

Dorchester Anti-social behaviour related
PSPOs 2022
Consultation Response Report

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What was the consultation about?	<p>The purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Dorchester Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022.</p> <p>The draft retains the activities and areas identified within the existing West Dorset Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2018 (as extended) and includes additional provisions covering the intentional feeding of gulls, general Anti-social Behaviour with dispersal powers with an updated plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Dorchester Town Council and Dorset Police.</p>
What did we need to find out	The purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Dorchester 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?	<p>The consultation involved an online and paper consultation survey. This included:</p> <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?	90 overall responses were received. 66.7% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Dorchester, 27.8% as residents of another part of Dorset, 2.2% as councillors/politicians and 0% as a third sector organisation.
How representative is the response to the wider population?	<p>The response size is fair 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.</p> <p>A large proportion of respondents were 65+ (39.5%) followed by 55-64 age group (29.1%) with 3.5% of respondents 24 or under. 36.5% respondents described themselves as Male, 57.6% as Female and 5.9% preferred not to say. 5.8% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 5 people (slightly above average of 5% for disabled Dorset residents)</p>
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 purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Dorchester Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022 which included additional provisions covering the intentional feeding of gulls, general Anti-social Behaviour with dispersal powers with an updated plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Dorchester Town Council and Dorset Police.

ii) Respondents

90 overall responses were received. 66.7% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Dorchester, 27.8% as residents of another part of Dorset and 2.2% as councillors/politicians.

- The majority of respondents were 65+ (39.5%) followed by 55-64 age group (29.1%) with 3.5% of respondents 24 or under.
- 36.5% respondents described themselves as Male, 57.6% as Female and 5.9% preferred not to say.
- 5.8% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 5 people (slightly above average of 5% for disabled Dorset residents)
- Most respondents described their sexual orientation as Heterosexual/straight (76.8%). 6.1% described themselves as Bi-sexual, 1.2% Lesbian/Gay and 15.9% preferred not to say.
- Half of respondents described themselves as Christian (50%), 35.7% stated they had no religion, 13.1% preferred not to say and 1 respondent (1.2%) stated other [*Humanist*]
- The majority of respondents (88.4%) stated a White British background. 2.3% chose Any other white background and 8.1% respondents preferred not to say

iii) Key messages

The Consumption of Alcohol

83.3% of respondents supported the proposals relating to the consumption of alcohol. They did so largely as they felt drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-behaviour (86.3%). They also strongly felt that street drinking can have a negative effect on residents (78.1%). Just over half felt the proposals would be beneficial if enforced (53.4%).

15 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 6 expressed concern that they will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings, 3 disagreed with it being included at all and 4 gave 'other reasons'

Intentional feeding of gulls

84.4% of respondents supported the proposals relating to the intentional feeding of gulls.

14 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 5 felt the measures were too draconian or petty, 3 disagreed with it being included at all and 3 gave 'other reasons'

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt that mess from excrement and scattered domestic waste was an issue (78.9%). They also strongly felt that gulls are a nuisance (78.9%). Over half felt that gulls have become aggressive (67.1%)

Anti-social behaviour

88.9% of respondents supported the proposals relating to anti-social behaviour, 6.7% have concerns about them and 4.4% are not sure. The most frequently selected reasons for supporting the anti-social behaviour proposals were that they may help reduce noise and disturbance (81.0%) and that people feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas (72.2%). 55.7% feel that anti-social behaviour is a constant issue.

iv) Other comments

With regard to the consumption of alcohol some respondents felt the PSPO boundaries excluded other areas of concern, particularly in residential areas, whilst others felt that it might impact on otherwise law abiding gatherings. Comments were also made about the visibility of police officers.

In relation to Anti-Social Behaviour proposals some felt that existing legislation would cover these incidents and the issue of skateboards, bicycles and motorised and non-motorised scooters on pavements needed action. Some felt it was not clear by whom such orders could be enforced.

Disabled respondents' responses closely mirrored the overall picture reflected in the report. All disabled respondents were 45 years or over.

Background

The consultation explained:

The Dorchester Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2022 (Draft) retains the activities and areas identified within the existing West Dorset Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2018 (as extended) and includes an additional provisions covering the intentional feeding of gulls, general Anti-social Behaviour with dispersal powers with an updated plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Dorchester Town Council and Dorset Police.

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 amount 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, 90 responses were received; all were submitted via the online survey.

About respondents

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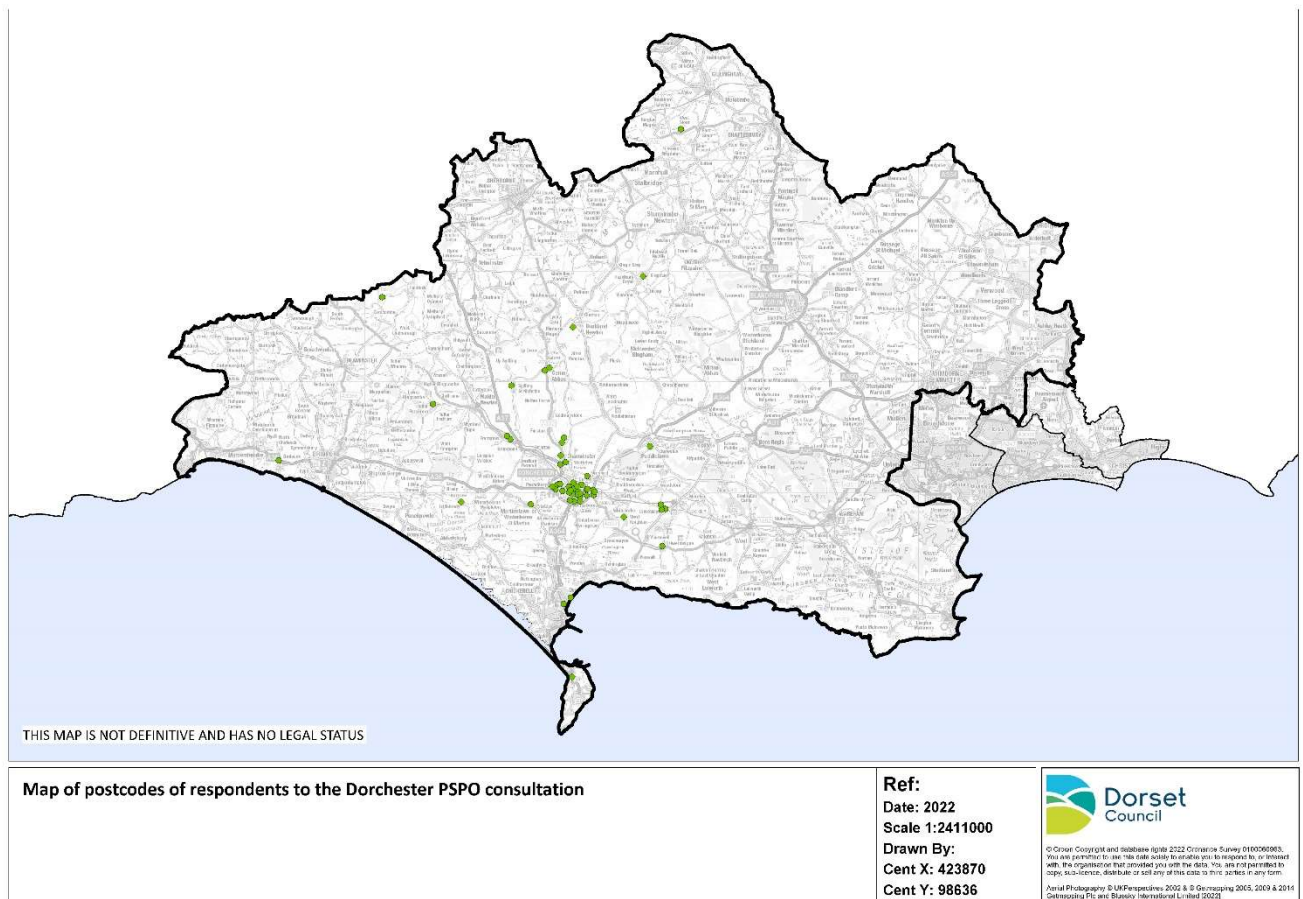
Q: Are you completing this survey as:

66.7% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Dorchester, 27.8% as residents of another part of Dorset, 2.2% as councillors/politicians and 0% as a third sector organisation.

	% of all respondents	Number
Resident of Dorchester	66.7	60
Resident of another part of Dorset	27.8	25
Resident of elsewhere	3	3.3
Private business	0	0
Public sector organisation (local council, health organisation etc)	0	0
Third sector organisation (voluntary groups, community groups, charities)	0	0
Councillor/politician	2	2.2
Other	0	0

Maps of responses to the consultation

Postcodes were supplied by 90 respondents with the majority of those living in the Dorchester area. The map shows the distribution of overall responses to the consultation.



The consultation will consider the following sections (these are examples provided below)

- Section 1 – Consumption of Alcohol
- Section 2 – Intentional Feeding of gulls
- Section 3 – 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 affect 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)

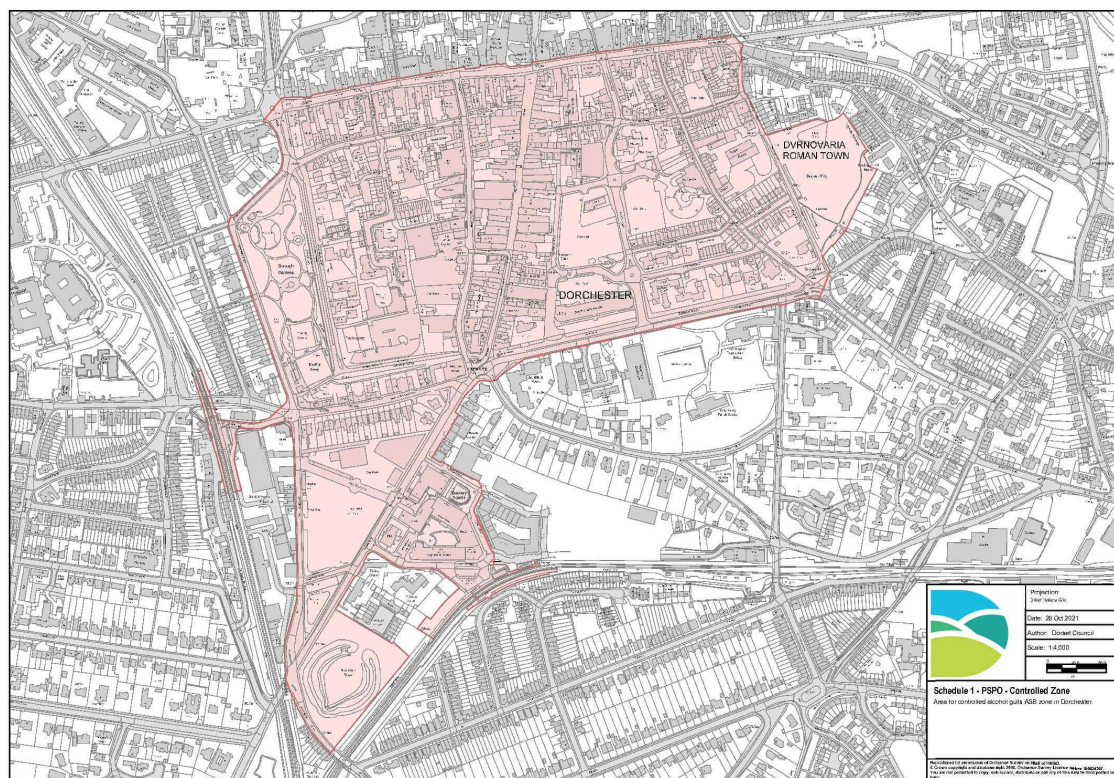
They are also concerned with the prohibition against tents and other temporary structures contained in the draft Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 202

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

Out of Format Response

Dorchester Town Council responded saying The Town Council’s Management Committee considered the draft Anti-Social Behaviour PSPO last night and agreed “That the proposed new Public Spaces Protection Order – Anti-Social Behaviour, be supported.”

Maps of proposed controlled zone



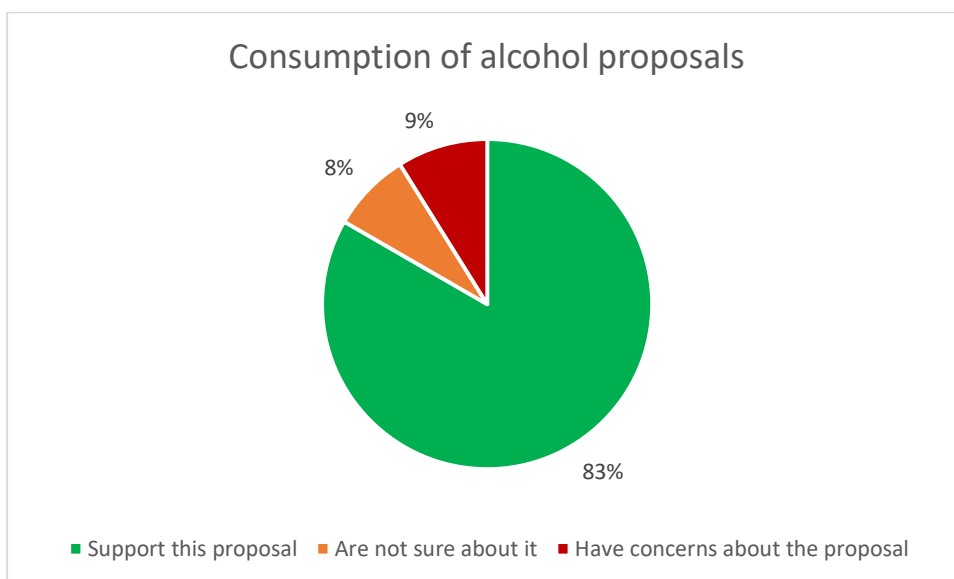
Section 1 – The Consumption of Alcohol

It is proposed in the order that “No person shall consume alcohol within the Controlled Alcohol Zone in circumstances where a constable or authorised officer has directed them not to do so in the reasonable belief that such a direction is necessary to prevent public nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour.” (See the maps identifying Dorchester Controlled Zone)

Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 83.3% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the consumption of alcohol. This compares to 7.8% who are not sure and a further 8.9% who have concerns about the proposal.

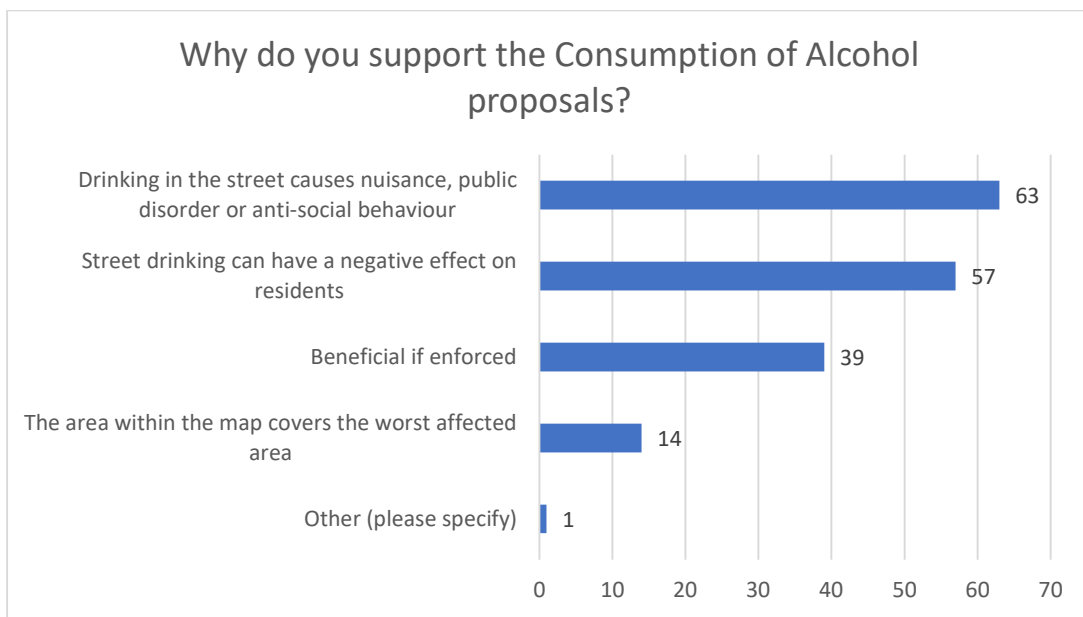
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	83.3	75
Are not sure about it	7.8	7
Have concerns about the proposal	8.9	8



Why do you support the consumption of alcohol proposals?

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-behaviour (86.3%). They also strongly felt that street drinking can have a negative effect on residents (78.1%). Just over half felt the proposals would be beneficial if enforced (53.4%).

	% of all respondents	Number
Drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour	86.3	63
Street drinking can have a negative effect on residents	78.1	57
The area within the map covers the worst affected area	19.2	14
Beneficial if enforced	53.4	39
Other (please specify)	1.4	1

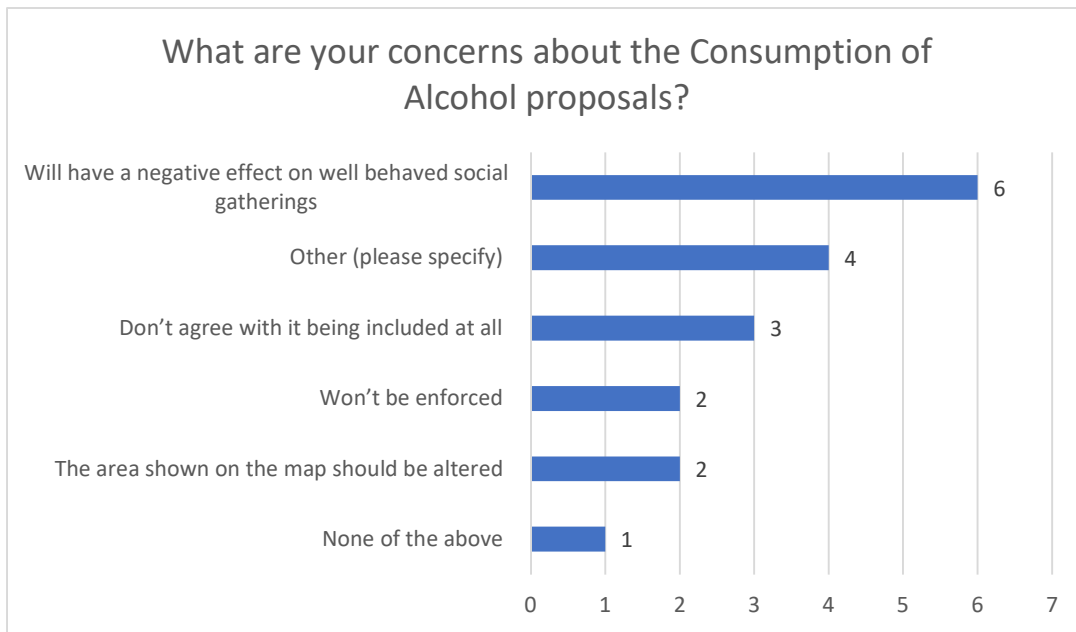


What are your concerns the consumption of alcohol proposals? (if concerns or not sure)

15 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 6 expressed concern that they will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings, 3 disagreed with it being included at all and 4 gave 'other reasons'

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	21.4	3
The area shown on the map should be altered	14.3	2
Won't be enforced	14.3	2

	% of all respondents	Number
Will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings	42.9	6
None of the above	7.1	1
Other (please specify)	28.6	4



Other responses

1 person who responded 'other' commented on their responses, due to the low number these are reported verbatim in the table below

Level of support	Comment
Support proposals	This needs to be extended to Poundbury and all the issues the pathway has that runs from parallel to Middlemarsh street and include this area as the kids all seem to see this are as the place to go party etc the once in a blue moon community police that drives by isn't good enough kids use the pathways to get to school as do toddlers, dogs etc and the are is always full of broken glass with graffiti etc.

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

10 people further commented on their responses, due to the low number these are reported verbatim in the table below.

Level of support	Comment
Support proposals	"Beneficial if enforced". Often the trouble occurs when the pubs turn out. It is my perception that there are few officers on the beat at such times. Rowdiness late at night and broken bottles on the pavement the next day. Plus other minor hooliganism. It is a nuisance.

Not sure	Would members of the public, who are not engaged in, and who have never engaged in, anti-social behaviour still drink alcohol in this designated area? I notice that it encompasses large open public spaces where people might legitimately take alcohol to have with a picnic or while watching events there. I would not be in favour of a total ban but would be in favour if it was only aimed at people causing a nuisance.
Support proposals	This needs to be extended to Poundbury and all the issues the pathway has that runs from parallel to Middlemarsh street and include this area as the kids all seem to see this as the place to go party etc the once in a blue moon community police that drives by isn't good enough kids use the pathways to get to school as do toddlers, dogs etc and the area is always full of broken glass with graffiti etc.
Support proposals	We are all part of the public, if people want to drink on public land so be it. If this is implemented well-meaning and otherwise uneventful gatherings will lead to an offense and a waste of police time by busy-bodys, while problem gatherings will not be strongly affected. There's already facilities for the police, for truly problematic and disruptive street drinking..
Have concerns	To specify alcohol gives too much power to authorities to prevent well-behaved people enjoying themselves. What about drugs? Why not simply ban aggressive or anti-social behaviour whatever the cause?
Have concerns	should include north of high west street county museum and churches etc
Have concerns	I have received the invitation to comment on this proposal by an email with a title of "Business news from Dorset Council" sent on 7/1/22. The link "You can view the overall order document here" gives access to the proposed document but does not give access to the map. One cannot comment on the proposal if one cannot see the area that it refers to. It would appear that "the Controlled Zone" is the same for all of the restrictions in the proposed document, but this does not make sense. In my opinion feeding gulls should be forbidden everywhere, but this blanket prohibition should not apply to the other restrictions in the document.
Support proposals	There are two separate issues here. There are a few older alcoholics about, and they do make some people feel quite insecure on the Walks and in the parks. The other is vandalism by young people very late at night in hot weather, but this is rare
Not Sure	The website does not give access to the map showing the controlled area.
Have concerns	Salisbury fields and Maumbury rings are public spaces enjoyed by many, as a frequent user of these areas, I have no concerns about people drinking alcohol or behaving in an anti-social way and don't think these should be included. It may give a minority the chance to complain about people who are merely enjoying themselves in a group.

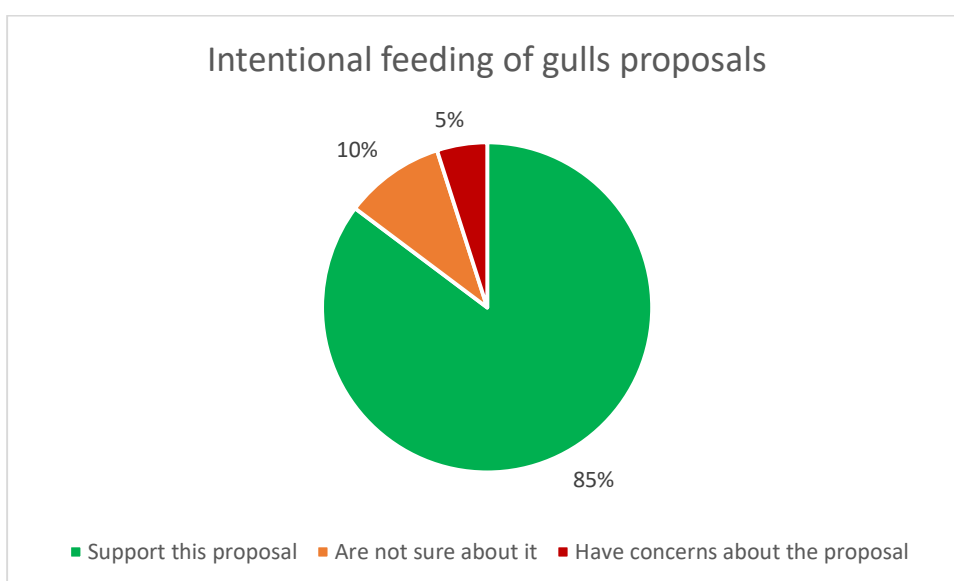
Intentional feeding of gulls

It is proposed that “No person at any time shall provide or deposit food for consumption by gulls within “The Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area”. See the map identifying Dorchester controlled zone

Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 84.4% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the intentional feeding of gulls. This compares to 10.0% who are not sure and a further 5.6% who have concerns about the proposal.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	84.4	76
Are not sure about it	10.0	9
Have concerns about the proposal	5.6	5

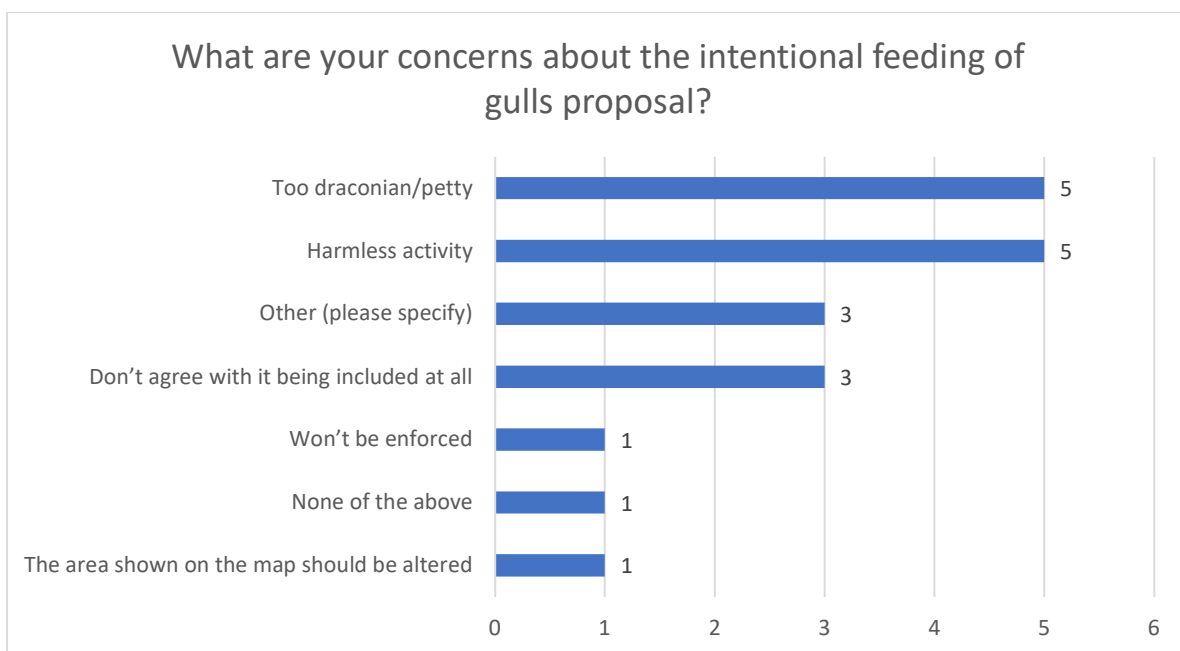


What are your concerns about the intentional feeding of gulls proposal? (if concerns or not sure)

5 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. All felt the measures were too draconian or petty, 3 disagreed with it being included at all and 3 gave ‘other reasons’

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	23.1	3

	% of all respondents	Number
The area shown on the map should be altered	7.7	1
Won't be enforced	7.7	1
Too draconian / petty	38.5	5
Harmless activity	38.5	5
None of the above	7.7	1
Other (please specify)	23.1	3



Other responses

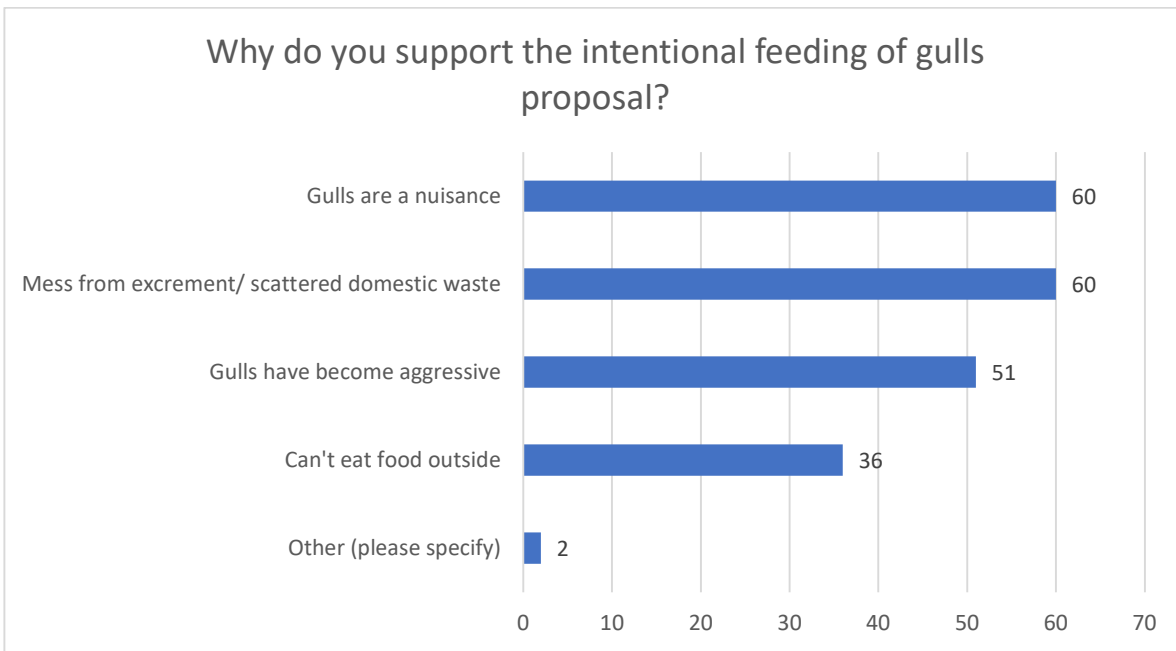
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Level of support	Comment
Support proposal	Cost of cleaning streets etc can be used elsewhere

Why do you support the intentional feeding of gulls proposals?

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt that mess from excrement and scattered domestic waste was an issue (78.9%). They also strongly felt that gulls are a nuisance (78.9%). Over half felt that gulls have become aggressive (67.1%)

	% of all respondents	Number
Gulls have become aggressive	67.1	51
Gulls are a nuisance	78.9	60
Can't eat food outside	47.4	36
Mess from excrement / scattered domestic waste	78.9	60
Other (please specify)	2.6	2



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

9 people further commented on their responses, due to the low number these are reported verbatim in the table below.

Level of support	Comment
Support proposals	Gulls interfere with waste bins that are overfull and with waste left by shops for collection. Gulls outcompete other birds whose presence is useful for other wildlife.
Not Sure	Feeding an injured gull unable to fend for itself surely seems a humanitarian action. This exclusion should be included in the proposal
Have concerns	Make that the whole of Dorset. Gulls should be out chasing fish out at sea!
Not sure	Can they source their own food or would they be endangered if their food intake is not supplemented by people?

Have concerns	I have received the invitation to comment on this proposal by an email with a title of "Business news from Dorset Council" sent on 7/1/22. The link "You can view the overall order document here" gives access to the proposed document but does not give access to the map. One cannot comment on the proposal if one cannot see the area that it refers to. It would appear that "the Controlled Zone" is the same for all of the restrictions in the proposed document, but this does not make sense. In my opinion feeding gulls should be forbidden everywhere, but this blanket prohibition should not apply to the other restrictions in the document.
Have concerns	It's a bit petty, and is very unlikely to have any effect on the nuisance caused by gulls. If you tried to stop people feeding them, they'd simply leave food out in their gardens. You could even argue that if you try to make the gulls hungry they will just search more thoroughly through the bins. They are a nuisance, but we are stuck with them, and they do at least tidy up food dropped at night by drunks... a very efficient clean-up. The most important thing was to get our rubbish into sturdy gull-proof bins. These are out the night before the rubbish is collected, with no problems at all
Support proposal	The link to the map goes to the same map for alcohol use in the previous section.
Support proposal	I feel very sorry for gulls it's not their fault if they're hungry.
Support proposal	gulls are a sea bird but find life a lot easier if people feed them. They can get very nasty towards people when they have young it they nest on roofs near domestic property life can get very difficult. residents have a job to use their gardens without being attacked. people eating food outside get swooped on and loose their food.

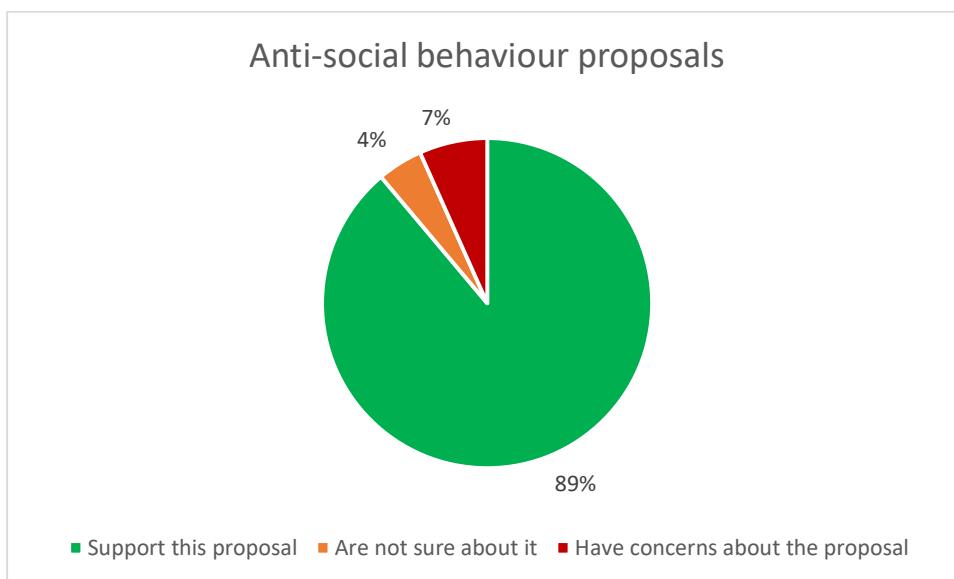
Section 3 – Anti-social behaviour

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” See the map of the defined area.

Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 88.9% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to anti-social behaviour, 6.7% have concerns about them and 4.4% are not sure.

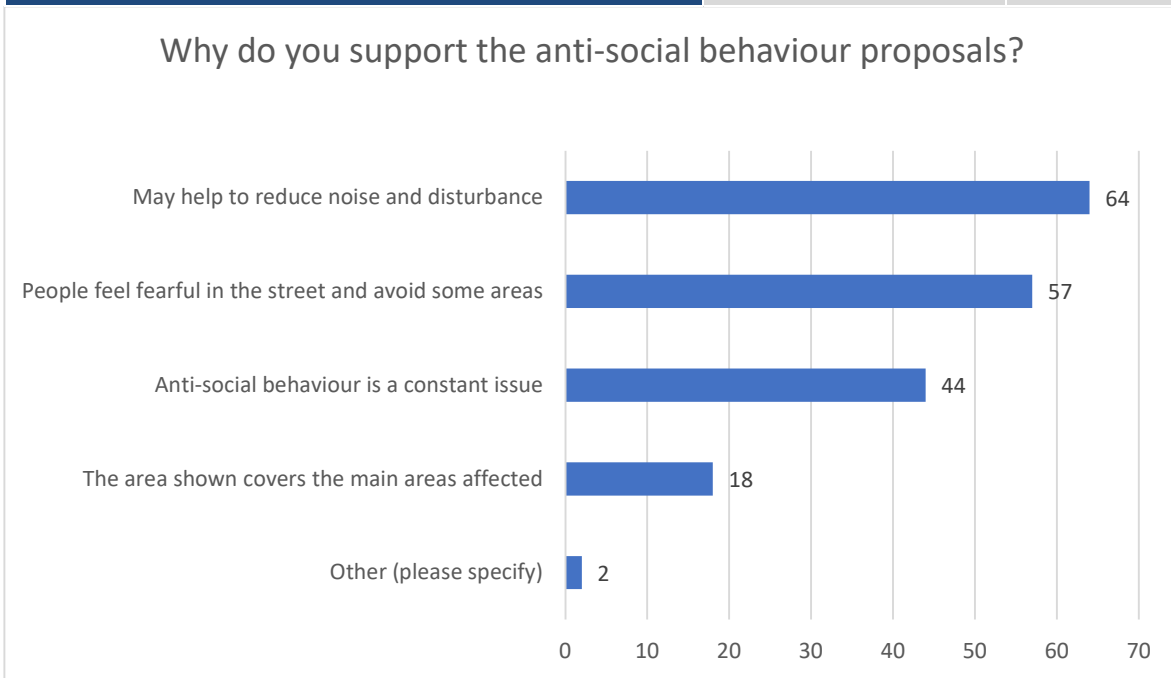
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	88.9	80
Are not sure about it	4.4	4
Have concerns about the proposal	6.7	6



Why do you support the anti-social behaviour proposals?

The most frequently selected reasons for supporting the anti-social behaviour proposals were that they may help reduce noise and disturbance (81.0%) and that people feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas (72.2%). 55.7% feel that anti-social behaviour is a constant issue.

	% of all respondents	Number
Anti-social behaviour is a constant issue	55.7	44
The area shown covers the main areas affected	22.8	18
People feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas	72.2	57
May help to reduce noise and disturbance	81.0	64
Other (please specify)	2.5	2



Other responses

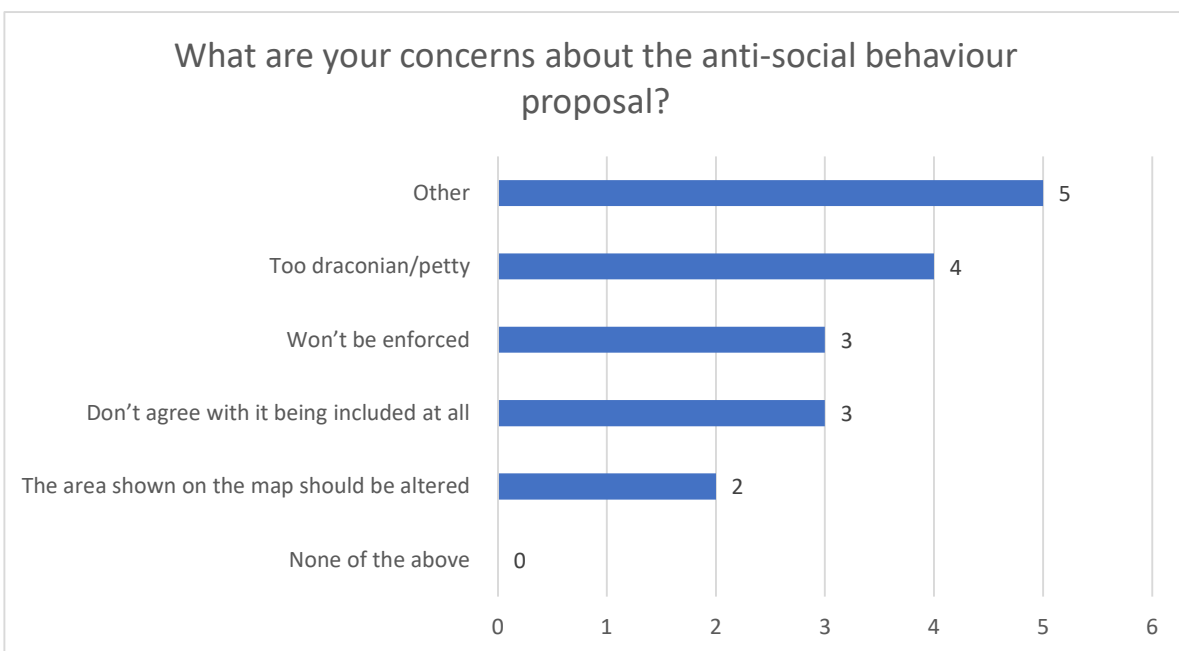
2 people who responded 'other' commented on their responses, due to the low number these are reported verbatim in the table below

Level of support	Comment
Support proposal	The area should be expanded to include residential areas.
Support proposal	Door shop sleepers can be a problem if they ask the public every time they pass for spare change or a light for cigarettes.

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

10 respondents said they either had concerns about the proposal or were not sure about it.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	30.0	3
The area shown on the map should be altered	20.0	2
Won't be enforced	30.0	3
Too draconian/petty	40.0	4
None of the above	0	0
Other	50.0	5



Those who said other gave the following reasons:

Level of support	Comment
Have concerns	This is a broad term that could cover almost anything, so I not only don't know what I'm supporting, and it seems 100% open to interpretation.
Not sure	Could be used to shut down legitimate behaviours such as parades because they cause distress too a motorist that is held up.
Have concerns	Pushing problem to outskirts again. It should be county wide.
Not sure	Aren't these "actions likely to cause a breach of the peace" and therefore already arrestable?
Have concerns	I have received the invitation to comment on this proposal by an email with a title of "Business news from Dorset Council" sent on 7/1/22. The link "You can view the overall order document here" gives access to the proposed document but does not give access to the map. One cannot comment on

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

15 people made further comment on their response, due to the low number of responses these are reported verbatim.

Level of Support	Comment
Support	I just want to feel safe when out and about. Even if a problem going on does not directly affect me, it is still disturbing and makes me feel I do not live in a law-abiding and pleasant town.
Support	Again, this needs to be extended to Poundbury and the area around the spar shop on Middlemarsh street. The door ramming by kids is awful. The community police are aware but they need to do more. Kids are drawn to the area as the once in a while community police car driving by isn't a deterrent. The kids seem to see it as a them and us thing, well done parents ...! The area is in serious lack of support and is constantly being used by kids throwing up on the alley way, screaming etc at night.
Support	Residents' quality of life can be affected to an extraordinary degree by street chavishness.
Not sure	Surely anti social behaviour should not be tolerated anywhere, not just in the zones depicted on the map.
Have concerns	The UK already has laws to cover this. No need for extra laws. It infringes freedoms
Not sure	Reasonable is a word which is interpreted very differently by different people and in different circumstances. The principle behind this PSPO is laudable but it could be used to stifle legitimate protest on the grounds that those against the protest are distressed
Have concerns	Include areas north of high west street
Not sure	Would you be allowed to do these things if there wasn't an order?
Support	Skate boards, bicycles and motorised and non motorised scooters should not be used in or on pedestrianised areas. People who cannot hear well or have difficulty moving quickly are at risk. Small children are also at risk. This needs to be monitored and policed as it is a constant problem in, for example, Brewery Square, the Walks, town centre.
Have concerns	I have received the invitation to comment on this proposal by an email with a title of "Business news from Dorset Council" sent on 7/1/22. The link "You can view the overall order document here" gives access to the proposed document but does not give access to the map. One cannot comment on the proposal if one cannot see the area that it refers to. It would appear that “the Controlled Zone” is the same for all of the restrictions in the proposed document, but this does not make sense. In my opinion feeding gulls should be forbidden everywhere, but this blanket prohibition should not apply to the other restrictions in the document.

Support	Dorchester is very quiet and very safe, even late at night, but anti-social behaviour has increased and although in no way is it dangerous, it can be very unpleasant. The number of broken plate-glass windows is a disgrace... if it continues the way it's going shops will start to leave the town centre. Why are they not being caught on CCTV?
Support	People need to understand anti social behaviour is not clever,funny or acceptable and has both direct and indirect effects on people.
Support	No level of anti-social behaviour is acceptable, per definition. Anything that can be done to reduce it has to be a good idea.
Support	The map cannot be accessed from the website.
Support	Please include <i>[redacted address]</i> and its occupants

Any Other Comments

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

Comment
I wish we had more officers on the beat at all times of the day and night. This would help towards controlling anti-social behaviour and keep minor crime down, as well as more aggressive behaviour such as the breaking of shop windows a couple of weeks ago in South Street.
Thanks for the opportunity to comment. It is worth noting that 70% of these problems could be resolved at a stroke by reinstating "bobby on the beat" patrols!
Need more cycle lanes on roads not pavements
Drinking in public, antisocial behaviour, and seagulls are quite low down on my list of priorities for Dorset Council. As a general rule of thumb, we should be cautious handing out offenses to people, alienating and criminalising them is not a good way stop people committing antisocial behaviour
By whom can such orders be enforced? Police? PCSO? Traffic support personell? Parking atendents? Council Officers? Who will decide what is reasonable? Any of above? Protection from 'institutional racism' or the perceived oppression of one particular group (even if this impression is misconceived) is needed and needs to be explicitly seen.
People's liberties should not be infringed lightly, if at all. None of the above sound serious enough nuisances to warrant any action at all. Let's not just invent restrictive rules for the sake of it - or as a speculative precaution. We must be careful to guard our freedoms and not sacrifice them to petty bureacracies.
Visits to schools to inform the youngsters and showing them what could happen, would perhaps be useful.
Anti social behaviour seems to have increased since the pandemic started. Proposals are good to deal with the actions but they do not address the real causes, ie unemployment, substance misuse, youth boredom, feeling like outcasts of society, etc...
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This is the most important element. Anti-social behaviour is worth taking a stand against
I feel that younger children are on the streets late at night, where are the parents. do they not care where their children are,
Dorset Council should test the survey website more effectively and ensure that it is accessible to interested parties.
Fully support all proposals but would like to see a regular police presence in all areas to enforce these proposals.
Drivers / motorcyclists of fast with twin exhaust noise need to be addressed. It is antisocial behaviour affecting residents and visitors as they travel through Dorchester especially racing along the grove
Many of the so called homeless go from town to town making their living asking for money instead of finding a job. I have come across the same people on various days in Bridport Dorchester Poole Blandford and other towns. They must have cars to travel and home to go back to. I also do not need to answer all the personal questions at the end of the questionnaire I am a dorset resident enough said.
I'm not a resident of Dorchester, but my disabled daughter lives within the proposed zone.

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% Dorset over 65+) The majority of respondents were 65+ (39.5%) followed by 55-64 age group (29.1%) with 3.5% of respondents 24 or under.

	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-and over	Prefer not to say
% of responses in age group	1.2	2.3	1.2	10.5	15.1	29.1	39.5	1.2

Gender

The current profile of the residents of Dorset show 49.8% male and 51.1% female. 36.5% respondents described themselves as Male, 57.6% as Female and 5.9% preferred not to say.

	Male	Female	Prefer to self describe	Prefer not to say
What best describes your gender?(%)	36.5	57.6	0.0	5.9

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?	94	0.0	6

Disability

5.8% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 5 people. Responses from disabled people were average at 5.8% 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? (%)	5.8	86.0	8.1

When looking at the specific disabilities of the 5 people responding: 1 has a physical disability, 4 have a long standing illness or health condition, 1 a mental health condition and 1 has a sensory impairment (Hearing, sight or both)

Sexual Orientation

Most respondents described their sexual orientation as Heterosexual/straight (76.8%). 6.1% described themselves as Bi-sexual, 1.2% Lesbian/Gay and 15.9% preferred not to say.

	What best describes your sexual orientation? (%)
Bi	6.1
Gay/lesbian	1.2
Heterosexual/straight	76.8
I use another term (please describe)	0
Prefer not to say	15.9

Religion/Belief

Half of respondents described themselves as Christian (50%), 35.7% stated they had no religion, 13.1% preferred not to say and 1 respondent (1.2%) stated other [*Humanist*]

	What best describes your religion/belief?
Buddhist	0
Christian	50
Hindu	0
Jewish	0
Muslim	0
Sikh	0
No religion	35.7

Other	1.2
Prefer not to say	13.1

Ethnic Group

The majority of respondents (88.4%) stated a White British background. 2.3% chose Any other white background and 8.1% respondents preferred not to say.

	What is your ethnic group? (%)
White British	88.4
White Irish	0
Gypsy/Irish traveller	0
Any other white background	2.3
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	0
Asian/Asian British - Chinese	0
Asian/Asian British - Indian	0
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	0
Any other Asian background	1.2
Black/Black British - African	0
Black/Black British - Caribbean	0
Any other black background	0
Mixed ethnic background – White and Asian	0
Mixed ethnic background – White and Black African	0
Mixed ethnic background – White and Black Caribbean	0
Any other mixed background	0
Prefer not to say	8.1
Any other ethnic group	0

Survey Questions



Dorchester Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 2022

Dorset
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What we are consulting on

The Dorchester Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2022 (Draft) retains the activities and areas identified within the existing West Dorset Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2018 (as extended) and includes additional provisions covering the intentional feeding of gulls, general Anti-social Behaviour and dispersal powers with an updated plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Dorchester Town Council and Dorset Police.

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

Consultation

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

This consultation will last for 8 weeks, between Thursday 18 November until midnight on 13 January, 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 Dorchester
- resident of another part of Dorset
- 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 - Consumption of Alcohol
- Section 2 – Feeding of Gulls
- Section 3 - Anti-social Behaviour

The following documents will be available in the appropriate section

Schedule 1 - Map identifying Dorchester Controlled Zone – outlined in red and shaded in pink

The Consumption of Alcohol

It is proposed in the order that “No person shall consume alcohol within the Controlled Alcohol Zone in circumstances where a constable or authorised officer has directed them not to do so in the reasonable belief that such a direction is necessary to prevent public nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour.” [See the maps identifying Dorchester Controlled Zone](#)

Q7 Consumption of Alcohol 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 previous consultation on PSPOs in the Dorset area

Q8 What are your concerns about the consumption of alcohol 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
- Will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Q8a **Other** (please specify)

Q9 **Why do you support the consumption of alcohol proposals?**

Choose all that apply

- Drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour
- Street drinking can have a negative effect on residents
- The area within the map covers the worst affected area
- 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**

Intentional feeding of gulls

It is proposed that “No person at any time shall provide or deposit food for consumption by gulls within “The Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area”. [See the map identifying Dorchester controlled zone](#)

Q11 Intentional feeding of gulls 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 raised in the previous consultation on PSPOs in the Dorset area

Q12 What are your concerns about the intentional feeding of gulls 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
- Harmless activity
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Q12a Other (please specify)

Q13 Why do you support the intentional feeding of gulls proposals?

Choose all that apply

- Gulls have become aggressive
- Gulls are a nuisance
- Can't eat food outside
- Mess from excrement/ scattered domestic waste
- Other (please specify)

Q13a Other (please specify)

Q14 **If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on your 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” [See the map of the defined area.](#)

Q15 **Anti-social behaviour proposals - Do you...** (required)

- Support this proposal
- Are not sure
- Have concerns

The options below have been developed from the concerns/support raised in the previous consultation on PSPOs in the area

Q16 **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)

Q16a **Other** (please specify)

Q17 **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 in the street and avoid some areas
- May help to reduce noise and disturbance
- Other (please specify)

Q17a **Other** (please specify)

Q18 **If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on your support or concerns**

Q19 **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.

Q20 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

Q21 What best describes your gender?

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

Q21a Please tell us in the box below

Q22 Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q23 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

Q23a **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

Q24 **What best describes your sexual orientation?**

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

Q25 **I use another term - please describe**

Q26 What best describes your religion/belief?

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

Q26a Other - please describe

Q27 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)

Q27a Any other ethnic group

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