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Dear Resident,

### **Re: Public Spaces Protection Order**

South Staffordshire Council is proposing to put in place a Public Spaces Protection Order along Old Hampton Lane, Westcroft and is writing to you as part of the consultation process within the legislation to ask for your feedback on the proposal outlined below.

Public Spaces Protection Orders are one of the tools available under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can be used to restrict a broad range of activities. Under section 59 of the 2014 Act, South Staffordshire Council must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activity subject to an Order:

- has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality (or it is likely that activities will take place and have such an effect)
- is (or is likely to be) persistent or continuing in nature
- is (or is likely to be) unreasonable
- justifies the restrictions being imposed.

#### **Why is a Public Spaces Protection Order required on Old Hampton Lane?**

Fly tipping has been causing inconvenience for residents and visitors to the bottom end of Old Hampton Lane for some time now and is unsightly as it includes bottles, food packaging, drug paraphernalia and used condoms. Often cars will park outside residents' homes for drug use and for sexual activity and when these car drivers are challenged become verbally abusive to those who question them. Drivers have also been witnessed consuming alcohol when parked in this location too.

#### **The Proposal for the Public Spaces Protection Order:**

People who wish to "fly-tip" have targeted the bottom end of Old Hampton Lane due to the rural nature of the location. The fly tipping has had a detrimental cost both in terms of the environment and the Council due to the costs of removal. The cars who park with the intention of their occupants behaving in an anti-social manner (drug taking, drinking alcohol, sexual activity) are causing alarm and distress to residents which in turn has a detrimental impact on their quality of life. A Gating Order sits within the PSPO and will mean if all residents who are consulted agree, then the bottom end of the