



South Somerset District Council

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RESPONSE

You have asked South Somerset District Council for the following information:-

1. Please state whether your local authority has closed any public spaces or rights of way in response to the lockdown (for example, beach or beauty spots, carparks near beach or beauty spots, footpaths, public parks). Please state the public space that was closed and the reasons for closure.

SSDC have closed approximately 60 play areas including youth facilities following the Government announcement play areas should be closed.

2. Whether your authority has issued fines for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) since 23 March, to enforce the lockdown (for example, enforcing PSPOs against standing in groups, or using PSPO dispersal powers). Please give the number of PSPO fines issued and the offences for which they were issued; and the number of any dispersal orders issued.

We have not issued any fines.

3. Whether any CPNs have been issued since 23 March (for example, requiring someone to stay in their property). Please give the number and nature of CPNs issued, if possible including the CPN text.

We have not issued any CPNs.

4. Whether local authority officers are patrolling to enforce lockdown measures contained in the 'Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations 2020' or the 'Coronavirus Act'. Please give the number and nature of local authority officers patrolling (for example, street wardens); and details of any fines/interventions.

We are not "patrolling" but operating a reactive remote service. If a specific case escalates to the point where a site visit is required then a risk assessment is conducted beforehand and social distancing maintained. We are liaising closely with the police in order to share intelligence and reacting accordingly.

So far with have issued 1 prohibition notice and not found it necessary to issue any fixed penalty notices.

5. Please state if the local authority has empowered any private security companies to enforce during the lockdown, for example to fine people for PSPO violations. Please state the company involved and whether any fines have been issued by this company.

We have not empowered any private security companies to carry out enforcement during lockdown.

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