affected (specific)	See attached map of affected area – referred to in the document as Town Centre
Background to the issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The aim of the proposed Public Space Protection Order is to address a number of specific concerns related to begging and anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre and to encourage vulnerable people to access support and services, seeking to break the cycle of behaviour and vulnerability they can be locked into.• In relation to homelessness, rough sleeping and begging, the Council and public service partners aim to provide support to people in these situations and has recently strengthened support systems in place across agencies with information, advice, guidance and outreach services.• The implementation of the proposed Public Space Protection Order would provide support to this effort, working in conjunction with the ongoing support available to remove barriers to positive engagement with services and to ensure people are offered positive routes out of their situation.• The suggested prohibitions have been developed following engagement with residents, visitors, local business and public services about the issues which they currently face. These include concerns about the welfare of vulnerable people and the feeling of safety, physical look and condition of the town centre.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of the order would enable effective action to be taken for the benefit of the vulnerable individuals and for residents, visitors and local businesses. • By not addressing these concerns effectively using available tools and powers, as set out by the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act (2014), it is clear that there is risk to the reputation of the Town Centre, including loss of trade and attractiveness to new businesses, and subsequently a reduction in visitors/tourists to the area.
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This issue is considered to be:

- Having a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the area
- Persistent and ongoing
- Unreasonable

The following conditions are proposed to tackle the issue through a Public Spaces Protection Order:

PURPOSE	PROPOSED PROHIBITIONS	WHEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim is to support vulnerable people to break the cycle of begging and to reduce the impact this has on the town centre offer. • People who make requests for money or donations in the Town Centre are less likely to access support services whilst they receive income from this to sustain their current lifestyles. • This also impacts on the vibrancy and attractiveness of the environment of the town centre to visitors and shoppers and businesses. • Enforcement action will primarily focus on helping people to change behaviour and access support services. 	<p>No person shall make any verbal, non-verbal or written request from a standing, sitting or lying down position for money, donations or goods, including the placing of hats, clothing or containers, in the Town Centre</p>	<p>At all times</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim is to stop people loitering around ATMS and pay machines, which has a detrimental effect on people's feelings of safety and on the vibrancy of the Town Centre. • Enforcement action will primarily focus on helping people to change behaviour and access support services. 	<p>No person shall loiter around pay machines (including banks, supermarkets) unless waiting to legitimately use the machine for the purpose it is designed for.</p>	<p>At all times</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim is to deter people from behaving in an anti-social manner which has a detrimental effect on 	<p>No person shall, after being requested to leave by an authorised officer due to</p>	<p>At all times. In respect to</p>

<p>people's feelings of safety and on the vibrancy of the Town Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement action will primarily focus on helping people to change behaviour and access support services. 	<p>them behaving in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Town Centre without reasonable excuse, remain or return to the Town Centre within a period of 24 hours.</p>	<p>those individuals who are rough sleeping this prohibition will only apply if they have access to alternative accommodation or have refused support.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to deter groups of people from behaving in an anti-social manner which can have a detrimental effect on people's feeling of safety and the vibrancy of the Town Centre. Enforcement action will focus on managing anti - social behaviour causing legitimate concern. 	<p>No person shall congregate in a group of 3 or more people and behave in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Town Centre</p>	<p>At all times</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to deter people from consuming alcohol on the streets other than at licensed premises and to prevent antisocial behaviour and impacts on the town centre related to this. Enforcement action will primarily focus on helping people to change behaviour and access support services. 	<p>No person shall consume alcohol in any public place in the Town Centre other than at licensed premises</p> <p>No person shall be in possession of any opened vessel containing or purporting to contain alcohol in any public place in the Town Centre</p>	<p>At all times (Street markets /events/festivals will have obtained Temporary Event Notices, so will in effect be licensed premises for the time they are there)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to deter people from consuming drugs/intoxicating substances and to prevent antisocial behaviour and impacts on the town centre related to this. Enforcement action will primarily focus on helping people to change behaviour and access support services. 	<p>No person within the Town Centre will ingest, inhale, inject, smoke or otherwise use intoxicating substances.</p> <p>No person will possess any item that can be used to assist in the taking of intoxicating substances. This includes any device for smoking substances other than e-cigarettes, it also includes needles, except for those packaged and sealed by the manufacturer and stored in a hard case.</p>	<p>At all times</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to deter people from behaving in an anti-social way which can cause public and environmental health problems, as well as difficulties for town centre 	<p>No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place; this does not include public toilets.</p>	<p>At all times</p>

businesses/traders.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to deter unauthorised face to face fundraising and marketing, including that which can result in people committing to future payments to financial institutions (e.g. credit card companies or charities) 	<p>No person shall stop or approach another person with the intention of asking that other person:</p> <p>(I) to enter into any arrangements which involve that other person making any future payment for the benefit of charitable purposes, or access to credit.</p> <p>(II) for any information to assist in that other person being contacted at another time with a view to making arrangements for that person to make any payment for the benefit of charitable or other purposes.</p> <p>(III) A person shall not encourage any person to do anything which would constitute a breach of this prohibition.</p>	<p>All times. This prohibition does not apply where the activities have been authorised by the Council in accordance with a scheme operated or expressly approved by it or covered by a licence</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to deter camping and tented protests in the Town Centre which have in the past been linked to anti-social behaviour, disorder and drug use. Enforcement action will primarily focus on helping people to change behaviour and access support services. 	<p>No person shall in the Town Centre camp or sleep overnight with or without a tent, or using a vehicle, caravan or any other structure [in a public place to which the public or a section of the public has or is permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise]</p>	<p>At all times unless with the prior written consent of the council</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to ensure effective provision of car parking in the Town Centre, which is vital to the economy and most important to vulnerable and disabled visitors. Vandalism and blockages of parking machines causes great frustration and expense to car park users and deters from the experience of using the Town Centre 	<p>No person shall, unless they have a parked vehicle in the location, without reasonable excuse, loiter, stand around, touch or interfere with any parking equipment, in the Town Centre without authorisation.</p>	<p>At all times</p>

Additional notes and definitions for the purpose of the Order

- Licensed premises** – Will include those involved in continental markets / beer festivals will have obtained Temporary Event Notices, so will in effect be licensed premises for the time they are there.

- **Intoxicating substances –**

- (i) Substances with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system
- (ii) Exemptions shall apply in cases where the substances are used for a valid and demonstrable medicinal use, given to an animal as a medicinal remedy, are cigarettes (tobacco) or vaporisers or are food stuffs regulated by food health and safety legislation.

Please provide any comments on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order for this area in the space below:

Please supply your name, address, contact details (optional):

Once completed please return to:

Town Centre PSPO Consultation
FAO Pat Hagan
Floor 3, Civic building
Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3BU

Or by email:

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By: 26 September 2017

Designated area for prohibitions to apply

