

Queries from Leybourne Parish Council in response to the Public Space Protection Order consultation

Email 15/12/22

Dear Sirs,

Leybourne Parish Council has asked me to investigate how to put a PSPO on certain areas in Leybourne:

1. The Bombhole Play Area – Oxley Shaw Lane

This is a public open space with a play area that is not fenced off, Leybourne Parish Council would like to keep this area free of dog faeces and to exclude dogs from this area as it is many children play here. The exclusion of dogs from parish council owned and maintained children's play areas will prevent any distress and alarm to children. It will also enable children to enjoy the facilities unimpeded from dogs.

Also this area is often frequented by groups of teenagers at night and so it would be beneficial to be able to ask them to cease drinking if anti-social behaviour occurred.

2. Castle Lake

Leybourne Parish Council have recently taken ownership of Castle Lake, which is 29 acres of woodland and a lake. Unauthorised fisherman have been causing a nuisance to residents who live near the lake with anti-social behaviour, fires (during the extremely hot weather), driving vehicles across TMBC land to be closer to their "swims" and there has also been reports of anti-social/ nuisance behaviour with off road motorbikes.

The parish council would also like to be able to enforce the no BBQ's rule, unauthorised swimming, bathing and boating, unauthorised fishing and unauthorised camping

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Dear Sirs,

Further to my email there are a couple of areas that we lease from KCC and I believe all PSPO's are through the Borough Council, could the following also be considered:-

1. Toddler Playground and Outdoor Gym, Castle Way

Leybourne Parish Council would like to keep this area free of dog faeces and to exclude dogs from this area as it is many children play here. The exclusion of dogs from parish council owned and maintained children's play areas will prevent any distress and alarm to children. It will also enable children to enjoy the facilities unimpeded from dogs.

2. Muga Area, Oxley Shaw Lane

Leybourne Parish Council would like to deter anti-social behaviour.

3. Land where the Christmas Tree on the Corner of Lillieburn/ Castle Way

Leybourne Parish Council would like to keep this area free of dog faeces and to exclude dogs from this area and to deter anti-social behaviour.