

Lyme Regis Anti-social Behaviour  
Related PSPOs 2022  
**Consultation Response Report**

Produced by Consultation and Engagement Team  
**for Dorset Council**

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<p><b>What was the consultation about?</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Lyme Regis Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022.</p> <p>The Lyme Regis 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 provision covering consumption of alcohol, general Anti-social Behaviour and dispersal powers with a revised plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Lyme Regis Town Council and Dorset Police.</p>
<p><b>What did we need to find out</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Lyme Regis Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022, and whether they support or have concerns about the individual proposals.</p>
<p><b>Over what period did the consultation run?</b></p>	<p>The consultation period ran from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p>
<p><b>What consultation methods were used?</b></p>	<p>The consultation involved an online and paper consultation survey. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online survey. This included free text sections for people to add any other comments.</li> <li>• Paper surveys available from Dorset Council libraries and upon request.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How many responses were received overall?</b></p>	<p>62 overall responses were received. 75.8% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Lyme Regis, 17.7% as residents of another part of Dorset, 4.8% as a resident of elsewhere and 1.6% as other.</p>
<p><b>How representative is the response to the wider population?</b></p>	<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>The consultation was reasonably representative of the Dorset population, with some input across all of the age ranges. 61.7% of the sample were over the age of 54 which is somewhat in line with expectations and the Dorset Council area. Of all the respondents, there was a good split of males (45.9%) and females (54.1%) with 85.2% of all those that responded identifying as White British. On the whole, although the numbers are low, this is a fair sample, with good representation across all typical identifying factors.</p>
<p><b>Where will the results be published?</b></p>	<p>Results will be published on the council's website <a href="http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>How will the results be used?</b>	The feedback will be used to help shape the final Dorset Public Space Protection Orders decided by Dorset Council elected members.
<b>Who has produced this report?</b>	Consultation and Engagement team, Dorset Council, January 2022

## Executive Summary

### i) Background/Introduction

The Lyme Regis 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 provision covering consumption of alcohol, general Anti-social Behaviour and dispersal powers with a revised plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Lyme Regis Town Council and Dorset Police.

### ii) Respondents

The consultation was reasonably representative of the Dorset population, with some input across all of the age ranges. 61.7% of the sample were over the age of 55 which is somewhat in line with expectations and the Dorset Council area. Of all the respondents, there was a good split of males (45.9%) and females (54.1%) with 85.2% of all those that responded identifying as White British. On the whole, although the numbers are low, this is a fair sample, with good representation across all typical identifying factors.

### iii) Consumption of alcohol:

There is a clear supporting majority (64.5%) for the proposals when it comes to the consumption of alcohol. From that, 87.5% of respondents think that drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour with 60% saying street drinking can have a negative effect on residents.

Conversely, those that were not sure or had concerns, vehemently did so. 72.7% of this group said that they don't agree with the proposals being included at all. 59.1% also showed concern for the proposals negatively affecting well behaved social gathering, with one respondent saying: "The vast majority of people who visit these areas and enjoy a drink in the sun are well behaved". Both sides acknowledged to some degree that there are groups who are well intentioned and would not want them to negatively affect the majority.

Respondents who stated they had a disability completely differed to the overall findings, with 71.4% having concerns or not being sure about the proposal. Of the 5 people who thought this, 3 said that they did not agree with it being included at all, and that it will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings.

### Intentional Feeding of gulls

Differing from the first section, the intentional feeding of gulls proposals were conclusive in their result. 85.2% support the proposals, with 4.9% having concerns and 9.8% being unsure. There is a clear common theme that the gulls have become aggressive (82.7%)

and a nuisance (78.8%), to the point where 53.8% of respondents said they cannot eat food outside. Although a small proportion, there were 5 respondents that said the proposals were too draconian in their nature, with 3 saying that it was a harmless activity.

Those that stated they had a disability did also support this proposal, but not to the same majority, with 57.1% being in favour, and 42.9% not being sure.

### **Anti-social behaviour**

Similarly, to the previous two themes, there was again a clear favouring of the proposals for anti-social behaviour too. 66.1% supported the proposal, citing that it is a constant issue (64.1%), and has got to a point where citizens are fearful in the street and avoid certain areas (56.4%). Interestingly, the most popular option was that the proposals may help to reduce noise and disturbance within the area (79.5%).

Of the 33.8% that were unsure or had concerns, two participants in the 'other' section had alluded to worries in the proposals being open to interpretation, and that the rules were subjective in nature. The largest concern was, again, that the rules were too draconian, with 6 members of the public choosing this.

57.1% of respondents who stated they had a disability were opposed to the proposals, with 28.6% in support and 14.3% not being sure. Similarly to the consumption of alcohol proposals, this contrasts with the overall data.

### **iv) Any other comments**

One theme taken from the comments, is that the maps used should have covered more areas within the area. Anning Rd playing field, Woodmead car park, Marine Theatre Square and Gun Cliff pedestrian area were cited by a respondent as needing to be added to the areas up for consultation.

As aforementioned, there were a few comments that made reference to the rules being open to interpretation for the anti-social behaviour and consumption of alcohol proposals. There is a concern some groups who are well intentioned may get penalised. In addition to this, there are already laws in place covering the subject, perhaps there may not be need for more.

## **Background**

The consultation explained:

The Lyme Regis 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 provision covering consumption of alcohol, general Anti-social Behaviour and dispersal powers with a revised plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Lyme Regis Town Council and Dorset Police.

## **The Consultation**

The consultation period ran from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 62 responses were received.

## About respondents

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### Q: Are you completing this survey as:

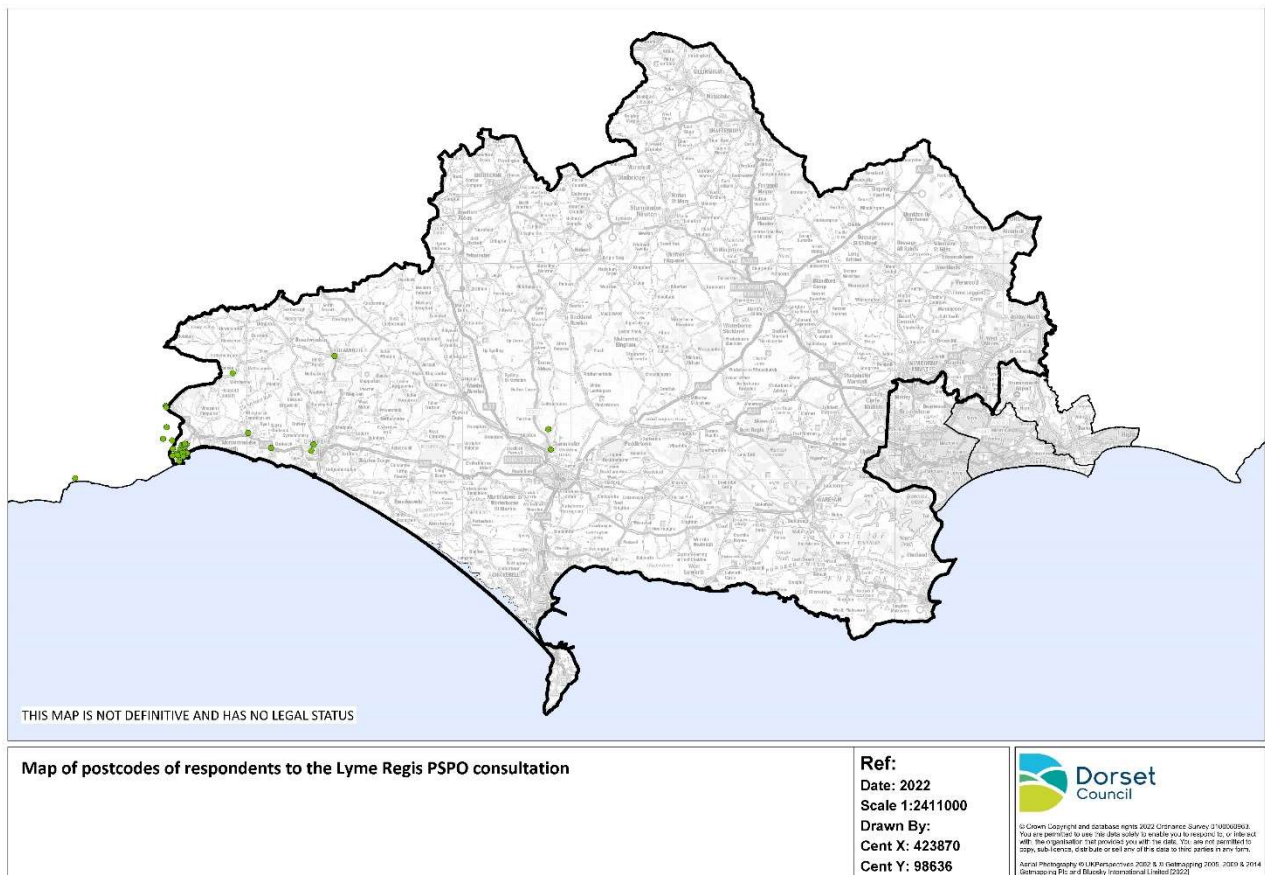
75.8% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Lyme Regis, 17.7% as residents of another part of Dorset, 4.8% as residents of elsewhere and 1.6% other.

	% of all respondents	Number
Resident of Lyme Regis	75.8	47
Resident of another part of Dorset	17.7	11
Resident of elsewhere	4.8	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	0	0
Other	1.6	1

The respondent who identified as other described themselves as someone who “works in Lyme Regis.”

## Maps of responses to the consultation

Postcodes were supplied by 40 respondents with the majority of those living in the Lyme Regis area. The map shows the distribution of overall responses to the consultation.



## The consultation will consider the following sections:

- 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:

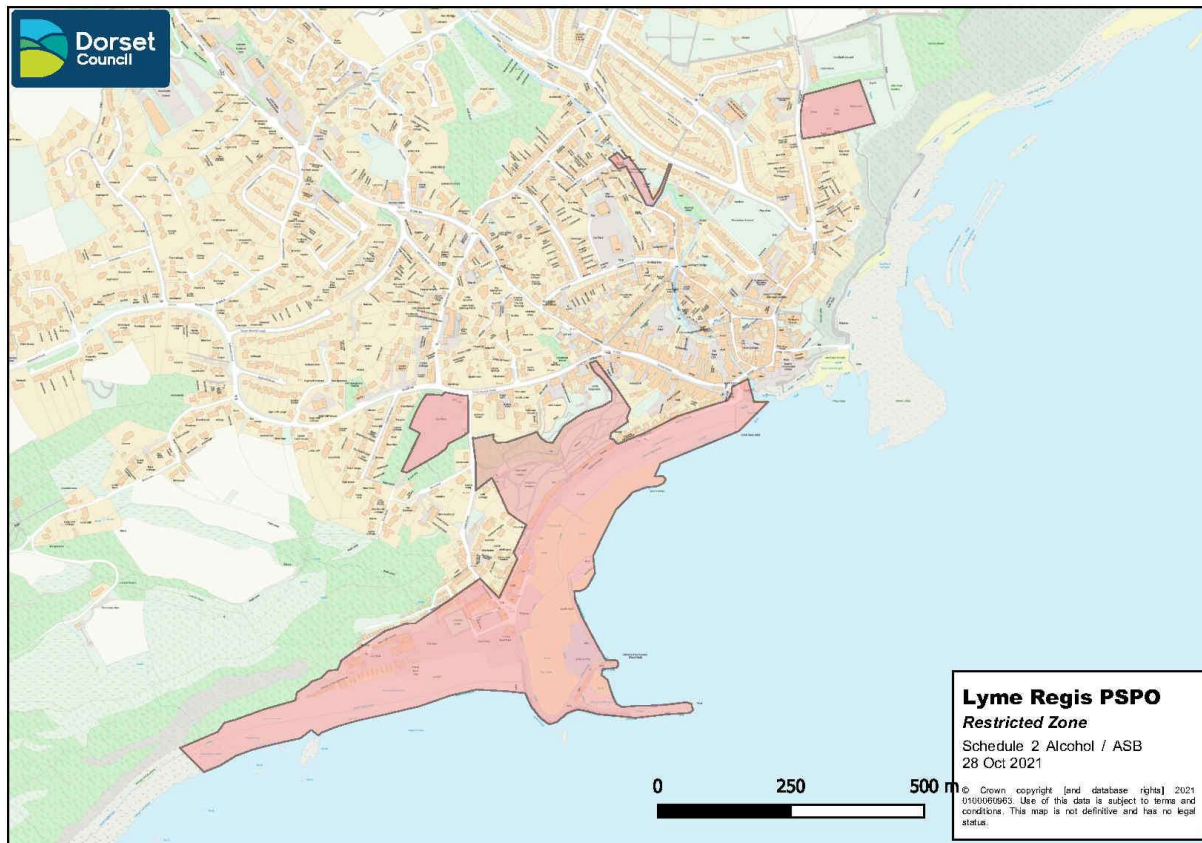
- Evidence (including Equality Impact Assessments)
- General Concerns (particularly effect on people in poverty)
- Anti-social behaviour (concerns over wording and meaning)
- Camping (effect on various groups/individuals particularly homeless people/Gypsies and Travelers and Right to Protest)



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

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

### Map of proposed areas



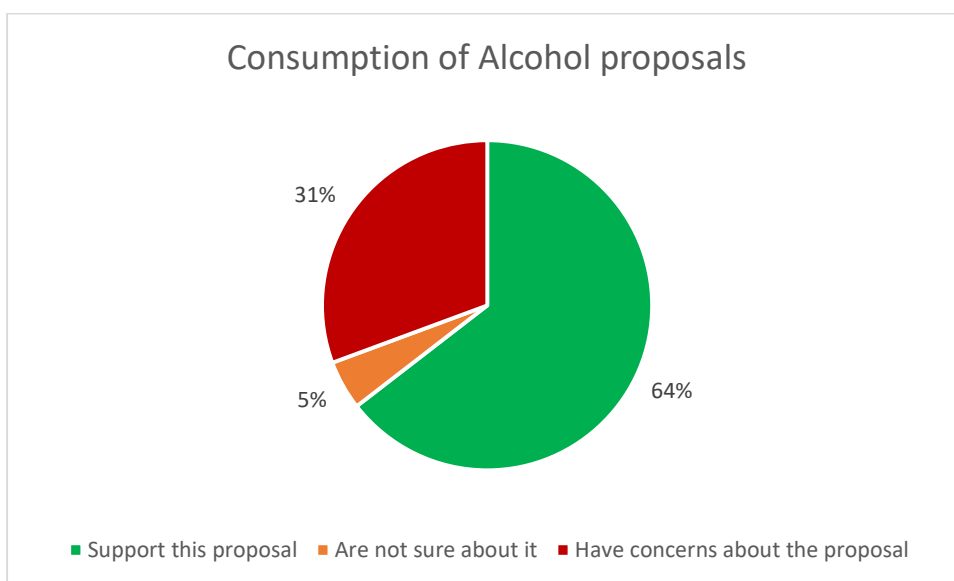
## Section 1 – The Consumption of Alcohol

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 map identifying Lyme Regis Controlled Alcohol Zone.

### Do you:

As the table shows below, 64.5% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the consumption of alcohol. 30.6% have concerns about the proposal and 4.8% are not sure.

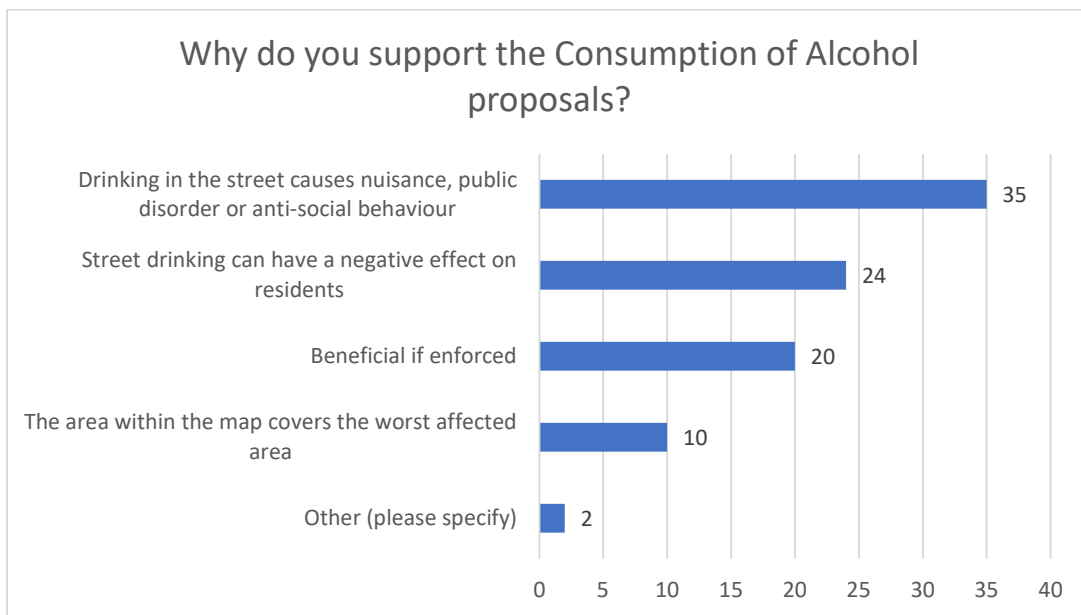
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	64.5	40
Are not sure about it	4.8	3
Have concerns about the proposal	30.6	19



### Why do you support the consumption of alcohol proposals?

Respondents could select as many options as they liked for this question. Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-behaviour (87.5%). The respondents also strongly felt that street drinking can have a negative effect on residents (60.0%). Half felt the proposals would be beneficial if enforced (50.0%).

	% of all respondents	Number
Drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour	87.5	35
Street drinking can have a negative effect on residents	60.0	24
The area within the map covers the worst affected area	25.0	10
Beneficial if enforced	50.0	20
Other (please specify)	5.0	2



### Other responses

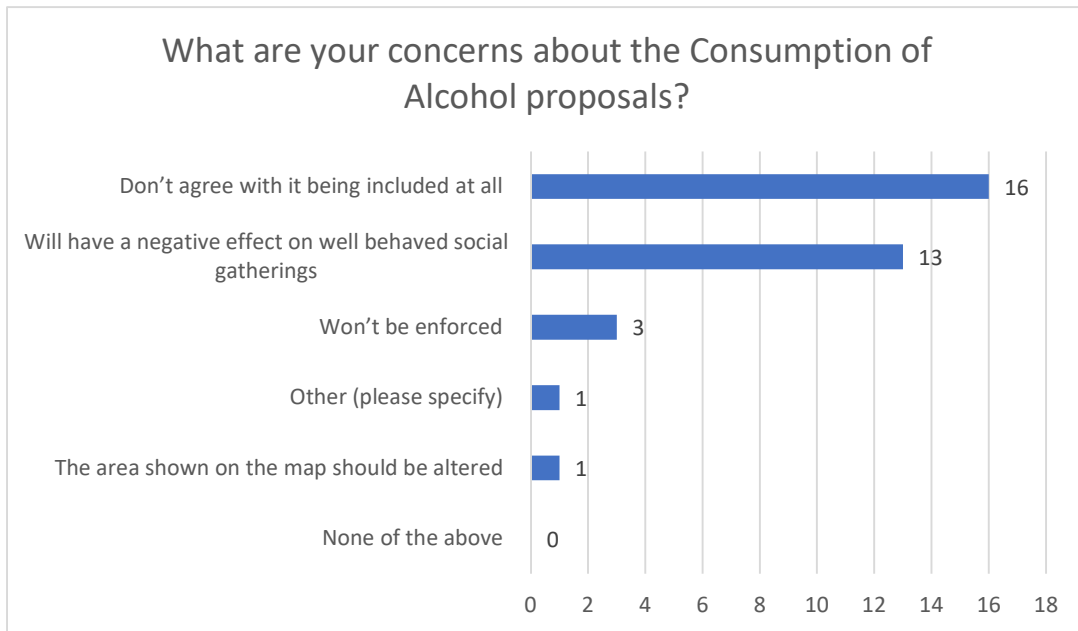
2 people further commented on their responses, due to the low number these are reported verbatim in the table below.

Level of support	Comment
Support	Sets a poor example and temptation to younger children. I would also like to suggest expanding this to include the promenade around the Marine Theatre and along Church Cliff Walk.
Support	No response left

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

Respondents could select as many options as they liked for this question. 16 respondents stated that they do not agree with the proposals being included at all, with 13 expressing concern that they will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings. In addition to this, 3 do not think the proposals will be enforced.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	72.7	16
The area shown on the map should be altered	4.5	1
Won't be enforced	13.6	3
Will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings	59.1	13
None of the above	0	0
Other (please specify)	4.5	1



### Other responses

1 person commented other as their response. They said “Support the proposal but concerned people will just move somewhere else and take the problems elsewhere in Lyme Regis.”

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

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

Level of support	Comment
Support	I think drinking on the beaches and langmoor gardens is perfectly acceptable, many families and couples take a bottle of wine with picnics, however if people are making a nuisance police should be allowed to stop them from drinking
Support	There isa group of people who congregate in Langmoor Gardens. Thes are full-grown men who take over the shelter, sometimes even sleeping there. They play loud music, swear and publically urinate. It's disgusting. I've often seen people flinch when passing or take their children the other way.
Support	Anning Rd playing field, Woodmead car park and Marine Theatre Square and GunCliff pedestrian area needs adding to the map.
Support	There are enough pubs and bars within the town to consume alcohol indoors. Anti social behaviour is much less likely to take place indoors. Some decisions just need to be made and accepted by a minority group. Life is not all about pleasing people all the time. It's about fairness to everyone.
Support	Some of these areas have become no go in recent years because if the drinking and drugs
Support	There is no police presence in Lyme so only helpful if there is enforcement
Have concerns	The vast majority of people who visit these areas and enjoy a drink in the sun are well behaved. The vast majority of people who may see, on the rare occasion someone having had one two many will see it for what it is. Don't impose more rules on us. We have had enough of our freedom being eroded.
Have concerns	It is too open ended and could be restrictive where people not committing any offense or is a risk of anti social behaviour will be told to stop by over zealous officials. We already have laws in place to disperse people these extra laws could be used on people simply enjoying their day in a reasonable way.

Level of support	Comment
Have concerns	i think this is an extremely negative proposal. The pubs takeaway business will be restricted and the youth will have a very unhappy time in their town which should never be allowed. i have lived in lyme all my life and have never heard of bad things happening due to people drinking in the town. i understand if its because of people getting angry and rude when they are drunk but this is always people from other places, our town should not get punished because of their behaviour. lyme regis is a very close community and it has always been a very positive town, unlike some places. if this goes through it will create a unfriendly space.
Have concerns	I love a pint on the Cobb or in the gardens after work, doesn't make me a drunk or antisocial at all! Can't the police just actually police antisocial groups rather than banning everyone?!?
Have concerns	Too wide ranging a power and open to petty abuse
Have concerns	Who gets to enjoy a can of beer whilst watching the sea should not be at the whim of an often untrained officer. It will discriminate against the young and we all know it.
Have concerns	This will affect groups of people gathering for summer picnics where alcohol is consumed. It makes the assumption there will be bad behaviour. It's also about interpretation - I can imagine some "jobsworth" having the power to stop people enjoying themselves and using it just because he or she can. Having lived in Lyme for 27 years, I really don't think there is a problem.
Not sure	I have often consumed alcohol in the Controlled zone. I have not personally experienced antisocial behaviour in the zone but can see that controls may be required

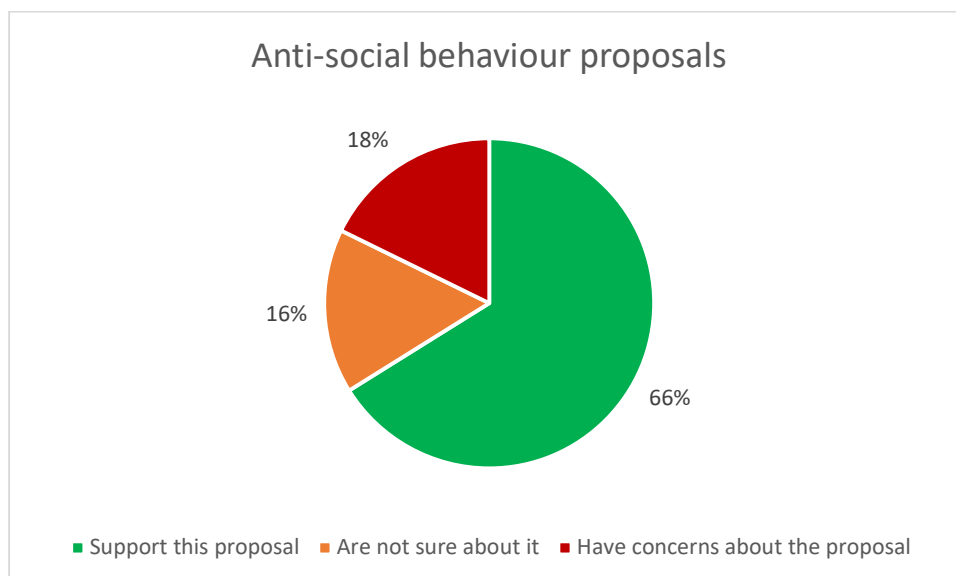
## Section 2 – Anti-social behaviour

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” See the map of the defined area.

### Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 66.1% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to anti-social behaviour, 17.7% have concerns about them and 16.1% are not sure.

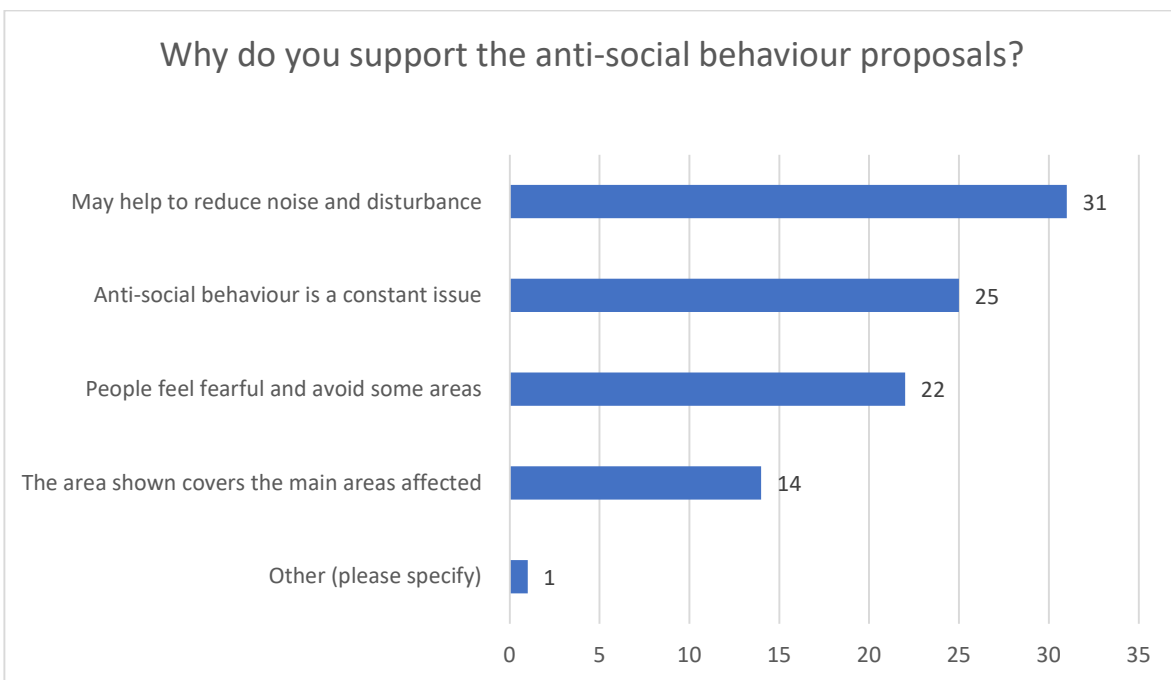
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	66.1	41
Are not sure about it	16.1	10
Have concerns about the proposal	17.7	11



### 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 (79.5%) and that people feel anti-social behaviour is a constant issue (64.1%). 56.4% feel that people feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas.

	% of all respondents	Number
Anti-social behaviour is a constant issue	64.1	25
The area shown covers the main areas affected	35.9	14
People feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas	56.4	22
May help to reduce noise and disturbance	79.5	31
Other (please specify)	2.6	1



Those who said other gave the following response: “See below”. This was referring to the ‘Any other comments’ section, and their answer can be seen here:

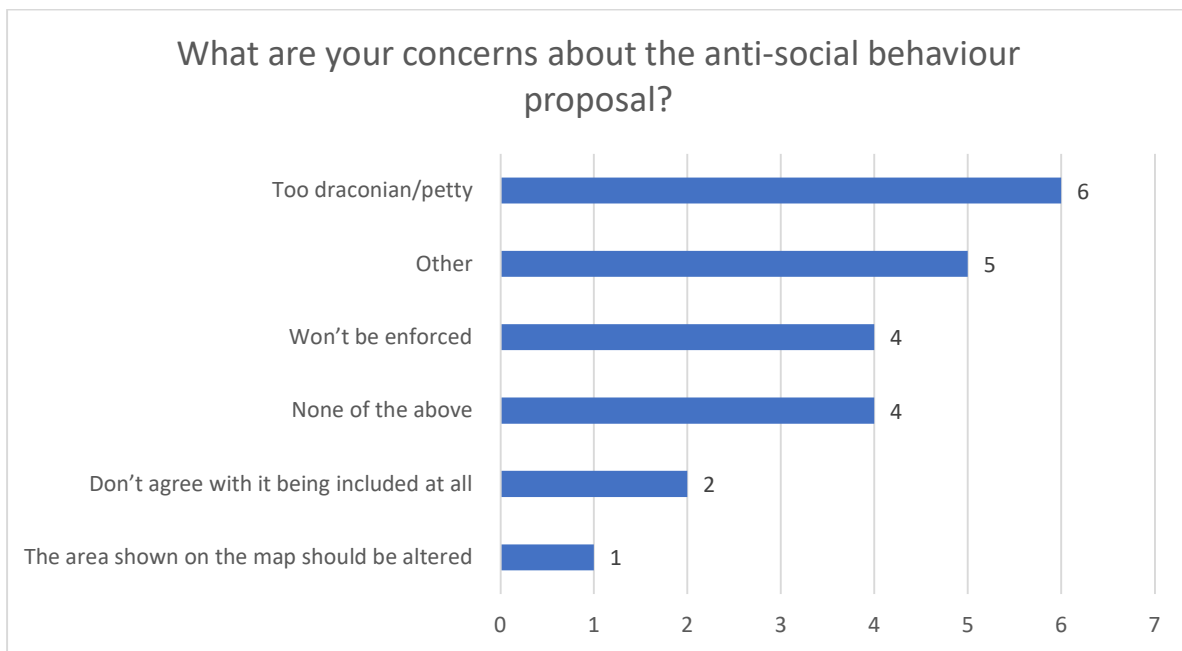
Level of support	Comment
Support	Traffic calming is desperately needed between the junction of Anning Road and Charmouth Road / Charmouth Road car park. Anti social driving habits on this stretch are awful and create undue noise and disturbance as well as being dangerous. High speeds, modified vehicles.

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

Respondents could select as many options as they liked for this question. 21 respondents said they either had concerns about the proposal or were not sure about it. The answers for this question were quite split across the six options, with the highest percentage being that the proposals were too draconian at 31.6%.



	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	15.8	2
The area shown on the map should be altered	5.3	1
Won't be enforced	21.1	4
Too draconian/petty	31.6	6
None of the above	21.1	4
Other	26.3	5



Those who said other gave the following reasons:

Level of support	Comment
Have concerns	Severity of anti social behaviour is subjective. I would be concerned on how a situation would be handled. Young people would easily be targeted under this proposal.
Have concerns	Support the proposal although area could be expanded further, particularly including Broad St.
Have concerns	There are already laws on this subject. Don't need more laws, just more Police.
Have concerns	I fully support the PSPO proposals re drinking and general nuisance but I am concerned how this rule has been misused by our town council here in Lyme Regis by implementing it to include law-abiding dog walkers access to our only safe beach in winter - this has gutted

	what used to be a lively off-season activity - especially for vulnerable and/or disabled people.
Not Sure	People not getting treated correctly my police if they are acting in a certain way. they have a mental issues which is making them act out but no one is aware that its a mental issue.

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

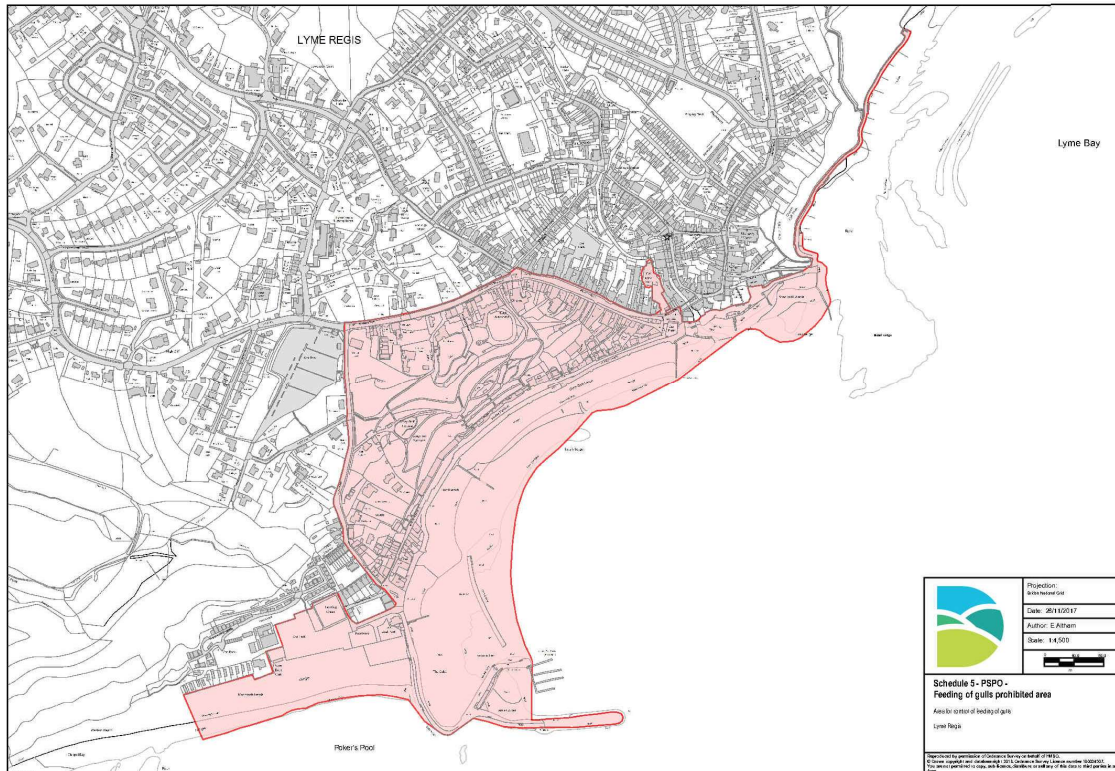
12 people made further comment on their response, due to the low number of responses these are reported verbatim.

Level of Support	Comment
Support	I believe the defined area should be expanded to cover Broad Street as a whole. Anti-social behaviour is not just restricted to open areas (car parks, green spaces. beaches, etc), a 'town centre/high street' is also a valid area.
Support	Should be over a wider area
Support	Anning Rd playing field, Woodmead car park and Marine Theatre Square and GunCliff pedestrian area needs adding to the map.
Support	The steps leading down to the Town Mill from the car park opposite Cobb Gate have wooden railings both sides which I find very helpful; mobility is difficult for me. This area des not appear to be covered by your map. These railings are constantly deliberately broken by vandals, repaired and broken again. When they are splintered and useless it makes those steps more dangerous for me and others. Can this area be added, and can there be some vigilance over the perpetrators please.
Support	Agree in principle, but as a last resort for a minority. It's better to tackle the underlying reasons for antisocial behaviour, e.g. lack of alternative meaningful and wanted activities, lack of respect, "them and us" attitudes, poverty, lack of genuine leadership and engagement with all those concerned...
Support	The people who opt to sleep on the beach and in the park are not homeless it's a lifestyle choice and the areas are becoming no go at night and sometimes on the day due to the anti social behavior
Support	Traffic calming is desperately needed between the junction of Anning Road and Charmouth Road / Charmouth Road car park. Anti social driving habits on this stretch are awful and create undue noise and disturbance as well as being dangerous. High speeds, modified vehicles.
Have concerns	Simply not necessary
Have concerns	There is no problem - and I say that having lived here permanently for 27 years. Serious anti-social behaviour is a rarity.
Not sure	Again, we already have laws in place that address this issue why is there a need for more?
Not sure	Very difficult for general public to correctly identify anti-social behaviour . Personal offence to one person can be irrelevant to another, even common place. This I think will lead to discrete incidents of conflict. Very difficult for th authorities to enforce. Perhaps better/helpful to define the sort of behaviour which would qualify as anti-social behaviour.
Not sure	It all depends on the interpretation of anti social behaviour.

## Section 3 – 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 Lyme Regis Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area.

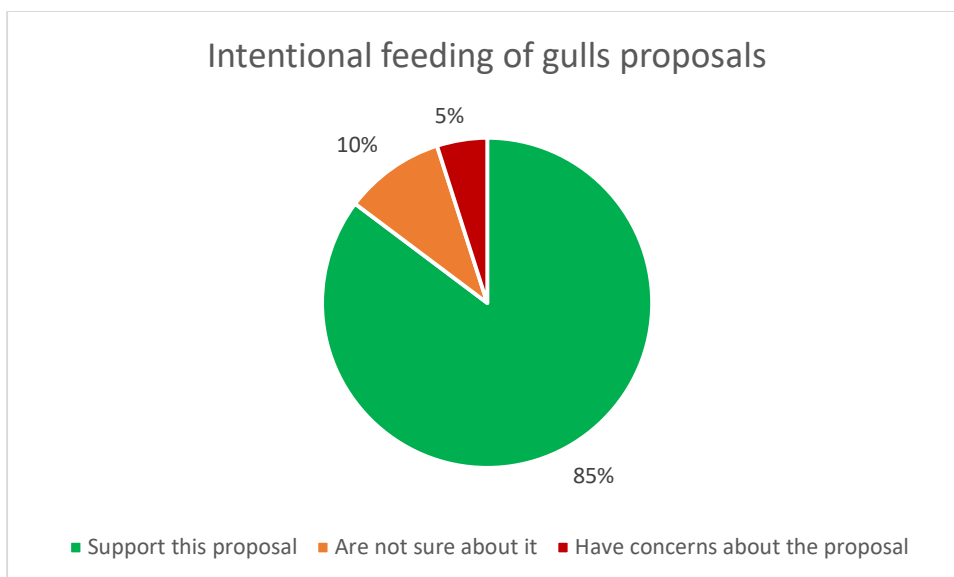
### Map of proposed prohibited area



### Do you:

As demonstrated by the table below, 85.2% of respondents support this proposal, with 4.9% having concerns, and 9.8% not being sure.

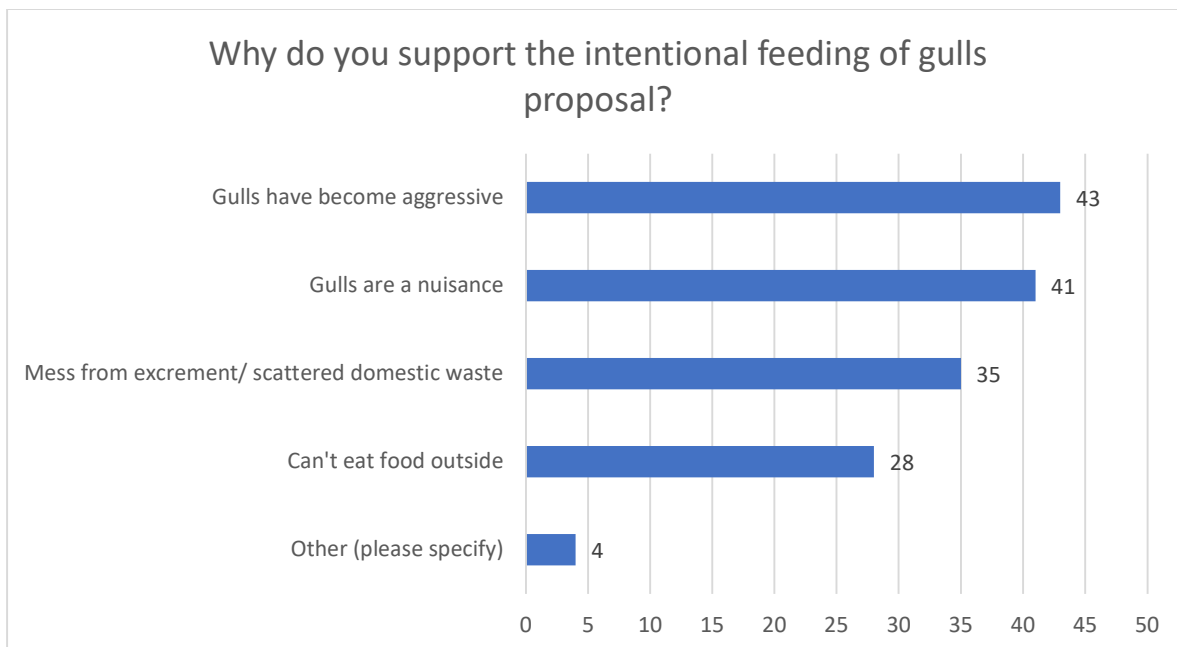
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	85.2	52
Are not sure about it	9.8	6
Have concerns about the proposal	4.9	3



### Why do you support the intentionally feeding of gulls proposals?

Respondents could select as many options as they liked for this question. The most frequently selected reasons for supporting the intentional feeding of gulls proposals were that gulls have become aggressive (82.7%) and that gulls are a nuisance (78.8%). Despite these two answers being the highest picked, two other options were chosen by over half the participants supporting the proposal, with 67.3% of respondents saying that they support the proposal due to mess from excrement, with 53.8% stating that they can't eat food outside.

	% of all respondents	Number
Gulls have become aggressive	82.7	43
Gulls are a nuisance	78.8	41
Can't eat food outside	53.8	28
Mess from excrement/ scattered domestic waste	67.3	35
Other (please specify)	7.7	4



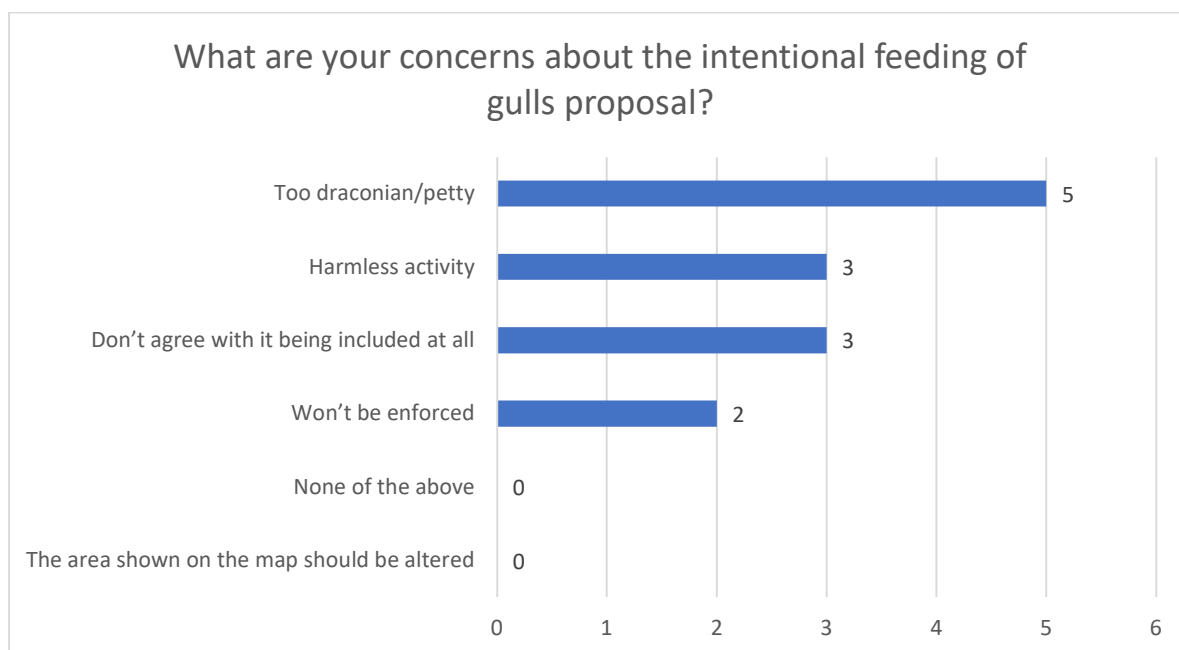
Of the four respondents that chose other, two expanded on their answer, which can be seen verbatim below:

Level of support	Comment
Support	Rarely a problem in the winter but wildlife will always look for 'easy food' so more needs to be done to educate the public
Support	It's bad for the gulls to eat chips and rubbish

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

Respondents could select as many options as they liked for this question. 9 respondents said they either had concerns about the proposal or were not sure about it. From this, 5 respondents thought that the proposals were too draconian, 3 respondents don't agree with it being included at all and the same number consider it a harmless activity.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	42.9	3
The area shown on the map should be altered	0	0
Won't be enforced	28.6	2
Too draconian/petty	71.4	5
Harmless activity	42.9	3
None of the above	0	0
Other	0	0



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

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

Level of Support	Comment
Support	You won't enforce it.
Support	I regularly see tourists feeding the gulls on Lyme Regis beach thinking that it is amusing . Signs telling them it was a pspo would help greatly
Support	Anning Rd playing field, Woodmead car park and Marine Theatre Square and GunCliff pedestrian area needs adding to the map.
Support	There are just too many gulls. It appears they are becoming increasingly distressed, competing for space and food , with each other and my concern is that agession will escalate and risk serious harm to both humans, other animals and the birds themselves.
Support	Gulls can be dangerous
Support	It's unreasonable for people to expect gulls to know the difference between when they are still enjoying their chips & when they've had enough and offer up remains to the birds. These birds are a protected species yet I often see people throwing pebbles at them, encouraging their children to do so, and have even seen a bird get a broken wing from a man hitting out at it on the beach; that bird would have had a slow death. As well as posters to prevent feeding gulls there should be a reminder about their protected status to discourage the public from attacking them.
Support	Would help if there were more bins being regulary empied.
Support	Again, helpful but also needs additional measures to stop the issues. Flying of birds of prey to ward of gulls has and would be massively helpful too.
Not sure	Again, people have picnics on the beach and gulls by nature are scavengers i spend most of my spare time down the beach and ots is incredibly rare I've ever seen anyone feeding gulls rather I've seen gulls thieve food but that is

	natural. Perhaps more should be done in ensuring the bins are emptied regularly throughout the day and NOT LEFT OVER SPILLING until the following morning which Lyme Council does!
Not sure	I support the proposal in principle, but in my experience very few people actively and intentionally feed the gulls. The signage is effective. To my mind, gulls mostly scavenge dropped food or steal it with success.

## Any Other Comments

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

Comment
Lyme Regis is already one of the safest places in the UK with low crime and low anti social issues adding laws and rules makes us look like we are a hot spot for trouble when in actual fact all of the proposed issues already have laws on a national scale that address this. I wholeheartedly disagree with the need for more officialdom when dealing with something that is not an issue here in Lyme!
More rules to stop people enjoying themselves , it seems to me that LRTC what legislation to stop any form of social activity. Draconian, petty minded but would expect this from a Council that bans dogs on an empty beach. Littering is far more of an issue yet there are no proposals about this. Killjoy council trying to duck the joy out of any activity and behaving like Dictators
As a former resident and now visitor I have noticed these issues become more prevalent over the years.
We need an increased and more visible Police presence within Lyme Regis. There is very little perceived authority and it does not act as a deterrent to potential law-breakers and trouble makers.
Only to say thank you for taking on this challenge particularly in relation to gulls. I do believe we have a very serious problem in the making and I would rather not wait for action and risk serious, even grievous, harm to a child , before we do something to reduce their number. I also think it is damaging to the tourist industry to allow gulls to have free reign.
These proposals are all very fine; the big issue here is, of course, the enforcement of them. Without a robust and effective enforcement agency in place the proposals are not worth the paper they are written on.
In Langmoor gardens disorderly groups congregate in the shelter at the top of a flight of steps. This is off-putting for anyone just walking through the gardens, especially in the dark. They break the nearby streetlight for the cover of darkness over whatever they're doing in there, but also damage shrubs & hedges apparently by hurling each another into them. This I would call anti-social behaviour, probably fuelled by alcohol and/or drug-taking.
Stop pretending that it is all the fault of the young. Youth services have been cut. the current Gov't doesn't seem to care.
If people cannot accept what is deemed acceptable by a majority, then harsher punishments need to be applied. There are some parts of Europe where you would not even think to question authorities or decisions. Most people will accept what they consider to be fair for ALL!
I walk my dog on Charmouth East Beach. I do not understand why I am prohibited from using the beach in Lyme, out of season. The stones at Monmouth beach means I can only walk a dog there at low tide.
I think that the other PSPO's in force should Be included in this survey to give a conclusive view of the Town and limits.
No.
Please look at traffic calming measures on Charmouth Road and how these can be expanded down to the section closer to the Anning Road junction. In addition please reconsider the ban of dogs off lead on the Sandy beach. Perhaps a compromise of dogs permitted off lead weekdays.

## Demographic Information

The consultation was reasonably representative of the Dorset population, with some input across all of the age ranges. 61.7% of the sample were over the age of 54 which is somewhat in line with expectations and the Dorset Council area. Of all the respondents, there was a good split of males (45.9%) and females (54.1%) with 85.2% of all those that responded identifying as White British. On the whole, although the numbers are low, this is a fair sample, with good representation across all typical identifying factors.

### Age

As shown in the table below, there were responses across all of the age groups. (29% 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	1.7	6.7	5.0	6.7	18.3	35.0	26.7	0

### Gender

The current profile of the residents of Dorset show 49.8% female and 51.1% male. The respondents for this consultation slightly differ from this, but not substantially so, with 54.1% identifying as female and 45.9% as male.

	Male	Female	Prefer to self describe	Prefer not to say
What best describes your gender? (%)	45.9	54.1	0.0	0

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?	96.8	0.0	3.2



## Disability

11.3% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 7 people. Responses from disabled people were above average 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? (%)	11.3	80.6	8.1

When looking at the specific disabilities of the 1 person responding: 4 have a physical disability, 4 with a long-standing illness or health condition and 1 has a mental health condition.

## Sexual Orientation

72.9% of those who responded identified as heterosexual, 8.5% described themselves as gay/lesbian and 1.7% bisexual. 15.3% preferred not to say.

	What best describes your sexual orientation? (%) (%)
Bi	1.7
Gay/lesbian	8.5
Heterosexual/straight	72.9
I use another term (please describe)	1.7
Prefer not to say	15.3

## Religion/Belief

	What best describes your religion/belief?
Buddhist	0
Christian	38.3
Hindu	0
Jewish	0

Muslim	1.7
Sikh	0
No religion	38.3
Other	3.3
Prefer not to say	18.3

## Ethnic Group

	What is your ethnic group? (%)
White British	85.2
White Irish	4.9
Gypsy/Irish traveller	0
Any other white background	0
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	1.6
Asian/Asian British - Chinese	0
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
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	6.6
Any other ethnic group	1.6

# Survey questions

## Lyme Regis Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 2022



### What we are consulting on

The Lyme Regis 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 provision covering consumption of alcohol, general Anti-social Behaviour and dispersal powers with a revised plan. The revisions have been made in consultation with Lyme Regis Town Council and Dorset Police.

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

### Consultation

The purpose of this survey is for you to tell us what you think about our Dorset Open Land 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](mailto: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 Lyme Regis
- 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 - Intentional Feeding of Gulls
- Section 3 - Anti-social Behaviour

**The following documents will be available in the appropriate section**

- Schedule 1 - Map identifying Lyme Regis Controlled Alcohol Zone – outlined in red and shaded in pink
- Schedule 2 - Map identifying Lyme Regis Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area – 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 map identifying Lyme Regis Controlled Alcohol Zone](#)

**Q7 Consumption of Alcohol proposals - Do you... (Required)**

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

The options below have been developed from the concerns/support raised in the previous consultations 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 Lyme Regis Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area](#)

**Q11 Intentional feeding of gulls proposal - Do you...** (Required)

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

The options below have been developed from the concerns/support raised in the previous consultation on PSPOs in the 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 about it
- Have concerns about the proposal

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

Q24a **I use another term - please describe**

**Q25 What best describes your religion/belief?**

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

**Q25a 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)

**Q26a Any other ethnic group**

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