

Supplementary Note – Town Centre PSPO

In line with the Cabinet Report of 27th May 2021, with regards the Town Centre PSPO, the following clarifications are made to support the report

Education and Communication

If the Order is put in place then information will go on the Council Website, using various forms of media, signage will be erected in relevant areas and through use of other methods to maximise publicity of the Order. This will include working with partners.

In line with enforcement codes and good practice, the aim is to use the June period to maximise publicity around the order, including the use of social media, MyHarrow, and other channels. This is all part of the education approach.

Officers will be out in the town centre, working with partners including the Harrow BID, to promote the PSPO and inform those that are unaware to ensure they comply going forward.

Buskers Pilot

In relation to busking, a buskers pilot scheme has been implemented for 6 months from December 2020 to be able to enjoy busking for all and reduce unnecessary disturbance to others. For example, the Council has received complaints of people with amplifiers sat outside a business, playing very loud music that affects those within the business both customers and staff. This appears to be a common problem being faced by town centres now, with others taking a similar approach for example Hammersmith & Fulham¹

Further surveys are taking place with businesses and others to understand the impact and approach. If this busking pilot proves successful, then it will go to Cabinet for final sign off.

Information can be found at <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/licences/busking>

Further Details

In terms of permissions to carry out activities that are to be regulated by the PSPO, this will be through a simple process of emailing licensing@harrow.gov.uk with details of the proposal, evidence of insurance and a risk assessment. Further details will be put on the website and clearly signposted if the PSPO is approved.

Consultation

Appendix A of the Cabinet Report contains details of those that responded to the Consultation, but overall 92 people responded.

¹ <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/articles/news/2019/07/amplifiers-removed-hammersmith-town-centre-make-it-safer-and-more-pleasant>