

Beaches
Camping on beaches and Anti-social
behaviour related PSPOs 2022
Consultation Response Report

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Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 2022

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What was the consultation about?	The purpose of this survey is for Dorset residents to tell us what they think about our Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022
What did we need to find out	The purpose of the consultation was to allow Dorset Council residents to tell us what they think about our Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022, and whether they support or have concerns about the individual proposals.
Over what period did the consultation run?	The consultation period ran from 18 th November 2021 to midnight on 13 th January 2022
What consultation methods were used?	The consultation involved an online and paper consultation survey. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey. This included free text sections for people to add any other comments. • Paper surveys available from Dorset Council libraries and upon request.
How many responses were received overall?	285 overall responses were received. 76.5% of respondents identified themselves as residents of the Dorset Council area, 17.2% as residents of elsewhere, 3.2% as either a private business; Public Sector organisation or third sector organisation and 2.8% as a Councillor / Politician
How representative is the response to the wider population?	The response size is good for a council consultation of this type. As this was an open survey it is not possible to define a statistically valid sample size. The response from residents was reasonably representative of the Dorset population. 56.7% of respondents were aged 55 or over with the declared male to female split 48.9% to 45.8%. 84.8% declared their ethnic group as white British which are all reasonably representative of the Dorset population with 5.4% declaring a disability, compared to a Dorset figure of 5% based on those claiming either Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payments or Attendance Allowance.
Where will the results be published?	Results will be published on the council's website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
How will the results be used?	The feedback will be used to help shape the final Dorset Public Space Protection Orders decided by Dorset Council elected members.
Who has produced this report?	Consultation and Engagement team, Dorset Council, February 2022

Executive Summary

- i) **Background/Introduction** – The Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2022 (Draft) is a new Order which is intended to tackle issues of Anti-social Behaviour arising from camping on beaches in several locations including Chesil Beach, Weymouth Beach and Lulworth. The summer of 2020 saw a significant increase in the number of people camping on Dorset's beaches, which continued into the summer season of 2021. The draft Order seeks to address the issues experienced over the last two summers which has given rise to a large increase in nuisance complaints, damage to property, accumulation of rubbish and human waste and destruction of natural habitat. The additional Order has been prepared in consultation with the various landowners and town and parish councils affected including Lulworth Estates, Weymouth Town Council, Ilchester Estates and the National Trust. The draft Order would make it an offence to camp on designated land without the permission of the landowner

Respondents – 285 overall responses were received. 76.5% of respondents identified themselves as residents of the Dorset Council area, 17.2% as residents of elsewhere, 3.2% as either a private business; Public Sector organisation or third sector organisation and 2.8% as a Councillor / Politician. 5.4% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 14 people (slightly above average of 5% for disabled Dorset residents)

- ii) **Camping on beaches**
67.7% of respondents supported the proposals relating to camping on beaches. They did so largely as they felt it had a negative impact on the natural environment. They also felt strongly that it causes a nuisance, public disorder or antisocial behaviour (88.1%). 153 people had concerns about the proposals with 56.5% of these stating they were too draconian. 99 people added further comments with 44 of these believing camping on beaches creates litter / animal and human faeces and anti-social behaviour, however 14 made comment that wild / camping / hiking should be allowed to camp if they leave no trace.

Anti-social behaviour on beaches

77.2% of respondents supported the proposals relating to anti-social behaviour on beaches. They did so largely as they felt the anti-social behaviour is a constant issue and 62.2% of people felt fearful and avoid some areas. 59% felt the proposals were too draconian / petty and 29.5% don't agree that it should be included at all. 49 people made further comments with 9 people raising concerns about how the anti-social behaviour will be enforced and by whom and 6 felt there is currently enough legislation that needs to be enforced by the Police / Council.

- iii) There were lots of comments made specifically in reference to the increased amount of wild camping at West Bexington since the start of the pandemic

which has directly increased the amount of rubbish and faeces (dog and human) left on the beaches. Also in both sections of the survey several comments were made about certain beaches / areas that were not included in the survey, most notable of these were the Purbeck beaches such as Swanage and Studland where residents believe there are issues with camping on beaches and anti-social behaviour.

Background

The consultation explained:

This purpose of this survey is for you to tell us what you think about our Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022

The Consultation

The consultation period ran from 18th November 2021 to midnight on 13th January 2022.

Very few questions were compulsory. A copy of the survey is available in the appendix.

Analysis Method

Questions were considered on an individual basis. Overall responses were examined, and specific responses of respondents were looked at, including those who said they had a disability. The organisational responses were looked at separately. The main method of analysis was looking at the percentage of respondents who expressed a view on each question.

For each open question the text comments have been studied and “coded” depending on what issues were raised. The coded comments are then reported on based on the number of times those individual issues have been raised. Total redacted comments are provided in an appendix. Note: some figures may not sum due to rounding.

Response Method

Overall, 285 responses were received: 280 via the online survey and 5 paper copies.

About respondents

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Q: Are you completing this survey as:

76.5% of respondents identified themselves as residents of the Dorset Council area, 17.2% as residents of elsewhere, 3.2% as either a private business; Public Sector organisation or third sector organisation and 2.8% as a Councillor / Politician

	% of all respondents	Number
Resident of Dorset	76.5	218
Resident of elsewhere	17.2	49
Private business	1.4	4
Public sector organisation (local council, health organisation etc)	1.1	3
Third sector organisation (voluntary groups, community groups, charities)	0.7	2
Councillor/politician	2.8	8
Other	0.4	1

Other identified themselves as a Tourist.

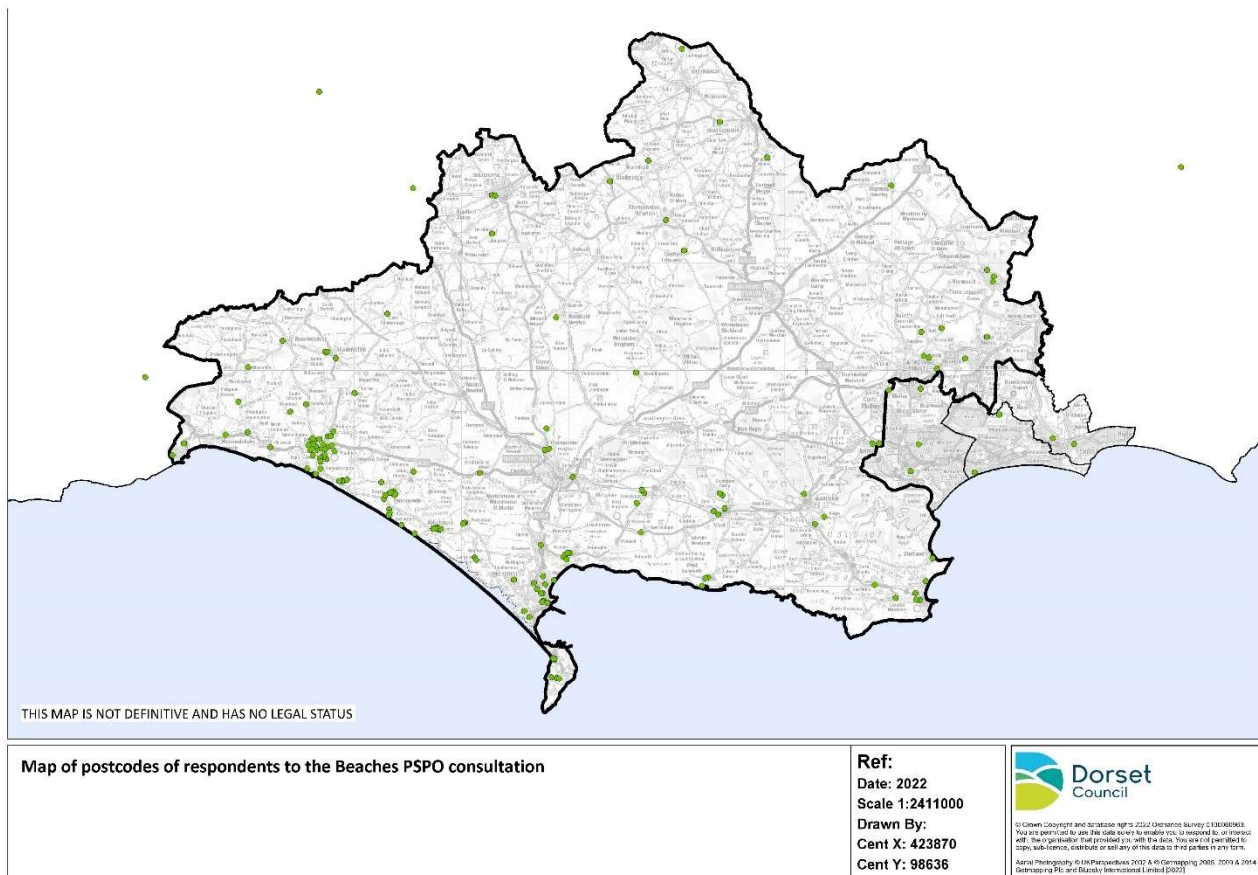
Q: Any organisations/businesses.

4 respondents stated that they were an organisation/business. These are shown in the table below. Where one of the responses was an 'official' response, this is indicated

	No.	Official Response
Little Beach House	1	Y
SEAWEST	1	Y
Undeclared business name	1	N
Chesil Watch	1	Y

Maps of responses to the consultation

Postcodes were supplied by 262 respondents with the majority of those living in the Dorset Council area. The map shows the distribution of overall responses to the consultation.



The consultation will consider the following sections:

- Section 1 – Unauthorised Camping on beaches
- Section 2 – Anti-social behaviour

Out of Format Response – with wider impact

Liberty, The National Council for Civil Liberties have provided a comprehensive response. In summary they say “The proposed PSPOs in Dorset are not only potentially unlawful and unreasonable; they also constitute a disproportionate interference with basic rights, including people’s right to inherent human dignity. We urge you to think again.”

They go on to say

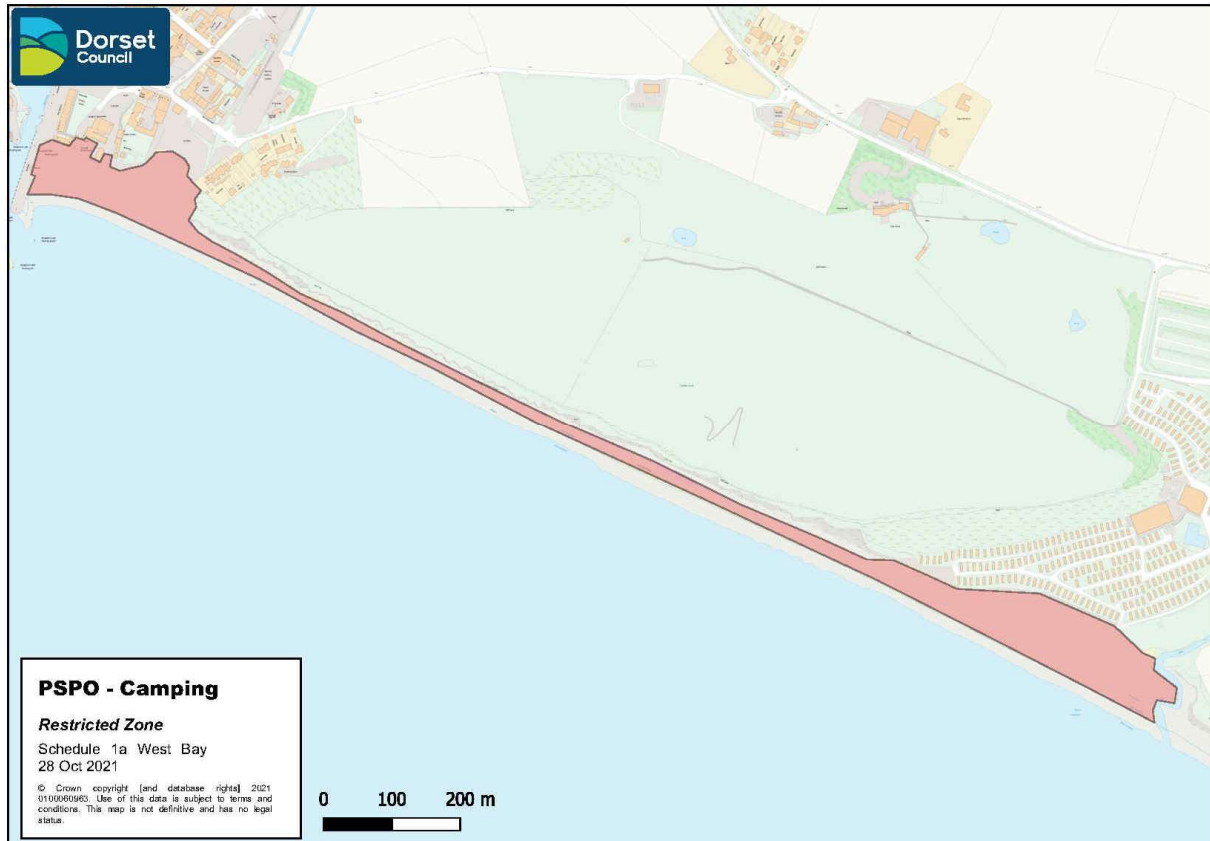
“We note that in seven of the eight PSPOs the Council proposes to include prohibitions categorised as what it alleges to be ‘anti-social behaviour’. These prohibitions are unreasonable; they target vulnerable individuals and unduly restrict civil liberties. They raise concerns about:

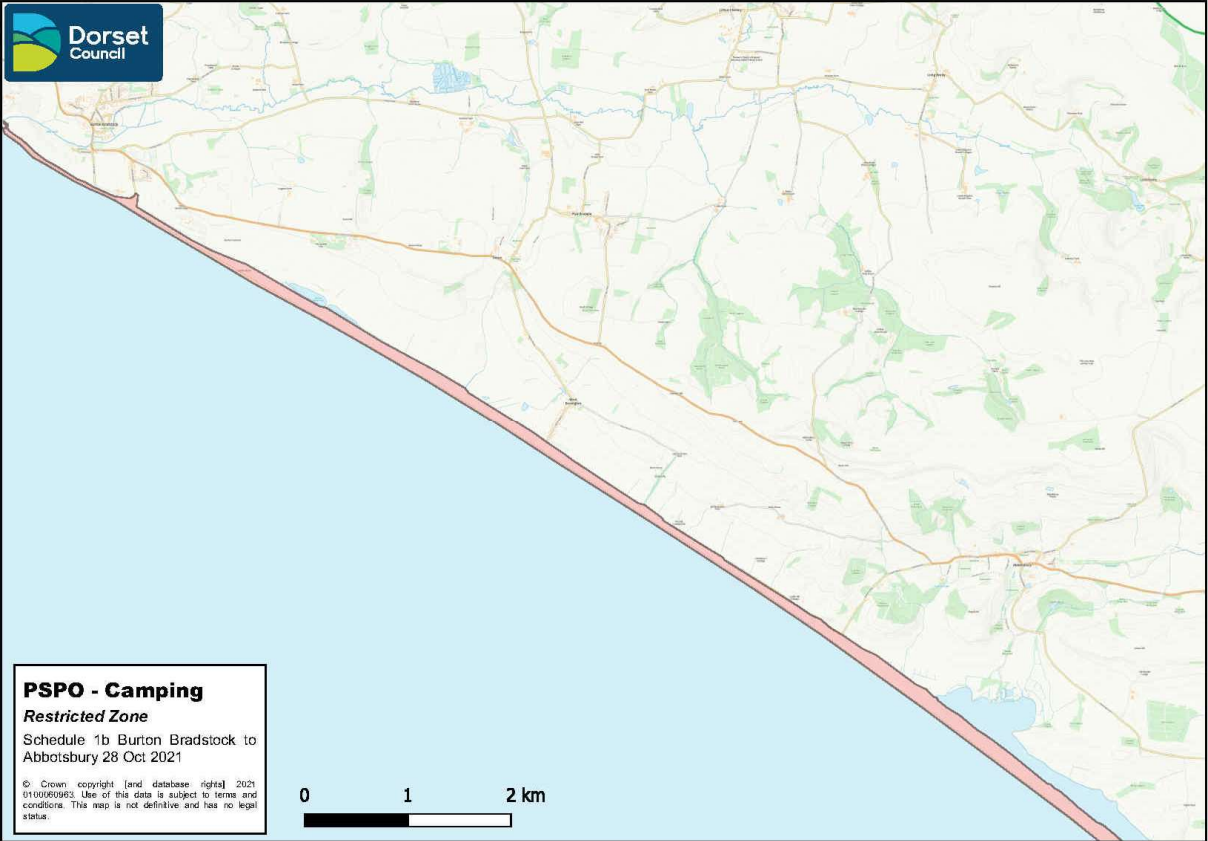
- Evidence (including Equality Impact Assessments)
- General Concerns (particularly effect on people in poverty)
- Anti-social behaviour (concerns over wording and meaning)
- Camping (effect on various groups/individuals particularly homeless people/Gypsies and Travelers and Right to Protest)

They are also concerned with the prohibition against tents and other temporary structures contained in **the draft Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 2022**

The full details will be reviewed separately by the Community Safety Team.

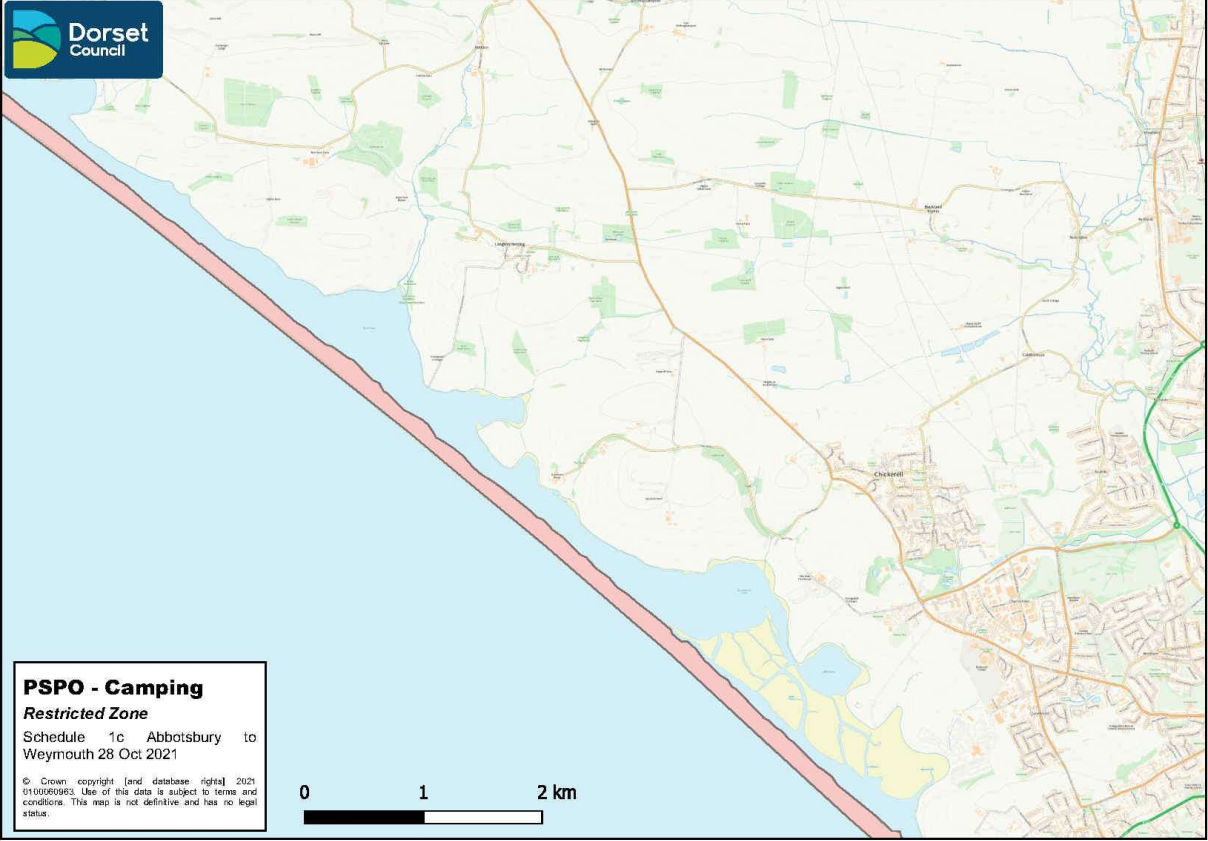
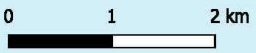
Maps of proposals





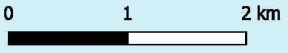
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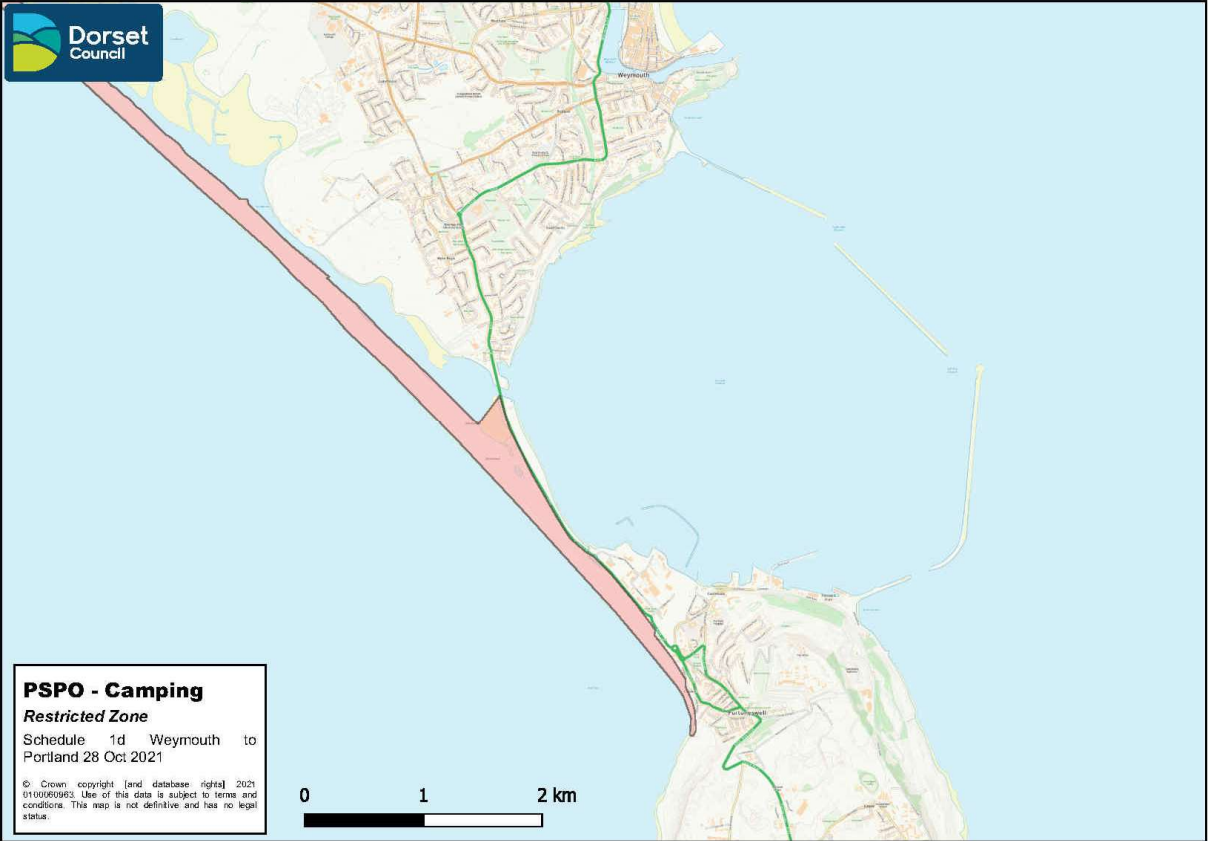
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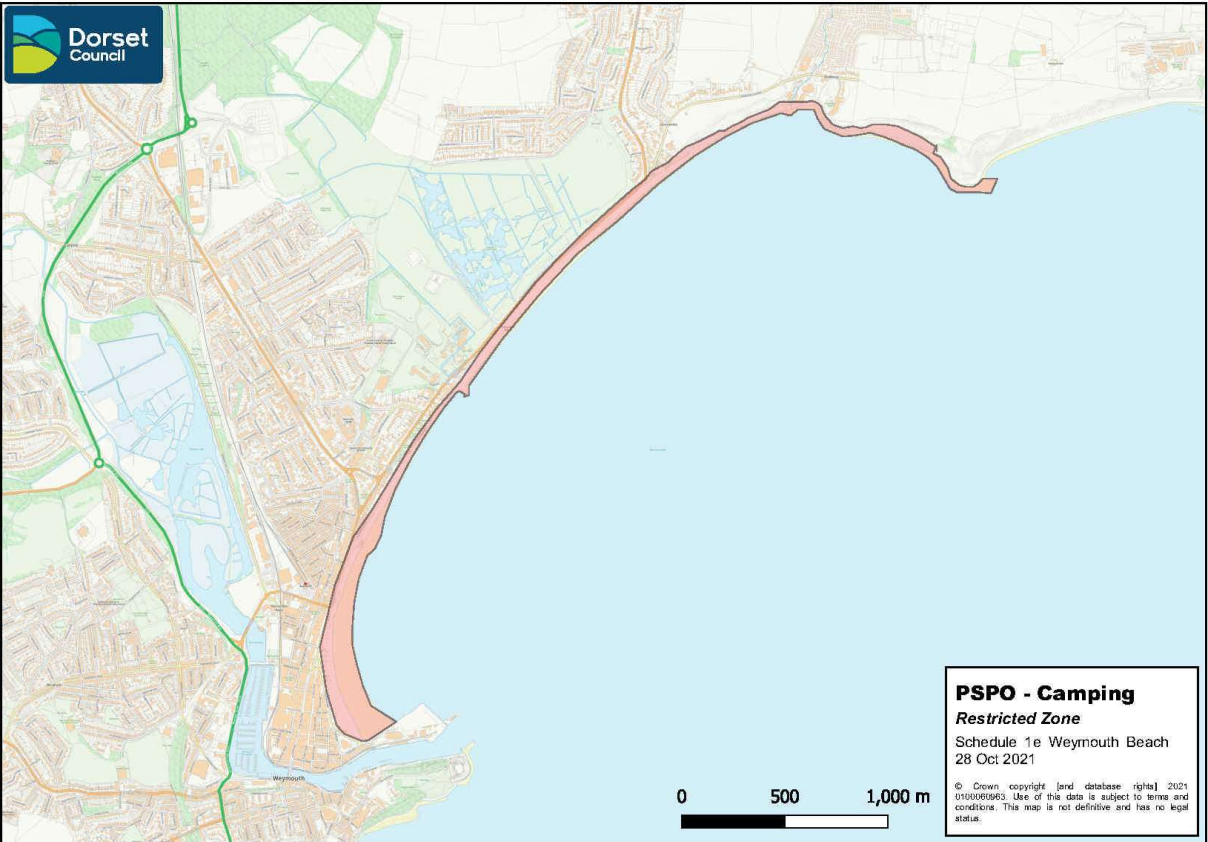
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Section 1 – Unauthorised Camping on beaches

It is proposed in the order that “No person shall erect a tent, gazebo, marquee or other temporary structure that is designed or intended to provide shelter or accommodation within the controlled zone without the express written permission of the landowner...”

See the maps showing the controlled Zones

Map a West Bay

Map b Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury

Map c Abbotsbury to Weymouth

Map d Weymouth to Portland

Map e Weymouth Beach

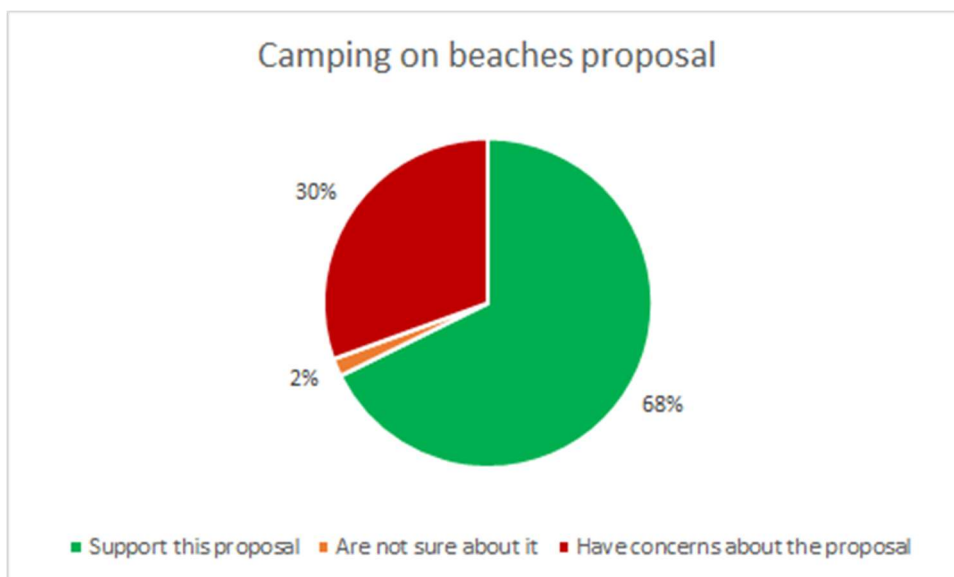
Map f Lulworth Beaches

Exemption: The prohibition contained within this order does not apply to groups of a maximum one person who are conducting bona-fide fishing activities on the beach utilising a maximum of 3-sided structure or with express written permission of the landowner.

Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 67.7% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals. 30.5% have concerns about the proposal and 1.8% are not sure.

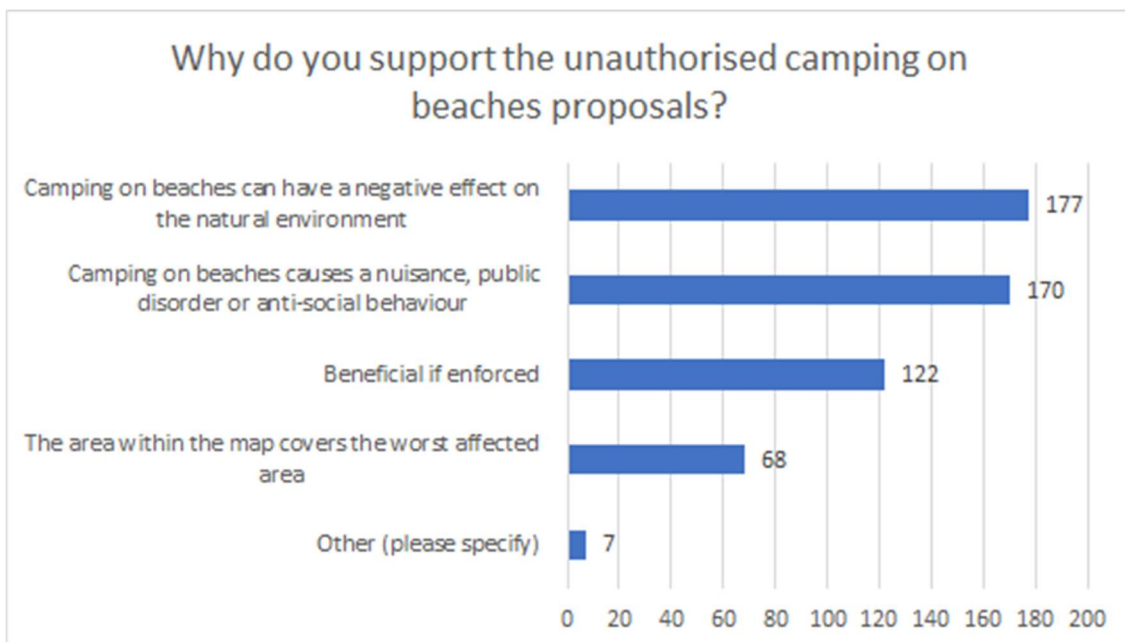
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	67.7	193
Are not sure about it	1.8	5
Have concerns about the proposal	30.5	87



Why do you support the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals?

Respondents could select multiple responses to this question. Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt camping on beaches can have a negative effect on the natural environment (91.7%). They also strongly felt camping on the beaches causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour (88.1%). Just under two thirds felt the proposals would be beneficial if enforced (63.2%).

	% of all respondents	Number
Camping on beaches can have a negative effect on the natural environment	91.7	177
Camping on beaches causes a nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour	88.1	170
The area within the map covers the worst affected area	35.2	68
Beneficial if enforced	63.2	122
Other (please specify)	3.6	7

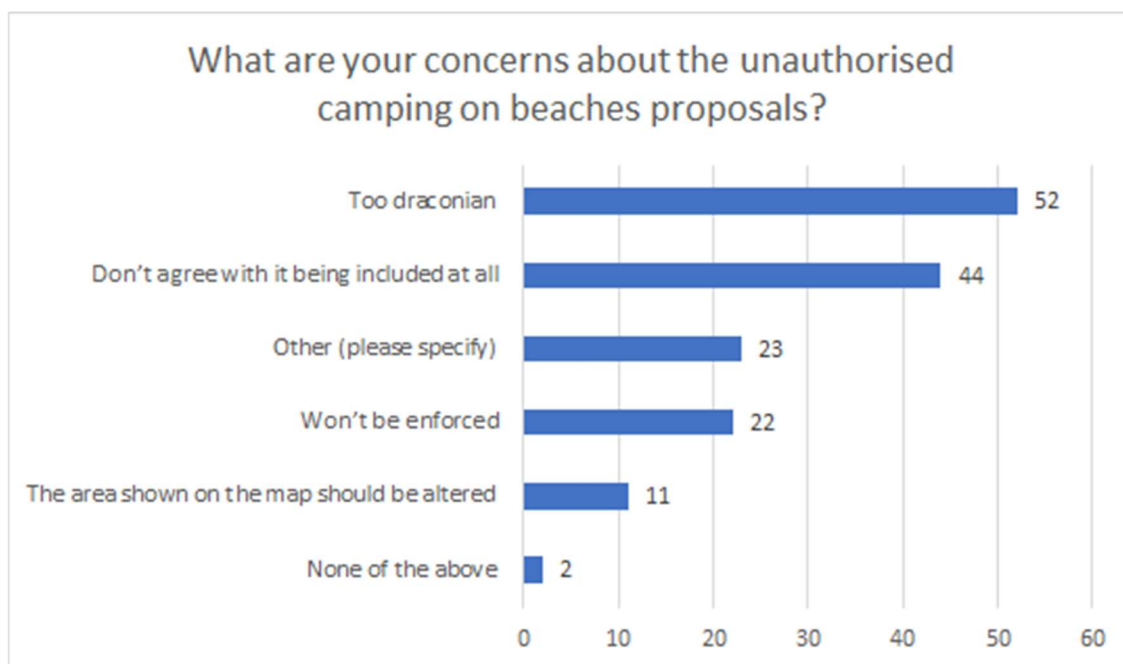


What are your concerns the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals? (if concerns or not sure)

Respondents could select multiple answers for this question. 92 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. Of these

56.5% felt that they were too draconian and 47.8% don't agree with it being included at all. A quarter felt that the proposals will not be enforced (23.9%). 23 respondents gave 'other' reasons which are reported in the table below.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	47.8	44
The area shown on the map should be altered	12.0	11
Won't be enforced	23.9	22
Too draconian	56.5	52
None of the above	2.2	2
Other (please specify)	25.0	23



Other reasons

Level of support	Comment
Have concerns	As written, this could impact families who use tents to change in or provide shelter from the elements when visiting the town. The text should be explicit in the activity being targeted. I'm assuming this is camping overnight or for a number of days.
Have concerns	Too restrictive
Not sure	I think preventing people from enjoying the natural environment is not good. The issue with camping is the litter and the noise. If you flip the proposal and make certain areas where people can camp but have to

	abide by rules and make it a commercial venture to ensure there is money for patrolling or wardens, then you will get the best of both worlds. Also, you need to include other campaigns and messaging in your proposal such as litter free coast and sea and any campaigns that run to educate and empower people to respect, protect and enjoy the environment.
Have concerns	Neither of my shelters designed and marketed as fishing shelters would comply to the new rules as they have doors that close creating 4 sides. I look as if very little research has gone into the shelters used for fishing and just assumed light weight summer shelters are used all year round.
Have concerns	See my concerns about the definition of the Exemption for fishing below. To inform your reading it might help to know that for some years, we have both been in receipt of our state pensions
Have concerns	Size of group? I often fish along chesil beach with less able people, and in order to make this activity comfortable for them we share shelters, the proposed group size of 1 will effectively be a breach of disability discrimination regulations. Let alone human rights.
Have concerns	What about day visitors who erect a temporary gazebo / small tent as shelter from the sun for the day. I have seen this a lot, indeed have done so myself, on all our local beaches and there is no problem.
Have concerns	How can you have a group of 1?
Have concerns	Too restrictive Against all safety recommendations
Have concerns	This suggested new rule misses the point completely
Have concerns	Are you talking about night-time or at any time? I am against camping overnight, but I would not want to stop daytime use of mini tents/gazebos etc for visitors to the beach.
Have concerns	This rules out sun protection shelters. As a mum, when the kids were young, I wanted a shaded area for them to sleep / rest and play on the beach.
Have concerns	Is there any particular reason to limit each fisherman's windbreak to one person? I'm not a fisherman but I think I've seen these being used by more than one person. Would these regulations prohibit a family spending an afternoon on the beach erecting a windbreak?
Have concerns	What about the structures which are intended to offer protection from strong sunshine, usually to protect small children but also anyone needing to get out of the sun? Some of these structures either are tents, or else look very like tents. I am concerned that over-zealous policing of the new policy might result in more people suffering harmful skin damage.
Have concerns	Although there is an exemption for single anglers with three-sided beach shelters most beach shelters designed for angling are capable of having the front shut. The exemption should not prohibit shelters capable of being closed as many anglers will not have these. Perhaps the wording should be only in shelters with one side open.
Have concerns	Legitimate and well-behaved wild campers are penalised for the actions of a few inconsiderate individuals.
Have concerns	Shelter is way too broad a word. Your exemption for single persons - fishermen etc makes it even more specific that this applies to any more than single. So, what about the couple / family with a windbreak / sunshade for a baby etc. both are shelters used by groups of more than one person.
Have concerns	proposals could be to have a set area where people can camp maybe for a small donation/fee but not an outright ban as it will infringe on people's way of life if they choose to live in tents against human rights
Have concerns	I feel it is important to allow people to camp in places where there doing so does not cause environmental harm.
Not sure	Think "overnight" should be included as during daytime little tents are used against wind or sun.

If you feel the need, please expand on your answer for all support or concerns

99 people further commented on their responses, this has been coded and reported in the table below. The comments are available verbatim in Appendix 1.

Comment	Frequency
Creates litter/animal & human faeces/anti-social behaviour	44
Campers / wild campers / hikers should be allowed to camp along the beaches if they are respectful and leave no trace	14
Concerns about impact on conservation areas and remote beaches with public safety regarding rock falls and fires	7
Should have included other beach areas Swanage, Purbeck and Studland (5). Should have included Bowlease to Overcombe and Ringsted (2)	7
Order should include motorhomes and beach carparks	5
Option to have an overnight camping and or fishing license for zones and for some small groups from Council / landowner	5
Shouldn't apply to fisherman at all for 3 or 4 sided tents	4
Overnight fishing tents should be more than 1 person if family / with children	3
Leave Council facilities such as car parks / toilets open overnight, Council to provide more bins / toilets	3
Current legislation is enough to enforce, doesn't require more orders	3
Shouldn't include day tents / sun shelters for children / pets	2
Order on tents 3 sided or other should apply to fisherman	2

Parish and Town Council responses

Two parish councils and one town council responded. Both **Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council** and **Chesil Bank Parish Council** supported the proposals. Chesil Bank felt the Fleet Lagoon should be included as well.

Portland Town Council have concerns about the proposal and say "We have concerns that a lack of resources will result in non-enforcement of this order. Portland is a windy place and many people erect wind shelters without causing any sort of nuisance and councillors would not wish for impingement on peaceable enjoyment by residents or visitors on what is a world-famous beauty spot. We do not see any harm in small groups of people with a wind shelter enjoying this venue together as long as they are not causing nuisance or distress to others. We would question the wording of the order - is it useful to use terminology that the order does not apply to 'groups of one person'. By definition that is not a group. Is draconian the right word for a public consultation?"

Other Organisational Responses

National Trust - North & West Dorset Portfolio said they felt the areas on the maps should be extended. They said “Map b Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury - as per previous comment, please extend this area to cover ALL of the Hive Beach car park (hard standing and grass overflow areas) Could you clarify if overnight parking, without landowner permission would classify as anti-social behaviour?”

Hive, Beach, Stonebarrow and Ringstead Bay National Trust car parks are often places where illegal parties, and unauthorised camping & overnighting in vehicles takes place overnight. This already takes up considerable police time on an annual basis, as well as causing damage to sites through defecation, wildfires and disposal of rubbish. The number of issues are increasing annually and given the popularity of campervans since the Pandemic, we expect issues to rise considerably. Many of these sites are Sites of Scientific Special Interest, or very close to, so the risk to both other visitors and wildlife is considerable. Whilst the orders and maps proposed go some way to help in some areas - excluding overnight parking without permission, and not extending this to other affected car parking areas will be a missed opportunity to help protect these special sites, and help look after the needs of local residents.

Out of Format Responses

The National Trust said a PSPO “would be of great interest for Studland Beach and it is an unfortunate oversight that we were missed off the original list. The National Trust would definitely like Studland Beach to be considered as an area that would benefit from such an order for the following reasons;

- Studland Beach comprises 4 miles of beach and is visited by approx. 1.5 million visitors per year. It is one of the busiest National Trust open spaces in the country and on a busy summer day over 25,000 people visit.
- The rural landscape compared to neighbouring resort beaches make it a very attractive visit and over the last 2 summers in particular a new audience and visitor segment has ‘found’ the beach.
- The topography of the beach makes it inviting for people to ‘escape’ and hide away in the dunes out of sight. This causes issues with overnight camping and fires as well as antisocial behaviour including littering and sexual activity.
- The National Trust employ staff to patrol the beaches and create a welcoming and safe environment for all. However staffing resources are limited by numbers and hours of operation. Unfortunately National Trust Byelaws are antiquated and weak in dealing with anti-social behaviour issues with a maximum fine of £5.
- During the peak summer period the National Trust employ a security guard contractor to patrol the beach and assist with ‘policing’ anti-social behaviour. The ‘Community rangers’ are a great asset as they also patrol after NT staff have left the site at night. They could act as authorised officers under this order particularly in dealing with overnight campers and vehicles.
- For over 10 years a Studland Beach Users Action group (SBUAG) has been in operation. This is a forum for the NT, emergency services, local businesses, parish council and interested parties including naturist groups to discuss and

problem solve. Many of the issues this order would cover are regularly discussed. I have attached figures of the incidents that the Community Rangers have dealt with this year to show the number and breadth (for some reason the historical naturist incidents are missing).

I have attached a rough map of the NT areas I think should be included in the order including the beach as well as the harbour side and heath. These area have seen a growth in camping, fires and litter which is detrimental to the conservation designations”

Section 2 – Anti-social behaviour

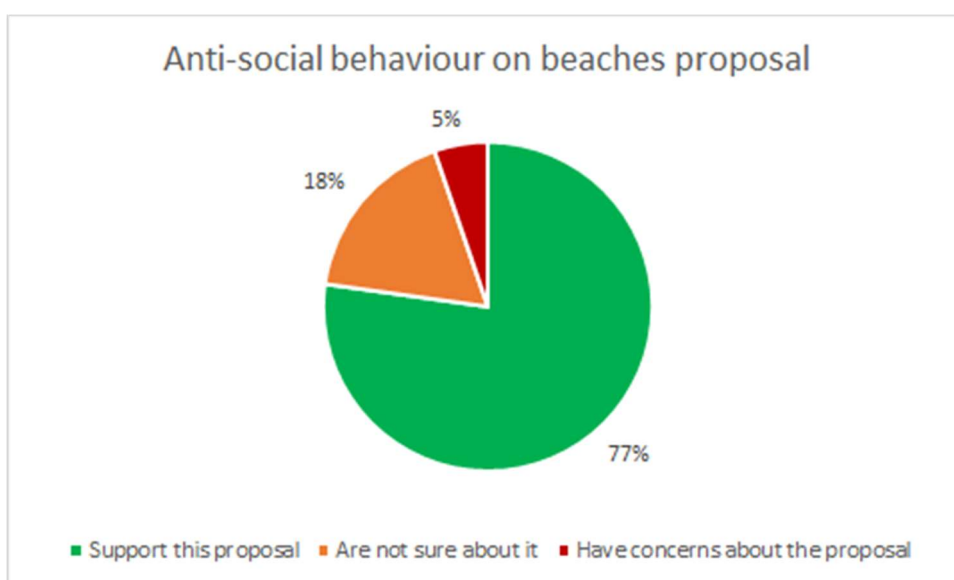
It is proposed that "No person without a reasonable excuse shall act in an anti-social or disorderly manner that causes or is likely to cause nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person."

It is also proposed that: "No person shall refuse to leave any beachfront area when requested to do so by management, staff or security, a Police Constable or an Authorised Person."

Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 77.2% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to anti-social behaviour, 17.5% have concerns about them and 5.3% are not sure.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	77.2	220
Are not sure about it	5.3	15
Have concerns about the proposal	17.5	50

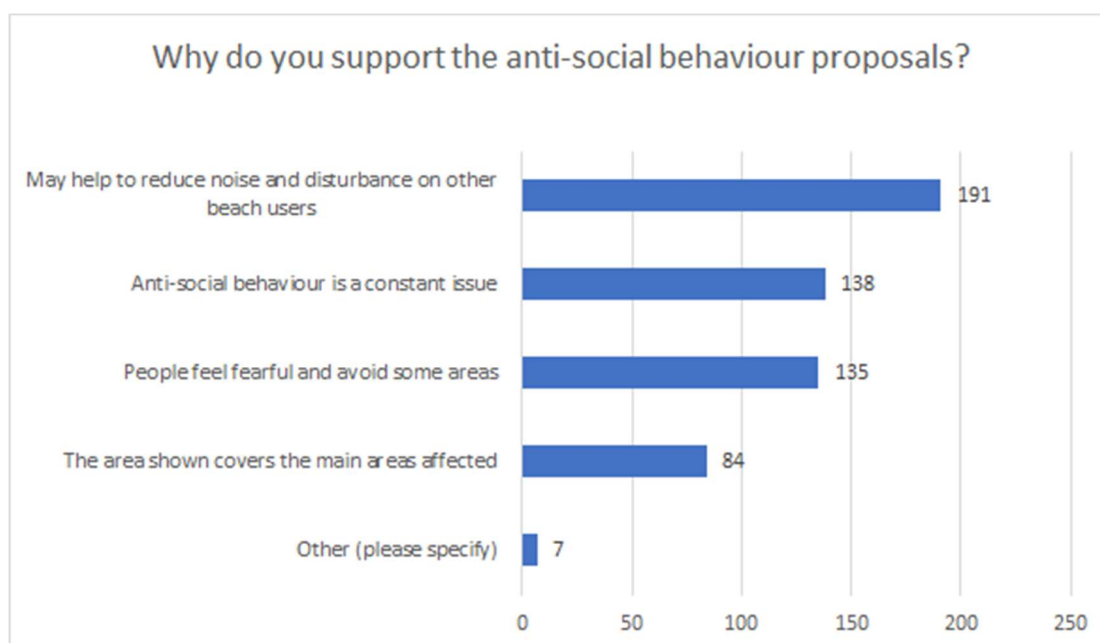


Why do you support the anti-social behaviour proposals?

Respondents could select multiple responses to this question. The most frequently selected reasons for supporting the anti-social behaviour proposals were that they may help reduce noise and disturbance (88.0%) and that people feel fearful and avoid some

areas (62.2%). 63.6% feel that anti-social behaviour is a constant issue and 62.2% of respondents said that they were fearful and avoid some areas.

	% of all respondents	Number
Anti-social behaviour is a constant issue	63.6	138
The area shown covers the main areas affected	38.7	84
People feel fearful and avoid some areas	62.2	135
May help to reduce noise and disturbance on other beach users	88.0	191
Other (please specify)	3.2	7

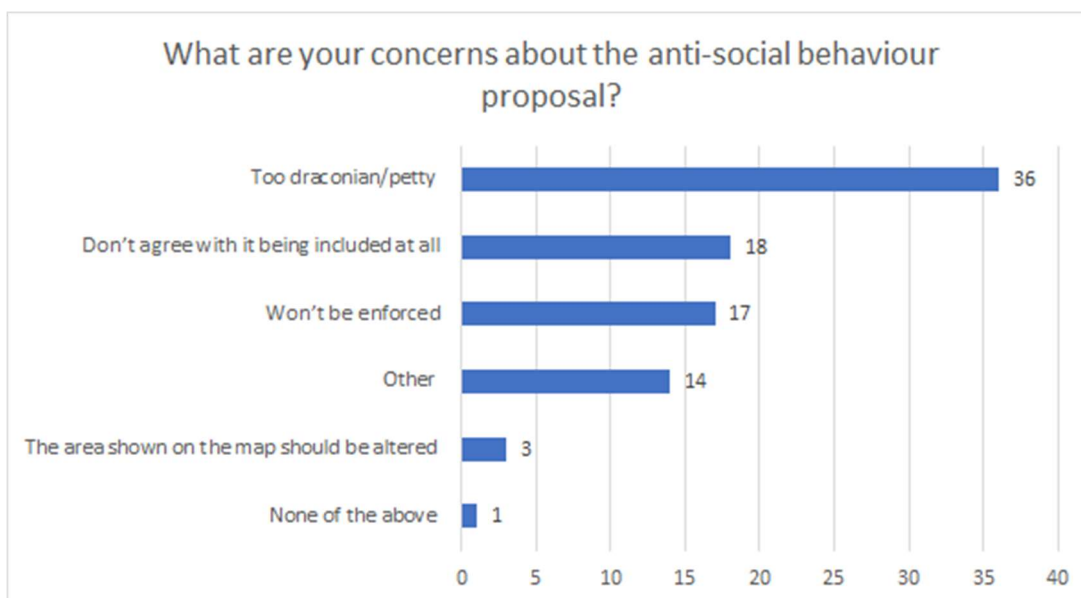


What are your concerns about the anti-social behaviour proposals?

Respondents could give multiple responses to this question. 65 respondents said they either had concerns about the proposal or were not sure about it. Of these, 59.0% said that the proposals were too draconian/petty, 29.5% don't agree with it being included at all. 27.9% feel that the proposal won't be enforced.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	29.5	18
The area shown on the map should be altered	4.9	3

Won't be enforced	27.9	17
Too draconian/petty	59.0	36
None of the above	1.6	1
Other	23.0	14



Those who said other gave the following reasons:

Level of support	Comment
Have concerns	Too vague
Have concerns	Infringes on civil rights, especially the powers it gives to non-police personnel
Have concerns	This also completely misses the point
Have concerns	There would have to be good reason for such a demand (to leave the beach) not just because someone was cheeky, for example.
Have concerns	Do we not already have laws to prevent us causing nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person? Extra laws won't help. I am also concerned that "management, staff or security" or even an "Authorised person" (how would you know one if you saw one?) would be able to ask any person to leave "any beachfront area". "Management, staff or security" already have the power to ask any person to leave their premises. I think that should be sufficient.
Have concerns	Seems ludicrously vague. I don't trust the police to make the determination based on their own conscience. Once again, I believe actions of one section of society will be protected while others are criminalised based on vested interest and not impact on society or moral consistency.
Have concerns	Why does the existing law need to be enhanced?
Have concerns	Legitimate and well-behaved wild campers are penalised for the actions of a few inconsiderate individuals.
	Again, a but to broad. Should state that the request to conform with the behaviour code for the beach should be given / obeyed or they may be

Have concerns	asked to leave/remove. Otherwise, it sounds petty pissed of staff could act without reason.
Have concerns	The wording is too loose; what is a landowner allowed to decide to classify as anti-social? A dog owner? A group of noisy youths? I do not want to legitimise individual vigilantes. When the rave was on in 21 which caused nuisance to a large stretch of coast between Burton Bradstock and West Bexington, there were legal power to do something about it, but the police just stood at the gate and watched.
Have concerns	asb should be addressed but the responsible campers will suffer as councils can't or won't see the difference between the 2
Not sure	It depends how reasonably these conditions are enforced!
Not sure	Even dog walkers who allow their dogs to leave excrement on the beach are not stopped and there is a huge amount of dog excrement on beach in areas that will not be washed away by the sea

Any Other Comments

71 people further commented on their responses, this has been coded and the key themes are in the table below. Full comments are available in the Appendix.

Themed Comment	Frequency
Who / How will the anti-social behaviour (ASB) be enforced / what's definition of ASB?	9
There is enough legislation, but it just needs to be enforced by Police / Council	6
Please include the areas of: Swanage beach (2), Fleet Lagoon (1) Bramble Bay & Studland (2), Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury (1)	6
I do not feel safe/avoid using the beaches due to ASB	5
ASB is harming the natural environment and encourages litter / dog faeces	5
ASB is a major problem in Weymouth	3
This is too draconian / overbearing / old fashioned	3
People should be able to hike / camp and be in groups if they don't have ASB	2
Permits should be issued for fishing	2

Out of Format Responses

The National Trust said a PSPO “would be of great interest for Studland Beach and it is an unfortunate oversight that we were missed off the original list. The National Trust would definitely like Studland Beach to be considered as an area that would benefit from such an order “ This presumably could involve unauthorised camping on beaches as well as anti-social behaviour.

Demographic Information

The tables below show the profile of people who took part in the consultation.

Age

As shown in the table below, there were responses from a range of age groups. (29% in Dorset over 65+)

	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-and over	Prefer not to say
% of responses in age group	0.0	2.3	4.5	15.5	15.8	24.2	32.5	5.3

Gender

The current profile of the residents of Dorset show 49.8% male and 51% female. This is broadly reflected in the respondents to this consultation.

	Male	Female	Prefer to self describe	Prefer not to say
What best describes your gender?(%)	48.9	45.8	0.0	5.3

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?	91.6	0.8	7.6

Disability

5.4% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 14 people. Responses from disabled people were on par at 5.4% of responses compared to a Dorset figure of 5% based on those claiming either Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payments or Attendance Allowance. The data has been used when analysing the responses to all the questions to see if people who have a disability had a different view to the majority on the key questions in the consultation.

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act, 2010? (%)	5.4	87.3	7.0

When looking at the specific disabilities of the 14 people responding: 3 have a physical disability, 5 have a long-standing illness or health condition and 3 preferred not to say.

Sexual Orientation

	What best describes your sexual orientation? (%)
Bi	2.3
Gay/lesbian	2.7
Heterosexual/straight	75.4
I use another term (please describe)	0.4
Prefer not to say	19.2

Religion/Belief

	What best describes your religion/belief?
Buddhist	1.5
Christian	34.1
Hindu	0.0
Jewish	0.4
Muslim	0.4
Sikh	0
No religion	41.8
Other	2.7
Prefer not to say	19.2

Ethnic Group

	What is your ethnic group? (%)
White British	84.8
White Irish	1.1
Gypsy/Irish traveller	0
Any other white background	1.9
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	0
Asian/Asian British - Chinese	0.4
Asian/Asian British - Indian	0
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	0
Any other Asian background	0
Black/Black British - African	0
Black/Black British - Caribbean	0
Any other black background	0
Mixed ethnic background – White and Asian	0.8
Mixed ethnic background – White and Black African	0
Mixed ethnic background – White and Black Caribbean	0.8
Any other mixed background	0.4
Prefer not to say	8.7
Any other ethnic group	1.1

Appendix 1

Comments Verbatim for comments about the concerns about camping on beaches proposals

Level of support	Comment
Have concerns	For the beaches mentioned is Dorset council the land owner? Most of the coastline in crown estate with the land leased out to councils and others. Should there be information included should people wish to seek permission to camp in these areas.
Have concerns	I use a tent in the day to shelter my dog. Surely the rules should be about overnight camping not putting up a shelter in the day?
Support	should extend from Bowleaze to Overcombe as camping on unstable cliff above beach takes place, and out of sight of police
Support	It should also cover Swanage and Studland too.
Support	Beaches and forestry around Studland and Purbeck should be added to this list
Have concerns	Why leave out Purbeck's beaches. As a dog walker I have, over the past few years, seen numerous illegal camping activities on Studland, Shell Bay and also around the cliffs of Seacombe and Winspit. The people involved invariably leave behind litter such as chairs, broken tents and the like plus, of course, their excrement.
Have concerns	Please include North Beach in SWANAGE BAY. There is evidence of camping overnight camping on the beach and in the bushes and shrubs in the public space up to the coast path.
Not sure	Distinction between a gazebo for say an evening barbecue and an overnight stay is not clear. The aim is to end overnight camping isn't it with the associated follow-up clear-up costs?
Have concerns	The right to roam and wild camp is becoming increasingly more difficult within England. There is a growing community of people who love the outdoors, are responsible and leave no trace who wish to enjoy the beauty of the land in which we live.
Support	As a resident of West Bexington we are still seeing increases in anti social behaviour due to the hundreds we have camping here
Support	Should also apply to people fishing. Camping under cliffs near West Bay is dangerous - danger of rock falls.
Support	Camping on beaches is selfish especially when linked to cooking, it treats the beach as the property of the camper not a beautiful place to be shared by all.
Support	I am fed up with the litter, faeces, both human and animal, deliberately broken bottles and other harmful material that has been left on the beach. The litter includes tents, chairs, radios, fishing rods and tackle and the spines and bones of gutted/filleted fish. These latter items have killed two of my dogs
Support	I fully support this project but it has not protected our most vulnerable areas such as the Fleet lagoon
Have concerns	It will just move the problem away from the popular sections to the less accessible area and the mess with it

Support	People genuinely fishing - ie they would be near to the edge of the sea, which would not be suitable for overnight camping, should be able to use 4 sided structures to keep warm whilst fishing.
Have concerns	Our liberty is gradually being eroded. Camping is essentially just making it comfortable to sleep. If someone is allowed to be somewhere when conscious, it's unfair to penalise them for having a rest. The problem is that existing laws on littering etc are not being enforced.
Support	Need to add Ringstead.
Support	I run a business selling fishing equipment to recreational anglers. The camp sites that spring up each year at Abbotsbury and Bexington and the commercial exploitation of the mackerel shoals by these camp sites has been a major concern for my customers. The resulting discarded rubbish and human waste (especially at Abbotsbury along the hedges/walkway just past the car park) from these camp sites was a serious health risk.
Have concerns	It is common for 2 people to share one shelter. My wife and I often do so although we have never stopped on the beach for a full 24 hrs, only overnight. The exemption as drafted will prohibit my wife and I sharing a shelter through the night while legitimately fishing. Secondly the definition of shelter is open to abuse. "Three sided" could mean a fully enclosed tent. Also umbrellas with sidewalls do not have any sides, just a continuous circumference. Perhaps it would be best to require any shelter to have at least one third of its circumference left open without fully enclosing the space within.
Have concerns	Fishing in winter is freezing. 4 sides are needed. How is this enforceable? As for not being able to erect any gazebo's or tents, you're punishing all beach users for a minority of poorly behaved beach users who will continue to do what they want.
Support	It's a major health hazzard mess and wirsececeryehere plus litter bottles they can be abusive and don't knowxthe meaning of personal space
Have concerns	If these proposals are implemented, who will fund the implementation?
Not sure	Being someone who has tryed for the last 8 years to get something done about the people camping on chesil and iligally filling there cars up with vast quantatys of fish to sell up country. Even to the point I recorded one group telling me exactly what they do. Yet no one was interested from the council from the southern ifca or the police. The issues happening on the beaches during summer are alot bigger than you think
Have concerns	As a Sea Angler who has fished responsibly on Chesil with my son since 1986 I am disgusted that the council has branded me as one of the very few who cause a nuisance, damage private property and leave litter. It is bad enough that the parking system deliberately punishes anglers by not allowing them to fish past 08:00. If there is a problem with certain individuals or groups, then target them directly with enforcement officers such as the water bailiffs we find on rivers. Another option would be to license overnight camping through the council on line. Where

	individuals can book car park and overnight camping on the beach for a fixed price in advance.
Support	Just look around the area of tent city at Abbotsbury during the summer The noise is bad the smell even worse, it's obvious that some can't manage a few yards to the toilets in the car park
Have concerns	I have a long way to travel to fish here, and I always travel down with my wife and son. We all partake in the activity of fishing, so you are basically saying we cannot enjoy ourselves as a family. Utter BS proposal. What are we supposed to do, purchase multiple shelters? That would mean our 7 year old son would have to sleep if he needed on his own, without the correct support and protection needed by your BS proposal. You are proposing that nobody will have enough sort of protection from the elements especially in winter when it is nice to have to have the ability to close the 'DOOR' on your bivvy/shelter.
Support	Camping has caused dumping of human excrement litter and other totally avoidable problems. This proposal if implemented needs to be enforced.
Have concerns	All recommendations for night fishing are to never fish alone in remote locations. Nearly the whole length of Chesil is remote, so "groups of a maximum one person" contravenes that recommendation. 3 sided structures are not suitable for extended night fishing. Better a size restriction suited to bonafide fishing shelters (ie 150cmx150cm) or similar size (most angling shops have sizes for researchers to see)
Have concerns	people use tents and gazebos on the beach during the daytime to protect children, elderly and sun sensitive people from the sun. No camping overnight at all is Draconian. Camping on the beach is a rite of passage for many local kids, part of the local culture and offers an opportunity for local children whose families do not have the financial resources to go on holiday and have to create local experiences. It is when this privilege is abused by leaving litter, barbecues, drinking etc and making a nuisance that it is a problem. Why not have the option of purchasing a one night pass to camp. Sea fishing on the beaches is far more of a concern than camping - fish hooks loaded with bait are left on beaches causing injury to dogs and children. 3 dogs died in 2021 from swallowing hooks and vets are dealing with on average two to four incidents a month of dogs swallowing fish hooks. Fishing line is discarded on beaches and in the sea causing injury /tangement to birds, sealife and children. Anglers set up their kit and fish all along beaches, regardless of whether people are swimming or children playing in the area or not. Anglers need to be allocated strict zones they are allowed to fish in, separated from swimmers and beach users. If challenged, anglers are aggressive and disregard safety issues with public. - video footage available on request.
Support	Living in an ANOB we are fortunate to have a beautiful coastline to enjoy and to proudly promote to friends and visitors. Families and fishermen want to visit West Bexington to enjoy the beach and coast path walking but this enjoyment is severely blighted throughout the Spring and Summer months by the growing

	practice of people who set up encampments to stay for days on end. Local neighbours are appalled by some of what they see; there are reports of unacceptable noise, excess rubbish left and by human excrement seen in the locality. We have seen reports from out-of-area visitors who publicly state that it is no longer a pleasant experience to visit West Bexington because of these encampments. Surely this can not be allowed to continue? The beach and local area must be welcoming to families and day visitors throughout the year. Camping on the beach and overnight parking should not be an option that's allowed to continue.
Support	Living in an ANOB we are fortunate to have a beautiful coastline to enjoy and to proudly promote to friends and visitors. Families and fishermen want to visit West Bexington to enjoy the beach and coast path walking but this enjoyment is severely blighted throughout the Spring and Summer months by the growing practice of people who set up encampments to stay for days on end. Local neighbours are appalled by some of what they see; there are reports of unacceptable noise, excess rubbish left and by human excrement seen in the locality. We have seen reports from out-of-area visitors who publicly state that it is no longer a pleasant experience to visit West Bexington because of these encampments. Surely this can not be allowed to continue? The beach and local area must be welcoming to families and day visitors throughout the year. Camping on the beach and overnight parking should not be an option that's allowed to continue.
Support	The cost of clear up deprives council tax payers of benefits they've contributed to.
Have concerns	While I understand the potential for littering and environmental damage inherent in beach camping, I am extremely uncomfortable with the imposition of an outright ban along all Dorset's beaches. If this is a growing practice, a more nuanced approach would be to designate specific beaches as camping areas, signpost them as such and provide facilities such as rubbish collection, paid for perhaps by a small fee for camping. This turns some of our beaches into an added attraction, rather than no-go zones. I assume that police would not patrol the beaches but rely on members of the public complaining - a practice that has the effect of giving anyone free rein to complain about people they may disapprove of.
Support	Camping on wears at Chesil Cove is a fairly regular occurrence during the summer months. During this period overnight there are no toilet amenities. The area is already disgusting due to dogs mess.
Support	Campers leave a dreadful mess which volunteers have to clean up.
Have concerns	This must include the fishermen as they too leave a huge amount of litter. Beer cans, fish hooks, tackle, bbqs, bate bags, fish guts etc. They do this all year round too, not just summer.
Support	I have been a resident of Puncknowle and walked the beach at West Bexington for many years. It is an area of outstanding

	natural beauty treated with respect by the majority of residents and visitors until recent years, when it has taken on the appearance of a music festival. Large groups tented in compounds, loud music, litter and general anti social behaviour. This is not only disruptive to people who treat the area with respect - importantly it negatively impacts on wildlife and the natural environment.
Support	The coast path and beaches contain a wide variety of flora and fauna - some of which are rare and require protection. The footfall of people who now use the beaches between West Bexington and Abbotsbury as a camping site appear to have scant regard for the maintenance of these areas which now have high levels of litter and other unmentionables. I've known this beach for all my life, as I was born nearby and continue to live in the area. I have never seen the like of what I witnessed this summer - truly shocking.
Support	The camping occurs within an ever widening zone from the car park. When campers would have along walk to the toilet, they don't bother. At night for example or in the early morning, there is evidence of toilet paper and faeces and the smell. This is very unpleasant for walkers, unhygienic, increases rat populations and maybe could cause a viral outbreak.
Support	The increased family camping activities have also contributed to a marked increase in traffic flow, especially to the beach car park at West Bexington. When the car park is full, campers park up Beach Road causing a public nuisance, severely restricting traffic flow and restricting emergency vehicle access to the beach.
Support	Beaches covered in litter and human excrement from canoets
Have concerns	Lack of firewood on the beach's limit campfires. Most camping is done by fishermen. Quiet and a few drinks to keep them company. Something that'd a huge attraction for Dorset.
Have concerns	Lulworth should be no overnight camping but should be due to the tides and rockfalls not due to apparant ASB, I cant see how a few campers would be comparable to the trash and mess left by tourists
Support	This problem started after the first lockdown, people illegally driving down to Portland to 'wild' camp on Chesil Beach, or in Tout Quarry, or at New Ground, or wherever took their fancy, or park in free car parks, in residential areas, sleeping in their cars or camper vans. We are used to fishing pods staying over and prior to Covid-19 there was not problem, however this new breed of 'campers' have no respect for the environment or residents, peeing and emptying their bowels wherever they see fit. Their excrement left for anyone unfortunate enough to come across it. The littering has been atrocious, although that is not necessarily just visitors, the local youth have also been guilty of spoiling their own island. Campers and revellers have lit BBQs on the beach, which can be dangerous and they chuck them in the bin, so on more than one occasion the fire services have had to put out fires in litter bins. The mess in the morning on Chesil Beach and along the promenade in the summer has been totally

	<p>unacceptable. I know this is a nationwide problem, but it needs to be stopped and people prosecuted for littering, fouling and camping wherever they chose. As a lot of the land is owned by Crown Estate and there is nobody to enforce stopping campers, I cannot see how you will stop 2022 being any different than it has been since it all started back at Easter 2020. Nobody has any respect for the biodiversity of Portland and they do not understand that leaving their rubbish and excrement all over the place has a detrimental impact on the ecology and environment of Portland.</p>
Support	<p>We have very little access to open spaces, it is unfair to limit responsible activity on public land. 'The root of social inequality is the uneven distribution of land' Nick Hayes</p>
Support	<p>I live facing the beach at West Bexington and have seen first-hand the nuisance and damage caused by increasing numbers of families and groups using the beach as a free campsite. I have had people using my garden as a toilet on multiple occasions and have done litter picks on the beach in front of my home finding camping detritus and barbecues. Chesil Beach is an AONB. World Heritage site and parts of the beach are an SSSI so should be protected from damage.</p>
Have concerns	<p>You should be able to erect at least a beach tent during the day. I have autistic children who need that so they can cope and still enjoy the beach.</p>
Support	<p>I regularly visit Chesil Beach for a walk, but since 2020 have been driven away by large groups of intimidating people throwing rubbish everywhere, using foul language and generally ruining a lovely peaceful spot.</p>
Have concerns	<p>We have concerns that a lack of resources will result in non-enforcement of this order. Portland is a windy place and many people erect wind shelters without causing any sort of nuisance and councillors would not wish for impingement on peaceable enjoyment by residents or visitors on what is a world-famous beauty spot. We do not see any harm in small groups of people with a wind shelter enjoying this venue together as long as they are not causing nuisance or distress to others. We would question the wording of the order - is it useful to use terminology that the order does not apply to 'groups of one person'. By definition that is not a group. Is draconian the right word for a public consultation?</p>
Support	<p>The mess on the beaches from campers has been horrific. There have been large groups of people camping on the beach. The path at the back of Chesil beach at Abbotsbury has been covered in human faeces and is utterly revolting and a public health hazard. This MUST be stopped. I have also seen needles, drug paraphernalia and used condoms and dirty nappies thrown on the path and in the bushes. I note it is not included in this consultation, but the same is happening at Studland, in particular in the Bramble Bush and Bay and Goathorn Point side. I have witnessed many people camping and setting camp fires / bbqs. The paths are unusable due to human faeces and rubbish dumped in the bushes. The area is disgusting and it so sad to</p>

	see what has happened to our beaches and coastline in the summer months.
Support	Camping itself we are not again but it is all the rubbish left afterwards as we have seen this summer
Support	I'm a volunteer beach cleaner and attend all and any sections of Chesil Beach where there is a litter problem. In recent years the influx of wild campers has left a ridiculous amount of waste and unsanitary items. Last year my group. (Clean Jurassic Coast) removed 110kg of plastic, food, nappies, bottles and cans from Abbotsbury beach. (We were not prepared to remove human faeces and toilet tissue). This year I dispensed binbags and gentle words, and the waste problem seemed less. Just as bad is the vandalising of private property to build illegal bonfires.
Support	I think if anything we should cater for the people who are camping overnight - leave public toilets open - accommodate with areas for bar b q. Welcome the use of the beaches for social gatherings. Time to trust the public .
Support	Detracts from local businesses. Leaves litter and creates unpleasant environment.
Support	Camping on beaches where there are no public toilets/showers causes a public health problem where human waste is left exposed. It causes offence to those wishing to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and camping detracts from the peace of tranquillity of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Support	The last two years, especially, have seen an increase in overnight beach camping. Wood has been stolen for fires - including fencing removed, farm gates and bridges. Defecation is present. Parking has been abused. People are abusive if questioned. This is taking part in large groups. Any controls will need enforcement.
Support	My main concern is the hygiene issues that arise from groups of people camping on a beach with no or limited facilities for the safe and hygienic disposal of human waste and of general litter.
Support	Litter is a huge problem No suitable toilet or washing facilities
Support	I am afraid people will set up camping sites, with no toilet facilities etc., and stay there all summer. Stopping residents and tourists from visiting our beauty sites. It could become a magnet for homeless people for just a place to stay and should be stopped. Keep our beaches clean and only for day trips etc., excluding fishermen is a good idea, they get great enjoyment and don't cause any problems.
Have concerns	I have no problem with wild camping anywhere, I think it should be broadly allowed everywhere, I don't believe fishing should have an exemption, and I think the fact it is being included is an example of vested interest driving an irrational and inconsistent policy.
Have concerns	People are often seen not respecting the land they are on and should not be camping in a place they shouldnt be. This needs to be enforced and they shpuld pay to stay in these areas.

Support	Human faeces have been found on beaches and this is a health hazard
Support	Camping on the beach at West Bexington has become very significantly a greater problem in the last 2-3 years. The groups involved can be very large (20-30 individuals in several tents). These individuals, who are often intoxicated, can become very aggressive if asked regarding litter and the disposal of human waste on a beach frequently used by children and families. The welfare of residents, visitors and the environment is threatened by allowing camping on these areas.
Support	Wild camping isn't exactly a pressing issue; let people enjoy themselves!
Support	This cannot be further from the truth, as all genuine anglers I know respect the fish and the environment and many, including myself always carry a bin liner to take away our rubbish AND other peoples rubbish who have been neglectful to leave it. I fully support the measures you are taking, and hope that in the future, I will feel that I wish to visit the area again on a regular basis in the summer months.
Have concerns	I would like camping to be monitored. Rather than moving campers on whoever is employed to enforce could make their presence known so campers are aware they're being monitored and are less likely to litter. Potentially prohibiting camping to 2 or 4 campers max per group to dissuade large camping groups might also minimise litter.
Have concerns	I believe people should be free to camp on the beach and enjoy our beautiful natural environment, as long as they are respectful and clean up after themselves.
Have concerns	I've often slept by the beach when I've felt like I needed a mental, physical and spiritual boost in my life, it's well observed and well documented that being by, and sleeping by the beach is nourishing for your health. Please, just leave people alone to just enjoy their lives.
Have concerns	People should be able to get outdoors, be active, go on multi-day hiking trips along the famous Jurassic Coast without hindrance or draconian prohibitions. Yes people should show respect and courtesy to others. If they leave no trace of having been there then I fail to see what issue this would cause? I agree that people should not be antisocial or to leave litter or cause vandalism, which is abhorrent in itself, but to create a blanket ban on currently law abiding citizens doing something which is both enjoyable and beneficial to health and also to the local economy seems rather contradictory in terms of what has been stated by the council and government in terms of encouraging public health improvement.
Have concerns	There are bigger problems such as lack of enforcement of rubbish thrown on the side of our roads
Have concerns	I feel innocent, law abiding citizens will be punished and excluded from an age-old pastime.
Have concerns	Tour guides, hiking leaders, or members of the hiking and wild camping communities have the right to Shelter. To remove this right is to remove a important part of our freedom to explore and

	how the UK country side is governed. This would be something they is brought up in government and not left to Individual councils to the side where and where we won't because the public routes were made public routes for the whole of the now UK to use And not just for Individual councils own activities.
Support	It's absolutely filthy, Abbotsbury beach and west Bexington stunk and was covered in human waste and toilet paper utterly intimidating and disgusting
Have concerns	I accept that in the last couple of years there have been a lot of problems with people camping on the beaches, acting in an unsanitary manner and creating noise and leaving rubbish. However I think most of this is a result of restrictions on travel imposed because of the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic there were not enough problems to push people to look at these kind of proposals and I believe once travel is once more allowed the vast majority of people will return to their normal habits and the problem beach camping will subside once more.
Have concerns	Exempting people who are walking and camping (passing through) from camping will make people unsafe.
Support	It's worth pointing out that fishing litter, hooks, lines and plastics won't be affected by this order and yet it contributes considerably to the pressure on the environment, wildlife and safe exploration of our beaches by children and families. However, I support the proposal as a means of protecting the landscape and avoiding further aggressive behaviour by regular overnight campers. In my experience as a resident, it is a minority who leave rubbish, but the issue is growing. Most of the aggressive behaviour has been from groups, not individuals.
Have concerns	The beaches are there to be enjoyed by all peoples. Have you ever woken up to a beach sunrise. It's beautiful! Stop taking the fun away from people.
Have concerns	I understand that you are trying to remove the antisocial and litter problem by adding an offence earlier in the process - so your enforcement can make people take stuff down as soon as its put up rather than having to catch them being antisocial or littering. However this will criminalise people before they have caused a problem. Use the current laws to address the actual problem rather than adding new laws that cover way too much just because its a bit easier to enforce .
Have concerns	We should encourage the responsible use of our door spaces. Adequate Legislation already exists to deal with anti social behaviour and littering etc. use existing legislation rather than restrict the responsible activities of people
Have concerns	Over the last two years during the Summer loads of Pakistani Family's from the Midlands have camped for weeks at west Bexington, when I asked if they had every been asked to move they said Never, and if they were they would use the Race Card.
Support	We often walk the beaches along the coast from West Bay to Abbotsbury. We have noticed the last few years how wild camping has increased along with rubbish left behind. It was amazing how many tents were on the beach at Abbotsbury last summer. and what a large area this covered. As well as lots of

	additional rubbish left on the beach the bins in the car park were over flowing. At West Bay there were campers on the beach too leaving rubbish that were picked up and noted by the local volunteer beach clean group. The camper vans were also using the East Beach car park and staying overnight despite signs restricting them.
Have concerns	I walk this area most days with my dog. I have seen many people walking the SW coastal path who wild camp overnight. It is good for their physical and mental health, and I have yet to find any rubbish left or nuisance caused by any of them. The only nuisance I recall in the last 3 years was the 'rave' in summer 21, where the nuisance and rubbish was by people parting for 3 days and nights illegally in local fields, not on the beach, and the police did nothing. The biggest problem is that the National Trust removed all the bins from this stretch of beach at the end of March 21, so there was nowhere to dispose of rubbish, but the majority of mess was left by day trippers, not campers. This ban is pointless, instead use the money to put the bins back and the emptying service reinstated.
Support	I litter pick on these Beaches and the Rubbish and Human Waste is unacceptable
Support	Human waste and litter left on beach. Residents disturbed late at night by noise.
Support	My main concern is the human waste left on the beach or in the bushes near the area this must be a hazard. Also the over fishing by the large groups in some cases fish just left to rot on the beach.
Have concerns	After reviewing the proposed 'controlled zones' I can see that this is very clearly a blanket ban in disguise. The coastline should be available to all and not a private enterprise to be exploited nor restricted. Issues of littering or defecation on these sites should be resolved by providing public services such as litter bins; toilets; and better public information on how to enjoy these spaces safely.
Support	Enforcement of this order is essential and should be extended to the associated car parks, access roads/paths and parking of motorhomes
Support	Did not feel safe walking to and around beach during the summer months. There is no regard for wildlife or the land with absolute filth left behind, human excrement and all other types of rubbish - including tents just left behind
Have concerns	Wild camping is already dealt with under civil trespass legislation. There is no need for additional powers or orders.
Support	The litter often left by campers is especially unwelcome, including food and bodily wastes. A few of the fishermen sometimes leave debris that is unsafe for children and birds. However, many of the local fishermen behave properly and disapprove of the others, and the campers, who leave a mess. We, full-time residents, would welcome this proposal as long as it is regularly enforced.

Have concerns	Facilities, after seeing what was left on the beaches after unauthorized camping during lockdown, who will enforce this rule?
Support	There is also a question of public health depending upon the behaviour of those camping there
Support	I was unable to open the links to the maps so have to trust that important beaches are covered. Why are Studland beaches excluded?
Support	I am aware that a significant area of the mapped beaches is designated/protected land for wildlife conservation and that camping can cause disturbance, trampling, fire-lighting and lettering which is detrimental to these areas.
Have concerns	Please can this order be extended to people who attempt to overnight park in their own vehicle (car, van, campervan, motorhome). In an ideal world if this can be added, we would then suggest some additional locations (National Trust car parks) where this should apply (Cogden, Ringstead, Langdon, Stonebarrow, Hardy Monument) Map B - Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury Map - The area highlighted only takes in the hard standing area of the National Trust car park at Hive Beach. Please expand the area to take all of the overflow parking areas (up to the housing estate) as these areas are also affected by camping / overnight parking and ideally this would be enforceable across the whole of the National Trust car park. This will make it much easier and clearer for messaging to visitors and for staff on the ground to manage. The risk if this doesn't happen is that people will quickly become aware of the boundary within the car park, and park in the overflow areas and consequently much closer to the residents. Please do contact me if you would like me to provide a map of the area we would like this extended to (email address hidden)
Support	There are limited toilet facilities so people use the surrounding area which is unhygienic. Damaging to local environment, occasional excess noise and anti-social behaviour. Ruins the appearance of the natural beauty for other visitors... who wants to visit the beach and be surrounded by tents?
Support	Large groups of people camping on the beaches, sometimes for several days causes nuisance, noise, litter and disruption and should not be tolerated.

Appendix 2 – Anti social behaviour

49 respondents offered further comment on the proposals; these have been reported verbatim below.

Comment
Staff, management etc should just be authorised person otherwise it's impossible to know who is allowed to ask you to leave? Can the pedalo or donkey staff ask me to leave? What about the Lifeguards, deck chair attendants etc?
People acting in an antisocial behaviour are likely to leave litter and other belongings behind, harming the natural environment
Jobs worth security and management not liking the 'look' of people could be a problem.

Please include Swanage beaches
ASB is a major problem in Weymouth. Large groups of men and women obviously drunk or drugged up congregating around the harbour and the esplanade shelters. They are loud, aggressive and intimidating.
Most of the fisherman and other tourists behave responsibly but there is a small minority who leave litter and damaging material behind them when they leave. On the area of the beach which is north-west of the end of the Fleet I have found tents, chairs, fishing rods and tackle, glass bottles, some of which have been deliberately broken, food detritus and the bony remains of filleted fish. The latter items have been a major contributory fact in the death of two of my dogs. If asked to moderate their behaviour, these fishermen are often extremely abusive and offer threatening behaviour. In addition, some have carved out new parking areas along the Burton Road, destroying the natural environment in the process. Some have destroyed the passing place signs so that they can park which causes problems to the local residents
I support the proposal but believe ASB should be unacceptable everywhere - not just in specific areas
Please include the Fleet Lagoon!
There are already laws against antisocial behaviour. The problem is not lack of local bylaws, but one of insufficient resources to enforce existing laws. There generally should be one law if the land, not different bylaws in different places
Unless policed, the whole concept of this proposal becomes invalid.
Whilst fishing at Ferrybridge end of Chesil Beach recently, a group of youths that were sat approx 30yds behind me at the top of the beach started to throw stones towards me. They threw about 6-7 stones and fortunately none of them hit me. I chose to ignore the youths completely as I feared that confronting them could escalate the situation. After a short while they moved on and I didn't see them again. I didn't report this to the Police but in retrospect, I should have done so.
Anti-social behaviour is predominantly exhibited by drunk tourists and anglers yet there is no enforcement and anglers are very aggressive towards members of the public who raise health and safety concerns. Anglers should only be permitted to fish with a license/permit, restricted to fixed zones and receive training prior to the permit being issued training.
It puts too much power into the hands of people with ill-defined public roles. If someone is behaving badly in public, the police should be the only parties with power of removal.
Anti-social behaviour is an issue sometimes in this beachside area. Broken glass and litter is a nuisance on the sea wall.
This must include the fishermen as they too leave a huge amount of litter. Beer cans, fish hooks, tackle, BBQs, bate bags, fish guts etc. They do this all year round too, not just summer.
This is a seasonal issue - June till September primarily. Whilst these controls are vital to protect the coast and manage its use and the impact of visitors without enforcement I would be concerned about the proposals effect. I have been told that people who visited the beach were fearful and didn't wish to go back.
Effective controls require the correct powers to enforce. I trust that there will be adequate support for the enforcement of the proposals.
The anti-social behaviourists also tend to be the ones who leave rubbish, damage the toilet block and other properties and cars.
Lack of firewood on the beach's limit campfires. Most camping is done by fishermen. Quiet and a few drinks to keep them company. Something that'd a huge attraction for Dorset.
It should be only with police powers otherwise management and landowners can pick and choose who can stay on a beach with no recourse for the chosen, at least with police being the ultimate power it is likely that they will give a fair hearing
Nobody minds visitors enjoying Chesil Beach and the promenade if they treat the area with respect, indeed Quiddles provide food and from time to time musicians visit and there is a lovely family atmosphere, with a real holiday feel to it. What Quiddles and The Cove Inn do does not cause any disturbance, and should be allowed to continue. However some of the single younger generation, perhaps mainly under 30s, go down to the beach to get drunk by bringing their own alcohol and leave their rubbish and excrement behind them. Broken bottles are the worst, as this is dangerous, indeed our dog had a shard of a beer bottle stuck in her pad, which had to be removed under anaesthetic at a cost of over £300. Dog fouling is another major problem, often

<p>caused by dog owners allowing their dogs off lead and not noticing where their dogs empty their bowels, there are also many dog owners that think it is OK to 'stick it and flick it' i.e. use a stick to flick the poop off the path and not pick up... these people are ignorant as this changes the nutrient levels in the soils and has an impact on our environment. Other dog walkers don't think they have to pick up if their dogs poop off the path, which again is bad for the environment, but also bad for families whose children stray off the paths and into dog poo. So of this might be helped by the council providing dog poo bins, or insisting dogs are kept on a lead so that owners can keep track of what their dogs are up to.</p>
<p>The second part is open to misuse by 'management' if they can demand ANY person leave the beach. It should read 'no person displaying anti social behaviour, as outlined in the PSPO, shall refuse.....'</p>
<p>We would very much like the freedom for as many people in whatever size groups to enjoy the beach responsibly, and most definitely would want any sort of anti-social behaviour that would stop others from this enjoyment to be stopped. But we are also aware of critical shortages in our local policing team so we are not confident that there are resources to effectively manage this order.</p>
<p>Need to include Studland and Bramble Bush bay in this list</p>
<p>A hungover group of visitors had camped, lit fires and littered beer bottles on the beach by West Bay pier. When approached and advised that it was illegal, the reply was to the effect that everybody does it. There is currently very little in the way of checks or enforcement by either Police or Council.</p>
<p>I feel there should be a cause / effect link between the two sections. ie people can't be removed unless they have engaged in antisocial behaviour.</p>
<p>Large groups of people have gathered for long periods of time. They are intimidating and not treating the area with due consideration. They are adding nothing to the local economy. I do not feel safe walking with my dog and children.</p>
<p>Residents and tourists come to these beaches to enjoy the facilities and do not need to come into contact with people being anti-social. Dorset will get a bad name and the money the tourists bring to businesses etc., will decline and we will all suffer.</p>
<p>The beach should be a place for everyone to feel safe and enjoy their time. It is of course a tourist attraction and the locals shouldn't feel they have to avoid the place during busy periods due to anti-social/abnormal behaviour compared to societal norms.</p>
<p>Where's the line? Feels a bit 1984</p>
<p>West Bexington has had a considerable amount of camping on the beach, which has created unacceptable behaviour, ie noise levels, lack of consideration for other beach users and especially little regard for residents as well as exploiting the parking restrictions.</p>
<p>At times these large gatherings of campers permanently fishing are intimidating and put a lot of people I know from fishing in the summer months</p>
<p>Drunken and belligerent behaviour is not acceptable but other examples include rubbish left piled up by bins, dog excrement is commonplace, needs a good clean up but without enforcement these proposals will have no effect</p>
<p>Who defines what is anti-social? Who decides what it means to be disorderly? These terms are broad, open and can be interpreted in various ways by various people, who decides?</p>
<p>People should be able to get outdoors, be active, go on multi-day hiking trips along the famous Jurassic Coast without hindrance or draconian prohibitions. Yes, people should show respect and courtesy to others. If they leave no trace of having been there, then I fail to see what issue this would cause? I agree that people should not be antisocial or to leave litter or cause vandalism, which is abhorrent in itself, but to create a blanket ban on currently law-abiding citizens doing something which is both enjoyable and beneficial to health and also to the local economy seems rather contradictory in terms of what has been stated by the council and government in terms of encouraging public health improvement.</p>
<p>Tour guides, hiking leaders, or members of the hiking and wild camping communities have the right to Shelter. To remove this right is to remove an important part of our freedom to explore and how the UK country side is governed. This would be something they are brought up in government and not left to Individual councils to the side where and where we won't because the public routes</p>

were made public routes for the whole of the now UK to use And not just for Individual councils own activities.
There is no excuse for anti-social behaviour. However please be careful that this reason is not used except for actual anti-social behaviour and not simply people enjoying themselves a little noisily.
Hopefully it'll highlight people who require more support from the council.
I'm on the fence, of course if someone is causing a nuisance for a sustained period of time. Move them on, but if they're there respectfully, what harm are they doing? By inputting the statute of not being able to temporarily camp on said beaches gives the authorised person all ability to move someone's on regardless of whether they're being a nuisance or not. What people need is education on what is acceptable or not and if you're not adhering to the rules. You must leave.
Is not clear what can be construed as a nuisance
Petty and overbearing. The sort of rule's you'd expect in North Korea.
Anti-social behaviour is an issue but not all the time.
The wording is too loose; what is a landowner allowed to decide to classify as anti-social? A dog owner? A group of noisy youths? I do not want to legitimise individual vigilantes. When the rave was on in 21 which caused nuisance to a large stretch of coast between Burton Bradstock and West Bexington, there were legal power to do something about it, but the police just stood at the gate and watched.
The reasons for ejection are too vague and pre-emptive and will ultimately be used to enforce the harassment of people without homes and people with mental health issues. I object to any powers to refuse access to the coastline being granted to any person other than a police constable.
Support BUT who decides what is antisocial? There is a risk this order will be used to prevent people from using outdoor space because locals 'don't like them' rather than people genuinely demonstrating anti-social behaviour
As a full-time resident living above the beach, we fully support this proposal, as long as it is enforced, otherwise, it will be useless.
Certainly I was put off going to beaches in 2020 especially because of the appalling behaviour and the louts that suddenly 'discovered' British beaches. I went to Studland bay just once in 2020 despite really wanting to go.
Again no map access. Why are the Studland Beaches not included?
The area on the map should just reflect those beach portions where there are residential properties and so a real chance of disturbance to others. Much of the area on the map(s) is quite remote. However there is no detail in the proposal of what type(s) of anti-social behaviour this is aimed to address. It may be helpful to have a breakdown of what types of ASB incidents have been reported/dealt with over last, say, 5 years included with the proposal
Map b Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury - as per previous comment, please extend this area to cover ALL of the Hive Beach car park (hard standing and grass overflow areas) Could you clarify if overnight parking, without landowner permission would classify as anti-social behaviour?
Leaving dog excrement should be included in Anti-social behaviour.
Occasionally camping attracts groups who do not respect the peace and tranquillity- concerned about petty theft too- from surrounding/nearby properties

Survey questions

Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO

2022



What we are consulting on

The Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2022 (Draft) is a new Order which is intended to tackle issues of Anti-social Behaviour arising from camping on beaches in several locations including Chesil Beach, Weymouth Beach and Lulworth.

The summer of 2020 saw a significant increase in the number of people camping on Dorset's beaches, which continued into the summer season of 2021. The draft Order seeks to address the issues experienced over the last two summers which has given rise to a large increase in nuisance complaints, damage to property, accumulation of rubbish and human waste and destruction of natural habitat.

The additional Order has been prepared in consultation with the various land owners and town and parish councils affected including Lulworth Estates, Weymouth Town Council, Ilchester Estates and the National Trust. The draft Order would make it an offence to camp on designated land without the permission of the landowner

[You can view the overall order document here](#)

Consultation

This purpose of this survey is for you to tell us what you think about our Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022

This consultation will last for 8 weeks, between Monday 15 November until midnight on 10 Jan 2022.

Please contact us by email customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone 01305 221000 if you need the survey in another format or would like to respond in a different way e.g. a paper survey.

Your responses will help shape the final Dorset Public Space Protection Orders decided by Dorset Council elected members.

The Survey

Q1 Are you responding as a ...? (required)

- Resident of Dorset (Dorset Council area)
- Resident of elsewhere
- Private business
- Public sector organisation (Local council, health organisation etc)
- Third sector organisation (Voluntary groups, Community groups, Charities)
- Councillor / Politician
- Other

Q1a If other please specify

Q2 Are you providing your organisation's official response?

- Yes
- No

Q3 Name of your organisation

Q4 Your name

Q5 Your contact email/phone if responding on behalf of an organisation (optional)

Your details will only be used for the purposes of this survey and will be held in accordance with our Data Protection Policy. This can be found on our website.

Q6 What is your postcode? (or local area if no postcode) (Required)

The consultation will consider the following sections

Section 1 – Unauthorised camping on beaches
Section 2 - Anti-social Behaviour

The following documents will be available in the appropriate section

Schedule 1 - Maps identifying the Controlled Zones – outlined in red and shaded in pink.

Exemptions

The prohibition contained within this order does not apply to groups of a maximum one person who are conducting bona-fide fishing activities on the beach utilising a maximum of 3 sided structure or with express written permission of the landowner.

Unauthorised camping on beaches

It is proposed in the order that “No person shall erect a tent, gazebo, marquee or other temporary structure that is designed or intended to provide shelter or accommodation within the controlled zone without the express written permission of the landowner..”

See the maps showing the controlled Zones

Map a West Bay

Map b Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury

Map c Abbotsbury to Weymouth

Map d Weymouth to Portland

Map e Weymouth Beach

Map f Lulworth Beaches

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Q7 **Unauthorised camping on beaches proposals - Do you...?(required)**

- Support this proposal
- Are not sure
- Have concerns about the proposals

The options below have been developed from the concerns/support for greater controls during 2020 when the issue became more prominent.

Q8 What are your concerns about the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals?

Choose all that apply

- Don't agree with it being included at all
- The area shown on the map should be altered
- Won't be enforced
- Too draconian
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Q8a Other (please specify)

Q9 Why do you support the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals?

Choose all that apply

- Camping on the beaches causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour
- Camping on beaches can have a negative effect on the natural environment
- The area within the map covers the worst affected areas
- Beneficial if enforced
- Other (please specify)

Q9a Other (please specify)

Q10 If you feel the need, please expand on your answer for all support or concerns

Anti-social behaviour

It is proposed that "No person without a reasonable excuse shall act in an anti-social or disorderly manner that causes or is likely to cause nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person."

It is also proposed that:

"No person shall refuse to leave any beachfront area when requested to do so by management, staff or security, a Police Constable or an Authorised Person.

See the maps of the defined areas. - **Note** these areas are the same as the areas proposed for unauthorised camping restrictions above

Map a West Bay

Map b Burton Bradstock to Abbotsbury

Map c Abbotsbury to Weymouth

Map d Weymouth to Portland

Map e Weymouth Beach

Map f Lulworth Beaches

Q11 **Anti-social behaviour proposals - Do you....** (required)

- Support this proposals
- Are not sure
- Have concerns about the proposals

The options below have been developed from the concerns/support raised in the past in the Dorset area

Q12 **What are your concerns about the anti-social behaviour proposal?** Choose all that apply

- Don't agree with it being included at all
- The area shown on the map should be altered
- Won't be enforced
- Too draconian/petty
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Q12a **Other** (please specify)

Q13 **Why do you support the anti-social behaviour proposals?** Choose all that apply

- Anti-social behaviour is a constant issue
- The area shown covers the main areas affected
- People feel fearful and avoid some areas
- May help to reduce noise and disturbance to other beach users
- Other (please specify)

Q13a **Other** (please specify)

Q14 **If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on your support or concerns**

Q15 **Any other comments**

About you

Although filling in this section is optional, we would appreciate it if you could complete the following details.

We collect diversity information, not only to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact on specific sectors of the community, but also to try to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of local residents.

Q16 Which age group do you belong to?

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 or over
- Prefer not to say

Q17 What best describes your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to say

Q18 Please tell us in the box below

Q19 Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q20 The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q21 **If yes, please tell us which type of impairment applies to you.** You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all the impairments that apply to you

- Physical disability
- Learning disability / difficulty
- Long-standing illness or health condition
- Mental health condition
- Sensory impairment (hearing, Sight or both)
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Other

Q22 **What best describes your sexual orientation?**

- Bi
- Gay/lesbian
- Heterosexual/Straight
- I use another term (please describe)
- Prefer not to say

Q23 **I use another term - please describe**

Q24 What best describes your religion/belief?

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No Religion
- Other (please describe)
- Prefer not to say

Q25 Other - please describe

Q26 Please specify your ethnic group?

- White British
- White Irish
- Gypsy/Irish traveller
- Any other White background
- Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian British - Chinese
- Asian/Asian British - Indian
- Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background
- Black/Black British - African
- Black/Black British - Caribbean
- Any other Black background
- Mixed ethnic background - White and Asian
- Mixed ethnic background - White and Black African
- Mixed ethnic background - White and Black Caribbean
- Any other mixed background
- Prefer not to say
- Any other ethnic group (please specify)

Q27 Any other ethnic group

Thank you for your response. Now please click submit (or tick on a smart phone)