



Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 21ST AUGUST 2023

To: Members of the Planning Committee:

Councillors Connolly (Chair), Haque (Vice Chair), Birch, Brown, Choudary, G Eales, T Eales, Fuchshuber, Ismail, Lane, Meredith and Purser

Cc'd to all councillors electronically for information

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee of Northampton Town Council to be held in the Town Council Committee Room at Northampton Guildhall on Monday 21st August at 18.00

This meeting is open to the public and press to attend and those attending the meeting shall be informed that they may be recorded. Public participation is in accordance with the Town Council's public participation policy.

Stuart Carter
Town Clerk
15th August 2023

Guildhall
Northampton
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PLANNING COMMITTEE – 24TH JULY 2023

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JULY AT 6PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM LOCATED IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Councillors Haque (Deputy Chair, from minute 17), Birch, Fuchshuber, Meredith and Purser.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs J Thorneycroft (Assistant Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

12. ELECTION OF A SUBSTITUTE CHAIR

Due to the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair an election of a Substitute Chair was held.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Purser Chairs this meeting in absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Connolly (Chair), Choudary, G Eales and Lane.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted.

15. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2023

RESOLVED: The Substitute Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th June as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

16. DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER REPORT IN REGARDS TO SEEKING PLANNING ADVICE AND PLANNING CONSULTANT

The Democratic Services Officer explained that the Town Clerk had attended a planning course with SLCC hosted by Mrs Andrea Pellegram and he suggested the Town Council request whether she would be happy to assist us with planning advice, planning representations, HMOs and Neighbourhood Plan. She continued that Mrs Pellegram was happy to assist the Town Council with our endeavours.

The Democratic Services Officer stated the Town Council had contacted at least two other planning consultants however, they were either at capacity and were not interested in assisting the Council in developing a neighbourhood plan. She continued that Mrs Andrea Pellegram provided training courses and recommended that the Town Council's Planning Committee attend one on Neighbourhood Planning.

A Councillor stated that a discussion on Neighbourhood Plans needed to be held as it would take a long time to undertake therefore, it may be more beneficial for the Planning Committee to engage with West Northamptonshire Council on our concerns whilst they were formulating their "Development Plan". A Councillor agreed with the Councillor's sentiments stating that she had worked on a Neighbourhood Plan that has been six-years in the making and was just approaching it's final consultation stage before being adopted.

A Councillor stated any planning assistance and advice would be greatly welcomed to help guide this Committee.

In response to a question, the Democratic Services Officer explained she had requested further detail from Mrs Andrea Pellegram on her hourly rate and costs however, she was yet to hear a response. A Councillor stated that the Policy and Finance Committee should be consulted for guidance because, if the Committee sought Planning Advice on a high-volume of applications then it could become costly.

AGREED: That the Planning Committee attend a Q&A Session with Mrs Andrea Pellegram of Pellegram Ltd to gain further information on her services.

DSO's Note: The Deputy Chair had joined the meeting and therefore undertook the chairing of this meeting from

this agenda item onwards.

17. DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER REPORT ON THE GREYFRIARS DEVELOPMENT

The Democratic Services Officer advised the Committee that West Northamptonshire Council had issued a news story seeking engineers and designers to assist in the vision for the former Grey Friars site. She continued that Greyfriars was the largest brownfield site within West Northamptonshire and suggested that the Committee consider if and how they wish to engage with the principal authority on this.

A Councillor stated that a new coach interchange was required as the current interchange on Victoria Street was subpar with no facilities or free-to-use toilets. A Councillor added that there had been many ideas and designs issued on the site however, none had come to fruition.

A Councillor suggested that a meeting be requested with the appropriate West Northamptonshire Council regeneration team focusing on the Greyfriars site to gain more information and engage with them.

AGREED: That the Planning Committee wish to engage with West Northamptonshire Council on the Greyfriars Development.

18. TOWN CLERKS REPORT ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Democratic Services Officer stated that the Town Clerk completed a report on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). She added the rationale was that the Town Council had received a payment of £9,599 from West Northamptonshire Council as a CIL payment though, it was currently unclear what development(s) constituted the payment. The Democratic Services Officer explained she had requested a CIL Officer to attend a meeting however, they do not have capacity at the moment for one to attend.

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19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH OF NORTHAMPTON AS NOTIFIED BY WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (THE PLANNING AUTHORITY)

Application No	Site Address and Proposal	Comments
73. WNN/2023/0526	31, Abington Park Crescent, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3AD Construction of detached garage to right of existing property with dual pitched roof	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
74. WNN/2023/0562	44, Victoria Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5ED Change of Use from House in Multiple Occupation for 5 occupants (Use Class C4) to House in Multiple Occupation for 7 occupants (Sui Generis)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
75. WNN/2023/0563	26, Adams Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4LQ Change of Use from House in Multiple Occupation for 5 occupants (Use Class C4) to House in Multiple Occupation for 6 occupants (Use Class C4)	The Planning Committee raised concerns with the sizing of the bedrooms and the lack of amenities for the proposed number of occupants.
76. WNN/2023/0543	468, Billing Road East, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3LF Change of Use of School (Use Class F1) to Members Only Retail Club (Sui Generis)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

		with retention of storage building, utilising existing access to highway with new car parking, internal layout and part c/u to garden for 468 Billing Road East	
77.	WNN/2023/0599	140, Abington Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4PD Prior Notification of Change of Use from existing Takeaway (Sui Generis) to 3no single bed Studio Flats (Use Class C3) on the ground floor	The Planning Committee raised concerns with the lack of light into two of the studio suites and ventilation. Furthermore, it was raised the development would contribute further to pre-existing highways issues on Abington Avenue.
78.	WNN/2023/0561	59, Holly Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4QL Construction of rear garage and store together with internal alterations and side extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
79.	WNN/2023/0521	2, Abington Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2AJ Replacement of existing entrance lobby aluminium shopfront and door with new aluminium shopfront and doorway in white. Existing aluminium shopfront to be repainted white. Replacement of decayed stonework plinth to full perimeter of shopfront with new stone to match existing.	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
80.	WNN/2021/0949	L H Jaffa Car Park, Albert Place, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Development of 10no Apartments on 4 storeys with associated bin and cycle storage	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
81.	WNN/2023/0565	Rock Bottom Discount Car Park, 32, Abington Grove, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4QX Change of Use from Store Car Park (Sui Generis) to Trade Yard For Garden and Building Products with Parking (Sui Generis)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
82.	WNN/2023/0568	1, Mulberry Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7AW Single storey rear extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
83.	WNN/2023/0571	34, Austin Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3EY Change of Use from Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 4 occupants	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
84.	WNN/2023/0572	60, Gold Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1RS Change of Use of existing Offices (Use Class E) to House in Multiple Occupation for 22no occupants (Sui Generis). Class E Use retained at ground floor level of 56 Gold Street, 58 Gold Street and partly 60 Gold Street.	The Planning Committee OBJECTED to the proposed development commenting the rooms were small in size with a lack of facilities for a HMO of 22 occupants especially with on two kitchens available.
85.	WNN/2023/0575	3, Lakeside Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7FG Single storey rear and side extension, first	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

		floor extension over existing garage and loft conversion	
86.	WNN/2023/0570	25, Northwood Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2LR Erection of single storey side extension with load-bearing walls, new windows and new external door, creation of single opening into existing end gable wall to create access from main house to new single storey extension and minor alterations to existing interiors with the relocated open plan kitchen/living, wc/shower and storage area	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
87.	WNN/2023/0578	1, Kingsley Gardens, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7BW Erection of one-bedroom bungalow	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
88.	WNN/2023/0631	The Royal Theatre Royal And Derrogate Theatres, Guildhall Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1EA Listed Building Consent Application for replacement of the safety curtain hoist	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
89.	WNN/2023/0579	86, Palmerston Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5EX Single storey wrap around and two storey rear extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
90.	WNN/2023/0585	Unit 7 St James Retail Park, Towcester Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1EE Installation of two rapid electric vehicle charging stations within the car park of McDonalds. Two existing parking spaces will become EV charging bays, along with associated equipment	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
91.	WNN/2023/0586	64, St Giles Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1JW Change of Use from Shop (Use Class E) to Piercing and Tattoo Studio (Sui Generis)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
92.	WNN/2023/0541	109, Balfour Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 6JE Single storey front extension and single storey rear extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
93.	WNN/2023/0463	535, Wellingborough Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3HU Vehicular access to property including dropped kerb	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
94.	WNN/2023/0600	4, Woodrush Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7HU Part single storey front extension and extension above existing side projection	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
95.	WNN/2023/0604	1, Holly Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4QL Addition of a lower ground floor light-well and internal reconfigurations	The Planning Committee OBJECTED to the proposed development on the grounds of overdevelopment.
96.	WNN/2023/0612	8, Chestnut Terrace, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2JT Single/double storey rear extensions and	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

		new garage to side	
97.	WNN/2023/0590	50, Colwyn Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3PX Removal of Condition 1 of Planning Permission N/1992/734 (Convert house to seven individual person accommodation units comprising one self-contained flat and six bed sitting rooms)	The Planning Committee OBJECTED to the proposed development as the drawings were insufficient and do not clearly demonstrate the facilities on offer and recommended the applicant re-submit more adequate drawings.
98.	WNN/2023/0616	45, Wycliffe Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5JQ Single storey rear extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
99.	WNN/2023/0618	73, Coaching Walk, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3EU Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
100.	WNN/2023/0620	85, Bushland Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2NP 7 by 7 metre detached garage	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
101.	WNN/2023/0614 WNN/2023/0615	30, Billing Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5DQ Listed Building Consent Application for the installation of air-source heat pumps and fitting of wrought iron security gates	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
102.	WNN/2023/0529	81, Northampton Lane South, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7RJ New dropped kerb and driveway installation	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
103.	WNN/2023/0607	1, Weedon Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5BE Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission N/2020/0717 (Replacement door and new windows) to change from non-opening windows to windows that can be opened	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
104.	WNN/2023/0534	33, Marefair, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1SR Listed Building Consent Application for repairs to roof, chimney stack, rendering and ceilings, installation of new fire doors and repairs to existing and improvement to fire-stopping measures	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
105.	WNN/2023/0625	55, Westcott Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3BE Two storey side extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
106.	WNN/2023/0189	25, Gold Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1RA Development works to an existing commercial property including third floor mansard type roof extension with dormer projections and a 3 storey flat roof rear extension creating 6no office units	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
107.	WNN/2023/0624	6, St Michaels Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4JQ Create of 1no one bedroom flat on each of the four floors within each of the two	The Planning Committee recommended that Northamptonshire Highways be consulted and provide a report on any highways issues that may be incurred.

	properties (these are now combined) with a mezzanine floor on the top floor (total of 8no additional flats), including small rear extension to house bathrooms/kitchens	In addition the Committee commented that the plans did not state where household refuse would be stored.
108. WNN/2022/1391	Planning Dump Address Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission N/2014/1429 for 264 no dwellings on Phase 1B (part of) Dallington Grange and approval of conditions 11, 12, 14, 19, 20, 24, 29, 30, 39, 40 and 41 of N/2014/1429	The Planning Committee agreed that the developers of the Dallington Grange be invited to provide a presentation to the Committee with invitations extended to neighbouring Parish Councils to gain further information and detail on the development. <i>DSO's Note: Persimmons has been contacted to request a meeting date to be arranged.</i>

20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No discussion was held under this agenda item.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH OF NORTHAMPTON AS NOTIFIED BY WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (THE PLANNING AUTHORITY)

Application No	Site Address and Proposal
1. WNN/2023/0604	1, Holly Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4QL Addition of a lower ground floor light-well and internal reconfigurations to help accommodate up to 19 occupants.
2. WNN/2023/0691	306, Wellingborough Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4EP Change of Use from Office (Use Class E) to Residential (Use Class C3), including single storey rear extension and second floor rear extension over outrigger
3. WNN/2023/0681	2, Clare Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3JF Conversion and change of use of existing building into 14no Flats
4. WNN/2023/0679	1, Junction Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7JQ Subdivision of existing Retail Premises to create 2no Retail Units and part Change of Use to form 1no Takeaway Unit
5. WNN/2023/0670 6. WNN/2023/0669	The Hawkins Building, Overstone Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Removal of Condition 14 of Planning Permission N/2021/0342 (Conversion and alterations of factory premises to form 43no Apartments) which would remove the requirement to make alterations to the St Michael's Road highway and would mean that in the region of 16no on-street car parking spaces would not be provided by the development
7. WNN/2023/0698	20, Ryland Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7DL Ground floor side and rear extension
8. WNN/2023/0668	38, Gold Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1RS Erection of extensions to provide 6no Apartments on the roof of 38-40 Gold Street
9. WNN/2023/0690	31, Crawford Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5PA Residential Annexe
10. WNN/2023/0664	92, Lower Adelaide Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 6BB Conversion of storage units to rear into 3 flats (re-submission of WNN/2023/0291)
11. WNN/2023/0649	141, Wycliffe Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5JJ Change of Use from Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 6 occupants
12. WNN/2023/0661	29, Briton Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2BS New single side garage
13. WNN/2023/0647	223, Hazeldene Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7NZ Single storey rear extension
14. WNN/2023/0663	1, Marchwood Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 8PP First floor side extension

15. WNN/2023/0644	30, Oliver Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7JJ Change of Use from Coach House (Sui Generis) to Domestic Dwelling (Use Class C3)
16. WNN/2023/0651	Carlsberg Brewery, 140, Bridge Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1PZ Removal of 2no windows at ground floor level to South elevation of brewhouse and replacement with composite cladding to afford access and egress of brewing vessels
17. WNN/2023/0642	British Telecom, Spring Gardens, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1LZ Installation and replacement of antennas, equipment housing and ancillary development at existing communications site
18. WNN/2023/0628 19. WNN/2023/0627	Garage Premises Fire Brigade Divisional H Q, Upper Mounts, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3DN Listed Building Consent Application for removal of 3no antennas to be replaced with 6no new antennas, 1no new GPS node and associated ancillary works thereto
20. WNN/2023/0343	99, Colwyn Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3PU Conversion into 9no Flats
21. WNN/2023/0636	13, Wheatfield Gardens, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2NF Single storey rear extension
22. WNN/2023/0629	377, Billing Road East, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3LL Single storey rear extension and front porch
23. WNN/2023/0536	Just For Pets, Commercial Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1PJ Demolition of existing building and conversion of land to use as an electric vehicle charging hub, including installation of charging points, erection of substations and associated external works and landscaping
24. WNN/2023/0461 25. WNN/2023/0460	60, Bridge Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1PA Listed Building Consent Application for Conversion and Change of Use from Bar/Restaurant (Sui Generis) to 6no Apartments (Use Class C3) and Ground Floor Retail (Use Class E), including single storey rear extension
26. WNN/2023/0584	18, Freehold Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 6EW Change of Use from Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for four occupants
27. WNN/2023/0743	Land at, The Nurseries, Northampton Prior notification for installation of 20m high slim-line phase 9 monopole, supporting 6no antennas, 3no equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto including 1no GPS module
28. WNN/2023/0717	16 Magnolia Close, Northampton NN3 3XE Extension and part-conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation together with new porch canopy roof.

Northampton Town Council

Semilong and Trinity Neighbourhood Plan – Funding Allocation – report of Town Clerk

Purpose of report: To seek the committee's approval regarding the next stage of expenditure

Recommended: That the approve the expenditure

1. Introduction

The committee will recall that the Town Council agreed to be redesignated as the named organisation responsible for completing the Trinity and Semilong Neighbourhood Plan. The formation of the plan had proceeded before the establishment of the Town Council. However, upon the town council's creation it was agreed to redesignate it from the resident's organisation to the town council.

Accordingly, the Town Council has been the named body in consultations. The redesignation has caused delays, as it had to go through a legal process, which we are informed had not happened before.

The plan has now reached the regulation 14 stage, this being:

Pre-submission consultation and publicity

14. Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

In order to undertake this the following expenditure is required:

LAB Planning Services Ltd

Making necessary changes to Plan following Regulation 14 public consultation:

- 4 days @£400 per day = £1600
- Produce a Consultation Statement 2 days @ £400 per day = £800
- Produce a Basic Conditions Statement 2 days@£400 per day = £800

Third Ave

- Updating website for public consultation = £120

Tangerine Red

- 1 x Roller Banner 900 x 2m = £80 + vat
- Artwork = £45 + vat

Refreshments for consultation events £50

- £50

TOTAL: £3,495

2. Budgetary Implications

The Planning Committee has a budget of £10,000 for Neighbourhood Plans. No expenditure has been spent from this heading in the current financial year.

Northampton Town Council

WNC Street Trading Policy Consultation –report of Town Clerk

Purpose of report: To inform the committee of a Street trading Consultation
Recommended: That the committee consider whether it wants to respond

West Northamptonshire Council is undertaking an 8-week consultation on the Draft Street Trading Policy 2023.

WNC is responsible for regulating street trading in the West Northants area including:

- *Providing Street Trading Consent to traders wishing to sell goods from designated streets (or consent streets)*
- *Preventing illegal trading across the area*

West Northants the Council is keen to engage with all stakeholders to develop the Street Trading Policy that will supersede the current policies for the Daventry, Northampton and South Northants Areas.

The West Northamptonshire Council Street Trading Policy sets out the management of street trading. The aims of this policy is to regulate street trading activities and to prevent obstruction of streets in the district by street trading.

Key details that the draft policy focuses on include:

- *Regulation of the location and number of street traders,*
- *Offering assistance to traders, by providing understanding of where street trade is encouraged, the application and decision making process,*
- *Detail on where consent will not normally be granted in respect of certain sites,*
- *Consent conditions including site and trading conditions.*

The draft policy can be downloaded from https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/street-trading-policy-2023/user_uploads/draft-street-trading-policy-v1.pdf

Northampton Town Council

Public Spaces Protection Order renewal for Northampton 2023– report of Town Clerk

Purpose of report: To inform the committee of WNCs intention to renew the Northampton Public Spaces Protection Order

Recommended: That the committee consider whether it wants to respond

Overview

WNC consulting on renewing the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Northampton to help tackle nuisance or problem behaviour.

A PSPO can deal with persistent and unreasonable nuisances and anti-social behaviour that has a negative effect on the quality of life for the local community in a particular area and intend to help ensure that members of the public and local communities can use and enjoy open areas and public spaces, helping to make Northampton a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Background

A PSPO is a power that allows councils to impose restrictions on a defined area to tackle nuisance or problem behaviour under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

West Northamptonshire Council have a PSPO in place that covers the Northampton Town area (Northampton Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order 2020), which was introduced in response to issues of, or that cause, anti-social behaviour, this PSPO needs renewing. Therefore, the PSPO has been reviewed and we are looking to extend this for a further 3 years up to September 2026.

The following provides a summary of what the PSPO covers. The PSPO disallows:

- *The use of intoxicating substances, this includes illegal or psychoactive substances*
- *Having an item in possession to use/take an intoxicating substance, this includes needles, smoking devices that are not e-cigarettes*
- *Consumption of alcohol in unauthorised or unlicensed open areas, for example on streets*
- *Urinating or defecating in public places, unless a toilet has been provided for that purpose*
- *Spitting*
- *Riding a bike or scooter when requested not to do so by the Police or a council authorised person*
- *Busking when requested not to do so by the Police or a council authorised person*

Failure to comply with the order is subject to a fine.

The current Order also has provision for the control of dogs; these have been removed from this renewal, as they are now covered under a separate Order.

There is a legal requirement for WNC to have evidence to show the need for orders to be adopted, varied, or extended. WNC are therefore using this consultation to gather views, evidence, and information.

The full order can be downloaded from https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/community-safety/pspo-renewal-for-northampton/user_uploads/draft-wnc--northampton--pspo-2023-cd-amends-v0.1.pdf

The order covers the area formerly known as Northampton Borough. The consultation is undertaken via a survey to be found at <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/community-safety/pspo-renewal-for-northampton/consultation/intro/>