

PSPO VICAR WATER – SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

	The Council are currently considering a PSPO for Vicar Water Country Park in relation to combating fire related nuisance. Do you support this?		Do you agree with the terms?		Do you support the area included in the PSPO, as shown on the map?		A designated BBQ area has been proposed on the country park, what are your views on this?		There are proposed designated smoking areas within the Country Park; 1. Around the fishing lake, 2. In the car park, 3. Nearby Rumbles Café. Are you in agreement with this?		If you have had reports of fire related nuisance in the last 12 months, please give brief details:	On a scale of 1 to 5 how big a problem do you think this is? 1 being nil impact and 5 being severe	Any further comments:
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		Score 1 – 5	
Notts Police Insp Sutton	X		X		X			X	X			5	additional comments on questionnaire captured below
NFRS	X		X		X		Comments on questionnaire		Comments on questionnaire		Stats provided	3	additional comments on questionnaire captured below
Clipstone Parish Council	X		X		X		Comments on questionnaire		Comments on questionnaire		Comments on questionnaire	Comments on questionnaire	additional comments on questionnaire captured below
Park Users	X x 3										-	-	3 members of the public have emailed to confirm support of the proposed PSPO
Friends of Vicar Water	X		Comments on questionnaire		Comments on questionnaire		Comments on questionnaire		Comments on questionnaire		-	4	additional comments on questionnaire captured below
Clipstone Angling Club	X		X		X		Comments on questionnaire		X		-	-	Questionnaire not completed but relayed views via telephone conversation – see notes
Notts Wildlife Trust	X		X		X		X		X			5	additional comments on questionnaire captured below

Specific Comments:

Designated BBQ Area:

NFRS:

“As this is against the PSPO stating no naked flames/bbq, there needs to be clear relevant signage and marked areas to ensure this is adhered to. Signage for safe/responsible bbq-ing and disposal should also be clear”

Nottinghamshire Police:

“I would suggest that BBQ’s are not allowed in any area of the County Park as it creates an opportunity for breach of the PSPO, and makes it confusing. There are other ways in which people can enjoy food whilst at the County Park”

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Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust: “We recommend that it is located in an amenity managed area in close proximity to the café/car park area to minimise the risk of fire spreading to vulnerable semi-natural habitats and protected species within the wider area of the park”

Clipstone Parish Council: “I would suggest that BBQ’s are not allowed in any area of the County Park as it creates an opportunity for breach of the PSPO, and makes it confusing. There are other ways in which people can enjoy food whilst at the County Park”

Friends of Vicar Water: “It will encourage larger groups and rubbish. It would need a cctv aimed at it”

Designated Smoking Areas:

NFRS: “Provision of smoking bins in these areas would need to be provided so that smokers are deterred from discarding cigarettes on grass and flammable areas. Again, clear signage and safe disposal would be recommended.”

Nottinghamshire Police: No additional comments

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust: No additional comments

Clipstone Parish Council: “Any designated smoking area will need to be clearly marked and designed in such a way that people do not “accidentally” leave and end up extinguishing cigarettes elsewhere. These areas only make sense if any smoking elsewhere is monitored and if need be sanctioned. If not members of the public will rely on their “common sense” where to smoke. Educating the public will be the real challenge. Other countries ban smoking either seasonally or generally and impose sometimes huge fines. See Rauchverbot im Wald: Was gilt in welchem Bundesland? (bussgeld-info.de) for example.”

Clipstone Angling Club: The Club agree with designated smoking areas, particularly the consideration to a smoking area around the lake – there are a number of fishing matches during a season therefore if fishermen that smoke had to leave their fishing pitch to smoke, it would disadvantage them during a match.

Further support, fishermen would not want to leave their equipment unsupervised if they had to move to another area of the Park to smoke (*comments recorded during conversation SM & Phil Hatfield 25/01/2021*)

Friends of Vicar Water: “I’m not sure that smoking should be encouraged if they see its allowed it won't stop them doing it elsewhere on the park. Just to confirm. It’s surrounded by woods fauna so I disagree with smoking area.”

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Any further comments:

- NFRS:** No additional comments
- Nottinghamshire Police:** “Fire related nuisance continues to be an issue in this area. There is a clear risk to public and this PSPO will give the police and council powers to deal with any further issues.”
- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust:** “Gorse, birch and heather are the dominant habitats within the park, which are extremely vulnerable to fire. The presence of a population of common lizard is also an important consideration and so impacts from a fire could be severe.”
- Clipstone Parish Council:** “The severity of the problem depends on the incident. Smoking a cigarette on a damp day and extinguishing it responsibly is only a problem in so far as smoking is objectionable and sets a poor example, minor problem. Fire related vandalism destroying picnic benches causes material damage which businesses, individuals or the community have to pay to put right. A carelessly discarded cigarette causing extensive burning of heath land costs thousands to extinguish, years of hard work and money to reverse damage to habitats, loss of animal life, and potentially loss of human life. The effect could be extremely severe.”
- Clipstone Angling Club:** “Clipstone Angling Club operate a season ticket system – all members are provided with information around fire safety (no fires or no disposable BBQs) at Vicar Water – this information is also printed on the season ticket.
- Some fishermen, particularly those overnight, may use gas camping type stoves for cooking – is this something that could be allowed to continue in the area surrounding the lakeside” (*comments recorded during conversation SM & Phil Hatfield 25/01/2021*)
- Friends of Vicar Water:** Do you agree with the terms?
Response: “The area looks ok on map”
- Do you support the area included in the PSPO, as shown on the map?
Response: “Its just an outline. I think it needs to cover from small pond up to the large pond where the handbus and through the path towards the warehouses that lead to it from Baulker Lane area as this is a bad area for anti social behaviour and ut links via a path to vicar water”

Members of the Public emails:

From: [redacted] [redact personal information]

Sent: 28 January 2021 19:10

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To: Sue Miller <Sue.Miller@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk>

Subject: Vicar Water Country Park

Hi I am writing to say I support the PSPO Order for Vicar Water and agree with the terms. We walk on Vicar Water regularly and have been horrified at the fires that have caused so much damage especially over the last couple of Summers. It also puts wildlife and their habitats at risk.

Jill (Downes)

From: [redacted] [redact personal information]

Sent: 29 January 2021 05:42

To: Sue Miller <Sue.Miller@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk>

Subject: PSPO

Hi Sue, I agree with the PSPO for Vicars Water and my contact details are as

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redact personal information]

Kind regards Hayward

From: [redacted] [redact personal information]

Sent: 30 January 2021 17:59

To: Sue Miller <Sue.Miller@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Vicar Water Country Park

Hi Sue

I am emailing regarding the proposed protection order for Vicar water Country Park as outlined below. We are local residents and completely agree with the proposed terms. We know what destruction that can be caused to such a beautiful wild environment which is available for the public to enjoy and would very much like to see the protection order applied .

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The proposed terms are:

”a person or persons are prohibited from the following activities being: the lighting of fires; barbecues; Chinese lanterns, fireworks; or using any article/object which causes a naked flame and which poses a risk of fire”

My email as above is [REDACTED]

My address [REDACTED] [redact personal information]

Kind regards

Wendy Newton