



Southport and Bootle Public Spaces Protection Order 2025



Sefton Council are asking people to have their say about a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Southport and Bootle Town Centres.

A Public Space Protection Order allows the Council to take official actions under the law.

It is used to tackle behaviour that spoils the quality of life for the local community in an area.

We would like to hear about your experiences of anti-social behaviour and what rules should be in place for Southport and Bootle Town Centres.

You can complete the survey at [Your Sefton Your Say](#). Look for Southport and Bootle Town Centres Public Spaces Protection Order 2025 Survey.

The consultation is open from Monday 10th November until Sunday 7th December 2025.

If you need support to get involved, please email:

Communitysafetyandengagement@sefton.gov.uk

Or Call - 0345 140 0845

Consultation Questions – about the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order for Southport and Bootle Town Centres.



1. Have you ever seen anti-social behaviour when visiting Southport or Bootle Town Centre?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Please tell us what happened.



2. Did you report what you saw?

Yes

☐

No

☐

3. If yes, who did you report it to?



Reporting	Happy with response	Not happy with response
Police		
Sefton Council (Contact Centre)		
Councillor		
Community Safety and Engagement Officer		
Other		



4. If no, why did you not report the anti-social behaviour you saw?

The Order.



The order will have rules about how people should behave in Town Centres.

We want to know what you think about the following ideas.



5. **Should officers be able to take away the alcohol from anyone causing anti-social behaviour?**

Yes. ☐ No. ☐ Don't know. ☐

6. **Do you think this rule would help reduce anti-social behaviour because people are drinking in public?**



Rule	Yes	No	Not sure
Do not drink alcohol in public spaces. You must not drink alcohol or carry open containers of alcohol in public, unless you are in a licensed area like a pub or its outdoor seating.			

Do you think this rule would help officers reduce Anti-Social Behaviour because people are using drugs in public?



Rule	Yes	No	Not sure
Do not use or carry illegal drugs. This includes any drug related items or substances like "legal highs." Do not smoke, inject, inhale, or use these substances in public.			

7. Do you think the following rules about large groups of people gathering will help reduce Anti-Social Behaviour?



Rule	Yes	No	Not sure
Avoid gathering in large groups. Do not gather in groups of 4 or more people in public areas unless you are in a paid or permitted space.			
Keep public spaces clear. Do not block doorways, pavements, or paths. Avoid hanging around in a way that stops others from using the space, especially during working hours.			



8. Do you think the following rules about how people act will help reduce Anti-Social Behaviour?



Use respectful language and behaviour

Do not use abusive, offensive, threatening, or intimidating words or actions in public spaces.



Do not ask strangers for money

This includes begging in a way that feels aggressive or intimidating, in public places or anywhere the public can go.



Do not spit or leave mucus in public

If you need to spit or clear your nose, do so responsibly and clean up after yourself.

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Do not spit or leave mucus in public If you need to spit or clear your nose, do so responsibly and clean up after yourself.			

9. Will these rules help to keep Town Centres clean and tidy and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour?



Rule	Yes	No	Not sure
Dispose of litter properly Do not leave rubbish or personal items in public spaces. Use bins or proper disposal areas			
Keep public spaces clean Do not urinate, defecate, or spit in public or shared spaces.			



10. If an officer is dealing with behaviour listed above, do you think that people must provide their name and contact details when asked?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

11. Are there other places in Sefton that should be added to where these rules should cover?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐





12. Do you think any places in Sefton should be removed from this order?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Don't
Know

☐

13. Are there any issues you would like to see covered by these rules? Do you have any other ideas about anti-social behaviour in our Town Centres?



14. Do you agree or disagree to provide your Postcode details, as mentioned in the Privacy Notice at the end of this survey?

Agree

☐

Disagree

☐

15. Please tell us the first part of your postcode (i.e. PR9).



Thank you for taking the time to give us your ideas.

Some Questions About You.



You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want to. All your answers are kept secret. We put all the answers together. Your answers cannot tell us who you are.

We want to make sure we include everyone. So, your answers are very helpful to us.



1. Are you okay with giving your details as explained the privacy notice?

Yes.

☐

No.

☐

2. How old are you?



Under 18.

☐

18-29.

☐

30 – 39.

☐

40 – 49.

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50 -59.

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60 – 69.

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79 – 79.

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80 -84.

☐

85+.

☐

Prefer not to say.

☐

3. Sex.

☐

Male.

☐

Female.

☐

Prefer not to say.



4. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

☐

Yes.

☐

No.

☐

Prefer not to say.



5. Do you currently live as your birth sex?

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Yes.

☐

No.

☐

Prefer not to say.



If no, please tell us your gender identity?

6. Relationships - How would you describe your sexual orientation?

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Heterosexual or straight.

☐

Gay/Lesbian.

☐

Bisexual.

☐

I identify differently.

☐

Prefer not to say.



Please tell us how you identify.



Children and young people are cared for by the Council when they cannot live with their family. The Council looks after them like a parent would.

7. Are you cared for by Sefton Council?

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Yes.

☐

No.

☐

Prefer not to say.



8. Have you ever been cared for as a child by Sefton Council or any other council?

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Yes.

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No.

☐

Prefer not to say.



9. Disability - Do you have any of the following?



Physical Impairment.

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Visual Impairment.

☐

Hearing impairment or Deaf.

☐



Learning difficulty.

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Learning disabilities.

☐

Autism Spectrum Conditions.

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Long-term illness that affects you daily life.

☐

Dementia.

☐

Mental Health Condition.

☐

Prefer not to say.

☐

If you have Cancer, diabetes, or HIV this is seen as a disability under the Equalities Law. Or you have selected any of the boxes in question 16.



10. Do you think of yourself as disabled?

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Yes.

☐

No.

☐

Prefer not to say.



11. What is your religion or belief?



No religion or belief.

☐

Christian.

☐

Hindu.

☐

Muslim.

☐

Jewish.

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Sikh.

☐

Buddhist

☐

Prefer not to say.

☐

Other.

☐

Please tell us:

12. Race and ethnicity - do you identify as:



Prefer not to say.

☐

White.

☐

English.

Welsh.

Scottish.

Northern Irish.

British.

☐

Irish.

☐

Gypsy or Irish Traveller.

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Roma.

☐

Polish

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Portuguese

☐

Latvian.

☐

Other white background.

Mixed and Multiple Ethnic groups.

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White and Black Caribbean.

☐

White and Black African.

☐

White and Asian.

☐

Other mixed ethnic background.

Asian or Asian British.



- ☐ Indian.
 - ☐ Bangladeshi.
 - ☐ Pakistani.
 - ☐ Chinese.
 - ☐ Other Asian backgrounds.
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Black or Black British.



- ☐ African.
 - ☐ Caribbean.
 - ☐ Other Black, African, Caribbean backgrounds.
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Other Ethnic Group.



- ☐ Arab.
 - ☐ Other Ethnic background. Please tell us.
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Thank you for filling in this form.

This information will **not** be able to tell us who you are.
But it will help us to understand if we are missing people out.

Sefton Council. Town Centres Public Space Protection Order Consultation. Privacy Notice.



Sefton Council would like to tell you about our Privacy Notice for the consultation for the Public Space Protection Order (PSPo) for Southport and Bootle Town Centres.



This Easy Read privacy notice will explain **the personal information we collect.**

In this questionnaire we will collect information about:



- IP addresses (this is a computer code to show what computer the information comes from).
- Equality questions.
- Postcode.



What personal information we collect.

In this consultation we collect:

- IP address.
- Postcode.
- Age.
- Sexuality.
- Gender.
- Disability.
- Religion.
- Race or ethnicity.





Why we collect and use this information.

Sefton Council are asking people to have their say about the proposed Public Space Protection Order for Southport and Bootle Town Centres.

IP addresses that identify computers.



- The IP addresses are collected to make sure only one response per resident is received.
- Once this is checked the IP address information is deleted.



Personal information.

- We are asking people for their first part of their postcode, so we know if the people who respond to the survey live in the area that the proposed PSPO covers or not.

Equalities Questions.

These questions are asked to show what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

This also lets us know if we need to use different ways to contact groups of people who are not responding.





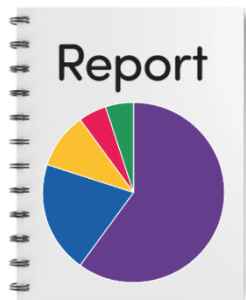
How long we keep your information.

The IP address will be deleted immediately after the checks are done.



The equalities and postcode information will be kept until the information has been looked at and a report written.

How we use the information and who we share the information with.



The information collected in this questionnaire will only be used as numbers in the report.

No information is collected that tells us who you are.



Storing the information.

All information is kept safe.

Sefton Council follows the laws around data protection.

The laws.

We need to make sure we:

- Only ask the questions we need to in the questionnaire.
- Ask the equalities questions.

Questions

1. What do you think about it?

☐ Good

☐ Bad

☒ Not sure

The law says we must ask and act on this information.

It helps us to know what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

It also helps us to know that we are not missing groups of people.





Confidential.

Your answers will not tell us who you are.

The answers will be collected to help us know what people think.

Who will we share this information with?

Your information will not be shared with any other organisations.

Asking to see your personal information.

You can ask to see what personal information we keep about you.

Be aware there are some rules about why some information cannot be shared.

You can refuse to answer any questions in the questionnaire.

If you want to ask to see your personal information you can. Use the Council [website to complete a request form.](#)

Or you can call Sefton Council on 0345 140 0845.

Contacts.

For more information about this privacy notice or the consultation please contact: Communitysafetyandengagement@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton's Data Protection Officer

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