

<b>Equality Impact Assessment Form and Action Table</b> (Expand the boxes as appropriate, please see guidance to assist with completion)	
<b>Team/Service Area</b>	Community Health
<b>Name of what is being assessed</b>	Public Space Protection order Mendip
<b>Risk Rating</b>	low
<b>Section 1 – Description</b> of what is being impact assessed – this could be the Policy Aims and Objectives or what is being changed.	
<p>In October 2014 a new Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into force which included a new range of tools and powers for the local authorities and the Police to tackle anti-social behaviour. This Act aims to introduce wider discretionary powers to address any particular nuisance or problem that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life. One of these powers within the Act, is the authority to create Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).</p> <p>The purpose of these orders are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to control and/or support the reduction of anti-social behaviour in public spaces, whether or not it is owned by the local authority, but is within the boundaries of the District, or,</li> <li>2) Address a problem within a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area, which will apply to everyone.</li> </ol> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The recommended introduction of public Space Protection orders are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To seek a Public Space Protection Order for the whole of Mendip District as blanket cover for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to remove dog faeces</li> <li>• Failure to put dog on a lead as directed by an authorised officer</li> <li>• Failure to stop consuming intoxicating substances when directed by an authorised officer ( replace existing DPPOs)</li> <li>• Failure to surrender intoxicating substance when directed by an authorised officer (replace existing DPPO).</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) To seek a Public Space Protection Order which relates to all council owned, under 5's, play areas only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to allow a dog within a play area for mainly under 5s (as specified within Appendix E)</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) To seek a Public Space Protection Order which relates to a specific area regards Environmental crime and disposal of any waste materials known as fly tipping.</li> </ol> <p>Frome area relating to Berkley lane, Dark Lane and Pot lane only</p>	

**Section 2A** people or communities that are targeted or could be affected (for Equalities-taking particular note of the Protected Characteristic listed in the action Table).

The people or communities that are targeted or could be affected by the introduction of these orders are living within the wider community or are visitors or have businesses to the wider location of Mendip, with the introduction of these orders they would benefit partners such as the Police regards enforcement and ensuring that the wider community is safe and enhances quality of life for those living, working and visiting.

Regards addressing protected characteristic such as Disability, Race and Pregnancy and Maternity the council acknowledged and recognise the references within the kennel club and Dog Trust report regards dog control and removal of dog faeces.

**Section 2B** – People who are **delivering** the policy or service

Community health-Community Safety, Environmental Protection and authorised sections within the council.

**Section 3 – Evidence and data** used for the assessment (Attach documents where appropriate)

[Summary of all PSPO Consultations.pdf](#) [PSPO public consultation.pdf](#)  
[Appendix D- Dogs Trust response to Public Space Protection Order consultation 2017.docx](#)  
[Mendip PSPO Kennel Club response.pdf](#)

**Section 4 – Conclusions** drawn about the impact of the proposed change or new service/policy (Please use prompt sheet for help with what to consider):

**Key issues to be fed into relevant Action Table**

The impact of introducing Public Space Protection Orders will be that Mendip District council will exercise its powers as under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4 S59 with regards to addressing Anti-social behaviour across Mendip that is having a detrimental effect on quality of life and therefore will have a positive effect.

The orders will provide the public will a greater confidence and security on anti-social behaviour issues particularly regards to the most vulnerable such as the elderly and disabled groups.

Regards targeting dog owners and reference to Kennel club and Dogs Trust response the council will embark on addressing the recommendations to minimise discriminating dog owners but highlight responsible dog ownership practices including addressing dog owners who are wheelchair bound or scooters and ensuring adequate facilities. The intention through the introduction of these orders regards alcohol consumption will be the revision of existing alcohol drinking orders and there will be targeted

partnership approach through existing structures to address cases where there are issues such as mental health and homelessness.

**Section 5** – After consideration please state your final recommendations based on the findings from the impact assessment. Also include any examples of good practice and positive steps taken.

As this is a statutory requirement on local authority to consider introduction of Public Space Protection especially where the council already has existing alcohol orders the intention is that the council will commence with the implementation of these orders.

- The council will address the references on responsible dog ownership campaigns/publicity within the response's stated with the kennel club and Dogs Trust
- The council will consider the disability references regards reviewing additional dog bins.
- When considering signage in plain English and relevant language where necessary.

**Section 6** - How will the assessment, consultation and outcomes be published and communicated? E.g. reflected in final strategy, published. What steps are in place to review the Impact Assessment

The outcomes will form part of a cabinet report seeking approval to implement the recommended Public Space Protection order. The cabinet report will be a public document and there will be a follow up response to the public consultation outcome via the council webpage.

<b>Completed by:</b>	Judi Thompson Community Safety officer
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<b>Date 17-8-2017</b>	
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<b>Signed off by:</b>	Claire Malcolmson
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<b>Date</b>	29/08/17
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<b>Compliance sign off</b>	
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**Equality Impact Assessment Issues and Action Table**

Identified issue drawn from your conclusions	Actions needed – can you mitigate the impacts? If you can how will you mitigate the impacts?	Who is responsible for the actions?	When will the action be completed?	How will it be monitored?	What is the expected outcome from the action?
<b>Age</b>					
<p>How will MDC address people in particular age groups when implementing Public Space Protection orders</p> <p><b>Older generation or Health related</b></p> <p><b>Young and vulnerable persons</b></p>	<p>Additional awareness to the elderly in relation to enforcement and understanding the legalisation discretionary grounds case by case.</p> <p>To ensure that young and vulnerable person’s where alcohol is involved are addressed through partnership approach and to ensure consideration of mental health and age</p>	<p>Authorised delegated officers within the key service areas implementing and enforcing Public Space Protection Orders.</p> <p>Trading standards on test purchasing.</p> <p>Local police teams and enforcement officers.</p> <p>Vulnerable person such as street drinkers and rough sleeper are</p>	<p>This will be on going action, all Public Space Protection Orders will be reviewed every three years.</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>Staff feedback via monthly or quarterly reviews within the shape one teams and anti-social behaviour group on delivery of enforcement of Public Space Protection orders.</p> <p>As part of service operational plans within community health and neighbourhoods services.</p>	<p>To address any issues arising from delivery. where necessary further education with town and parishes councils, Police and other stakeholders will be programmed</p>

		supported by Elim centre in wells and through the Mendip rough sleepers group.			
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**Disability**

<p>The Public Space Protection order could have some negative impacts on this in relation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dog faeces on wheelchair and scooter wheels</li> <li>• The ability to pick up dog faeces.</li> </ul>	<p>In order to mitigate the impact of any negative impact exemptions will apply</p> <p>To ensure that clear signage is installed in accordance with regulations and plain English and sited within key footfall areas.</p>	<p>Officers will address in accordance with the relevant acts and exemptions</p>	<p>Ongoing assessment as part of evaluation process within 3 years</p>	<p>Complaints procedure to the council or any supporting partners</p>	<p>To provide alternative approaches if necessary on signage and awareness campaigns.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to understand legalisation and enforcement.</li> <li>• Ability to control dog off a lead.</li> </ul>	<p>Discretion case by case regard's ability to pick up faeces and control dog however, if persistent officers may choose to use community protection warnings.</p> <p>Ensure there is a clear awareness campaign when introducing any orders</p>				
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>					
N/a					
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership</b>					
N/a					
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>					
N/a					
<b>Race</b> (including ethnicity or national origin, colour, nationality and Gypsies and Travellers)					
Public Space Protection orders signage.	The signage will need to be plain English and where necessary to target a particular issue within the language required.				
<b>Religion and Belief</b>					
n/a					
<b>Sex</b>					
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>					

N/A					
<b>Other</b> (including caring responsibilities, rurality, low income, Military Status etc)					
N/A					