

Full details of responses received in relation to the PSPO Consultation

Proposed area – Tavistock Meadows

Consultation timeframe - 4th August 2021 – 5th September 2021

Responses received - 10

***Responses anonymised to protect personal details**

Response 1

Whilst welcoming this action I believe the area should be extended to cover more of the town centre. There are so many complaints on Facebook from people living in this area regarding noise, damage, mess and vomit mostly on Friday and Saturday nights. It is wonderful to have such a good selection of pubs, restaurants and takeaways but there needs to be control over people who are anti social and have no thought for others in the community.

Response 2

I agree with this subject to challenge anti social behaviour in the Meadows area of Tavistock. I personally have tried to explain and reason with young people who were drinking and smoking. I am aware that they may be bored. But there is no excuse for thier behaviour, which includes bad language, throwing objects and damaging property.

I believe if this is not addressed correctly, there is a chance that someone will be seriously assaulted or attacked.

Response 3

I have read with interest your proposed PSPO for Tavistock Meadows.

I am in part in favour of this proposal, due mostly to the amount of rubbish and broken glass that can be littered around the skate park and 'The Tin' where I often walk my dog. Not only is this dangerous for dogs and small children, but is an eyesore. I also worry about the environmental impact due to the proximity of the river with rubbish being blown in and becoming part of the problem of plastics in our rivers and seas. I've often seen town council workers early in the mornings cleaning up this area and spoke with one who appeared to share my frustrations.

My hope is that with a PSPO in place, there would be a lot less opportunity for such littering including broken spirit/beer bottles.

But I am also worried that the problem will be pushed into other areas of our town that don't have a PSPO on them. Young people will always find places to hang out with each other and get up to their mischiefs. We were all young once and perhaps behaved in ways we may not be entirely proud of now...

Perhaps a drive to better educate our young people regarding the impact they have on local residents, the environment and the authorities would be better placed? Can schools be involved? Can we give them a sense of ownership of these spaces and teach them to respect our lovely Meadows?

Response 4

I have read about the proposal to introduce a pspo in the meadows. I wanted to let you know that I am supportive of the measures. I live in Tavistock.

The amount of glass left in the park worries me as does the groups of young people drinking there in the evening. There is often lots of rubbish left by the skate park/basketball court which is harmful to dogs.

Response 5

I think the proposals are a good idea but they do need to be enforced. There is no point having rules when there are insufficient police to patrol the area.

Response 6

By all means implement some meaningful action. It's godawful down there in the evenings.

Response 7

I would like to say that I am delighted at the proposal with regard to anti social behaviour in The Meadows and surrounding area. However, I am slightly concerned that the proposal does not include Tavistock town.

West Street and King Street are also badly effected by anti- social behaviour.

It would appear to be a few individuals that are giving the younger generation a bad reputation. I would like to say that I have met some very mannerly and respectful youngsters.

Tavistock is such a lovely little town which in the last couple of years has become a place I do not like being after dark.

I welcome any measures that can help to alleviate the problem

Response 8

As a Tavistock resident, I do agree that an ASB would be a good idea for the area shown in order to get control of the (small) number of people causing disruption and damage to properties in, and around, the Meadows park.

We do know that most, if not all, of this misbehaviour is carried out during the evenings or night time, so it is important that all control measures are aimed at those hours. It is also important, if not vital to the scheme, that full support is given to the problem by the local police. No laws are supported if they cannot be enforced. Police action on a regular basis must be a vital action here. If not you might as well forget any success with your ASB, and probably loose all support for any future action in this area.

Thank you,

Response 9

I am a bit confused - surely the type of anti-social behaviour described in the proposed PSPO for Tavistock should not be tolerated anywhere? Why is a PSPO needed for this - it's suggesting that type of anti-social behaviour is then allowed everywhere else in Tavistock, just not in the Meadowlands

area?! What about the other areas already being misused eg the football club & surrounding playing fields & behind the bus station?

Is this the only way to get that area regularly policed?

Response 10

I fully back this proposal and would ask that it include the bus station on a permanent basis. I am a homeowner in Tavistock.

We often have trouble getting our young children to sleep at a reasonable time due to the noise and general disturbance from youths gathering in the evenings.