

Young People's FAQ: Have Your Say

We want young people aged 10 to 18 to tell us what they think about ideas for making public spaces in Havering safer and more welcoming.

Why are we asking?

Some people are unsure what the Council is thinking about. Nothing has been decided yet. These are just ideas, and we want to know what you think.

- understand the ideas;
- clear up confusion;
- know that your views matter; and
- take part in the survey.

Important: no decision has been made

The Council is asking people what they think before deciding anything.

The ideas could change, be removed, or not happen at all.

How to take part

Consultation closes: Friday 23 October 2026

Have your say here: <https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/neighbourhoods/young-people-proposed-borough-wide-pspo>

Quick questions

What is a PSPO?

A PSPO is a tool councils can use to help stop behaviour that makes public places feel unsafe, unpleasant or hard for others to enjoy.

Why is the Council asking now?

The Council has heard concerns about some problems in public spaces and wants to know what people think before making any decision.

Why could it cover all of Havering?

Some issues happen in more than one place. The Council wants to know if one borough-wide approach would help.

The consultation asks whether this extra tool would be needed, fair and proportionate.

What could the ideas mean?

Would people get fined straight away?

No. Officers could give advice, a warning, or take other action, depending on what happened.

Would normal everyday things be stopped?

No. The ideas are not meant to stop people meeting friends, going to events, having a picnic, walking dogs, cycling safely, speaking in public, or enjoying parks and town centres.

What behaviour is being looked at?

The ideas include things like behaviour linked to alcohol, unsafe riding, aggressive begging, dog mess, loud amplified sound, catapults, public urination, and feeding wildlife in a way that causes problems.

Fairness and rights

Will the Council think about fairness?

Yes. The Council must think about people's rights, equality, health, disability, religion, culture, and personal circumstances before deciding anything.



What if I see worrying claims online?

Check the consultation information and have your say. Some posts have made it sound like rules are already agreed, but that is not true.



Ready to have your say?

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Remember



This consultation is about listening, not deciding.

The Council is listening. These are draft ideas, not final rules. Your feedback can help shape what happens next.