

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is a new provision created by the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act.

It means restrictions and requirements can be placed on an area where activities have or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local people. In this case, the PSPO currently operating in the Seven Sisters area restricts:

- Congregating in a group of two or more persons in such a manner as to cause obstruction or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person in the street or public place or the car park of Wickes Store
- Persistently loitering in a street or public place or the car park of Wickes store
- For a person in the street, public place or Wickes car park, including a person in a motor vehicle, to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining casual labour
- Consuming alcohol or having an open container of alcohol in your possession in the street or public place or the Wickes car park
- Anti-social behaviour, such as urinating in a public place or private property, or other unacceptable or offensive behaviour
- Public access to the footpath that runs between Roslyn Road and Southey Road

Coverage of the PSPO in the Seven Sisters area

The PSPO currently covers Kerswell Close, Victoria Crescent, Culvert Road, Russell Road, Elizabeth Road, Southey Road, Greenfield Road, Birstall Road, Brunswick Road, Brunswick Road Park, Suffield Road, Westerfield Road, Braemar Road, Part of Seaford Road, Watts Close, Kirkton Road, Lomond Close, Bomond Close, Maynard Close, Gourley Place, Gourley Street, Durnford Street, Parts of Seven Sisters Road, Wickes Store Car Park, Stonebridge Estate and parts of West Green Road.

Penalties upon breach of the PSPO

It is an offence to engage in any of the above activities prohibited by this Order. If any person breaches the order, or fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement imposed by an authorised officer, they will be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £1000. Alternatively an immediate Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of a maximum £100 under section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviours, Crime and Policing Act 2014, may be issued by a Police Officer, PCSO, a council officer or other person delegated by the council.