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**Dear Resident** 

## **Public Spaces Protection Order**

Following numerous complaints of anti-social behaviour, Wycombe District Council proposes, for the purposes of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, to make a Public Spaces Protection Order under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The Order will seek to address issues of crime and anti-social behaviour caused by the use of the public footpath (HWU/80/1), which runs behind the houses on West End Road, between Desborough Avenue and West End Street. The crime and anti-social behaviour includes:

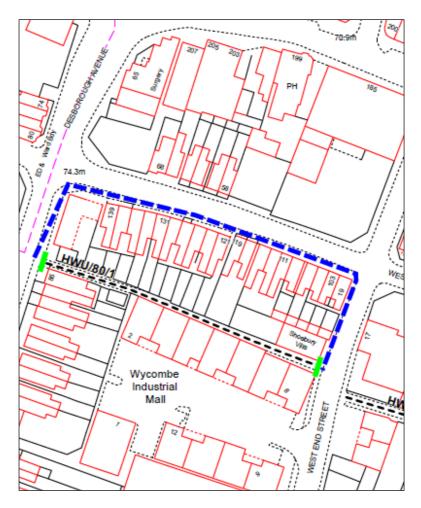
- People loitering along the footpath drinking alcohol.
- Use of foul language and shouting during the day and night from some members of the public when passing through the footpath.
- Litter being dropped along the footpath and also being discarded into people's gardens.
- People engaging in criminal damage and graffiti along the footpath and adjoining walls and fences.

The effect of the Order will be to restrict access at all times to the footpath through the installation of lockable gates (indicated in green on the map below), for which access will only be given to key persons (as described in Schedule 2 of the Order). Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the requirements of the Order commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

An extensive consultation is being undertaken to ascertain whether all those who may be affected by the footpath being closed are in agreement. At the closure of the consultation period, the Council will review all comments/ objections and make a decision upon whether to accept or reject the application based on all comments received.

Community - Elaine Jewell, Head of Service

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Full details of the proposed Order, together with the plan, are available for inspection on the Council's website (<u>www.wycombe.gov.uk/PSPO</u>).

Any representation or objection to the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order must be made in writing, no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017, to:

Anti-Social Behaviour Team Wycombe District Council Queen Victoria Road High Wycombe Bucks HP11 1BB

Alternatively you can email asb@wycombe.gov.uk quoting PSPO.

Yours sincerely

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