

Kettering PSPO

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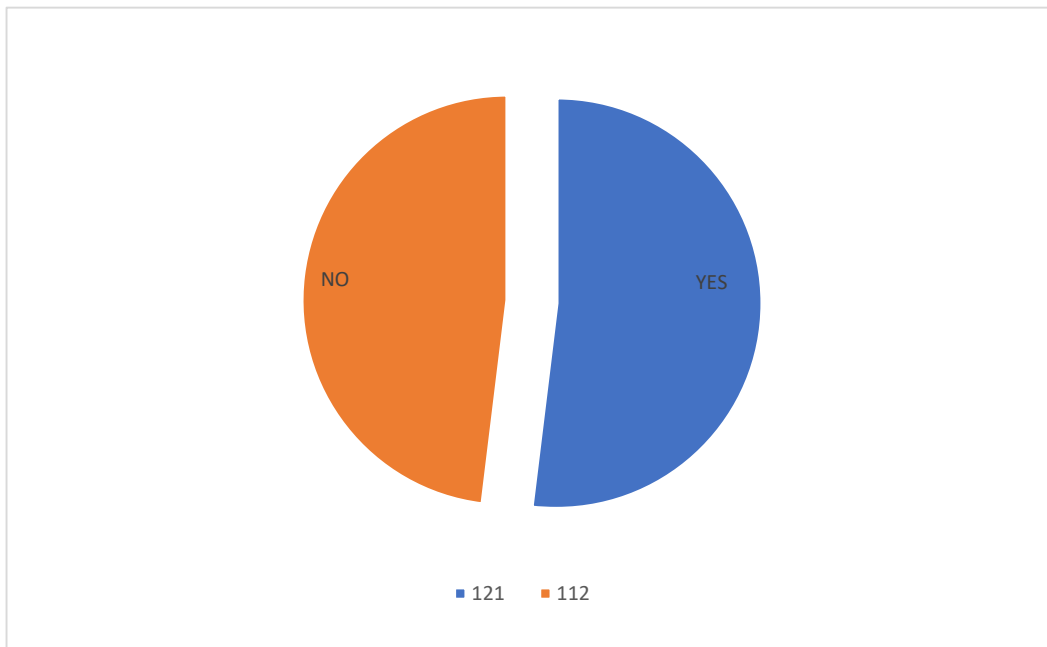
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Do you agree with the Public Spaces Protection Order covering Kettering Town Centre being extended for a further three years?

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Total number of responses 233



Is there anything you would like to see included in the PSPO that you feel is detrimental to the quality of life in Kettering Town Centre				
Drug/alcohol and ASB related comments	Remove/Amend the Skateboarding ban	Retain the skateboarding ban	Misc Comments	Age related comments
Smoking in the town centre outside shops, pubs and in the bus stop, it is disgusting and should not be allowed, non smokers have to walk through their smoke and children, we don't have a choice, Kettering town centre should be a smoke free zone. And drinking alcohol should be banned unless in a pub or pub gardens.	I would like people to be able to skateboard safely in places like the market square as it is a healthy activity and causes no more risk than the Voi scooters do.	I would like the skateboard ban to continue.	Can't see it happening, but annoying/dangerous when idiots tear around with loud music blaring from cars. How can they concentrate on safe driving.	Young people/gangs congregating in large groups in the town centre and certain places Also a ban on people wearing hoods when it's not raining etc this should be a national thing too
Selling of drug equipment in the town.	Street drinking definitely to be included as against the law but skateboarding NOT to be included	Keep the aggressive begging in. Take skateboard ban out.	Nothing more added	Large groups of teenagers broken up. And anti social behaviour.
Dropping litter and smoking anything, as well as drinking in public outside pubs, clubs and bars	I live in Dryland Street and I like to see and hear people enjoying themselves in the town centre. However, some people can go too far and these do need to be controlled. I believe that in previous years there has been a mobile "centre" offering a safe location for people to go if they need some "time out", or some coffee/hot drink before going home. We must encourage people to make positive use of the town centre, not just clamp down on poor behaviour.	Electric scooters. Mobility scooters being driven too fast or without putting pedestrians first.	Legalise da herb. XXXXXXXXXX Bring back charity shops that don't think they are posh and you can actually find good stuff for cheap in.XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and do a kids fun day at the Market Place. Rock on. Kettering rules	I think the PSPO goes to far and is too rigid for the youth of this town.
Drug related crime and paraphenalia within the community please.	The use of skateboards, bicycles etc being deemed "anti social" is an abhorrent and misguided inclusion on this order. Desirable to a few, old council members with views which are out of date with current times. If any such time and resource should be spent on enforcement, it should be against the ever growing drug use and supply in this town and not against a group of like minded individuals doing something constructive and social. As such should be removed from this order.	I would like to see it extended to the use of cycles and E scooter s on pavements not just in the town centre. The skateboarders are the only ones who seem to abide by the ban so should be rewarded with somewhere to do what they like in safety for themselves and the public in general. Cycles and E scooter seem to be able to flout the law with no consequences so as I said at the start it should be extended to them all over the town so that pavements are safe to walk on again	Graffiti down church walk no one cleans there. Skating in the market square .	

Begging just outside the pspo area needs to be urgently addressed especially outside Tesco Express on London Road which seems to have an ongoing issue.	Yea stop XXXXXXXXXX lift the ban on skateboarding it's not enforced don't harm people either grow up	Strongly believe that the PSPO as it stands on 20.05.22 should remain as it is. Definitely no skateboarding in the Heritage Quarter where damage has been done in the past and which can still be seen to the art gallery & library steps, Dryland Trough and paving slabs have been smashed. Similarly on Market Place. Not only do elderly people walking along this area find it dangerous but others do too -when skateboarders skate around them. Skateboarding is a sport and there should be a special designated place for this.	Ban all dogs in Kettering Town centre apart from guide dogs.	
Stop thee beggars from pestering people outside Sainsburys.	Smoking and vaping should be banned on the pedestrian only areas. I'm not sure on the banning of skateboards. Some of them are safer than scooter users and cyclists. As a mode of transport I see it as acceptable but not for performing tricks.	Litter, anti-social behaviour and inappropriate play, e.g. skateboarding.	Increased control to prevent use of side alleys for loitering, smoking and urinating. To avoid the CCTV cameras, the alley between HSBC and Subway is regularly used for these purposes. Additionally, a ban on the use of drugs should be added to the alcohol ban. The street has a permanent stench of marijuana in the air.	
Beggars and weed smokers	I think kids hanging around McDonald's smoking and swearing is more antisocial than skate boarding. At least the skateboarders are doing something constructive. Building skills, it's healthy to be outdoors and learning a skill with like minded individuals. Decriminalise skate boarding!!	For it to also cover Russell Street	I would like to see a similar scheme in the cemetery on St Peters and London Road	
Ban on begging outside of town supermarkets	Skating to be allowed as cycling. Less cars in town centre ckeaner air. More trees! More police to keep an eye on anti social behaviour	Ban on Skateboarding	Council workers not acting for the people.	
Still too much begging and drinkers and getting aggressive if say no to money or cigarettes when asked every 5 minutes whilst walking down Kettering high street(well if you can it a high street these days	Skateboarding should be allowed		get rid of the Public Spaces Protection Order	
rough sleepers leaving belongings in disused shop doorways	I feel that the present restriction on the use of small wheeled 'vehicles' such as bikes, scooters and skate boards is plainly wrong. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. Despite arguments then as now, that it was/is a safe space for them due to town centre CCTV, the appalling ban was imposed. It was wrong then and wrong now		You need to tackle the number of drug users on the streets. I always see/smell cannabis around	

Begging is supposed to be stop but it still goes on even in front of the police in Kettering town center	Remove the ban on skateboarding		I feel that the increase in loud car exhaust whilst under hard acceleration	
Begging	No , we should allow the boarders access to the town centre. We let the electric scooters in which are far more dangerous. We also need safe places for the homeless		scooters	
The no drinking in public needs better monitoring, I use the town alot during the course of 7days and the drinking is still high.	Skateboarding is no different to using E-Scooters. It's the individuals that may cause problems not the use of equipment. People should be able to use a skateboard in town.		e-scooters / e-bikes that can be hired	
Junkies, anti-social drinking in various places around town make the place look grim.	No issues with skateboards.		It's dying and depressing. Whoever most large towns and city centres are the same. Too many in fact far too many out of town retail centres in Kettering. You reap what you so. It is however a better place to visit with this order in force. Something other towns could follow.	
Banning beggars from the town. Gathering of out of control groups of youths / children.	Not really other than the electric scooters being banned from path ways.		That dogs should be kept on a lead	
Ban alcohol	This is an interesting leading question. Although you have not asked this, i beleive SKATEBOARDS should be EXCLUDED from this.		Start to fine litter bugs,	
Begging and constant drug use and drug dealing everywhere. They may already be part of the order, but are not enforced	Let the skateboarders back but put some oversight in place		The existing one covers most things that are a nuisance.	
I would like to see an amended PSPO to be implemented which includes the misuse of alcohol and for large groups to be disbanded, anyone begging or causing a nuisance to be moved on and directed to helpful organisations where possible.	Remove bikes and skateboarding from this PSPO as this is no worse than mobility scooters. Enforcement on begging and drunks annoying people.		An extension of the scheme to the whole of Kettering	
Perhaps ask the police to tackle the beggars.	Allow skateboarding back in the town centre.		Begging on streets. Drinking on streets other than in the space of a bar such as a beer garden or cafe/ restaurant space. Electric scooters in the pedestrian area of Kettering town centre are becoming a real problem, they seem much faster than mobility buggies and I think it's very dangerous, especially to children and older people who can not move out of the way quickly. I am hard of hearing and I for one have no idea they are coming up behind me. They are not supposed to be in that area but they are there and getting to be a nuisance.	
	I believe that not allowing people to ride a bike or skateboard within the town is the most ridiculous law Kettering has ever decided on.		Noisy cars and motor bikes in the town centre - install a noise camera. I live in the town centre.	

	<p>Ban it from the middle of town but no where else.</p> <p>The market place may as well be used by skateboarding users doesn't get used by anyone else very often.</p> <p>Bicycle riders have loads of rights why can't skateboarders.</p>		Banning escooters	
	<p>Allow skateboarding. Was stupid rule to stop it in the first place.</p>		Electric scooters.	
	<p>Just warning signs to warn pedestrians and to warn skaters that they are publicly liable if they damage someone's belongings or someone's body. Just like cyclists.</p>		Littering	
	<p>The ban on skateboarding should be lifted as this does not have a really detrimental effect on the town centre</p>		Bicycles and scooters riders on footpaths.	
	<p>Crackheads all over town</p> <p>Nowhere for children/teenagers to go- they should be allowed to skateboard in the town centre! I find crackheads and XXXX shops in the centre more aggravating than kids getting exercise and having fun!</p>		I think the current Order covers all I can think of	
	<p>There shouldn't be a blanket ban on any wheeled transport. Riders of scooters, skateboards, cycles and skates can be dealt with if they are causing a nuisance only.</p>		<p>I'd like to see all trees protected and a greater and significant increase in trees each year to give protection from the heat in the coming years and a chance to increase biodiversity. Unless you'd all rather die from heat exhaustion. Takes a while to grow a big tree so best to start asap. As you have shown many times it's easy to be quick and thoughtless and just chop them down. Names may change but the actions are still done by those in charge.</p>	
	<p>Remove the following, and keep the rest:</p> <p>Use of Skateboards, bicycles and scooters.</p> <p>Begging on the Street.</p>		Draconian blocking of forward thinking by the council should be on any future order	
	<p>I would like to see the definition of obstruction or antisocial parking (or both) explicitly extended to include any motor car parked or being driven with one or more wheels mounted on the kerb.</p>		Ban cars completely	
	<p>Remove the skateboarding ban. I don't skate- but happy for others to do so.</p>		The parking restrictions/ costs / attendants quite literally make you not want to go there	
	<p>Skateboarding gives people and children a positive outlet. Considering the cuts government has made to children and youth services over the years many youth clubs and places for youths to go have been closed. Skateboarding brings people and children together in a positive way. It should not be deemed as anti social.</p>		Open some shops	

	Allow skateboarding in public plCes			
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Do you have any additional comments?				
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So-called beggars should not be penalised under laws or bylaws. If you don't want them to be visible, offer them a better alternative. Use the money currently wasted on victimising them.	Skateboarding is not a crime in anywhere in England except Kettering... It's not skating that is the issue, if individuals are causing trouble then that should be dealt with separately. Not to ban the sport.	It is important that the Market Place is kept as a safe place that families with small children can relax in a safe environment. When skateboarding etc was allowed it was noisy, and dangerous. On a Sunday morning the noise was horrendous. Little children were scared. The youths swore at parents who tried to protect their children. Please keep the ban.	Should be up to Morrisons what people can and can't do on their land as it's private property. The market place ban is excessive regarding skateboards (and cycles etc) as it is an important healthy activity for young people. It is also an important mode of transport so shouldn't be demonised. More local in better facilities is also needed eg safe all weather covered area for young people to skate and scoot.	We want a vibrant own centre. Don't pick on youths under 18 with a broad brush approach. Let people skateboard. Let restaurants have tables and seating outside.
Begging can't be a crime when you are not creating a country where people do not have to beg. Shame on you.	Skateboarding should never have been singled out, for the purposes of the original PSPO. It should be removed from the renewed draft. Skateboarding is a positive activity. It does not attract the antisocial/violent behavior and associated drunkenness/cocaine abuse that football does, for example. Or the spike in domestic violence that is recorded after football matches.	Re skateboarding, could be very unsafe to have kids/no traffic sense, on roads and pavements.	The current scheme works reasonably well and should be continued. The reopening of the Royal Hotel has led to a marked increase in loitering and smoking outside of the hotel entrance, giving a feel of a low end hostel. The positioning of a cluster of new benches outside of HSBC is likely to exasperate the problems in the alley between HSBC and Subway	

	Skate boarding, riding bikes, riding scooter and skating should be allowed in the town centre, this country has an obesity problem but yet you have banned skating and skating boarding in the town centre. Just let people do it, it's a great form of free exercise. The council should have more ramps in parks too.	Skateboarding should be removed.	Your form is completely biased towards additional measures being included and is not inclusive of opinions that aren't simply a yes or no in response to agreement with the order. I'd suggest wider consultation on these forms before they are published in future.	
	Please remove the draconian ban on Skateboards	Skating is a nuisance when you are resident in the town. The constant noise of the skate boards goes on well onto the night. If you say anything you just get abuse	Just get it done please (as in the order).	
	Remove the ban on skateboarding	I have suffered for years from the noise generated by skateboarders outside my house. Without the ban I fear the frequency of skating would return to pre PSPO levels. I live next door to Morrisons and any noise in the car park is amplified due to the nature of its construction ie an expansive concrete ceiling. Mental health has been shown to be important and much overlooked recently, the continuous amplified banging of skaters increases stress and anxiety levels immensely, not only the noise but the thought that it can happen at any time and you are you are powerless to stop it. I would like to meet those involved in the debating and decision making to put my case to them in person if I can..	Get rid of the Public Spaces Protection Order	
	Only town to have this stupid ban in place, when we have a local professional skateboarder, it's ridiculous. I see families biking and skating the banned space all the time, learning a new skill, enjoying exercise, bonding, enjoying the town and having fun. Get with the times.	No this has worked really well to improve the town centre	Please make sure the PSPO is enforced.	
	I do not mind skateboarders but scooters from the walkways should be banned.	Remove the skateboard, bicycle and scooter part. It's ridiculous that you can be used and not privately owned bikes and scooters.	Encourage new retail back into the down centre.	
	Skateboarding should be allowed. It is a positive creative activity.	e-scooters / e-bikes are a danger to all and should be classed the same as skate boards etc	Have more proactive ways of dealing with people who drop litter	
	Skateboarding is not a crime...	I've seen a lot written about the skateboard ban being lifted but I think that should remain banned at the marketplace area at least to keep it clean and an area where anyone can sit. It wouldn't be the same with teens hanging about and they would use the steps in the marketplace for tricks etc. However I feel a complete ban on skateboarding in the town centre in general is unnecessary.	More policing to enforce large groups not gathering	

	Skateboarding is a sport which encourages a healthy lifestyle. Begging and street drinking are a completely separate thing. Ban those still, but let the youth enjoy the outdoors. Also, it's been proven that by encouraging people to congregate reduces opportunistic illegality.	There is no way that the skateboard ban should be overturned, Morrisons Car park has enough issues already with youths loitering, riding bicycles in the car park and on the escalators and anti social behaviour of other types after hours. In any other situation someone would be waving the "health and safety " flag.	Extend it to cycles y E scooter as well	
	Skateboarding isn't and should never be classified as a criminal offence. Shame on anybody who considers otherwise. To assume it is demonstrates a completely bigoted view of what is essentially a sport.	Skateboarding outside the library/art gallery and in the Market Square is totally inappropriate - unsafe for others and damaging to the fabric.	Yes the drinking one ya thinking about won't work at all as you'd have to ban alcohol from trades in Britain let alone try banning street drinking ☹️ And the begging that's just absolutely rude as the genuine homeless don't beg they sit somewhere	
	Skateboarding should be allowed - its a ridiculous ban	Unfortunately due to the manner in which the Ise Lodge Skatepark is left in each evening, I think it would be fair to assume that the same disgraceful mess, including litter and worse, would be left on the Market Place each evening. I'm all for providing a further Skatepark, but not as a central focal point of the town. What's wrong with a Skatepark on the old Westfields site.?	Anti social behaviour is increasing throughout society	
	Remove skateboards from the ban. Isn't easier to include provisions to move disruptive groups from the area?		I would like to see more Police presence around Kettering	
	Skateboarding is an olympic event. It's a healthy activity for children and adults and it's ridiculous that it is banned from the town centre.	Skateboarding should remained banned. It's not safe. It's inclusion in the Olympic Games is a ridiculous argument for legalising it. Fencing and pistol shooting are Olympic sports, must be allow those in the market square?	There needs to be visible security patrolling the Newlands centre and pedestrian only areas as they do in Wellingborough. They will deter crime , disperse loitering and cursive groups of people. Security presence will make people feel safer walking past and using the cash points as they walk up to the council car park.	

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	Fully support the campaign to bring an end to the pspo			
	The skateboarders are nothing but polite, they will stop if passerbys need to get by. They are not a nuisance. The youths abusing people and the drinking in public still is the problem		Since the market area has been redeveloped and especially since the pspo was enacted there has been a distinct lack of people using the open area.	

			<p>PSPO in relation to skateboarding in the town centre. The degree of litter that accumulates daily at the skate park near Cheyne Walk is significant, yet thankfully contained by the fencing surrounding the facility. There is a culture of environmental carelessness that perpetuates the community using the existing purpose-built skating facilities. Additionally, drug use (clear from the smell) and graffiti (some of it graphic) is rife in the skate park, and there is a risk of this type of behaviour more regularly infiltrating the town centre were the PSPO to be lifted and users of the park attracted to it to skate - exactly not what the area needs after its recent redevelopment works. I often feel unsafe passing groups of youths in the skate park, and have previously been subjected to verbal abuse whilst running by, as well as needing to call Police to report a dirt-bike rider illegally riding off-road on public footpaths in the area, who was clearly associated with individuals in the skate park. I fear lifting the PSPO in the town centre will attract this kind of undesirable anti-social behaviour, make vulnerable people feel more unsafe, and place the area at greater risk of vandalism and damage to property. At present</p>	
	Skateboarding should be allowed			
	<p>The world has changed in the past two years and Kettering needs to evolve. Punishing people for skateboarding and riding BMXs is ridiculous. Do something about the junkies and anti-social drinkers, the shoplifters and those stealing bikes - not people having fun and taking part in healthy exercise outside.</p> <p>I never agreed with the PSPO in the first place. Now is the time to modify or scrap it. We already have laws to deal with all of the REAL issues in Kettering, time for the police and the local authority to use them rather than a ridiculous PSPO.</p>		<p>The text of the order appears to refer to areas edged in red on the map, but the map, as presented in the consultation, only shows areas edged in black. Either the map or the text should be corrected.</p> <p>The prohibition on antisocial use of motor cars, and obstruction and/or antisocial parking, including the explicit prohibition of motor cars parked with one or more wheels on the pavement that I requested in section 2., above, should be extended to the entire built-up area of Kettering.</p>	
	Yes, remove the restrictions on scooter, skateboards and bikes and lets bring some life and vibrancy back into the space.		I wasn't aware that charity collections were banned. I think that they should be allowed for registered charities by application [without fee] to the council.	
	Remove the ban on skateboarding			
	Allow skateboards			
	Yes we need to make Kettering welcoming and open to all not just those deemed suitable by a Tory council!			

	Please realise that it's better to encourage people to be outside on a non fuel polluting skate board than in a fuel polluting car. Could we have a PSPO on cars?			
	Let people live their lives enjoying skateboarding or any form of transportation they desire.			
	It is really unfair to exclude all skateboards from the town centre. Any un-social behaviour that involves skateboards should be dealt with in the same way as it would if bikes or no vehicles were present. This is a hammer to crack a nut!			
	Skateboarding should not be prohibited. It is not antisocial by itself, but is a sport many young people enjoy.			
	Skateboarding needs to be removed. People engaging in sport should not be illegal and not put into the same category as things like begging, drunk and disorderly behaviour ect.			
	I would like the section h) skateboards, bicycles and scooters removed front the PSPO completely. They should never have been included!			
	We should welcome and involve young people in our town centre, if skating is a perceived problem in the centre, we build a skate ramp/park close to the town centre so young people have a destination and are welcomed rather than alienated from their home town. We also need to remove the cage from the ise skate park, it makes the skate park dangerous and unpleasant.			
	This prohibition criminalises behaviour that is frowned upon for no reason other than judgements from the public. Skateboarding and the like is not inherently antisocial, nor is driving around the area, the term 'antisocial' is subjective and, in the wrong hands can criminalise innocent people. This is an outdated notion and whilst necessary to a degree, must be updated to move with the times and acknowledge the hardships of the homeless and young people with potentially unsafe homes and simply moving them on does not fix the problem and is incredibly insensitive.			
	Remove the ban on skateboarding.			
	Please remove skateboarding! If scooters, bicycles etc are allowed in the town centre, skateboards should be too!			

	<p>Should not ban skateboards as they are a good active mode of transport for many.</p> <p>The original issues were worries about them doing jumps off the library steps and damaging them - why not just have a small sign there?</p> <p>Should also allow people to cycle and scoot safely and slowly through the pedestrianised area (with priority to pedestrians). This is done in many cities eg Leicester with a friendly 'careful cyclists welcome' signage.</p>			
	Olympic world record sports should not be deemed unacceptable in public. Will you ban running next?			
	The rules imposed are old fashioned out of touch with the public and prevent inclusion.			
	Skateboarding should be allowed especially in market square when no event is on.			
	<p>Skateboarding should be allowed to happen in the town centre.</p> <p>These kids are good kids, they're not causing trouble or being anti-social, they're just having fun.</p> <p>People enjoy watching the skateboarders do their thing.</p> <p>Let it happen!</p>			
	This whole saga is just sad really. Just let the kids skate.			
	Allowing skateboarding in market place.			
	Banning green transport such as bikes and skateboards is ridiculous and indicative of a council who are not working for the people of Kettering. Skateboarding is an Olympic sport and yet it's banned in Kettering.			
	Skateboarding in certain areas should be allowed			
	The metal strips should have been the only thing put on to stop the skaters. No need for fines and anti social orders etc.			
	All modes of non-motorised transport should be encouraged!			
	The ban on skateboarding should be lifted as this does not have a really detrimental effect on the town centre			
	I would like to see the removal of the ban on skateboarding.			
	Removal of skateboarding from PSPO			

	Skateboarding must be removed from the list of prohibited activities. It is an acceptable mode of transport on a par with rollerskating/blading, cycling and scooting. PSPOs should be used to discourage antisocial behaviour, not to stop people legitimately going about their business in a public space.			
	Skateboarding should not be included in this PSPO. It is not in the same category of antisocial behaviour as the other areas of the PSPO.			
	Remove the ban on specific transport (skateboards) and state all users must not cause damage or nuisance.			
	Stop the ban on Skateboarding in the centre of town, it is unnecessary and does no harm.			
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	Kettering town is dismal. No decent shops At least the skateboarders bought fun ,entertainment and people into the town centre.			
	Let them skate. I'm a shop manager within the Kettering area. I come across skateboarders all the time on the way home, never had a single issue. Always polite, never any trouble. Happy to move aside if I'm walking through.			
	Happy with the drinking and begging ban but skateboarding and roller skates should be allowed, it's a great free space for people to enjoy and can only see positive things if this allowed again, Thanks			
	The order is archaic and needs amended. What harm are skate boarders doing? If people are hungry and homeless do we just sweep them under the carpet and out of sight?			
	Skateboarding shouldn't be banned: this was never a nuisance and I liked to see people on skateboards. It doesn't seem fair to allow scooters and not skateboards.			
	LIFT THE BAN ON SKATEBOARDS.			
	Skateboarding and cycling should be allowed			
	Yes, there is no reason to have a ban on skateboarding, Kettering desperately needs culture for the younger generations. I have seen a rise in antisocial behaviour first hand in the town and skateboarding is definitely something that keeps kids out of trouble. The sport is something to encourage.			

	<p>Let them skateboard.</p> <p>It's healthy, it's sport, it builds resilience, determination, persistence, health qualities, weight loss, muscle tone, improves mental health, social.</p> <p>They need different places to practice different skills and they will want to vary who they socialise with. The skatepark only is too restricted and like a cage.</p> <p>Scooters are allowed. Bikes. Mobility scooters. Accidents with members of public re skateboards are rare. Probably lowest of all of the above</p> <p>My son would have lost his mind over lockdown without skating.</p> <p>It has taught him so many soft skills. Resilience, determination, to be individual etc</p>			
	<p>Allow them to skateboard</p> <p>Healthy for body</p> <p>Healthy for mind</p> <p>It's an Olympic sport</p> <p>They need different places to go. Skatepark is too limited and there was a knife/gun/drug Incident there. They need the freedom of choice of where to have physical activity</p> <p>Character building</p> <p>Artistic</p> <p>Does no harm</p>			