

Have your say on plans to vary, extend and introduce new Public Space Protection Orders relating to drinking alcohol in a public place and anti-social behaviour.

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Caerphilly county borough council has several existing powers in relation to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in public places within the Borough. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has allowed the Council to introduce a range of restrictions that have helped control anti-social behaviour in our communities.

The Council is proposing to continue using these powers through:

- extending the current PSPO's for a further 3 years,
- varying some of the existing areas to include additional restrictions for anti-social behaviour,
- introducing several new areas.

These changes are covered by four proposals which are detailed below.

It is recommended that you read the background information before completing this questionnaire.

I am completing this survey:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | As resident of the County Borough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | As a business person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | As an elected member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Representing a charity or organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |

Please give details below

What is your postcode?

Proposal 1

Extend the current Public Space Protection Orders relating to anti-social behaviour at bus stations, bus shelters, bus stops and the Passenger Bridge and Train Station at Caerphilly.

The Council is proposing the continuation of the existing restrictions for a period of three years at the above PSPO locations in relation to anti-social behaviour, namely:

- No person shall loiter unless they are waiting for public transport or waiting to meet somebody using public transport.
- No person shall remain in the area if reasonably asked to leave by an authorised person.
- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner.
- No person shall soil, damage, deface or detach any part of the premises.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall be in possession of an open container of alcohol, or paraphernalia for the consumption of controlled drugs.
- No person shall be in possession of a potentially dangerous item. A potentially dangerous item is any item, which in the opinion of an authorised person, may be used to harass, alarm or distress any person or damage, deface or soil any property.
- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

A full list of all areas covered by the PSPOs are included within the background information.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to extend the existing PSPOs relating to anti-social behaviour at bus stations, bus shelters, bus stops and the Passenger Bridge and Train Station at Caerphilly for a further 3 years? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:

Proposal 2

To extend the current Public Space Protection Orders for a further 3 years to control drinking alcohol in a public place.

The Council is proposing the continuation of the existing restrictions in PSPO areas in relation to drinking alcohol in a public place for a period of three years, namely:

- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person or constable

A full list of all areas covered by the PSPOs are included within the background information.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to extend the existing PSPOs to control drinking alcohol in a public place for a further 3 years?
(Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:

Proposal 3

To vary the Public Space Protection Order in some areas to include anti-social behaviour restrictions in addition to controlling the drinking of alcohol in a public place for the next 3 years.

The Council is also proposing to vary the conditions in some of the areas covered under these PSPO's to include restrictions for anti-social behaviour namely:

- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent, or offensive manner.
- No person shall damage or deface any part of this area.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall litter, graffiti or deliberately set fires within this area.
- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- No person shall be in possession of an off-road vehicle in this area.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

The proposed areas have been highlighted on the full list of areas covered by PSPO's contained within the background information.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to vary some areas under the PSPO to include anti-social behaviour restrictions for a further 3 years? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below. These comments will be used to inform any future proposals to amend the PSPO:

Proposal 4

To introduce a new Public Space Protection Order for 3 years in relation to anti-social behaviour.

The Council is proposing to introduce a new PSPO that will introduce anti-social behaviour restrictions at the following locations:

- Trethomas River Walk
- Cwrt Coch Street Play Area, Aberbargoed
- Ystrad Mynach Park
- Newbridge – High Street, Celynen Road, Bridge Street, Land surrounding Newbridge Leisure Centre including the car park, Calzaghe Bridge

The proposed new anti-social behaviour restrictions are:

- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent, or offensive manner.
- No person shall damage or deface any part of this area.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall litter, graffiti or deliberately set fires within this area.
- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- No person shall be in possession of an off-road vehicle in this area.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to introduce a new PSPO for a period of 3 years? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals including any suggested variations/amendments to the PSPO's. These comments will be used to inform any future proposed changes.

If you feel that any of these proposals will affect you as an individual because of any of the following (age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious belief or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents) please give details below.

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please return your survey in the post to Natalie Kenny, Community Safety Officer, Community Safety Team, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7PG.