



## Extension of Woking Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

Woking Borough Council is consulting on an extension to the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

The Council is proposing to extend the order for a further three years, until 9 June 2022. The Order prohibits public drinking and other nuisance activity in the town centre, such as the use of psychoactive substances. It also deals with anti-social behaviour such as shouting, swearing, begging and behaviour that could cause nuisance, annoyance, alarm or distress.

The Woking Town Centre PSPO can be viewed at [www.woking.gov.uk/pspo](http://www.woking.gov.uk/pspo)

Breaching the order is a criminal offence and it allows the Police or Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. However, should the matter be taken to court and following a successful conviction, magistrates have the power to order the offender to pay a fine of up to £500 for consuming alcohol and up to £1,000 for other offences.

Comments regarding the extension or the Woking Town Centre Public Space Protection Order should be sent to the Community Safety Department by Thursday 6 June 2019.

To extend the period that the Woking Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Orders are operative, the Council must be satisfied that the activity or activities it proposes to restrict, in these areas.

- Have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
- Is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature.
- Is, or is likely to be, unreasonable.
- Justifies the restrictions imposed.

The consultation will close at **5pm, 6 June 2019** and all responses should be sent to the Community Safety Department, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking GU21 6YL or email [camilla.edmiston@woking.gov.uk](mailto:camilla.edmiston@woking.gov.uk)