

## Appendix B

### Enforcement action taken by Boston Borough Council in Partnership with Lincolnshire Police to address Anti-Social Behaviour Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Boston Borough Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer works in partnership with Lincolnshire Police, Housing Associations, and other agencies to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Officers follow the guidance set out in the Countywide procedures for tackling ASB in Lincolnshire, which details the tools and powers provided by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The full act can be accessed [here](#).

An incremental approach is used to encourage people to stop the ASB by offering advice and warnings before considering more formal methods. Where appropriate, people are provided with support, guidance and signposting to other organisations who may be able to help.

The process differs for adults and young people, below is an example of the approach.

#### **Stage 1**

Adults and Under 18s: Advice letter (for under 18s a letter is also sent to the parent/guardian).

#### **Stage 2**

Adults and Under 18s: Warning letter (for under 18s a letter is also sent to the parent/guardian).

#### **Stage 3**

Adults: Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)

Under 18s: Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA)

#### **Stage 4 (formal action)**

Adults: Community Protection Notice (CPN)

Under 18s: Civil Injunction

*Stages 1-4 for adults also applies to the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Boston which restricts the consumption of alcohol within a specified area. In addition, Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) can be issued for breaching the PSPO (i.e., if an individual refuses a request from an authorised officer to desist from drinking alcohol within the designated area or refuses to leave the area).*

## Enforcement Data – Anti-Social Behaviour

The table below shows the type of enforcement action used in Boston Borough to tackle ASB between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, with comparisons to the previous three financial years.

### General Anti-Social Behaviour - Informal & formal action taken between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Year	Stage 1	Stage 2	ABA	Injunction	CPNW	CPN
2023-24	45	8	2	0	3	0
2022-23	85	11	6	0	0	0
2021-22	78	28	7	1	0	0
2020-21	70	31	3	0	0	0

Of the 45 Stage 1 letters issued, 38 were issued to young people and seven to adults. 28 of the Stage 1 letters were issued for ‘Inconsiderate Behaviour’, seven for ‘Trespass’, six for ‘Throwing Things’, and four in relation to ‘Vehicle Nuisance’.

Of the eight Stage 2 letters issued, three were issued to young people and five to adults. Five letters were issued for ‘Inconsiderate Behaviour’ and three for ‘Throwing Things’.

## Enforcement Data – Noxious Odour Process

In March 2023, a pilot was introduced in Boston to address reports of noxious fumes, linked to drug odour, which affect the quality of life of individuals in the community. The process is incremental, starting with advice and warning letters then moving to a Community Protection Notice Warning and full Notice if the problem persists and can be evidenced. In November 2023, the process was expanded to the whole of Lincolnshire with the launch of the Lincolnshire Noxious Odour Procedure (Residential Premises).

The table below shows the number of enforcement actions taken during April 2023 to March 2024 in Boston.

### Noxious Odours Procedure – Informal & formal action taken between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Stage 1 Advice	Stage 2 Warning	Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)	Community Protection Notice (CPN)
Number of actions taken	16	4	0	0

The informal warnings have been effective at minimising the impact of noxious odours reported by Boston residents with no formal measures being used to-date.

## **Enforcement Data – Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)**

Boston Borough Council's Public Spaces Protection Order (in relation to Alcohol) commenced on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and has been extended on three occasions. The PSPO will expire on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2027 unless a further extension is agreed.

The effect of the order is to restrict the consumption of alcohol within the PSPO area and to require specified things to be done by person/s consuming alcohol in that area, i.e. desist from consuming alcohol or surrender it. It is an offence not to comply with these requests made by an authorised officer.

The table below shows the type of enforcement action used in relation to the PSPO between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, with comparisons to the previous three financial years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>CPNW</b>	<b>CPN</b>	<b>FPN</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	48	5	2	0	0
2022-23	22	0	0	0	0
2021-22	27	4	0	1	0
2020-21	99	15	8	0	0

Targeted work undertaken by Lincolnshire Police under 'Operating Plotting' saw an increase in patrols of the PSPO in the last year and subsequent action taken against those found to be consuming alcohol in the restricted area.