

## FAQs

### **What is a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)?**

Created as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the PSPO gives powers to the police and council enforcement officers to deal with anti-social behaviour. A PSPO last for 3 years and can either be extended, varied or withdrawn.

A PSPO can restrict or prohibit any activity which causes a detrimental effect on the locality such as drinking, begging, ASBO and dog related issues. A PSPO can be specific to time of day, category of people and circumstance.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/part/4/chapter/2/enacted>

### **What are the conditions for creating a PSPO?**

Any proposed PSPO must pass a rigorous test. It must be proved that:

- the activity has had or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the area
- the activity is or is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature
- the activity is or is likely to be unreasonable
- the PSPO justifies the restrictions imposed

We must consider many aspects when determining if there is a real need for a PSPO in a certain area.

### **Why does this legislation concern me?**

Firstly, anyone is liable of being found guilty of breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order so it is useful to know which areas are affected by PSPO's.

Secondly anyone can have their say on PSPOs via the council's consultation and we encourage everyone to do so.

Finally, enforcement of the PSPOs gives North Northamptonshire Council the power to ensure that the area stays clean, tidy and free of anti-social behaviour which benefits everyone who lives in, works in and visits the district.

### **What happens to all of the current dog control PSPOs made by the old authorities when the NNC PSPOs come into force in November 2023?**

There are currently existing PSPOs relating to dogs in place, these cover areas in East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough and vary slightly. All of these are due to end in November 2023 and therefore we are undertaking a consultation to create one NNC wide PSPO, which will provide controls in Corby for the first time.

The existing PSPOs will lapse at the end of their three-year timescale and the new NNC order will take effect.

## **How do I have my say on dog control PSPOs?**

There will be a two-stage public consultation process. The first stage will set out what NNC is proposing. The areas where we feel dogs should be excluded, areas where there should be no dog fouling, areas where dogs must always be on leads and areas where an authorised officer can direct a person to put their dog on a lead.

This first stage process will last for 6 weeks and we encourage as many people as possible to provide feedback so that we can ensure we have listed all the areas that should have measures applied. In particular we want to ensure that we all enclosed children's play areas listed, all cemeteries and sports locations.

Following the completion of the stage one process all of the response will be looked at and considered. We will then look to include areas that may have been missed and consider the public's views on the controls.

A second stage consultation will then take place with the proposed final order, this will last for 4 weeks and will be the last chance to ensure the order includes everything we can.

## **What happens if new areas are needed after the orders are in place?**

A PSPO can be made at anytime if there is evidence to support it. If an area becomes a significant issue after the order has been introduced it is possible for an additional order to be made following the same process. If the issue is not causing significant issues but would benefit from have measures then this will be included when the order is reviewed before its three year end.

## **What current PSPOs are in place across NNC?**

### Dog Exclusion Areas

#### Aldwincle

- Play Area, Main Street
- Rec Ground, Cross Lane

#### Barnwell

- Country park play area

#### Brigstock

- Fermyn Woods Country Park Play Areas
- Causin Close

#### Chelveston Rise

- Play Area

#### Great Addington

The Addingtons Playing Field

### Higham Ferrers

- Warmonds Hill
- Play Area, Villa Rise
- Play Area, Fitzwilliam Leys/The Ride
- Play Area, Rec Ground, Saffron Road
- Cemetery, Vine Hill Drive
- Play Area in front of 55 Larkin Gardens

### Irthlingborough

- Spinney Fields Rest Gardens
- Cemetery, Wellingborough Road
- Les O' Dell Park play area
- Cemetery Church Street
- Play Area, Central Rec Ground Play Area
- Play Area, Les O'Dell Park
- Crow Hill Play Area

### Islip

- Rec Ground, High Street

### Oundle

- Rec Ground Play Area
- Play Area, Creed Road
- Play Area St Christopher's Drive

### Raunds

- Play Area, Bassfords Park
- Play Area, Saxon Hall
- Skate Park in Amos Lawrence Field
- Welbourne

### Ringstead

- Play area off Church Street

### Rushden

- Newton road Cemetery
- Play Area, Jubilee Park
- Play Area, Hall Park
- Play Area, Spencer Park
- Play Area, Melloway Road
- Play Area, Deacon Close
- Play Area, Lynford Way

- Play Area, The Mallards
- Play Area, Lime Street
- Play Area, Aintree Drive
- Play Area, Ascot Road
- Play Area, Yeldon Close
- Play Area, Greenacre Drive/Meadowsweet Road
- Play Area, Yarrow Close
- Play Area, Rose Avenue
- Play Area, St James Close
- Play Area, Allen Road
- Play Area, Harborough Way
- Play Area, Birkdale Drive
- Play Area, Tewkesbury Drive
- Chestnut Close
- Kilburn Place
- Dell Place

#### Stanwick

- Play Area, Stanwick Rec Ground
- Bowling Green, Stanwick Rec Ground
- Stanwick Lakes Play Area, Lakes and Rivers

#### Thrapston

- Castle Playing Fields, Chancery Lane
- Cemetery, Oundle road
- Play Area, Charles Street
- Play Area, Sissinghurst Drive
- Play Area, Foundry Walk
- Play Area, Clover Drive
- Play Area, Scotney Way
- Play Area, Conway Drive
- Play Area, Windsor Drive
- Waters Edge Play Area
- Manor Close

#### Woodnewton

- Fenced Toddler Play Area

#### Yarwell

- Play Area at Rec Ground

#### Dogs on Leads

#### Ashton

- Village Green

### Barnwell

Barnwell Country Park

### Collyweston

- Playing Field/Pocket Park
- The Drift

### Duddington

- Playground off Highfield

### Higham Ferrers

- Saffron Road Rec Ground

### Irthlingborough

- Alexander Road Green Area
- Cemetery, Church Street
- Cemetery, Wellingborough Road
- Spinney Fields Rest Gardens

### Islip

- Sports Field, Toll Bar Road

### Lowick

- Pocket Park/Play Area

### Oundle

- Cemetery and Church Yard stoke Doyle road
- Market Place
- Occupation road and Surrounding Sports Areas
- Car park Osyths Lane
- Drill Hall Car Park

### Raunds

- Amos Lawrence Park
- London Road Cemetery
- Saxon Hall and Grounds
- St Peters Churchyard
- Webb Road Play Area
- Cemetery London Road

### Rushden

- Hall Park

#### Stanwick

- Stanwick Lakes

#### Thrapston

- BMX Track, Meadow Lane
- Car Park, Sackville Street
- Coppice, Oakleas Rise
- Coronation Gardens, Oundle Road
- East Northamptonshire Council Car Park
- Grass Area, Cedar Drive
- Grass Area, Nene Centre Cedar Drive
- Open Space, Orchard Way/Huntingdon Road
- Open Space, Tyler Way
- Open Space, Wainwright Avenue
- Open Space, Windsor Drive
- St James' Churchyard, Church Walk
- The Peace Park, Huntingdon Road
- The Spinney, Warwick Road
- Open Space, Lancaster Drive
- The Coppice, Oakleas Rise

#### Woodnewton

- Playground/ Playing Field

#### Yarwell

- Allotments
- Playing Field
- Cemetery
- Locks Green Main Street
- St Mary Magdelene Churchyard