

Table 1 - PSPO Summary Table: IAS Event at Saint Hill Road – Evidence Assessment & Recommendations

	Issue Monitored	Evidence Seen?	Type of Evidence	Frequency / Severity	Proposed Response / Recommendation
1	Obstruction of Highway	Yes (localised)	Photos, observer logs, WSCC input (verge use, barriers, congestion)	Occasional; tied to specific layout choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust event traffic/parking layout Follow instructions from Police and highway authorities Adhere to code of conduct.
2	Protester Behaviour	Yes (mixed perception)	Comments from Church and public, livestreams, observer logs; tone described as “rude” or “upsetting” by some	Not abusive, unlawful or persistent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued liaison with police and council authorities. Both parties maintain their code of conduct during the event.
3	Verbal Abuse / Intimidation	Minimal / isolated	Live stream 2023 and 2024. Church reports; no formal complaints or police action	Very low; unverified or subjective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protesters have own protest rules on website Adhere to code of conduct. Maintain police presence. Protesters follow Police instructions
4	Noise / Shouting	Low-level	Isolated references to bagpipe music and occasional shouting from protesters	Occasional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree a noise management plan with MSDC before the event as required by Premises License Management from police presence on the day if required. Adhere to code of conduct
5	Protesters Filming & Livestreaming	Ongoing (peaceful)	Protester videos, livestreams	Permitted in public space; no offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action required; guidance on respectful conduct has been provided by MSDC and will be observed by Police presence.

6	Church Filming & Livestreaming	Ongoing (peaceful)		Permitted in public space; no offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action required; guidance on respectful conduct has been provided by MSDC and will be observed by Police presence.
7	Pedestrian Access & Safety	Yes (concern raised with Church)	Dark roads, 60 MPH speed Limit. Lack of lighting, long walking distances noted by visitors	Intermittent but relevant to safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve pedestrian access Improve car parking to increase capacity Provide temporary lighting.
8	Traffic & Congestion	Yes (event-related and raised with Church)	Observer reports, WSCC feedback, Church routing efforts	Moderate during peak times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed by traffic management plan Church to Continue improvements in transport planning. Security staff to wear hi-viz or similar to be clearly identified.
9	Street Lighting	Not provided. Raised with Church	WSCC policy; rural road classification	Ongoing lack of infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary lighting trials by Church Agree with West Sussex Highways Authority
10	Number of Protests	Two in six years	Verified 2023 & 2024 events	Not persistent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fails statutory test.
11	Number of Protesters present	In 2023 and 2024	Approx 25 in 2023. Approx 12 in 2024	Low level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSPO not proportionate response
12	Effigies / Protest Imagery	Fleeting exposure on both occasions (resolved)	Photos - 2023 painting of David Miscavige in a fire. 2024 Effigy of David Miscavige removed promptly at police request	Rare & addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handled under existing powers.
13	Signage / Protest Messages	Monitored & consistent in 2023 and 2024	Protest signs & livestream messages/ Police happy with content no allegations of	Peaceful, permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage not abusive, no foul language used. Code of Conduct produced by protestors Marshalled by police on day. No evidence of hate speech

			hate speech or offence.		
14	Church Liaison / Cooperation	Positive	Protest zones agreed with police; mutual cooperation	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain planning cooperation with relevant authorities • Refer to code of conduct
15	Protester Liaison / Cooperation	Positive	Protest zones agreed with police; mutual cooperation and dynamic risk assessment on the day.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain planning cooperation with relevant authorities • Refer to code of conduct
16	Church complying with Premises license notification of event 6 weeks prior		Complied 2023. Did not comply 2024.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must send relevant authorities event management plan and noise management plan 6 weeks before event.
17	Planning / Infrastructure	Pending	Church car park expansion Planned (timeframes unclear) MSDC/WSCC advice	Not protest-related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event management • Code of conduct • Respond to pre-application advice • Make a planning application

Table 2 - PSPO Statutory Test Assessment – Saint Hill Road IAS Event

	Statutory Test	Is the Test Met?	Supporting Evidence	Frequency	Conclusion / Commentary
1	a) Have there been activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area?	Yes	Protests took place in 2023 and 2024 on public highway near Saint Hill Manor.	Two occasions in six years	Meets the location condition, but not indicative of a wider trend.
2	b) Have they had a detrimental effect on quality of life?	Some evidence	Church members/visitors and representatives reported feelings of upset or intimidation.	Isolated accounts	Subjective impact noted, including on vulnerable persons including older persons and children. However this impact is not broadly evidenced and does not appear substantial in terms of (i) numbers of persons affected; or (ii) the degree of detrimental impact.
3	c) Has that effect been felt by those in the locality?	Yes	Church accounts and some public comments; no widespread local complaints.	Two events only	Some Church members/visitors live locally; others can be considered persons in the locality even if they only occasionally visit the area.
4	d) Is the effect persistent or continuing in nature?	Yes but only to a limited extent	Only two protests recorded in last 6 years (2023 and 2024) with no pattern of ongoing disruption.	Two events only	The effect of the protests may be considered persistent or continuous insofar as (i) some Church members appear to remain upset by their experiences despite the passage of time since the protests; and (ii) there is a realistic chance that protests may recur at the site at least once a year in the future. However the effect does not appear to impact large numbers of people nor to have a highly significant or detrimental impact upon them.

5	e) Does the effect of the behavior make the activities unreasonable?	No	No abusive language, violence, or arrest; police and protesters cooperated well.	Two events only	Behaviour is consistently low level and has not met the threshold of unreasonableness required for PSPO.
6	f) Does the effect of the behaviour justify the restrictions within the proposed PSPO?	No	No abusive language, violence, or arrest; police and protesters cooperated well.	Two events only	Other lesser measures are available if required as set out in Appendix V. It would not be proportionate to restrict lawful and peaceful protests in order to address the limited detrimental effect of the limited behaviours identified during the Council's investigations.