

Mole Valley District Council

Proposal for Public Spaces Protection Order

Cotmandene

Dorking

Background Information



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Introduction

Cotmadene is an area of common land in Dorking managed by Mole Valley District Council with vehicular access from Chart Lane, Dene St, Health Hill and Moores Road.

Residents have reported incidents of anti-social behaviour on the Cotmandene, including anti-social parking. We are also taking the opportunity to consult with residents about other anti-social behaviour, namely dog fouling. This causes damage to the local environment and means that other users may be deterred from enjoying the public space.

What is a Public Spaces Protection Order?

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is a statutory power that allows a Council to address a particular nuisance or problem in any given area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life. The order works by imposing conditions on the use of the identified area which applies to everyone. They are designed to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

Cotmandene is currently covered by a bye-law prohibiting parking and a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) prohibiting anti-social street drinking. It is not currently covered by any other order to prevent dog fouling or any other kind of anti-social nuisance. Therefore the Council is looking to put in place a more robust, efficient and effective mechanism to enable enforcement in the area. In particular the PSPO will enable the Council to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) or prosecute those who breach the terms of the order.

PSPOs can be used to regulate activities in particular public places that can have a detrimental effect on the local community. They can help by giving local councils and police additional powers to tackle anti-social behaviour in specific locations. If introduced, the PSPO for Cotmandene would include restrictions on dog fouling and anti-social parking (parking anywhere on the areas marked in blue on the attached map), in addition to the existing restrictions on anti-social drinking.

Tell us what you think

During this consultation we would like to receive your views on dog fouling, parking and any other issues of anti-social behaviour you believe are relevant to Cotmandene so that we can gauge what the local community thinks of this proposal. We will also be contacting a variety of other people and organisations who will be most affected by the proposed PSPO including the police and Surrey County Council.

What will my views be used for?

To help us decide the best way forward for the council and area, we want to know what you think. This consultation background document outlines the proposed area that the council is considering for the PSPO to cover. The responses to the attached survey will be analysed and used to inform the council's decision whether to proceed with the proposed PSPO. All responses will be kept strictly confidential.

How do I get involved?

The formal consultation period will run for 4 weeks from **24th January 2019** until **21st February 2019**. There are two ways to take part in the consultation:

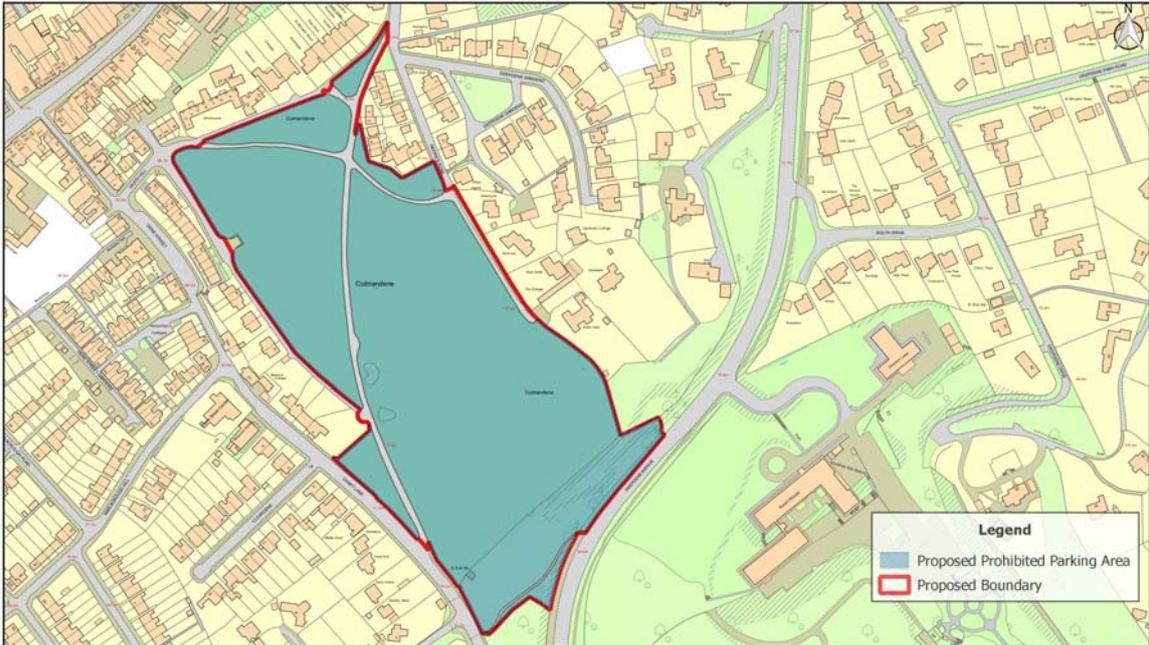
- Please visit www.molevalley.gov.uk/pspo and complete the online survey.
- Collect a questionnaire from any of the following places:- the Council's reception in Pippbrook, Dorking RH4 1SJ, Dorking Halls, Reigate Rd, Dorking RH4 1SG.
- Please use the pre-paid envelopes to return the completed surveys no later than midday on **21st February 2019**

Postal address: Community Safety and Enforcement, Mole Valley District Council, Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1SJ
For more information, please email: partnerships@molevalley.gov.uk

What happens next?

Your views will help us decide the best way forward. The decision will be published on the council's website, or you can contact the Community Safety and Enforcement Team at the Council on 01306 885001.

Proposed PSPO - Cotmandene



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