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Task group launches consultation on environmental enforcement

A TASK group of Rugby Borough councillors are launching a consultation to find out how the council could use Public Space Protection Orders to tackle nuisance behaviour.

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) are already in force in Rugby to deal with street drinking and dog fouling, but now the task group want to know if there are other behaviours that residents would like the council to tackle.

Cllr Neil Sandison, chairman of the Rugby Borough Council PSPO task group, said: "All councillors are aware of issues within their wards that cause problems or inconvenience to residents. We're interested in finding out how much of a problem these behaviours are, and whether residents think that enforcement through a PSPO is an appropriate way to deal with them.

"These problems could range from commercial fly tipping, camping on public spaces, motor cycling or horse riding on public footpaths, or drinking and smoking near children's play areas.

"There may be other problems in specific areas that residents would like us to tackle, so this consultation is to find out what those problems are."

Cllr Lisa Parker, Rugby Borough Council portfolio holder for environment and public realm, said: "When backed by residents, public space protection orders can be an effective tool to address low level crime or nuisance behaviour.

"This consultation will give us valuable information about the types of behaviours that residents would like us to deal with, and I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to have their say."

The task group launched the consultation at the councillor listening post at the "Our Rugby our future" event held at the BENN Hall on Saturday 4 November.

The consultation and more information about PSPOs will be available online at www.rugby.gov.uk/pspo.

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