

### Evidence for PSPOs

The behaviour to be restricted has to: be having, or likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; be persistent or continuing nature; and be unreasonable.

PSPOs are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

The Council can make a PSPO on any public space within its own area. The definition of public space is wide and includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission (e.g. a shopping centre).

Issue	Evidence
<b>Borough Wide</b>	
Dog fouling	Email sent by Dog Warden on 14/01/25 regarding dog fouling in Keynes Garden, Tonbridge. CCTV camera placed in Pembury Road, Tonbridge due to persistent reports of dog fouling in the area. Reports via the Dog Warden of dog fouling in Snodland High Street.
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 (JF) Have received complaints from residents that there are dogs going into play areas (Community Safety).
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 (JF) Leybourne Lakes – An FPN issued for dogs off a lead in a designated area.
Maximum number of dogs – 6	We often receive calls about dogs not being in control one person cannot control many dogs. This PSPO can also act as a deterrent to deter people from walking more than 6 dogs at a time (JF)
Alcohol control	A problem in many key open spaces which occurs every year (JF) Reports of street drinkers causing an issue (in Tonbridge). The PSPO is a good deterrent/tool to have in place. (ML)

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. (JF) Three FPNs issued for public urination since 2023. Email from a resident 08/01/25 – reporting that a waste collector was urinating on her property. An FPN was issued for this offence.
Use of drones	Usage of these is increasing, this gives us the ability to formalise usage and make it safe for the public. (JF)
Vehicles on public open spaces	A constant problem on many open spaces causes damage and restricting legitimate users of the areas. Also a H&S issue to the public. (JF) Email 13/02/25 from a resident to TMBC regarding vehicles parking on public open space in Trafalgar Close, Wouldham. Ongoing problems at Shipbourne Road open space (owned by Clarion) – a number of emails from local Councillors on this issue.
Nuisance associated with car/motorbike meetings	54 FPNs issued since 2023 Numerous complaints regarding nuisance vehicles around Snodland/Holborough Lakes/McDonalds and East Peckham. Also previous problems at Larkfield and Blue Bell Hill. Discussed at CSU Weekly meetings.
<b>Leybourne Lakes</b>	
No BBQs	Still a big problem on key sites can cause wildfires which are a danger to public and wildlife. The PSPO acts as a deterrent to stop anyone thinking about lighting a BBQ (JF)
No swimming	Still a big problem with many fines issued. Causes ASB to regular visitors and puts their safety at risk (JF) 21 FPNs issued for unauthorised swimming in Leybourne Lakes since 2023.
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 (JF) Email 12/03/25 - Could the dog warden arrange some time at LLCP to enforce against dogs off leads please as this has been highlighted by the ranger team as an issue with persistent offenders. (From SG, Leisure Services Manager)

	Statement provided by Park Ranger due to a lady not putting her dog on a lead in the designated area (21/02/25) FPN issued.
No camping	Still a regular issue on open spaces which can cause fear in the general public (JF)
<b>Haysden Country Park</b>	
No BBQs	Still an issue causes damage and potential wildfires (JF)
No swimming	Still an issue causes ASB and danger to public (JF)
Dogs on lead in designated areas	These are food and car park areas to ensure safety of dogs and public (JF)
No camping	Still a problem with ad hoc reports through the year (JF)
<b>Tonbridge Memorial Gardens</b>	
No wheeled sports	Still a problem which causes upset with the public when visiting this area of quiet reflection (JF)
<b>Tonbridge Moorings/ Tonbridge Lock</b>	
No camping	Still a problem and linked to ASB associated with fishing (JF)
No unauthorised mooring	This allows the public to use this area legitimately (JF)
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 (AF)
Anti-social behaviour associated with fishing	Town lock has 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 (JF) One FPN issued since 2023.

<b>Tonbridge Racecourse and Castle Grounds</b>	
No BBQs	Still a problem causing damage to site (JF)
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 (JF)
No camping	This is a scheduled ancient monument which tourist visits and unauthorised camping would not be appropriate (JF)
<b>Tonbridge Farm</b>	
No BBQs	Still a problem causing damage and potential fires (JF)
Dogs on lead in car park	For the safety of dogs and the public (JF)
No camping	Still a problem with occasion reports from public and councillors (JF)
<b>Tonbridge Cemetery</b>	
Dogs on leads	An area for funerals and quiet reflections dogs running around on site would not be appropriate. Have received reports of people allows their dogs to run around and looking at a possible FPN for this. (JF)
<b>Closed Churchyards</b>	<b>(St Stephens and St Peters &amp; St Pauls).</b>
Dogs on leads	This is an area for quiet reflection and dogs running around would not be appropriate (JF)
<b>Holborough Lakes</b>	
No unauthorised swimming/bathing/boating	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).
<b>Potential PSPOs</b>	
Tonbridge Memorial Gardens – No camping	Report of a tent in the Memorial Gardens (raised by LF) - . “Grounds are concerned as the individual along with others have been lighting fires and it is growing in it’s occupants, be this the single occupant or groups that gather with him and it has reached a point where it is not seen that there can be a resolution via a housing/homeless point of view or that it will now never stop being occupied so that grounds can clear it.” (Email 05/03/25)