A new order to combat anti-social behaviour in the city centre will see fines handed out from Monday 15 May.

The city centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) gives officers within the SaferPeterborough Prevention and Enforcement Service (PES) additional powers to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The PSPO was formally introduced on 1 April however during the first six weeks PES officers have been speaking to members of the public, informing them about the order. New signs have also been erected throughout the city centre letting people know they are in the area covered by the PSPO.

From Monday enforcement begins which will see anyone caught breaching the order facing a fixed penalty notice (FPNs).

Under the city centre PSPO offences include littering, spitting, begging and unauthorised cycling along Bridge Street are prohibited.

Adrian Chapman, service director for adults and communities at Peterborough City Council, said: “The aim of the PSPO is to create a safer and cleaner environment for Peterborough to remain a great place to live, work and visit.

"Since 1 April, PES officers have spoken to over 350 members of the public who were in breach of the PSPO and who, from Monday, would have been fined as part of this new order.

‘The additional powers of our PES officers through the introduction of the PSPO demonstrates our commitment to cracking down on those who act in an anti-social way.”

Plans are in place to implement further PSPOs around Peterborough with the next one being located in Millfield, New England, the Embankment and Lower Bridge Street shortly.