

Pannier Market PSPO 2022

Consultation Report

1. Background

This consultation relates to the proposal to make a further Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to Barnstaple pannier market from 1 February 2022 for a period of 3 years. Consultation, publicity and notification are a necessary requirement of making a PSPO as per the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

A consultation process was undertaken between 2nd December 2021 and 7th January 2022.

2. Consultation Process

The following groups were consulted with:

- Key stakeholders – public bodies: Devon and Cornwall Police, the local Community Safety Partnership, Barnstaple Town Council, Devon County Council
- Key stakeholders – occupiers in the vicinity: traders in Butchers Row and Market Street
- Pannier market traders
- The public at large

The following consultation methods were employed:

- Individual letters / emails
- Notices displayed within the pannier market
- An advertisement in the North Devon Journal
- A notice on the North Devon council website.

Consultation responses were invited by emailing or writing directly to NDC.

Consultation materials included:

- The PSPO wording
- A map of alternative routes

3. Consultation Responses

Responses were received from the following stakeholders:

- Police / Community Safety Partnership
- Barnstaple Town Council
- Pannier Market Traders Committee
- Individual market trader

All in support of making a further order with the Police raising no concerns with the current order.

Comments received regarding a further PSPO order for Barnstaple Pannier Market

Total received: 4

- In favour: 4
- Object: 0

1. Devon and Cornwall Police – Superintendent Toby Davies (via email 16.12.21)

The overwhelming feedback is a positive one and that it has made a difference. You have our support. I include some of the comments from individual officers:

Community Safety Sergeant Walker: The order appears to have useful conditions, in particular the 'authorised officer' allows for a very clear and useful way to share the enforcement element – the reality being that the enforcement will have to be a joint effort and this provides a good opportunity to show the partners working together while making positive outcomes more realistic rather than a dependence on police.

The order has had a positive impact, I certainly remember hearing a lot on the radio about the Pannier Market in the past but nothing recently.

Sector Inspector Wills: I think the fact that positive use of the space during the closure hours is not only maintained but specifically enabled is worth highlighting. I remember the local marching band being disrupted and calls to Police on several occasions.

The PSPO has supported positive use of the space whilst denying access to it for those that would interrupt its lawful use.

Neighbourhood Beat Manager (CSP) Northcott: I think that it would be good to continue the closing of the doors to the Pannier market as, given the issues in town at present with youths, I can see it becoming a meeting point in the dry and an area for potential disorder if it is allowed to be open.

2. Barnstaple Town Council (Minute 92, 13.12.21)

Barnstaple Pannier Market Public Space Protection Order renewal

Cllr J Phillips stated that prior to there being a Public Space Protection Order being in place there was a great deal of anti-social behaviour in the Pannier Market and now that it is managed it makes it much easier to manage and he proposed to support the motion (15 For: 1 Abs)

3. Barnstaple Pannier Market Traders Committee (via email 19.12.21)

As Chairperson of the Market traders committee I am speaking on behalf of the all traders when I say that the PSPO is vital for the continued success of the Market. The security of the market being shut at night has ensured that the Market has continued without vandalism and has also benefitted economically due to the limited heating and lighting at night. It is essential that this order stays in place for the foreseeable future.

Kind regards
Carolyn Read

Chairperson of the Traders committee

4. Barnstaple Pannier Market Trader (via email 01.01.22)

Just received the info about the PSPO. As a trader I think the PSPO has worked very well and I think that it should definitely be extended. Apart from the protection of the building it also makes the running of the market much better.