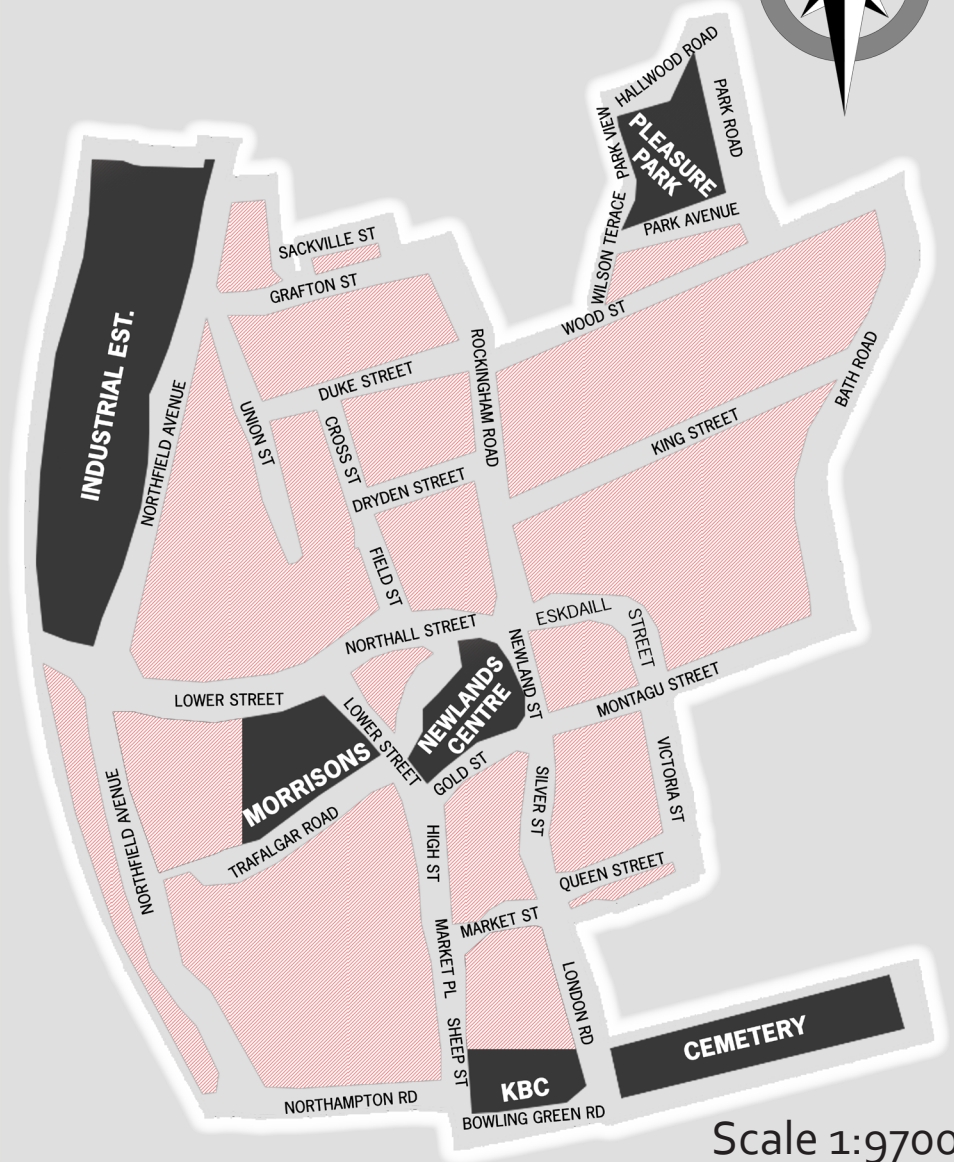


Kettering Town Centre: Public Spaces Protection Order - Consultation



Kettering Borough Council is consulting on the possibility of making a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for certain parts of Kettering. This Order would cover the town centre and adjacent residential areas to the north and east, as shown in this map.



What is a PSPO?

Public Spaces Protection Orders were created by the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act to deal with any nuisances or problems in a particular area that affects the local community's quality of life. A PSPO imposes conditions on how an area can be used, with an aim of preventing anti-social behaviour in public spaces.

A PSPO can cover multiple restrictions, so one order can prohibit drinking alcohol as well as begging. Enforcement can be undertaken by Council Officers, (and other groups designated by the Council) but principally Police Officers and PCSOs. The Police also have the power to detain.

In Kettering, there is already a dog control order for the whole Borough, which we are not planning to change.



We are proposing restrictions on the following areas and we would like your views on whether these are appropriate:

Category	Problem	Incidence
Public Nuisances	Begging on street	Two or three individuals have been regularly begging in the town centre for some time.
	Aggressive (commercial or charity) collection or on-street soliciting for money	This comes and goes as an issue, but is outside the street collections licence framework and causes annoyance to shoppers.
	Misuse of skateboards/ BMX bikes/ scooters, including usage by adults.	This causes nuisance and damage to the Market Place, Library, Manor Garden steps and Morrisons' car park. Complaints have been received from residents and users about both locations.
Alcohol consumption and rowdy behaviour	Existing on-street alcohol ban to be widened – a current order covers the town centre and Rockingham Road	There is a continuing night-time problem with on-street consumption and a need to tackle the day-time problems in the area of Rockingham Road, associated to its concentration of off licences.
	Unsupervised juveniles in the area after 11pm and before 6am	A high proportion of crime and anti-social behaviour is committed by this age group at night in these areas. This would give the Police power to return juveniles to their home address, which they are presently unable to do without an offence having been committed.
	Driving/using a motor vehicle in an anti-social manner	This would tackle the 'car club' problems which periodically re-occur on London Road car park, as well as motorcycle nuisance in parts of All Saints and other wards.
Obstruction	Sale of vehicles on public land	There is a semi-professional amount of car dealing on Rockingham Road, with vehicles effectively on/near highways but without tax or insurance. (Note this may already be dealt with under S3 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, but its enforcement has limitations)
	Obstructing the highway and/or loitering	This is principally a night-time issue in the town centre with crowds of people on the road, causing a wider public safety risk. There are some day time double parking problems, (e.g. in Horsemarket) which doesn't cause a physical obstruction to other vehicles, but is a nuisance.
	Anti-social parking	This would be harder to define but could be used close to schools, or in parts of the town centre not covered by existing traffic orders.

Kettering: Public Spaces Protection Order Questionnaire

We want your views! Your feedback on the areas for the proposed restrictions is very important to us. If you wish to take part in this process, please answer the questions and return your replies to **Community Services, Kettering Borough Council, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX**. You can also fill in this questionnaire online at: www.kettering.gov.uk/publicspacesprotectionorder

Q1 Do you agree with the proposal to have a PSPO in Kettering?

Yes No

If no, please give reasons

Q2 Is there anything included in the list which you think should be removed? If so, please list below.

Q3 Are there any issues which are not included on the above list, which could be included? If so, list them below.



Q4 Do you agree with the area of coverage?

Yes

No

Q5 Does anywhere need adding or removing?

Q6 Do you have any further comments? Please detail below

Name:

Name of Business/Organisation (if applicable):

Address:

Tel:

Email:

Please complete this questionnaire either online or in paper format and return by **Friday 24th April 2015**.

