

## Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>31 October 2023</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide background to the invitation to have our say on the Thame Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which aims to help the police tackle alcohol and group related anti-social behaviour (ASB).
2. The Thame PSPO has a duration of three years and is due to expire on 30 April 2024. South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) needs to pro-actively review the relevance of the Thame PSPO before deciding where it should be extended, varied, or allowed to expire. [A copy of the current PSPO order is available to view on SODC's website.](#)
3. The district council is proposing that the existing PSPO is extended for a further three years (1 May 2024 - 30 April 2027) and will cover the Cuttle Brook nature reserve. You can find out more about the proposal via [southoxon.gov.uk/ThamePSPO\\_Map/](https://southoxon.gov.uk/ThamePSPO_Map/).
4. The consultation will run for five weeks from **Wednesday 11 October** until **11.59pm on Thursday 16 November**.
5. The consultation is being targeted at key council teams, relevant landowners, community representatives and statutory organisations only.

### Review

6. The Thame Neighbourhood policing team (TNPT) has requested that Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve is included within the Thame PSPO, due to increased ASB issues at the nature reserve and agree that the current PSPO areas in Thame remain in place.
7. Following this request, a site meeting was held with the South Oxfordshire District Council, Community Safety Team Leader, TTC's Community Services Manager and a Cuttle Brook Reserve Management Volunteer. This meeting was productive in deciding locations for PSPO signage and enabled the Cuttle Brook Volunteers and Community Services Manager to express concerns that groups are making dens in certain areas of the Nature Reserve.
8. It was thought that it would be appropriate to ask the Community Safety Team to include Rycote Meadow, soon to become part of the Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve (as anticipated), which will have a direct public footpath to the housing estate at Oxford Road.
9. The Thame Town Council Maintenance team will be able to install the new signage requirements in partnership with the Cuttle Brook Volunteers.

### Action required:

- To consider supporting the proposal from South Oxfordshire District Council Community Safety Team to extend Thame's Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to include Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve and to request inclusion of Rycote Meadow.***