



IPSWICH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **Equality Impact Assessment**

## *Proposal to introduce a borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order*

**Ref:** EQIA2016051139

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**Title of report:** Proposal to introduce a borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order

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### **What is the report trying to achieve?:**

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) allows a local authority to introduce a series of measures into a defined locality ( in this case the whole of the borough of Ipswich). The proposed PSPO will bring in measures to control and restrict certain activities, in particular the consumption of psychoactive substances, consumption of alcohol in public ( other than licensed premises), street begging and the using, possessing, or supplying to another person any intoxicating substance, defined for the purpose of this order as any substance with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system.

The PSPO is intended to benefit the wider general public is introducing a safer and cleaner environment in which to work, reside and travel within.

The results are undetermined as this is much dependent upon the stance taken by Ipswich Borough Council and the Police enforcing the PSPO either through a Fixed Notice Penalty and/or prosecution. The enforcement of the PSPO would ultimately lead to a reduction in variable anti-social behavioural issues in the borough and this would lead to benefits for the general populace.

**What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis?:**

Customers complaints/comments,Ipswich Direct/other social media,Findings from surveys, focus groups & consultations,Information from statutory partners (e.g police)

**Supporting documents (if available):**

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**Is there potential for positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristics?**

- **Age:** *No Impact*
- **Disability:** *No Impact*
- **Marriage & Civil Partnership:** *No Impact*
- **Race:** *No Impact*
- **Pregnancy & Maternity:** *No Impact*
- **Religion or Belief:** *No Impact*
- **Gender Reassignment:** *No Impact*
- **Sex:** *No Impact*
- **Sexual Orientation:** *No Impact*

**If 'No Impact' explain why**

Age- there is no impact as the proposed PSPO is not recognising any particular age group.

Disability- There is no evidence to suggest that there would be any impact.

Marriage & Civil Partnership- There is no evidence to suggest that there would be any impact.

Race- There is no evidence to suggest that there would be any impact.

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**If you have identified any negative impacts (above) how can they be minimised or removed?**

None identified.

**The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s):**

The report will be covered at the proposed consultation stage to take into account unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and taken into account IBC policies and Equality objectives.

**The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s):** The report will have followed IBC policies and taken into account Equality objectives.

**The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s):** The report will have followed IBC policies and taken into account Equality objectives.