Homeless People To Pay Fines Of Up To £1,000 For Sleeping Rough

The recent introduction **(0)_of_** Hackney Council's Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has caused a public outrage.

The order, described **(1)_____** leading homeless charity Crisis as "criminalising the homeless", has **(2)_____** met with a ferocious backlash from a number of campaign groups including Digs, **(3)_____** have promised immediate action.

As a result of the order, Police Community Support Officers now have the power to issue homeless people **(4)_____** £100 on-the-spot fines which can be raised to a grand if not paid.

Hackney council were unavailable **(5)_____** give us a comment but directed us to a statement which argues that the new policy is to tackle "anti-social behaviour" and rough sleepers having "a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality".

Jon Sparkes, Chief Executive of Crisis, told UNILAD: "Homeless people are some of the most vulnerable in society and branding **(6)_____** anti-social is just plain wrong. Any moves to ban and criminalise rough sleeping will be counter-productive **(7)_____** only make it harder for people to access the dedicated support they need to move **(8)_____** from the streets for good."

Plans for a similar order in Oxford were discontinued earlier this year as 72,000 signed a petition **(9)_____** them.

The developments are **(10)_____** ludicrous that people (me) are starting to compare the situation to comedian Chris Morris' fictional Brass Eye series…

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