

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

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Wombourne: Maypole, Library, Community Centre, Brickbridge Lane Playing Fields</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 to residents visiting the village shops</li> <li>• Youths gathering causing damage to local environment</li> <li>• Youths climbing onto roof of community centre causing alarm and distress to visitors to the Library and Community Centre and to local residents</li> <li>• Youths congregating and using drugs on the playing fields</li> <li>• Youths drinking and being rowdy and inconsiderate on the playing fields causing alarm and distress to residents</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased police presence.</li> <li>• A dispersal order 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>• Target hardening including CCTV and anti-vandal paint</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>• "Fully supportive of all the actions for Wombourne, especially Windmill Bank - as a resident it's been mayhem."</li> <li>• "Fully supportive of the Wombourne PSPO."</li> <li>• "Full support for the PSPO in this location."</li> </ul>
	<p>Wombourne Parish Council has no objections to Public Spaces Protection Orders being put into place in the locations proposed. The Councillors have asked for confirmation that the area will include the car park and MUGA at Brickbridge Playing Fields, and the whole of the Community Centre and car park.</p>
	<p>Residents' comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "PSPO s are one tool.....another is leaving things as they are but fine or lock up those responsible for ASB otherwise it just moves the problem elsewhere. Those that graffitied in village and were caught were made to clean off their graffiti.... should have been named/shamed n fined as a minimum, then made to do community payback .....there's loads they can do on the giggetty."</li> <li>• "PSPO in certain area will move it to another spot, it's the lack of police patrolling the streets in Wombourne. The amount of time police cars are zooming up common road</li> </ul>

	<p>on blue lights yet nothing actually on the pavements is done to break up the large groups of teenagers blasting out loud music and foul language. When walking up the railway walk, especially under planks lane bridge, always feels threatening with groups hanging around. We need to see a more frequent stronger police presence in Wombourne streets at all times and not just have police cars sitting on the civic car park, get them out and patrol the streets, make themselves visible.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Heartily approves of the PSPO and is in favour of the implementation.”</li> </ul>
	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.
	Staffordshire Highways have no objections to the PSPO.
Signage Information:	<p>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014</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> </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>• Windmill Bank near the Maypole, toilets, Community Centre, Library and car park are subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order highlighting unacceptable behaviour which, if breached, will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice</li> <li>• Brickbridge Lane playing fields including the car park and coppice to the North West and North East be subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order.</li> </ul>

