



Rhyl Town Centre Public Space Protection Order 2023-24: Well-being Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of the proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number: 1321

Brief description: The proposal is the implementation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Rhyl Town Centre. Rhyl town centre has higher levels of anti-social behaviour than other areas of Rhyl. This anti-social behaviour is unfair and harmful to residents, businesses and visitors to the High Street area. Rhyl town Centre has previously had two PSPOs for anti-social behaviour in place so this is a renewal. The effect of the PSPO will be to prevent and deal with individuals and groups of people consuming alcohol and/or causing anti-social behaviour on the High Street.

Date Completed: 30/01/2024 16:13:12 Version: 1

Completed by: Joanna Douglass

Responsible Service: Corporate Support Service: Performance, Digital and Assets

Localities affected by the proposal: Rhyl,

Who will be affected by the proposal? The boundary area for the proposed PSPO covers Rhyl Town Centre area, as follows: • Rhyl Promenade from East Parade to Alexandra Road • South from East Parade down Bath Street • From Brighton Road to the junction with Grange Road Bridge and west to Elwy Street • Elwy Street to the junction with Wellington Road • Wellington Road to John Street • John Street to West Parade, including the promenade The consequence of this PSPO will be that North Wales Police (NWP) will have additional powers to deal with issues with respect of anti-social behaviour and street drinking within the defined area. Due to the negative impacts of the

Rhyl Town Centre Public Space Protection Order 2023-24

behaviours covered in the proposed PSPO, this will positively impact on both the residents and business owners in Rhyl, together with those also visiting the Rhyl area.

Was this impact assessment completed as a group? Yes

Summary and Conclusion

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

3 out of 4 stars

Actual score : 26 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

This proposal is about implementing a PSPO for Rhyl Town centre. There are no physical or financial assets considered as part of the proposal however there will be a small cost for the signage required. This proposal will positively impact on the Prosperous theme of the Corporate plan.

Prevention

DCC has worked hard with NWP and other partners to ensure there are a range of measures in place alongside the PSPO to support people. This includes: Re-opening Rhyl Youth Centre on the Promenade, dedicated support for young people as part of the Safer Streets funding scheme. Projects to help prevent people from becoming homeless. Regular meetings between the Council, NWP and other organisations to share issues, collectively tackle problems, and learn from success stories.

Integration

Rhyl town centre has higher levels of anti-social behaviour than other areas of Rhyl. This repeated anti-social behaviour is unfair and harmful to residents, businesses and visitors to the High Street area. The effect of the PSPO will be to prevent and deal with individuals and groups of people consuming alcohol and/or causing anti-social behaviour on the High Street. The Local Development plan has been considered in terms of affordable housing and homelessness but it will not help deliver

it.

Collaboration

Public consultation opened on the 24th of November 2023 and ran until Sunday 21st of January 2024. Notice of the consultation was emailed to groups/organisations in Rhyl. Additionally, the Head the Service and Lead Member for Housing and Communities attended the Rhyl Member Area Group Meeting (18th of December 2023) and Rhyl Town Council (17th of January) as part of the direct engagement and notification of the consultation.

Involvement

The National principles of public engagement were applied, as this was a planned public engagement, working with relevant partners and making to easy to take part. The consultation also provided background as to the requirements for implementing a PSPO for Rhyl Town Centre together with the work with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there is a range of measures in place alongside the PSPO to support people and discourage them from committing anti-social behaviour.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A resilient Denbighshire	Neutral
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Positive
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Neutral

Main conclusions

This impact assessment was undertaken as a group on the 18th of January 2024. This proposal will have a positive impact on many of the well-being goals whilst neutral on others. There are no negative impacts on the well-being goals to implementing this PSPO.

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

This proposal provides many positive impacts to the Rhyl Town Centre Area and the Prosperous Denbighshire theme.

Further actions required

There are many positives to this scheme, Denbighshire County Council is working hard with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there is a range of measures in place to support people and discourage from anti-social behaviour. As a result, any negatives can be minimised and the many positives of this scheme maximised.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

The effect of the PSPO once in place will be to prevent and deal with individuals and groups of people consuming alcohol and/or causing anti-social behaviour on the High Street. This could therefore reduce further emergency services interventions - police/fire engines and ambulances reducing the carbon emissions

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

No known impacts

Economic development

The proposal could enhance the vitality and viability of Rhyl town centre. The PSPO is a tool for addressing anti-social behaviour and will ensure that Rhyl Town Centre can become a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everybody.

Quality skills for the long term

In addition to the PSPO, DCC have worked hard with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there are a range of measures in place to support people and discourage them from committing anti-social behaviour. These measures include support and specialist services and projects to prevent people from becoming homeless. There will be an increased awareness, life skills and possible training opportunities as part of these schemes.

Quality jobs for the long term

Anti-social behaviour is unfair and harmful to residents, businesses and visitors to the High Street in Rhyl. By implementing the PSOP to prevent and deal with individuals and groups consuming alcohol and/or causing anti-social behavior will ensure that Rhyl Town Centre can be safe, welcoming and inclusive. This will ensure that businesses can continue to trade and may attract new businesses and further job opportunities.

Childcare

Some employers or new businesses attracted to Rhyl as a result, will offer childcare voucher schemes, whereby the Government help with childcare costs.

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

No known negative impacts

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

No known negative impacts

Economic development

No known negative impacts

Quality skills for the long term

No known negative impacts

Quality jobs for the long term

No known negative impacts

Childcare

No known negative impacts

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

This scheme is the proposed implementation of a PSPO which will ban certain activities or behaviours within a geographical area that may be considered to be anti-social. As a result, it does not impact on the natural or built environment, nor people's awareness of the environment and biodiversity.

Further actions required

Denbighshire County Council is working hard with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there is a range of measures in place to support people and discourage them from anti-social behaviour. As a result, any negatives can be minimised and the many positives of this scheme maximised.

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

No known impacts on biodiversity or the natural environment.

Biodiversity in the built environment

No known impact on the built environment. This proposal does not involve the construction of new buildings or infrastructure.

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

No direct impact on 'reusing' and 'recycling'. However, reducing anti-social behaviour and/or street drinking could lead to a reduction of waste alcohol containers and drug paraphernalia within the High Street and the restricted area of the proposed PSPO.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Once in place the PSPO could be authorised by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers.

This could therefore reduce further emergency services interventions - police/fire engines and ambulances reducing overall carbon emissions of Partner organisations.

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

No known impacts.

Flood risk management

No known positive impacts. There are separate projects addressing the coastal defence works in Rhyl.

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

No known negative impacts.

Biodiversity in the built environment

No known negative impacts.

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

No known negative impacts.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

No known negative impacts.

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

No known negative impacts.

Flood risk management

No known negative impacts.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

This scheme is the proposed implementation of a PSPO which will ban certain activities or behaviours within a geographical area that may be considered to be anti-social. As a result, it could assist in people making better lifestyle choices and the opportunity to participate in leisure opportunities such as walking and cycling.

Further actions required

There are no known negative impacts of implementing the PSPO, this has been through a full consultation process and it is clear this is welcomed and will improve the emotional and mental well-being for residents, businesses owners and visitors to the area.

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

The Proposed PSPO could assist people in making better lifestyle choices, and support given to discourage from anti-social behaviour.

Reducing anti-social behaviour and/or street drinking could lead to a reduction of waste alcohol containers and drug paraphernalia within the High Street and the restricted area of the proposed

PSPO. Thereby improving the physical environment.

Access to good quality, healthy food

No known positive impacts

People's emotional and mental well-being

The Proposed PSPO could assist people in making better lifestyle choices and support given to discourage from anti-social behaviour. This anti-social behaviour also has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Reducing anti-social behaviour in Rhyl high street will make Rhyl a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everybody. This will improve the emotional and mental well-being for residents, business owners and visitors alike.

Access to healthcare

No known positive impacts.

Participation in leisure opportunities

Reducing antisocial behaviour will increase the amount of time available and the opportunity for participation in leisure opportunities. Specific support projects such as the 'Safer Streets' encourage young people to stay out of trouble by arranging activities and participation in leisure opportunities.

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

No known negative impacts

Access to good quality, healthy food

No known negative impacts

People's emotional and mental well-being

No known negative impacts

Access to healthcare

No known negative impacts

Participation in leisure opportunities

No known negative impacts

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

This scheme is the proposed implementation of a PSPO which will ban certain activities or behaviours within a geographical area that may be considered to be anti-social. As a result, it could assist in people making better lifestyle choices and the opportunity to participate in leisure opportunities such as walking and cycling. Additionally, anti-social behaviour has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those in the locality. The PSPO is a vital tool in ensuring that Rhyl Town Centre can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

Further actions required

Denbighshire County Council is working hard with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there is a range of measures in place to support people and discourage them from anti-social behaviour. As a result, the many positives of this proposed scheme can be maximised.

Positive impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

Implementing PSPO for Rhyl Town Centre will create a vital tool for addressing anti-social behaviour when it does happen so Rhyl Town Centre can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for

everybody.

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

Individuals who suffer discrimination or disadvantage may be more vulnerable. Since 2016, Denbighshire County Council has worked hard with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there are a range of measures in place alongside the PSPO to support people and discourage them from committing anti-social behaviour.

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Implementing PSPO for Rhyl Town Centre will create a vital tool for addressing anti-social behaviour when it does happen so Rhyl Town Centre can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everybody.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Following evidence from North Wales Police, Denbighshire County Council proposed to make a PSPO within a designated area. As a result of the anti-social behaviour which is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. As a result the impact of the PSPO will be to ensure that Rhyl Town Centre can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

Negative impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

No known negative impacts.

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

No known negative impacts.

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

No known negative impacts.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

No known negative impacts.

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

This scheme is the proposed implementation of a PSPO which will ban certain activities or behaviours within a geographical area that may be considered to be anti-social. As a result, it will assist in creating safer communities for individuals so that the area can become a safe, welcoming and inclusive. Lower levels of anti-social behaviour will make the area more attractive for those living in the area, those with businesses and visitors alike. Increasing the attractiveness of the area could lead to future investment in connectivity but this proposal itself will not impact on connectivity.

Further actions required

Denbighshire County Council is working hard with North Wales Police and other partners to ensure there is a range of measures in place to support people and discourage them from anti-social behaviour. As a result, the many positives of this proposed scheme can be maximised.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

Implementing PSPO for Rhyl Town Centre will create a vital tool for addressing anti-social behaviour when it does happen so Rhyl Town Centre can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everybody.

Community participation and resilience

Following receipt of the data and evidence from North Wales Police, Denbighshire County Council was satisfied that the Legal Test for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) at Rhyl Town Centre

had been satisfied. As a result, a public consultation was launched which opened on the 24th of November 2023 and ran until midnight on the Sunday 21st of January 2024. The proposed PSPO bans certain activities or behaviours within a geographical area, which may be considered to be anti-social. This anti-social behaviour has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those in the locality. The PSOP is therefore a tool to ensuring the Rhyl Town Centre can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everybody which will increase community resilience.

The attractiveness of the area

Reducing anti-social behaviour will enhance the welcome of the town and make it more attractive (low levels of Anti-social behaviour). This proposal does not create new physical features such as green space.

Connected communities

No known impacts on the connectivity of the community.

Rural resilience

No known positive impacts

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

No known negative impacts

Community participation and resilience

No known negative impacts

The attractiveness of the area

No known negative impacts

Connected communities

No known negative impacts

Rural resilience

No known negative impacts

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

Although all notices and publications will be bi-lingual, it will not directly promote the Welsh language and will therefore have a neutral impact.

Further actions required

All notices and publications will be bi-lingual.

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

No known positive impacts

Promoting the Welsh language

If the order is approved by the Lead Member via delegated decision, and the PSPO is made this will be published on the Denbighshire website and public notices will be erected. All such notices and publications will be Bilingual.

Culture and heritage

No known positive impacts

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

No known negative impacts

Promoting the Welsh language

No known negative impacts

Culture and heritage

No known negative impacts

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The proposal will be to implement a PSPO in Rhyl, there will be no procurement nor supply chains implications. It will however have a positive impact on other services particularly that of North Wales Police through reducing anti-social behaviour. Overall it is therefore considered to have a neutral impact on a globally responsible Denbighshire.

Further actions required

There are no known positive or negative implications of implementing a PSPO in Rhyl.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

There will be no procurement involved in implementing a PSPO, so there will no known positive impacts to the local supply chain.

Human rights

There will be no procurement involved in implementing a PSPO. However, reducing anti-social

behaviour could have a positive effect on reducing harassment.

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

Reducing anti-social behaviour will positively impact on the other services, particularly services provided by North Wales Police (NWP).

Reducing climate change

The proposal is considered to have a neutral impact on carbon emissions.

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

No known negative impacts

Human rights

No known negative impacts

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

No known negative impacts

Reducing climate change

No known negative impacts