

# **HRA Summary Report of Meeting held at 2pm, Tuesday 5 May 2026: Enforcement of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Portswood Broadway**

## **Present:**

Prof. Roger Brown (RB) - HRA Chair

Francesca Prior (FP) - Responsible for Community Safety at Southampton City Council

Inspector Yozanne Richards (YR) - Southampton North Neighbourhood Policing Team – (Portswood and Bitterne North)

Hilary Jackson (HJ) - Outer Avenue Residents Association

Nadine Johnson (NCJ) - HRA Communications

Included in this report are the following:

- The Incidents in Portswood Broadway Log from 1 April to 3 May 2026
- The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is here:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/2pil3mdd/portswood-pspo-dec-2025-30012026.pdf>

RB welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that HRA was pleased to see the PSPO implemented and strongly supported it. However, HRA had not seen a huge impact or any real signs of improvement.

## **Enforcement, engagement, education and signposting**

FP explained that unless Fixed Penalty Notice fines were issued the PSPO would not be effective. From Jan 26 fines were not initially included in the order.

Recent change of view, FPNs would be issued soon. These could be issued by both the police and Community Safety. The FPN was the final step after engagement/giving words of advice/education and signposting to partner agencies. They did not want to 'set people up to fail'. Only the Police could remove and confiscate alcohol.

The PSPO also gave Community Safety the opportunity to engage with people, educate and refer to outreach. There is a Day Centre and within the next month, a new Night Shelter would be opening. People who didn't have access to state benefits, were referred to the Rough Sleepers Initiative.

The Police had a dedicated PC and PCSO working on the Portswood PSPO. The latter had oversight. However, the whole team was involved. A trial of Pop-up surgeries along the High Street to raise awareness had been suggested.

## **Reporting**

Community Safety had an email address which was easy to use and in working hours, Monday to Friday there was generally a prompt response.

The Police reporting system was more time consuming and this was likely to deter some people from reporting. Using 101 often took a while. Submitting an online report took at least 15 minutes. There was often a queue if reporting to Portswood Police Station. Desk officers were to be briefed about the PSPO (YR). There was no Police email contact method. Reports were reviewed overnight and ASB incidents noted and any increases would be addressed (YR).

### **HRA Compiled Log of Incidents for 1 April to 3 May 2026 inclusive (see below)**

41 incidents had been reported between 1 April – 3 May. There had been no apparent enforcement of street drinking, no apparent improvement or reduction in the number of incidents. There had been a decrease in street furniture because it was regularly removed (Community Safety). However, this usually had to be reported by the community.

### **Removal of the bench outside the former Flagship Coffee**

As 76% data related to street drinkers outside of the former Flagship Coffee, HRA had asked for the bench to be removed. FP working on this.

### **Liaison between Community Safety and the Police**

Regular liaison was confirmed. Two Action Days with joint patrols had been held with the police, CS and Street Prevention Team (who were not represented at the meeting). Possibility of these taking place monthly.

### **PSPO signs along the High Street**

Although the signs were not very visible or not always strategically placed, they were statutory signs that were designed by the Design Team and could not be changed FP.

### **What can we do as a community?**

Being hospitable leads to street people staying. Could reference the nearest Day Centre when engaging with them. Homeless in Southampton involved large numbers. Clients had to be 'clean' in order to access supported accommodation. Some preferred not to take this.

### **Future monitoring and enforcement**

Both authorities were invested in the PSPO and in making it work. YR responded that the period from December 2025 was not a long time to get things in place. Reporting was very important as were clear descriptions of persons involved. FP said the ASB in Portswood would reduce over time. Rectification needed time and resources, neither of which she had - Community Safety was currently under-staffed.

RB reminded the authorities that the current PSPO replaced that which had expired in 2025. The meeting had been helpful and useful and a lot of information had been gathered but had not been very reassuring. A review meeting was suggested early autumn.

**Public Spaces Protection Order Incidents in Portswood Broadway from 1 April to 3 May 20206 inclusive**

<b>Date/Time (if known)</b>	<b>Location in Portswood Broadway</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Reported to</b>
1 April	Outside Boots	2 street drinkers. Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
1 April	Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee	3-4 street drinkers (looked like PCSOs in attendance as one possibly injured/ambulance waiting). Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
1 April	On the bench opposite Al Barakah shop	At least 3 to 4 street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
1 April	Outside the Polish shop	One street drinker Can of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
Easter Monday 6 April 10am	Outside the former Flagship Coffee and also outside the Salvation Army Charity shop	'Serious size' furniture and also rough sleepers	Reported to Community Safety
Tuesday 7 April Between early morning and 12.30pm	Seating area outside former Flagship Coffee and area immediately outside former Flagship Coffee	5/6 street drinkers Cans of alcohol <b>At least three sightings</b>	Reported at least once
Tuesday 7 April 12.30pm	Outside Boots	Several street drinkers	Not sure if reported
Tuesday 7 April Morning	Portswood Broadway	Two or three groups of street drinkers – cans of alcohol	Not sure if reported
Tuesday 7 April Approx 12.30pm	Former Portswood Shopping Centre	Street furniture/bedding	Reported to Community Safety
Tuesday 7 April 12.30pm	Former Flagship Coffee area	Street furniture/bedding	Reported to Community Safety
10 April 1.48pm	Former Flagship Coffee area	Three street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
Saturday 11 April 7.45am	Between Victory Gospel Church and former Atlantic Cleaners – on steps	Three street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
13 April 2.30pm to 3.30pm	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee	Up to eight street drinkers Cans of alcohol <b>At least two sightings on seating/decking area</b>	Not sure if reported
13 April	Immediately outside	Two street drinkers	Not sure if reported

3.30pm	former Flagship Coffee	Cans of alcohol	
13 April	Outside British Heart Foundation shop	Street drinking	Reported to Police
Friday 17 April	Former Flagship Coffee area	Three to four street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Police on 101
Friday 17 April	Former Flagship Coffee area	Street furniture – chairs etc	Reported to Community Safety
Monday 20 April 1.05pm	Former Flagship Coffee area	Four street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety and also to Portswood Police Station
21 April Morning	Outside former Flagship Coffee	Street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Police on 101
21 April Morning	Outside former Flagship Coffee	Street furniture/bedding	Reported to Community Safety
22 April 3.15pm	Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee area and also in seating/decking area	Four street drinkers: two immediately outside the former Flagship Coffee and two in seating area Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety
23 April 10am	Seating area outside former Flagship Coffee	Four street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety and also to Police online
23 April	In seating/decking area and also the immediate area outside of Flagship Coffee	Groups of street drinkers on both sides. Loud Cans of alcohol	Reported to the Police
24 April 1.50pm	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee	Six older men street drinkers and one female Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety and to the Police at Portswood Police Station
24 April 1.45pm	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee	Group of street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police (online)
Sunday 26 April	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee	Group of six street drinkers	Not reported as in car
Monday 27 April am	Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee area	One street drinker Can of alcohol	Not sure if reported
Monday 27 April	In seating/decking area outside former Flagship	Two street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to the Police (online) and to

12.11pm	Coffee		Community Safety
Monday 27 April 2.30pm	Seating/decking area and immediate area outside former Flagship Coffee	Seven street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Police at Portswood Police Station
Monday 27 April 2.30pm	Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee	See above and also some street furniture: seating/crates	Reported to Community Safety
Tuesday 28 April 2.40pm	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee and also immediately outside former Flagship Coffee. On both sides of the pavement. Difficult to get past. Loud and intimidating.	Group of 7/8 street drinkers and one woman. Drunk or high or both. Cans of alcohol  Street furniture – crates and one very large cabinet which spanned almost the width of the former coffee house.	Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police at Portswood Police Station. The latter said the information would be sent to Control and even if they were gone by the time the police arrived, it would still be registered
Wednesday 29 April 10.15-11am	Outside former Flagship Coffee	Two street drinkers Cans of alcohol wide  Also, street furniture - 8 foot wide cabinet immediately outside former Flagship Coffee	Reported to the Police (online) and also to Community Safety
Wednesday 29 April 1.30pm	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee	Six street drinkers Cans of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety. Went to report to Portswood Police Station but it was closed at 1.30pm. Will try again
Thursday 30 April 2.30pm	Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee	A couple of street drinkers with one open can of alcohol	Reported to Community Safety and to Police (online)
Thursday 30 April 2.30pm	Seating/decking area and also in area immediately in front of the former Flagship Coffee	Street furniture: a couple of framed glass panels propped up against the seating area, and also some crates immediately outside the former Flagship Coffee	Reported to Community Safety
Friday 1 May Before 10am	Outside former Flagship Coffee	Street furniture: Sainsbury's packing crates and a covering	Reported to Community Safety
Saturday 2 May 11.50am	Outside former Flagship Coffee	Sainsbury's orange packing crates	Reported to Community Safety

Saturday 2 May 11.50am	On bench opposite Al Barakah shop	One street drinker on bench opposite Al Barakah shop. Can of alcohol on view	Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police (online)
Saturday 2 May 11.50am	Near steps in between Victory Gospel Church and former Cancer Research shop (previously in Portswood Shopping Centre)	One street drinker near steps	Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police (online)
Sunday 3 May 11.30am	Seating/decking area, plus immediate area outside former Flagship Coffee	Group of five street drinkers in seating/decking area and one street drinker immediately outside former Flagship Coffee. Very loud; there was some sort of altercation. Cans of alcohol	Reported to Police (online)
Sunday 3 May around midday	On bench opposite Al Barakah	One street drinker Can of alcohol	Reported to Police (online)

**Footnote:**

Since 3 May, there have been 5 incidents reported, as follows:

- Graffiti on wall outside former Flagship Coffee
- Graffiti on wall outside what was previously The Broadway pub
- Group of 9 occupying bench opposite Al Barakah shop
- Two street drinkers on crates outside former Flagship Coffee spitting and wandering about, including into the road
- Two rough sleepers, one outside former Flagship Coffee and one on the corner of Brookvale Road.

Nadine Johnson 8/5/26