

## Fitzwilliam Road Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The Fitzwilliam Road Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) comes into force on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The Council approved this order on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 following a full public consultation. The area covered by the PSPO is shown within the red boundary lines of the map below which will be identified by erected signage.



In the defined area people must not:

- Behave in such a way or use language that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to another person
- Consume alcohol other than on licensed premises or at a licensed event
- Cause noise in a public place that is likely to have a detrimental impact on a person's quality of life
- Businesses must also ensure that the publicly accessible curtilage of their premises, alongside any immediately adjacent footway, verges or other publicly accessible space, is maintained in a clean and tidy condition, free from litter and general rubbish

Breaking these prohibitions may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100.00 or a fine (if offender taken to Court) of up to £1000.00. The maximum fine related to drinking alcohol in public is £500.00. Enforcement will be carried out by authorised Council Officers, Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers.

Whilst the default position on enforcement will be one of zero tolerance where breaches of the order are witnessed by an officer, it has been agreed with the Police that for a limited period of time, officers who witness a breach will, where appropriate and dependent on the response of the offender, deal with the breach by way of warning and advice. This has been agreed following concerns raised by community groups and will seek to educate people about the order, providing an opportunity for the officer to explain conditions. From 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 officers will then revert to the default position of issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice for all offences.

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