

EIA000898 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - Coventry Road

About your EIA

Reference Number:	EIA000898
Subject of EIA:	Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - Coventry Road
Description:	The proposed PSPO on the Coventry Road Birmingham seeks to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues resulting from illegal street trading of goods and services without the appropriate consent, peddling goods and services, obstruction of highway, distribution of publicity materials/free literature/samples, charity or commercial subscription collectors, charity or commercial cash collection. The ASB has previously occurred when large numbers of illegal street traders etc. congregate in the defined proposed PSPO area around the time of Ramadan. The ASB is caused by large numbers of visitors from outside the area visiting the illegal traders etc. and causing issues such as obstruction of the public highway by people and vehicles, accumulation of large amounts of rubbish, loud music and shouting until the earlier hours, as well as public safety issues regarding the sale of potentially unsafe food and goods and counterfeit articles by illegal street traders. There is also open fire cooking on barbeques and burners with no appropriate health and safety checks in place.
In support of:	["New function"]
Reviewing Frequency:	Annually
First review date:	01/01/2026

Directorate, Division & Service Area

Directorates:	["City Operations"]
Division:	Regulation and Enforcement
Service Area:	Regulation and Enforcement

Budget Savings

Related to budget savings?:	
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Budget proposal reference number:	
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Data Sources

Data sources:	["Consultation results", "Police, Trading Standards, Businesses, Residents"]
Data sources Details:	BE Heard and intelligence from partner agencies

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:	Don't Know
Impact Sexual Orientation:	No
Impact Care Experience:	

Initial Assessment Summary

Initial Assessment Summary:	The initial assessment submission showed a strong indication that there would be no impacts on peoples protected characteristics. We identified no significant concerns or identified negative concerns at that stage. There was a consultation process and community engagement within the area affected to identify any if there would be any concerns potentially regarding religion or beliefs characteristics.
Is a full EIA Required?:	Yes

Protected Characteristic – Age

Impact Age:	No
Age Group Impacted:	N/A
Age Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. Nothing in the PSPO targets or impacts on this protected characteristics.
Age Impact Mitigation:	N/A

Protected Characteristic – Disability

Impact Disability:	Yes
Disability Impact Details:	Respondents to the public consultation commented on the difficulties they faced in navigating the public highways and pathways due to the obstruction of the areas that occurred due to the presence of illegal street traders, large numbers of visitors and vehicles. These difficulties are aggravated for people with disabilities, such as wheelchair/mobility vehicle users who may find it impossible to manoeuvre on blocked pathways, forcing them into the main vehicular carriageway. The sudden change to obstructions along usually clear pedestrian routes can also cause significant anxiety issues for those community members with invisible disabilities. As PSPO restrictions look to deal with ASB issues around the obstruction of the highway, it is again expected that the PSPO restrictions will have a positive impact on this protected characteristic.
Disability Impact Mitigation:	Not applicable, the PSPO supports a positive impact on the disability protected characteristic.

Protected Characteristic – Sex

Impact Sex:	Yes
Sex Groups Impacted:	Female
Sex Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. The public consultation has revealed that there have been a number of responses from female members of the community who have felt unsafe for themselves and their families due to the number of illegal street traders and the predominance of male visitors to these traders. Again, the PSPO restrictions will provide a positive impact within this protected characteristic by reducing the amount of ASB from illegal street traders and their visitors, allowing for a safer environment for female members of the community.

Sex Impact Mitigation:	Not applicable, the PSPO supports a positive impact on the disability protected characteristic.
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Protected Characteristic – Gender Reassignment

Impact Gender Reassignment:	No
Gender Reassignment Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. Nothing in the PSPO targets or impacts on this protected characteristics.
Gender Reassignment Impact Mitigation:	N/A

Protected Characteristic – Marriage and Civil Partnership

Impact Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No
Marriage and Civil Partnership Groups Impacted:	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. Nothing in the PSPO targets or impacts on this protected characteristics.
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Mitigation:	N/A

Protected Characteristic – Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact Pregnancy and Maternity:	No
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Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. Nothing in the PSPO targets or impacts on this protected characteristics.
Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Mitigation:	N/A

Protected Characteristic – Ethnicity and Race

Impact Ethnicity and Race:	Yes
Ethnicity and Race Groups Impacted:	Asian
Ethnicity and Race Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted and preventing the ASB associated with large numbers of visitors. The PSPO does impact on members of the Asian community who form 61.2% of the ward population and from the public consultation it is clear that this impact is positive for the protected characteristics of race and religion. The restrictions from the PSPO do not restrict religious observance or celebration by people from the Asian community in the area or restrict local businesses or legal traders. The restrictions only look to restrict ASB from illegal street traders and visitors, which causes hindrance and nuisance to local people looking to observe Ramadan in a safe community environment. The data captured in the consultation shows clear support from the Asian community, who feel that the anti-social behaviour issues the PSPO will address will allow for safer and more peaceful observance and celebration.
Ethnicity and Race Impact Mitigation:	Not applicable, the PSPO supports a positive impact on the ethnicity or race protected characteristic.

Protected Characteristic – Religion

Impact Religion:	Yes
Religion Groups Impacted:	Muslim

Religion Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted and preventing the ASB associated with large numbers of visitors. The PSPO does impact Muslims, and from the public consultation, it is clear that this impact is positive for the protected characteristics of race and religion. The restrictions from the PSPO do not restrict celebrations in the area or restrict local businesses or legal traders. The restrictions only look to restrict ASB from illegal street traders, which causes hindrance and nuisance to local Muslims looking to observe Ramadan in a safe community environment. The data captured in the consultation shows clear support from the Muslim community, who feel that the anti-social behaviour issues the PSPO will address will allow for safer and more peaceful observance and celebration.
Religion Impact Mitigation:	Not applicable, the PSPO supports a positive impact on the religion protected characteristic. Given the PSPO is around Ramadan there is an impact on Muslims. To support this the Council has consulted with local communities and faith leaders including Green Lane Mosque who are the largest Mosque in the vicinity and have also agreed to support a 5 day Ramadan Streets event that includes legal activity. The asb that results from the illegal activities has a detrimental impact on the local community (a large section being the Muslim community) and hence the PSPO alongside the mitigations are assessed to have an overall positive impact on the Muslim community.

Protected Characteristic – Sexual Orientation

Impact Sexual Orientation:	No
Sexual Orientation Groups Impacted:	N/A
Sexual Orientation Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from illegal street trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. Nothing in the PSPO targets or impacts on this protected characteristics.
Sexual Orientation Impact Mitigation:	N/A

Protected Characteristic – Care Experience

Impact Care Experience:	No
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Care Experience Impact Details:	This policy is introducing restrictions in respect of obstructing the highway, street trading, peddlers and charity commercial subscription/cash collectors in specific locations within the Coventry Road. The aims of the restrictions are to protect the public from itinerant trading, obstructing thoroughfares, behaviours such as intimidation causing alarm or distress, and protecting the public from the supply of counterfeit or unsafe goods and food. These restrictions provide protections to all and do not discriminate against protected characteristics. The PSPO is about controlling the fitness of those able to trade within the locations highlighted. Nothing in the PSPO targets or impacts on protected characteristics.
Care Experience Impact Mitigation:	N/A

Other

Any other risks or impacts:	There are no other potential risks. Please See attached Supporting Document.
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Full Assessment Summary

Full Assessment Summary:	<p>There were no negative impacts identified at the initial submission of the EIA. The evidence supports the method in the proposal and sets out legitimate, relevant and proportional actions. There was to be public consultation and community engagement to identify any impacts from the community. Following this consultation the views and results were considered in relation to the proposal proceeding. This EIA has been updated following discussions with the EIA team and following the conclusion of the public consultation process. Following the public consultation and community engagement, it was found that the areas of sex, disability, race and religion were all positively impacted by the restrictions outlined in the PSPO. The PSPO does impact Muslims, and from the public consultation, it is clear that this impact is positive for the protected characteristics of race and religion. The restrictions from the PSPO do not restrict celebrations in the area or restrict local businesses or legal traders. The restrictions only look to restrict ASB from illegal street traders, which causes hindrance and nuisance to local Muslims looking to celebrate Ramadan in a safe community environment. The data captured in the consultation shows clear support from the Muslim community, who feel that the anti-social behaviour issues the PSPO will address will allow for safer and more peaceful celebrations. In terms of the protected characteristics of sex, the public consultation has revealed that there have been a number of responses from female members of the community who have felt unsafe for themselves and their families due to the number of illegal street traders and the predominance of males which surround these traders. Again, the PSPO restrictions will provide a positive impact within this protected characteristic by reducing the amount of ASB from illegal street traders, allowing for a safer environment for female members of the community. Regarding the disability-protected characteristic, respondents commented on the difficulties they faced in navigating the public highways and pathways due to the obstruction of the areas that occurred due to the presence of illegal street traders. These difficulties are aggravated for people with disabilities, such as wheelchair/mobility vehicle users who may find it impossible to manoeuvre on blocked pathways, forcing them into the main vehicular carriageway. The sudden change to obstructions along usually clear pedestrian routes can also cause significant anxiety issues for those community members with invisible disabilities. As PSPO restrictions look to deal with ASB issues around the obstruction of the highway, it is again expected that the PSPO restrictions will have a positive impact on this protected characteristic. BCC is also supporting a legal celebration event called "Ramadan Streets". This event will take place on the Coventry Road over a number of days. This event does not mitigate any issues, contained in the EIA, as no negative impacts have been identified. It does support the PSPO and the wishes of the local community as only legal street traders will be permitted at the event. The Public consultation showed 80.75% agreed with the PSPO, 76.47% agreed that the exclusion zone was the correct size and geographical location. A further 75.94% agreed with the proposed dates for the PSPO to be active. Those that disagreed did not provide any details</p>
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	<p>to qualify their decision, and 17% of those that disagreed indicated they were from outside the area affected by the PSPO. Illegal Street Trading Prohibition. 79.14% of respondents agreed with the prohibition in relation to illegal street trading. Of the 20.86% who disagreed with the prohibition, 51% did not provide any details to qualify their decision, 26% actually supported the prohibition with their reasoning, and 5% neither agreed nor disagreed. Of the 18% that disagreed, the respondents were more concerned about the PSPO in general as opposed to the restriction on Street trading. Peddling Prohibition. 79.14% of respondents agreed with the prohibition in relation to peddling. Of the 20.86% who disagreed with the prohibition, 64% did not provide any details to qualify their decision, 13% actually supported the prohibition with their reasoning, and 8% neither agreed nor disagreed. Of the 15% that disagreed, the respondents were more concerned about the PSPO in general as opposed to the restriction on peddling. Charity Cash or Digital Collections. 72.19% of respondents agreed with the prohibition in relation to charity cash or digital collection. Of the 27.81 % who disagreed with the prohibition, 55% did not provide any details to qualify their decision, 17% actually supported the prohibition with their reasoning, and 10% neither agreed nor disagreed. Of the 18% that disagreed, the respondents were more concerned about people being able to give to charity as opposed to the PSPO restrictions relating to charity collections without the permission of the council. Obstruction of the highway. 85.03% of respondents agreed with the prohibition in relation to obstruction of the public highway. Of the 14.97% who disagreed with the prohibition, 82% did not provide any details to qualify their decision, and 4% actually supported the prohibition with their reasoning. Of the 14% that disagreed, the respondents were more concerned about the PSPO in general as opposed to the restriction on obstruction of the highway.</p>
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Monitoring

Monitoring Details:	The impact will be monitored by using incident and enforcement reports as well as monitoring data of complaints and reports from the public and partner agencies.
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