

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

This PSPO covers:

- Borough wide ban on aggressive begging.
- Borough wide requirement to surrender alcohol if requested to do so because someone is causing nuisance/annoyance/disorder.
- Consumption of alcohol is banned in specified public spaces in the Old Town, Town Centre and Central St Leonards. Refer to the Council's website for full details.
- Use of psychoactive substances is banned in specified public spaces within a zone covering much of the Old Town and lower part of the West Hill, the town centre and Central St. Leonards, plus the associated promenade, seafront and beach. Refer to the Council's website for full details.
- General ASB such as shouting and screaming or acting in such a way as to cause annoyance, alarm, harassment or distress, is banned in specified public spaces within a zone covering much of the Old Town and lower part of the West Hill, the town centre and Central St. Leonards, plus the associated promenade, seafront and beach. Refer to the Council's website for full details.

Enforcement by the Police and Hastings Borough Council.

Penalties will vary depending upon the circumstances but include:-

- Community Protection Warnings and Community Protection Notices;
- £100 fixed penalty notices;
- Prosecution in the Magistrates Court;
- Civil injunctions which can include prohibitions and can also include positive requirements requiring the perpetrator to address the underlying causes of their ASB.

Enforcement services will be continuing to work very closely with support services such as those offering help with homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, and mental health issues.

Despite there being a very wide range of support services and voluntary organisations operating across Hastings, aggressive begging has become more prevalent and widespread.

The prohibition on sleeping in vehicles parked at Cinque Ports Way is in response to serious ASB and nuisance associated with this throughout much of 2016.

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