

# EIA000896 Erdington Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) ASB

## About your EIA

Reference Number:	EIA000896
Subject of EIA:	Erdington Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) ASB
Description :	<p>PSPO's are powers given to local authorities in the UK to address Anti-Social behaviour in a public space. They are intended to improve the quality of life in communities by restricting or prohibiting certain activities in a public area which have caused the community a detrimental impact Birmingham City Council is considering the renewal of the Erdington Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which came into force on the 24th December 2021. This order expires on the 23rd December 2024. We propose that the order is renewed for a further 3 years. The prohibitions within the order have been put into place, due to reports made to the Police and the Council from residents, businesses and professionals who live, work and travel into Erdington High Street. The behaviours complained about include substance misuse, the disposal of needles, alcohol, urination, defecation, groups displaying harassing and intimidating behaviours and begging. In addition to the renewal of the the Public Space Protection Order the proposal is to vary the current order to include the following .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of a prohibition in relation to loitering, or begging</li> <li>• Addition of a prohibition in relation to Urination, defecation or disposing of drug paraphernalia</li> <li>• Addition of a clause in the intoxicating substance prohibition in relation to - If an Authorised Person reasonably suspects that a person has been preparing to use or using or selling or supplying an intoxicating substance within the Restricted Area, except a prescription drug which has been prescribed for his use, an Authorised person may require that person to leave the restricted area</li> <li>• Removal of the Graffiti probation</li> <li>• Revision of the boundary of the "restricted area" to Erdington Ward</li> </ul> <p>To view the live order  <a href="https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/23778/bcc_erdington_public_space_protection_order">https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/23778/bcc_erdington_public_space_protection_order</a></p>
In support of:	["Amended function"]
Reviewing Frequency:	Annually
First review date:	10/12/2025

## Directorate, Division & Service Area

Directorates:	["City Operations"]
Division:	Community Safety and Resilience

Service Area:	Community Safety
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## Budget Savings

Related to budget savings?:	
Budget proposal reference number:	

## Officers

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## Data Sources

Data sources:	
Data sources Details:	

## Initial Assessment

Impact Age:	No
Impact Disability:	No
Impact Sex:	No
Impact Gender Reassignment:	No
Impact Marriage and Civil Partnerships:	No
Impact Pregnancy and Maternity:	No
Impact Race:	No
Impact Religion or Beliefs:	No
Impact Sexual Orientation:	No
Impact Care Experience:	

## Initial Assessment Summary

Initial Assessment Summary:	This is not a new policy but a renewal of a existing policy and process . The PSPO order does not target any specific group but does limit the negative behaviours of those individuals engaging in activities that have a negative and sometimes harmful impact on members of the public visiting Erdington High street . The purpose of the PPSO order is to
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	<p>protect members of the public from harmful activity being engaged in by a small number of individuals .The parameters of the order may have a minor impact on those individuals likley to breach it however the positive impact on the wider Commuinty is considered to be greater . The implementation of the PPSO order will create a safer and more postive environment for members of the public in this location . Often ASB and associated crime have a more detrimental impact on vulnerable groups such as those with disabilities and the PSPO order aims to support this groups to feel safer and more supported when visiting the location covered by the boundary of the PSPO A Public consultation for the Erdington PSPO proposal took place over a four-week period between the 14th of November 2024 and 11th December 2024. The consultation process included options to fill in a form online via the Be heard Platform or to complete a paper form at face-to-face consultation events . A total of 229 consultation responses were received . From the 229 responses recived 96.5 % of the respondents agreed that a PPSO was the right tool to tackle teh ASB on Erdington Highstreet . Between 95.5 %-98 % of respondents agreed with the proposed prohibitions.</p>
Is a full EIA Required?:	No

## Protected Characteristic – Age

Impact Age:	
Age Group Impacted:	The enfocemorecemnt of the PSPO is not targeted at any specific age group .However the implementation of the PPSO will have apositive impact on the 60+ age group
Age Impact Details:	A high proportion of the complaints and feedback received from members of the public in relation to the impact of crime and ASB on Erdington high street are made by members of the elderly community . They report that they do not feel safe visiting the high street and that they feel intimidated by those individuals engaging in behaviours associated with Alcohol and Substance Misue. With the PSPO in place this reduces the community safety risks to all age groups. It's legal powers restricts the negative behaviours of those individuals on the high street causing most harm alarm and distress .This in turn has a positive impact on specific age groups such as the elderly community as they feel safer entering the location that the PSPO covers .
Age Impact Mitigation:	Not aplicable

## Protected Characteristic – Disability

Impact Disability:	There will be a limited impact of those with disabilities
Disability Impact Details:	The enforcement of the PPSO may impact those individuals on Erdington high street with alcohol and substance misuse issues and members of the street community . Our experience of engagement with these groups shows that there is sometimes a link to learning disabilities and mental health.
Disability Impact Mitigation:	Those individuals with vulnerabilities that breach the PPSO will be offered support by the authorising officers . Our Officers work in partnership with Trident reach, CGL and Aquarius

## Protected Characteristic – Sex

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Sex Groups Impacted:	Not aplicabe
Sex Impact Details:	Not aplicable
Sex Impact Mitigation:	Not aplicable

## Protected Characteristic – Gender Reassignment

Impact Gender Reassignment:	Neutral impact
Gender Reassignment Impact Details:	Not aplicable
Gender Reassignment Impact Mitigation:	Not aplicable

## Protected Characteristic – Marriage and Civil Partnership

Impact Marriage and Civil Partnership:	Neutral impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership Groups Impacted:	Not aplicable
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Details:	Not aplicable
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact Pregnancy and Maternity:	there will no impacy of this group
Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Details:	Not apllicable
Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Ethnicity and Race

Impact Ethnicity and Race:	Neutral impact
Ethnicity and Race Groups Impacted:	Not aplicable
Ethnicity and Race Impact Details:	Not apllicable
Ethnicity and Race Impact Mitigation:	Not aplicable

## Protected Characteristic – Religion

Impact Religion:	Neutral impact
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Religion Groups Impacted:	Not aplicable
Religion Impact Details:	Not aplicable
Religion Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Sexual Orientation

Impact Sexual Orientation:	Neutal impact
Sexual Orientation Groups Impacted:	Not aplicable
Sexual Orientation Impact Details:	Not aplicable
Sexual Orientation Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Care Experience

Impact Care Experience:	Neutral impact
Care Experience Impact Details:	
Care Experience Impact Mitigation:	Not aplicable

## Other

Any other risks or impacts:	Not aplicable
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## Full Assessment Summary

Full Assessment Summary:	In reviewing the impact of the continuation of the PPSO from an equalities impact perspective we believe that potential for a positive outcome of having it in place is substantially higher then any negative impact (which is limited ) o detrimental impact on any particular groups. To not continue with the PPSO presents the potential for wider risks to members of the public more so then any detrimental impact by it being in place . There have been no legal challenges during the previous 3 years of the order being in place and and no concerns within the previous reviews and public consultation. As this is a minor change to an existing policy we do not believe that a full Eia is required
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## Monitoring

Monitoring Details:	The public space protection order will be monitored at the LCSP in reviewing the PSPO we will include the identification of any adverse impact of the PSPO being enforced. Particularly regarding the specific protected characteristic groups. Any concerns raised will be recorded within the action plan and added to the LCSP agenda for discussion
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