

Question 14, 16 and 17 allowed for free text comments on the proposed renewal of the Public Spaces Protection Order. Question with the proposal, 16 invited suggestions on areas that should be included and 17 asked if there were any roads that should be removed

Below are a list of these comments:

Question 14

- Should be town wide, just pushing out to the estates doesn't help local residents
- Drinking and defecating along the river areas and including the nuns bridges seating area
- Chuggers - charity collectors with clipboards trying to sign up donators - don't like having to run the gauntlet of this when trying to do a simple shop. Religious groups peddling their wares - again, I do not like running the gauntlet trying to avoid them all the time
- I live on White Hart Street and experience daily issues with street drinking and urination into and around my driveway. It's pretty upsetting as it is almost unstoppable and I'm planning to move away from Thetford in the spring as a result of the confrontation this causes. Please can I ask that Thomas Payne Avenue is also included, it's a small cut through from White Hart Street and due to it's secluded nature, one of the more affected areas.
- The appearance on the signs of the "No urinating or defecating" severely lowers the tone of the area. People should not need to be told that these activities are not permitted. I understand that if they are not listed on the signs, then they cannot be enforced as part of the PSPO. However, I assume there are already laws that could be used against offenders in this area, and I think the added burden of using them is a price worth paying in order to avoid having "No urinating or defecating" removed from the signs. I believe that technically the alcohol consumption ban also affects the green in front of The Light, which has been used as a seating area for the establishments nearby. Does this area need to be excluded from the PSPO, or does it need to be formally incorporated into the licensed premises of one of the licence-holders (if it hasn't been already)?
- Signs up everywhere saying "no defecation" with pictures of people defecating are disgusting and lower the image and feel of the town. Plus someone who has decided to defecate is unlikely to be put off by a sign!
- Every morning toilet issues in shop doorway where I work and the staff had to clean it up each time not very nice for us to do getting fed up with this .
- Drinking and cycle riding in the Thetford center area. Drinking is a serious concern around the betting shop areas and public open spaces adjacent to the rivers.
- I don't feel the issue is all skateboard, bike riders .. we ride bikes with my young children and always give space ... I think there a few types of people that don't do this and that's the issue rather than all bike riders
- I don't believe skateboard, bikes etc are the issue.... I think there are certain people using these that are the issue. I'm a bike rider with my young children and we give people space and do not affect anyone
- I agree with the proposal, but would like it Town Wide not just town centre
- Unfortunately I think the town is dying out over COVID. We should spend more time attracting more business. I have seen less streets drinking
- People congregating on Batten Island around Duleep Sing statue, rubbish being left which I used to clear away, need bin by river near old courthouse by bench.
- Drug abuse by the river
- Station Road, opposite the old Candy Shop. There are always drunks drinking there despite the current order. What is the point of the order if nothing is done about the drunks?
- This whole exercise is completely pointless if it is not vigorously enforced by the police - unless they will properly commit to no-nonsense enforcement, then it's a waste of time.

- Street drinking. 1.5 years. I see the same group of drinkers every morning as I walk home from work. (I work nights) I find it very disconcerting to see men getting drunk at 7am!

Question 16

- All in Thetford
- Nuns bridges area
- Thomas Payne Avenue
- The western half of Abbey Meadows, School Plane, the area around Ford Meadow and the small BTO car park (both sides of the river) at the north-eastern end of Barnham Cross Common.
- All areas of Thetford, including all estates
- Town wide
- All of Abbey Farm estate
- Should be extended to cover the carpark outside Tesco Express on Norwich Road

Question 17

- None, I actually believe it should cover the whole of Thetford. Why would drinking, urination and defecation be desirable anywhere?
- There is a ridiculously large area which cannot be adequately policed. Attention should focus on provision of public conveniences.
- Butter island they go there anyway.