

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Place, Property & Regeneration

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Date of Assessment: 12/02/2026

Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed:

Extension of Ilfracombe Harbour & Adjacent streets PSPO

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: To address the problem of ticket-touting, in 2018/19 the Council made proposals for, and consulted widely upon, the making of a Public Spaces Protection Order in and around Ilfracombe Harbour. This process culminated in the Council making a Public Spaces Protection Order for a period of three years, to take effect from 1.4.20 which was extended from 1.4.2023 for a further period of 3 years to 1.4.2026.

Following the success of the PSPO in regulating inappropriate ticket-touting, this report sets out the rationale for the proposal that the Council makes a further Public Spaces Protection Order in effect another extension of the existing Order at Ilfracombe Harbour, and on roads leading to the harbour, for a period of 3 years from 1.4.2026.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: April 1st 2026

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Proposal	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
To extend the existing order for a 3-year period from 01.04.2026	PSPO covering Ilfracombe Harbour & Adjacent streets to prohibit, except under the express terms of a lease or a licence, the written permission of the Harbourmaster or an authorised Council Officer, anyone engaging in the soliciting of services by word of mouth or through the distribution by hand of any leaflet, pamphlet or circular	For the PSPO to remain the same for a further 3-year period	There is no anticipated effect on those in the protected groups

Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation undertaken with stakeholders and summarise the results and how it has influenced the proposal or not. Please attach a summary of consultation results or other relevant reports:

Public consultation was held from 15th January to 26th February 2026.

36 responses were received following the consultation with the majority ,30, being from an individual/ member of the public.

Of those 36, 94.4% were in favour of keeping the PSPO in place.

Of those that responded to the consultation 4 stated they had a disability but that there had been no specific concerns mentioned in relation to the PSPO.

Therefore, this has not influenced the proposal.

Demographic Data by protected characteristic:

Please detail the Census 2021 data for protected characteristics for North Devon (as detailed in the EIA Guidance for Managers and on NDC website):

Within the North Devon District area the population is: 48.7% Male and 51.3 % Female.

Age: 16.7%	Are aged 15 and under
4%	Aged 16 to 19
31.4%	Aged 20 to 49
35.6%	Aged 50 to 74
12.3%	Aged 75 and above

Race: The population of North Devon identifies as:

Asian, Asian British, or Asian Welsh	1.2%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	0.3%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1.2%
White	97%
Other	0.3%

Religion or Belief:

According to the 2021 Census, 46.7% stated they were Christian, with 45.1% stating they were not of a specific religion. 6.5% did not answer the question. The remainder (1.7%) include Buddhist, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Sikh and 'other'

Sexual orientation (*asked of those over 16):

90.3 % identified as straight or heterosexual, 1.1% Gay or Lesbian, 1% Bi-sexual, 0.3% Pansexual or Asexual, 7.4% did not answer.

Gender (*asked of those over 16):

94.1% identified as the same sex as registered at birth. 0.3% identified as a different sex to that registered at birth, 5.6% did not answer.

Disability / Long term health:

72.7 % stated they were not disabled under the Equality Act – with no long term physical or mental health conditions.

11.6 % stated they were disabled under the equality act –with day-to-day activities limited a little.

8 % stated they were disabled under the equality act –with day-to-day activities limited a lot.

7.8 % stated they were disabled under the equality act – having a long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities were not limited.

Equality Data by protected characteristic from consultation:

Please detail the equality data obtained as part of the consultation and compare this data to the Census 2021 data (as detailed in the EIA Guidance for Managers and on NDC website) and identify where this data does not reflect the demographics for North Devon and any disparities in outcomes by characteristic:

What is your age?

19 and under	= 1	(2.9%)
20 to 24	= 1	(2.9 %)
25 to 34	= 1	(2.9%)
35 to 49	= 6	(17.1%)
50 to 64	= 16	(45.7%)
65 to 74	= 6	(17.1%)
75 to 84	= 5	(14.3%)
85 and over	= 0	
Prefer not to say	= 13	(12.38%)

Do you consider yourself to have a disability (according to the Equality Act 2010)?

No = 30 (85.7%)

Yes = 4 (11.4%)

Prefer not to say = 1 (2.9%)

How would you describe your ethnicity?

White = 32 (94.1%)

Prefer not to say = 16 (15.23%)

Asian, Asian British, or Asian Welsh = 1 (2.9%)

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups = 0

Other ethnic group = 1 (2.9%)

What is your religion or belief?

No religion = 14 (41.2%)

Christian = 16 (47.1%)

Prefer not to say = 2 (5.9%)

Other religion = 2 (5.9%)

Buddhist = 0

Jewish = 0

Hindu = 0

Sex

Female = 14 (41.2%)

Male = 20 (58.8%)

Prefer not to say = 0

Other = 0

Please confirm if this is the same as registered at birth

Yes	= 31	(91.2%)
Prefer not to say	= 1	(2.9%)
No	= 2	(5.9%)

Sexual orientation

Straight or Heterosexual	= 30	(90.9%)
Prefer not to say	= 3	(9.1%)
Bisexual	= 0	
Gay or Lesbian	= 0	
Pansexual	= 0	
Other sexual orientation	= 0	

Other Data:

Please detail any other data that has been obtained and taken into consideration (for example, Council service areas data, other Census 2021 data which is not related to protected characteristics such as no household members having English as main language, vulnerable groups, education, economy, housing, access to transport etc, Public Health and NHS data, deprived neighbourhoods, workforce profile data):

None

Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral impacts and the evidence/data you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the EIA Guidance for Managers or Equality Strategy for the characteristics) Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

Characteristic	Impact (what information was used to assess impact? Data/feedback etc. Describe whether this is positive, negative or neutral)	Scale of Impact (High/Med/Low)	Can it be mitigated? (what needs to be done to reduce/remove the impact? Have service users been involved in providing this insight?)
All characteristics	There is no impact on any users of the Harbour (nor those with protected characteristics). The proposal is to continue the Harbour PSPO	n/a	n/a

NOTE: The protected characteristics are: Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership (employment only), pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation)

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence to appropriate data, reports, etc):

n/a

Funding Considerations:

None

Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

Any infringements of the PSPO

Date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

To be reviewed in March 2027.

EIA's should be further reviewed for significant changes or projects within 12 months or as part of a project close down. If after completing a review material changes are identified, these should be reported to the Senior Management Team for consideration. This is to assess the true impact in the delivery.

Reporting and Publication:

As part of the democratic decision making process, Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website as an appendix to committee reports.

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