



## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNTIL 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### **PROPOSAL TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF 3 YEARS A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER TO COVER TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DISTRICT IN RELATION TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOURS**

#### **What is a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)?**

A PSPO is an order that is enforceable under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. They are used to protect the public from behaviour that is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and is, or is likely to be, persistent and unreasonable.

#### **What is the Purpose of this Consultation?**

The purpose of the consultation is to seek any views regarding a proposal to keep in place, for a further three years, the anti-social provisions of an existing PSPO that has been in force since 16 June 2020 and was extended for a further 3 years on 16 June 2023. If not extended, as proposed, the requirements of the PSPO will cease to be in force from 16 June 2026 onwards. Your views are invited as to whether the provisions ought to continue to be in force beyond 16 June 2026 and whether this should continue for a further three years (the maximum permitted) or an alternative shorter timeframe.

#### **What does the PSPO require or restrict?**

The current PSPO is available at [Public spaces protection order \(PSPOs\) | Test Valley Borough Council](#) and details of the new proposed draft PSPO order are available on the Council's website at [Consultations | Test Valley Borough Council](#). If you need a paper copy then please call the Council on 01264 368 000 and we will arrange for one to be posted to you.

The order addresses issues of anti-social behaviour resulting from the consumption of alcohol in the designated areas of the district edged in red in Annex 1 (Plan A and Plan B) and allows for an authorised person to require the cessation of alcohol consumption, and to confiscate alcohol and its containers in set circumstances to help prevent this. Specifically:

A. A person shall not consume alcohol, or anything reasonably believed to be alcohol when required to cease such consumption by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or an authorised person.

B. A person shall surrender anything in their possession which is, or reasonably believed to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol when requested to do so, to and by, a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or an authorised person.

In addition, within the confines of Andover Town Centre, the Order also addresses issues of harassment and public urination and allowing authorised persons to require groups to disperse where their actions may result in or incite harassment, alarm or distress.

Specifically –

Part 2 – Specific to the designated area of Andover Town Centre (as edged in red in Annex 1, Plan C):

A. A person shall not harass or intimidate residents, businesses or members of the public

(a) A person shall not act, or incite others to act, in an anti-social manner, that is to say a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person.

(c) An Authorised person may request that an individual or a group within the area defined on Plan C disperse, where they reasonably suspect any person within that group is causing, or is likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.

(d) A person is prohibited from remaining (either individually or in a group of two or more people) within the area defined in Map Annexe B after an authorised person has requested that they leave the area or disperse, this does not prohibit the individual's right to freedom of association and speech.

B. A person shall not urinate or defecate in an open public place

### **How should comments be made?**

Please send any comments by no later than 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 by email [PSPO@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:PSPO@testvalley.gov.uk) or alternatively write to: the Community Engagement Officer (Community Safety Lead North); Communities and Leisure, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3AJ.

We regret that we may be unable to respond to each response individually but please rest assured that your comments will be fully considered.

# **Extension to Public Spaces Protection Order Test Valley Borough Council 2020**

**Test Valley Borough Council, (in this order called “the Authority”), in exercise of the power under Section 60 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 60 of the Act have been met, extends the 2020 Public Spaces Protection Order (“the Order”) as it is deemed necessary to prevent occurrence or recurrence after that time of activities identified in the order.**

**The authority hereby extends the existing Public Spaces Protection Order Test Valley Borough Council 2020, which shall remain in force for a period of 3 years under Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.**

**It is an offence under Section 63 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for any person to fail to comply with a requirement under PART 1 and 2 of this Order or do anything a requirement prohibits them from doing under PART 2 of this Order**

**It is an offence under Section 67 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for any person to fail to comply with a requirement under PART 1 and 3 of this Order or do anything a requirement prohibits them from doing under PART 3 of this Order**

## **PART 1**

### **1. ORDER REQUIREMENTS**

Within these Order Requirements:

(a) “an authorised person” means a Police Officer, an authorised Police Community Support Officer, an authorised Police Community Support Volunteer, an authorised employee of Test Valley Borough Council or a person who is authorised by Test Valley Borough Council for the purposes of giving directions under the Order.

(b) The provisions of Part 2 of this Order apply to all public spaces contained in the areas edged red on Plans A and B attached to and forming part of this order.

(c) The provisions of Part 3 of this Order apply to all public places in Andover Town Centre contained in the area edged red on Plan C attached to and forming part of this Order.

## **PART 2**

### **2A. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

A person shall not consume alcohol or anything reasonably believed to be alcohol when required to cease such consumption by an authorised person.

### **2B. SURRENDER OF ALCOHOL & ALCOHOL CONTAINERS**

A person shall surrender anything in their possession which is, or reasonably believed to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol when requested to do so, to and by, an authorised person.

## **PART 3**

### **3A. Harassment**

- (a) A person shall not harass or intimidate residents, businesses or members of the public.
- (b) A person shall not act, or incite others to act, in an anti-social manner, that is to say a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person
- (c) An Authorised person may request that an individual or a group within the area defined on Plan C shall disperse, where they reasonably suspect any person within that group is causing, or is likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.
- (d) A person is prohibited from remaining (either individually or in a group of two or more people) within the area defined on Plan C after an authorised person has requested that they leave the area or disperse.

### **3B. PUBLIC HEALTH**

A person shall not urinate or defecate in an open public place within the area defined on Plan C.

## **PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THIS PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

Breach of the order, without reasonable excuse is a criminal offence, subject to a fixed penalty notice (of £100) or prosecution. If a fixed penalty remains unpaid after the time allowed by statute, then the offender will be liable to prosecution.

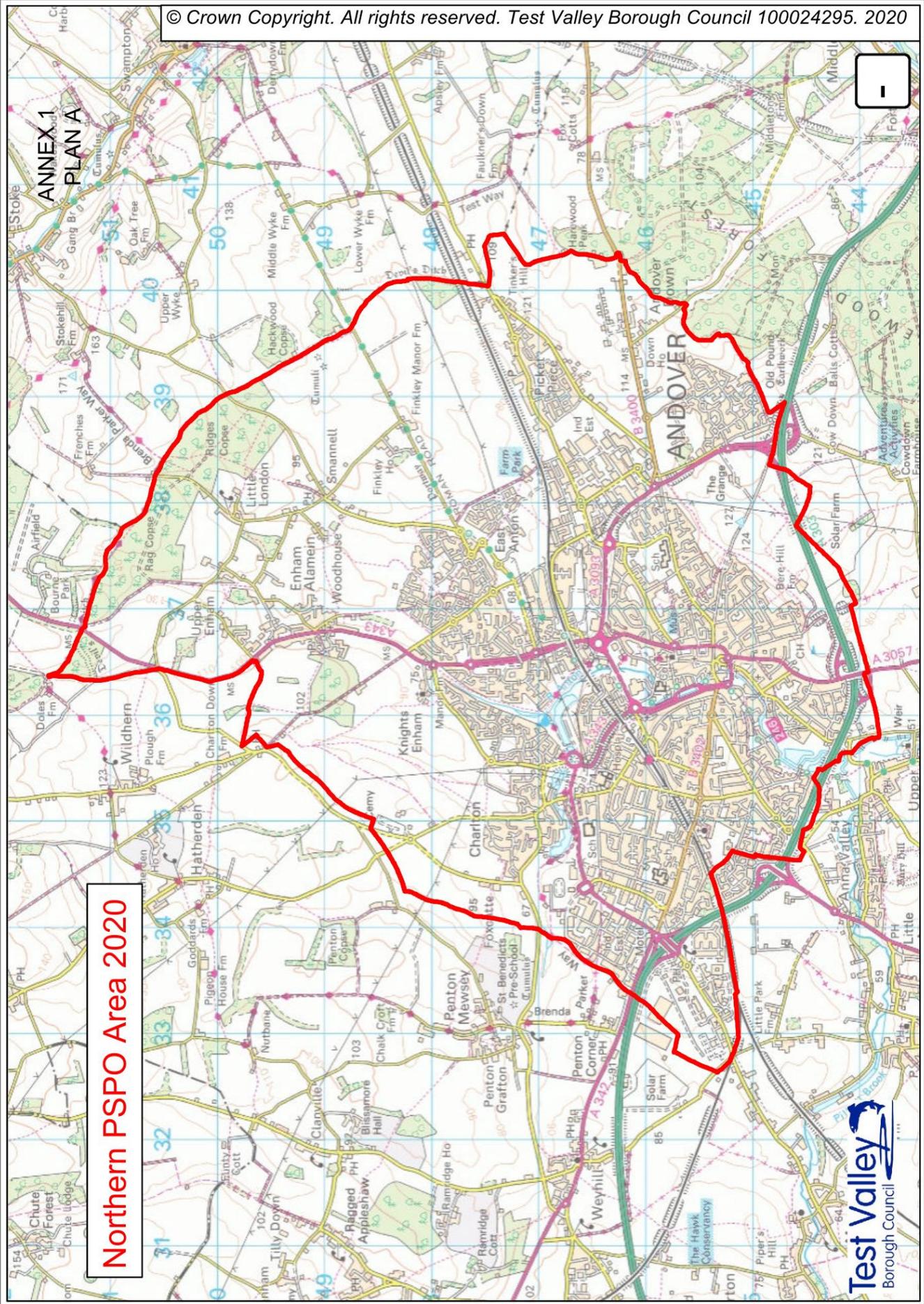
For Breach of Part 2: On summary conviction, an individual would be liable to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the standard scale.

For Breach of Part 3: On summary conviction, an individual would be liable to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale.

This order shall run from 16th June 2026 and expire at 00:00hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2029.

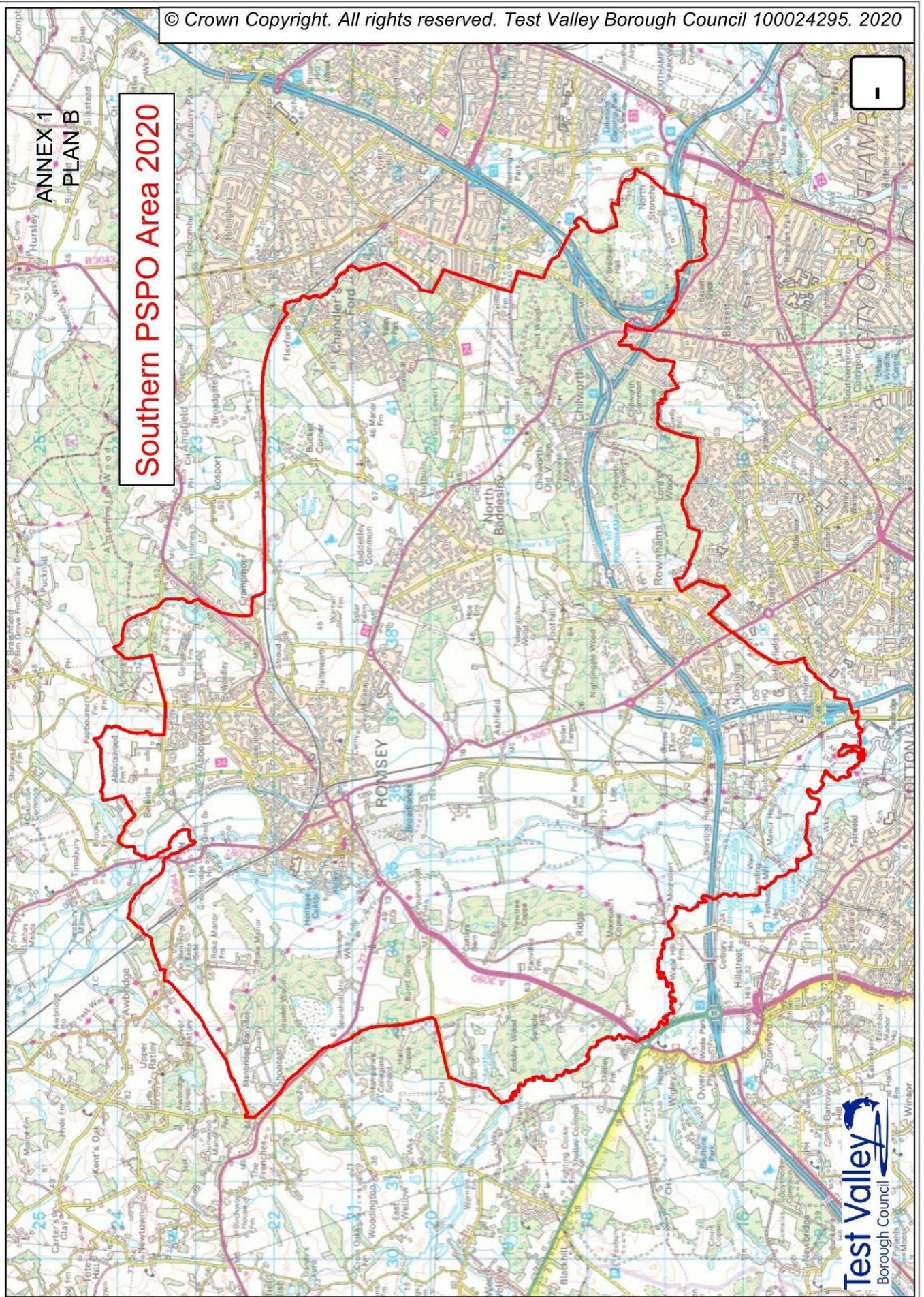
ANNEX 1  
PLAN A

Northern PSPO Area 2020



**ANNEX 1  
PLAN B**

**Southern PSPO Area 2020**



ANNEX 1  
PLAN C

Andover Town Centre PSPO

