

**Responses received to consultation undertaken between 1 April 2020 - 15 May 2020 to extend the
Shrewsbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (No. 1) 2017 ('the Order')**

Comment	Source	Response
I support the extension of the Shrewsbury Town Centre Protection Order (No 1) for another 3 years.	Member of the Public	Noted
<p>The closing paragraph of the evaluation report states: "Incidents of drug litter account for 24% of the total recorded during the review period and has been identified as the most problematic behaviour within the PSPO boundary. Of the 17 incident types, 11 have recorded an increase in volume during the review period indicating an ongoing need for the Public Spaces Protection Order in Shrewsbury Town Centre."</p> <p>Having regard to the statistics it would also be possible to come to the conclusion that the PSPO has not reduced antisocial behaviour in the designated area and that another approach is required to deal with such incidents, and it would appear, especially drug use/misuse. Given the above, my comment is that the PSPO should only be extended if it is co-ordinated with other work to deal with the root causes of the ant-social behaviour. A tall order you may well say/think, however in my view it is what is necessary to properly tackle the issues identified.</p>	Member of the Public	<p>Whilst all anti-social behaviour (ASB) matters are recorded, not all the 17 recorded behaviours will be addressed by the Order. Behaviours, for example, littering (including drug related littering), have separate legislation which enables the police to take alternative and more appropriate enforcement action. It is acknowledged that certain ASB incidents have increased; this is likely, in part, to be due to improved awareness and reporting and also as a result of actions taken under the Order.</p> <p>Shropshire Council already works in partnership with West Mercia Police and is heavily involved with Team Shrewsbury. Many of the partners that form Team Shrewsbury are involved directly with individuals and sectors that are associated with the root causes, including drug use/misuse, of anti-social behaviour. Both this involvement and the Order form part of the overall work of the group to tackle ASB and, as result, co-ordination with other work is already in place to address the root causes of ASB.</p> <p>If a decision was taken not to extend the Order, there is a risk that non-drug related lower-level ASB would further increase. This may lead to pressure on limited enforcement</p>

		resources and increase the likelihood that the co-ordinated approach already in place will be undermined.
As you know, at least 70 of the reported drug and urination events have occurred outside my property on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Furthermore, there have been at least 6 broken windows on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx in the last 12 months. The police are doing their best to monitor the situation and all respect to them for their efforts. However, it is absolutely necessary that they continue to have powers to deal with these things. Also, look at the state of Claremont St, particularly by the charity shop and old chip shop. Disgusting, what on earth do tourists think? Please extend the ASBO regulation to ensure proper control is in place for once we get through the corona virus issue, because for sure it will be needed. It is all very well to have active night-time economy in the town, but you need to have in place the necessary controls, in order to protect town centre residents and ensure licenced premises adhere completely to their licenses. It is not good simply having "bouncers" on the doors of clubs etc, what about the streets and town residents?	Member of the Public	Agreed. The Order is an additional tool for Police to use to address ASB matters during both the day and in relation to the evening and night time economy. When the current restrictions with COVID-19 are eased, it is very likely that ASB will once again become an issue to residents and businesses.
On behalf of Shrewsbury Colleges Group I would like to confirm that it is our view that the order should be extended as proposed because this best enables effective management and maintenance of good order in the town.	Shrewsbury Colleges Group	Noted
Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) get an opportunity to discuss and listen to our partners at the Team Shrewsbury meetings, chaired by the Police. Although this doesn't have a major impact on SFRS, it does give us a feel as to what is happening with regards to prevention work in Shrewsbury town around ASB. My understanding is that the Police wish to issue more penalty tickets to carry out enforcement, but the Council appear to have no more money to produce tickets. Again my understanding is some tickets have been issued, along with a few prosecutions, for non-payment. From a Fire perspective some of this ASB may be attributed by the homeless living in the town	Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service	It is encouraging that SFRS consider the Team Shrewsbury meetings are helpful and part of this is because of the data that is collated as a result of the Order being in force. The concerns about resources to issue 'tickets' has already been addressed. Additional 'PCR books' have been produced and distributed to allow notices to be issued by the Police and, where appropriate, fixed penalty notices by the Council.

<p>centre, who have occasionally had their belongings set fire too, which is often seen in shop doorways out of normal working hours.</p>		<p>The relatively limited number of 'tickets' issued supports the primary purpose of the Order as an enabling tool to address ASB as it occurs and not to criminalise all behaviours or actions.</p>
<p>Shrewsbury BID supports the proposal to extend the Shrewsbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order, with some comments on usage. We have requested feedback from 3 BID Board Directors (with an interest in town centre security) on the proposed extensions. All of the Directors consulted were broadly supportive of the PSPO proposed extension with the suggestion that the PSPO could be used more often and more widely. Ensuring a sufficient amount of PSPO issuing books are available to the police to allow and encourage continued and ongoing usage would help to support this.</p>	<p>Shrewsbury Business Improvement District</p>	<p>The Order is available to the Police to use based on their resource level. Whilst, the Council is unable to respond on behalf of the Police as to whether the Order could be used more widely, this issue can be considered by Team Shrewsbury on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Additional 'PCR books' have been produced and distributed to allow notices to be issued by the Police and, where appropriate, fixed penalty notices by the Council.</p>
<p>I have read all documents attached to the Shropshire Council website (Appendix 1-3) and have spoken to the Shropshire Policing area Problem Solving Hub officers at Monkmoor Police Station.</p> <p>I fully support all considerations and any decisions to extend the PSPO in the Shrewsbury Town for a further 3 years as this is an effective tool to manage the Anti-Social Behaviour committed within the restricted area. This Order intends to further reduce behaviours that were having, or were likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. This Anti-Social Behaviour is persistent and continuing in nature and is unreasonable. The current PSPO evidences how important this is to maintain this level of enforcement as without it we will see a dramatic increase in Anti-Social Behaviour again.</p>	<p>West Mercia Police</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>See separate attachment Appendix C</p>	<p>Shrewsbury Town Council</p>	<p>Noted</p>