

## Public Space Protection Order for York City Centre

**Is there anything else you would like to say about the potential PSPO at York City Centre?****Answered 36****Skipped 42**

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- 6 Apr 08 2022 04:48 PM Needs to work in partnership with responsible drinking in pubs hotels clubs
- 7 Apr 08 2022 12:18 PM While I don't have an issue with people drinking outside in designated areas (e.g. outdoor seating belonging to a bar) its the non-designated areas that I have an issue with and is the reason I try and avoid town on Fridays or weekends - especially with my children - due to the amount of street drinkers ranging from the homeless to teenagers to hen/stag dos wandering around town and the often anti-social and boisterous behaviour that accompanies it.
- 8 Apr 08 2022 12:04 PM men urinating in streets
- 9 Apr 08 2022 11:54 AM Total city centre alcohol ban and Zero tolerance on any anti-social behaviour is needed.
- 10 Apr 06 2022 10:40 PM We completely avoid the town centre on Friday nights and all day on Saturdays now after family members were racially abused. The hen parties are worse than the stags. So many loud, abusive drunks in the town centre when locals are out on a Saturday afternoon with their kids. Why are the pubs being allowed to persist in serving people who are so drunk they can barely stand up? We don't feel safe in the town centre on a weekend.
- 11 Apr 06 2022 08:34 PM As a York resident I avoided York city centre as a family with you g children after 2pm on a weekend due to the large hen and stag weekend visitors. I've witnessed antisocial behaviour by individuals and groups, often as a result of early drinking. On one occasion I was visiting with my children we witnessed a mature woman, drunk, urinating in the garden at Judges lodgings, whilst we were eating lunch. When visiting the city, we often see vomit on the streets. York is spoilt by such behaviours.
- 12 Apr 06 2022 08:26 AM There needs to be some responsibility shared for litter created by fast food and other outlets in the city
- 13 Apr 05 2022 05:29 PM I am concerned that the focus of enforcement should not disproportionately target those who are rough sleeping.

- 14 Apr 05 2022 11:36 AM Obviously there has been a quieter period during the periods of 'lockdown' but street drinking and anti-social behaviour has been noticeable in the city centre streets for some years. I have personally witnessed appalling behaviour near McDonald's on Blake Street and have been assaulted on Ouse Bridge near North Street (on the second occasion I was even in a car - a drunken thug beating the bonnet of my car!) While I support the proposal of a PSPO in the city centre I fear it might have the effect of driving the troublemakers to areas outside the zone eg: Tower Gardens. More needs to be done to counter the ASB of people with ingrained drink and drugs addictions and 'moving them on' is not a solution. It's just moving the problem.
- 15 Mar 31 2022 06:21 PM Why does it not include Gillygate and Bootham? Anti social behaviour, encouraged by anti social businesses is a problem in this area. People, well dressed and well to do, can be seen using Gillygate as a toilet on weekends. Banging windows, fighting, and singing at 3.30 am is normal and common. IS the aim of this only to support business in the city centre and not residents of Gillygate/Portland Street and Bootham? You either bring in powers to target homeless people in Union Terrace or in the retail area of the centre but ignore residents? The area is ignored. Please sort the pollution here, make life better for residents by instructing pubs to stick to their license obligations and sort our anti social businesses who park all weekend, work on Sundays and overnight disturbing sleep, if you get any with the singing and violence.
- 16 Mar 28 2022 10:46 PM I would make more visits to the city centre if I knew there was something in place to make it safe for families to go into at weekends
- 17 Mar 28 2022 05:43 PM Great idea. Drunk, out of control people are unfortunately why we don't come into the centre more on an evening.
- 18 Mar 28 2022 05:31 PM Extent of PSPO should cover riverside areas north to Scarborough Bridge and south to Millennium Bridge as in summer can be dangerous place for people to out drinking in groups.
- Having said that I'm \*assuming\* the PSPO is intended to cover alcohol misuse but you haven't actually made clear in this survey (or the Clarence St one I just completed) what behaviours you're actually proposing to control/restrict within the area!! Bit of a failure of communication/consultation there!

- 19 Mar 28 2022 05:27 PM Totally agree with this, too many drunks and druggies in York begging and causing a nuisance
- 20 Mar 28 2022 03:14 PM Anti social behaviour in relation to alcohol means that I do not want to go into city centre on a weekend afternoon or evening.
- 21 Mar 28 2022 02:58 PM Residential areas in bishophill are plagued with anti social behaviour, alcohol and drug taking. Playground by the walls full of syringe packets and broken bottles. Streets around priory street, fetter Lane also littered with these. Drunk screaming and open drug dealing at night time!
- 22 Mar 28 2022 01:39 PM This is essential as the centre has become very intimidating and I no longer invite guests to visit the centre of York, especially at weekends or when the races are on.
- 23 Mar 28 2022 01:08 PM The city centre on a Sat can be very unpleasant and intimidating for families. I try not to take my children into the city centre on Saturdays because of the drunken unpleasant behaviour that can be witnessed widely. The drinking starts early and spreads onto the streets from lunchtime. If I do take my children into the city centre I try to take them in on Sunday mornings. However that can be equally unpleasant. There can vomit, human faeces and litter left over the Saturday night before. It would be lovely if York can refocus itself to becoming a family friendly city rather than a venue for drunken hen and stag nights. More seating is needed in the city centre plus a child friendly focus area. e.g. a play area . street cleanliness needs also to be much improved. Particularly on a Sunday morning.
- 24 Mar 28 2022 10:34 AM How does this affect family-orientated activities such as Food & Drink Festival and mulled wine stalls at Christmas Market etc. Certainly issues with large groups drinking in the day in the city centre and deterring families (mine included) from wishing to be in the centre.
- 25 Mar 28 2022 10:31 AM York has become a loud, aggressive place for families to visit on weekends and in the evening. Scenes of drunk, fouled mouthed jobs, hen parties and intimidating large groups are common and certainly not condusive for families.

- 26 Mar 28 2022 10:28 AM Issues put locals and tourists alike off from visiting the city centre.
- Examples  
From non-homeless 'homeless' community:  
Begging, drug use, drinking on the street, intoxicated and abusive behaviour.
- From evening pub and club users:  
Drunkenness, loud, egregious and abusive behaviour, urinating and vomiting in the street.
- 27 Mar 28 2022 08:00 AM We have constant feedback from our guests (especially overseas visitors) about the negative perception of the city that alcohol related antisocial behaviour leaves. Some regular guests will no longer visit York at weekends. In addition, we are residents of the city and also avoid patronising city centre business at weekends.
- 28 Mar 28 2022 07:03 AM We used to go into the centre of York frequently, just a no go zone now especially when our grandchildren are with us ,just a playground for drunks now, so sad as a lovely city, ruined just so the bars can make a fat profit.
- 29 Mar 27 2022 08:39 PM How will it be enforced? If it is not patrolled and enforced people will ignore it.
- 30 Mar 26 2022 02:26 PM Would this tackle parities of drunken hen and stag groups as I think they are more of a problem? I think it's people visiting York to drink excessively that makes the city centre so unwelcoming to others on weekends
- 31 Mar 25 2022 06:01 PM Please enforce it as the status quo puts me off going to town on a Saturday which I feel is not fair
- 32 Mar 25 2022 05:27 PM Groups of people should be monitored entering the city from the train station
- 33 Mar 25 2022 04:05 PM Needs to seriously tackle drunks on Friday and Saturday nights as they pose a big risk to road users and normal pedestrians/families. Always having near misses on my bike and have people trying to rugby tackle me off which makes me drive a car instead

- 34 Mar 25 2022 12:44 PM it should cover Exhibition Square and the Museum Gardens
- 35 Mar 25 2022 12:23 PM This needs to target the problem of anti social behaviour, banning dogs from an area is not helpful to anyone, the council needs to realise that they have for too long promoted York as a party city and now you are seeing the consequences, deal with the important stuff first !
- 36 Mar 25 2022 11:56 AM Consideration of ways to better regulate street buskers who play too loudly, out of hours, in earshot of another busker etc. The current self regulation does not consider the noise impact on local residents nor the entertainment value for the locals and visitors. There are plenty of good buskers on Davygate and Parliament Street, but at other locations there are often issues as indicated.