

## **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Orders**

### **Tentative additional conditions for consideration for 2021-2024**

In addition to the conditions that we would wish to renew or vary for the next three years (see “PSPO 2018-2021 Summary.docx”) we suggest the following conditions be considered for the 2021 consultation.

#### **1 ALCOHOL CONTROL AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

**Location:** Sherwood Lake

We receive frequent complaints related to anti-social behaviour around the lake due its proximity to residential properties in Warren Walk and Lakeside. Complaints of shouting, loud swearing, smoking cannabis and drinking alcohol are often linked to people fishing who set up tents and stay for long periods, including overnight.

We would propose consulting on the introduction of restrictions on drinking alcohol throughout the area designated as a Village Green, which includes the woods and the lake area. We would further propose consulting on a restriction on fishing, loitering or erecting tents on the western side of the lake to relieve nearby households from noisy anti-social behaviour – this prohibition could be restricted to night-time if seen as too heavy-handed.

**Enforcement:** Alcohol: Kent Police officers and PCSOs. Other conditions: TBC but potentially TWBC Street Scene Enforcement Officers, TWBC Community Safety Officer, and PCSOs.

#### **2 DOG CONTROL (DOGS ON LEADS)**

**Location:** Dunorlan Park

This measure would see a requirement to keep dogs on leads in the main area of the park following a number of complaints of out-of-control dogs.

There are areas of the park where dogs can still be exercised off their leads.

**Enforcement:** TBC but likely restricted to TWBC Street Scene Enforcement Officers.

#### **3 DOG CONTROL (DOGS PROHIBITED)**

**Location:** St Marks Rec (TWRFC) and Nevill Ground (TWCC)

This measure would see the *dogs on leads* requirement replaced by dogs prohibited. This was considered for the 2018 implementation but rejected at Leadership Board.

The 2017-18 public consultation received 164 responses to the question of excluding dogs from The Nevill, St Marks and children's fenced play areas.

The outcome of the consultation was 47% 'for' and 'against', and 6% 'don't know'.

In freeform text there were strong feelings against banning dogs from the two sports fields.

**Enforcement:** TBC but likely restricted to TWBC Street Scene Enforcement Officers.

#### **4 ACCESS CONTROL**

**Location:** St John's Park

This measure would see a requirement that people leave the park by 10pm (until 5am). Those who choose to be there during this period would be committing an offence if they did not leave when asked to do so by a police officer. The measure would only be triggered if officers attend the park as part of their duties and reasonably believe that the behaviour of people in the park is causing or likely to cause a disturbance, or when officers attend in direct response to a complaint.

**Enforcement:** Kent Police officers.

#### **5 VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS**

**Location:** Tunbridge Wells Town Centre multi-storey car parks

This measure would seek to address a range of issues highlighted by the parking team. Issues highlighted include playing ball games, cycling, loitering, roller-skating and skateboarding in multi-storey car parks.

They also highlight begging, drinking and sleeping as issues of concern but these matters are, to varying degrees, covered by current measures.

**Enforcement:** TBC but likely Street Scene Enforcement Officers, TWBC Community Safety Officer and town centre police officers