

Car Race Meetings in the Hewitts Roundabout Area, Halstead

Have Your Say: Public Spaces Protection Order Extension 2027–2030

Public consultation: 9 October – 13 November 2026

Residents are encouraged to support the extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the area around Hewitts Roundabout, Halstead, to help tackle dangerous car meets, anti-social behaviour and excessive noise.

Sevenoaks District Council is consulting on extending the existing PSPO for a further three years. Introduced in March 2024, the current Order is due to expire in March 2027.



Why is the PSPO important?

Car meets and gatherings in the Hewitts Roundabout area causes serious concern for local residents. Dangerous driving and racing can put lives at risk, obstruct roads and create hazardous conditions for other road users. The excessive noise from tuned engines can also be extremely intrusive, particularly at night when residents are trying to sleep.

The PSPO provides the Police and authorised Council officers with additional powers to tackle specified anti-social behaviour. These powers include issuing warnings and fixed penalty notices where appropriate. The Order operates under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Why should the PSPO be extended?

In recent months, additional resources have been devoted to gathering evidence and issuing penalty fines and warning notices. Enforcement is being strengthened further, with a new anti-social behaviour camera expected to be installed in the near future.

Extending the PSPO for another three years is an important step in maintaining these efforts and protecting the safety, peace and quality of life of local residents.

However, the Council must first consult the public before deciding whether to extend the Order. Your views can help inform that decision.

How to take part in the consultation

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Please take a couple of minutes to complete the short online survey and make your views known.

Complete the consultation survey here or scan the QR Code:

<https://engagement.sevenoaks.gov.uk/communities/pspo-extension-hewitts-ro/>

Paper copies are also available for anyone who would prefer not to complete the survey online.

To request a paper copy, please contact:

- **Email:** community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk
- **Post:** Community Safety Department, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HG
- **Telephone:** 01732 227000

No individual's personal details will be made public.



What happens next?

The consultation results are scheduled to be considered by:

- **8 December 2026:** Sevenoaks District Council People & Places Advisory Committee
- **15 December 2026:** Sevenoaks District Council Cabinet
- **March 2027:** 3-year PSPO extension commences



Please make your voice heard

Dangerous driving, disruptive car meets and excessive engine noise should not come at the expense of residents' safety and well-being.

Please complete the consultation by 13 November 2026 and consider supporting the extension of the PSPO for 2027–2030. Every response helps ensure that residents' concerns are heard.