

## Decision Document for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and map of location

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Great Wyrley Skate Park</b>
<b>Problem:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youths gathering being rowdy and inconsiderate</li> <li>• Large congregations of youths causing nuisance on the skate park alienating local young people who regularly use the skate park</li> <li>• Youth gathering using drugs and causing alarm and distress to residents</li> <li>• Youths travelling in on the train from out of the district to meet, cause nuisance and behave in an intimidating manner to residents both young and old</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased police presence at the skate parks as part of Operation Cable – a police operation tackling anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Two dispersal orders served by Staffordshire Police, providing the Police with powers to remove young people from the location and take them home or to a place of safety and to remove any property associated with anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Partnership operations (South Staffordshire Council, Staffordshire Police, British Transport Police) on the trains to stop and search people travelling through the district</li> <li>• Partnership discussion with Staffordshire Children’s Services to highlight any known young people who are being supported by Staffordshire Families &amp; Communities or Children’s Safeguarding</li> </ul>
<b>Why is a PSPO required?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the PSPO the type of anti-social behaviour that is not acceptable is identified. If police or South Staffordshire Council employees witness this unacceptable behaviour a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued on the spot.</li> </ul>
<b>Consultation Comments:</b>	<p>Councillors’ comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “There have been issues at the location for some time and she fully supports the PSPO”</li> <li>• “Fully support the public places protection order for Landywood Playing Fields as there have been many issues there which hopefully the order will prevent or reduce”</li> <li>• “I support the PSPO in this location”</li> </ul>
	<p>Residents’ comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We have no objections to the PSPO and welcome the action being taken. Backing on to the field it is great when it’s just locals playing and enjoying the space, having lived here for 50 years, there has been the odd time things have happened, but lately it happens more and more especially frightening is the setting of fires, which seems to be a</li> </ul>

	<p>favourite, and we all know what damage an out of control fire can cause, and we will not go around the area at night because groups can be very intimidating. So sooner the better as far as we are concerned”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We have no objections to the PSPO”</li> </ul>
	<p>Great Wyrley Parish Council is keen to progress the order due to the increase in anti-social behaviour which includes large gathering of youths causing a nuisance, drug use, lighting fires and intimidation of others using the playing fields and play area. They asked for confirmation that the Coop car park will be included too.</p>
	<p>Staffordshire Police agree with the proposed Public Space Protection Order. They comment that it will certainly support Police in moving forward and addressing Anti-Social Behaviour and criminality in the area.</p>
	<p>Staffordshire Highways have no objections to the PSPO.</p>
Signage Information	<p><b>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER</b>  <b>Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014</b></p> <p>Prohibited Behaviour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act in an anti-social manner including being rowdy and inconsiderate causing alarm, harassment and distress to residents and other people</li> <li>• Use intoxicating substances (which include alcohol and what are commonly referred to as illegal highs and emerging drugs)</li> <li>• Use BBQs and open fires</li> </ul> <p>Offenders will be liable to a Fixed Penalty Fine of £100 or Prosecution with a fine of up to £1000  For more information visit <a href="http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk">www.sstaffs.gov.uk</a></p>
Solution Following Consultation:	<p>Following consultation, it is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Wyrley Skate Park and Playing Fields opposite Landywood Railway Station including land leading up to and incorporating the Co-op, including the car park, are subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order highlighting unacceptable behaviour which, if breached, will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice</li> </ul>

