

## **Sevenoaks District Council DRAFT Public Space Protection Order Consultation for The Vine, Sevenoaks**

We know that you are concerned about anti-social behaviour in The Vine, Sevenoaks. Sevenoaks District Council understands well how anti-social behaviour can affect our communities, with residents often feeling powerless to act. Councils have a key role to play in helping to make local areas safe places to live, visit and work. Tackling anti-social behaviour continues to be a high priority for the District. We should stress that this is not in any way intended to restrict people's enjoyment of our public spaces. Quite the reverse – it is about making sure that everyone is able to enjoy public places safely, free from anti-social behaviour.

Having listened to your concerns we are now investigating the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) at The Vine, Sevenoaks and would like to consult with you on this proposal because your views are important to us.

A PSPO is an additional tool that gives the Police and Council Officers powers to help reduce specific anti-social behaviours. It also allows officers to issue a warning, or a fixed penalty notice for anti-social behaviour carried out by individuals. The PSPO is enforced under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Please provide your views on our proposed PSPO by completing the survey below. The consultation will start on **xxx date** and you will have until **xxx date** to participate. Once the consultation has closed the survey responses will be analysed and the results reported to the Council's Cabinet.

### **1. Are you a resident of Sevenoaks District?**

Yes  
No

### **2. Are you responding as?**

Person who works in Sevenoaks Town  
Centre/District  
Local Resident  
Local business owner/manager  
Local Town or Parish Councillor  
Representative of a community  
group/voluntary group  
Other

### **3. Thinking about The Vine, overall how much of a problem do you think anti-social behaviour (ASB) causes in the area? Is it...**

	A very big problem	A fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	Not a problem at all	No opinion	Not answered
ASB						

4. Have you reported ASB regarding The Vine and who did you report to?

- Police
- Community Safety Unit
- Local School
- Sevenoaks Town Council
- Sevenoaks District Council
- Other

5. Do you feel you received a satisfactory response after reporting concerns>

- Yes
- No

6. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to deter Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) at The Vine, Sevenoaks?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

7. The following activities would be prohibited by the proposed PSPO:

- i. Failing to comply with a direction not to consume, in breach of this order, alcohol, or anything which an authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol where the authorised person reasonably believes that a person has engaged in anti- social behaviour.
- ii. Failing to surrender a container of alcohol (whether open or not) when asked to do so by an authorised person.
- iii. Engaging in anti-social behaviour which is likely to cause harassment alarm and distress to those persons in the locality.
- iv. Returning to the area within 24 hours after being asked to leave.

Do you support the activities proposed above?

- Yes
- No

8. Are there any other activities relating to ASB, which you would like to see included in the PSPO for The Vine, Sevenoaks?

Appendix C

9. Please write down any further comments you may have about the PSPO