



Hartlepool  
Borough Council

# Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services Committee

## Agenda

26 January 2026

**Time:** 2pm

**Location:** Council Chamber

**Members:** Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services Committee  
Boddy, Dunbar, Little, Jorgeson, Riddle (C), Napper,  
C Wallace (VC)

**Parish Council Co-opted Members:**

S Smith (Greatham Parish Council)

L Noble (Dalton Piercy Parish Council)

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### 1. Apologies for absence

### 2. To receive any declarations of interest by members

### 3. Minutes

- 3.1 To receive the Minutes and Decision Record of the meeting held on 8 December 2025 (*previously circulated*).

### 4. Budget And Policy Framework Items

- 4.1 None.

#### CIVIC CENTRE EVACUATION AND ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

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## **5. Key Decisions**

- 5.1 Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO'S) – *Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)*

## **6. Other Items Requiring Decision**

- 6.1 None.

## **7. Items for information**

- 7.1 None.

## **8. Any other business which the chair considers urgent**

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting on Monday 2 March 2026 at 5pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.



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# NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

26 January 2026

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)

**Subject:** PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPO's)

**Decision Type:** Key NRS 107/26

## 1. Council Plan Priority

### **Hartlepool will be a place:**

- where people live healthier, safe and independent lives. (People)
- that is connected, sustainable, clean and green. (Place)

## 2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide an update on a recent public consultation that has been undertaken and to seek Member approval in relation to the introduction of two new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) covering the Town Centre and back lanes.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 PSPO's were introduced by The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 and give local authorities additional powers to deal with anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 Councils can use PSPO's to prohibit specific activities and / or require certain things to be done in defined areas to stop or prevent anti-social behaviour where it is reasonable and justifiable to do so.

- 3.3 Councils may only introduce PSPO's where there is, or there is likely to be, persistent anti-social behaviour in a particular location and it would have or likely have a detrimental affect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
- 3.4 PSPO's have a maximum duration of three years and be renewed for a further three-year period. This renewal process can be applied indefinitely.
- 3.5 PSPO's are not intended to be used to tackle specific individuals or properties (as other legislation exists for such purposes) but rather identified anti-social behaviours being carried out in particular location.
- 3.6 PSPO's criminalise certain activities in public spaces and limit, prohibit, what the public may or may not, do in specific public areas. Local authorities must therefore be careful to balance the rights of their citizens to enjoy open spaces against the need to protect them from anti-social behaviour.
- 3.7 In order to ensure that the balance is achieved, The Anti-social, Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 lists certain conditions that must be met before a PSPO can be introduced.
  - 3.8 The first condition is that –
    - (a) Activities carried out in a public place within the authority's area must have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
    - (b) It is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.
  - 3.9 The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect of the activities.
    - (a) Is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature.
    - (b) Is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable and
    - (c) Justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.
  - 3.10 Breaching a PSPO is a criminal offence, subject to a fine on conviction of up to £1,000 however, where possible a warning would first be issued before the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Payment of the FPN discharges liability to conviction of the offence. It is the failure to comply with the request to stop the activity, or to do what is required by the Order, by an authorised officer, which leads to the offence being committed.
  - 3.11 PSPOS are limited to enforcement by Police Officers or designated authorised Local Authority officers. In Hartlepool this role would predominantly fall to Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) or Anti-social

Behaviour Officers (ABO's) and would be used as an additional extension of the powers they currently use for dealing with environmental and anti-social behaviour issues.

- 3.12 The recent anti-social behaviour issues in the Town Centre have given cause to examine if more could be done to support the actions already identified and developed in the Town Centre Action Plan. Safer Hartlepool partners (including The Police and Police and Crime Commissioner) have indicated they would be supportive of creating a Town Centre PSPO and further consideration should be given to developing a PSPO, given that many of our neighbouring local authorities already have such arrangements in place.
- 3.13 There is however an element of caution with such a proposal given that authorised local authority officers do not have the power to demand names and addresses of a perpetrator and may need assistance and police support in cases where an individual's identity is required.
- 3.14 Most actions are dealt with by a Fixed Penalty fine in order to discharge liability of conviction. Further consideration would also need to be given as to the effectiveness of this type of enforcement and the impact and behavioural changes.
- 3.15 Hartlepool already has two Public Space Protection Orders which were introduced in 2020 and renewed for a further 3-year period in October 2023. The first PSPO predominantly replaced and superseded the former Dog Control Orders and exists across a number of areas of the Borough including parks and open spaces and a number of beaches. The second PSPO refers to a number of alley gated locations. Both have been renewed following consultation and having received on-going public support.

## 4. PROPOSALS / OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 There is an opportunity to consider if a further Town Centre PSPO is required having received support from Safer Hartlepool partners that similar schemes have successfully been introduced to tackle anti-social behaviour issues.
- 4.2 There is already evidence of activity taking place which is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. There is therefore justification that creating a PSPO meets the requirement of the Act.
- 4.3 The creation of a Town Centre PSPO would likely replicate a similar area to that already identified as part of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Shared Prosperity Fund (as shown as **Appendix A**). This funding is already having a positive impact on tackling serious violence and retail crime in the Town Centre with additional and visible Police and local authority patrols.

- 4.4 The introduction of a Back Lane PSPO would enable officers to address a number of anti-social behaviour and environmental issues that are regularly reported as issues of concern to the Enforcement Team for investigation.
- 4.5 The recent issues of reported anti-social behaviour at The Ramp adjacent to the Middleton Grange Shopping Centre would also be included within the defined PSPO area. The PSPO would provide further support and assist with the measures already identified from the subsequent Action Plan now in place.
- 4.6 A PSPO would provide Civil Enforcement Officers with a number of additional powers, allowing greater flexibility to enforce restrictions by the most appropriate legislation available.
- 4.7 There are, however, some limitations to a PSPO. The perpetrators of anti-social behaviour often have complex and chaotic lifestyles, driven by addictions. Managing behaviour by issuing an FPN may not be the most effective method of managing such an individual's behaviour, so any enforcement needs to be mindful of appropriate support.
- 4.8 The limitations and restricted enforcement powers of a CEO (for offences where confirmation of name and address is required) may not work as effectively as the current arrangements and powers Police Officers have. HBC Enforcement and ASB officers are however already co-located with Neighbourhood Police Officers and such joint working arrangements already exist.
- 4.9 The PSPO in its own right will not solve all the issues these areas are experiencing but they should compliment the powers already available from existing legislation at our disposal.

## 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Neighbourhood Services Committee at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September agreed to consultation being carried out on the introduction of two PSPO's in relation to Town Centre and back lanes.
- 5.2 The local authority has a legal requirement to consult with both The Police and The Police and Crime Commissioner. A formal response indication of their support is shown within **Appendix B and C** of this report.
- 5.3 A public consultation took place between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 which sought views on a number of suggested issues of ASB concerns and areas that may be included in a PSPO.

5.4 The following list is a summary of the responses to questions asked in the consultation and reflects the prohibition controls suggested for inclusion, together with the percentage of support each proposal received.

- (a) Groups acting in a manner likely to cause harassment alarm or distress. (94% support)
- (b) Being verbally abusive. (94% support)
- (c) Drinking alcohol (unless in licensed premises) and refusing to hand over alcohol on request. (95% support)
- (d) Injecting, inhaling, ingesting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances. (96% support)
- (e) Urinating, defecating or spitting in a public place. (97% support)
- (f) Rummaging through bins and littering. (90% support)
- (g) Riding skateboards, scooters, e-bikes/ e-scooters etc., in a manner likely to cause damage to property, nuisance or annoyance. (94% support)
- (h) Begging or busking. (69% support)
- (i) Approaching members of the public for subscriptions for charity donations without holding a licence to do so. (98% support)
- (j) Inappropriate waste presentation. (94% support)
- (k) Obstruction of Back Lane by vehicle, caravan or trailer. (93% support)
- (l) Littering and fly-tipping. (98% support)
- (m) Failing to maintain property such as to obstruct access or failing to ensure property access via a Back Lane. (95% support)

## 6. Other Considerations/Implications

<b>RISK IMPLICATIONS</b>	There are no risk implications.
<b>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>	There may be insufficient resource for the Enforcement Team to take on this additional duty without impacting on other areas of service delivery. Consequently, additional resources may be required.

	<p>There is, however no additional funding available, and delivery will need to be provided from existing staffing levels within the Community Safety Team . Additional signage will be required this is a one off cost which will be funded from existing budgets.</p>
<b>SUBSIDY CONTROL</b>	None
<b>LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>A PSPO would be created under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.</p> <p>Legal Services would be asked to prepare and advertise any Orders as part of the formal legal process.</p>
<b>SINGLE IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	See <b>Appendix D</b>
<b>STAFF CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>The extra duties, additional areas and more frequent patrols may impact on the existing workload of the team. The local authority Enforcement Team already have a high service demand and care needs to be taken to ensure any additional work areas would not have a detrimental impact on other working practices.</p> <p>The additional duties for enforcing some anti-social behaviour matters have already been included within the Civil Enforcement Officers' existing pay grade, however the change in duties may require further review and amendment to current risk assessments and working practices.</p> <p>Police support will be required for some enforcement work as some of the anticipated times of demand would be outside of the HBC employees working hours.</p>
<b>ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS</b>	There are no asset management considerations.
<b>ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS</b>	There are no environmental, sustainability or climate change considerations.

<b>CONSULTATION</b>	Public consultation has been advertised and regularly promoted via press and social media. The consultation ran from 1/11/2025- 6/1/2026. A response from the statutory consultees is contained in <b>Appendix B and C</b> of this report.
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## 7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That Members approve the proposal to establish:
  - (a) A Hartlepool Town Centre PSPO and
  - (b) A PSPO to cover the specific issues in designated back lanes of Hartlepool.

## 8. Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To reflect the statutory requirements of establishing a PSPO.
- 8.2 To reflect the significant public support as demonstrated in the consultation evaluation outcome.

## 9. Background Papers

- 9.1 Public Space protection Order - Neighbourhood Services Committee September 2025.
- 9.2 Public Space Protection Order – Neighbourhood Services Committee Oct 2023
- 9.3 Public Space Protection Order – Neighbourhood Services Committee Dec 2020
- 9.4 Public Space Protection Order – Neighbourhood Services Committee July 2020
- 9.5 Public Space Protection Order - Neighbourhood Services Committee Jan 2019
- 9.6 Public Space Protection Order - Neighbourhood Services Committee June 2018

## 10. Contact Officers

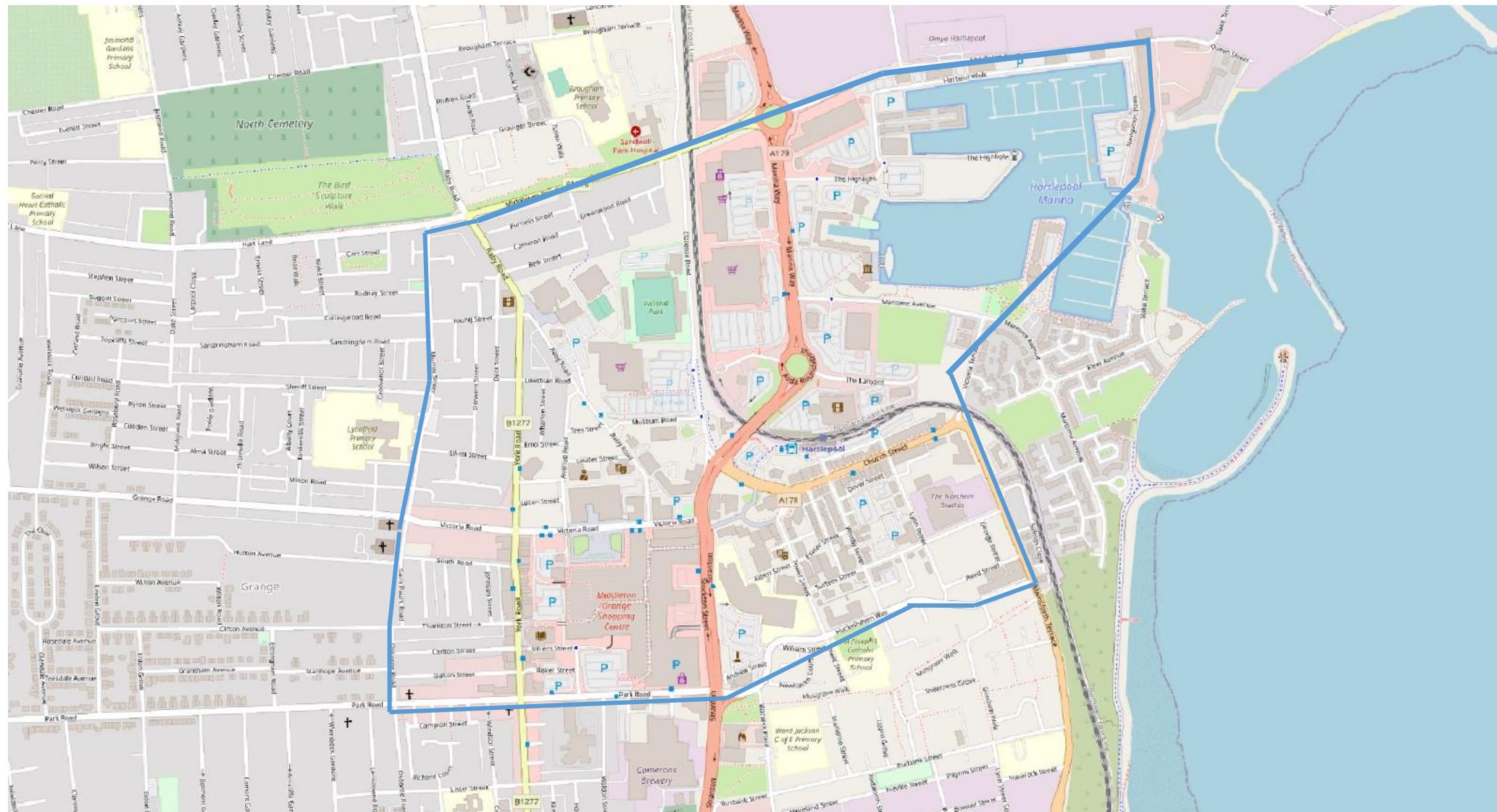
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Sign Off:-

Chief Executive	Date: 14/01/2026
Director of Finance, IT and Digital	Date: 14/01/2026
Director of Legal, Governance and HR	Date: 14/01/2026





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Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Matt Storey  
Lisa Oldroyd

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8 January 2026

Dear Sylvia,

### **Hartlepool PSPO Consultation**

When first elected as Police and Crime Commissioner, I wanted to empower Cleveland's communities by ensuring that their voices were at the centre of my Police and Crime Plan. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) features prominently throughout this document in recognition that this is something that communities are deeply concerned about and is an item which is regularly raised with me as part of my engagement work with members of the public. Furthermore, I am aware of the volume of ASB related issues that are reported to the COPA app each day.

The strength of our partnership working on these matters is evident, including with the Summer and Winter initiatives of Safer Streets and the previous iteration of Safer Streets targeted in the Victoria ward of Hartlepool.

I write to you to convey my gratitude for the invitation to meaningfully consult with Hartlepool Borough Council today and communicate the concerns and the opinions of the communities I serve as part of the local authority's development of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for Hartlepool town centre and back lanes.

Previously, I have heard anecdotal concerns from local partners that PSPOs disproportionately criminalise people who are homeless on a broader point of their use, and nothing specific to one local authority area.

As you are aware, the homeless agenda is something I am deeply passionate about. I was pleased this consultation gave me an opportunity to communicate that the use of PSPOs with homeless people – particularly in relation to begging – are a distant second to ensuring that all opportunities to get people into support are being maximised.

I was pleased to learn more about your plans to ensure that this support is being adopted as part of the PSPO proposals. I was further assured that my concerns regarding a person's inability to pay fixed penalty notices for any breaches would result in further harm and criminality is being approached with care.

The prohibitions in relation to anti-social use of scooters, e-bikes and e-scooters is a notable and welcome inclusion, which I believe will have the full support of the people of Hartlepool. I know this is an issue which is a cause of great concern and frustration with the public, as this is something which is regularly raised with me, and reported via the COPA app.

Through my attendance at Hartlepool Community Safety Partnership and my engagement with the local MP and Tees Valley Mayor I am aware of the ongoing issues in relation to the ramp and the vast amount of partnership working that has been undertaken to tackle this persistent issue. I feel that the PSPO will provide additional support in tackling the issues and compliment the range of partnership activity ongoing.

I am also supportive of the use of a PSPO to tackle environmental issues in relation to back lanes. Through my involvement with the Safer Streets project in Victoria ward I am aware of the challenges around ensuring that communities effectively manage the rear of their properties and deal with their refuse disposal in an appropriate manner. I feel the PSPO will provide an additional enforcement tool to allow the Council to effectively challenge this behaviour and ensure that a minority of residents do not impact the quality of life for the majority.

In concluding, I would like to offer my support for both PSPOs which I feel will assist partnership working and problem solving and add an additional enforcement tool to the range already available to tackle the issues that matter to the people of Hartlepool.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt".

Matt Storey  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Phil,

**Subject: Response to Consultation – Proposed Public Space Protection Orders**

Thank you for your letter dated 15th December 2025 regarding the consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for Hartlepool.

Cleveland Police fully supports the introduction of these PSPOs as outlined in your consultation. We recognise the significant challenges posed by persistent anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre and the environmental and access issues within Hartlepool's back lanes. These behaviours have a detrimental impact on the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors, and addressing them aligns with our shared commitment to creating safer communities.

The proposed Town Centre PSPO will provide an additional tool to tackle behaviours such as begging, public urination, substance misuse, and other activities that cause alarm, harassment, or distress. While enforcement alone cannot resolve the complex needs often underlying these behaviours, the PSPO will complement existing policing and partnership efforts, enabling proportionate interventions alongside support services.

Similarly, the Back Lanes PSPO will help address recurring issues such as obstruction of waste collection routes, abandoned vehicles, and associated environmental concerns. These measures will improve community safety and support the efficient delivery of essential services.

We believe these proposals meet the statutory conditions under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and will provide a balanced approach to prevention and enforcement. Cleveland Police is committed to working collaboratively with Hartlepool Borough Council and other partners to ensure these orders are implemented effectively and proportionately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further input or operational support during the implementation phase.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important initiative.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Wilson  
Superintendent  
Hartlepool District Commander  
Cleveland Police

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Guidance for completing this form is available in the “Single Impact Assessment: Toolkit for Officers”, available from the Single Impact Assessment page on the intranet at <https://hbcintranet/Pages/Single-Impact-Assessments.aspx>.

## Section 1 – Details of the proposed action being considered

<b>1.1 Lead Department:</b>	Neighbourhood Services
<b>1.2 Lead Division:</b>	Regulatory Services

<b>1.3 Title of the proposed action:</b>
Creation of a new town centre and Back Lane PSPO

<b>1.4 Brief description of the proposed action:</b>
A PSPO is an order put in place by a local authority under Sec 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The purpose of a PSPO is to tackle ASB that in the view of the local authority is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people in the area. The town centre PSPO is proposed in order to address the escalating ASB issues that have previously been reported at The Ramp and Church St./Sq. The Back Lane PSPO would apply to all Back Lanes in Hartlepool and would provide additional powers and greater flexibility to respond to ASB issues and environmental concerns.

<b>1.5 Who else is involved:</b>
The Police would still have jurisdiction for a number of criminal offences, but the additional powers awarded to CEO's and ASB officers would allow officers from the local authority to support the police in this work.

<b>1.6 Who will make the final decision about the proposed action:</b>
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## Elected Members of Neighbourhood Services Committee

### 1.7 Which wards will be affected by the proposed action? Tick all that apply

All wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hart	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seaton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burn Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Headland & Harbour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Throston	<input type="checkbox"/>
De Bruce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manor House	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victoria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fens & Greatham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rossmere	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A - Internal council activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foggy Furze	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural West	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

### 1.8 Completed By:

Name	Job Title	Date Completed
Phil Hepburn	Head of Community Safety	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

1.9 Version	Author	Summary of Changes	Date
V1	Phil Hepburn	N/A	

## Section 2 – Explaining the impact of the proposed action

### 2.1 What data and evidence has informed this impact assessment?

The proposed PSPO's are being created in response to public concerns to increased anti-social behaviour in the town centre. Reports of significant ASB were reported throughout the summer months and those same issues are now being reported across other areas of the town centre. A series of public meetings have been held along with a formal consultation setting out the likely areas the PSPO would cover, and this received significant public support.

### 2.2 If there are gaps in evidence or not enough information to assess the impact, how have you addressed this or how will you address it?

Gap(s) Identified	How it / they have or will be addressed
N/A	

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## 2.3 Risk Score

Impact	Negative Impact Score	Explanation – what is the impact?
<b>Age</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: e.g. Almost certain 4 Impact score: e.g. Major 3 Overall score: e.g. Red 12	<p>The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.</p> <p>In the case of Back Lanes, the proposed inclusions of certain prohibitions will improve accessibility to properties</p>
<b>Disability</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	<p>The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.</p> <p>In the case of Back Lanes, the proposed inclusions of certain prohibitions will improve accessibility to properties.</p>
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	

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Impact	Negative Impact Score	Explanation – what is the impact?
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact		

Impact	Negative Impact Score	Explanation – what is the impact?
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	<p>The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.</p> <p>In the case of Back Lanes, the proposed inclusions of certain prohibitions will improve accessibility to properties.</p>
<b>Race (Ethnicity)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	<p>The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.</p>
<b>Religion or Belief</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	<p>The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.</p>
<b>Sex</b>		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.
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Impact	Negative Impact Score	Explanation – what is the impact?
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	The consultation and previous Police and LA reports indicate that a number of vulnerable groups had been impacted by the issues of ASB. Either by witnessing such activity, being directly involved or fearful that they may be targeted. This has impacted on their desire to visit and use the facilities in the town centre.
<b>Care Leavers (Local)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	
<b>Armed Forces (Local)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: Impact score: Overall score:	
<b>Poverty and Disadvantage (Local)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative Impact <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact	Likelihood score: 4 Impact score: 2 Overall score: 8	There is a recognition that some of the control measures of the PSPO involve the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) and many of those involved in the anti-social behaviour already lead chaotic lifestyles and often suffer from associated substance / alcohol addiction issues. To mitigate this, signposting to support services will be offered to offenders. For some offending an advisory warning notice (rather than an FPN) may be issued and in cases of real financial hardship a 6-month suspension of any debt collection may be offered under the "breathing space" programme.

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## Section 3 - Mitigation Action Plan or Justification

Group(s) impacted	Proposed mitigation	How this mitigation will make a difference	By when	Responsible Officer
Perpetrators	Signposting to support services	Efforts to change behaviour and provide long term impact for those with associated and recognised addiction problems	Jan 2029	Phil Hepburn
Perpetrators in financial hardship	Some offences to be dealt with as first warning. 6-month payment break in cases of real financial hardship	Improve compliance and reduced impact on victims	Jan 2029	Phil Hepburn

**Justification** If you need to justify your proposed action explain this here

N/A

## Section 4 - Sign Off

Responsible Officer sign off:	
Name	Phil Hepburn
Job title	Head of Community Safety
Assistant Director / Director sign off:	

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Name	Sylvia Pinkney
Job title	Assistant Director – Regulatory Services

Once the Single Impact Assessment is completed please send to [impactassessments@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:impactassessments@hartlepool.gov.uk).

## Section 5 - Review (To be completed after implementation)

### 5.1 Review completed by:

Name	Job Title	Date review completed

### 5.2 Did the impact turned out as expected?

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### 5.3 Were the proposed mitigations the correct ones and were they successful in reducing any negative impacts?

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### 5.4 Were there any unexpected outcomes?

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## 5.5 Following the review please identify next steps here (Select one)

- Additional mitigation required (give details below - 5.6)
- Original proposed course of action needs to be revisited
- No further action required

## 5.6 Additional mitigation(s) or justification

Group(s) impacted	Proposed mitigation	How this mitigation will make a difference	By when	Responsible Officer

**Justification** If you need to justify your proposed action explain this here

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