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## Proposed moorland Public Space Protection Order

Wildfires - whether deliberate or caused through carelessness - can have devastating impact on our boroughs. A wildfire can easily develop into a major incident, putting a massive strain on emergency services. They can have huge financial costs, cause long-term damage to wildlife, livestock, habitat, farmland and property. They may leave permanent scars on our beautiful landscapes and cause air and water pollution which affects the health of people living as much as 50 miles away.

To help reduce the risks from wildfires, Bolton Council, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Chorley Council are proposing to bring in Public Space Protection Orders [PSPOs] to protect an area of moorland from wildfires.

PSPOs are designed to prohibit anti-social behaviour, whilst still allowing the responsible use of spaces that the public have access to.

If adopted, the PSPO would prohibit [ban] activities which carry a significant risk of causing wildfires. These include building or lighting any kind of fire or barbeque, lighting fireworks or setting off sky [Chinese or other open flame heat source] lanterns.

If adopted, there would be exemptions to the PSPOs. For example, they wouldn't apply on private property, or if someone had written permission of the landowner or local council.

Breaking the proposed PSPOs would be a criminal offence and could result in a fine of up to £1000.

Due to the nature of the moorland, the PSPOs would need to be adopted by all three councils in order to be effective. If adopted, the PSPOs would all ban the same behaviours and start from the same date. The PSPOs would last for three years initially but could be renewed after a review.

Please read the Frequently Asked Questions and supporting documents for full details of the proposed PSPO [including area covered] before giving your views. [www.bolton.gov.uk/directory/13/consultations/category/195](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/directory/13/consultations/category/195)

Responses from this public consultation will be considered alongside other information to help each council decide whether to bring in the proposed PSPOs or not.

### Your response - keeping your data safe

If you're responding as an individual you won't be identified in any report; your responses will be anonymised and group with responses from other people. All questions are optional so please feel free to skip any that you prefer not to answer.

Reports may be made public. If you're responding in an official capacity your response may be published but no personal details will be made public.



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Bolton Council are conducting this consultation with Chorley Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

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## Behaviours

The proposed PSPOs would attempt to stop deliberate or careless actions which may result in wildfires in the area of moorland defined on the map. There would be exemptions for private property, and where the person had written consent from the landowner or council.

We will ask you about the area covered in a later question.

**Q1. How far do you agree / disagree that the following should be prohibited [banned] in the Restricted Area covered by the proposed PSPOs [unless covered by exemptions]?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion / Not applicable
Lighting a fire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking a barbeque into the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lighting a barbeque	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking fireworks into the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Setting off fireworks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Setting off a sky lantern [Chinese or other open flame heat source lantern]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discarding a lit cigarette or match	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q2. route** If you disagree, please say why

## Area covered

The **map** below shows the proposed Restricted Area. This would be the area in which the behaviours would be prohibited [banned].

**Q3. Does the Restricted Area cover the right areas of moorland?**

- Yes
- No, the PSPOs should cover a larger area
- No, there should be PSPOs but they should cover a smaller area
- There should not be any PSPOs on this area of moorland
- No opinion

Q4. **route** Please say which areas should be covered by the PSPOs

### Overall

Q5. How concerned / unconcerned are you about wildfires on this area of moorland?

- Very concerned     Concerned     Not very concerned     Not concerned at all     No opinion

Q6. How effective / ineffective do you think the proposed PSPOs would be in helping to prevent wildfires on this area of moorland?

- Very effective  
 Effective  
 Not very effective  
 Not effective at all  
 I don't think wildfires are a problem on this area of moorland  
 No opinion

Q7. Taking everything into consideration, please say if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

I support the proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders which aim to prevent wildfires on this area of moorland.

- Strongly agree     Agree     Disagree     Strongly disagree     No opinion

Q8. Please use this space if you'd like to make any comments about this proposal, or for any alternative suggestions.

### Your interest

Q9. Which of the following describes you / your family's interest in this matter?

- Live / work in the proposed Restricted Area
- Visit the proposed Restricted Area
- Live / work / study / have children at school in Bolton borough
- Live / work / study / have children at school in Blackburn with Darwen borough
- Live / work / study / have children at school in Chorley borough
- Visit this area - **do we need this for visitors to local area not RA?exclusive**
- Official response from Parish / Bolton borough Councillor / Elected Member **exclusive**
- Official response from a business / organisation / community group. You must have their permission to submit an official response on their behalf. **exclusive**
- None of the above - please explain below **exclusive**

Please say what your interest is **compulsory**

Please say which ward, business organisation or community group you represent **compulsory**

Please say what your role is - in what official capacity do you represent the business, organisation or community group? **compulsory then routes to end**

**About you ONLY ask what we actually need**

Your answers in this section help us to make sure we are getting views from different types of people. They won't be used to contact or identify you.

Or They won't be used to contact you unless you give us permission for that use for mailing list etc and delete previous sentence

Q10 Please give your full  
postcode **set as full  
postcode**

Q 11. Are you...?

- Female  Male  Identify in another way

Q 12. Which most closely describes you?

- Employed full time [30 hours or more a week]  Full time student  
 Employed part-time [up to 30 hours a week]  At home, looking after family  
 Self employed / freelance  Retired  
 Unemployed, available for work  Other - please explain below  
 Unable to work because of sickness / disability

If 'other' please explain

Q Which age group are you in?

13.

Under18

35 - 44

65 - 74

18 - 24

45 - 54

75 - 84

25 - 34

55 - 64

85 or over

Q14. Do you look after, or give any help of support to family members, friends, neighbours or others who need help because they have a long-term physical or mental ill-health / disability, or have problems relating to old age?

Please don't count anything you do as part of paid employment.

No

Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week

Yes, 1-19 hours a week

Yes, 50 or more hours a week

Q Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a long-term physical or mental health condition of illness?

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Yes, limited a lot

Yes, limited a little

No

Q What is your ethnic group?

16.

White British

Asian or Asian British

White other

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

Mixed or Multiple ethnic group

Other ethnic group

### Further contact Do we need this?

Q How may we contact you once a decision has been made, or if there are any significant changes?

17.

We'll email you where possible. Your details will be held securely and only used to contact you about this matter. You can change your mind at any time by replying to any communication we send you, or by ringing [01204 33 service teams number here](#)

	Yes	No
Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Text	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q18 Email

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Q19 Name

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Q20 Postal

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Q21 Telephone  
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as uk  
phone  
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**Thanks! Please click 'submit' to send your response through to us**