

Public Space's Protection Order in Bicester (PSPo) Survey 2025

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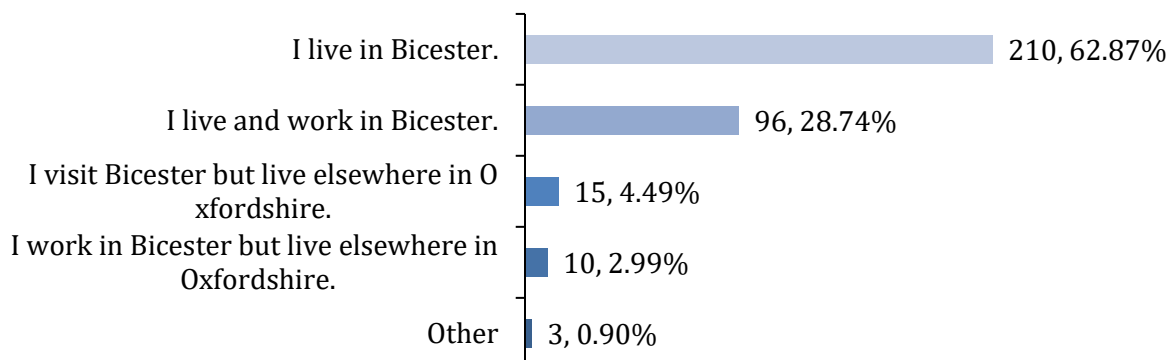
This activity was completed at the time of this report. Data, for the purpose of this summary, was divided into each of the questions, and will accurately reflect the correct distribution of responses vs analysis in this summary report.

Taking that the number of responses to this survey was: **334** (according to our survey system), also valid responses, please, see them explained below. The following analysis is based on the data received and the aspect of the question vs value or potential value, and alignment or not, if the case, with compliance of consultation principals, laws and regulations.

Please, take time to consider comments and suggestions integrated to this report, for better understanding.

1: Please tell us where you live?

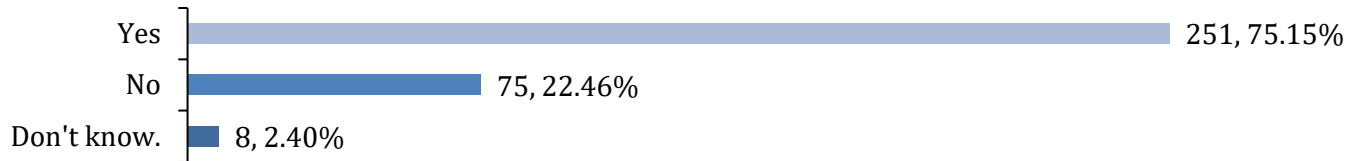
With 334 responses, the majority of respondents, circa 63%, confirmed that they live in Bicester.





2: In this area have you seen people behaving in a way that alarm or distress or concern for safety in the last 12 months?

Just over two thirds respondents confirmed that they have seen alarming or distressing behaviours, within Bicester.



3: Have you been negatively affected by the issue in the last 12 months?

And nearly half of those, who witnessed such events, disclosed that they occurred within the last 12 months.



4: Should CDC seek continue to prohibit this activity through the existing town centre Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)?

Nevertheless, nearly all respondents (93%) agree that the PSPO should continue to be applied, in Bicester.



5: Have you seen people begging aggressively in Bicester town centre in the last 12 months?

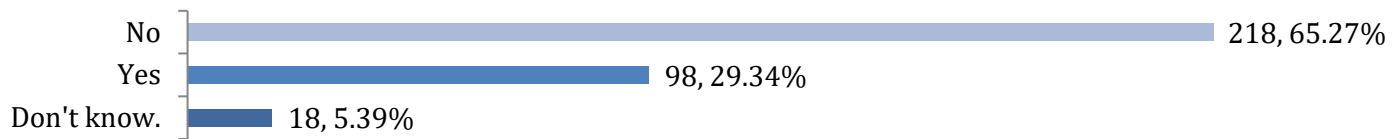
Regarding sights of aggressive begging, of those who confirmed such event, accounted for more than half of respondents.



6: Have you been negatively affected by the issue in the last 12 months?



With over two thirds confirming the occurrence has affected them negatively.



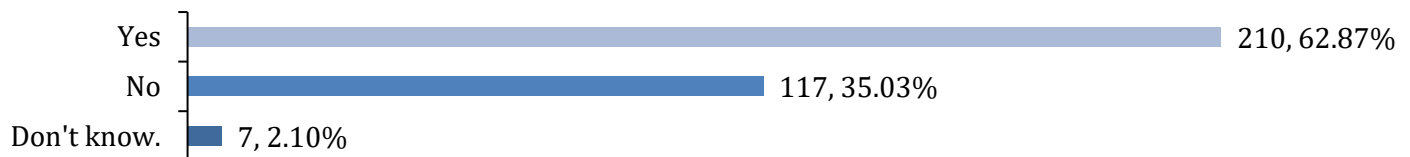
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And over four fifths of respondents agreed that we should continue to prohibit this activity within the defined areas where PSPO applies.



8: Have you seen anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking in the last 12 months?

Regarding sights of anti-social behaviour caused by drinking, of those who confirmed such event, accounted for more than two thirds of respondents.



9: Have you been negatively affected by the issue in the last 12 months?

Over two thirds also confirmed the occurrence has affected them negatively.



10: Should CDC seek continue to prohibit this activity through the existing town centre Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)?

And most respondents agreed that we should continue to prohibit this activity within the defined areas where PSPO applies.



11: Do you have any further comments regarding the possible Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)?

We have collected 247 valid entries out of the 334 participations, accounting for nearly 74% of respondents, and comments, in full, can be seen at Appendix 1 of this document.

In summary:

Residents expressed the need for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to be enforced more rigorously, as they witnessed a lack of action, despite reporting incidents, with key issues including:

Current neglect from PSPO provisions leads on offenders and further criminal behaviors, such as violent actions, public drug use (especially marijuana), loud disruptive behavior, littering, and vandalism.

Issues with inappropriate cycling behavior, particularly in pedestrian areas, at times dangerous and intimidating, with residents asking for stricter enforcement and suggestions to include restrictions on electric scooters and skateboards.

The feeling of being unsafe due to groups drinking alcohol, using drugs, and exhibiting aggressive behavior, added to aggressive begging, intimidating language directed at passersby, and large gatherings of youths behaving unruly.

Suggestions were made to dedicated resources to more youth activities to reduce boredom and prevent disruptive behavior, which seems to be a source of disappointment at the current state of public areas, including litter and graffiti. The suggestion of more community engagement, also is directed to rebuild trust and cooperation with local services and authorities, in participants' view.

Many locals voiced feelings of insecurity at night, reflected in reduced foot traffic and family engagement in the town center, coupled with the lack of visible police presence and the need for reliable patrols to deter ASB, which reflects on requests for increased patrols, better signage, and the renewal of PSPOs to ensure community safety.

Overall, there is the need for collaborative efforts involving law enforcement, local government, and community members to restore Bicester's sense of safety, community, and well-being.

In conclusion,

Residents are calling for significant changes to address the unwelcomed anti-social behavior impacting their community. Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) enforcement is paramount, to deal with current perceived

Council neglect, allowing offenders to persist and engage in behaviors detrimental to the safety and well-being of the community. Most notably to public drug use, aggressive behavior from groups, and unsafe cycling practices.



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Residents feel mostly unsafe, at night, leading to reduced community engagement and foot, exacerbated by the lack of visible police presence and inefficient response to reported incidents, in turn, compelling residents to express a strong desire for increased patrols, better signage, and renewed PSPOs to instill a sense of safety. Furthermore, solutions have been suggested to address the root causes of some behaviors, such as dedicating resources to youth activities linked to boredom and lack of engagement.

As a result, a multi-lateral approach is necessary, including collaboration from law enforcement, local government, and community members, in the hope to restore the safe, vibrant community where all residents feel secure and engaged, in Bicester.

Appendix 1 (247 valid entries, nearly 74% of respondents who participated)

PSPOs are a great idea, but they need to be enforced. I witnessed a PSPO given out and within an hour the perpetrators had returned- despite police being made aware, nothing was done. One of the individuals proceeded to then carry out further criminal behaviours.
Please also cover inappropriate cycling behaviour and abuse by calling out and shouting often using foul language towards people unknown to them
The fly tipping is horrendous in so many areas. Graffiti too, hoping this can be looked at too.
Openly selling and using of drugs, especially smoking of marijuana.
Can electric illegal electric scooters, electric skateboards and electric bikes be included. It is a minefield walking down sheep street
The town centre is not a welcoming place when a family are attending the cinema or look to dine out in the evening. People drinking doing drugs and being anti social in the multi storey carpark / stairwell. The area outside Sainsbury's itself is also a black spot for anti social behaviour. My children are nervous about going into town due to this. We do look at going elsewhere now, it's a shame as it's turning the town into a ghost town and no go area.
I assume I have not see any aggressive begging due to the PSPO being in place.
Enforce restrictions and monitor the behavior.
Need to something with the kids using the multi storey to shout and throw things off.
The amount of shoplifters in the Bicester area is a joke. More needs doing and with regards to drinking, I feel like the penny black and white hart shouldn't be allowing seats out the front onto sheep street.
Invest more money in local leisure facilities
Town ctr DOES need "policing" in some way shape or form. I live opposite Sainsbury and although I don't often go out at night I do hear the effects of those who do. It's very apparent that antisocial behaviour exists.
Personally think that Sainsbury's area outside of Crown walk needs to be tidied up and a drinking ban placed on there I know it's mostly the youths doing this but I have seen grown men with a case of beer standing there drinking it doesn't give a good insight to the town. I have also noticed lately that the playing fields are being used for under age drinking
With the recent proposition to reduce street lighting, I believe anti-social behaviour and risks to the public through acts of the few will only increase. Currently I live behind Sheep Street with the only access to my home being through a non-lit alleyway besides a busy pub, or down Victoria Road, which is poorly lit at best. Under these proposals, the routes for me to safely get home at night are diminished so any support the PSPOs can provide in dissuading these behaviours will help to make the community at large feel safer and build a better town for us all.
I regularly see street drinkers sitting outside the Vue Cinema and Sainsbury's on the benches.
They always have open vessels of alcohol and are often acting drunk slurring speech and shouting at one another, they also have a dog with them that is very large and sometimes not on a lead which can be intimidating as if they are drunk how can they have proper control of the dog.
They are mostly shouting and swearing and often approach people for cigarettes etc , I haven't been impacted directly but I know this is a priority for the Neighbourhood Team
I've not experienced any problems. I don't go into town much at night which may explain this. Aware of beggars but not aggressive as some can be.
I don't feel safe walking through bicester on my own any longer.
There seem to be an increase in youngsters involved in anti social behaviour especially Infront of the b&m and Sainsbury's area.
Bicester has been let down by cherwell it is not given any priority we need a better place for families to be safe
I am not aware there is an anti social behaviour problem I'm Bicester, but maybe the Police have data to say there is.



If removal of the PSPO prevents Police from taking action to stop anti social behavior, then the PSPO should be retained.
It's only a temporary solution. It just pushes the asb back into the fringes of the estates.
Whilst I haven't been directly affected, these issues do of course happen within the town, as with any other town. I feel the need for prohibiting still exists.
Outside Domino's Pizza Buckingham Crescent, Bicester, grey haired man acting suspicious with his mobile filming kids drinking beer between 8am - 9am every school day
Ou public spaces should be kept as safe as possible, a lot of older people shop in the town centre and need to be protected from unacceptable behaviour.
No one is scared of anything in the town so all respect for anything has disappeared
I have a high regard for authority and this absolutely includes our valuable PCSO's. However, I have read unpleasant and derogatory statements on FB when it comes to the subject of PCSO's. Maybe try to raise the profile somehow? Perhaps have a stand on the market for a few weeks? Give people a better understanding of the parameters and good work that they do? As far as the PSPO goes, everything possible should be done to tackle anti-social behaviour in the town. This unwanted and unwarranted behaviour is especially prevalent around Sainsbury's in the evenings.
I think it needs to be kept to keep the town safe
Stop the weed smoking would be appreciated. It's illegal, but openly smoked by may in the town
Kids cycling very fast through sheep street and almost knocking people diwn
Should parents be involved with this to let them know of their children's behaviour
More CCTV cameras,police in town centre
Although it hasn't affected me yet, I believe we need the protection order to help stop any anti social acts happening. People should feel safe walking about the town, no matter what time of day or night. I work in the town and walk up through North Street daily.
It's been reassuring to see more officers on the beat as this is by far the biggest deterrent.
Drunk people are always in town centre. I don't even want to go there anymore.
the fact that I have not been impacted suggests that the order is working, and should therefore be extended. However, the order should also consider the behaviour of youths in the area of the cinema, where there are regular reports of issues (including theft of cycles)
Please keep order in place
Many of the offences are being carried out by 10-17 year olds which may need to be managed in a different way.
Have felt uncomfortable when visiting town centre on a few occasions. By witnessing drunk and disorderly behaviours / group of teenagers causing a problem and overall the atmosphere has declined in the 27yrs i have lived here.
Please keep up the good work
There is always vandalisme affecting the two lifts from the car Park in PioneerSquare. Thé lifts are dirty with graffiti and frequently out of action. If there is no public protection order this will only get worse.
Should also be a mention of anti social car parking
During the evening, Sheep Street and the areas around Sainsbury's supermarket can feel an insecure place to walk. You often see groups of young people drinking and using bad language in the street. There are also some men hanging around that make you feel uncomfortable. It would feel a safer town to visit if there was a visible police/security presence constantly patrolling on foot in these areas.
Please will it in place For our safety
It is essential to stay on top of the issue. Frequently beggars frequent the ATM areas in town.
Seems to be working. Keep it up.



PSPO seems effective and provide police with the necessary powers to quickly stop any anit social behaviour
It would be nice to walk up the street with dodging bicycles
I think it has made an impact by giving police the tool of the PSPO and would like to see it renewed
There are several shops in Sheep St that need to be investigated by Police. There are at least 2 barber shops that appear to be fronts for money laundering.
Cycling in sheep street and electric scooters being driven on the road. I see this several times a week
Bicester used to be a really safe place to live and to socialise. However I don't feel safe going into town in the evenings now. There are groups of young people with some adults mixed in who still hang around Sainsbury/ Cinema area. In the passageway between Sainsbury and the Cinema there are numerous cars parked and moving around in that supposed pedestrian area. Someone said they were food delivery drivers!!!! There is also a major issue with cars parking on double yellow lines outside Shakills at the top end of Bicester. Which is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike. Why are large numbers of cars allowed to park here.???
There are still a core of teenagers causing trouble around Sainsbury's which needs to continue to be monitored especially with regarding to cycling with no regard for pedestrians
Seeing people drinking ,smoking weed & bad behaviour & leaving litter about outside my business is not good for my clientele or good for the business . I will not approach due to abuse and to protect my business and others around me .
It is sad that a few people causing a nuisance spoil it for everyone else.
Some teenage kids are so unruly they pass my house before & after school they are so ride & abusive and try to be scary swearing etc
As a woman aged 63 yrs I do not feel safe walking in the town at night . Even during the day you have youngsters/ teenagers with antisocial behaviour out side Sainsbury's . I have even seen teenagers being rude and aggressive in shops . I have been asked to get alcohol or cigarettes on more than one occasion , when I have refused they use offensive language and jeered me and called me names that I won't repeat when I came out of shop . Bicester used to be a lovely place 20 years ago , not anymore . Young people (not all) appear not to have respect for others or the community they live . Due to recent events with 3 people sadly loosing their lives have I seen the spirit of Bicester that once was
I'd like to see a larger police presence in town 24/7. This would deter potential problems in town. I would also like to see this in surrounding areas of the town. One more point..secure the parks, playing fields, and green spaces to deter the travelling communities.
Please keep the protection orders in place. We should feel safe in our home town.
enlarge the area covered
Rodong bikes and electric scooters should be banned from sheep st. Sign by the lamb Inn says pedestrian zone and so it should be. Adults, old folk and young children walk this area and should be SAFE.
Rowdy teens and drinkers from the cheap pubs are a co ringing problem!!
I think they're important even though I've not witnessed any probably because I'm not out and about as much.
other than the occasional attendance of PCSO's would be good to see Police officers actively patrol the town on foot/bike and speak to people.
Aggressive dogs not under control. Should be a requirement that dogs are on a short leash in public never off the leash.
No cycling / scooters in the pedestrian areas should be rigorously enforced
I have seen the occasional beggar. No-one has ever been aggressive. Most are completely silent. Because I am nearly 82, I am usually only in town between the hours of 10:30am - 4pm, so I am not around when people are drinking. Perhaps I am just fortunate, but in the 16 years I have lived here, I have always felt very safe in Bicester.
I've seen people begging - not many and not aggressively. I do not think it enhances the atmosphere of the town if people are drinking and noisy on the streets. Sadly I think the fact that there is an order in place helps to prevent unruly behaviour.



I think there should be more police patrols on the road and in the streets because we see a lot of road pirates and young people who do not respect people or things
Clamp down on graffiti. Don't let the town centre become a ghost town Don't allow the closure of London Road by Network Rail
I would like to see more police presence in the town.
You need to renew it and improve there is still a lot of anti social behaviour in this area on a daily basis
I actively avoid the town centre mostly due to the lack of cleanliness on public stairways. I would not visit outside of working hours. I have seen non aggressive begging which makes me feel uncomfortable.
Its important that a police presence is visible to deter anti social behaviour
Bicester town has gone down hill especially outside Sainsbury's
Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) can be effective for addressing specific local issues, but they must be balanced to avoid disproportionately restricting individual freedoms. Clear communication, community engagement, and regular reviews are essential to ensure fairness and effectiveness.
Since this went into place, it's become less issues in the area, even when they are all heading home from the town centre
It can be really uncomfortable being in town alone re the behaviours of people especially groups who have absolutely no respect for anybody causes many people fearful
Keep up the good work!
Teenagers gathered at the green bridge near Garth park in the evening and mid night, littering and distributed pedestrians.
Could probably increase the area to be covered. Cycling e scooters should still be banned from the paved area of Sheep Street.
Begging and drinking observed but nothing 'aggressive'. But I am probably not in town at times when such behaviour is more likely. Good if it stays that way. Thank you.
Continue with this scheme to avoid anti social behaviour
Above Sainsbury's supermarket people have been known to throw things over which is dangerous to the public below.
I believe that begging should be banned completely, whether aggressive or not. some beggars are obviously dumped in the street by some organization which should be banned. Cycling in Sheep street is currently not legal but Police turn a blind Eye, similarly scooters are not legal. I have nearly been taken out on several occasions by bikes and scooters. Mobility scooters drive too fast and are dangerous, they should be limited to slow walking pace.
It's all good and well doing this in the town centre but it just pushes it to the surrounding areas. Especially green spaces and play park
More patrol in determining areas
Should include shoplifting in the antisocial behaviour ,as definitely increased the past year .
I think its in the interest of everyones safety PSPO been actioned
Stop the youngsters behaving like idiots thinking they run the town
PSPO is working well in my opinion and think it should continue or things may worsen again
it always seems to be the same group of people hanging around. Drinking and smoking outside b and m, sainsburys. Massive xl bully going for you tops it off
School children riding bikes through town at speed Never any police around Very dangerous particularly to older residents

There were issues several years ago but I believe that the PSPO has been very effective in removing these issues. Bicester town is a pleasant, peaceful and orderly town centre nowadays - long may this continue. Keep up the good work.
Regardless of my own experience, I think it would be expedient to have this protection, you never know what is around the corner.
Keep doing what you're doing- seems to be working well
I live outside the designated area.
Stop cycling and scooters in the pedestrian areas. THAT is anti-social.
The PSPO should be more rigorously enforced. Lifting the order will allow antisocial behaviour to flourish again.
If the PSPO is lifted I will probably avoid the town centre particularly once schools are out as I did not feel safe before when there was a lot of teenagers hanging about causing a nuisance.
There is over spill from the area highlighted on the map, particularly after hours, post 11pm.
The longer the order is in place, will hopefully encourage people to be civil knowing they can be asked to leave.
It should be extended to Bure Park and surroundings
Just that it should continue I have young children and I want them to feel safe walking around the town
Groups of youths gathering on the benches outside Sainsbury's late afternoon/early evening is very intimidating
Cut down on e-bike/scooters and anti-social cycling on roads, paths and pedestrian crossing
Vulnerable people need protection
There are fewer and fewer coming in to town centre as it is.
Feel much safer, when you have anti social measures in town. As I have gotten older its frightening to see groups of youth's congregating in the town, especially when they are throwing things and using vile language as you go past
I would like the included area to be increased as the car park behind Manorsfield road has become a gathering area for drinking and drug taking and leaving their mess behind. Also the top of Chapel Street where the brook becomes the dumping ground for empty cans, bottles and food containers. It does generally seem quieter in many places although there is still some drinking taking place outside the shop next to coop funeralcare where people gather - much less frequently now though than before.
We also still have quite a number of E scooters on the roads and it bugs me when they go the wrong way up roads (like the causeway) and give no thought to anyone.
Town is grim, broken, dirty
Please don't waste money on.marlet Square without the back up of continue funds to maintain
Bicester needs more policing in every aspect
Is there scope for this to be extended to other areas of Bicester, eg Kingsmere? There has been a rise in anti-social behavior over the last few years in Kingsmere. There was a stabbing recently outside/near Puregym. I personally have had to report anti-social behavior to the police on several occasions (children being disruptive, causing damage to property, being aggressive when challenge donnsuch behavior, climbing building work scaffolding). I've also seen instances of shoplifting in the Boots and Nike stores. Could there also be an increased police presence in the area (e.g. regular patrols) to help the community feel safer and to dissuade anti-social behavior?
No more travellers
Higher visibility required
I think more attention needs to be paid to Glory Farm, especially near Tesco. The block of flats nearby is becoming a hotspot for drug use.
Could all parks have one from 10pm-7pm??
This should cover teenagers in the multi story carpark. The delivery drivers driving up snd down the pedestrian areas outside sainsburys who shout and peep at pedestrians. The people hanging around outside sainsburys.
Although I have personally not been negatively affected I believe PSPO need to exist for those who are more vulnerable in our society and for the safety of teenagers who may be independent in the area.



What we could do with is well trained police constables , not pcsos or private security, but well police constables. Build up relationships with the pubs and other shops on the high street. Having so many empty shops on the high street gradually look more and more to dilapidated is not helping matters either
Mainly sainsbury car park felt threat
It apparently to be working so leave in place
Please make Sheep Street / Pioneer Square, Crown Walk a pedestrian only zone. Sadly, but inevitably there will be a very serious accident involving an e-bike, cycle, skateboard
Get some consistent and visible police presence day and night please
These areas are threatening and unsafe
good to continue to sustain a safe environment for all people at town centre
The pspo is working, so please may it continue.
More frequent patrol
Stop the cyclists cycling at speed down Sheep Street and enforce the no cycling rule on Fridays.
Anti social behaviour, specially by youths around Sainsbury's and Sheep Street is very common. There should be more police in regular foot patrols in city centre.
I think the order is good as it helps keep the town safe
It is intimidating and does not feel. Safe at times to walk through Bicester Town centre, Garth Park, and Pioneer Square area.
I literally work in the town 40 hours a week, your staff just walk by the people doing it and don't enforce the order.
Absolute waste of time.
Antisocial behaviour causes families to stay away from Bicester.... We need secure surroundings that they feel safe in and not scared
I can only presume that I haven't witnessed any antisocial behaviour in Bicester due to the success of the current PSPO, so I'm very happy to support an extension
Given the size of Bicester anything that can be put in place that will reduce / deter Anti social behaviour should be in place.
Please continue with the order
I think it is important to ensure Bicester is a safe and enjoyable place therefore I agree with the PSPO
Whist I've not see the issues, being a pensioner I don't go into town in the evening when I'm sure a lot of the issues occur. I think the order should be retained otherwise the issues will no doubt return
This is important to continue, giving officers power to deal with any issues. Helps make us feel a little safer
Drug taking is very open around the town and green spaces. Teenagers also causing violence and antisocial behaviour including intimidation.
I have to frequent the town centre as many Bicester residents do. The antisocial behaviour has escalated year on year in its prevalence in the 28 years I have lived here. Just the other day I was exiting Sainsbury's and someone had set a bin on fire in the seated area. Completely inexcusable behaviour by the culprit(s). People who work in the town centre or simply visit, should not be subject to this behaviour and have to confront this in their place of work. I have previously been on the front lines walking the landings of HMPPS and I would not tolerate that behaviour there, so why should we be confronted with this within our home communities. Smashing bottles, revving cars with tyres screeching and now blatant arson all within 500 yards as the crowd flies of one another, on a weekly basis, is completely unacceptable from any standpoint. If that behaviour on a persistent basis makes someone my age not want to have to visit the town centre, then how can I expect the people of older generations or disabilities to take a trip there.
Verbally abusive cyclists.
I have had two incidents where a cyclist brushed past me while cycling at speed through Sheep street.
Like a lot of people, I'm against bikes being allowed to be ridden Sheep Street. It terrifies me. I am 77 and not as mobile as I was following a knee replacement. It bad enough having to be extra careful when walking from one side to the



other to go to different shops but it's now 100 times worse. I don't come into town much one as I'm terrified of being knocked over!!

I wish it went through sheep street as that's where most of the anti social behaviour is

Bicester is growing and antisocial behaviour is on rise. We need more protection in town centre.

Youth in balaclavas on bikes in sheep street is distressing.

I've stopped going into town after 1800 really do not feel comfortable walking round with some of the characters that seem to be loitering around!

It has definitely felt safer since the order came into place. No large groups being intimidating and no reported threats to shopkeepers etc. I want to feel my daughters are safe and feel safe and this order does this.

It's clearly working so please keep in place

Bicester town centre is not safe with anti social behaviour, drinking and theft from stores.
Needs police visibility and deterrent .

In addition, the council needs to invest to improve the centre and reduce council tax on stores to bring in shops and increase footfall.

The groups of Somali or Philippine people should not be allowed to gather on sheep street. They are intimidating to females as you walk past them and it's very uncomfortable. They should be split up. Sheep street is looking disgraceful. I've lived here all my life and it's embarrassing!

Putting the order in place is a good idea but this should involve increased police patrols too

Doesn't feel safe. The seats outside sainsburys are a huge hot-spot for anti social behaviour.

Keep the restrictions in place. Certain areas of parks are seen as pockets of anti social behaviour

We will not allow our 'well behaved' 12 year old daughter into town with her friends due to the anti social behaviours from others. To be honest when she is with me and there have been gangs of ferel kids hanging around, smoking, drinking, being loud, being intimidating and swearing, she gets very frightened. So you can imagine she will not visit town on her own, which in turn restricts her development and social interaction with her peers. I moved here in 1995, and although towns grow...Bicester has become unruly and unmanageable. Any intervention to prevent the anti social aspect would be welcomed and applauded. However, I feel the town has lost it's appeal. The police hands are tied with limitations.

Ultimately, we would just love our town back!!!!

I think it should remain in place as sometimes it can feel very intimidating walking through large crowds of teenagers in the centre by sainsburys and also at the subway in manorsfield rd.all over bicester antisocial behavior seems rampant. We have a right to feel safe in our town and home.

I feel that patrols should be extended to other parks, there are a lot of drinking, drug dealing / taking and boisterous behaviours in Spider Park, Manston Park and Bure Park.

I have not experienced anything personally but have friends that have been affected.

Without continuing protection the town centre will become somewhere where members of the public will not feel safe and continue the demise of the centre.

It seems to have calmed the incidents in the town centre, so would be good to continue

Most of the problems are caused by young teens. There must be something that can be done - it's getting out of hands!

Lots of drunks, lots of fights late at night shop lifting worst it's been in 50 years

I haven't experienced negativity but I know it is there. I don't regularly go out in town in the evening.

People don't feel safe anymore

escooters - a nightmare scenerio. Several times I have almost been knocked over. At least TVP should have one of their members in Sheep Street at times.

Population of Bicester doubled within last few years. There's plenty of antisocial behaviours. And it's messy. People vomiting in the streets. Nothing ever gets washed.



Cyclist should not be allowed to cycle up the main street at sheep Street and where all the restaurants are in sheep Street there are double yellow lines why are council and police not enforcing it by moving them vehicles on and issuing tickets as families walk up across that road
Total waste of time, the law should apply equally in ALL areas.
A more obvious presence of crime-prevention needs to be in place. Either uniforms on the street or advanced CCTV systems that would help deter anti social behaviour.
I don't feel safe being in Bicester town after night fall any more and when schools are out there is definitely an increase in anti social behaviour
As a business owner I'm always disappointed by the fact that the top end of Sheep Street approaching North Street gets forgotten with regard to anything, as if it isn't part of the same town. I would like all protections to be active throughout the town actively. Not just on focused areas despite the map suggesting differently.
Keep things as they are
Cycling down Sheep Street needs to go back to being banned and actually enforced. It is dangerous. Far too many cyclists and e-scooter users don't pay any attention to who is around them or have any respect, they will just go where they want and everyone else has to get out of the way. There are many elderly and disabled in Bicester who could be severely injured if they are knocked over by careless cyclists/e-scooter users. Their use is anti-social and causes alarm and distress as well as being dangerous.
It needs to keep going to make us Bicester residents feel safe
The PSPO is required here end of
I have become very aware of different ethnic minorities hanging around in town in groups and singly which as a women makes me very uncomfortable at night staring at you this never used to be the case in my opinion
Be nice to see the illegal migrants banned from the town centre as they beg on the streets and intimidate people
Space outside Sainsbury's atill has multi group of people causing general disruption
May want to stop people riding bikes and scooters up sheep street before some OAP or child gets hurts. Plus stop people parking in and around the vuv and sainsburys front door. Again some body is going to get hurt
Yes sort out the dickheads! The behaviour should nit be allowed in the first instance by policing ... ha ha just doesn't happen does it!
These powers should already exist within policing legislation, and while the PSPO may make it easier to report, act and enforce, this should be combined with better/continued signposting to appropriate local services (eg for homelessness/support). Criminalising without first offering support is not how a community should work.
It feels safer with police presence in the town and the area.
More action should be taken by Police re illegal use of e-scooters, by confiscating them.
Also I have seen people brazenly shoplifting knowing no action will be taken against them.
Please keep the PSPO Order or renew it as we do not need begging or drinking in Bicester... Especially not when Market Sq is redeveloped.
- We need a youth club: many youths hang around Sainsbury's etc littering - Drunks and druggies hang around on benches, few there's people that beg people. Littering aswell
Too many people cycle around town speeding.
Should include drug taking and smoking cannabis
There are a lot of aggressive, disruptive youth, acting disorderly and targeting the public. There are a lot of heavy drinkers and drug users being openly abusive.
As a woman I feel intimidated by groups of young men hanging around in Bicester especially in the darker months.



Stop the bikes and electric scooter thingsbin sheep street and stop the electric scooters bombing around tge roads in the area. One on a regular basis on the Rodney house roundabout just darting in between cars very quickly. Stop the layabouts hanging around outside Sainsbury's.
It may be most prudent to prohibit groups of youths from congregating near town centres, convenience stores, park or cash machines after 7pm, so as to preserve a sense of public order and reassurance.
Also seen occasional aggressive attempts to sell (possibly illicit) products (phones, etc), and apparent close observation of people going into \ out of banks, and using cash machines.
Also seen a few empty alcohol bottles (and some of these new alcohol things that look like hospital blood transfusion bags), a number of pub glasses, loads of small gas containers and the occasional seringe laying around in and around town centre.
If places were restored (like the Tollgate Seats) and didn't look such a mess, then I don't think people would be inclined to linger and litter these areas.
Nobody seems to be doing anything
Let's keep up the good work
It is intimidating and can be frightening when walking from the bus stops at night and then along Sheep Street.
Town feels very unsafe to be in day and night time.
Drinking and shouting in sheep street. Feel unsafe walking to car parks in the area at night because of this, hence I don't go out for an evening in Bicester anymore.
Pick pocketing has also increased - a number of friends have had purse or phones stolen from bags or pockets in sheep street / market square.
I think it is important, I was approached by a drunk man whilst waiting at the bus stop and I felt intimidated and unsafe. I am female and petite, this man kept trying to engage me in conversation when I clearly did not want his attention.
Area outside of sainsburys / b&m always has drinking and groups of intimidating people hanging out, it puts me off going into town all together. With Sainsburys car park being most convenient its the first thing you see and it pretty much blocks me from going further as dont feel comfortable going past them
Multiple occasions people I know have been verbally and physically attacked on nights out in Bicester.
The area around Sainsbury's is intimidating.
I'm not sure what the PSPO entails, but the town is dirty, unpleasant and full of drunks.
With regards to young people hanging around, there are very few places in Bicester for them to hang out. The town needs more youth clubs, activities and spaces to be teenagers. With nine if this, ganging out and getting in to mischief in the town centre is inevitable. The area outside Sainsburys is esoecually atteactive fir begging, drunks and hanging out.
Stop the cyclists, those I have seen are arrogant thinking they have right of way over pedestrians.
I've seen occasional begging, but I wouldn't call it aggressive. The same for drinking in the street. I am rarely in the town centre after nightfall. The existing PSPO seems to be working so it looks like there is a good case for it to be extended.
I had an incident where someone brought a pitbull for a walk there and I, having a kid with me, tried to avoid the dog. The lady noticed and shouted "there is nothing wrong with the dog, geez" the dog didnt have muzzle on. Then a group of guys saw the incident and started barking at me. This happened in the alley in front of sainsbury on the way to costa. Im asian
there are men drinking alcohol on the bench outside Pheonix Vapers LTD almost every day
People stealing from shops almost on a weekly basis, people sitting outside phoenix and the butchers drinking alcohol and being aggressive.
Kids bunching up trying to buy vapes and asking members of the public to buy it for them when stores refuse.
Council need to do more and listen to the people



We need to keep this in place although still happening throughout the day. Especially aggressive begging makes you feel vulnerable as an elderly person .
Town often feels unsafe and areas around town
Money would be better spent on more community safety officers and pcso's
I am a woman and scared to go out in Bicester alone. There are a lot of teens who act in a threatening way - last summer my husband and I were walking home from town around midday and a group of teens started swearing at us and threatened to beat us up. Garth park is just a place for teens to smoke weed - I would not take my children there. There are lots of people who just hang around the town drinking - I would never go there at night.
We need to keep the streets as safe as possible, We still get a number of teenagers who feel it's ok to try and look intimidating, drinking and hanging around , the car park at Sainsbury's seems to be a hanging outplacement for young people with cars
In terms of other forms of ASB, I would like CDC and TVP to continue to pursue illegal use of e-scooters ridden across the town.
Groups of men of differing nationalities hanging around streets, riding bikes in pedestrian areas, all very intimidating during day or evening
The more powers to tackle ASB the better.
Where can people without a place to stay be during the day, PSPO only works if the right support is given across all agencies.
This is an essential requirement to ensure families and residents of Bicester continue to use the town centre. There has been a significant rise in antisocial behaviour over the past few years and this should not become the norm for what is a beautiful old market town. Zero tolerance results in the a safe and successful community.
This needs to be renewed and also the police should enforce this more
We need to see a police presence on the Southwold estate, to address the number of people who are regularly dealing and smoking dubious substances in the more heavily wooded areas close to the main park.
From what I can gather. These beggars are not homeless but organised gangs
Whilst I have witness very little personally this is because I avoid Bicester town centre after 5pm because of the known issues and therefore fear for my safety. Businesses must be losing trade because of this.
The excess of graffiti and damage to public spaces brings the character of our town into disrepute.
More pressure needs to be applied to Sainsburys and the car park owners to tackle the vile state of the stairwells. More police visibility in to challenge the intimidating behaviour by a significant minority of teens in these spaces.
I have felt intimidated at times walking around town. With gangs of youths hanging around shop entrances and the seats outside sainsbury's and crown walk. They are drinking and taking drugs. Abusive to passers-by. Throwing things of sainsbury's car park roof just avoiding hitting the general public. I witnessed a bottle just missing a push chair. I helped a young woman walk out of sainsbury's as she felt intimidated by a gang.
Issues with ASB, linked to young people hanging arround the town centre. Largely unmanaged and at times their behaviour can be threatening.
Just keep them in place
Garth park needs be seriously addressed. I live VERY close to Garth to the point the smell of weed can be smelt in my garden.
The drinking and late night anti social behaviour in the summer is out of hand and needs dealing with.
The last thing is the music, users at the skate parks with speakers so powerful bass is heard in our home.
All of the above need some serious intervention from the local authorities.



I think bicester needs its town centre patrolling in the evening. Cyclists need to observe the no cycling sign in sheep street on a Friday. Bins need putting in Hudson street open field.
Aggressive drivers in 'pop-bang' cars showing-off in Market Square needs to be tamed.
I live just outside Bicester so use Bicester. I want to feel safe when visiting for shopping, banking etc. Bicester is a great little town we need to keep it that way.
I think that the order should stay in place to protect the people working early mornings in the town centre
Should be extended
Life in Bicester became a nightmare.
Business such as tree cutting or roof replacements have been quite constantly harassing some including myself on our street and have been rude when they were told no
There seems to be lots of teenagers grouping in the town centre. However I feel there is nothing for them to do. The courtyard used to be open in the evenings.
I feel they should be renewed
Not sure if it falls under this regulation, but littering and cycling through sheep be needs to be monitored.
CDC needs to look at the local business (barbers, cake shop) as may youth hang about I there displaying suspicious behaviour. In and out via back or side entrances, meeting cars, sitting around without purchasing or using their services. Drug dealing
I do not feel safe walking through the town centre even in daytime. I certainly wouldn't do so at night. It has become a very uncomfortable place to be with too many undesirable people hanging around.
The PSPO should be kept in place so that it continues to make Bicester feel a safe place to live and visit
Bicester is rapidly growing. So on this basis alone our town especially the centre needs protecting. My husband and his friend were seriously assaulted just over a month ago by teenagers. Sadly Bicester town centre does have a problem with unruly youngsters and drugs too. We as residents should be able to walk through our town with feeling unsafe.
From time to time young people hangout on the steps of Sainsbury car park drinking alcohol and harassing individuals.
Disperse youths gathering. I've been involved in asbo behaviour on a legal level up in Manchester. Sadly I fear the teens are ruling the police
More visible police presence would be good. Seems to be more youngsters looking for trouble sadly. Perhaps more cctv coverage and signs would be a deterrent? Thanks to all police officers in our town.
Do not feel safe shopping in town due to behaviour of youths the disgraceful language from them roudy vandalism risk of items being chucked at you them drinking alcohol near Sainsbury's or subway where they have either stolen it from b&m or been served it in the convenience store near subway and newest bank they are always selling teenagers alcohol cigarettes vapes and also been seen selling them narcotics Drunks from the penny black and white heart also make you uncomfortable the begging con group is also a problem feel very vulnerable and unsafe
It could be extended to include bridge from Manorsfield Road to Hunt Close and the green behind houses in Hunt Close to possibly deter tents in the future.
Drinking and smoking weed is a big problem in the town centre
We need it