

Public Space Protection Order Consultation

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Responses

1. Are you a resident of the borough?

Yes 86

No 7



2. Are you responding as?

Person who works in Tonbridge & Malling 2

Local business owner/manager 0

Local Town or Parish Councillor 2

Representative of a community group/voluntary group 0

Other 3



3. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to deter dog fouling?

Yes 88

No 4

Don't know 1

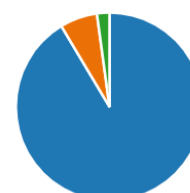


4. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO to exclude dogs from Borough Council owned and maintained children's play areas?

Yes 85

No 6

Don't know 2



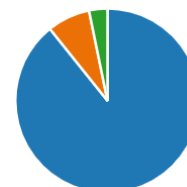
5. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO to ensure dogs are on a lead by direction?

Yes	73
No	12
Don't know	8



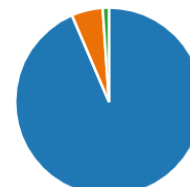
6. Do you agree with the continuing PSPO to restrict the number of dogs that one person can take onto a public place to six dogs to ensure that they have full control of these dogs?

Yes	83
No	7
Don't know	3



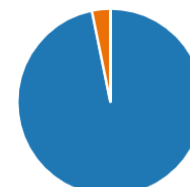
7. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO for a controlled alcohol zone?

Yes	87
No	5
Don't know	1



8. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO to deter public urination/defecation?

Yes	90
No	3
Don't know	0



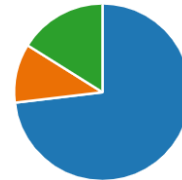
9. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO to deter unauthorised drones on any open space owned by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council?

Yes	68
No	17
Don't know	8



10. Do you agree with the need to continue the PSPO for Leybourne Lakes Country Park?

Yes	68
No	10
Don't know	15



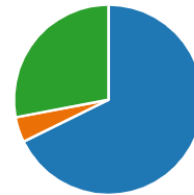
11. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Leybourne Lakes Country Park?

9 Responses

- Yes, stop vehicles parking right on lake at Roden lake, blights view of lake & countryside.
- Just BBQ and Alcohol
- I think it's disgraceful that all responsible people should be tarred with the same brush as the vast minority of trouble makes. My friends and I are motorbike enthusiasts as regularly meet up with friends before going off for a ride, stopping off somewhere to have some breakfast and a catch up, and then ride home. We are all respectful members of the local community. Your proposal to ban all motor bikers is ridiculous!!!!the same goes for car enthusiasts as well. We all know there are some problem people, but it's simply not fair, or more correctly shows a complete lack of understanding by whoever came up with this suggestion.
- Action actually taken by rangers against unauthorised swimmers. Currently, it's very frustrating to see swimmers entering the water at unauthorised points without any safety measures in the full knowledge there is no enforcement that will stop them. This action makes it dangerous for authorised swimmers when the people ensuring their safety are then trying to prevent the random swimmers.
- No individual should be allowed to walk more than 3 dogs and all dogs should be kept on leads. Cyclists must have a bell fitted and use it to warn pedestrians of their approach many of them do not cycle with care.

12. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Tonbridge Memorial Gardens?

Yes	63
No	4
Don't know	26



13. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Tonbridge Memorial Gardens?

5 Responses

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- Perhaps more benches across open area used by bikes and skateboards. They don't read signs.....
- Signs forbidding skateboarding and smoking cannabis
- No
- N/A

14. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Tonbridge Moorings/Town Lock?

Yes	54
No	9
Don't know	30



15. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Tonbridge Lock?

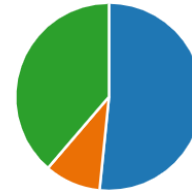
5 Responses

- I'm a keen angler but have never fished this lock. In the 46 years I've been fishing I have never broken any rules and I am respectful of the environment and anyone else around me. I find it unfair to ban everyone from an activity they do, again, just because of a few bad apples. This need to be re thought out as the proposal is entirely unfair to the majority of respectful anglers.
- I have a boat and won't come up this far as keep hearing of all the trouble with boater and youths jumping on boats et

- No
- N/A
- No cycling or skateboards or loitering

16. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Haysden Country Park?

Yes	48
No	9
Don't know	36



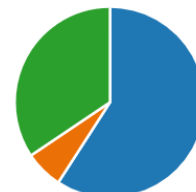
17. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Haysden Country Park?

6 Responses

- It should remain a country park open for all to enjoy
- I think it's disgraceful that all responsible people should be tarred with the same brush as the vast minority of trouble makes. My friends and I are motorbike enthusiasts as regularly meet up with friends before going off for a ride, stopping off somewhere to have some breakfast and a catch up, and then ride home. We are all respectful members of the local community. Your proposal to ban all motor bikers is ridiculous!!!!the same goes for car enthusiasts as well. We all know there are some problem people, but it's simply not fair, or more correctly shows a complete lack of understanding by whoever came up with this suggestion.
- No
- I find the No Drones rule here in to be unneeded. Haysden Lake is a beautiful addition to our town, and drones offer a unique opportunity to capture the lake from the air, while posing absolutely minimal interference with other users of the park.
- N/A
- Banning anglers from entering the lake area

18. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Tonbridge Racecourse Sports Ground and Tonbridge Castle?

Yes	55
No	6
Don't know	32



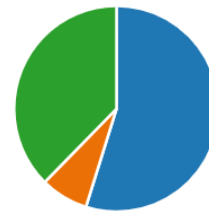
19. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Tonbridge Racecourse Sports Ground and Tonbridge Castle?

7 Responses

- PSPO for Tonbridge Castle only
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- No
- The Racecourse is another location where drone use should be allowed. This is a huge open space, where local drone operators can fly their aircraft in an environment where any risk to the safety and enjoyment of other park users is hugely mitigated.
- Banning memorial flowers on benches
- A fenced off dog walking area

20. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Tonbridge Farm Sports Ground?

Yes	51
No	7
Don't know	35



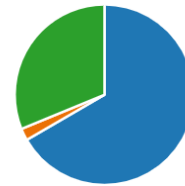
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- No
- N/A
- Fenced off dog walking area

22. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Tonbridge Cemetery?

Yes	62
No	2
Don't know	29



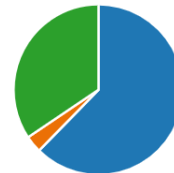
23. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Tonbridge Cemetery?

3 Responses

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- No
- N/A

24. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for the closed Churchyards of St Peters' and St Paul's and St Stephen's in Tonbridge?

Yes	58
No	3
Don't know	32



25. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for the closed Churchyards of St Peters's and St Paul's and St Stephen's in Tonbridge?

4 Responses

- I think it's disgraceful that all responsible people should be tarred with the same brush as the vast minority of trouble makes. My friends and I are motorbike enthusiasts as regularly meet up with friends before going off for a ride, stopping off somewhere to have some breakfast and a catch up, and then ride home. We are all respectful members of the local community. Your proposal to ban all motor bikers is ridiculous!!!! ...the same goes for car enthusiasts as well. We all know there are some problem people, but it's simply not fair, or more correctly shows a complete lack of understanding by whoever came up with this suggestion.
- No

- Closed churchyard at St Stephens? There is one tiny fenced off crypt. I think the wilding of these areas with wild flower meadow reduces some anti social use....
- N/A

26. Do you agree with the new proposed PSPO to prevent unauthorised parking on public open spaces?

Yes	70
No	18
Don't know	5



27. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for unauthorised parking on public open spaces?

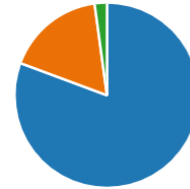
16 Responses

- Yes, stop vehicles parking on grass verges, it's unsightly & ruins the grass.
- These places need regular Police patrols and places that will then become alternative locations for unauthorised parking.
- IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU MEAN AND WHERE
- A public open space is paid for by the public for the use of the public, why can't I park on one? I can see the need to stop those who want to drive at speed across an open space and damage it, but parking, where's the harm in that?
- Unauthorised parking only but not to deter people in motorised vehicles going and enjoying the Open Space
- Better definition of which spaces are defined as "public open", in theory this could be as simple as parking outside of a marked bay at Tesco
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- We need to stop youths all congregating in these car parks revving their cars and causing anti social behaviour
- too vague and all encompassing
- If you could extend that to pavement parking that would be really something....
- I wouldn't want to see people being deprived of access to the public open spaces, so designated parking would help if it's possible.
- officers to enforce
- N/A
- Parking dangerously on country lanes and on pavements making visibility to oncoming traffic impossible and dangerous. No one seems to want to help with this daily situation on Pratling Street.
- I would also like an inclusion for a PSPO for those driving across public open spaces as they do frequently on the Columbine Road, Carnation Crescent Green on Step Stile Estate.

- Include Hadlow Parish Council land: Williams Field

28. Do you agree with the new proposed PSPO to stop nuisance associated with car and/or motorcycle meetings?

Yes	75
No	16
Don't know	2



29. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO to tackle nuisance associated with car/motorbike meetings?

29 Responses

- I live on New Hythe Lane, Larkfield it is horrendous & please stop cars racing & making their car bang, they sounds like explosions! It's terrifying my dog & causes us unecessary stress!
- The car meets in larkfield are a terrible nuisance to us. They go on for hours and wake up our toddler and keep us awake when we have very little as it is. I would like the police to tackle these meets quickly as currently, it is impossible to report them using the telephone line as it is always busy and there is often no response when logged online.
- It is paramount these places need regular Police patrols and especially places that will then become alternative locations for noise, please can we monitor, do what we can to reduce extreme noise from loud car/motorbike exhausts going up and down the A228 coming from the Shell garage towards McDonald's. Car exhausts are being deliberately 'popped' repeatedly very late at night whilst cars are being driven at speed up the road.
- IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU MEAN AND WHERE
- The car meets at Larkfield have a very detrimental effect on sleep and are getting louder and more frequent ! They should absolutely be banned .
- not just a meeting, but cars using Larkfield roads at SPEED for the noise and then just driving away
- This depends on what you defined as a nuisance.
- There is a limit to your policing of the freedom of the general public.
- The ability for genuine clubs to have access during daytime
- I think it's disgraceful that all responsible people should be tarred with the same brush as the vast minority of trouble makes. My friends and I are motorbike enthusiasts as regularly meet up with friends before going off for a ride, stopping off somewhere to have some breakfast and a catch up, and then ride home. We are all respectful members of the local community. Your proposal to ban all motor bikers is ridiculous!!!! ...the same goes for car enthusiasts as well. We all know there are some problem people, but it's simply not fair, or more correctly shows a complete lack of understanding by whoever came up with this suggestion.
- I live in Snodland and all I can hear on a very regular basis is car racing, engines revving. This is becoming a real problem with sleeping with windows open and needs to stop
- too vague and all encompassing
- do not ban everybody, deal with the minority of individuals causing problems

- CCTV/Anpr introduced at know problem areas eg New Hythe Industrial estate is used most weekends, but lack of resources are unable to attend this and other problem areas. Leaving residents with night after night of no sleep, cameras in these area would surely be a deterrent.
- Bikes are also causing considerable erosion to footpaths. Often resulting in wider paths into undergrowth as they try to avoid mud pits of their own making.
- The noise they make with there backfiring exhausts is like gunfire, I have recordings
- I ride a classic motorcycle as do my friends. We have never been a nuisance and are very considerent to all we meet. I always find that I end up picking up other peoples litter and dog shit in most places we stop. If this being a nuisance I don't know what is. I find that in most of these open places the bins are never emptied, maybe you should be considering how often these are cleared and stop looking for people to blame for the mess left by lazy people. I have never left anything behind and have never been a nuisance to anybody. I find this proposal discrimination towards ordinary older motorcycle who just what to meet up and ride our bikes.
- More police presence. This is consistently happening every weekend now Friday and Saturday night. New hythe train station and the new panottoni park are regular meet up spots. This is impacting residents mental health and lifestyle.
- More cameras to be fitted to deter participants.
- Prison sentences?? Confiscation/scrapping of vehicles involved
- More police presence and traffic calming measures in Larkfield/New Hythe (in New Hythe Lane but also in Lunsford Lane and Leybourne Way). The amount of speeding vehicles on New Hythe Lane during the day is so dangerous; and the nuisance car meetings during the night is horrendous for residents.
- More regular patrols of issue areas, ie New Road/Church Street, Burham for racing traffic and antisocial parking
- Include Williams Field, Marshall Gardens, TN11 0HQ (Hadlow Parish Council land)
- I think if there is an organiser who agree to terms of the meeting then it's ok. Up until 10pm it's ok to meet.
- I would like to see this extended to include the horse trotting meetings held on Whetstead Road (near the Hop Farm). These are becoming more regular and are a danger to drivers and horses. The behaviour of those participating is intimidating and aggressive with cars driving two abreast, and passengers sitting outside car windows as they're moving.
- Speed cameras, police presence, speed bumps, noise detectors. Mostly these happen between 11pm and 3 am so breaking other laws too regarding overnight noise, never mind the speed, damage to highways and danger to property or person
- New hythe industrial estate every weekend is now full of up to 150 cars. Recent videos of police chases online and drifting. The roundabout by the river is covered in litter and burnt tyres because of these meetings.
- Please specifically help and deal with New Hythe Lane/Papyrus Way car meets as this goes on every Saturday and the occasional Friday. Illegal meet, speeding, noise, damage to tarmac and aggressive behaviour. It's impossible to feel safe driving home during those hours
- New Hythe Lane is awful with car and bike meets. So so pound and into the early hrs. It is such a nuisance

30. Do you agree with the new proposed PSPO to stop anti-social behaviour associated with fishing at Tonbridge Town Lock/Tonbridge Moorings?

Yes	61
No	11
Don't know	21



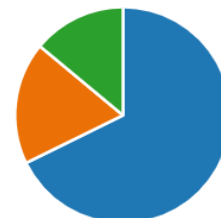
31. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO to stop anti-social behaviour associated with fishing at Tonbridge Town Lock/Tonbridge Moorings?

3 Responses

- I agree that anti social behaviour associated with fishing should be stopped but what does this mean. Fishing seems such a quiet sport, how can it be anti social? Do you have an example or is it based on complaints by people who may not like anglers?
- See previous comments about fishing
- Large fines and confiscation of equipment

32. Do you agree with the new proposed PSPO to stop unauthorised swimming, bathing and/or boating at Holborough Lakes?

Yes	63
No	17
Don't know	13



33. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO to stop unauthorised swimming, bathing and/or boating at Holborough Lakes?

20 Responses

- Although there is a difference between kids, families 'paddling' (which should be allowed) and unauthorised swimming.
- There is an established Dive school operating at Holborough Lakes. You can also access open water swimming etc. by paying a fee etc. I assume this will still be possible?
- pROVIDING IT IS SAFE
- Drinking alcohol, gathering in groups
- Is the council saying that "unauthorised swimming/boating" is anti social, disturbs wild life and is excessively noisy but authorised swimming does not. This doesn't appear a very balanced argument?
- I cannot see how the enjoyment of nature and the health benefits of a few swimmers, or the enjoyment of many needs such draconian measures

- Swimming and Bathing but not boating - whilst there may be some unauthorised boating it is not ASB, indeed it helps prevent it.
- General nuisance by children on the entire estate not just limited to the lake itself.
- Why can't there be authorised swimming? At least make it more accessible especially as we are having longer hotter summers
- All ASB and numbers of groups congregating
- I would like to see added no groups gathering to cause antisocial behaviour, threats of violence, intimidation of the residents of Holborough Lakes, vandalism, urinating against the properties at Holborough Lakes, destruction of nesting wild fowl nests and treading on chicks, no slingshots used to kill/harm wildlife either on or near the lake, offensive weapons being band (children and teenagers with knives plus threats of getting knives to harm residents and Nemes staff). Stopping adults driving children and teenagers to the nearest viewing platform by Nemes dive school and collecting them after they have been abusive/threatening to residents and Nemes staff. Groups of children and teenagers chasing and beating up a single child at Holborough Lakes. Stopping children and teenagers drinking alcohol/smoking drugs etc on the viewing platforms at Holborough Lakes. Stopping children and teenagers turning the viewing platforms into boxing rings and bring boxing gloves and equipment with them. Stopping boxing on the foot path that runs at the side of the lake. Stopping children and teenagers riding motorbikes on the footpaths at Holborough Lakes.
- Noise pollution needs to be considered- ou may be able to stop the gangs of youth swimming in the lake but it will not stop the congregation of these kids in holborough lakes. There needs to be something to stop large groups of under 18s from gathering without authorisation. They have been stoning Cars and beating up residents.
- Unauthorised congregating on the viewing platform. A warning process, that leads to a removal of said persons and a ban from the area. Always youths that don't live on the estate that congregate to cause antisocial disturbance and distress to residents.
- Stop anti social behaviour anywhere on Holborough Lakes - also Dog fouling
- On the provision authorised swimming is still available.
- Are there adequate warnings about how deep and dangerous these lakes are? Are notices up warning the public of the effects of cold water on the body?
- Large fines and confiscation of boats
- This need to be put in place due to security threat of the residents also. Being verbally and physically abused by youths all summer.
- It would be nice to include an area where people can swim legally and safely.

34. Are there any other areas that you would like to see included within the PSPO? Or if you have any other comments, please include them here:

26 Responses

- Please address the HUGE volume of traffic in New Hythe Lane, since Panatoni have built units the traffic is horrendous & is only going to get worse. The exhaust fumes must be dangerous for our health. The road needs opening up as soon as possible to allow traffic to go through Aylesford.
- Only that I think we need to see far more Police presence in Snodland, and more vehicle patrols in the area too. Far more patrols to monitor and control noise and speed down the A228 is important. There is quite commonly problems with youths around Snodland train station car park such bus shelters getting smashed, kids large groups hanging out outside the bakers in Snodland being very menacing and anti-social.
- PEOPLE WALKING IN RURAL AREAS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO PUBLIC FOOTPATHS. WE OFTEN HAVE PEOPLE ON OUR SOWN WHEATFIELDS AND EVEN DOGS LET LOOSE TO RUN ON THE FIELD.

- aS FEW AS POSSIBLE
- Is TMBC putting drivers, motorcyclists, swimmers and sailors in the same bracket as those who let their dogs foul and don't pick it up, those who urinate in public and those who spy on others? Most people who carry out these activities are well behaved citizens, why the need to place restrictions on them. This is the thin end of a very long wedge as there are small groups in all sections of activities who are anti social and that includes complainers.
- Local and national auto /motorcycle clubs are law abiding and considerate. There may be a few that are not of course, but please do not legislate against many clubs enjoying the countryside because of a few. Will you ban cycling groups next?
- I think it's disgraceful that all responsible people should be tarred with the same brush as the vast minority of trouble makes. My friends and I are motorbike enthusiasts as regularly meet up with friends before going off for a ride, stopping off somewhere to have some breakfast and a catch up, and then ride home. We are all respectful members of the local community. Your proposal to ban all motor bikers is ridiculous!!!!the same goes for car enthusiasts as well. We all know there are some problem people, but it's simply not fair, or more correctly shows a complete lack of understanding by whoever came up with this suggestion.
- the lack of toilets is a problem in many areas
- I appreciate resources are stretched, but if you have these PSPO's in force please use them, the street racing is still happening as is other ASB. It looks good on paper but it needs putting into action, residents are suffering.
- Perhaps an area of river where people may swim? Historically people enjoyed this freedom in the Medway. In Hayesden park children often paddled. Now you are fenced in and barely allowed to even look at the river in case you drown. People need to make some of their own decisions and learn to live along side nature. The country side is not a Zoo....
- I think the above covers everything
- I would like to see the green at Holborough lakes be also protected from youths / gangs. I think the lake also needs a limit of groups of children without parents being set to a maximum of 2.
- Unauthorised congregating on the viewing platform. A warning/removal process, that leads to a removal of said persons and a ban from the area. It's Always youths that don't live on the estate that congregate to cause and intense antisocial disturbance and distress to residents that makes living here in the summer months unbearable and seriously effects residents mental health.
- Will there be people/ officers to enforce these PSPO's
- Stop the racing along the East Peckham by-pass. Very dangerous and very noisy
- Introduction of traffic calming measures in Larkfield/New Hythe (in New Hythe Lane in particular, but also in Lunsford Lane and Leybourne Way). The amount of speeding vehicles on New Hythe Lane during the day is so dangerous. Also, myself and countless other pedestrians/children have almost been run over by vehicles accelerating straight through the red traffic light whilst coming off the New Hythe Lane/Leybourne Way roundabout. The nuisance car meetings towards the New Hythe Lane industrial estates /car revving in Tesco car park during the night is also horrendous for residents.
- More regular patrols of issue areas, ie New Road/Church Street, Burham for racing traffic and antisocial parking Where drug taking is involved and dumping rubbish
- The smell of cannabis inTonbridge is getting more and more prevalent and is such an antisocial smelly thing for normal people to endure that it's use in any area should be banned
- We believe that areas owned by the local Town or Parish Councils should also be included with the PSPO, if you can include private areas like Holborough Lakes and local churches then all open spaces within Towns and Parishes should be included.

- Please consider the inclusion of Williams Field, Marshall Gardens, Hadlow, TN110EH
- Control antisocial behaviour in children's playground in Melrose Avenue, Kings Hill
- Answering on behalf of West malling Parish Council and have therefore only responded to matters that impact the parish and not those relating to Leybourne, Tonbridge etc.
- The number of dogs that can be walked safely on leads by one person, should be reduced from 6 to 3.
- As above larkfield have seen a rise in car meets every friday and Saturday night because of the new roundabouts and no enforcement.
- Please specifically help and deal with New Hythe Lane/Papyrus Way car meets as this goes on every Saturday and the occasional Friday. Illegal meet, speeding, noise, damage to tarmac and aggressive behaviour. It's impossible to feel safe driving home during those hours
- N/A