

# Coastal and Visitor Areas Public Spaces Protection Order



## What is a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and why do we have them?

PSPOs are part of the powers available to local authorities to help tackle **anti-social behaviour** in a public space. We will call them the order from now on.



Anti-social behaviour is behaviour that spoils the quality of life for the local community in an area.

The order helps by placing **restrictions** on people's behaviour. These restrictions can be for everyone, or they can target certain behaviours by certain groups at certain times.



Orders run for 3 years.



## Why do we need an order for the coastal and visitor areas?

Lots of people visit Sefton's coast and nearby towns and villages.

**Visitors** can be tourists or local residents.



Most visitors behave well but some don't, which is not good for other people who live and work here or who come to visit.

Each year, Sefton Council and its partners run campaigns to make people aware of the certain behaviours that cause problems for others, including:

- lighting fires
- leaving behind hot barbeques and glass
- disturbing other visitors and local wildlife

Often these problems are made worse when people are drinking alcohol in public spaces.

The areas this order will cover are:

- The whole Sefton coastline
- Crosby town centre
- Bootle town centre
- Formby town centre
- Southport town centre

Sefton Council already has many rules around behaviour in public spaces, known as **byelaws**. Breaking these byelaws can lead to a criminal conviction.

The new order will be different than byelaws as it gives people the chance to **pay a fine** rather than have a criminal record.





The new order will be one of many actions to help improve the experience of visitors to Sefton's coastal and visitor areas. It will also protect our special places and wildlife.



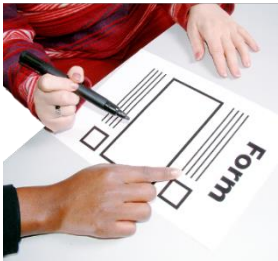
## Why are we asking for your ideas?

We want to know what you think. Please complete the consultation to give us your views on the **Coastal and Visitor Areas Public Spaces Protection Order**, which we will call 'The Order' from now on.



You can fill this form in on the computer.

Go to the 'Your Sefton, Your Say' website and look for the **Coastal and Visitor Areas** consultation.



If you prefer to fill in the form on paper, please ring us on **0151 934 2962** to ask for a form to be sent to you.

You can send it in the pre-paid envelope you will have been sent with the form.



If you need any support to give us your views, please contact Sefton Council on **0151 934 2962** and we will be happy to help.