

Results of the Public Space Protection Order Consultation

The consultation was available online from Monday 15 September to Sunday 2 November. In total there were 47 responses. Of these 43 stated that they were residents of the borough and 9 that they were not residents.

1. Are you responding as:

A resident	34
Someone who works in the borough	2
A local business owner/manager	1
A representative of a Town or Parish Council	5
A representative of a community group/voluntary group	3
Other	3

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

Yes	46
No	1
Not sure	0

3. 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	43
No	3
Not sure	1

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

Yes	38
No	8
Not sure	1

5. 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	45
No	1
Not sure	1

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

Yes	45
No	2
Not sure	0

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

Yes	47
No	0
Not sure	0

8. 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	43
No	2
Not sure	2

9. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO to prevent unauthorised parking on public open spaces?

Yes	45
No	1
Not sure	1

10. Do you agree with the proposal to continue with a borough wide PSPO to stop nuisance associated with car and/or motorcycle meetings?

Yes	46
No	1
Not sure	0

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

Yes	40
No	1
Not sure	6

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

Tackle antisocial behaviour including vandalising/interfering with water sports equipment and facilities. (Their safety boat has been sunk several times by young people getting up to no good). Enforce the watersport parking so that those not participating cannot park there.

Endeavour to reduce vandalism on the safety and leisure facilities at the lake.

As a volunteer walk leader we have recently had some near misses regarding electric bike speeding along footpaths at very high speeds, and there should be an enforcement put in place banning any electric bikes or motorcycles in the park. Some considerations should also be given to the use of electric scooters which should also be banned.

Ban electric scooters and speed limit electric bikes to prevent danger to walkers/ runners.

Ban the carting of catapults

Multi use of water craft and swim for the public

Not specific to Leybourne as I'm in Medway! There is a need to raise the lack of care and maintenance in Walderslade, particularly in Taddington Valley. Dog fouling is widespread throughout the valley, not limited to a few hotspots, and it is not the responsibility of residents to map out problem areas. This should be the council's job. Despite mentioning several initiatives, the only one I have ever seen in over 20 years of living here was the colourful flag scheme — which was ineffective and simply made the council look out of touch. Meanwhile, enforcement is practically non-existent. Dogs are frequently off lead and nowhere near their owners, who have no idea where their dogs are toileting. With leaves on the ground, it is almost impossible to avoid stepping in dog mess. The current approach is inadequate. Walderslade deserves better. Clear signage, visible enforcement, and fines are needed if the council wants to get this under control. I expect to see a more proactive response and meaningful action from the council going forward.

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

Yes	43
No	1
Not sure	3

14. Do you agree with the new proposal to prevent unauthorised camping in the Tonbridge Memorial Gardens?

Yes	43
No	2
Not sure	2

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

Alcohol consumption banned.

Enforcement of the above!

Yes, the current 'camper' should be dealt with by court action either using relevant eviction notice or via a CPN to the land owner, this approach is using a

sledgehammer to crack a nut. But will address any further encampments. I strongly feel the memorial gardens, surrounding space as well as the green space surrounding River Lawn should be an alcohol free zone, rather than 'being requested to stop'. This will disrupt the entrenched street drinking that occurs here daily, and acknowledges the designation of the memorial gardens and surrounding area as a place for peaceful reflection. In addition to this the many children passing through the area for their local provisions would be less likely to be subjected to the smell of weed and the intimidating behaviour. It's a very unpleasant experience for scouts, beavers, school children, library and nursery users.

No rollerskating.

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

Yes	41
No	1
Not sure	5

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

Clear signage to indicate swimming/jumping into the water near the lock is not allowed.

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

Yes	42
No	1
Not sure	4

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

Please start enforcing the PSPO!

Permit parking through out Barden especially in Audley avenue.

Electric bicycles and motorbikes using the park in the day and often at night too. The Audley Rise car park is often used in the evenings for motorbikes and cars to meet. There is a gate at the car park entrance that could easily be locked to help deter these issues. There has also been a number of issues with catapults being fired at the birds, as well as a number of BBQs around the park.

Multi use of lakes one that all public can access with different water craft and open swim.

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

Yes	42
No	1
Not sure	4

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

Please start enforcing the PSPO

As above, an alcohol free zone in River Lawn and memorial gardens to incorporate both scout huts, the library and the memorial gardens and surrounding area. so people can travel through avoiding the high street without intimidation.

Got to take a very hard line on aggressive out of control dogs. Very dangerous and fear for safety of young children.

More access for water sports

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

Yes	38
No	2
Not sure	7

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

Start enforcing it!

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

Yes	38
No	2
Not sure	7

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

Alcohol consumption banned.

26. 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	39
No	2
Not sure	6

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

Alcohol consumption banned.

This should be extended to include all closed churchyards within the Borough.

28. Do you agree with the need to continue with the PSPO for Holborough Lakes?

Yes	35
No	1
Not sure	11

29. Is there anything else that you would like to see included in the PSPO for Holborough Lakes?

Same restrictions as Leybourne Lakes.

30. Do you agree to the new proposal to prevent the unauthorised use of catapults in the borough?

Yes	46
No	1
Not sure	0

31. Do you have any comments to add on this proposal?

Also the carrying of ammunition for catapults.

I cannot think of any legitimate reason to use catapult in public open space where property, people or animals can be attacked.

This is very important throughout Tonbridge and Malling not just on TMBC land. Police action is vital.

Borough-wide and not just for the town of Tonbridge itself.

This is very important and should apply to all areas / villages in the borough.

this is a good addition and should be effective for all villages and parts of the borough.

The number of occasions needs to be highlighted.

There I'd absolutely need for anyone to have a catapult, beyond those used to fire bait out into the water for fishing. Any see being carried around should be ceased and destroyed. Anyone found using them to harm/threaten people, pets or wildlife, should not only have them ceased, but should be charged, fined and given

community service. If it's a minor, they should still be doing unpaid community service, and restitution needs to be made for any damage.

Sensible addition.

More policing of this is needed in Walderslade.

32. Are there any other restrictions you would like us to consider within the PSPO?

I think Max number of dogs with one person should be less than six. You can't control 6 big dogs.

More enforcement.

Restriction on the use of electric scooters and bikes, for example to restrict their use on pavements.

Please include all villages.

To police the use of electric bike/scooter by underaged children along public roads and footpaths.

Dealing effectively with those smoking weed, groups hanging around play areas etc who are acting in an intimidating manner. Dog fouling is an issue on pathways and public spaces, with the special bins not being used by some owners. Too many smokers still don't think that throwing down their cigarette butts is littering - can something be done to encourage proper disposal?

Much more aggressive enforcement and deterrence against dangerous dogs. To prevent people using them to intimidate families etc.

Regarding question 8. Hadlow Parish Council would like a PSPO to prevent unauthorised drones to be extended to Parish Council open spaces. We are responsible for Williams Field playing field, skate park and play area; Signpost Field in Golden Green play area and field; Hadlow Cemetery, Hadlow Church closed churchyard; Hadlow Allotments and Hadlow Cricket Field.

Restrictions on the use of motorbikes and gangs of electric bike users (wearing balaclavas) on the cycle and public footpaths.

Can we consult on a PSPO at River Lawn to control alcohol?

More action in Walderslade.

33. If you have any further comments, please leave them here:

There is an antisocial behaviour issue with teenagers in the area. They frequently trespass on private property especially around cannon lane (blossom bank). They never been using catapults and have been drinking and using drugs in private

spaces such as children's play areas belonging to housing estates. More community officer or police presence in town should help with this.

Stop the motor cycle racing down East Peckham bypass every Thursday evening.

Please consider the alcohol free zone in the area entrenched with street drinkers in river lawn. With the hostel on River Lawn Road there will consistently be new faces in the area who may drink alcohol and this will disrupt this behaviour.

It great to have orders in place, it's the enforcement that is the issue. Villages are very low priority.

Having read your questionnaire, it's clear from the content that the feedback you are highlighting relates almost entirely to the Tunbridge side of the borough, rather than the Medway end. I live in Walderslade — an area that used to be lovely — but it has been increasingly neglected by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council in recent years. We have several beautiful woodland walks and green spaces that could be hugely beneficial to local residents, yet they are not being properly maintained. Taddington Valley is a perfect example: during winter it is almost impossible to walk safely along the path, yet money has been spent installing three benches that will likely be used once a year at best. I strongly suggest that you issue a similar questionnaire specifically to residents in Walderslade and the Medway side of your borough. I believe the responses you receive will be very different — less of a pat on the back and far more honest about the current lack of care and maintenance.