

## **Appendix 5**

### **The consultation**

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Harlow Council's cabinet members took the decision to consult on the implementation of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Harlow Town Centre.

At the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Civic Centre, cabinet considered the report from the Council's Community Safety Team, consisting of evidence collated through public consultations and reported incidents by the police, Harvey Centre and The Water Gardens. Cabinet members agreed with the report recommendations that a PSPO should be consulted on in an attempt to address concerns and issues raised in the report with regards to anti-social behaviour originating from the consumption of alcohol and cycling through the town.

The decision was made to consult on the PSPO following concerns raised over anti-social cycling within the town centre putting users at risk of injury, and that the consumption of alcohol in areas other than licensed premises was having a detrimental impact on the area.

The PSPO, if introduced, will last for three years, after which the Council will review its impact and effectiveness to determine whether changes are required and an extension necessary. Anyone who breaches the order can be fined or prosecuted under the law.

### **Further information**

If you require further information about this consultation please email [contact@harlow.gov.uk](mailto:contact@harlow.gov.uk) or call 01279 446655.