

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000331
Date 01 August 2016

Public Space Protection Orders

Request:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Please state how many Public Space Protection Orders the council currently has in place? **2.**
2. Of the question 1 figure, please state how many of these PSPOs simply replicate pre-existing Dog Control Orders, Gating Orders, or Designated Public Place Orders? **0**
Notes to question 2 - PSPOs that "simply replicate pre-existing" orders means that the PSPO in question has the same terms and scope (cosmetic changes aside) as the previous order. If the area that the previous order covered was extended under the PSPO, or more prohibited/regulated behaviour was added under the PSPO, then it should not be considered to be replicating a pre-existing order for the purposes of this question.
3. Of the question 1 figure, and excluding the PSPOs referred to in question 2, how many of these PSPOs relate **solely** to dog control (in the manner of a Dog Control Order), alcohol consumption (in the manner of a DPPO), or public access to public rights of way (in the manner of Gating Orders)? **0**
Notes to question 3 - this figure must exclude all PSPOs included in the response to question 2. It should include "new" Dog Control Orders, DPPOs and Gating Orders introduced as PSPOs under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 - but only if they **solely** concern this behaviour, and not if they include this behaviour in a broader PSPO covering other behaviour as well.
4. For the PSPOs counted for the question 1 figure - but excluding those PSPOs counted for the question 2 figure or the question 3 figure - please provide details of each PSPO, including the date it was implemented, the area it covers, the activities it regulates or prohibits, and the reasons for its introduction. Please include a copy of each PSPO?
[The Low Hill PSPO was implemented on 20 July 2015. The area covered is shown on the attached plan and the activities it regulates are shown below. It was introduced to end a long standing unauthorised encampment problem by the Traveller community and associated behaviours.](#)
[The Low Hill PSPO states: - "Everyone is prohibited from the following activities in any 'public area' within the zone":](#)

- Parking a caravan, or being in a caravan
- Fly-tipping or littering
- Allowing a dog belonging to you or your family to be outside of your control or outside of home without a lead

The Park Village PSPO was implemented on 20 July 2015 and the activities it regulates is shown below. It was introduced to address unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour. The area it covers is shown on the attached map
The Park Village PSPO states: - "Everyone is prohibited from the following activities in any 'public area' within the zone –

- Carrying any open container of alcohol
- Playing any ball games in the street
- Creating excessive or unreasonable noise levels
- Littering or fly-tipping
- Urinating
- Allowing dog-fouling

Notes to question 4 - this is simply asking for the requested details of all PSPOs that are not *solely* Dog Control Orders, DPPOs or Gating Orders.

5. Please state how many convictions or sanctions have so far been issued under each PSPO listed in response to question 4. If possible please break this figure down by which part of each PSPO was breached in each case, and whether the penalty was a fine or a conviction.

Low Hill PSPO:

Two Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for parking a caravan inside the PSPO area and approximately 25 other people have received verbal warnings to leave the area which they did without the need for additional enforcement. Seven Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for littering.

Park Village PSPO:

Seven Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for littering or fly tipping and around 20 other people have received verbal warnings to pour open cans of alcohol away. These verbal warnings achieved the desired outcome without the need for further enforcement.

Notes to question 5 - if the council cannot provide the information requested in question 5 within the section 12 cost limit, please state that the information is "not held" and respond to the remainder of this request. If the data is held by the local police force rather than by the council, please pass on this specific part of my request (ie question 5) to the police force in question.

6. Please provide details of any PSPOs the council is currently proposing or considering, including the dates they would be implemented from, the areas they would cover, the activities they would regulate or prohibit, and the reasons for their proposed introduction.

The current Citywide DPPO is likely to be replaced by a PSPO on 1 November 2017 to regulate the consumption of alcohol in the street associated with anti-social behaviour to minimise it's impact and the current Fouling of land by dogs Wolverhampton Order 2007 which is City wide is likely to be replaced by a PSPO on 1 November 2017 to promote responsible dog ownership and a clean environment.

The Resident
Low Hill
Wolverhampton



Please ask for Andrew Bryant
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1 August 2015

Dear Resident,

OFFICIAL NOTICE - PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) FOR LOW HILL

On 20th July 2015 by individual executive notice, the City of Wolverhampton Council resolved that for an initial period of three years, a Public Space Protection Order will be in place for a section of Low Hill to try to address unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour. The City Council, Wolverhampton Homes, and West Midlands Police support this action. Please refer to the **attached map** overleaf to see where the controlled zone is.

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If any individual within the zone breaches this order, **Fixed Penalty Notices of £80 will be issued**. If there is on-going repeat breach a Court can impose a higher fine on individuals. ‘Public areas’ include the highway, public footpaths, and public areas of land such as communal car parks or grassed areas. Whilst arrangements are being made for the implementation of this order (publicity and signage), there will be an initial grace period and no action will be taken before **1st September 2015**.

You may wish to seek legal advice in relation to the introduction of the order.
For further information please go to www.whomes.org.uk/asb

Yours Faithfully
Andrew Bryant ASB Team Leader – **Wolverhampton Anti-social Behaviour Team**

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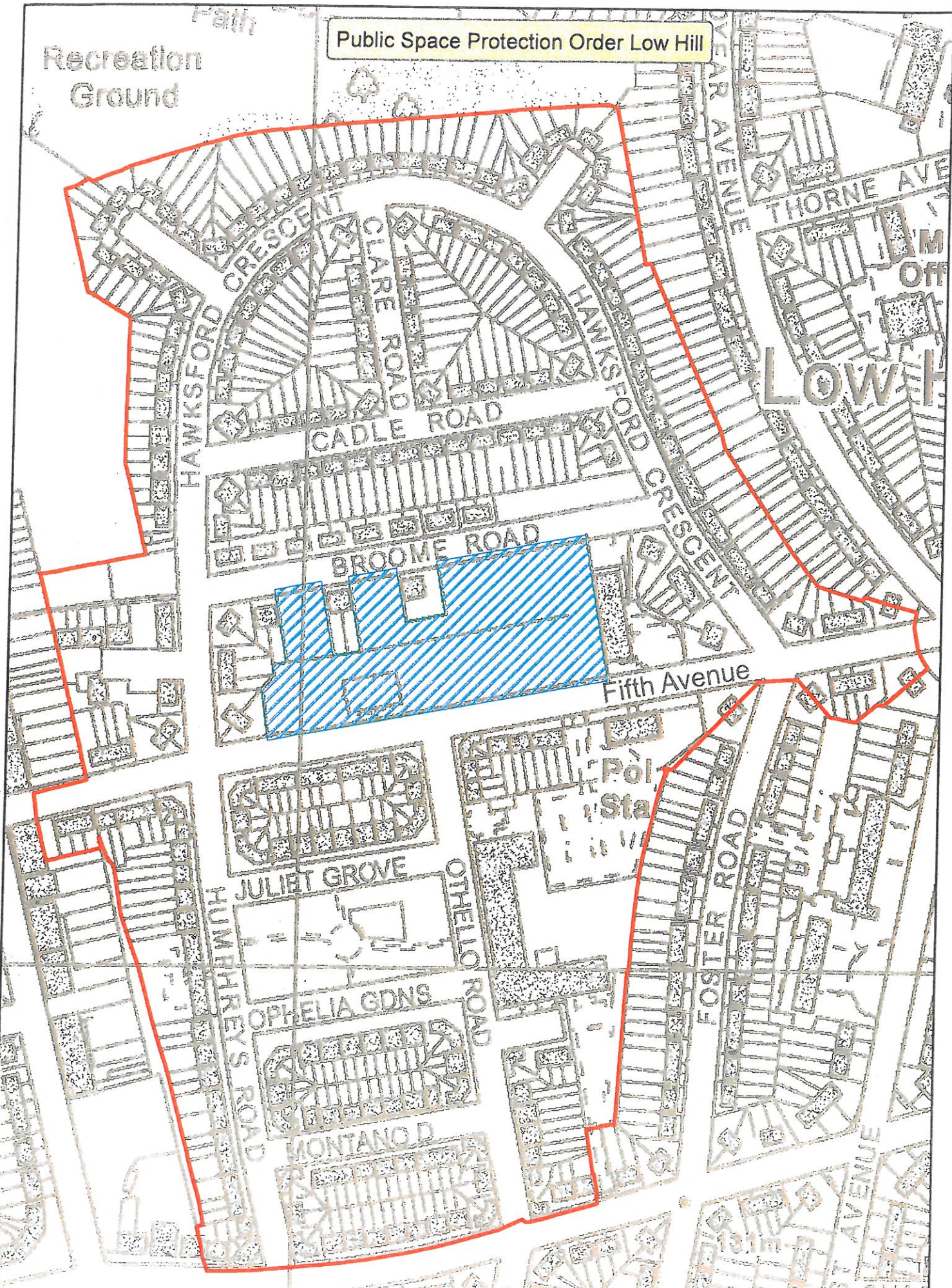
Yours Faithfully

Andrew Bryant ASB Team Leader (**Wolverhampton Anti-Social Behaviour Team**)

Public Space Protection Order Low Hill

Recreation Ground

LOW HILL



Public Space Protection Order Park Village

