

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

Location:	Wombourne Sewage Works
Problem:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping on several occasions being unsightly for residents which includes building waste, household waste and other general waste • Access prevented by Severn Trent employees due to waste blocking the access road • Unsightly to residents and damaging the environment
Action Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covert cameras to watch out for fly tippers and obtain details of vehicles for evidence • Clearing of waste materials
Why is a PSPO required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who wish to ‘fly-tip’ have targeted Wombourne Sewage Works due to the rural nature of the location • The fly tipping has had a detrimental cost both in terms of the environment and Severn Trent 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. employees of Severn Trent
Consultation Comments:	<p>Councillors’ comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The lock has been cut off the gate of the former ST sewage treatment works, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne and many used tyres have been dumped on the site. This is more evidence to support the installation of a barrier at the start of the bridle path. Also, in response to a report of fly tipping the I’m frustrated that it has taken this long to get the proposal of a gate along the bridle path and many more incidents makes us (the Council) not look good in the eyes of residents, as is borne out by comments on social media.” • “Further fly tipping occurrences have brought the total to four in one week. It included masonry at the start of the track and considerable amount in gate three.” • “I support the PSPO in this location.”
	<p>Landowners’ comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A slight concern over the practicality of accessing the STW site given the number of different parties who will require access and will the gate have a key or a coded lock?” • “A mobile phone mast is situated off the access track on STW land, their engineers will also require regular access.” • “What will be the position of the gate and who is funding it?”
	<p>Residents’ comments:</p>

	<p>“Total support for the installation of gates/barrier at the Severn Trent Sewage Plant, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne. The area along the bridle path is a haven for wildlife but it has been continually spoiled by acts persistent fly tipping which has a detrimental effect on the people who live close by, and those who use the bridle path for pleasure. The offending is persistent, even though there are signs up stating offenders will be prosecuted, the area is unsuitable for CCTV, due it being tree lined. By installing some form of a barrier would hopefully stop future offending. There have been 2 large incidents of fly tipping at this site this week (email dated 15.09.22), one appears where a person/s have gained access into the STW site and dumped a huge load of tyres. In addition to the gated barrier at the STWW entrance there should be similar at the other entrance, just off Heath Mill Close, otherwise offending will continue along this path. Once these barriers have been installed the local community can start enjoying this area again.”</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 – the gate will not be installed by Highways but needs to be positioned for wagons to safely pull off the road to be able open and close the gate.</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 the entrance road to the Wombourne Sewage Works</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"> • The path leading from the B4176 into the treatment plan is gated from the main road. • A key is kept by relevant landowners and companies for vehicular access • Further discussions will be held about the Gating Order once the PSPO has been implemented

