

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

Location:	Orchard Lane, Shareshill
Problem:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping on several occasions causing the road to be blocked. • Inconvenience for local motorists and visitors to the area • Distress caused to residents who walk and run along the lane • Costs incurred by the District Council for removal of waste • County Council who must close the lane – cost and time impact
Action Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covert cameras along the lane to identify fly tippers and obtain details of vehicles for evidence • Signage indicating that fly tippers will be prosecuted
Why is a PSPO required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who wish to ‘fly-tip’ have targeted Orchard Lane due to the rural nature of the location. • South Staffordshire Council cannot rely on the fly tipping being witnessed, being a remote location, which makes it difficult to target the offenders and significantly lowers the possibility of bringing forward any successful prosecutions. • The fly tipping has had a detrimental cost both in terms of the environment and the Council due to the costs of removal. • A Gating Order sits within the PSPO and will mean if all residents who are consulted agree, then the lane will be closed permanently for three years, however people who need access can hold keys e.g. residents who live on Orchard Lane.
Consultation comments:	<p>Councillors’ comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The preferred option is for only one gate to be erected at the junction with Orchard Lane and Latherford Lane It was suggested for a Highways Sign at the junction of Orchard Lane and School Lane/Saredon Road opposite Shareshill School advising “No Through Road”. The gate will need to be designed for access for horse riders and pedestrians and three keys will be required for local farmers and landowners those being Julian and James Fack, Andy Wood and Marcus Whitehouse” • “Fully support the inclusion of the gates at Latherford lane and at the other end of Orchard Lane, just past the residential properties as suggested. The lane needs to be kept in a clean condition for pedestrian and cyclists.” • “The local farmer is likely to need access and must be engaged in talks as most likely his tractor helped to deposit mud into Orchard Lane and it would be advisable for him

	<p>to have two individual entrances to his fields from Latherford Lane if possible.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Fully support the PSPO in this location”
	<p>South Staffordshire Council suggests that with one gate and signage indicating “No Through Road” that it is unlikely that fly tipping will continue.</p>
	<p>Residents’ comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No objections to the Public Spaces Protection Order , including the Gating order but would prefer for the gate to be sited past the residential properties. People would be happy to hold a key and include the Parish Council as a keyholder too.” • “Would Latherford Lane become the next location for fly tipper though?”
	<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, and logistics of the installation of a gate and signage will be determined following the PSPO being served</p>
Signage Information:	<p>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014</p> <p>Prohibited Behaviour: Fly tipping of any material along Orchard Lane</p> <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 www.sstaffs.gov.uk</p>
Solution Following Consultation:	<p>Following consultation, it is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One end of the lane at the junction with Latherford Lane is gated and no through road signage is installed at the junction with Saredon Road meaning it will be permanently blocked for motorists and other road users who are passing through Shareshill. Further consultation will be held about the Gating Order following the implementation of the PSPO.

