

## **APPENDIX 1.**

### **Proposal for the extension of the Public Space Protection Order for anti-social behaviour related to street drinking**

PSPOs are an effective way of dealing with persistent anti-social activity by individuals or groups that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the local area. The maximum penalty for failure to comply with a PSPO is a £1000 fine.

The wording of the PSPO for anti-social behaviour related to street drinking is as follows:

- No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol when required to do so by an authorised officer in order to prevent public nuisance or disorder.

The order does not ban drinking in public places but enables authorised council officers to ask people to stop drinking where they have reason to believe that if they do not, alcohol-related nuisance and annoyance is likely to occur and require individuals to surrender the alcohol and any opened or sealed containers.

These powers are not intended to disrupt peaceful activities and are used explicitly for addressing nuisance or annoyance associated with the consumption of alcohol in a public place. It is not a criminal offence to consume alcohol within a designated area. An offence is only committed if the individual refuses to comply with a request to refrain from drinking.