Why are we consulting?

Public Spaces Protection Order

Brent Council is consulting to extend a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) from 21 December, 2016 until 20 December, 2017, which banned the practice of picking up workers for casual cash-in-hand labour within a specified area. Casual workers hired in this way are often exploited, earning less than the minimum wage and exposed to unsafe working environments.

The congregation of people looking for casual work has long been causing problems in the community. The individuals harass and intimidate passers-by and are responsible for other anti-social behaviour in the area. For a number of years there have been complaints from residents and businesses about groups of casual labourers congregating in Cricklewood Broadway and surrounding roads and car parks who harass, intimidate and enact other ASB. A side-effect of this labour market is increased rough sleeping in Brent's parks, as well as additional levels of street drinking and a spike in offences such as criminal damage and burglary.

From 01/04/2016 to the 30/10/2016 there have been 170 calls – 13% of the calls were between 07:00 and 12:00 hours, this is the peak time for the direct ASB impact from the migrant labour market. We have issued many warnings to businesses advising that they can be fined for picking up workers, and this is reducing the number of people gathering in these areas in hopes of work. However, there is still a long way to go, and we need to keep reinforcing this message consistently to reduce the problem further. The current PSPO expires on 20 December, 2016.

The consultation will consider whether the PSPO should be extended for a further 12 months until 20 December, 2017, to allow us to continue to penalise those who encourage casual labour markets in the area. The restricted area and prohibitions will remain the same.

Proposed area:

Shoot Up Hill junction with Walm Lane to Chichele Road to Anson Road to Heber Road to Larch Road to Mora Road to Cricklewood Broadway following the railway line to the iron bridge and south along Cricklewood Broadway to Shoot Up Hill junction with Walm Lane. This also includes all other roads, any public space, and communal areas within the mapped area.
PROHIBITIONS

Within the area described, the following is prohibited:

1. To operate a transport service without the written authority of Transport for London or the London Borough of Brent by means of coach, minibus or other similar conveyance which terminates or stops within the restricted area and in so doing is likely to cause nuisance, annoyance or harassment to others by reason of numbers of persons or vehicles congregating, inconsiderate positioning of vehicles or other similar behaviour.

2. To approach any person in a public place within the restricted area to offer, or with the intent to offer, them casual employment.

Small businesses or individuals caught picking up casual workers in the area will face an instant £75 fixed penalty fine or possible criminal prosecution.

For more information, please visit www.brent.gov.uk/pspo, or to comment online please visit http://brent-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/ens/environprotection/cricklewood_pspo

These issues affect your community, and we want to involve you in tackling them. With this consultation we hope to:

- Make you aware of the proposal to extend the PSPO
- Allow you to make any comments on the proposal
- Support local residents in improving their quality of life
- Prevent further anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder

To what extent do you agree that the Public Spaces Protection Order should be extended Cricklewood and surrounding area?

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the extension of the PSPO in Cricklewood and surrounding area?

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What is your postcode?

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Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

Age: ☐ 0-15 ☐ 16-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65+ ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say
How would you describe your disability? ________________________________

What is your sexual orientation?  
- Bisexual  
- Gay man  
- Gay woman/lesbian  
- Heterosexual/Straight  
- Prefer not to say  
- Other (please specify: _____________________)

What is your religion/belief?  
- Buddhist  
- Christian  
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**Ethnicity: Please tick the ethnic group you most identify yourself with.**

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