

## Public Space Protection Order for Union Terrace and Clarence Street

**Is there anything else you would like to say about the potential PSPO at Union Terrace or Clarence Street?****Answered 87****Skipped 81**

Respondents	Response Date	Responses	Tags
1	Apr 19 2022 02:26 AM	I've witnessed some shocking and disturbing scenes on Clarence street due to certain individuals especially on my way to work in the past and have actually had to go home because of being induced into panic attacks by individuals who are clearly inebriated. I just hope they don't congregate around outside the Londis shop instead. I had to tell a group not long ago to pick their dirty needles up. It's vile and needs to be stopped.	
2	Apr 18 2022 10:14 PM	What concerns me is that living on a street behind Clarence St means that anti social behaviour could be pushed onto my street & in to The Groves. As a person who appreciates the positive changes in the area since the through road closure I would not like the anti social behaviour to be pushed in now we are improving so much.	
3	Apr 18 2022 09:42 PM	I'm very concerned that the introduction of the PSPO on the proposed area will just displace the current high levels of antisocial activity to the adjacent residential streets. The proposed area covered ends right at the entrance to Markham Crescent, which has suffered hugely in the past year or so from antisocial behaviour including alcohol-related violence and intimidation. The PSPO should also include all residential streets adjacent to the proposed zone, particularly Markham Crescent, and should also cover the children's playground at Clarence Gardens (I think it only covers the gardens as proposed?). I also think that additional action needs to be taken against the sources of antisocial behaviour within this zone: the off-licence on the corner of Clarence Street and Townend Street literally profits off anti-social behaviour, supplying visibly drunk people with cheap alcohol that they then drink almost immediately outside. That needs to be part of the solution too.	

- 4      Apr 18 2022 09:28 PM      I am concerned that Clarence St gardens and the neighbouring streets would be become the new drinking venue for street drinkers, which would be a terrible development for what is currently a lovely community space for families and older people. I would like to see the gardens and the streets off Haxby Rd included in any PSPO. The alleyways are at particular risk of antisocial behaviour as we have recently experienced on Markham Crescent/Markham St.
- It would also be worth examining the supply of the alcohol being consumed on Clarence St - it is illegal to supply alcohol to intoxicated individuals and everyone knows exactly which off-license shop is supplying cheap alcohol to individuals who are already intoxicated - I regularly see people leaving Diamond Mini Market with alcohol they should not have been sold. I urge the Council to consider what it can do within its licensing powers in relation to Diamond Mini Market in particular but also other off-trade licensed premises in the vicinity.
- In addition, I would like to highlight that I see it as inappropriate that Diamond Mini Market has a City of York Council-awarded alcohol license when it is so close to housing for vulnerable individuals, many of whom may be battling alcohol addiction.
- 5      Apr 18 2022 07:52 PM      I think the area is too small and assume people will just move a few streets away to outside the pspo area, so the problem will just move rather than go away. Drinking alcohol in itself isn't a problem, it's only if people are becoming loud and offensive, which could be for other reasons, like waiting outside the homeless shelter.
- 6      Apr 18 2022 07:25 PM      Unfortunately if you only use this power on these two streets it will just make the drinkers move up into the groves , as someone who works in a shop in the groves we already have enough problems with some of these people eg . Sitting round shop drinking ,needles left around shops ,trying to steal from shops and scaring away the customers ,I think you also need to consider the other streets around the groves area as well
- 7      Apr 18 2022 06:21 PM      Look down the road into the groves they also congregate there on the benches on a morning

8	Apr 18 2022 05:13 PM	Sometimes behaviour is very clearly anti-social, but there is a lot that is intimidating or difficult but harder to define (eg groups of people congregating in bus shelters) - would that be covered? It often deters us from walking down that stretch of road, and my mum has been unable to catch a bus home from visiting us at times as it hasn't felt safe to use the bus stop. [ Also, the drinking and blatant drug dealing often spills over in to Bootham Park.
9	Apr 18 2022 04:41 PM	It should extend into Bootham Park and include the Groves and other streets off Haxby Road opposite Clarence gardens including Markham Crescent and Street - otherwise you will just push the problem onto those roads instead
10	Apr 18 2022 04:26 PM	Expand the area to cover the whole of the Groves. The current area will only relocate the issues/groups into the neighbouring streets in the Groves.
11	Apr 14 2022 11:16 AM	Potential idea is that Arlight or whatever they are now called, take more responsibility of their residents, and give sanctions to those breaching such
12	Apr 12 2022 09:46 PM	This is having a detrimental effect with vulnerable people I work with, both young and old, this also affects the staff.
13	Apr 11 2022 09:50 AM	Urgently needed. Constant hassle from drunk/drugs/changing lives people to shop keepers, people at bus stop, cyclists, pedestrians. I hate going past them. Feel intimidated Scared to go past them Foul mouthed. Abusive Need something to make the area safe again for people to walk in.
14	Apr 09 2022 06:34 PM	Anything to reduce the potential threat to vulnerable people will be welcomed. I have witnessed and intervened in stopping anti social behaviour and threatening behaviour towards a vulnerable person.
15	Apr 08 2022 05:25 PM	stop allowing cheap booze shops to set up outside homeless shelters. diamond mine serves anyone no matter how drunk, or if they are street drinking on the street .it`s cruel to people trying to fix their lives having these shops right outside. it`s the same on walmgate.
16	Apr 08 2022 02:52 PM	It can't come soon enough nothing but trouble ever since changing lives opened it certainly changed the lives of local people

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| 17 | Apr 08 2022<br>02:33 PM | Just been to Union Terrace. Three piles of human faeces there. Syringes always in the Clarence street park, along with broken glass where bottles have been smashed Often see these people urinating in public. So loud as gangs can be heard shouting where they can get their next fix. Absolutely disgusting   |
| 18 | Apr 08 2022<br>12:22 PM | A lot of tourists park or are dropped off around Union Terrace and street drinking / ASB gives a very bad first impression. Its also not nice for locals, students or visitors to the hospital to have to witness who also pass through this area.  |
| 19 | Apr 08 2022<br>12:02 PM | Very unpleasant walking children to and from school in this area.   |
| 20 | Apr 07 2022<br>02:40 PM | I attend st johns university and as a young woman who has to walk to and from the bus stop along Clarence street to the university, I find this very daunting. The groups of males that are very likely to say something to you, or shout or ask for something is intimidating and there is nothing I feel I can do about it. It's even scarier when it's darker in winter. I would feel much safer with more lighting and possibly something to prevent the groups sitting in the doorways of the unattended houses along there. |
| 21 | Apr 07 2022<br>08:46 AM | I believe a ban would simply push the same behaviours into the groves area. Which is already a blind spot due to the road being blocked to through traffic.   |
| 22 | Apr 07 2022<br>12:27 AM | It is unnerving and off putting when you wish to access the businesses on Clarence St   |
| 23 | Apr 06 2022<br>10:31 PM | There are issues nearly every night near the bus stops near Union Terrace. It's really unpleasant waiting for a bus when there are groups of drunks hanging around there and the off-licence nearby (not the Co-Op they avoid there). It's not fair on NHS staff finishing a shift.   |
| 24 | Apr 06 2022<br>09:50 PM | Close down the homeless hotel   |
| 25 | Apr 06 2022<br>08:35 PM | Groups of drinkers regularly use the bus shelters to carry out their gatherings, & also the area near the health Centre next to the college   |

26	Apr 06 2022 08:23 PM	Pointless unless other intervention is in place to help the people gathering to drink etc
27	Apr 06 2022 07:57 PM	I feel it should cover the whole area up to the end of the Nestle factory and across to Wigginton Road as I feel the individuals causing the problem will congregate further up the road, possibly by the allotments on Wigginton Terrace, or they might move onto the park or on Wigginton Road. They are not going to stop drinking or the anti social behaviour, it will just move further up the road.
28	Apr 06 2022 07:43 PM	I think changing lives attracts this sort of behaviour
29	Apr 06 2022 06:47 PM	Stop drug dealing in Clarence garden
30	Apr 06 2022 04:47 PM	The question says Ban on Drinking Alcohol when it's only if they are causing trouble ? So that is misleading if it is true ?
31	Apr 05 2022 05:26 PM	I am concerned about the impact this would have on residents at Changing Lives, Union Terrace. As homeless people, often with dependencies on drugs or alcohol and/or serious mental health issues, this PSPO could serve to further criminalise an already vulnerable group. I would encourage a through Equality Impact Assessment and close working with CYC homeless services and Changing Lives to manage this.
32	Apr 05 2022 11:26 AM	I have witnessed street drinkers, sometimes alone and sometimes in groups. Sometimes noticed them approaching members of the public or loudly remonstrating with each other. I have also noticed anti-social behaviour in residential neighbourhoods, such as leaving 'empties' of bottles and cans on people's doorsteps.
33	Apr 04 2022 04:36 PM	Will this just move the problem to a different area?

- 34 Mar 31 2022 06:10 PM Instead of always thinking anti social behaviour is related to the homeless shelter why not look at the drunken and anti social behaviour of students, pub goers and stag and hen parties on Gillygate. Or pubs playing music far too loud and encouraging drunken parties? I've lived in the Gillygate/Union Terrace area for 15 years and trust me, this is the bigger problem. Walk along at night and look. See the doorways used as a toilet by well dressed gents or ladies from hen parties. If having the ability to move on groups of 3 and means more PSO support for residents long after tourists have left then by all means. If not, it makes life harder for those already living hard lives and does little to make life better for residents.
- 35 Mar 30 2022 09:01 AM Quite often there are groups hanging out in empty shop doorways on that street that I often encounter with my children. Whilst a ban on drinking and large groups is helpful to UT and Clarence Street, my fear is they will be pushed down into the groves area which is quieter and more residential. Should this ban be put in place, it would need to be regularly patrolled so that the groups of people in question don't just cause the same issues in another area, as that is not an answer. Perhaps providing them with voucher incentives to leave the area and/or attend local groups/schemes in the area and in town. Predominantly the people who hang out here are from the hostel, so if the hostel can be involved - ie put on groups, activities- in conjunction with the mental health service also on Clarence Street- to provide a positive alternative the problem can be tackled rather than just shifted elsewhere.
- 36 Mar 30 2022 12:09 AM Walking through this area as a resident is an unpleasant daily experience due to the rude aggressive groups who congregate there, and who also seem to make it their mission to litter the place with beer cans and ring pulls. Any action taken to solve this situation is welcome
- 37 Mar 29 2022 10:37 PM It has been expressed that moving on anti social behaviour in this area moves it to other areas such as the Groves.
- 38 Mar 29 2022 07:29 PM Just that I hope that after putting it in place, there are enough resources to make sure that people adhere to it.
- 39 Mar 29 2022 06:36 PM I would like the PSPO to also be on Markham Crescent, given what has happened on the street over the last year.

- 40 Mar 29 2022 04:15 PM I understand the rationale for this order and support exploration of measures to make the area safer for my young children. However I would like the council to address the underlying issue here - which is that there is a small population of vulnerable, unwell, adults in York living in abject poverty who need holistic care and support to improve their quality of life. I do not think these people want to sit at the bus stop/park all day drinking cider - but what are the other options available to them? The council has a opportunity here to show compassion to them, and passion for improving the city for everyone. I worry that this order will just grant permission to move people along - and then where do they go?
- 41 Mar 29 2022 03:54 PM Yes, I live on Markham Crescent, where there has been a significant amount of anti social behaviour in recent months leading to two deaths in one of the properties, one of which has resulted in murder charges. I am hugely concerned that this proposed PSPO ends on Haxby Road. As residents we have been told by the police that the issues in our street may well have resulted from people being moved from other areas. I am very concerned that the PSPO does not cover a large enough area and will simply result in the problem being moved closer to the residential areas and closer to the children's playpark. I would welcome a PSPO but would invite consideration to it covering a much larger area.
- 42 Mar 28 2022 08:06 PM There's also a big drug problem on Union Terrace with people injecting at the back of the recycling area and Bootham park hospital grounds. More community policing of the area is needed and to provide more support for the residents in that area with addiction problems that are causing the antisocial behaviour.
- 43 Mar 28 2022 06:01 PM The anti social behaviour I have experienced on Clarence Street has been from lone drunk men very early in the morning when it is still dark (I have to go down this street while walking to work) - I feel completely helpless while using the street but I don't know whether this behaviour is associated with Union Terrace or not (the man whose behaviour put me in most fear this year had actually been following me since Haxby Road)
- 44 Mar 28 2022 05:26 PM Totally agree with this, too many drunks and druggies in York begging and causing a nuisance.

45	Mar 28 2022 03:52 PM	This is an area frequented by inpatients and visitors to York hospital and the presence of drunks can be intimidating and frightening.
46	Mar 28 2022 01:36 PM	Public signage to say that closed circuit tv cameras were being used might help.
47	Mar 28 2022 11:09 AM	I walk through this area most days, often in the evening. I would say almost every time I see small groups associated with the Arc Light, drinking beer tins and vodka. They are often there drinking even in the morning. I am of course supportive of rehabilitation, but I see the same people there after all these years so I am unconvinced that they are recovering. It is one of many factors that brings the area down.
48	Mar 28 2022 10:28 AM	My concern over introducing a PSPO would be that the problem/issues would move out of that area into a neighbouring area such as The Groves (where I live).
49	Mar 25 2022 04:03 PM	Usually people riding anti socially in the area which causes big risks for other road users
50	Mar 24 2022 10:11 AM	We have small children and a reduction in antisocial behaviour would be very beneficial to their lives as well.
51	Mar 24 2022 08:05 AM	Anti social behaviour on Union Terrace is shocking, happens on a daily basis intimidating residents, passers by and tourists coming off coaches to the car park. The area behind Changing Lives is particularly bad, urinating, drug taking and dealing, fights, drinking and the litter left behind is appalling. Changing Lives should be held to account, admittedly not all are their residents but they are in the area because of Changing Lives residents. A PSPO is one of the many tools to address this problem, please introduce this as a matter of urgency.
52	Mar 23 2022 06:30 PM	Can't we extend the ban on public drinking to outside the city centre? <input type="checkbox"/> The Diamond Mine shop was so obviously opened to cater for the alcoholics who stay at the homeless place on the car park. We have enough alcohol shops and it should never have been opened.
53	Mar 22 2022 02:00 PM	Groups from the homeless centre sitting in shop door ways



54	Mar 20 2022 10:49 PM	The closer of the groves to though traffic has increased crime and made it difficult to catch people involved in crime .
55	Mar 20 2022 08:16 PM	Since the introduction of the homeless shelter, my children are abused daily with junkies waiting from their hit at boots. Then targeted for money at home time
56	Mar 20 2022 07:33 PM	Would be very welcome as most days it's intimidating to walk past the shops n Clarence Street due to certain groups of people congregating in the bust stops. Very sad state they are often in and I know they need help but we should feel safe walking the streets any time of day
57	Mar 20 2022 06:38 PM	I have found this area very intimidating with groups around bus stops, drinking, verbal aggression and groups blocking the pavements. I have seen drugs being exchanged.
58	Mar 20 2022 12:42 PM	The solution to the problem lies to a great extent within the control of the management of Changing Lives.
59	Mar 20 2022 03:40 AM	Talk to the Arclight people first..... this is the wrong way to go about things.
60	Mar 19 2022 11:11 PM	Loud music being played. Suspect drug dealing is occurring daily
61	Mar 19 2022 07:00 PM	We have found syringes on our street. You can't walk past the bus stop without getting shouted at as there are drunk people sat there. Many of the doorways have a drunk/ drug user sat in them shouting aggressively. Pensioners can't use the bus stop safely. drunks sit on the door of the food takeaway and won't let people in. Very intimidating. My child is terrified of walking near. Problem is from Changing Lives - Fewer problems when it was managed by Arc Light.
62	Mar 19 2022 02:48 PM	Largely students live on this street and it is unfair to bad alcohol and groups. If it is causing an issue those affected should rethink about where they live and talk to those causing the disturbance instead of secretly banning alcohol
63	Mar 19 2022 02:46 PM	The gatherings tend to be outside the homeless centre and can be quite intimidating when walking past them

- 64 Mar 19 2022 02:09 PM You can sometimes get just 2 people who are drinking alcohol and can be very intimidating
- 65 Mar 19 2022 01:22 PM The problem is because of the Arclight centre. Where else are people supposed to go? It's better that they gather in this area, away from the city centre and family places
- 66 Mar 19 2022 12:29 PM Have witnessed fighting and abuse being given. There is also drug dealing along with the excess daytime alcohol consumption of large groups from the homeless shelter. Doesn't create a good impression for visitors to York who use the car park and my wife who works at the hospital finds it unsafe at times walking at night.
- 67 Mar 19 2022 11:46 AM These issues can also affect Gillygate
- 68 Mar 19 2022 11:41 AM I see the same group of drinkers most days. They have not caused me any particular concern. However, it would be great if something could be done to help them as they seem to spend most of the day sitting and drinking in the bus stop or at the toilets in the coach park. I have not seen them threaten or attack anyone so I am more concerned to see some way to help them address their health problems.
- 69 Mar 19 2022 11:33 AM I think this may be part of a solution for the anti social behaviour in the area which is caused by people who are largely alcohol dependent. Some also suffer from poor mental health. Improved provision of services for these people would also improve the situation.
- 70 Mar 19 2022 09:31 AM Please just do something it's horrific walking through the down and outs, they stand right outside the place they love that's helping them rehabilitate under a sign that says no street drinking, the police need to be more proactive
- 71 Mar 19 2022 08:49 AM Similar measures elsewhere have helped move problems into this area. Moving problems from one street to another is no solution.
- 72 Mar 19 2022 12:36 AM You'll just move the problem somewhere else. It should be extended to cover the groves

73	Mar 18 2022 10:31 PM	The people I see in the area who are most likely to be impacted on by the PSPO are a small group of the local drunks who keep each other company in the bus shelters and doorways. If you move them on then where are they supposed to go?
74	Mar 18 2022 10:25 PM	We need safe neighbourhoods please
75	Mar 18 2022 08:27 PM	I find this area sometimes a bit intimidating, but I wouldn't want any solution to just shift the problem elsewhere.
76	Mar 18 2022 08:12 PM	I have been stood at the bus stops, some can be quite intimidating.
77	Mar 18 2022 06:48 PM	The people who sit in bus stops and drink alcohol have no where to go to socialise it would be wise I think to provide an area where they can go
78	Mar 18 2022 05:04 PM	Where will they go? Where are they moved on to? If The Groves it is hard to support the move - a case of not in my street. Needs to be part of bigger better plan to provide alternative space/place for support.
79	Mar 18 2022 02:31 PM	They would need to ensure that the problem is not just moved to Clarence Gardens and other streets nearby too.
80	Mar 18 2022 10:15 AM	I think the PSPO for this area is a great idea and possibly long overdue - I live nearby and have done for many years now and frequent the area, but find myself trying to avoid it as much as possible more and more often due to the issues that the area has with anti-social behaviour for various reasons. I find alternative routes now as I feel more and more unsafe walking through the area on my own as time goes on.
81	Mar 18 2022 03:39 AM	make the street safe
82	Mar 17 2022 09:51 PM	It needs to be extended into the bowls park as that already has the same issues and will only get worse if the PSPO comes into force

- 83 Mar 17 2022 07:28 PM It seems that Changing Lives and its residents is the hub of the anti-social behaviour. It was a pub it would have its licence revoked. Perhaps the council could also look at the effect the organisation is having on its neighbours.
- 84 Mar 17 2022 07:24 PM Littering is the biggest bug bear. I've suggested more bins but that won't work as rubbish is left feet away from existing bins. The litterers have no pride or investment in the local area. They constantly argue and shout amongst themselves with no respect for anyone around them.
- 85 Mar 17 2022 07:15 PM I would fully support this PSPO. As a resident of Union Terrace I feel it would significantly improve the quality of life for local people.
- 86 Mar 17 2022 06:01 PM The anti social behaviour is constant and out of hand and blighting our daily lives. Drug taking, drinking to excess, shouting, fighting, urinating all in public. There has been damage to cars and threatening behaviour. A PSPO helps tackle this behaviour alongside other measures, such as intervention and support with addiction issues.
- 87 Mar 17 2022 01:15 PM ASB has always been an issue around here, but has been particularly bad in the last two years since lockdown and has definitely affected my mental health. Changing Lives, although well meaning, do nothing whatsoever to minimise the obvious impact their residents have on the local area. As I type this there are ten drunk males standing on the corner of UT and CS, most of whom are Changing Lives residents, shouting and smoking weed. It's intimidating for pedestrians, especially lone female students of which there are plenty round here. I've lost count of the number of times I've seen people cross the street to avoid the drinkers. At its worst the situation can get completely out of control. Without intervention I worry there will be some sort of tragedy.