

# Public Space Protection Order Consultation



# Background

We're proposing to introduce new Public Space Protection Orders in our district and we'd like your views.

We know that our district is a great place to live, work and visit. We're proud to serve a population of more than 100,000 and deliver services to more than 50,000 homes -- from street cleaning and recycling and waste collections, to environmental health, planning and caring for the parks and open spaces.

With our partners, like Kent Police, we also work to keep our district safe and address concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour and other activities that might spoil people's enjoyment of their time here. One way of doing this is to use Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).





# What Are Public Space Protection Orders?

PSPOs were introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to deal with a particular nuisance in a particular area that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those in the local community. A PSPO can prohibit specified things being done in a restricted area or can require certain things to be done by persons carrying out specified activities in that area.

We currently have one PSPO in the district to address antisocial behaviour. This covers Folkestone, Cheriton as well as parts of Seabrook and Sandgate. It was introduced to address the issues of drinking in an open space, begging and sleeping in an open space.

In response to a range of concerns that have been raised by local residents and businesses we are now proposing to use PSPOs more widely across the district. This leaflet gives some detailed background to the proposals. More information is available online at:

**[www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO)**



# What are we proposing?

We are proposing seven measures to introduce PSPOs in specific areas of the district. The measures we are proposing are based on current information relating to antisocial behaviour and disorder.

This consultation is being carried out to establish to what extent these issues are affecting residents. This will then dictate whether some, or all, of the measures should be introduced in certain areas or district wide.

These proposals are not a definitive list and this is your opportunity to give us your views. If you feel there is an area missing this is your opportunity to let us know.



## Area Key

Each of the measures has a key to show which new areas are being considered.

Maps can be found in the back of the document on pages xx - xx.

 Hythe High Street & Oaklands

 Dymchurch

 New Romney

 Lower Leas Coastal Park

 Folkestone

 Seabrook

 Cheriton

 Sandgate

## Measure 1 – Control of alcohol consumption in a public place

This measure makes it an offence to fail to comply with a request by an authorised officer (council/police) to stop drinking or surrender any vessel believed to contain alcohol, if officers believe anti-social behaviour has been committed or is likely to be committed.

Already in place in Folkestone, Cheriton parts of Sandgate and Seabrook, we propose extending this measure to Hythe (High Street and Oaklands), Dymchurch and New Romney - **please see maps on pages 10 & 11**

## Measure 2 – No use of intoxicating substances in a public place

This measure proposes to deal with effects intoxicating substances may have on a person's behaviour when in a public place. A person would be guilty of an offence if they didn't surrender any intoxicating substance in their possession and/or they were found to be ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances.

It does not include tobacco or prescription medication.

This proposal covers the use of items which are used to administer intoxicating substances including needles that are not correctly packaged.

We propose introducing this measure to cover the whole of Folkestone, Hythe (High Street and Oaklands), Dymchurch, New Romney, Cheriton and parts of Seabrook and Sandgate - **please see maps on pages 10 & 11**

## Measure 3 – No urinating, spitting or defecating in a public place

This measure makes it an offence to urinate, spit or defecate in a public place.

We propose introducing this measure to cover the whole of Folkestone, Hythe (High Street and Oaklands), Dymchurch, New Romney, Cheriton and parts of Seabrook and Sandgate - **please see maps on pages 10 & 11**

## Measure 4 – No Begging

Under this measure, no-one will be able to make verbal, non-verbal or written requests for goods, money or donations unless they are authorised to do so at an appropriate location e.g. authorised charity collections.

Already in place in Folkestone, Cheriton, parts of Sandgate and Seabrook, we propose to extend this measure to cover Hythe (High Street and Oaklands), Dymchurch and New Romney - **please see maps on pages 10 & 11**





## Measure 5 – Deterring inconsiderate buskers

We do not want to ban banning busking but we are considering introducing this measure in Folkestone to address excessive levels of noise (amplified music), nuisance or annoyance caused by inconsiderate buskers. We would use the PSPO to require buskers and street entertainers to have permission to perform in the certain areas within the district. - **please see map on page 10**

## Measure 6 – Deterring inconsiderate ‘chuggers’

We are not proposing to ban chuggers (people who approach passers-by in the street asking for subscriptions or donations to a particular charity) but we are considering this measure to limit the number of chuggers in certain areas of the Folkestone and Hythe district at any one time and address any inconsiderate behaviour. We are interested in your views on this measure.



## Measure 7 – No unauthorised Camping in open spaces

Some camping can lead to anti-social behaviour. This measure would make it an offence to stay overnight in any vehicle or temporary structure, like a tent, without pre-agreed approval from the landowner.

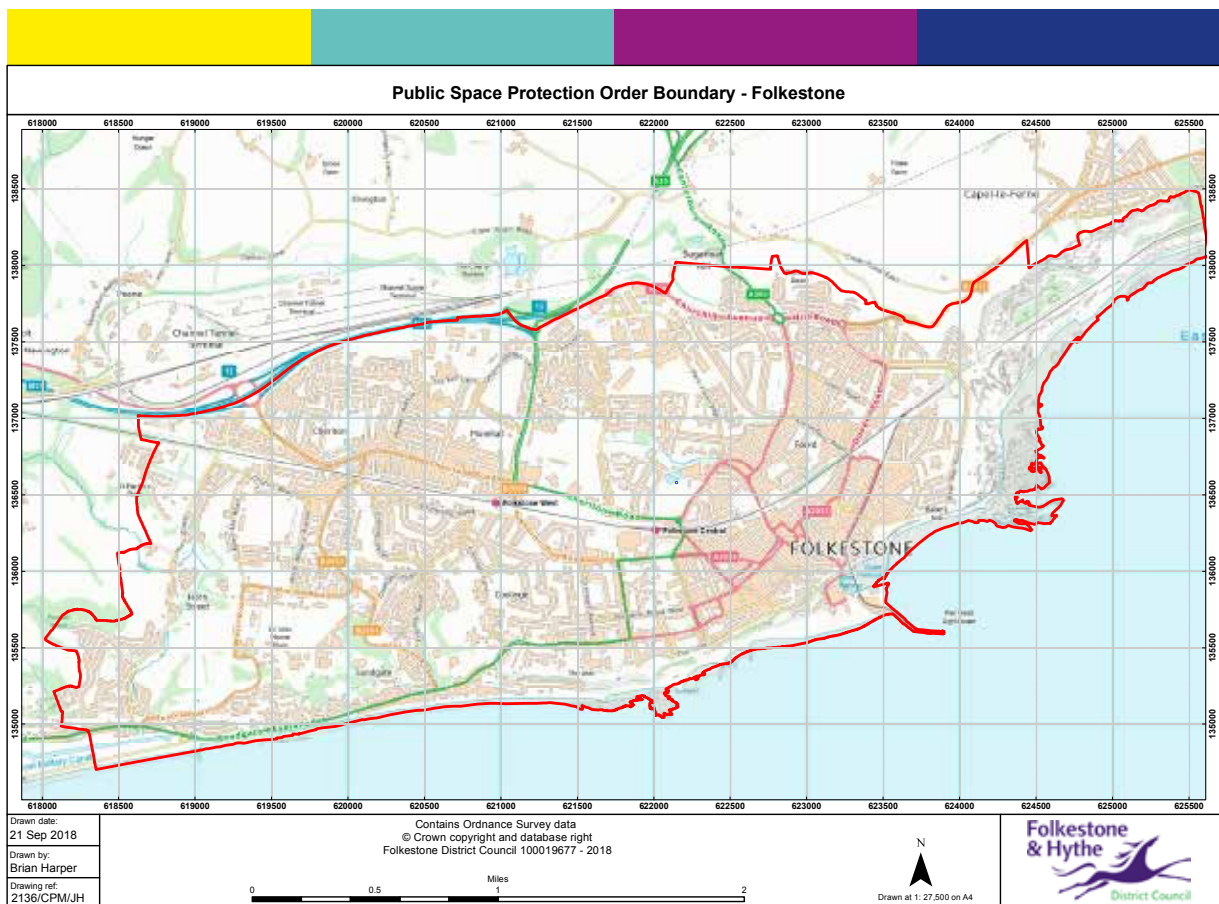
A person would have to clear away the vehicle, temporary structure/associated paraphernalia without delay if instructed to do so by an authorised officer.

This measure would cover areas such as all of Folkestone, including the Lower Leas Coastal Park, Hythe (High Street and Oaklands), Dymchurch, New Romney, Cheriton and parts of Seabrook and Sandgate. Including but not limited to public parks, car parks, children's play areas, graveyards, churchyards. - **please see maps on pages 10, 11, 12 & 13**










# Area Key

 Hythe High Street & Oaklands

 Dymchurch

 New Romney

 Lower Leas Coastal Park

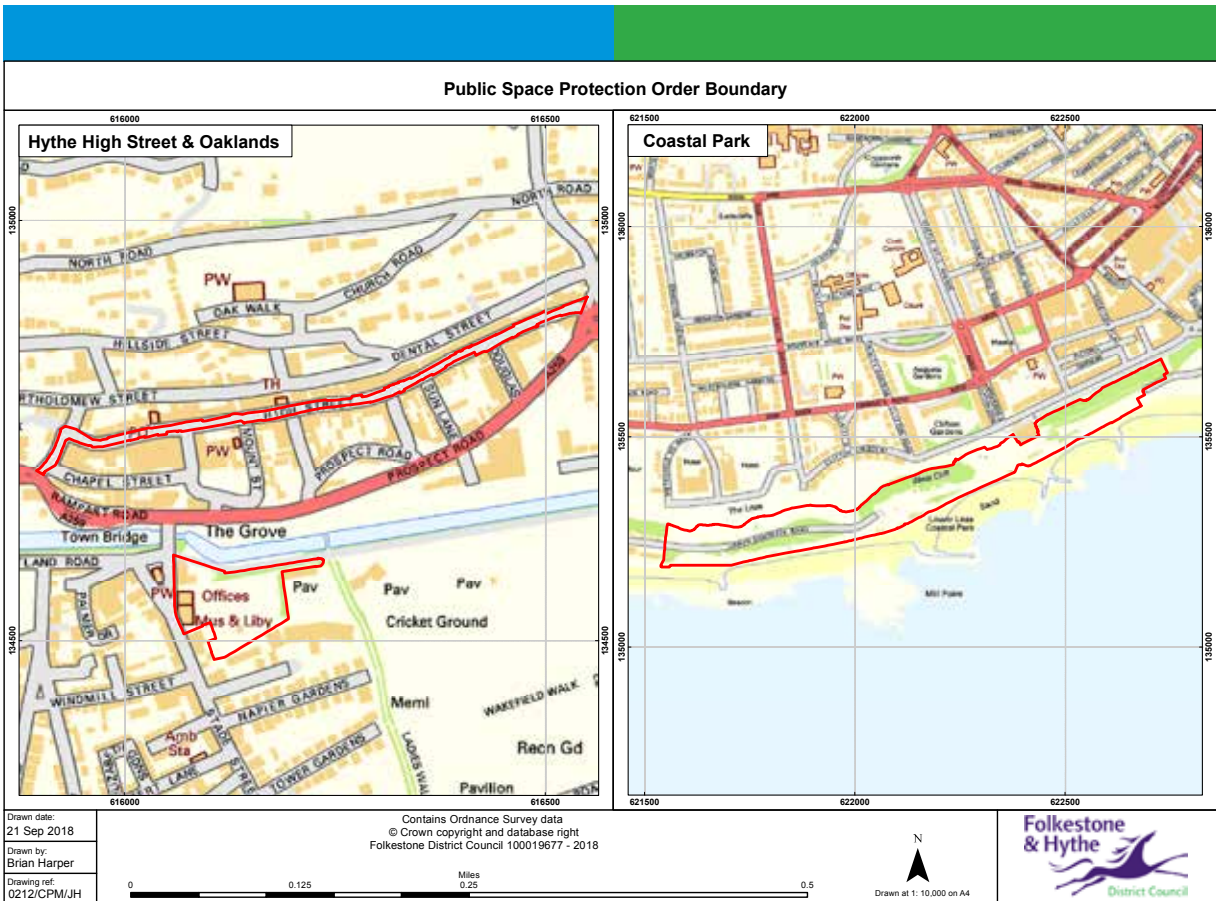
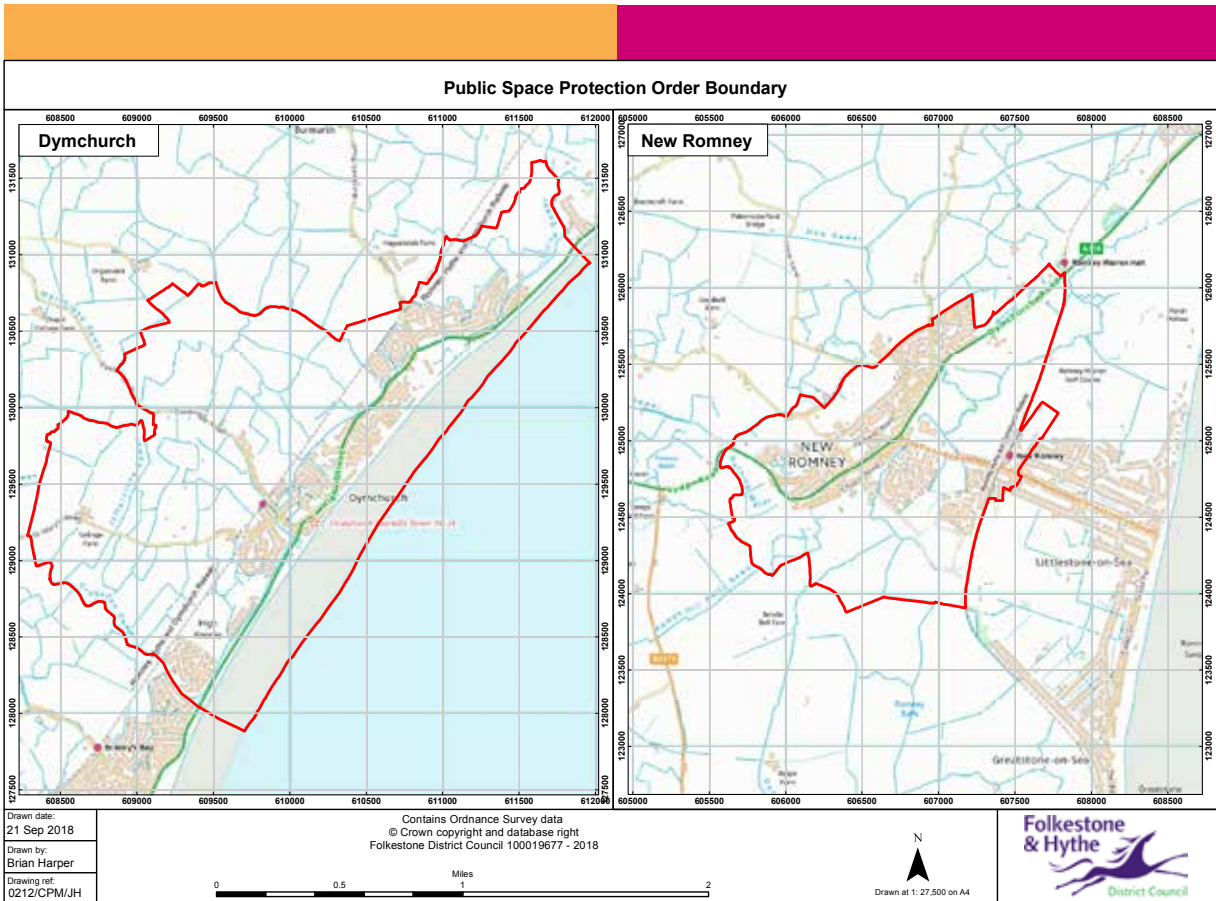
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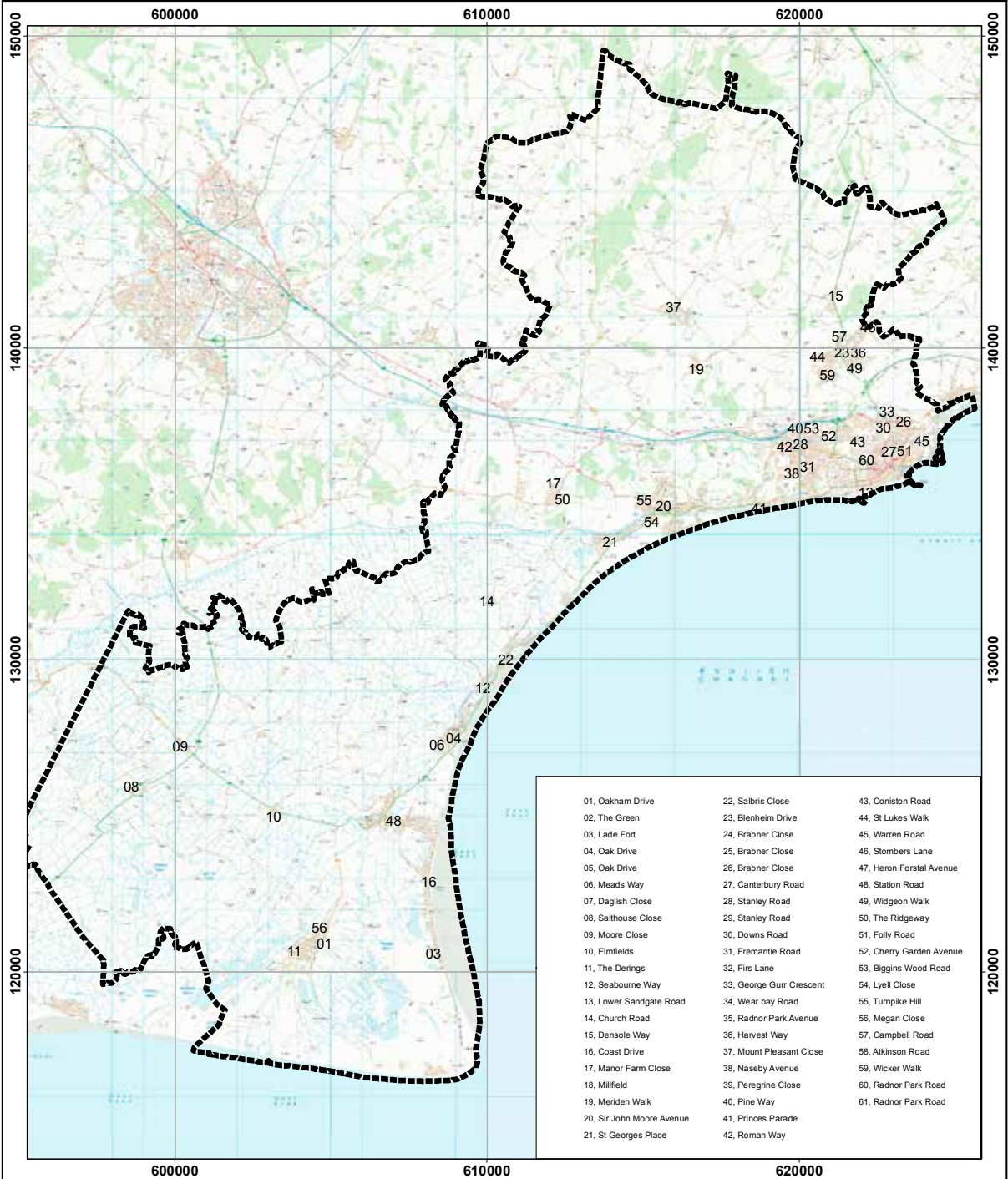
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# Public Space Protection Order Boundary - Play Areas



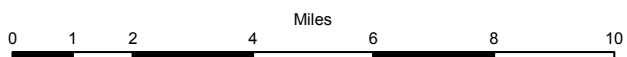
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| 02, The Green             | 23, Blenheim Drive       | 44, St Lukes Walk        |
| 03, Lade Fort             | 24, Brabner Close        | 45, Warren Road          |
| 04, Oak Drive             | 25, Brabner Close        | 46, Stomers Lane         |
| 05, Oak Drive             | 26, Brabner Close        | 47, Heron Forstal Avenue |
| 06, Meads Way             | 27, Canterbury Road      | 48, Station Road         |
| 07, Daghish Close         | 28, Stanley Road         | 49, Widgeon Walk         |
| 08, Salthouse Close       | 29, Stanley Road         | 50, The Ridgeway         |
| 09, Moore Close           | 30, Downs Road           | 51, Folly Road           |
| 10, Elmfields             | 31, Fremantle Road       | 52, Cherry Garden Avenue |
| 11, The Denings           | 32, Firs Lane            | 53, Biggins Wood Road    |
| 12, Seabourne Way         | 33, George Gurr Crescent | 54, Lyell Close          |
| 13, Lower Sandgate Road   | 34, Wear bay Road        | 55, Turnpike Hill        |
| 14, Church Road           | 35, Radnor Park Avenue   | 56, Megan Close          |
| 15, Densole Way           | 36, Harvest Way          | 57, Campbell Road        |
| 16, Coast Drive           | 37, Mount Pleasant Close | 58, Atkinson Road        |
| 17, Manor Farm Close      | 38, Naseby Avenue        | 59, Wicker Walk          |
| 18, Millfield             | 39, Peregrine Close      | 60, Radnor Park Road     |
| 19, Meriden Walk          | 40, Pine Way             | 61, Radnor Park Road     |
| 20, Sir John Moore Avenue | 41, Princes Parade       |                          |
| 21, St Georges Place      | 42, Roman Way            |                          |

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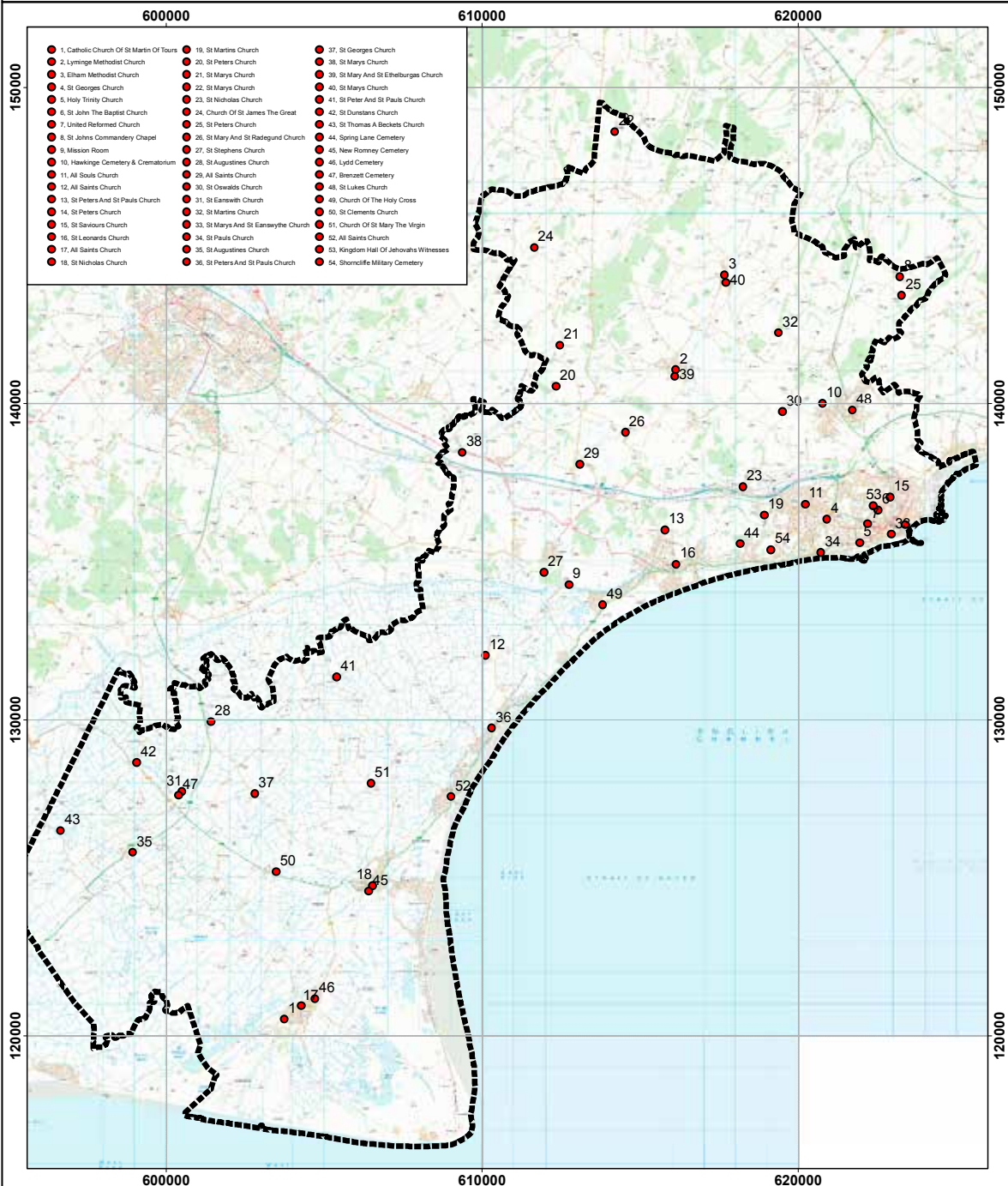
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# Public Space Protection Order Boundary - Churchyards & Cemeteries

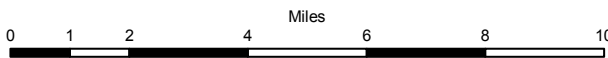


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# Tell us what you think

**The consultation opens on Monday 26 November 2018 and runs for eight weeks.**

We would like to invite you to give us your views on our proposals. There are different ways you can do this.

- You can fill in a questionnaire online or download a paper copy at:  
**[www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO)**

- Pick up a paper copy from:

**The Civic Centre**, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone

**Folkestone Town Council**, 1- 2 Guildhall Street.

**Hawkinge Town Council**, Hawkinge Community Centre

**Sandgate Parish Council**, High Street.

**Dymchurch Parish Council**, 13 Orgarswick Avenue

**New Romney Town Council**, Town Hall, High Street

**Lydd Town Council**, 13 High Street

**Kent Police**, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone

Send your completed questionnaire or write to us at:

**PSPO Consultation, Community Safety, F&HDC, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY**

You can also:

- Email us: **[community.safety@folkestone-hythe.kent.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@folkestone-hythe.kent.gov.uk)**
- Call us **01303 853500** and ask to comment on the Public Space Protection Order consultation



# Tell us what you think

**Or why not come and talk to us at our drop-in event?**

Friday 11 January 2019 9:30 - 11:30am

**Folkestone & Hythe District Council,  
Civic Centre,  
Folkestone,  
CT20 2QY**

**This consultation will close on Monday 21 January 2019**

**A copy of the Draft Order is available at:**

**[www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO)**



