

Item 13 – Public Spaces Protection Order – London Road, Halstead, Orpington by Pass Badgers Mount and the M25 Spur Road

The attached report was considered by the People & Places Advisory Committee on 30 November 2023. The relevant Minute extract is below.

People & Places Advisory Committee (30 November 2023, Minute 29)

The Health & Communities Manager presented the report, which proposed a four-week consultation regarding a public spaces protection order for London Road, Halstead, Orpington Bypass Badgers Mount and the M25 spur road. This PSPO would last for 3 years and would address, among other issues, the blocking of the road with car meets. This had been developed by officers from the council, Kent Police, Met Police, and Bromley Council working in partnership, as the issue was centred on the border between Sevenoaks and Bromley. The officer shared a video of the issue.

If approved by Cabinet, the consultation would begin on 15 December and run for four weeks. This would allow feedback from the consultation to be consolidated and fed back to the committee at its next meeting on 5 March 2024. The survey would be targeted to local residents most affected by the issue. It was anticipated that the cars would move elsewhere when challenged.

In response to questions, the officer explained that the police did check whether the cars were road legal. Members discussed the report, and noted that Laura Trott MP had written to the Portfolio Holder indicating their support for the order.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that Cabinet approves the consultation.