

1 June 2026

Letter of Support – Renewal of Shrewsbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Shrewsbury Business Improvement District (BID), I am writing to express our strong support for the renewal of the Shrewsbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), which is due to expire on 27 July 2026.

The BID represents the interests of local businesses across Shrewsbury town centre, and we recognise the vital role the PSPO plays in maintaining a safe, welcoming, and well-managed environment for businesses, residents, and visitors alike.

Since its introduction, the PSPO has been an important tool in addressing anti-social behaviour and ensuring that public spaces remain accessible and enjoyable for all. Through the collaborative framework set out between Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury Town Council, and Shrewsbury BID, the Order has enabled a proportionate and effective response to issues impacting the town centre. In particular, we value:

- The ability for trained authorised personnel to take both advisory and enforcement-based approaches, ensuring responses are appropriate and balanced.
- The partnership working arrangements, which support consistent application of the Order and reinforce shared responsibility for town centre management.
- The role the PSPO plays in supporting wider initiatives to promote Shrewsbury as a safe, vibrant, and economically resilient destination.

From a business perspective, maintaining a positive visitor experience is critical. The presence of the PSPO helps to reassure businesses, employees, and customers that concerns relating to anti-social behaviour are taken seriously and managed effectively. This has a direct impact on footfall, dwell time, and overall confidence in the town centre.

We also recognise that the PSPO is implemented in line with the principles of proportionality and good enforcement practice, ensuring that it supports engagement and prevention alongside enforcement where necessary.

For these reasons, Shrewsbury BID fully supports the continuation of the PSPO and strongly recommends its renewal. We remain committed to working in partnership with Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury Town Council, and other stakeholders to ensure the ongoing success of the Order.

Yours faithfully,



Seb Slater
Executive Director