
TITLE: PSPO LITTLEPORT (DESIGNATED AREAS)

Committee: Community Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider a Public Spaces Protection Order for land designated at St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members are requested to adopt the 'East Cambridgeshire District Council Crime and Policing Act 2014, Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 (St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport) as set out in Appendix F, to come in to force from 01 October 2017;
- 2.2 Members are requested to consider receiving proposals for future variations to the proposed Order based on a monitoring period and public consultation feedback.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 gave local authorities the power to designate public areas through the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs).
- 3.2 Public spaces protection orders (PSPOs) are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.
- 3.3 Robust evidence must be forthcoming before a PSPO can be considered as an intervention. A PSPO can be made by the council if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities carried out or likely to be carried out, in a public space:
- have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
 - is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature;

- is, or is likely to be, unreasonable; and
- Justifies the restrictions imposed.

- 3.4 The vicinity of St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport has been identified as an area suitable for a PSPO.

The Constabulary made initial representation to the District Council requesting the potential for a PSPO at the proposed sites in May 2017.

A series of meetings and email dialogues confirmed the key stages of the process with Cambridgeshire Constabulary. As Cambridgeshire Constabulary are requesting the provision of the Order, they were asked to build the evidence base of incidents and lead on witness interviews.

Appendix A provides a table showing the key incidents logged by Cambridgeshire Constabulary for the areas under question. Appendix A also includes a photo log from Cambridgeshire Constabulary;

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have also taken witness statements from Key local stakeholders, including the Church. Key comments are summarised at Appendix B and full statements from Cambridgeshire Constabulary are available for inspection if required.

- 3.5 East Cambridgeshire District Council has not received complaints about the issues in Littleport, other than confirmation of the Constabulary concerns as recorded by Littleport Parish Council.
- 3.6 The proposed Order will include the following provisions at St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Do not play amplified music causing or being likely to cause a nuisance to persons in the locality of the restricted area. (b) Do not use loud and/or threatening and/or abusive language or intimidate another person in the locality of the restricted area causing or being likely to cause nuisance, harassment and distress. (c) Do not drop litter in the restricted area. (d) Do not spray graffiti on any surface in the restricted area. (e) Do not loiter or gather within the restricted area so as to cause nuisance, harassment and distress to persons in the locality of the restricted area. (f) It is an offence to continue to drink alcohol in this area when asked not to do so by a police officer, PCSO or any other authorised person. (g) It is also an offence to fail to surrender any alcohol, in an open or closed container, to a police officer, PCSO or any other authorised person when asked to do so. |
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| (h) Do not damage, efface or remove any signs or display boards in the designated area. |
| (i) Do not urinate or defecate anywhere within the designated area. |

A person guilty of an offence under conditions (a) or (i) above, under section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or fixed penalty notice of a maximum £100.

3.7 Public consultation is a requirement under Section 59 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Informal consultation and engagement with appropriate local interest groups has taken place during spring and early summer of 2017, to determine support or otherwise for the Order.

Prior to any formal process being considered the issues were discussed at various Community Safety Partnership and Parish level meetings. This pre formal process is summarised at Appendix C.

Formal consultation process

The formal consultation was carried out between 17 July 2017 and 28 August 2017 has concluded;

- ❑ 23 replies affirming support for the PSPO
- ❑ 1 reply criticising elements of the PSPO.
- ❑ 1 reply in support from the Cambridgeshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The consultation exercise resulted in 20 e-mailed responses from local residents.

No overtly adverse comments were received regarding the implementation of the proposed PSPO during the consultation exercise.

A summary of the comments received, is included at Appendix D to this report.

Attached at Appendix E is a map and description of the area to be designated. A large-scale version of the plan of the areas will be displayed at the meeting. Appendix F presents a draft version of the order to be signed if approved.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The result of the consultation exercise demonstrates that the public generally support the designation area now proposed. It is considered that designation of the proposed area covering St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport for additional restrictions on anti social behaviour will assist the Police in addressing crime and disorder issues that arise from misuse of these areas.

4.2 Ongoing monitoring of the effectiveness of the Order will take place over the first six months initially and thereafter at further six month periods.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with making the order.

5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

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| Appendix A – | Key incident log for proposed areas from Cambridgeshire Constabulary |
| Appendix B - | Summary of witness statements from Cambridgeshire Constabulary |
| Appendix C | Pre formal project development and consultation |
| Appendix D | Summary of comments received via public consultation |
| Appendix E - | Map and description of the areas to be designated. |
| Appendix F – | Draft order |

Background Documents

Anti-social Behaviour,
Crime and Policing
Act 2014
CHAPTER 12

Cambridgeshire
Constabulary witness
statements

Location

Room FF115
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Ely)

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Appendix A – Key incident log for proposed areas from Cambridgeshire Constabulary including photo evidence log.

| Date and Time of Incident | Incident Description | Police Reference Number |
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| 01/01/2017 00:57:45 | Disorder 20 youths being verbally abusive towards members of the public at the Harley Memorial. | CC-01012017-0044 |
| 07/05/2017 19:55:18 | Arson at Skate park on Camel Road Littleport. | CC-07052017-0489 |
| 16/05/2017 18:20:22 | Report of youths carrying knives outside the One Stop Shop | CC-16052017-0472 |
| 19/05/2017 13:05:04 | Youth on a moped driving anti socially and swearing at a PCSO. | CC-19052017-0255 |
| 22/05/2017 22:31:34 | Public Disorder 4 people fighting at the Harley Memorial up to 15-20 other youths had been hanging around this location. | CC-22052017-0595 |
| 14/06/2017 1804 | Group of approximately 20 youths playing loud music and smoking cannabis at the Harley Memorial and Church area. | CC-14062017-0499 |
| 15/06/2017 18:52 | Group of youths verbally abusing a 14 yr old girl at the Harley Memorial. | CC-15062017-0510 |
| 16/06/2017 13:56 | Drunk elderly women who is vulnerable and alcohol dependent surrounded by 20 youths at the Harley Memorial. Causing noise and being intimidating to members of the public. | CC-16062017-0322 |
| 18/06/2017 22:21 | Group of 20 youths throwing eggs at a house. | CC-18062017-0623 |
| 18/06/2017 21:23 | Large group of youths at the Harley memorial shouting and swearing smoking cannabis and smashing things up. Ongoing problem for residents in that area. | cc-18062017-0573 |
| 18/06/2017 20:59 | Large group of people | CC-18062017-0556 |

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| | fighting at the Harley Memorial knives and bats involved. Large scale disorder | |
| 18/06/2017 20:53 | Connected to above incident further call relating to a group involved in a fight at the Harley Memorial | CC-18062017-0547 |
| 18/06/2017 19:18 | Shoplifting at CO-OP linked to one of the youths who hang around the Harley. | cc-18062017-0488 |
| 18/06/2017 00:06 | Racially aggravated GBH a group of 20 youths fighting. A Polish male was beaten up by this group having his teeth knocked out. | cc-18062017-0005 |
| 17/06/2017 00:32 | Group of 4 youths stopped a taxi driver in the Street and became abusive to him resulting in the taxi driver being punched in the face. | cc-17062017-0025 |
| 16/06/2017 23:55 | Large group of youths running around Parsons Lane Church Street being abusive running around cemetery causing a nuisance. | cc-16062017-0758 |
| 16/06/2017 15:21 | GBH New Orchard Park three males linked to the group at the Harley attacked a male working in the Static caravan park leaving him with a head injury. | CC-16062017-0385 |
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Appendix A cont. Photographic Incident Log from Cambridgeshire Constabulary



Discarded cigarette butts litter



General litter and detritus



Graffiti on nearby fence

Appendix A cont. Photographic Incident Log from Cambridgeshire Constabulary



Vandalised tree stake



Garbage dumped on Church Porch



Graffiti on St George's Church



Burned out litterbin



Smashed glass and spilt liquid on Church Porch

Appendix B - Summary of witness statements from Cambridgeshire Constabulary

| Statement (Key concerns and issues raised) | Made by |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Littering • Cannabis use • Youths climbing on church roof causing damage • Litter includes food waste, condoms, syringes • Bin bags opened and scattered across church yard • Graffiti and damage to fabric of church • Impact on visitors to the church and community use of church • Visitors feel intimidated | Vicar of St George's Church, Littleport |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witness wishes to be anonymous as offenders know him and would damage his house if aware. • Loud music being played late into the evening • Broken bottles left for others to clean up • Damaged and dumped bicycle • Firing of air weapon on open space • Foul and abusive language • Afraid to use own garden • Issues ongoing from 2004 | PC Gilbey on behalf of anonymous local resident |
| <p>Amongst several other ASB issues I have become greatly concerned by a group of youths that have been congregating around ST GEORGES CHURCH which is a focal point for the whole community and has stood since 14TH century.</p> <p>The group of youths range from as young as 12 through to late 20's so many are adults and the very young amongst them are easily influenced.</p> <p>This area is where the group of youths have been hanging around for sometime and they use the grounds of the Church almost like a rubbish tip.</p> <p>Issues of concern include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youths climbing on the church roof and damaging • Cannabis use • Graffiti damage to the church fabric • Damage to headstones by youths ramming bicycles against them • Drunk and rowdy behaviour • Intimidation of local residents including foul and abusive language | PC Gilbey – Police Constable for Littleport |

Appendix C- Pre formal project development and consultation

| Meeting | Date |
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| Neighbourhood Support Officer ECDC with PCSO Maria Robinson to discuss local issues and perspectives from a Police Community Support Officer perspective | Fri 16/06/2017 |
| Meeting with PC Steve Gilbey to discuss the draft proposals at Ely Police station | Fri 23/06/2017 |
| Discussion and email with Littleport ECDC elected members – David and Christine Ambrose Smith, Paul Cox, Jo Webber to sound out the draft proposals | Tue 27/06/2017 14:55 |
| Phone call and email dialogue with the Vicar of St George's Church to sound out the draft proposals | Wed 28/06/2017 |
| Discussion and email with Littleport Parish Council Chair (Clive Webber) to sound out the draft proposals | Mon 03/07/2017 13:51 |

Outcomes from Pre formal stage of development and consultation

| Name | Feedback |
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| David Ambrose Smith/Christine Ambrose Smith (District Council) | Tue 27/06/2017 17:52 Hello Nick We are happy to support these measures. We are aware of the problems and the necessity to deal with this. We are returning to the UK tomorrow (Wednesday) from France. Kind regards, David & Christine |
| Jo Webber (District and Parish Council) | Mon 03/07/2017 11:39 <i>Hi Nick, Thanks for the information. As discussed this morning, In principle I support the proposal for a PSPO covering the area detailed. Kind regards Jo</i> |
| Paul Cox (District Council) | Verbal confirmation of support via telephone conversation Friday 30 th June 2017. |
| Clive Webber (Chair of the Parish Council) | Mon 03/07/2017 13:40 Hi Nick Happy to support the proposal, have put it out to the rest of the Council and do not think we have had a negative feedback, will get Su to confirm. Clive Webber Chair LPC |
| Reverend Howard Robson (Littleport Parish Church Vicar) | Wed 28/06/2017 15:55 Dear Nick, Thank you for this, all OK with me. Howard. |

Appendix D– Summary of comments received via public consultation

| Number | Date received | Comments received | Received from |
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| 001 | Thu 20/07/201 7 10:43 | With respect to the consultation covering the Harley Davidson memorial, my only concern is that there are occasional events that include the memorial, my preference is that those events be allowed to continue otherwise I'm perfectly happy with the designation, particularly with regards to the recreation ground. | Member of the public |
| 002 | Thu 20/07/201 7 16:3 | I'm a resident in Upton place number just outside the area you class as anti social (park and church) I completely agree that there needs to be some kind of anti social behaviour order in place so I'm pleased to hear that progress is being made. I'm wondering if there is anything you can do to stop kids playing football outside my house which is on a corner we have had the police out a few times when they kick the ball at people's properties then went on to stones chucked at my car and windows, all I want is a quiet life I have children but choose to not let them play in the street , but constantly fed up with the ball games hitting my car and plants is there anything you can do with regards to this such as writing to residents or a sign to say no ball games. With such a lovely park on the door step there shouldn't be any need to cause problems outside my house or anyone else. Kind regards | Member of the public |
| 002 | Thu 20/07/201 7 11:12 | Glad to see this is. I don't know if this is feasible, achievable or meets the criteria and timescales, but I wondered if Peacocks Meadow could be included in this order. Just concerned that the people causing trouble will move on to this piece of land and cause a nuisance to the surrounding residents. I have attached the plan marking out Peacocks Meadow in red. | Little Parish Councillor |
| 003 | Thu 20/07/201 7 12:54 | Re PSPO Whilst looking at the plan of the Recreation Ground, it occurred to me that— there are occasions when the Recreation Ground is hired out to Fun Fairs, Circuses etc. — could this present any problems — just a thought. | ECDC Elected member |
| 004 | Sun 23/07/201 7 | Great idea and about time something was done to be honest. Fed up of finding broken glass and smelling funny 'fags' when taking my kids to the park. I don't walk past the church because of the people hanging around. I don't mind people hanging out with friends and having a nice time but when they shout at you and leave so much rubbish behind, it makes me feel intimidated. By doing this though, they'll just move onto somewhere else like the high street or green spaces by houses. Ms S.S | Member of the public/Crown Public House |
| 005 | Sun 23/07/201 7 | Very ashamed of the mess around the back of the church and green. It's not nice passing gangs of children and young adults on the green and it's intimidating. I would also like to say that the lady who walks around with a walker is horrible. Being told to 'F..k off' when you don't give her money for booze or fags is nasty. S B | Member of the public |
| 006 | Sun 23/07/201 | Fed up of hearing from customers about the underage drinkers up by the Harley Davidson. Cars revving and racing around the place, stereos | Crown public house |

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| | 7 | in pushchairs disturbing everyone, drugs. Arrest the culprits and charge the parents with the same, maybe then they'll wonder a bit more where their kids are. R C | |
| 007 | Sun 23/07/2017 | I totally agree something needs to be done, it can be quiet daunting walking past all those places when there's a crowd of people gathered around all drinking, throwing rubbish around and being so noisy. The plaque for the Harley Davidson is missing again which is a shame as it's a historic part of Littleport. Miss S T | Member of the public |
| 008 | Sun 23/07/2017 | I agree with proposals but it should be extended from the Harley up the road and include the corner of Limes Close, along Parsons Lane as far as the chemist, and also include the grassed areas either side of the entrance to the doctors/play area. B P | Member of the public |
| 009 | Sun 23/07/2017 | The one stop shop and its forecourt should also be included. No name | Member of the public |
| 10 | Sun 23/07/2017 | I totally agree something needs to be done. The punishments should be harsher too and not just a slap on the wrist. Community service. Give back to the people they've upset. DC | Member of the public |
| 11 | Sun 23/07/2017 | I agree with the proposal, and suggest communal service should be given to the offenders. Residents of Littleport should be allowed to go about their daily activities, without being shouted at, by youngsters using abusive language. JP | Member of the public |
| 12 | 24 July 2017 | On behalf of the Royal British Legion, Littleport Branch, I am writing to thank you for your letter of July 2017 (updated). Your letter came at a most propitious moment as I was in the process of drafting a letter on the subject of excess litter, particularly plastic cutlery, near the Littleport War memorial. As a consequence of the arrival of your letter I took the matter to our branch committee last night, Thursday 20 July 2017, and obtained the permission of the committee to put my response in the name of the branch. We wholeheartedly support the order and are in hope that the Order may be introduced in the near future. Our only suggestion is that in future, you refer to the Harley Davidson memorial open space as the Littleport War Memorial open space. After all the war memorial was in situ long before the Harley Davidson memorial. May I ask, for information only, what effort will be taken to clear up the existing mess: not only by the War Memorial but also by the Harley Davidson memorial and children's play area in the Parson's Lane Recreation Groun. Yours faithfully | Garth McGowen Littleport Branch Royal British Legion |
| 13 | Wed 26/07/2017 16:12 | The Committee of The Littleport Society has now had a chance to consider your e mail regarding the PSPO Formal Consultation and are prepared to support any measures that have to be taken to bring to an end this anti social behaviour. If the Main Street Car Park can be included so much the better as this is also a space for criminal activity and anti social behaviour. Indeed our meetings in The Barn have been disturbed by youths entering the building, shouting and causing a nuisance. | Ann C. Lightowlers (Secretary) For and on behalf of The Littleport Society. |

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| | | I hope that this e mail shows our support for this action and look forward to hearing further from you in the fullness of time. Yours sincerely, | |
| 14 | 27/07/2017 | Phone conversation. Cllr Brown confirmed support for the PSPO. Raised the issue of possible dispersal onto the medical centre car park. Could a variation of the order include this space which is owned by the Parish Council? Also can Police look at targeting individuals known to be the ringleaders? | Cllr Fred Brown |
| 15 | Thu 27/07/2017 20:13 | I am responding to the letter and enclosed order received from you recently. As someone who regularly walks through the designated area I fully support the order and hope that the necessary resources can be made available if enforcement is needed. Concerning the Harley Davidson memorial green open space I would offer the following observations. There is only one seat provided and this is where people tend to gather and behave in a way that is disturbing and antisocial. This seat has therefore become one that most people tend not to go near or use, and it is also in a particularly dark and shady part of the open space which probably encourages its misuse. Consideration might be given to moving this seat to somewhere different and also to providing additional seats placed around the paths to encourage a wider range of people to sit, relax and use what is a very attractive open space. | Member of the public |
| 16 | Thu 27/07/2017 18:05 | St Georges Medical Centre should also be included in the order. Apparently most evenings/nights there are a group of 'youth's' congregating near their garden wall (at the Parson's Lane end) which is underneath his bedroom window! A councillor, who lives opposite the car park, would I am sure confirm that there is a nuisance in this area. | Member of the public |
| 17 | | Dear Mr Ball I have been forwarded a copy of the Public Space Protection Order and note that the area of land identified no. 1 in front of the vicarage and adjacent to the church is referred to as public open space and implies this land is in the ownership of the church. The purpose of my note is to confirm that the land immediately in the front of the Vicarage, 30 Church Lane, Littleport is in fact owned by the Diocese of Ely and not the church. I would be grateful if you could confirm with your planning department that if the Diocese ever wished to develop this piece of land, the Order would not affect our ability to do so. I look forward to hearing from you. With thanks, Property Manager For & on behalf of Diocese of Ely | Diocese of Ely |
| 18 | Wed 02/08/2017 14:46 | Dear Nick I refer to your email dated 18th July, regarding East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) proposals for Public Space Protection Order | Cambridgeshire Police and Crime |

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| | | <p>(PSPO) for St George's Church, Harley Davidson memorial green open space, Parsons Lane Recreation Ground, Littleport.</p> <p>I both welcome and thank EDCC for undertaking the consultation to seek the views of the public and myself, as Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, in response to problems that are occurring in the area's listed above.</p> <p>This letter is my formal consultation response to the proposed PSPO. To inform my response I have considered both the views of those members of the public who have raised their concerns with my office regarding the areas relating to the proposed PSPO and those of Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Local Policing Team for these areas. I fully appreciate the effects that anti-social behaviour has on individuals, businesses and communities. Continuing to tackle crime and disorder, including responding to and preventing problems caused by alcohol misuse, urination in public places, littering, graffiti and dispersal of groups that are causing harassment, alarm and distress need to be addressed. Anti-social behaviour is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan, and as such is a priority for the Constabulary. Partnership working such as that between the Constabulary and ECDC is key to co-ordinating both an effective response to anti-social behaviour to protect individuals, communities and businesses from the harm caused and to ensure those responsible are effectively held to account.</p> <p>I understand from the Constabulary that the anti-social behaviour identified in the consultation document, has become a problem within the St George's Church, Harley Davidson memorial green open space, Parsons Lane Recreation Ground, Littleport and the local policing team are fully supportive support a joint approach to tackle this problem.</p> <p>In conclusion, I fully support ECDC proposal for the PSPO as outlined in the consultation document for the purpose of controlling this type of anti-social behaviour, as described above in the Littleport area.</p> <p>However, with the ever increasing pressures and demands on limited Police resources I would like ECDC to assist with the enforcement of the PSPO as neighbouring local authorities do. Enforcement should not be the sole responsibility of police officers and PCSOs.</p> <p>I hope that the PSPO is effective in preventing the detrimental effect that this type of disorder and nuisance is having on the residents, the community, and businesses in and around Littleport so that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Jason Ablewhite Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner</p> | Commissioner |
| 19 | 03/09/17 | <p>I have been informed by a resident of Wisbech road they have received correspondence from you relating to the above proposed Order. I received this information with incredulity. Neither I nor my neighbour, living at the Coach House, 32 Church Lane, has received any notification from you whatsoever. The more surprising as both our entry and exit on or off Church Lane is between St George's Church (1) and the open space area 2. Area 3 before the Health Centre was built, also borders our properties. We have both lived at our respective addresses for thirty six years.</p> <p>This proposal is particularly important to me and my neighbour as we have been subjected to offensive behaviour from all three sites, especially site 3 and the adjacent car park at the Health Centre. A few years ago moves were afoot to shut off the health centre car park. This did not happen; more is the pity. It is from this area that we suffer nightly noise after the surgery has closed. This disturbance to our peace is created by yobs both in motor cars and on motorcycles, frequently and particularly at weekends can continue until two or three</p> | Member of the public |

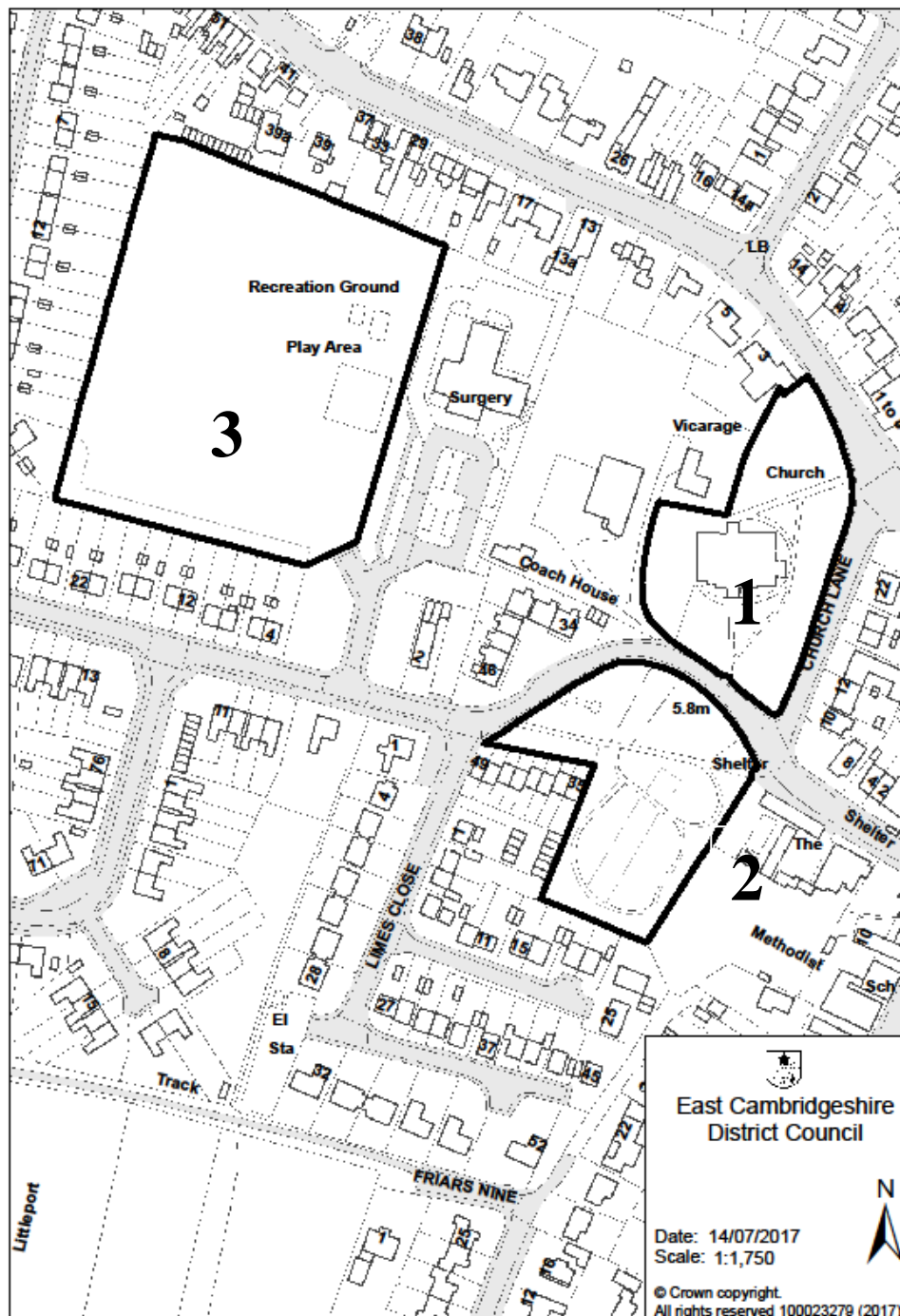
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| | | <p>in the early morning on occasions.</p> <p>I would like to task that this area also be considered, as from experience, this is the area where most of the anti social behaviour occurs.</p> <p>I have copied in this letter to the St George's health centre practice manager, Simon Randall.</p> | |
| 20 | 4 th August 2017 | <p>In response to your proposals regarding the church yard, Harley Davidson green and the recreation ground, I agree things urgently need to be addressed.</p> <p>I don't know if you have walked around Littleport but if you have I'm sure you are aware that the rubbish dropping could be curbed by having more bins available that are not already overflowing, i.e the recreation ground for one, not too hard a problem to solve.</p> <p>The immigration of people, young and old around designated areas, is surely because there is nowhere else to go. The lack of amenities is appalling.</p> <p>Yes there is a skate park and at present a leisure centre, mostly for those who can afford it!</p> <p>Why not instead of knocking it down, convert it to a bowling alley, another skating rink, swimming pool, youth club etc whatever; to give people old and young somewhere to meet up and do something to get motivated.</p> <p>Littleport is a dead zone and you can move people along but you cannot make them disappear.</p> <p>Mew housing does not bring money into Littleport, just a cheaper place to commute from, fortunately for Ely, Cambridge and Kings Lynn somewhere within reach to shop, spend money and leisure time, as there is nowhere here to spend money unless you love takeaways.</p> <p>Come and look around Littleport on Saturday, it's a ghost town except for a few without transport who cannot be bothered with a three hourly bus service.</p> | Member of the public |
| 21 | Fri 11/08/2017 11:37 | <p>Thank you for the consultation document regarding St. Georges Church, the Harley Memorial and Parsons Lane Recreation Ground. I notice that St. Georges Medical Centre is not included and I'm wondering if this is excluded for a reason?</p> <p>In principal, I don't have an objection to the areas excluded however If the recreation park is excluded will this cause individuals to congregate in the grounds of the medical centre?</p> <p>Also with regard to the exclusion order, does this come into effect where alcohol or substances are involved or anti social behaviour or a combination of both?</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Mrs, ME</p> | Member of the public |
| 22 | Fri 11/08/2017 13:20 | <p>Hi Nick,</p> <p>The Consultation doc has produced some response with conversations in and out of church. However one person has pointed out to me that it includes the lawn adjacent to the church tower - that is technically the vicarage lawn and we wouldn't want it to be lumped in with the closed graveyard, seen as an E Cambs area and no longer free for church use as it is now. I know that isn't your intention, but as I'm sure you will appreciate these things have a habit of creating difficulties in the future. What you do think?</p> <p>Howard.</p> | Vicar of Littleport |

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| 23 | Sat 12/08/201 7 09:56 | <p>Whilst completely supporting the principle of the order, I can't help feeling that by implication you are in effect suggesting it is acceptable to do things in the order, outside the protection order area. For example "(d) Do not spray graffiti on any surface in the restricted area" might be seen to suggest that it is ok to spray graffiti outside that area. In that particular example there may be existing laws, such as criminal damage, which would also cover the act.</p> <p>It makes me question, therefore, the sense of this kind of order, which I suspect will have a significant cost implication. It might be better spent funding additional Police presence in the area where they have existing powers to deal with offenders, perhaps supported by Council funded CCTV evidence.</p> <p>There is also significant local understanding that the offenders of the actions in the order are in fact widely known. Such an order seems unlikely to have any effect on their actions. Given there are existing laws for most, if not all of the actions included, surely the matter is most proactively managed by gathering evidence for a successful prosecution of the offenders?</p> <p>The order therefore presents the image that the Council and Police want to stop the matter but don't have the courage, will or ability to tackle those that are actually offending and have turned to a scatter gun approach of anonymity in the rather unlikely hope that it might work.</p> <p>One wonders what action you would choose if the cost of the action was from your own funds rather than public ones. Not everything can be managed from a desk, behind electronically locked doors - sometimes you need to emerge from anonymity, take responsibility, fulfil the role you are paid to do, and tackle the issues head on and directly with those offending.</p> <p>Once you have done that, one must then look to what provisions are available within Littleport for young people to be properly and legally entertained to prevent those incurring issues through boredom and lack of inspiration.</p> <p>There isn't much that I am aware of - rather disappointing given the local charity which appears to function specifically for that purpose (http://opencharities.org/charities/1127679) and appears to spend considerable amounts of charity money doing that in some rather unknown way.</p> <p>This will only get worse with the proposed developments and lost opportunity during the new school and sports developments.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>JC</p> | Member of the public |
| 24 | Friday 25 August | <p>Dear Mr Ball,</p> <p>Thank you for consulting us on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order for St George's Church, the Harley Davidson Memorial Green, and the Parsons Lane Recreation Ground.</p> <p>I have discussed this with the GP partners here and we fully support the proposals for there to be restrictions on behaviour deemed to be anti-social in these areas.</p> <p>Furthermore, we would request that the car park at St George's also be</p> | Littleport St George's medical centre |

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| | | <p>included in this; we are mindful of the possibility that increasing restrictions and move on orders from other nearby areas might actually push people <i>towards</i> our car park.</p> <p>Ourselves and our residential neighbours have longstanding problems throughout the night with littering, noisy cars and illegal drug use, and on one occasion a few years ago, arson. Our local PCSO told me recently that some of the people they have to deal with fully realise the Police's powers are constrained with regards to private versus public areas, and this makes it much more difficult for them to act on our site. Although private land, as GP surgery car park, it is a public area, and we feel it would be of huge benefit to the Police, ourselves, and our neighbours if the District Council were to consider including our car park area in this protection order.</p> <p>I would be very happy to offer more information, or discuss further if that would be of use.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Simon Randall Practice Manager</p> | |
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Appendix E – Map of proposed area to be designated

The area known as 1. St George's Church (Church Lane), 2. Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), 3. Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport.



Appendix F – Draft Order

East Cambridgeshire District Council in exercise of its powers under Section 59, 64 and 72 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") proposes to make the following Order:-

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

SECTION 59

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

East Cambridgeshire District Council

Public Spaces Protection Order

St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport.

Number 3 of 2017

THIS ORDER is made by East Cambridgeshire District Council ("the Council") because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities carried out or likely to be carried out in a public space, namely St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport.

Have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality

- Are or are likely to be unreasonable and
- Justify the restrictions imposed

The Council is satisfied that the following activities have been or are likely to be carried out in the public space:

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (Verbal abuse and foul language causing harassment and distress, littering, vandalism, graffiti, altercations)

1. PERIOD FOR WHICH THE ORDER HAS EFFECT

The Order shall come into operation on 01 October 2017 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter, unless extended by further orders under East Cambridgeshire District Council's (hereafter 'the Council') statutory powers.

2. RESTRICTIONS

The Order relates to St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson memorial green open space (Parsons Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport as shown on the attached plan.

The effect of this Order is to make the following provisions for these areas as follows;

At; St George's Church (Church Lane), Harley Davidson war memorial green open

space (Church Lane), Parsons Lane Recreation Ground (Parsons Lane), Littleport.

- (j) Do not play amplified music causing or being likely to cause a nuisance to persons in the locality of the restricted area.
- (k) Do not use loud and/or threatening and/or abusive language or intimidate another person in the locality of the restricted area causing or being likely to cause nuisance, harassment and distress.
- (l) Do not drop litter in the restricted area.
- (m) Do not spray graffiti on any surface in the restricted area.
- (n) Do not loiter or gather within the restricted area so as to cause nuisance, harassment and distress to persons in the locality of the restricted area.
- (o) It is an offence to continue to drink alcohol in this area when asked not to do so by a police officer, PCSO or any other authorised person.
- (p) It is also an offence to fail to surrender any alcohol, in an open or closed container, to a police officer, PCSO or any other authorised person when asked to do so.
- (q) Do not damage, efface or remove any signs or display boards in the designated area.
- (r) Do not urinate or defecate anywhere within the designated area.

3. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER?

A person guilty of an offence under conditions (a) or (b) above, under section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or fixed penalty notice of a maximum £100.

APPEALS

4. Any challenge to this order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds: that the Council did not have power to make the order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the order, quash it, or vary it.

A copy of the Order plan may be obtained by contacting the address below.
nick.ball@eastcambs.gov.uk , Tel. 01353 665555 or in writing to Nick Ball,
Neighbourhood Support Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange,
Nutholt Lane, ELY CB7 4EE. The Order can also be seen at www.eastcambs.gov.uk

THE COMMON SEAL OF EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

was hereby affixed the day of 2016
in the presence of:

SCHEDULE *(Plan showing the area covered by the East Cambridgeshire District Council Public Spaces Protection Order No. 3 2017 outlined)*

