



Proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Newbury Town Centre

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Summary of a consultation which asked for views on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Newbury Town Centre

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SUMMARY

This report summarises the responses to a public consultation undertaken by West Berkshire Council. The consultation asked for views on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Newbury town centre which would see the extension of the current restriction on anti-social street drinking and introduce a new restriction around anti-social behaviour.

An online survey was set up allowing people to comment on the proposed order, for 6 weeks, between 24th February 2020 and 6th April 2020. The public consultation was made available on the council's website and publicised in several ways for people who live, work and visit Newbury town centre to respond too.

195 people responded to the survey.

We found that:

- A large majority of respondents supported the proposed restrictions. 86.7% of respondents who answered the question, supported the proposed street drinking restriction with 90.7% of respondents who answered the question, supported the anti-social behaviour restriction.
- The majority of comments received were statements in support of the proposed Order. Of the people that responded to the question, 10% did not support the street drinking restriction with 7.7% not supporting the anti-social behaviour restriction.

Based on the feedback received, there is support to make a Public Spaces Protection Order for Newbury town centre as proposed.

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BACKGROUND TO THE CONSULTATION

West Berkshire Council undertook this consultation to see if there was public support for the creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Newbury town centre.

PSPOs are designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour and allow local authorities to target specific anti-social behaviour offences that occur in public areas. Orders can be tailored to the needs of a local area.

Newbury town centre has had a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO). The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act, 2014 required that existing DPPOs transition into PSPOs in October 2017 with the added caveat that local authorities have to consult on the transitioned PSPOs by October 2020 or the PSPO would expire in October 2020.

In view of this legislative requirement and in consultation with Thames Valley Police, the Council felt that it was appropriate to consult on the existing PSPO and seek views on a new restriction, based on supporting evidence that the new restriction was justified and proportionate.

The Order proposed for Newbury town centre would restrict street drinking and anti-social behaviour. If created, it would give authorised officers (for West Berkshire this would be police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)) the power to issue fixed penalty notices of up to £100 to people who breach the restrictions:

- *Under the alcohol restriction a breach would occur if a person fails to hand over a sealed/unsealed container when asked to do by an authorised officer to prevent nuisance and disorder.*
- *Under the anti-social behaviour restriction a breach would occur if a person does not leave the restricted area when requested to do so by an authorised officer for a specified time, not return to the area for a period not exceeding 24 hours' if they are behaving in a manner that has caused, or is likely to cause, nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress.*

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

The proposal to create a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Newbury town centre was published on the council's website on 24th February 2020. This included a summary of the proposed order, background information and a summary of the evidence supporting the proposed restrictions.

Local residents were encouraged to comment on the proposed order by completing a short online survey. Paper responses forms were also made available in the reception area at West Berkshire Council's Market Street offices and in Newbury library. Appendix B shows the consultation plan.

The consultation ran for a period of 6 weeks and closed 6th April 2020.

To make sure that local residents were aware of the proposal the consultation was publicised via press release (19/02/2020) and social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram). Flyers were also displayed in key areas within the town centre i.e. library, bus station, train station, Corn Exchange, Northcroft leisure centre and the Kennet Centre encouraging people to take part in the consultation survey.

It is important to note that the marketing and publicity for the consultation was done prior to the COVID19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown. The publicity commenced on 19/02/2020 with the consultation starting w/c 24/02/2020. The COVID19 lockdown started 23/03/2020. Post lockdown people would not have been able to obtain a hard copy version of the survey from the reception area of West Berkshire Council's Market Street offices or Newbury library. However very few surveys were completed via the paper copy – only 3.

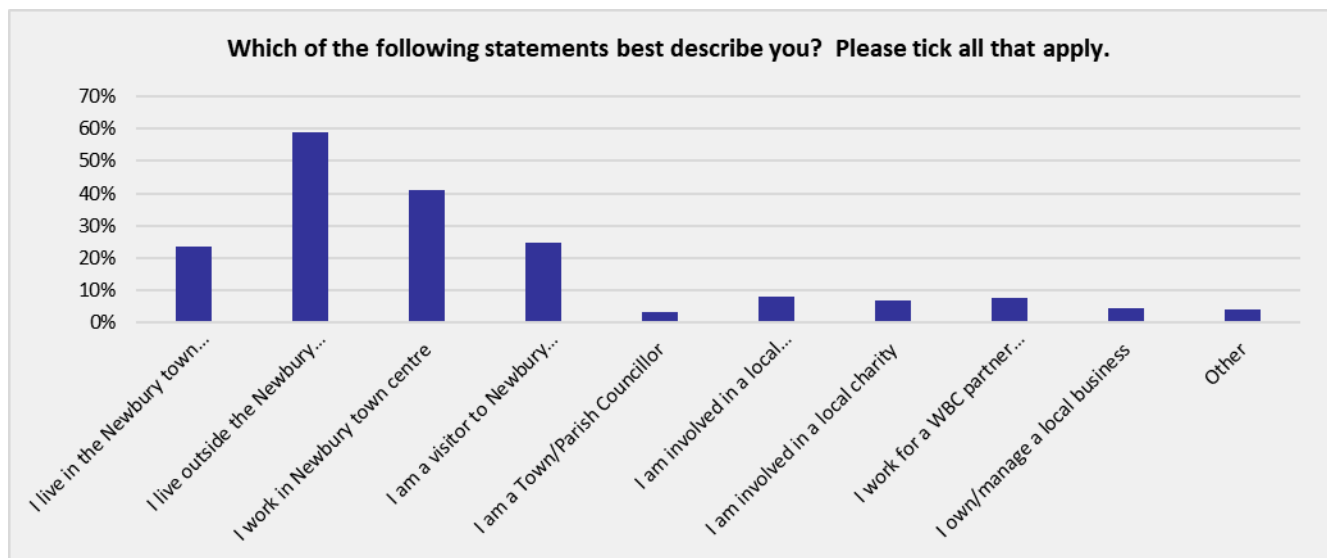
CONSULTATION RESPONSES

195 people responded to the consultation.

Question 1: Which of the following statements best describe you? Please tick all that apply.

Figure 1: shows the breakdown of respondents and whether they live, work or visit Newbury town centre.

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Question 2: How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in Newbury town centre:

Street drinking

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
A very big problem	20	10.3	10.4
A fairly big problem	73	37.4	37.8
Not a very big problem	88	45.1	45.6
Not a problem at all	9	4.6	4.7
No opinion	3	1.5	1.6

	Total	193	99.0	100.0
Not answered		2	1.0	
	Total	195	100.0	

Views were quite evenly split on the issue 'how much of a problem street drinking is in Newbury town centre'. Of the 193 people that responded to this question 93 out of 193 (48%) respondents felt street drinking is 'a very big' or 'fairly big problem' in Newbury town centre. 97 respondents (50.2%) felt that street drinking is 'not a very big problem' or 'not a problem at all'.

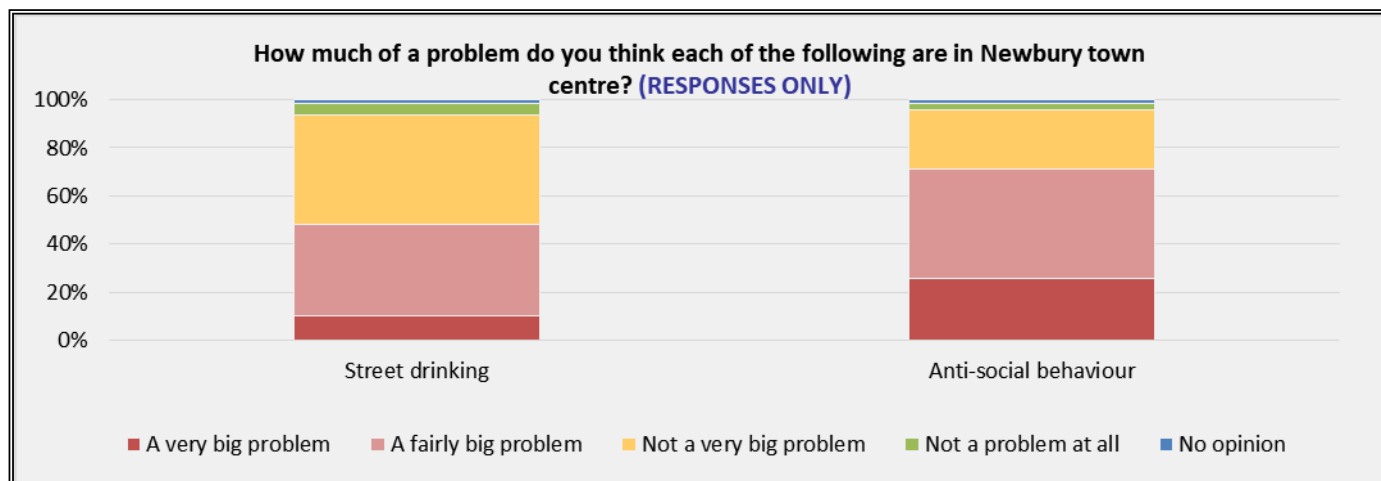
Anti-social behaviour

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
A very big problem	49	25.1	25.5
A fairly big problem	88	45.1	45.8
Not a very big problem	47	24.1	24.5
Not a problem at all	5	2.6	2.6
No opinion	3	1.5	1.6
	Total	192	98.5
Not answered	3	1.5	
	Total	195	100.0

People felt more strongly on anti-social behaviour being an issue in the town centre. Of the 192 people that responded to the question, 137 (71%) felt that anti-social behaviour is 'a very big problem or 'a fairly big problem' in Newbury town centre. 52 of the 192 respondents (27%) felt that anti-social behaviour is 'not a very big problem' or 'not a problem at all'.

The table below shows how respondents answered the question for both street drinking and anti-social behaviour and shows how evenly split the responses were to the street drinking question.

	A very big problem		A fairly big problem		Not a very big problem		Not a problem at all		No opinion		Not answered	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Street drinking	20	10.3	73	37.4	88	45.1	9	4.6	3	1.5	2	1.0
Anti-social behaviour	49	25.1	88	45.1	47	24.1	5	2.6	3	1.5	3	1.5



Comments

This question prompted a lot of comments – 91 in total.

The majority stated that they felt there is a problem with anti-social street drinking and anti-social behaviour in Newbury town centre.

I regularly see intimidating or offensive behaviour by adults and teenagers when in town

I regularly see drunk people in the town and lots of people causing anti-social behaviour shouting and being rowdy

The current PSPO has been successful in ensuring street drinking is kept to a minimum and should be continued in order to maintain this situation. ASB is a bigger issue especially in hot spots such as Victoria Park, Kennet Centre, rooftops, Fast food restaurants as well as in the Night time economy

The area where I live seems to be a mecca for trespassing on buildings, climbing up the side of shops I have had eggs thrown at my windows at 10.30hrs at night and graffiti drawn on walls

Groups of people hanging around the streets, very intimidating for myself and the rest of my family especially children and the elderly

It makes for a bad and uncomfortable atmosphere! They are loud and many people feel worried walking past as they tend to congregate in groups

I have witnessed foul language, spitting, blocked pavements and fighting in the area between The Monument pub and McDonalds

Some people commented from a different viewpoint:

Compared to other areas I think we live in a pleasant area. I can't say I have witnessed much ASB at all

Vs other towns Newbury doesn't see a lot of these issues

We visit the town centre regularly both day and evenings and don't see much of a problem at all. I go into Northbrook Street nearly every day and see no evidence of the behaviour you are referring to

Newbury has no more problems than other similar towns with anti-social behaviour. The Council, BID and PCSOs do a very good job to manage street drinking and anti-social behaviour so it is not a very visible problem anymore

I have lived in Newbury for 35 years. I do not consider street-drinking nor anti-social behaviour to be a problem. I have not encountered any issues. I consider the Order unnecessary. The police currently have powers to arrest anyone who is breaking the law so the PSPO is just a further infringement of individual liberty

Question 3:

Do you support the proposed condition re street drinking restrictions?

The consultation proposed the following condition to tackle street drinking in Newbury town centre. 'No person shall refuse to stop drinking, or refuse to hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed), which are believed to contain alcohol when required to do so by an authorised officer to prevent public nuisance or disorder'

If you are asked by an authorised officer to stop drinking and/or to hand over alcohol to prevent public nuisance/disorder and fail to do so, this will be a criminal offence.

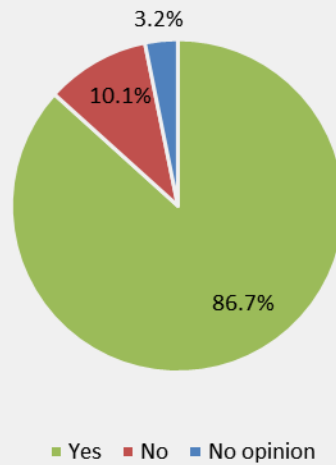
The restriction does not prevent people from drinking or having a glass of wine in the park for example. There has to be public nuisance or disorder and a refusal to hand over the sealed/unsealed container when asked to do by an authorised officer for a breach to occur.

There were 188 responses to this question with 86.7% in support of the proposed condition. 7 people did not answer the question.

Do you support the proposed condition re street drinking restrictions?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	163	83.6	86.7
No	19	9.7	10.1
No opinion	6	3.1	3.2
Total	188	96.4	100.0
Not answered	7	3.6	
Total	195	100.0	

Do you support the proposed condition re street drinking restrictions? (RESPONSES ONLY)



Comments

There were a number of comments made about the proposed restriction, the majority of which were supportive of the proposed restriction:

The area needs to be safe and enjoyable area for all ages

If they have been asked it's for a reason

As a deterrent

To make the town safer and more family friendly place

Alcohol can cause some people to be rude and aggressive. The condition shall help reduce this in public areas which is only fair for the whole community

A positive step towards controlling the problem

This is fine when street drinking is causing behaviour issues i.e. violent or confrontational. I would still like to be able to enjoy a drink while attending the fantastic free music festivals in the Market Place though!

Allows people to drink but allows police to step in if the person starts causing an issue

Some people voiced their concerns about the proposal:

A complete waste of time

I haven't seen much evidence of drinking in public in Newbury town centre

Does this now apply to race-goers? This seems very draconian. I occasionally see homeless people drinking and they aren't causing any trouble

When used appropriately

The wording is typically weak (when required to do so) and is a get out clause for all concerned

*The order is unnecessary and curtailing individual liberty. I have particular issue with 'sealed' or 'unsealed'. This is completely unnecessary. Sealed items should *not* be confiscated*

Question 4: Do you think the condition should cover the whole of Newbury town centre, as indicated on the map of the proposed restricted area?

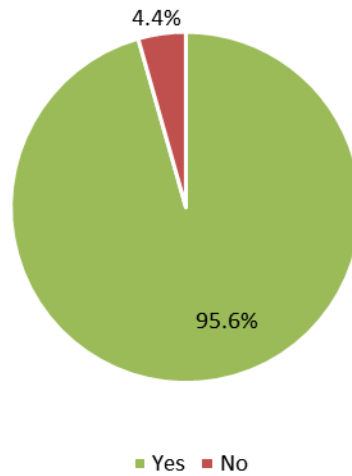
159 people responded to this question, 81% of the respondents.

Do you think this condition should cover the whole of Newbury town centre, as indicated on the map of the proposed restricted area?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	152	77.9	95.6
No	7	3.6	4.4
Total	159	81.5	100.0
Not answered	36	18.5	
Total	195	100.0	

Of those that did respond to the question 95.6% agreed that the street drinking restriction should cover the whole of Newbury town centre, as indicated on the map of the proposed restricted area.

Do you think this condition should cover the whole of Newbury town centre? (RESPONSES ONLY)



There were a few comments to this question. The majority of which were suggesting other areas that should be included:

Should cover the whole of Newbury, not just the town centre

Could it extend to Northcroft leisure centre

Needs to cover the Co-op on Pound Street, Pelican Lane

Extend to include St Johns Church and down A339 from Tesco to the Burger King roundabout

Addition of St Nicholas Road and St Michaels Road

Northcroft and Goldwell and City Playground

Shaw Park, Northcroft Park, Faraday Road

Northcroft Park and football club

If it's not a total ban it will just push the problem further out

Should be everywhere

Out of town as well, it just pushes it into other area

The restricted area that was proposed was based on the evidence of where the main issues are occurring. The restricted area should not cover areas where there is no supporting evidence.

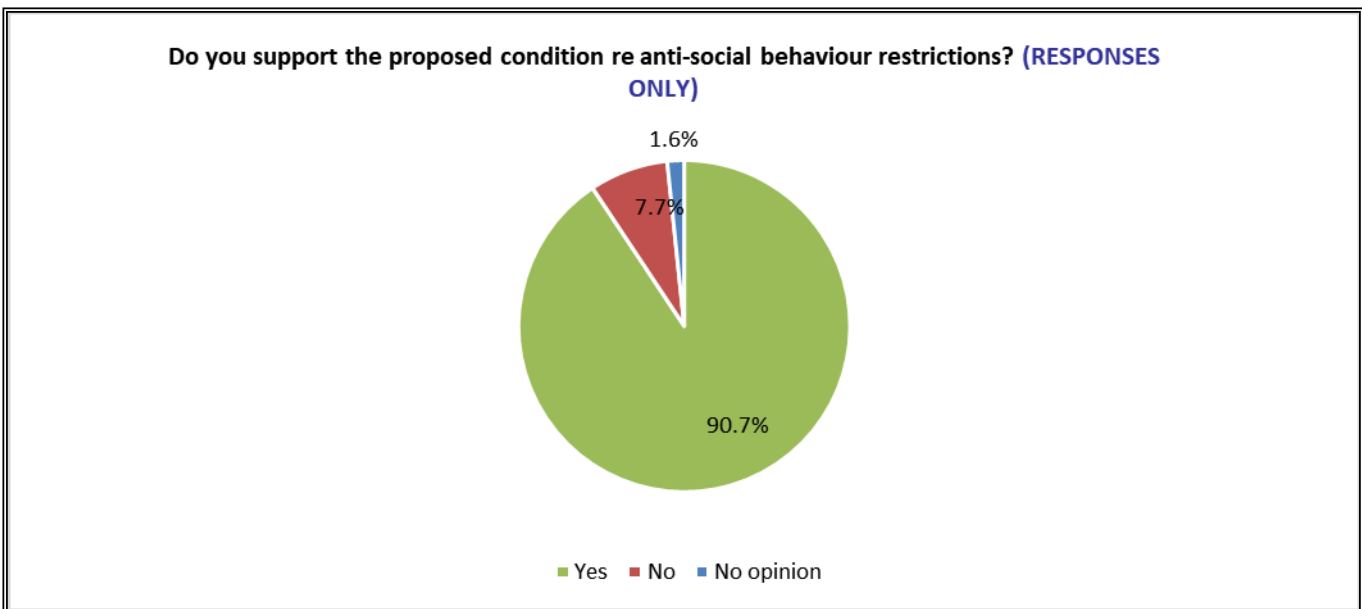
**Question 5:
Do you support the proposed condition?**

The consultation proposed a second condition to tackle anti-social behaviour in Newbury town centre ‘Any person behaving in a manner that has caused, or is likely to cause, nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress must leave the restricted area when requested to do so by an authorised officer for a specified time, not return to the area for a period not exceeding 24 hours’

182 responded to the question. 165 (90.7%) supported the proposed condition.

Do you support the proposed condition?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	165	84.6	90.7
No	14	7.2	7.7
No opinion	3	1.5	1.6
Total	182	93.3	100.0
Not answered	13	6.7	
Total	195	100.0	



Comments

This question generated quite a few comments.

Majority of comments received were statements in support of the proposed restriction:

A fantastic idea, hope it will be enforced. Will increase trade in the town centre

I support this because it is difficult for anyone other than an authorised officer to ask someone who is causing offence to desist and move on. This should give a clear message that this type of behaviour is not acceptable in town at all

If someone is asked to leave the area because their behaviour it removes the distress/nuisance etc. for the victim. It might also defuse a situation becoming worse

Yes as this is becoming a growing issue in Newbury, the library is being used as a place to cause nuisance and stress on staff and volunteers. The high street is a place which isn't becoming a pleasure to shop anymore

Gives people the opportunity to leave the area if they are misbehaving

Many people are affected in a negative way by alcohol and in other circumstances would be no nuisance. Asking a person to leave for a specific time is a good way of averting further issues for that immediate time

A number of people voiced their concerns over the proposal:

But I am not sure it is as cut and dry as this, especially if there is an underlying reason for the behaviour. The problem will move elsewhere

How will this be enforced? This puts more pressure on the police. Who are the people causing these issues? Why not invest in youth provision and work with them to address their behaviour This is absolute overkill.

The conditions are far too wide-ranging and could be abused

I fear that this condition may be misused to target minor 'undesirable' acts, given the vagueness of what a 'nuisance' is. What should be a public area should not be operated as if it is owned by a private company

'Likely to cause' is an infringement of civil liberty, as is a ban from public space. Completely unnecessary extension of police powers

I believe other powers available to the police are sufficient to deal with such behaviour

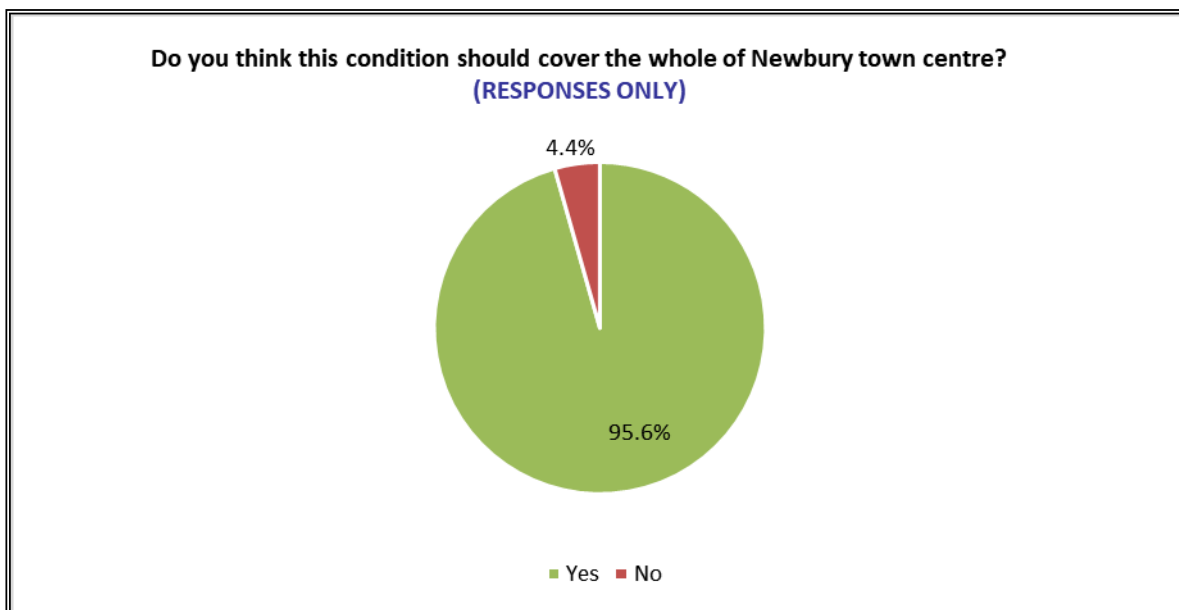
Question 6:

Do you think this condition should cover the whole of Newbury town centre, as indicated on the map of proposed restricted area?

164 people responded to this question (84.1%). 31 people did not answer this question.

Do you think this condition should cover the whole of Newbury town centre, as indicated on the map of the proposed restricted area?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	157	80.5	95.7
No	7	3.6	4.3
Total	164	84.1	100.0
Not answered	31	15.9	
Total	195	100.0	



Comments

There were a few comments to this question and there were similarities to the comments made under Question 4 which asked the same question but in relation to the street drinking restriction.

Should be the whole of Newbury

Should cover parks on Andover Road and Fifth Road

Northcroft Leisure Centre

Pound Street, mosque and Pelican Lane

St Johns, pathway down A339

Addition of St Nicholas Road and St Michaels Road

Should apply anyway where people report nuisance

Shaw Park, Northcroft Park

More cover the better

I don't think the issue is with the proposed area....Its more how it's used and when.

When analysing the two restrictions, Street Drinking received 188 responses (96.4%), of which 86.7% were in support of the proposal. The proposed anti-social behaviour restriction received 182 responses (93.3%), 90.7% in support of the restriction.

When responding to the question about the area the PSPO should cover (the proposed restricted area), 159 people responded (81.5%) regarding the street drinking restriction and of those 95.6% agreed to the restricted area. 36 did not answer the question.

It was a similar picture when the same question was proposed after asking if people supported the proposed anti-social behaviour restriction with 164 people responding (84.1%), 31 didn't answer. 95.7% agreed to the proposed restricted area question linked to the anti-social behaviour restriction.

Question 7: Any further comments

This question gave people an opportunity to give their views on the consultation whether it be in support of the proposed PSPO or to voice concerns. A number of people did voice their views. In support of the proposed PSPO:

I am a keen to support our police in carrying out their duties and confident that they will use the powers conferred in a proportionate manner

I don't see how these proposals could be a bad thing. If you're not acting like an idiot you will be fine

Excellent idea for keeping the residents, businesses and employees safe in the town – yes please!

I think it's a brilliant idea that protects business, shop owners and staff around town

Any actions are welcomed if they reduce anti-social behaviour in such a lovely town.

I fully support the aims of this legislation

Or to voice concerns over the proposal:

Define anti-social behaviour??? There are many things I would not like to see

The council needs to understand root causes of these issues and deal with them first to see if they have a positive impact in supporting communities to live cohesively. bit of a sledgehammer to crack a nut

I do not support Newbury introducing a PSPO. These orders have been used to punish homelessness and I fear the same will happen here. Newbury does not have a significant problem with anti-social behaviour

These proposed actions are reactive, it would be proactive to reinstate our youth services and offer alternate activities...

Sledgehammer to crack a walnut

Why? There's no problem in Newbury

On the 3rd April 2020, we received a response to the consultation from Liberty, a civil liberties organisation which is detailed below:-

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in Newbury Town Centre I write in relation to the introduction of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in Newbury Town Centre (the 'PSPO'). Our response is based on the wording contained within the online survey on your website. If the proposed wording is different then we request that you send us a copy of it without delay to enable us to make further representations.

1. Background to Liberty's concerns

Liberty has been concerned about the impact of PSPOs since their inception and has successfully persuaded a number of local authorities not to pursue their proposed PSPOs. We are particularly concerned about the potential misuse of PSPOs, especially those that punish poverty-related behaviours such as begging. For the reasons set out below, we are against the introduction of the proposed PSPO.

2. Lack of relevant evidence

We are disappointed that no evidence has been provided by the Council in the 'supporting evidence' document provided on its website. In seeking to justify its inclusion of a dispersal power in the PSPO, the Council has provided very basic statistics on the frequency with which the police have made use of the dispersal powers they already have under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the Act'). These statistics only serve to demonstrate the effectiveness of the existing powers that the police have, and show the extent to which the dispersal powers in the proposed PSPO will be duplicative. From the very basic information provided by the Council, a section 34 authorisation under the Act was granted 21 times over two years, on average this is less than one time a month. The section 34 authorisations are a proportionate way of dealing with such incidents, and it is unclear why a PSPO dispersal power is needed. In addition, it is unclear what the 222 incidents of alleged anti-social behaviour related to. The only example provided is 14 incidents of people on rooftops, indicating that this may be the most concerning behaviour, but this relates to under 10% of all incidents. It is unreasonable and disproportionate to create a PSPO to deal with such incidents alone when the police can (if needed) be authorised to use dispersal powers under section 34. Further, it is stated that three Community Protection

Notices (CPNs) were issued after warnings were breached. The period that this statistic covers is not provided; it is completely unclear why a further PSPO power is needed in these circumstances. The Council cannot reasonably be satisfied of the relevant conditions without first considering robust, relevant evidence on the situation in the area which will be covered by the proposed PSPO. It is unclear whether any such evidence exists. If there has been a thorough assessment of the impact of the PSPO to date, it should be published. By way of comparison, we have found that other councils have relied on, and published, data, witness statements, police reports, surveys, impact assessments, and many other sources of information to justify the need for a PSPO before setting out a proposed order and starting a consultation. If the Council goes ahead with renewing this PSPO without sufficient evidence then it will be unlawful and vulnerable to challenge in the High Court. Further, when considering the evidence, the Council should ensure that its consultation has heard a representative sample of views, including from those who will be negatively affected by the PSPO, who are likely to be among the most vulnerable and marginalised members of the community.

3. Causing nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress

“Any person behaving in a manner that has caused, or is likely to cause, nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress must leave the restricted area when requested to do so by an authorised officer for a specified time, and not return to that area for a period not exceeding 24 hours.”

This wording is taken from Question 5 of the consultation survey from the Council’s website. The provision penalises behaviour which causes (or is likely to cause) nuisance, harassment,

Response

The PSPO being proposed by WBC has no restriction to specifically punish poverty-related behaviours such as begging, nor homelessness.

The proposed restrictions are intended to be preventative with both restrictions providing the opportunity for the behaviour to be curtailed before a breach occurs:-

Only if someone fails to surrender alcohol after being asked to do so by an authorised officer to prevent public nuisance or disorder will the breach of the PSPO occur and only after someone behaving in a specific manner and asked to leave the restricted area after being asked to do so by an authorised officer, will the PSPO be breached

Evidence

The Council has provided evidence as part of the consultation and needs to show that a general behaviour has a negative impact on the community.

Dispersal Powers

The proposed PSPO in Newbury is not a duplicate of the dispersal power. It is only for a maximum of 24 hours (not 48 under the provisions of section 35 Dispersal). It will be known to be in place as opposed to the Dispersal which is an emergency power. The dispersal power is a power which can be used, where as a breach of a PSPO is a criminal offence.

Section 2.3 of the ‘Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Anti-Social Behaviour Powers Statutory Guidance for Frontline professionals (updated August 2019 deals with Dispersals Powers (p33). This provides that the purpose of the dispersal under section 34 is to provide immediate short-term respite to the local community. The guidance states that if there are regular problems it is recommended that the police work with the local council to find a sustainable long-term solution.

Authorisation of a Dispersal needs to be by a police officer of at least the rank of Inspector. It is an emergency power and which although often used, does not provide for consistent messaging, nor is it a long term solution. It is expected that the existence of the PSPO will see a reduction in S34 authorities. It will not remove the need for a S34 completely as that authority lasts longer (48 hours) and gives flexibility in the area that is covered. Whilst the PSPO is to prevent nuisance, harassment, alarm and distress, a S34 authority gives the police power to create a dispersal order for anti-social behaviour **and** crime and disorder which gives the police wider scope.

The proposed PSPO in Newbury would only be enforced by police officers/PCSOs to ensure consistency. It will also be clear to all members of the public that it is in place at all times.

Proposed wording of the PSPO

Statutory guidance states that the PSPO should be appropriately worded so that it targets the specific behaviour that is causing nuisance or harm. The terms harassment, alarm and distress, used in the PSPO, are recognised terms within Public order legislation.

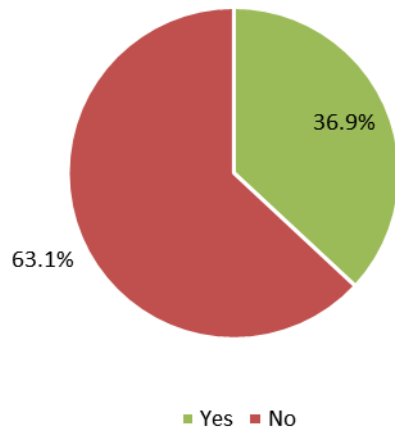
Question 8. Would you like to receive feedback on the outcome of this consultation?

36.9% of people that responded to this question (176 or 90.0% of total number of respondees) wanted to receive feedback on this outcome of the consultation. Contact details have been saved and are confidential.

Would you like to receive feedback on the outcome of this consultation?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	65	33.3	36.9
No	111	56.9	63.1
Total	176	90.3	100.0
Not answered	19	9.7	
Total	195	100.0	

Would you like to receive feedback on the outcome of this consultation? (RESPONSES ONLY)



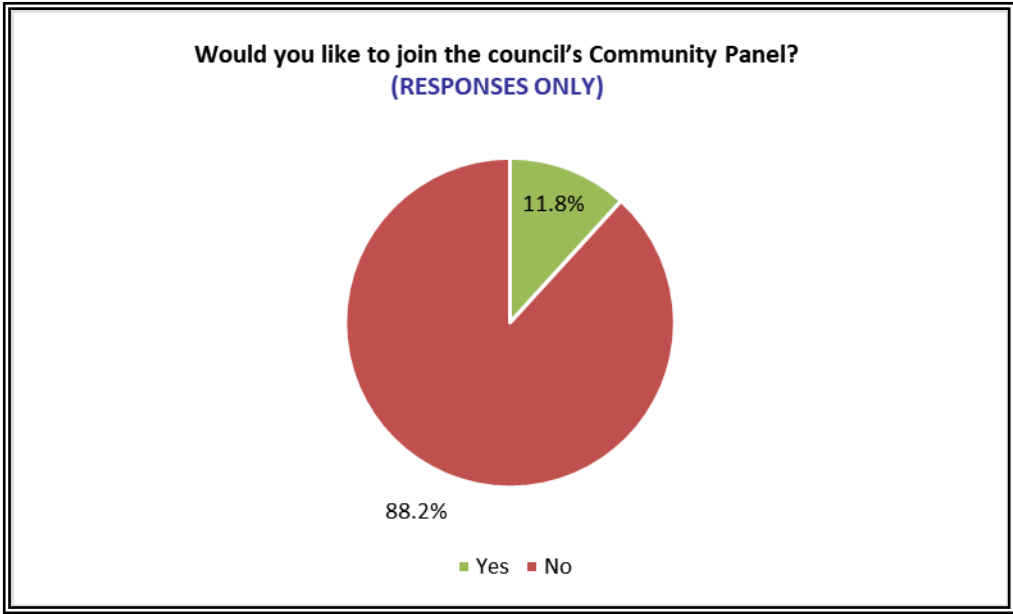
Question 9: Would you like to join the Council’s Community Panel?

Residents of West Berkshire are able to participate in consultations by providing their name and email address or alternatively by applying on line.

87.2% of respondees answered this question with 11.8% saying ‘Yes’.

Would you like to join the council’s Community Panel?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	20	10.3	11.8
No	150	76.9	88.2
Total	170	87.2	100.0
Not answered	25	12.8	
Total	195	100.0	



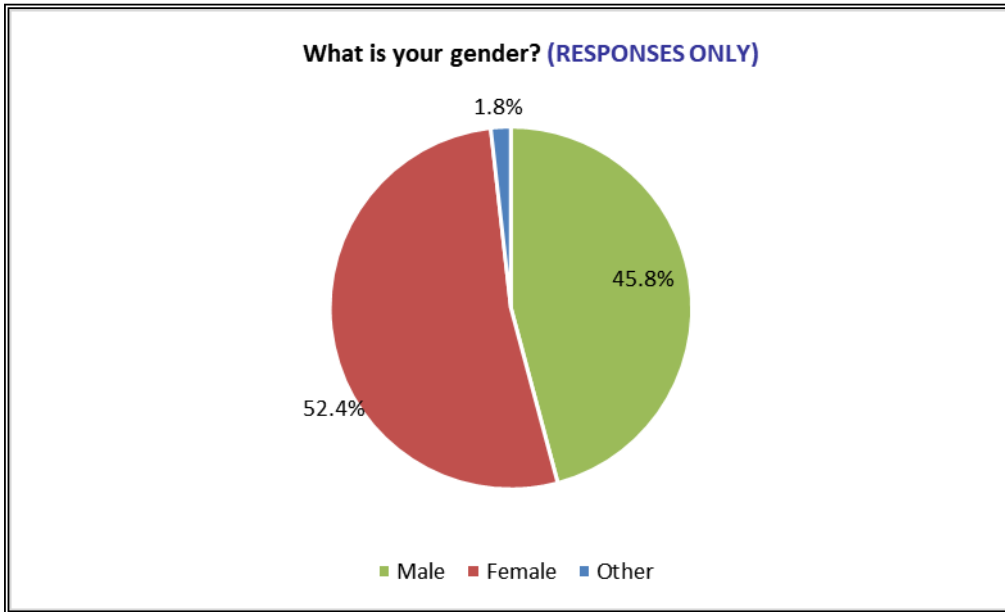
The final section of the consultation were questions about the respondents.

Question 11: What is your gender?

86.2% of respondents answered this question (168 out of 195). Of those that did answer the question, 52.4% were female and 45.8% male with 1.8% answering 'other'. 13.8% of people (27) did not answer the question.

What is your gender?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Male	77	39.5	45.8
Female	88	45.1	52.4
Other	3	1.5	1.8
Total	168	86.2	100.0
Not answered	27	13.8	
Total	195	100.0	



Question 12: How old are you?

86.2% answered this question (168 out of 195). 27 respondents did not answer the question.

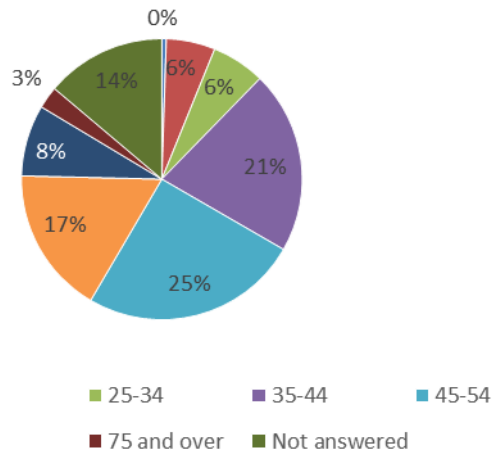
Of those that did answer the question, the majority of respondents were aged between 35-55 which accounted for 90 or 53.5% of respondents.

Under 25s accounted for less than 10% of respondents (12 respondents) with the over 65's accounting for only 12.5% (21 respondents).

How old are you?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Under 18	1	0.5	0.6
18-24	11	5.6	6.5
25-34	12	6.2	7.1
35-44	41	21.0	24.4
45-54	49	25.1	29.2
55-64	33	16.9	19.6
65-74	16	8.2	9.5
75 and over	5	2.6	3.0
Total	168	86.2	100.0
Not answered	27	13.8	
Total	195	100.0	

How old are you? (ALL CASES)

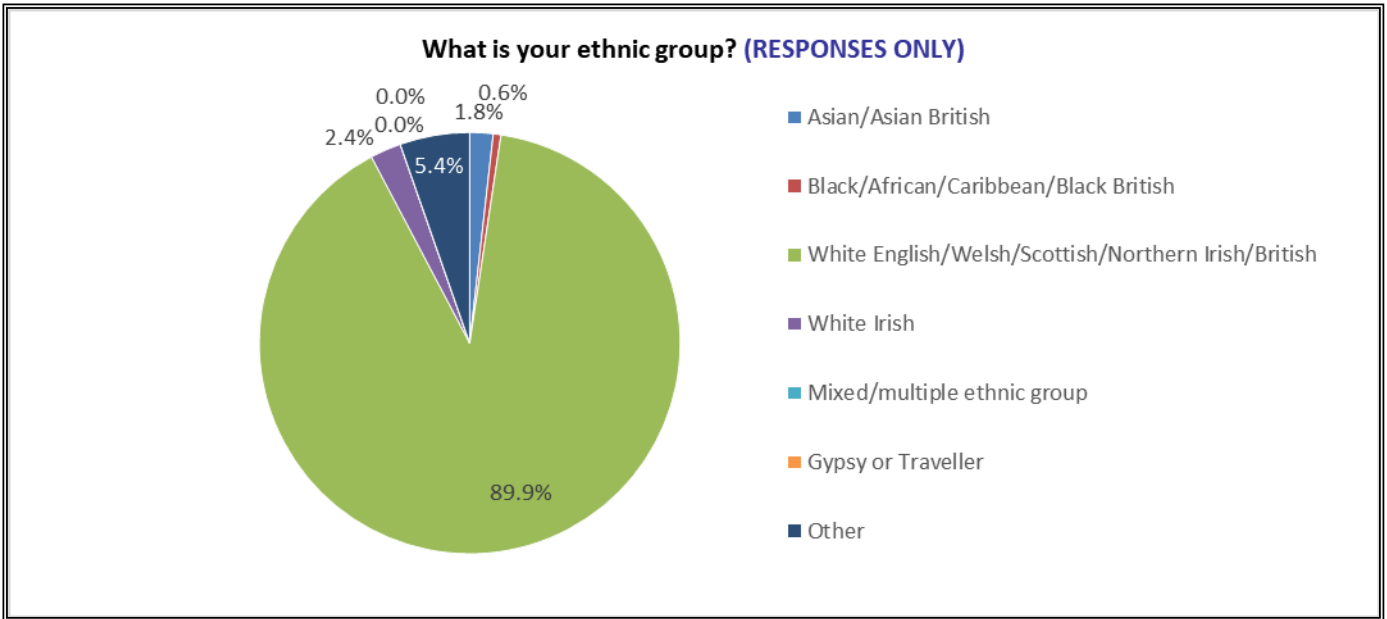


Question 13: What is your ethnic group?

27 respondents did not answer this question, 13.8%.

What is your ethnic group?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Asian/Asian British	3	1.5	1.8
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	1	0.5	0.6
White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	151	77.4	89.9
White Irish	4	2.1	2.4
Mixed/multiple ethnic group	0	0.0	0.0
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	0.0
Other	9	4.6	5.4
Total	168	86.2	100.0
Not answered	27	13.8	
Total	195	100.0	

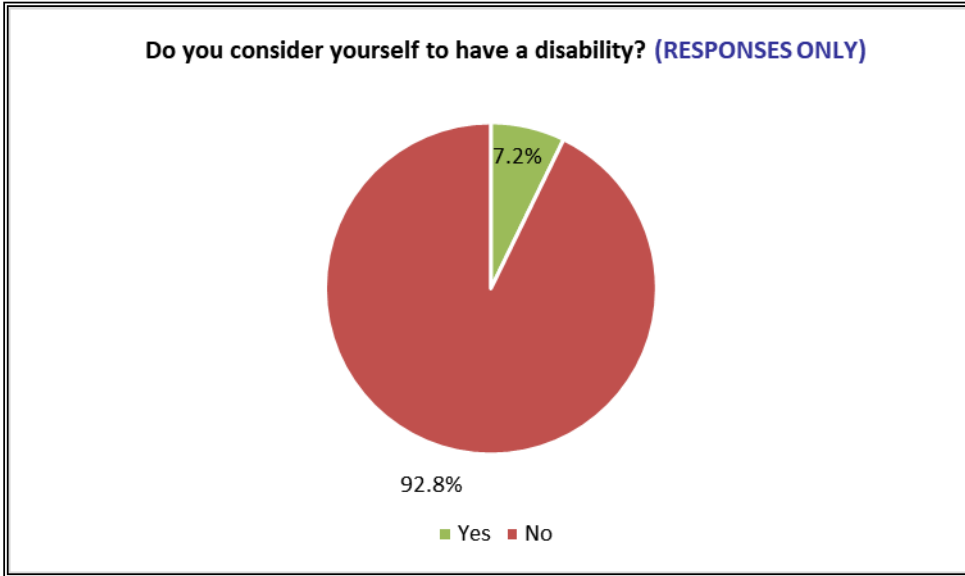


Question 14: Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Of the 166 people that responded to this question 154 did not have a disability (92.8%), 12 people answered 'yes' (7.2%) of the people that answered the question.

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	12	6.2	7.2
No	154	79.0	92.8
Total	166	85.1	100.0
Not answered	29	14.9	
Total	195	100.0	



HOW WE HAVE USED THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

We would like to thank everyone that responded to this consultation.

The results of the consultation show that a PSPO would be supported by those living, working and visiting Newbury and will help inform the decision on whether or not West Berkshire Council applies for a Public Spaces Protection Order for Newbury town centre. The local police area and Newbury Town Council are both supportive of the application.

It was planned that the results of the consultation would be presented at the Building Communities Together Partnership meeting in April 2020 for a decision. However due to the COVID19 pandemic and subsequent social isolation and social distancing restrictions, the meeting was cancelled. It is proposed that the consultation document is presented at the next meeting of the West Berkshire Building Communities Together Partnership on 14th July 2020 for discussion with the wider partnership and for a decision to be made on the next steps. The outcome will be published on the council's website shortly after.