

15. Renewal of Public Spaces Protection Order allowing for the Gating of St Peters Passage

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- a. presented a proposal regarding the review of an existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which prevented access to the St Peters Passage in the City Centre area of Lincoln.
- b. advised that the proposal was in consultation with the public and relevant partners prior to consideration by Executive.
- c. gave the background to the report and advised that the implementation of the PSPO permitting access to St Peters Passage by way gating either end of the passage was agreed at Executive in April 2018.
- d. explained the legal conditions of the PSPO as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.
- e. referred to paragraph 6 of the report and detailed the consultation that had taken place with both the public and partner agencies and gave an overview of the 9 responses received.
- f. referred to the draft order at Appendix D of the report and proposed that the PSPO be continued in its current form for a further 3 years.
- g. advised that Officers would continue to work collaboratively with partners to actively manage ASB across the city centre.
- h. invited committee's questions and comments.

Question: Asked if there had been any displacement to St Peters at Arches Passage.

Response: There had not been any evidence of displacement. The St Peters Passage was used by on street cohorts, whereas the passage at St Peters at Arches was mostly linked to the night time economy. Officers were working with the Police to address this.

Question: Referred to the consultation response relating to the broken locks on the gates and commented that the issues had recommenced straight away once access was available to the passage and had stopped when the locks had been repaired. This suggested that this was evidence to show that there was still a need for the passage to be gated.

Response: Officers agreed that the evidence suggested that the passageway should continue to be gated.

Question: Asked if the gating of the passage affected the fire escapes to businesses nearby.

Response: Consultation had taken place with both the Fire and Rescue Service and local businesses. Officers would double check that there were no active fire escapes in the passage.

Question: Asked if the passage would revert back to public access once the PSPO ended.

Response: The passage would become public access once the PSPO ended, unless the redevelopment of the area took place in the mean time, which would resolve the issue.

RESOLVED that the proposal to continue the PSPO permitting the gating of St Peters Passage for a further period of 3 years be supported and referred to Executive for consideration.