

Appendix 2.

Summary Report of Consultation for Introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order in Banbury (PSPo) Survey 2024

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Responses to this survey: **423**

This is a preliminary release summary report, with full comments added at Appendix 1, further analysis will be provided at a later date with further details, at Appendix 2 with overall conclusion analysis)

This activity was concluded at the time of this report. Data, for the purpose of this summary, is divided into each question, sessions or runs. As such it will accurately reflect the correct distribution of responses, and reflection of analysis status for each item in this summary report.

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

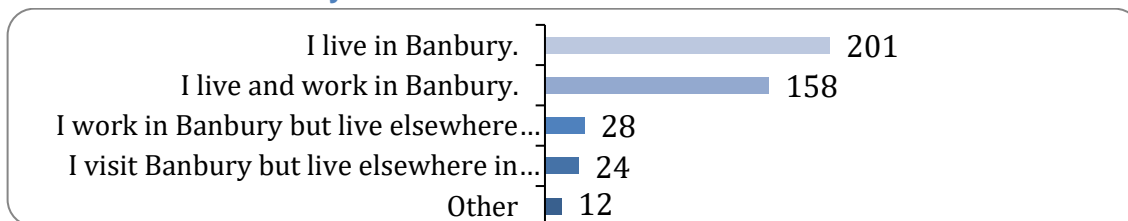
Also, in questions querying satisfaction, where ‘the middle figure’ – was selected by respondents (participants) as the level of satisfaction, such entries will be considered part of the positive outset view instead of a neutral one, as it shows satisfaction, nonetheless.

Taking that the number of responses to this survey was: **423 (according to our survey system)**, responses are explained as follows.

In summary:

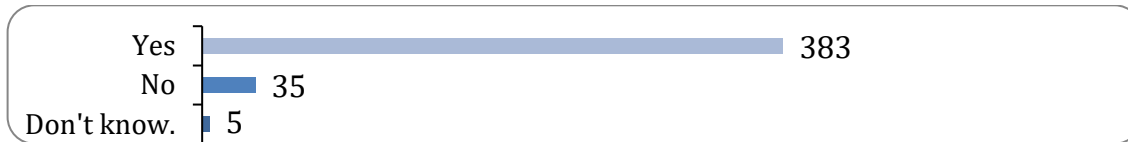
This survey accumulated 423 valid entries, resulting in a 100% level of participation, meaning at the time this survey was closed no response has been invalid or not considered. Appendices will be presented to cover details of this survey, such as comments and numerical data retrieved, which you will find at the end of this survey.

1: Please tell us where you live?



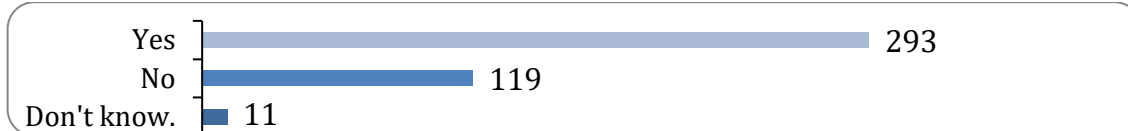
Out of the 423 respondents, over 47% confirmed living, and over 37% living and working in Banbury, accounting for just shy of 85% of the sample (number of participants) of this survey.

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



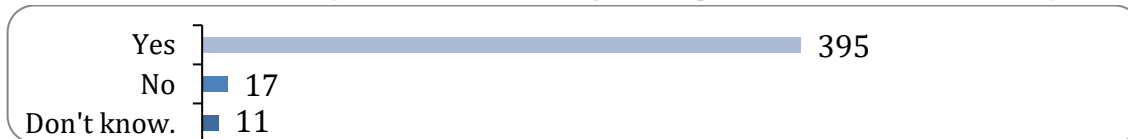
Close to 91% of respondents confirmed they witnessed one or more aspects of antisocial behaviour within the last 12 months, in Banbury. Aspects of those occurrences are contained in the comments. Something that we will disclose in more detail at appendices, however, need scrutiny by the service for understanding of the issues raised by the public.

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



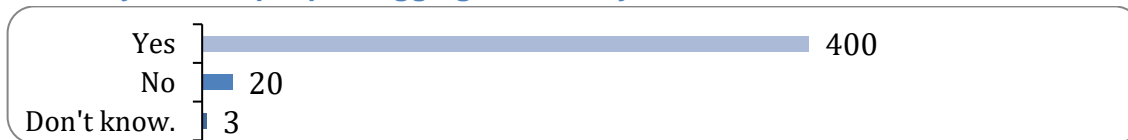
Over 69% of respondents confirmed that the event or events affected them negatively.

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



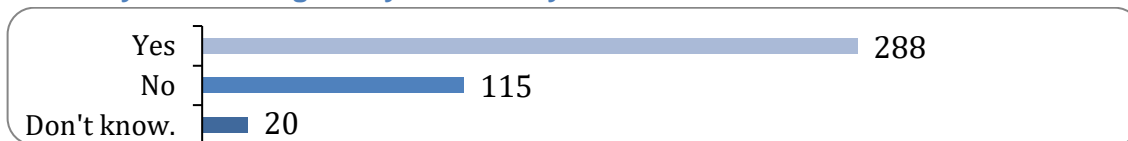
Reiterating the just over 93% position of respondents that 'prohibiting' such occurrences via Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) is an action CDC should seek to consider and achieve. Aspects of the form and range for action must be verified by the service, through comments of how this 'prohibition' can be better enforced and achieved.

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



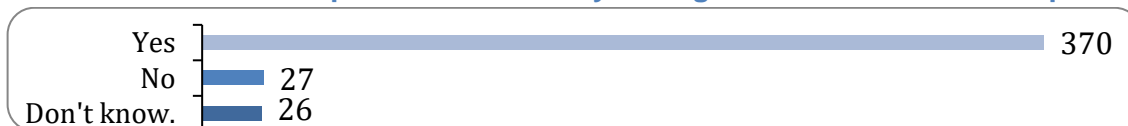
Nearly 95% of respondents confirmed they have witnessed begging occurring in Banbury.

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



68% confirmed that begging did affect them in some way, with details contained in comments, which will be part of a separate document (Appendix 2) with full comprehensive analysis disclosed for the service to review and consider.

7: Should CDC seek to prohibit this activity through a town centre Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)?



Over 87% of respondents disclosed that 'prohibiting' such occurrences via Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) is an action CDC should seek to consider and achieve, however, details will be presented at a later date (Appendix 2).

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



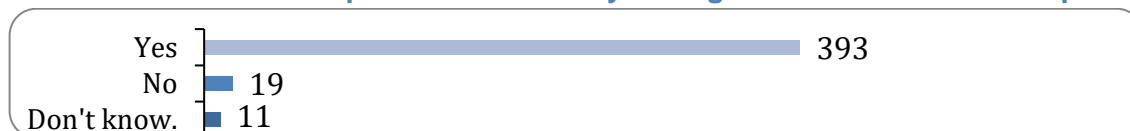
92% of respondents confirmed that Anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking has affected them, in some way. Details also will be presented at a later date.

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



Over 74% of respondents confirmed that begging affected them, in some way. Details also will be presented at a later date.

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



Over 93% of respondents confirmed that ‘prohibiting’ such occurrences via Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) is an action CDC should seek to consider and achieve, however, suggestions have been made within the comments which will be comprehensively presented for better scrutiny at a later date.

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

Overall, this survey registered 380 valid comments, of which, considerations will be given to you in further detail at Appendix 2 (as mentioned released at a later date), however, comments in full are available at Appendix 1, below.

Points to consider:

Considering the numerical data, at this stage, we can confirm that respondents were happy to disclose they witnessed one or more occurrences of anti-social behaviour and have been affected by such occurrences in Banbury town and other areas.

A strong sense of distress and concern was noted in comments, not only on how such anti-social behaviour affected respondents’ everyday lives, but also about how safe they considered Banbury; to visit, shop, work or engage in any other activities, either alone or with their families, especially, in cases of women and girls venturing through town alone or children on their own or accompanying their families.

Comments also mentioned occurrences where respondents also witnessed criminal activities. Such entries will be reviewed in depth to offer a comprehensive and compliant to regulations analysis of which must be considered and reviewed, and may the case arise, be investigated by services, determining how to address those in an appropriate way.

As, respondents have been very specific disclosing places and areas of occurrences, and types of anti-social behaviour most commonly witnessed and in what way each affected them, a further detailed analysis will follow (at Appendix 2), at a later date to supplement this document. Please refer to Appendices for further information.

In conclusion,

The overall respondents' view is that PSPO is a welcomed action to help anti-social behaviour in Banbury and should be put in place. However, services must preliminary also consider:

1. Anti-social behaviour in Banbury is preventing people to enjoy parts of Banbury, may it be shopping, visiting, working or recommending to others to visit, in such a way that respondents evaluate whether to consider going to such places at all.
2. There has been mention of criminal activities accompanying these recorded anti-social behaviours, which must be further investigated and addressed by the service, those details can be found at comments (Appendix 1), however, further analysis will be offered to aid services.
3. Specific areas were repeatedly mentioned as 'hot spots' of anti-social behaviour. Detailed analysis of this information will be further data checked to present a visual picture to aid services (Appendix 2, available at a later date).

In conclusion, Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) are welcomed and necessary, as respondents confirmed, however, its actions, zones and other protective and/or preventive actions must be considered, based on the wealth of information offered by respondents to address subjects raised in order to improve such action.

Conclusion comparison – comments and data.

Although, there is no doubt respondents are happy and welcoming PSPO actions within Banbury, a further study must be taken to define and acknowledge what are the points where ASB escalates to the point of criminality, or what criminal behaviours aid ASB behaviour.

Points 1, 2 and 3 related to the conclusion are confirmed and reiterate the need for a more detailed search for information which can allow the service to identify different pathways to address and prevent ASB and even reduce criminality, if that is the aim.

Overall Conclusion

And although, Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) are welcomed actions and a necessary overall view, there is much more detail searching or studying to be done, to be added to this survey in order to map, identify areas, project action plans and draft strategies, in a more effective way, which were not covered within this exercise. Something services will have to question, evaluate and act upon.

