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Dear Sir or Madam

Public Spaces Protection Order

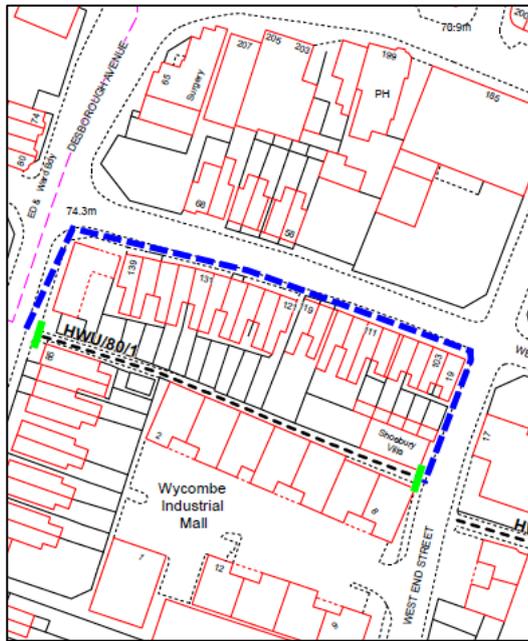
In October 2017 Wycombe District Council implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), which closed off the majority of the public footpath (HWU/80/1) which runs along behind the houses on West End Road. The Order was put in place to tackle ongoing crime and anti-social behaviour that had been reported to the police and council, which included:

- People loitering along the footpath and drinking alcohol
- Use of foul language and shouting during the night and day 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 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which gives the Council the power to introduce these Orders, is clear that PSPOs can only be in place for a maximum of three years. However, before they expire, the Council is able to undertake another consultation to ascertain whether there is support for the PSPO to be extended.

Therefore, a consultation is being undertaken to find out whether all those who may be affected by the extension of the PSPO, and the continued closure of the footpath, are in agreement. At the end of the consultation period, the Council will review all comments/objections and make a decision upon whether to extend the PSPO, or to remove the fencing/gates that close the footpath.

The map overleaf shows the closed footpath, and where the alternative route is (in blue):



Full details of the current PSPO, together with the plan can be found on the Council's website (www.wycombe.gov.uk/PSPO).

Could you let me know if you support the extension of this PSPO, or if you have any objections, by the consultation closing date of 21st September 2020. Your views can be fed back via either of the following:

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