

Alcohol Consumption Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The current alcohol consumption PSPO expires on 21 October this year. Section 60(2) of Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 enables the local authority that made the order to extend the period for which the PSPO has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent:

- (a) occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order, or
- (b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

The PSPO prohibits the consumption of alcohol where it is associated with nuisance or anti-social behaviour, or it is believed it will lead to nuisance or anti-social behaviour. The PSPO gives the Police and authorised Council officers the power to request an individual to stop drinking alcohol and to hand over any open or sealed container believed to contain alcohol. Failure to comply with these requirements is an offence.

The PSPO provides the Police and Council with another tool to reduce the impact of alcohol related nuisance and anti-social behaviour across Crawley particularly in relation to the impact street community drinking has in the Town Centre, Memorial Gardens and beyond.

Consultation will be undertaken to see whether there is public support for continuing to have such a PSPO for Crawley for a further three years.

- Consultation with key stakeholders and the public – 10th May until 7th June
- Cabinet briefing – 7th June
- Overview & Scrutiny Commission – 26th June
- Cabinet – 28th June
- Full Council – 19th July