

**By Email**

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Dear Mr Strangeway

**PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – Land at Leeming Bar**

I refer to the above matter and to your ongoing correspondence addressed to Hambleton District Council members and officers.

You are, of course, entitled to your opinion concerning the Council's proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to address incidents of anti-social behaviour suffered by residents of Leeming Bar.

In recent posts to which you have referred however (eg the posts on your webpage dated 18 November 2019, 11 December 2019 and 21 January 2020) you have accused an officer of the Council of "clearly inciting hatred against a group of hard-working people" and sought to link that unfounded allegation to an alleged incident of criminal damage on 27 November 2019 and further suggested that amending the overnight parking ban at Leeming Bar would "encourage such acts of violence". You have gone on to accuse officers and members of this Council of corrupt conduct in respect of this matter.

Not only are these unfounded allegations denied by the Council, which is seeking to take appropriate and proportionate steps to try to address issues of anti-social behaviour, but I am concerned about the increasingly discourteous and abusive tone of your correspondence. The tenor of your posted comments against one of my officers in particular are, in my opinion, rude, derogatory, inflammatory and quite possibly defamatory, and do not accord with my expectations that (notwithstanding your opinions on this issue) my staff will be afforded a measure of courtesy and respect. Your behaviour also contravenes the expectations of behaviour set out in the Council's "Management of Unacceptable Contact Policy" a copy of which is attached for your information.

In the circumstances (and pursuant to the terms of this Policy) I must inform you that, other than dealing with your formal complaint of 22 January 2020, the Council will not be corresponding with you further concerning the Leeming Bar PSPO. I have also decided to appoint a single point of contact should you wish to contact the Council in the future on legitimate matters unconnected with the PSPO. That person is Mr Gary Nelson, the Council's Director of Law and Governance. Any and all future correspondence unconnected to the Leeming Bar PSPO should only be addressed to Mr Nelson.

You have the right to appeal against my decision. Should you wish to appeal, then the matter will be referred to the Council's Deputy Chief Executive, Mick Jewitt, for review.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Justin Ives**  
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