

### Evidence for PSPOs

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>Borough Wide</b>	
Dog fouling	Officers still see a huge issue with this across many open spaces, often report as an issue including on social media
Exclusion of dogs in play areas	A play area should be a safe place for all children to play. Some dogs can be intimidating to young children and in addition dog faeces can cause severe illness if children get in contact with it
Dogs on lead by direction	A common-sense approach which gives us the ability to manage our open spaces for the safety and benefit of the public and wildlife
Maximum number of dogs – 6	We often receive calls about dogs not being in control one person cannot control many dogs.
Alcohol control zone	A problem in many key open spaces which occurs every year
No urinating/defecating	This still occurs on open spaces and isn't acceptable for the health and wellbeing of the general public using these spaces properly.
Use of drones	Usage of these is increasing, this gives us the ability to formalise usage and make it safe for the public.
<b>Leybourne Lakes</b>	
No BBQs	Still a big problem on key sites can cause wildfires which are a danger to public and wildlife  TMS security passed on the names of two people on 14 August who were caught with BBQs although they were not lit, they were intending to light them).
No swimming	Still a big problem with many fines issued. Causes ASB to regular visitors and puts their safety at risk  TMS Security have passed on the names of 22 people who they caught swimming in the lake (on the 7/8 August and 14 August).
Dogs on lead in designated areas	Areas identified are around food areas and cars – this is for the safety of the public and the animals

No camping	Still a regular issue on open spaces which can cause fear in the general public
<b>Haysden Country Park</b>	
No BBQs	Still an issue causes damage and potential wildfires
No swimming	Still an issue causes ASB and danger to public
Dogs on lead in designated areas	These are food and car park areas to ensure safety of dogs and public
No camping	Still a problem with ad hoc reports through the year
<b>Tonbridge Memorial Gardens</b>	
No wheeled sports	Still a big problem which causes upset with the public when visiting this area of quiet reflection
<b>Tonbridge Moorings</b>	
No camping	Still a problem in this area with the leader and residents complaining about this
No unauthorised mooring	This allows the public to use this area legitimately
No unauthorised swimming or bathing	We have had problems with people jumping into the water at Town lock and off bridges. This is ASB and dangerous. Numerous complaints from the public. Police have attended as well as CSU
<b>Tonbridge Racecourse and Castle Grounds</b>	
No BBQs	Still a problem causing damage to site
Dogs on lead in castle grounds	Tonbridge castle is a tourist area and unsuitable for dogs to be off leads as many events and general public use the open space
No camping	This is a scheduled ancient monument which tourist visits and unauthorised camping would not be appropriate

<b>Tonbridge Farm</b>	
No BBQs	Still a problem causing damage and potential fires
Dogs on lead in car park	For the safety of dogs and the public
No camping	Still a problem with occasion reports from public and councillors
<b>Tonbridge Cemetery</b>	
Dogs on leads	An area for funerals and quiet reflections dogs running around on site would not be appropriate
<b>Closed Churchyards (St Stephens and St Peters &amp; St Pauls).</b>	
Dogs on leads	An area for quiet reflection dogs running around would not be appropriate
<b>Proposed new PSPOs</b>	
Nuisance vehicles on public open spaces	<p>A constant problem on many open spaces causes damage and restricting legitimate users of the areas. Also a H&amp;S issue to the public.</p> <p>Reasons: potential damage to public open spaces and the cost of rectifying these including tree roots, paths and underground services, ruts and wear. Damage by few people is causing defects that all council tax payers then have to pay for. Wear caused by driving on public open spaces can also detract from their appearance and condition and cause distress to residents living nearby. Public open spaces are not there for people to drive over or park on and are therefore an unforeseen hazard for the public using these open spaces posing an increased risk of injury accident. The purposed of public opens spaces is not to provide a public car park. The cost of installing, other measures and maintenance incurred would be excessive and impractical as we have many public open spaces, this PSPO can be used to control the usage of the minority without causing undue costs to the majority so is a reasonable and proportionate measure.</p> <p>This is a very widespread issue I took photos in the last few weeks of vehicles on POS in Keats Road van, Wouldham, Dickens road (a van and a car) on our verge. The Council has</p>

very large land holding of hectares of public open space, my impression is that this is a widespread issue. Some members of the public are becoming very frustrated by this and our ineffective response

Locations where this is occurring:

- In the past Hurst Hill Walderslade (evidence rut damage to verges from parked cars),
- Willowmead Leybourne two emails with photos cars parked by lake (the lake is not owned by the Council, but the public open space is) complaint from local resident ongoing plus another email of a car parked half on our land at Willowmead (same resident).
- A20 London Road email,
- New Road outside the flats East Malling,
- Keats Road by garages,
- Kent Road, Snodland a trailer is often chained to a tree here,
- Trafalgar Road, Wouldham
- Motorbike/ quad bikes at Taddington Valley,
- Basted Mill cars parking on verges evidence on site wear.
- Shipbourne – Upper Green Road/opposite Chaser Inn
- Thackery Road, Larkfield
- Little Oxen, Larkfield
- Simpson Road, Snodland
- Bishops Oak Ride, Tonbridge
- Martin Square, Larkfield
- Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge

Unauthorised parking is also a big problem in Tonbridge and causes significant damage to established public open spaces. It also creates H&S issues with large divots and unofficial access points that pedestrians may be unaware of. We currently have no way of stopping this and an active PSPO would provide an effective way to bring the situation under control.

	Email from resident (22/07/22) – complaining about vehicles driving onto land around Willowmead in Leybourne.
Nuisance associated with car/motorcycle meetings	<p>Numerous reports from residents in/around Larkfield and Leybourne regarding nuisance vehicles. Emails can be provided from residents to show the impact of the large numbers of vehicles gathering.</p> <p>Also reports of vehicles gathering at East Peckham (email from KCC Community Warden Team Leader to confirm)</p> <p>Residents reporting issues at Blue Bell Hill car park – car park closed at weekends as a result of nuisance vehicles using the car park. Emails can be provided from residents.</p>
<b>New PSPO - Tonbridge Moorings/Town Lock</b>	
Anti-Social behaviour associated with fishing	<p>Email from resident 25/07/22 – “The adults who were fishing at the canoe slipway on Saturday 23rd from 8am were drinking alcohol, then left their litter lying around”.</p> <p>No fishing – a constant problem. TMBC do not allow this as a rule, signs are up stating this and regular complaints from the leader and local residents. The area is not suitable for fishing next to moorings and a lock and cause H&amp;S issues and conflicts with other legitimate user of the area. Fishing is allowed through authorised clubs at the racecourse sportsground and other locations</p> <p>Town lock has really struggled with unauthorised anglers and people camping on-site. These issues often act as an invitation for others to attend and have regularly resulted in mass complaints from residents and regular visits from Kent Police. Anglers often leave litter including fishing line which can be fatal for wildlife.</p> <p>Photographs of discarded fishing lines/hooks. This (discarded fishing lines) is a common find down here and if the line was to wrap around someone’s feet they could end up in the water or injure themselves on the hardstanding. Even worse if the hooks embed into a person or a dog being walked. When I’m doing the life buoy inspections or talking to boat owner about mooring fees, I have lots of people reporting issues</p>

	face to face down here about anglers blocking the walkway with rods and leaving fishing equipment and rubbish behind.
<b>New PSPO - Holborough Lakes</b>	
No unauthorised swimming/bathing/boating	<p>Lots of problems experienced over the summer period regarding people swimming in the lake (although should be noted that the majority of these were young people). Emails received from residents which can be provided if required.</p> <p>Lots of police reports regarding the recent problems – including reports of people in the lake.</p>