

## **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