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Dear Alison,

Re: Renewal of Proposed Public Space Protection Order – Leybourne Lakes Country Park and

Thank you for your letter requesting the renewal of PSPO for Leybourne Lakes and other local country parks. I confirm that I am comfortable with the four new restrictions proposed that tackle some of the recent issues. These are:

- vehicles on public open spaces
- nuisance associated with car and motorcycle meetings
- anti-social behaviour associated with fishing at Town Lock and Tonbridge Moorings
- no unauthorised swimming, bathing or boating at Holborough Lakes

My office has been in liaison with the Force in respect of the proposal and both the Tonbridge and Malling District Commander and Inspector are supportive of the proposal and believe that this is proportionate and justified and agree with the suggested terms.

Tonbridge and Malling CSU acknowledge that over the summer months there were significant ASB issues in Larkfield, Holborough Lakes and Tonbridge Lock. This PSPO will give the council greater powers to deal with this and it is my priority that all PSPO's have a minimal impact on front line policing resources.

I note that public consultation is currently underway until 15 January 2023 and I would look to provide my provisional support for the proposed order.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Scott
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