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**Consultation Response Report**

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**for Dorset Council**

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<b>What was the consultation about?</b>	The purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Weymouth Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022 and other PSPOs covering Aggressive begging, cycling on the promenade, consumption of alcohol, The Trinity Passage and intentional feeding of Gulls.
<b>What did we need to find out</b>	We needed to find out if people supported the Weymouth Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022, or whether they have concerns about the individual proposals. Also if they have any proposed amendments to what is being proposed.
<b>Over what period did the consultation run?</b>	The consultation period ran from 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 to midnight on 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>What consultation methods were used?</b>	The consultation involved an online and paper consultation survey. This included: Online survey. This included free text sections for people to add any other comments. Paper surveys available from Dorset Council libraries and upon request.
<b>How many responses were received overall?</b>	223 overall responses were received. 85.7% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Weymouth, 8.1% as residents of another part of Dorset, 1.3% as councillors/politicians and 0.9% as a third sector organisation.
<b>How representative is the response to the wider population?</b>	The response size is good for a council consultation of this type. As this was an open survey it is not possible to define a statistically valid sample size. The response from residents was over-representative of the older age group with 88% of the respondents over the age of 45 compared to a Dorset figure of 58%. The proportion of BME residents responding (4.4%) the same as the Dorset figure (4.4%). The proportion of residents with a disability (11.5%) which is higher than the figure for those claiming Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance (5.0%) in Dorset.  The proportion of those responding who were Christian (42.6%) was lower than the figure for Dorset (65.1%) however a significant proportion (15.3%) preferred not to say.  4.3% of the respondents were bisexual, Gay or Lesbian. Robust figures for comparison are difficult to obtain at a Dorset level and again a significant proportion (16.9%) preferred not to say.

	Data from the survey on Gender Identity were not at a statistically robust level for comparison.
<b>Where will the results be published?</b>	Results will be published on the council's website <a href="http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a>
<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, February 2022

## Executive Summary

### Background/Introduction – The consultation explained:

The purpose of the consultation was to allow residents to tell us what they think about our Weymouth related Public Spaces Protection Orders 2022, and whether they support or have concerns about the individual proposals.

### Respondents

There were 223 overall responses were received. 85.7% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Weymouth, 8.1% as residents of another part of Dorset, 1.3% as councillors/politicians and 0.9% as a third sector organisation. Seven respondents were from organisations.

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## **Key messages:**

Significant overall majority support for PSPOs in relation to:

Consumption of Alcohol  
Anti-social behaviour  
Intentional Feeding of Gulls  
Aggressive Begging  
Proposal in relation to Trinity Passage.

A mixed response in relation to Cycling on the promenade with no overall majority for or against the proposal

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## **The Consultation**

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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, 223 responses were received via the online survey.

## About respondents

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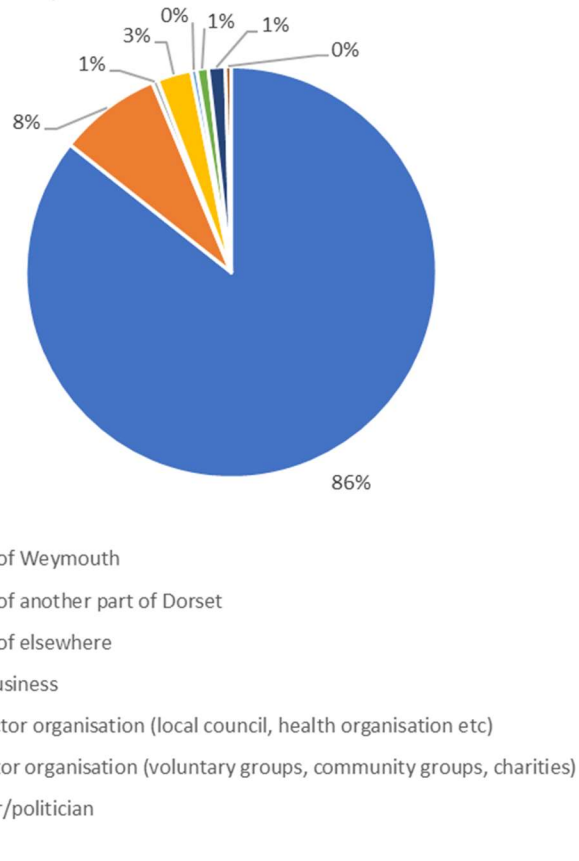
### Q: Are you completing this survey as:

85.7% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Weymouth, 8.1% as residents of another part of Dorset, 1.3% as councillors/politicians and 0.9% as a third sector organisation.

	% of all respondents	Number
Resident of Weymouth	85.7	191
Resident of another part of Dorset	8.1	18
Resident of elsewhere	0.4	1
Private business	2.7	6
Public sector organisation (local council, health organisation etc)	0.4	1
Third sector organisation (voluntary groups, community groups, charities)	0.9	2
Councillor/politician	1.3	3
Other	0.4	1

Other: On Holiday

### Respondents to the Consultation



### Q: Any organisations/businesses.

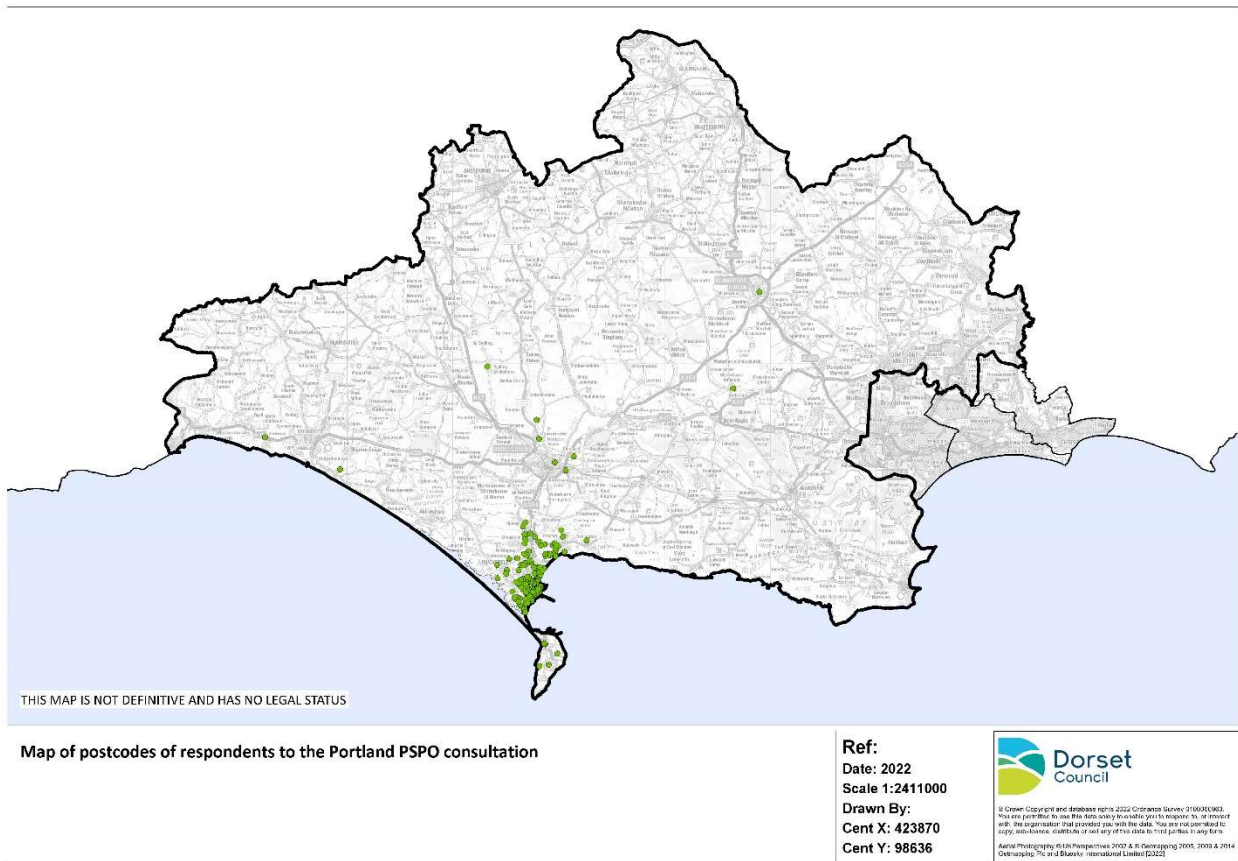
7 respondents stated that they were an organisation/business. These are shown in the table below. Where one of the responses was an 'official' response, this is indicated.

	No.	Official Response
<b>Gloucester House</b>	1	Y
<b>South West Railway</b>	1	N
<b>Mayfair Hotel</b>	1	N
<b>Fairbridge Trust</b>	1	Y
<b>Kelston Guest House</b>	1	Y
<b>We Are Weymouth (BID)</b>	1	Y

Friends of the Rodwell Trail and Sandsfoot Castle Gardens (FoRT)	1	Y
The Whitecliff	1	Y
No Name	1	Y

## Maps of responses to the consultation

Postcodes were supplied by 223 respondents with the majority of those living in the Weymouth 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 Intention Feeding of Gulls
- Section 3 Aggressive Begging
- Section 4 Cycling on the Promenade
- Section 5 Anti-social behaviour
- Section 6 Trinity Passage Restrictions



## 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)

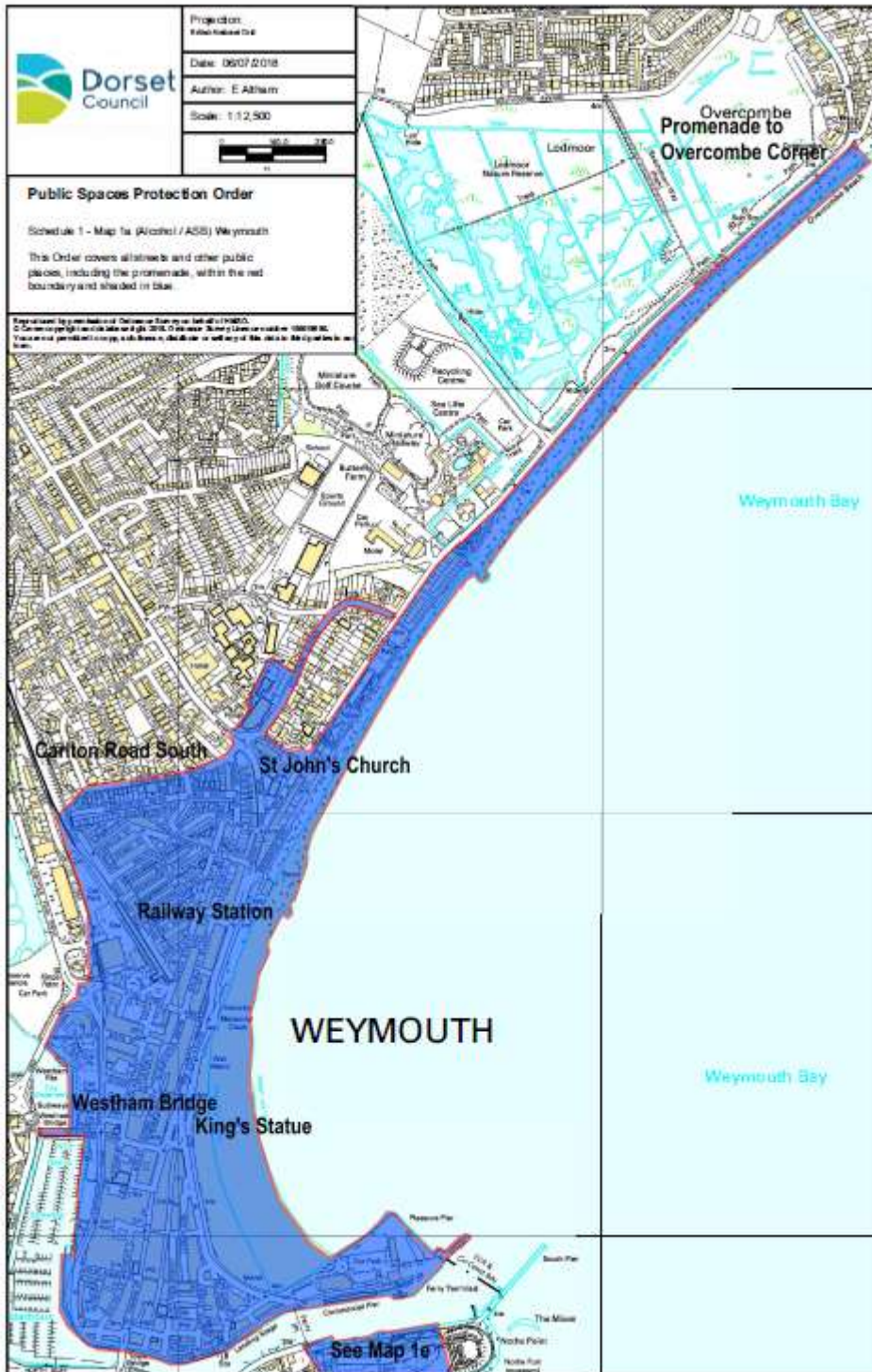
They are also concerned with the prohibition against tents and other temporary structures contained in the draft Dorset Beaches Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 202

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

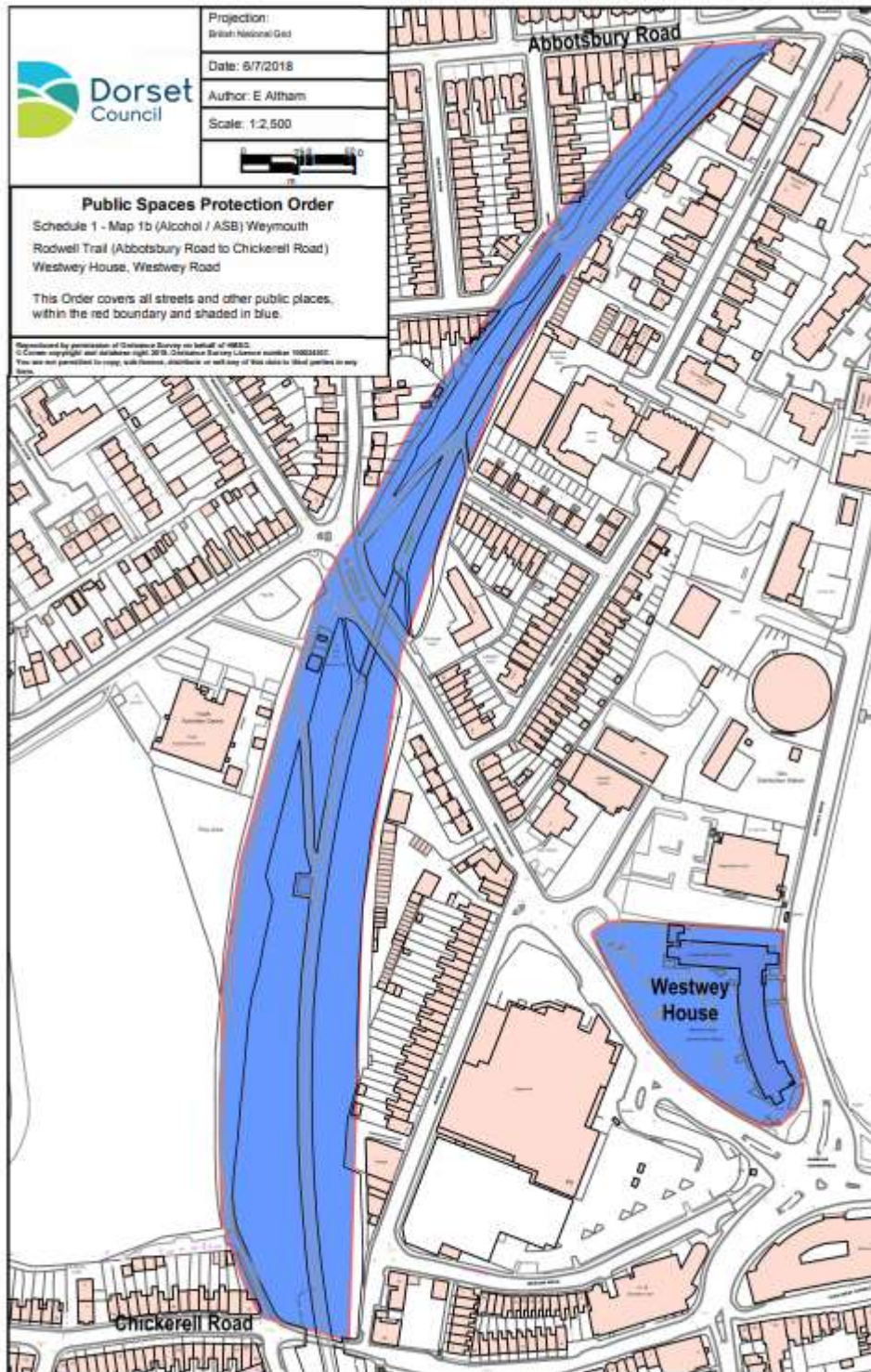
# Section 1 – The Consumption of Alcohol

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 map of Weymouth Controlled Alcohol Zone)

## Map 1a Weymouth Main

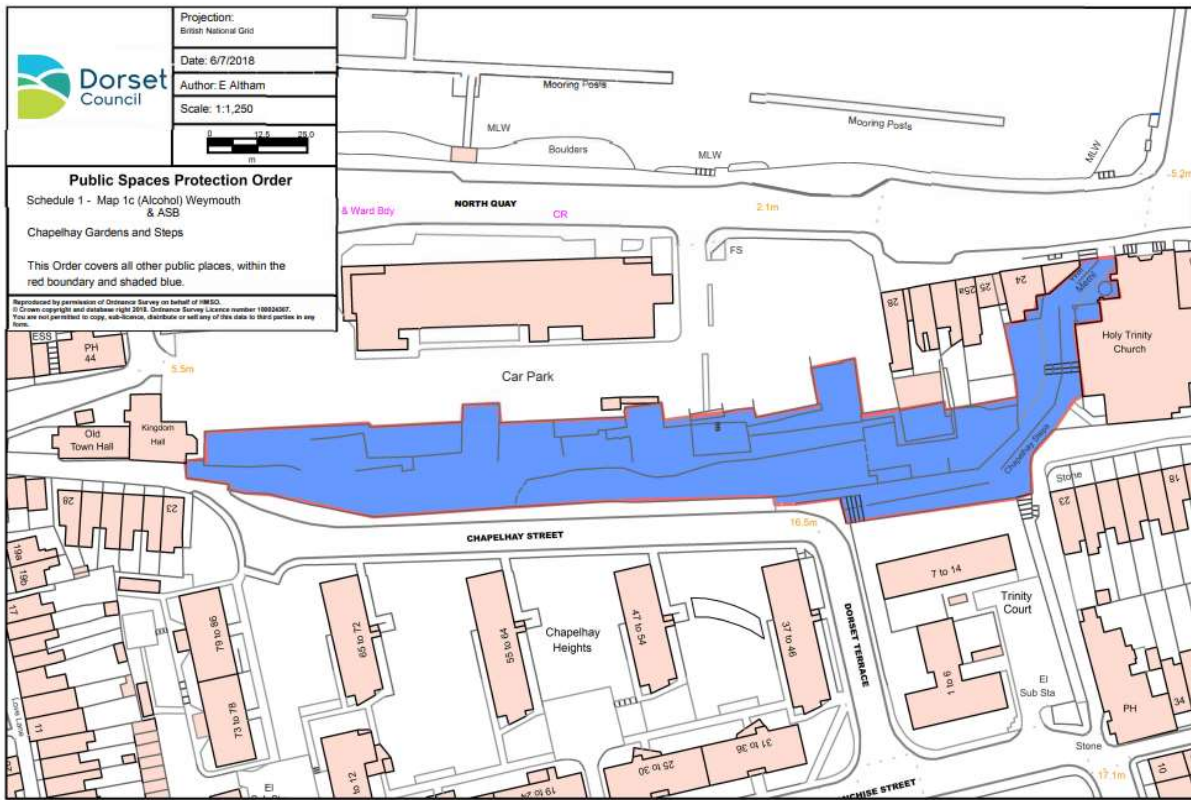


# Map 1b Rodway Trails and Westway House Areas

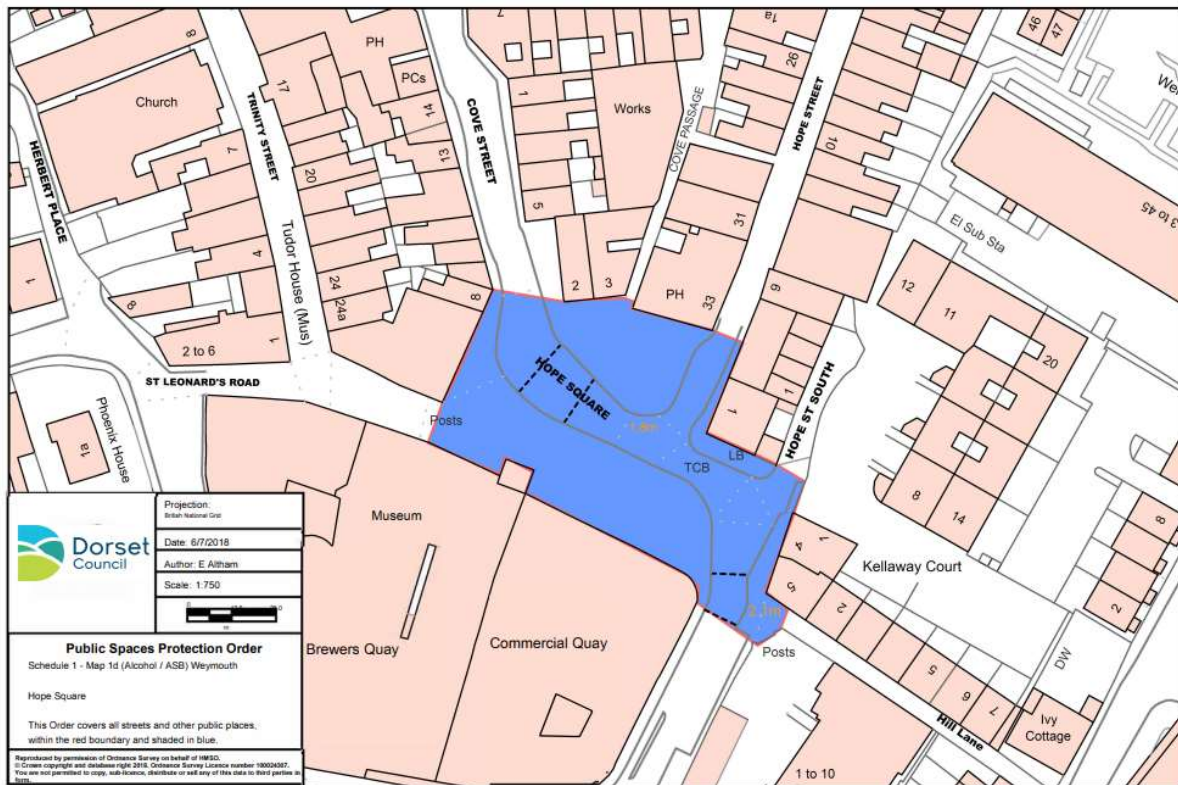




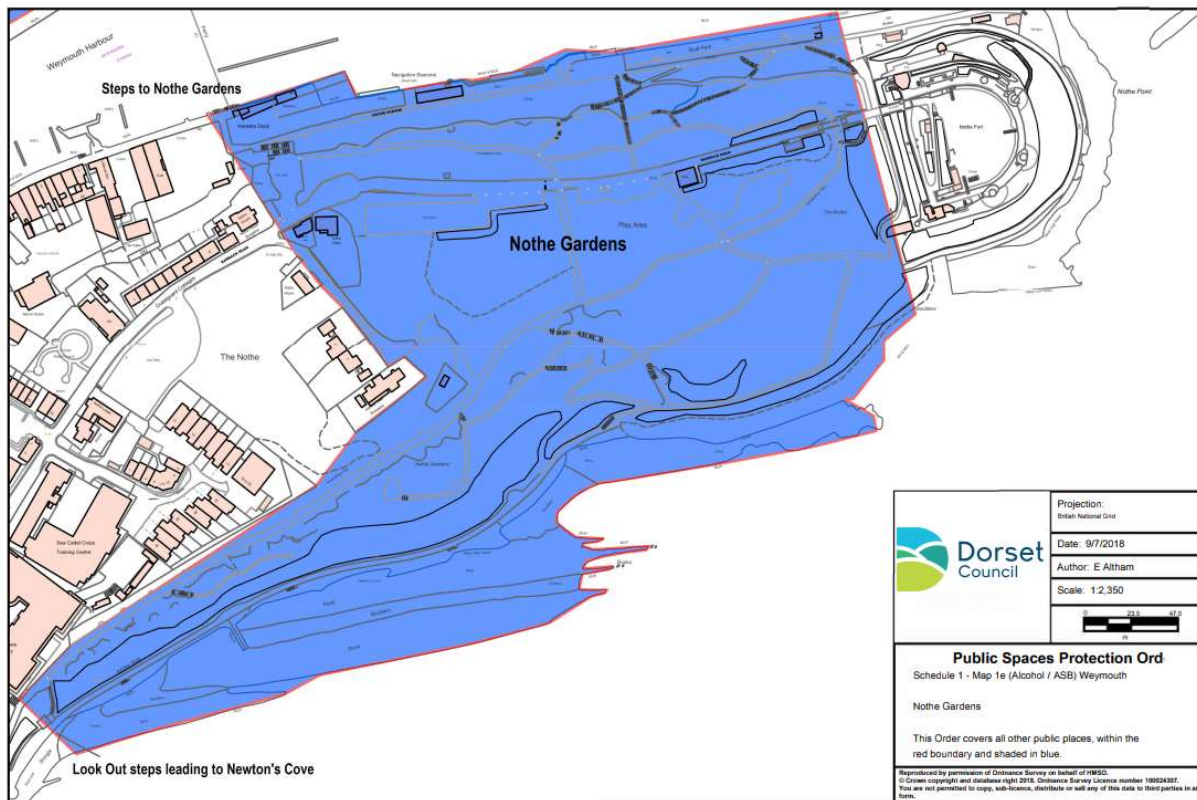
# Map 1c Chapelhay Gardens/Steps



# Map 1d Hope Square

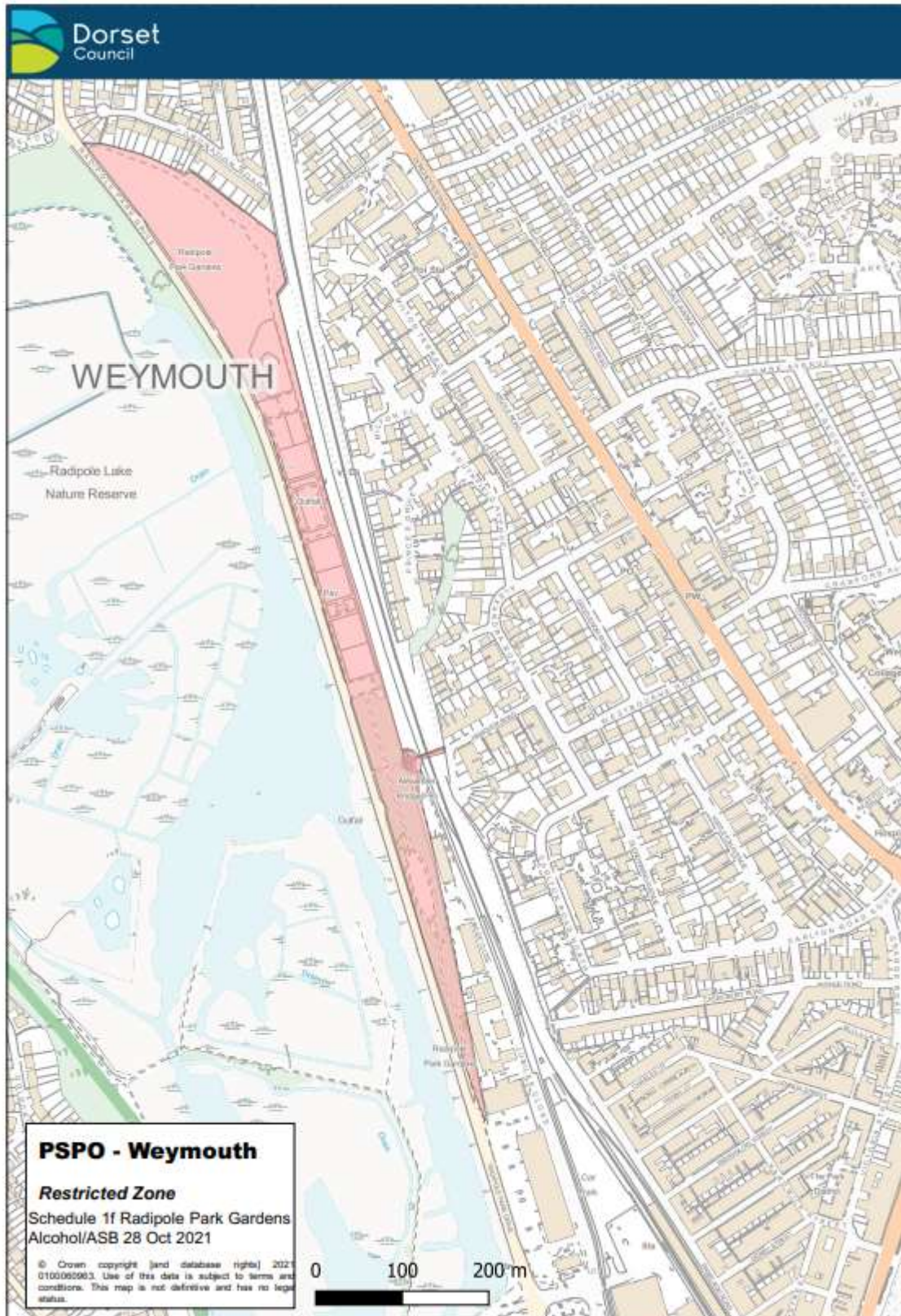


# Map 1e Nothe Gardens





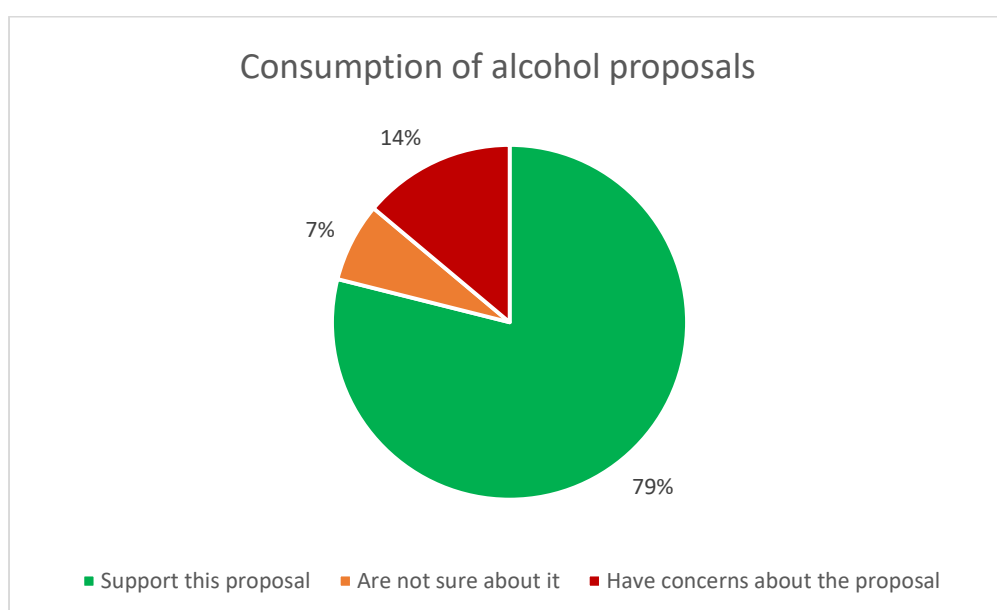
# Map 1e Radipole Park Gardens



## Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 78.9% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the consumption of alcohol.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	78.9	176
Are not sure about it	7.2	16
Have concerns about the proposal	13.9	31

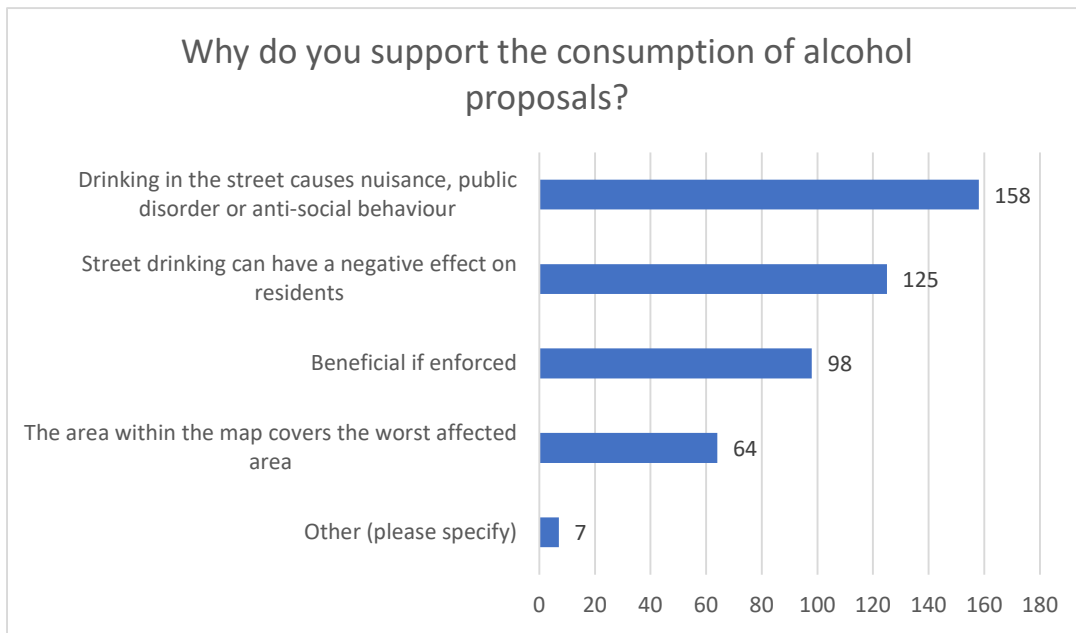


## Why do you support the consumption of alcohol proposals?

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-behaviour (89.8%). They also strongly felt that street drinking can have a negative effect on residents (71.0%). Just over half felt the proposals would be beneficial if enforced (55.7%).

	% of all respondents	Number
Drinking in the street causes nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour	89.8	158
Street drinking can have a negative effect on residents	71.0	125

	% of all respondents	Number
The area within the map covers the worst affected area	36.4	64
Beneficial if enforced	55.7	98
Other (please specify)	4.0	7



Other	Comment
	Intoxicated people pose a risk to myself and other members of railway staff. We do not go to work to get assaulted verbally day in day out by intoxicated people and on occasion physically assaulted. The job of Weymouth Station staff is to ensure the safe operations of the railway, not to get hassled and babysit people intoxicated by drugs and or alcohol
	Needs much stronger enforcement on a hard core of persistent street drinkers. If they cause ASB and action is taken then the next week the clock seems to reset and they can come back to the same area ie harbourside and drink all day. It is very clear that by evening they will be antisocial but authorities seem powerless to intervene until they become convincingly disruptive. It is very unsatisfactory. If a particular person or group regularly causes ASB in the same place ie Esplanade/ railway station or harbour then they should be banned for a year. The powers to do so seem very slow and rarely applied. There is a hard core of about 20 disruptive individuals but exclusion orders only happen once or twice a year.
	No comment
	It is scary for my children to see.

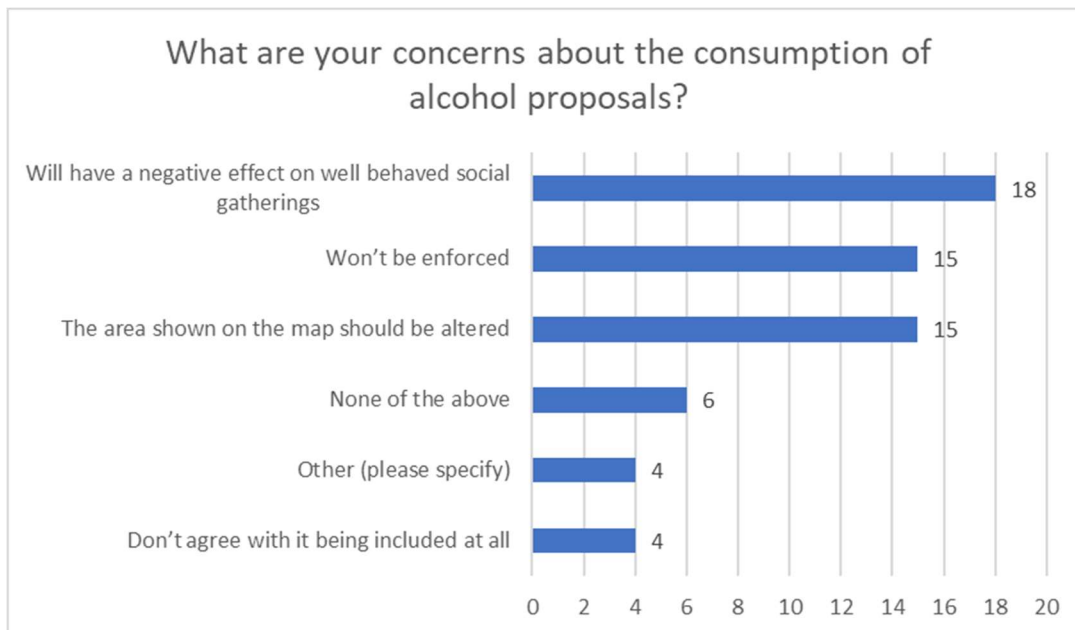


	St John's Park and opposite Wessex Pharmacy are key areas of alcohol abuse and cans are regularly left on walls and pavement.
	Trinity Passage is where a lot of anti social behaviour takes place. Groups gather in this hidden passage for rough sleeping, leave their body waste and rubbish behind, sleep in the crypt doorway and block our fire escape. They create noise to cause fear because they are often drunk and generally are a nuisance to the public. This Dickensian passage is a place to be avoided because it's dark and fearful of the unexpected.
	Weymouth needs to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all - those who live here and those who visit. Tourism is a huge part of Weymouth's income and we welcome all the investment that is going into improving Weymouth - those who drink and take drugs and can't control their behaviour spoil the experience for everyone. Now more than ever people who come to Weymouth need to be able to relax and feel safe and we need to ensure that that is taken seriously, for everyone's sake.

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

47 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 18 expressed concern that they will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings, 15 didn't believe it would be enforced, 15 felt that the area on the map should be altered, 4 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	8.7	4
The area shown on the map should be altered	32.6	15
Won't be enforced	32.6	15
Will have a negative effect on well behaved social gatherings	39.1	18
None of the above	13.0	6
Other (please specify)	8.7	4



### Other responses

Concerns	Comment
	I don't believe that the proposals are strong enough. There should be a zero tolerance on alcohol in these areas unless in a licenced property / designated area. If you go to Devon, Cornwall it is made perfectly clear that alcohol is treated with zero tolerance in key tourist areas. They obviously understand the problem that allowing people to drink in key areas cause and they want tourists and locals to be safe and feel safe.
	It's not clear if the beach area adjacent to the car park at cafe oasis is included. There are often large loud groups also burning fires. As a resident, I do not feel safe and also cannot open windows due to the smoke. Why haven't you included the harbourside - that's one of the worst places where 'acceptable' consumption of alcohol causes problems. I can no longer enjoy the area due to people drinking sprawled all over the pavement. Far worse than a few street drinkers. The areas do not incorporate Nothe Parade, Cove Row, Trinity Street all who front the harbour and are subject to crowds of people drinking cheap alcohol from convenience stores, littering, disregarding the adjacent live highway, creating litter, broken glass urinating against our properties and significant anti social behaviour.

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

56 people further commented on their responses of those that could be put into a theme the table below indicates those themes. Not enforced enough, expanding the area and banning alcohol consumption totally, make the most responses.

Comments	Mentions
Expand Area	14
Not enforced enough	13
Ban Alcohol totally	7
Needs to be proportionate	4
Drugs	2
Drinkers Need Help	1
Not needed	1
Reduce Area	1

### Consumption of alcohol proposals – disabled respondents views

24 respondents said that they had a disability. Any difference in response to the overall survey is reported below:

33.3% of respondents with a disability had concern about these proposals compared to 13.9% of all respondents.

The main concerns were:

- Concern around the impact on well behaved gatherings
- Concern won't be enforced

### Organisational Comments

The **We are Weymouth(BID)** supported the proposal but said “We are aware that there are locations within the town which are often frequented by individuals consuming alcohol. Limited resources mean that it is not always possible to monitor this behaviour frequently, which can sometimes escalate and make members of the public feel unsafe, and dissuade them from the area, which also impacts on local business. Sometimes, persistent street-drinking alone can cause impact on an area’s reputation and public confidence, regardless of whether any specific instances of anti-social behaviour are taking place. We also feel that the area covered by the PSPO should be expanded to include additional areas of the South Harbourside, such as Nothe Parade, Cove Street, Hope Street, Trinity Road and North Quay, and subway areas surrounding Swannery Bridge & Westham Bridge. This avoids moving the issues to nearby areas, and helps to promote public safety.”

All other official organisational responses supported the proposal, except for one. These are mainly guest houses. The organisation not in favour of the proposal said “Should Ban Alcohol consumption from ALL of these areas - No nonsense No need for anyone to have alcohol on the promenade or on the streets”

### Out of Format Responses

Cllr Luke Wakeling, Weymouth East ward sent in a personal response. He said “One serious concern about the renewal of the PSPOs, are the "gaps" between the controlled zones. Whilst Weymouth Town centre is covered en-bloc, the controlled zones on the

south side of the harbour are rather more patchy. Whilst I fully understand that the PSPOs is in response to previous ASB, and the "gaps" have a lower level of ASB - or indeed "reported ASB", the result is that the four controlled zones prescribed leave a no-mans-land along the south harbourside where nuisance drinkers get displaced into, and are then outside the control zones.

I would please request that you consider filling this gap (and provided a map to illustrate) so that there is a continuous controlled zone from the town bridge to Hope Square & Nothe Gardens. This will give residents reassurance that there is no no-mans-land, and that ASB in this area is also controllable

Secondly, I would also please ask that you consider the amount of ASB that occurs on the Rodwell Trail, in the tunnel at Wyke Road & the platforms of the former Rodwell Station there. The PSPO goes as far south as Chickerell Road, but does not continue to the tunnel nor the station area. Could you please look at including this troubled area too?" His comments would be appropriate for the Alcohol and ASB proposal

A further out of format response came from **a charter owner** who said "I am requesting that Trinity Road and Cove Row Weymouth are included as part of the "Controlled Zone" for the ASB and Alcohol Consumption Orders." due to the impacts on the charter dive business identified during 2021.

## **Weymouth Town Council's Response**

"The Council welcomes the addition of:

- The Radipole Park and Gardens area
- Prohibition of camping on Weymouth Beach
- Permissions being available to charitable groups to cycle on the Promenade

The Council requests that Dorset Council considers expanding the PSPO areas as detailed below.

**Rodwell Trail** - include tunnel & Rodwell Platforms. There is anecdotal evidence of street drinking and ASB linked to this area, particularly the tunnel and platform areas.

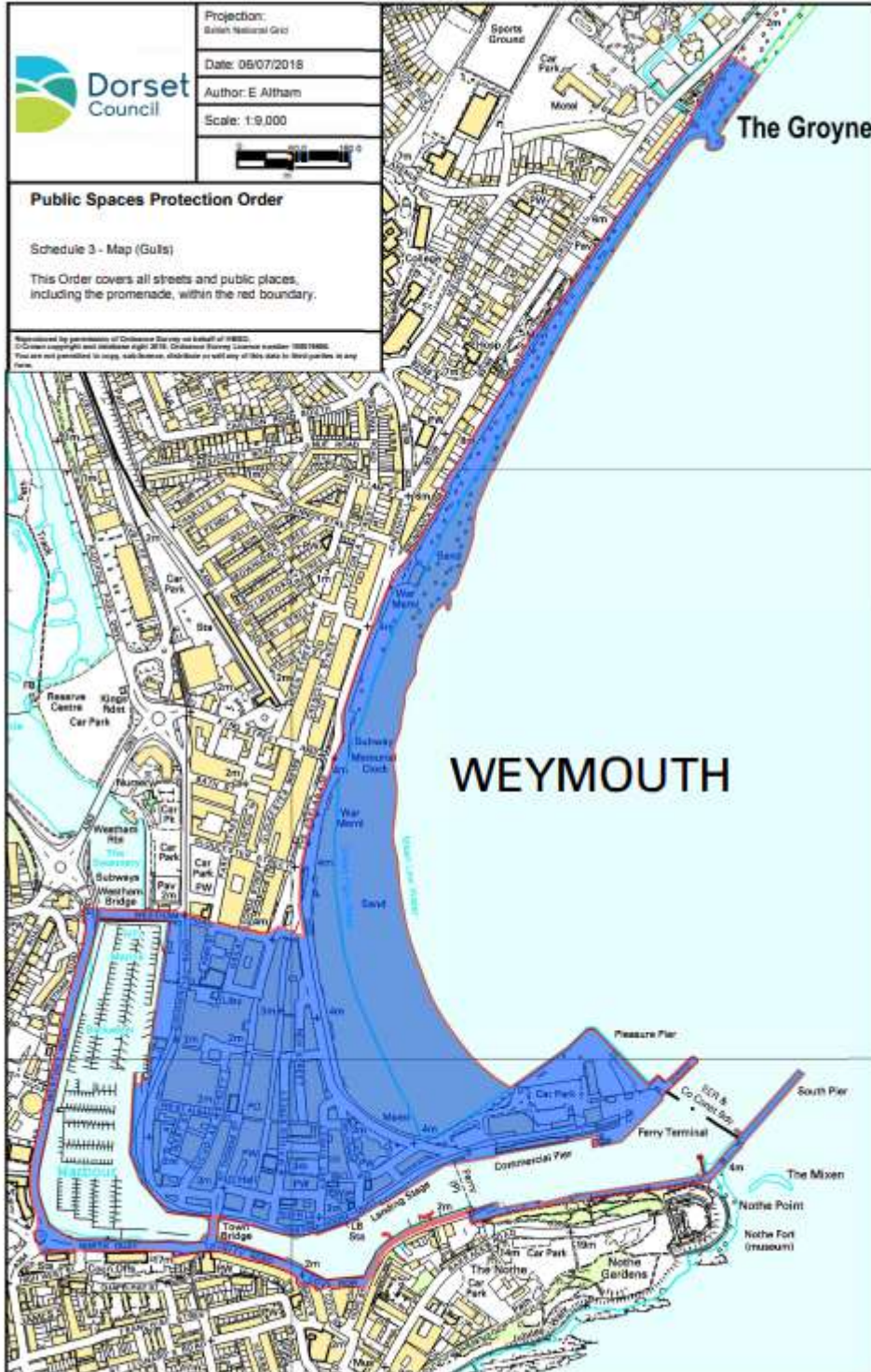
**South Harbourside** - link up the 4 smaller areas, so there's no no-mans land. This will reduce the risk of ASB being moved just a few metres from where it is occurring onto a non-protected space in the same harbourside area.

**Westham** – To include subways, paths to Pottery Lane, west of the boating lake & footbridge. Again, this will prevent ASB issues being moved to adjacent areas, address public concern and anecdotal evidence of street drinking."

Maps were provided show all additional areas.

# Section 2 – Intentional Feeding of Gulls

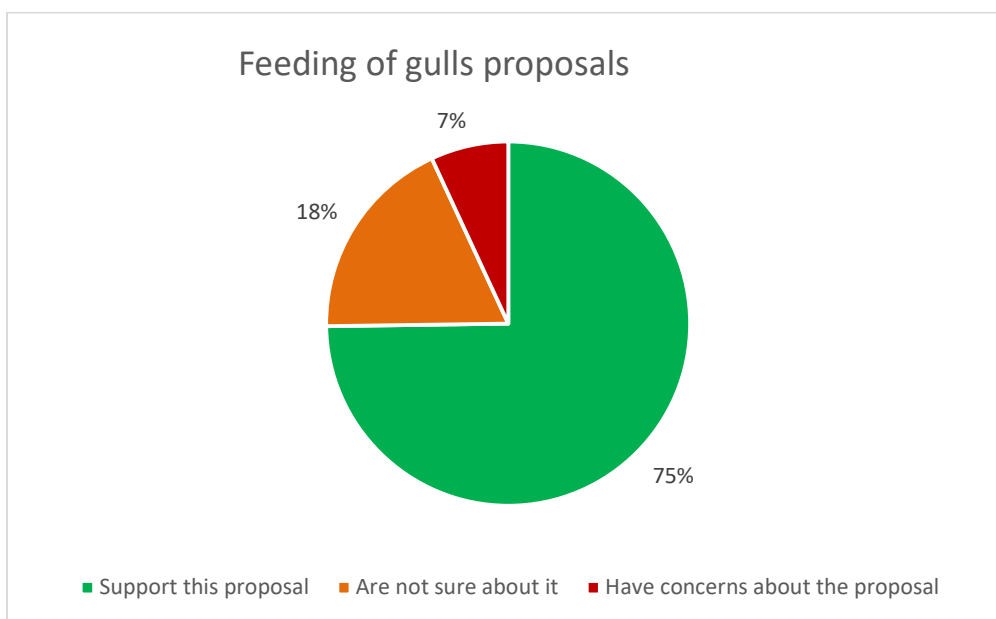
It is proposed that “No person at any time shall provide or deposit food for consumption by gulls within “The Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area”. See the map identifying Weymouth Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area



## Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 88.3% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the intentional feeding of Gulls. 6.3% are not sure about it and 5.4% have concerns about the proposals.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	88.3	197
Are not sure about it	6.3	14
Have concerns about the proposal	5.4	12



## What are your concerns about the intentional feeding of gulls proposal?

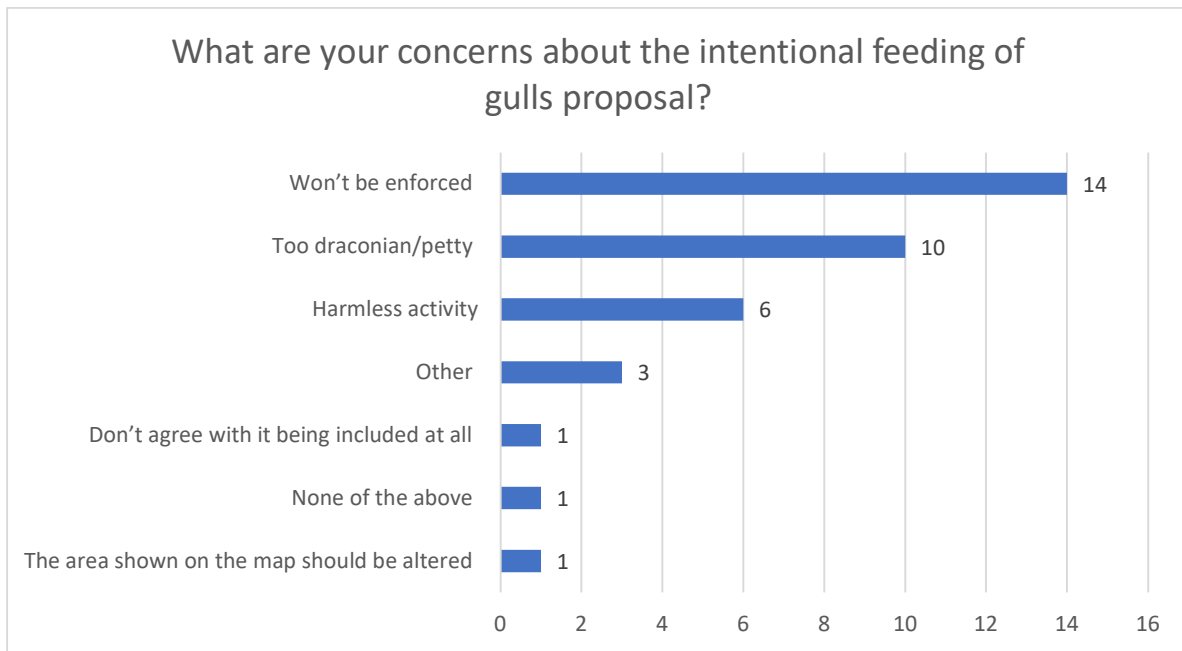
(if concerns or not sure)

26 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 14 expressed concern that they didn't believe it would be enforced, 10 felt that it was too petty, 6 felt it was a harmless activity and 3 gave 'other reasons'

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	3.8	1
The area shown on the map should be altered	3.8	1
Won't be enforced	53.8	14



	% of all respondents	Number
Too draconian/petty	38.5	10
Harmless activity	23.1	6
None of the above	3.8	1
Other (please specify)	11.5	3



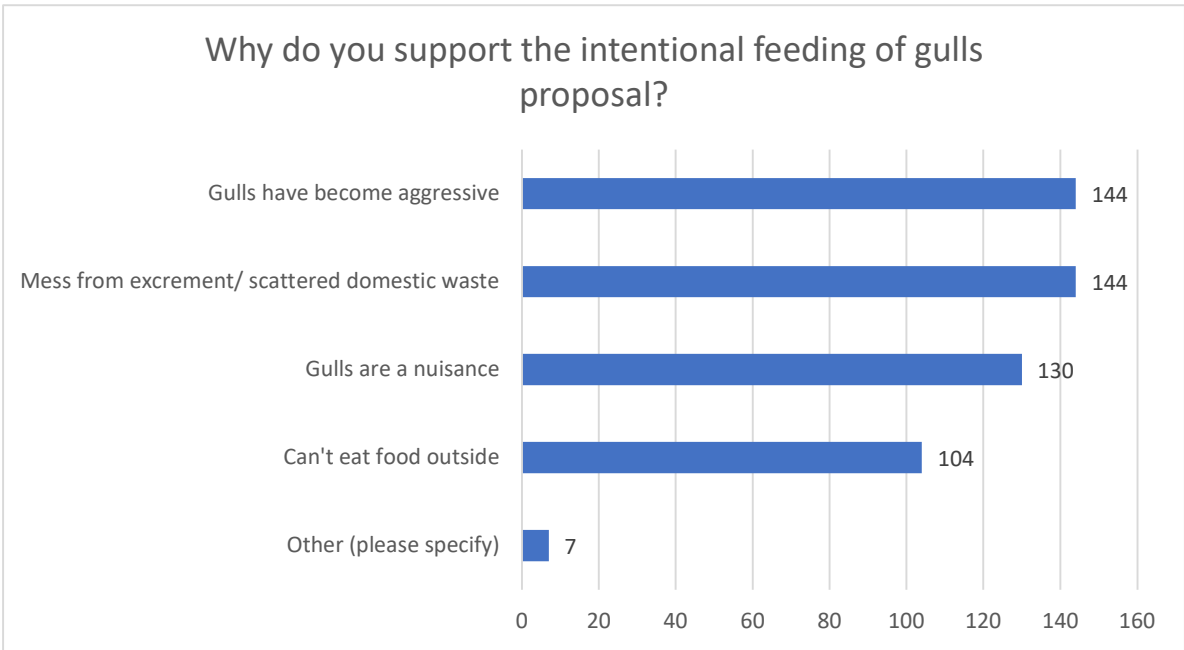
Other	Comment
	Unfortunately as a regular beach users people seem to disregard this, leading to fast food litter being left on the beach, adding to the pollution already found daily in and around Weymouth
	Does this mean all food is banned? Seagulls are opportunists and will steal food even if not offered.
	I have experience of trying to feed the swans ducks and geese near the Gurkha Inn "boat" restaurant. Try as I might, I cannot stop the seagulls swooping in and stealing the food I throw to the intended (legally allowed) birds. I realise that means I am not breaking the law, as I never have the intention of feeding these seagull vermin, that I hate for the trouble and noise they make 24/7/365. Yet if an officious enforcer has a "quota" of fines to meet to get their BONUS, then I can quite easily believe some of the more unscrupulous ones might swear blind that they saw me PURPOSELY throwing food to the Gulls. You only have to see the videos of TV Licencing thugs, corrupt lying Policemen and other officials, that are recorded and posted on YouTube, or even the TV news, to see that my scenario is not just hypothetical. Because of seagulls, I have stopped trying to

	feed the other birds on the lake, partly because I do not want to be accused of breaking the law. This law would be difficult to prove, unless the wardens are given body cams and/or video cameras/mobile phones that record everything.
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### Why do you support the intentional feeding of Gulls proposals?

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt that the Gulls had become aggressive (73.5%). There was also support (73.5%) because of the mess from excrement and scattered household waste produced by the gulls. They also strongly felt that the gulls had become a nuisance (66.3%). Just over half felt the proposals would be beneficial as you can't eat food outside.

	% of all respondents	Number
Gulls had become aggressive	73.5	144
Gulls are a nuisance	66.3	130
The mess from excrement and scattered household waste	73.5	144
Can't eat food outside	53.1	104
Other (please specify)	3.6	7





Other	Comment
	Its not good for the gulls
	Residents should also be educated regarding the effect of leaving rubbish out in non-seagull bags
	Humans feeding them are obviously the problem and not the gulls
	Those that refuse to use the seagull proof bags, should be prosecuted
	They need to find good naturally and not rely on humans giving it to them
	What they are fed it often not healthy for people let alone wildlife. The gulls are affecting local businesses with outside seating where the gulls have been more aggressive.
	The gulls are native birds that have a right to be in Weymouth and the surrounding seas. However, they should be allowed to feed naturally and traditionally without the addition of food provided by humans in public spaces.

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

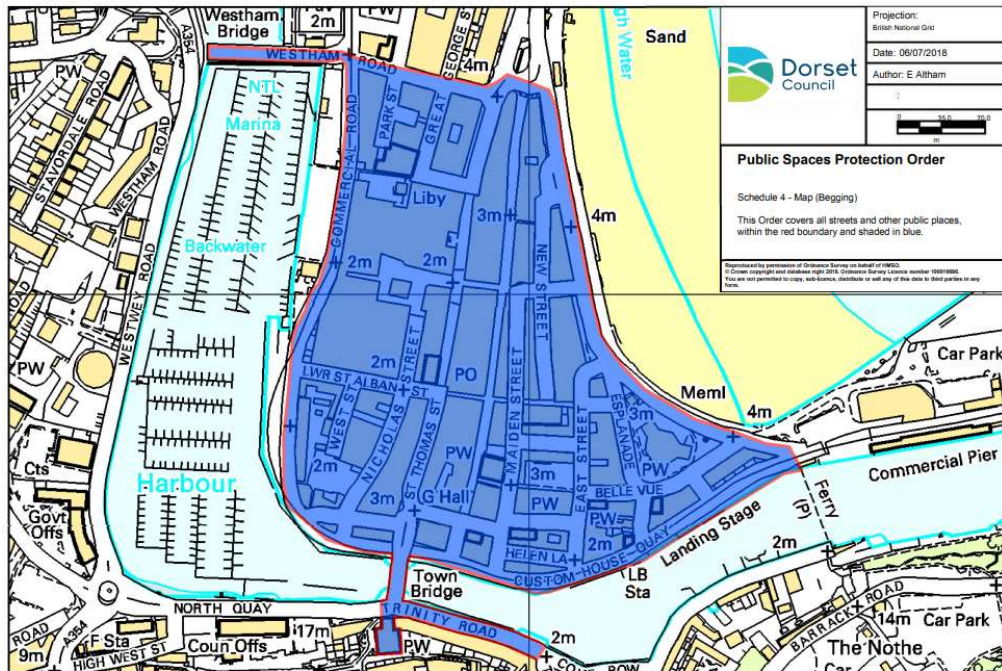
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Comments/Theme	Mentions
Enforcement/not enforced	8
Dangerous	4
Not Important	3
Signage	3
Cull	2
Invest in Bins	2
Attract other vermin	1
Expand area	1
Other Scavenging Birds fed too	1
Won't work	1

## Section 3 – Aggressive Begging

It is proposed that “Any person in the aggressive begging restricted area is prohibited from, at any time, placing themselves in a position to beg or solicit money in an aggressive manner.”

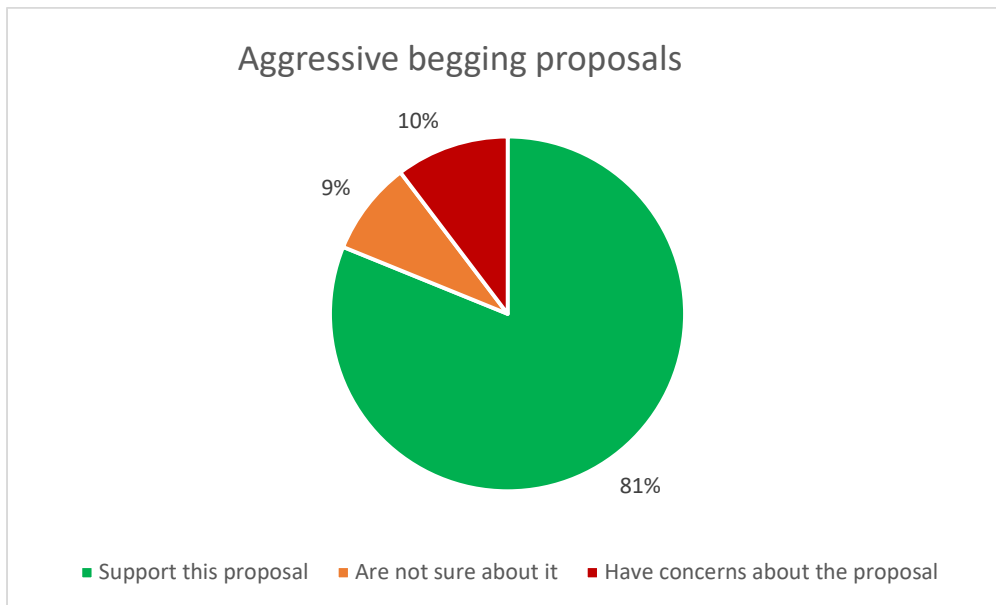
See the map identifying Weymouth Aggressive Begging Prohibited Area



### Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 81.2% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to the Aggressive begging, 8.5% are not sure about it and 10.3% have concerns about the proposal.

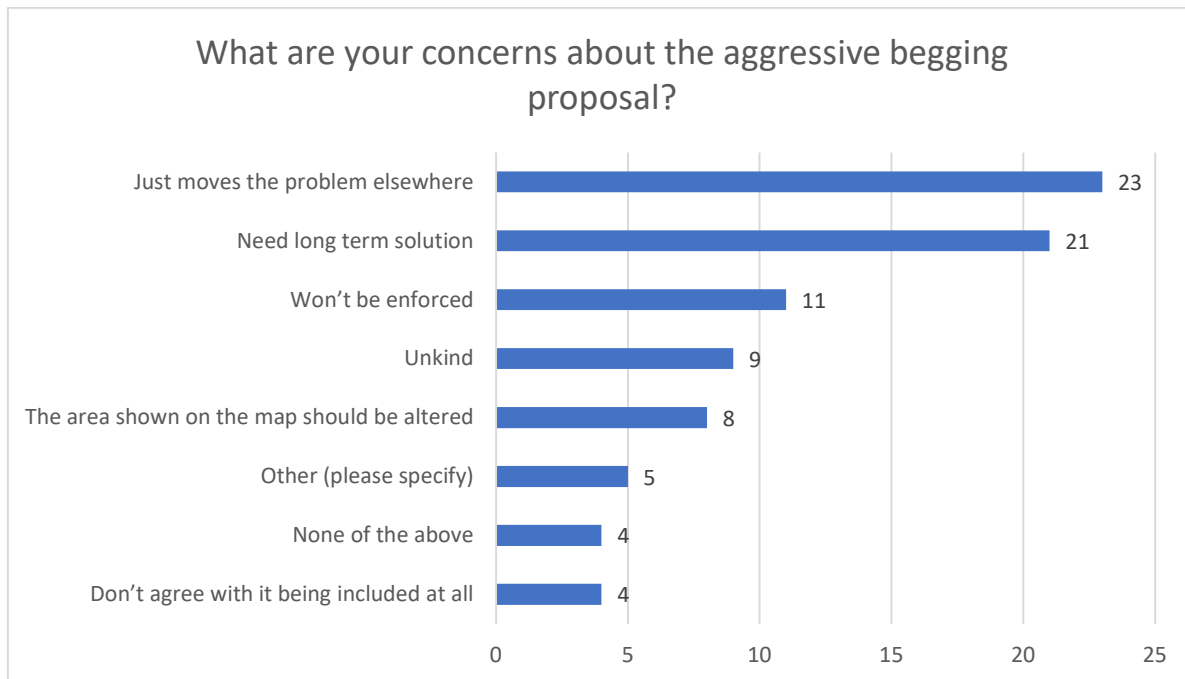
	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	81.2	181
Are not sure about it	8.5	19
Have concerns about the proposal	10.3	23



### What are your concerns about the Aggressive begging proposal? (if concerns or not sure)

42 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 11 expressed concern that they didn't believe it would be enforced, 10 felt it needed long term solutions, 23 felt that it just moved the problem elsewhere.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with it being included at all	9.8	4
The area shown on the map should be altered	19.5	8
Won't be enforced	26.8	11
Unkind	22.0	9
Need long term solution	51.2	21
Just moves the problem elsewhere	56.1	23
None of the above	9.8	4
Other (please specify)	12.2	5



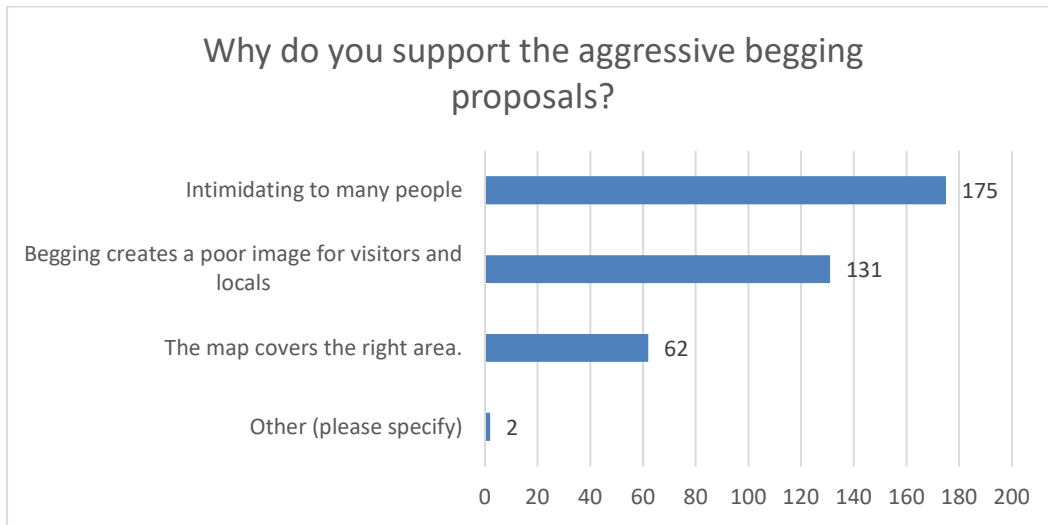
Other	Comment
	Unclear rule
	Will be abused by enforcement officers.
	Should include all of Weymouth and Portland.
	Most do this as criminal activity and therefore should be treated as so
	I have concerns about the definition of "aggressive begging". There are some individuals on the street who are definitely "aggressive" , or at least very forward about asking for "a bit of spare change" for various, not very convincing reasons. As the wording has it, putting up a note written on a piece of card may be interpreted as "aggressive"?.

## Why do you support the Aggressive begging proposals?

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt that aggressive begging was intimidating to many people (97.2%). There was also support (72.8%) because begging creates a poor image for visitors and locals. 34.4% believe the map covers the right area.

	% of all respondents	Number
Intimidating to many people	97.2	175
Begging creates a poor image for visitors and locals	72.8	131
The map covers the right area.	34.4	62

	% of all respondents	Number
Other (please specify)	1.1	2



Other	Comment
	This should be extended to the whole of the Promenade too
	Aggressive begging leads to a feeling of being unsafe in these areas. In addition Weymouth has a number of areas which are wheelchair accessible. It is hard enough to find accessible areas for those with limited mobility so definitely don't want those with limited mobility to feel intimidated in these areas.

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

40 people further commented on their responses of those that could be put into a theme the table below indicates those themes. Expand the area, provide a long term solution and the clarity of what determines aggressive begging are the most common themes.

Comments	Mentions
Expand area	10
Long Term Solution	8
Aggressive Term Not Clear	5
Not enforced	4
Not Experienced begging	2
All begging should be stopped	2
Fine people who give them money	1
Summer Increase	1

## **Aggressive Begging proposals – disabled respondents views**

24 respondents said that they had a disability. Any difference in response to the overall survey is reported below:

33.3% of respondents with a disability had concern about these proposals compared to 10.3% of all respondents. The main concerns were:

- The problem needs long term solutions
- Moves the problem elsewhere

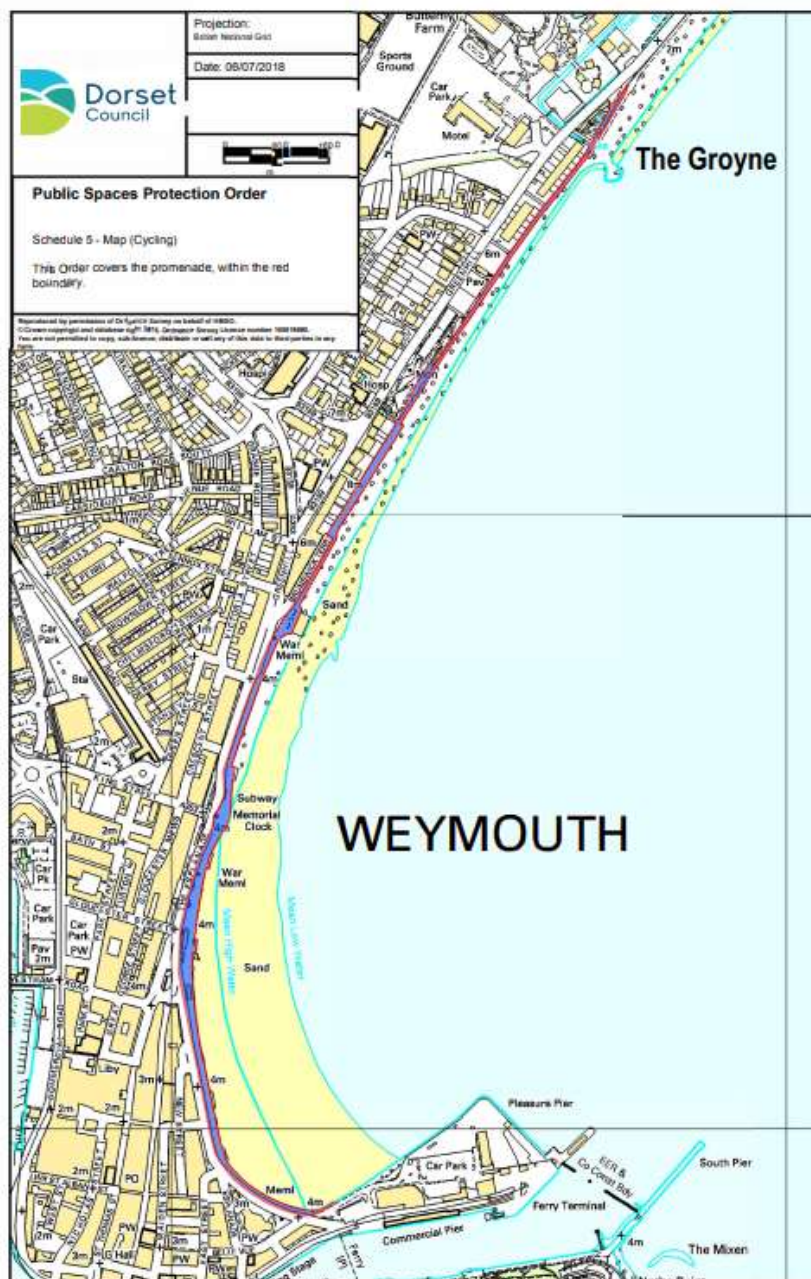
# Section 4 – Cycling on Weymouth Promenade

It is proposed that “No person shall cycle on the Promenade between the hours of 10.00 and 17.30 between 1st May and 30th September annually (both dates inclusive) except with the express prior written permission of the Council.”

Proposed exemptions include those aged under 12 and people with specific written permission.

The existing order says “No person shall cycle on the promenade between the hours of 10.00hrs and 17.30hrs between Good Friday and 31 October annually (both dates are inclusive).”

See the map of the defined area.





## Summary

In summary, there are more people supporting the proposal for the PSPO for restricted cycling on the Promenade (101 people, 45%) than people who said they had concerns about it (81 people, 36%).

However, a further 41 people (18%) said they weren't sure. Looking specifically at why they weren't sure showed their predominant concern was that the cycleway wasn't defined but just a shared space (50%) Their next biggest concern was that it was pointless as it was already abused (35%).

Looking a bit deeper into the responses of the 81 people who had concerns did show disquiet about the lack of a defined cycle lane but the most obvious feature was the strength of the opposing views.

- 35% opposed it as they felt cycling should be allowed all year whilst
- 38% opposed it as they felt the Promenade should just be for walking

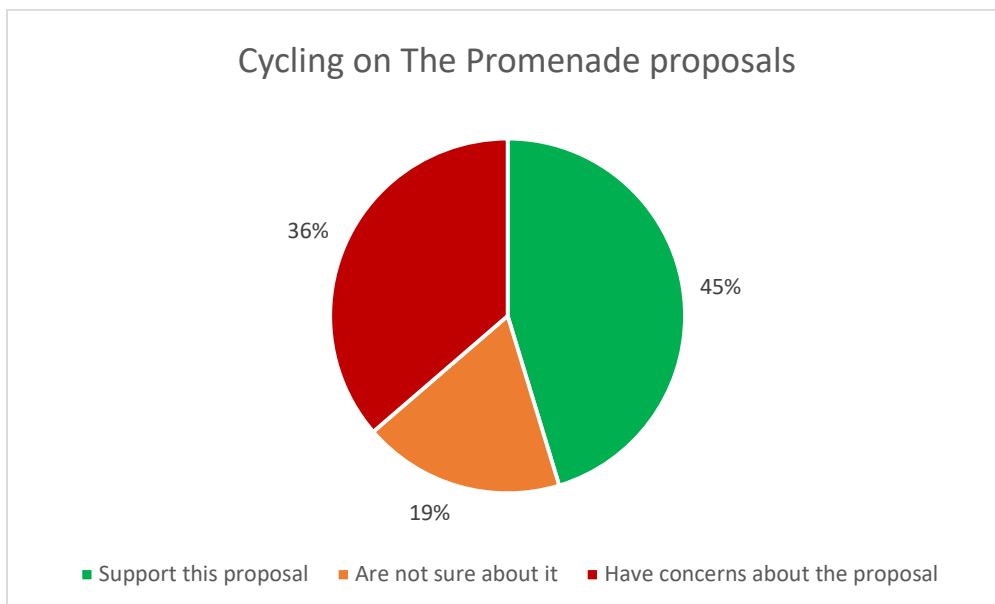
Many of those supporting the proposal recognised the proposal was a compromise, with "The compromise of limited restriction is balanced" being the most popular response, with 55% support.

### Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 45.3% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to Cycling on The Promenade, 18.4% are not sure about it and 36.3% have concerns about the proposal.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	45.3	101
Are not sure about it	18.4	41
Have concerns about the proposal	36.3	81



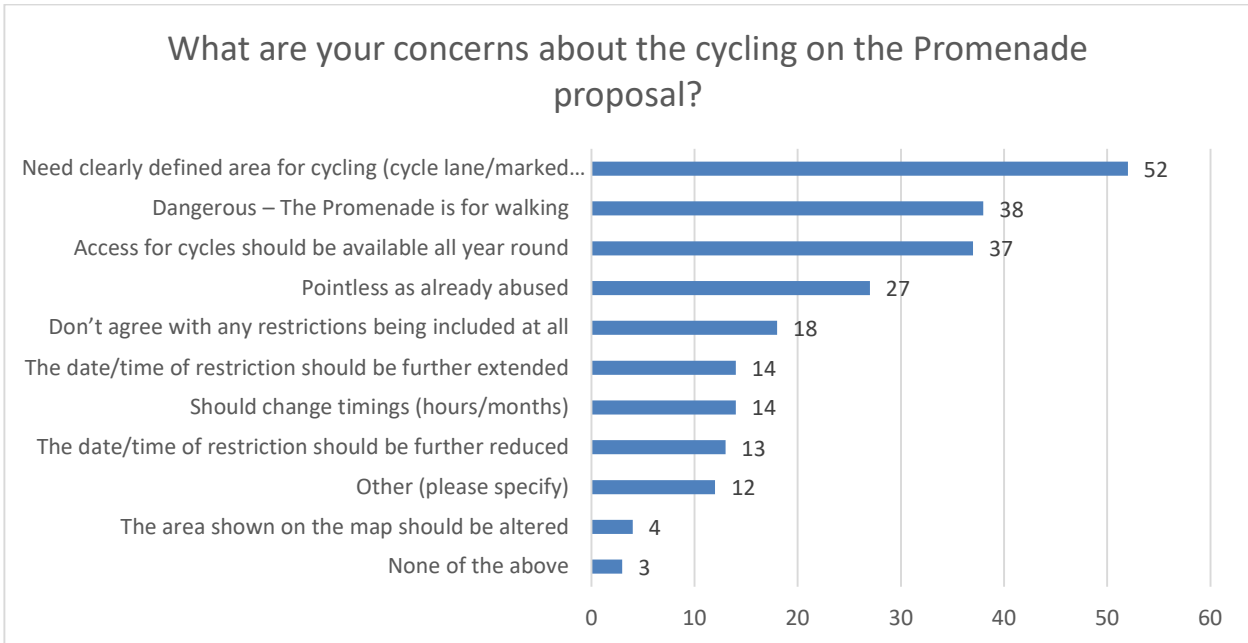


### What are your concerns about The Cycling on The Promenade proposal? (if concerns or not sure)

122 respondents stated that they had concerns about the proposal or that they were not sure about them. 38 expressed concern that it was a dangerous activity, 52 felt that there needs to be a defined area for cycling, 37 believe that there should be access for cycling all year. 18 don't agree with any restrictions.

	% of all respondents	Number
Don't agree with any restrictions being included at all	14.9	18
The area shown on the map should be altered	3.3	4
Access for cycles should be available all year round	30.6	37
Pointless as already abused	22.3	27
Should change timings (hours/months)	11.6	14
Need clearly defined area for cycling (cycle lane/marked area)	43.0	52
Dangerous – The Promenade is for walking	31.4	38
The date/time of restriction should be further reduced	10.7	13
The date/time of restriction should be further extended	11.6	14

	% of all respondents	Number
None of the above	2.5	3
Other (please specify)	9.9	12



### Of those who commented

Other	Comment
	There is no speed limit set for cycling. The PSPO should look to cover modes of transport such as electric scooters (currently illegal) and other electrically powered vehicles. There seem to be a growing number of these used on the esplanade and the beach.
	It's unlawful.
	Cycles not allowed but scooters, rollerblades, skateboards, mobility scooters etc allowed so somewhat inconsistent in terms of what's being achieved. A cyclist can be told to dismount as a skater or scooter sails on past. Also when not allowed on the esplanade cyclist heading towards Preston have no cycle lane and have to brave either the gyratory or Dorchester road until they get to Lodmoor. Cycling on the esplanade is much safer. It would help enormously to keep cyclists off the esplanade if there was a safe alternative
	It is difficult to restrict the lycra racers, and kids playing on clown bikes, but allow the sedate, sensible cyclist. It seems to work along Poole Quay, however.
	Age restriction needs to be lower if applied. Under 10 yrs would be more effective
	See below

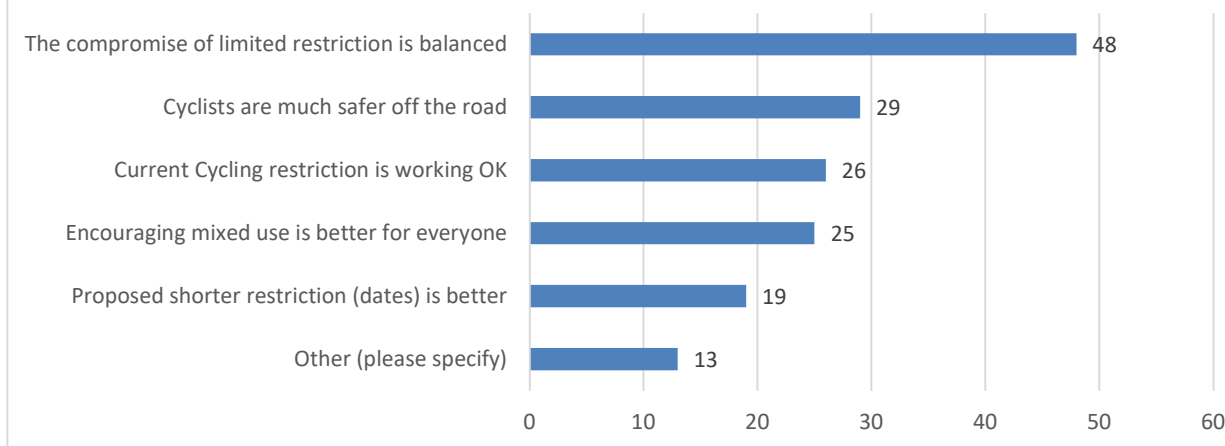
	Educate cyclists and allow space for walkers. Current ban on main area of the esplanade is appropriate for the high summer months.
	The area should include the beach wall down to Overcombe. At the moment we have pedestrians with buggies wheelchairs and other walking aids, dogs AND cyclists. Most of the cyclists travel AT SPEED, complain when you dont hear you coming and are a danger to children, they also insist on riding two or three abreast. The esplanade and promenades should be for walking. Children should not be permitted to cycle unless they are young enough to have a cycle with a handle attached that a responsible adult can use to steer them if necessary.
	I have not been convinced this is a problem and therefore fail to see a need for restricting.
	Should include mobility scooters - bigger menace than bicycles!
	I do not see the point of introducing restrictions that will not be enforced.

## Why do you support cycling on The Promenade proposals?

Those who support the proposals did so largely as they felt that the proposals were a balanced compromise (54.5%). 33% felt that cyclists were a lot safer off the road. 29.5% thought that the current cycling restriction were working ok.

	% of all respondents	Number
Cyclists are much safer off the road	33.0	29
Current Cycling restriction is working OK	29.5	26
The compromise of limited restriction is balanced	54.5	48
Proposed shorter restriction (dates) is better	21.6	19
Encouraging mixed use is better for everyone	28.4	25
Other (please specify)	14.8	13

## Why do you support the cycling on the Promenade proposals?



Other	Comment
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	Should include mobility scooters - bigger menace than bicycles!
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**If you feel the need, please expand on your answer for all support or concerns**

86 people further commented on their responses of those that could be put into a theme the table below indicates those themes. Shared with distinct cycle lane, cycling on promenade is dangerous, better enforcement, restrictions only in July and August were the most common themes.

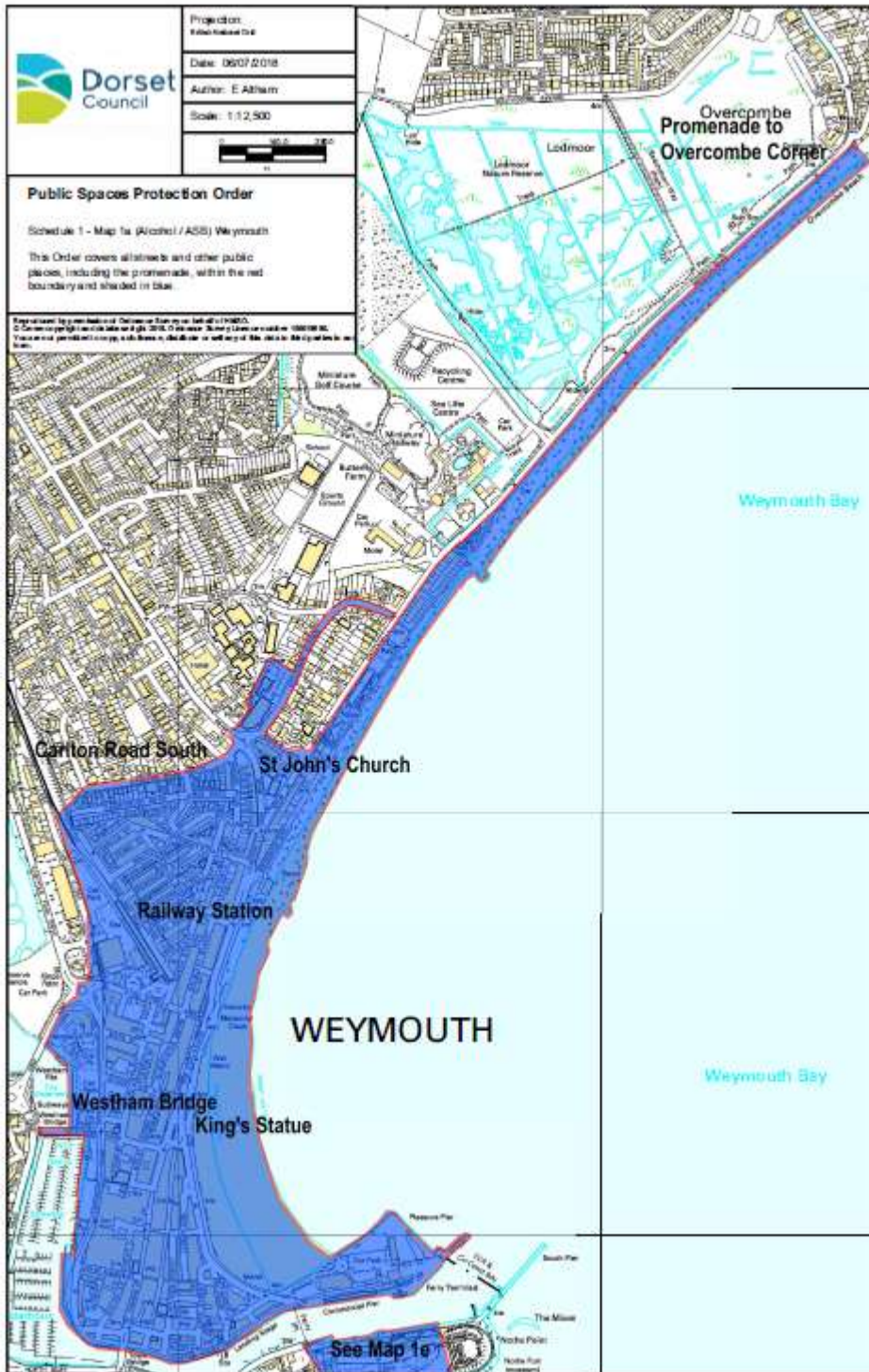
Comments	Mentions
Shared with distinct cycle lane	19
Dangerous	10
Only July and August	9
Enforcement	8
Treat escooters, skateboards and mobility scooters the same	5
Exclude TriShaw from restrictions CWA	5
Allow cyclist all times	3
Expand time restriction	3
No Exceptions - just walking	3
Ban cycling on promenade	2
Exception for small children	2
Expand area	2
Reduce time restriction	1
Support proposal	1

# Section 5 – 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”

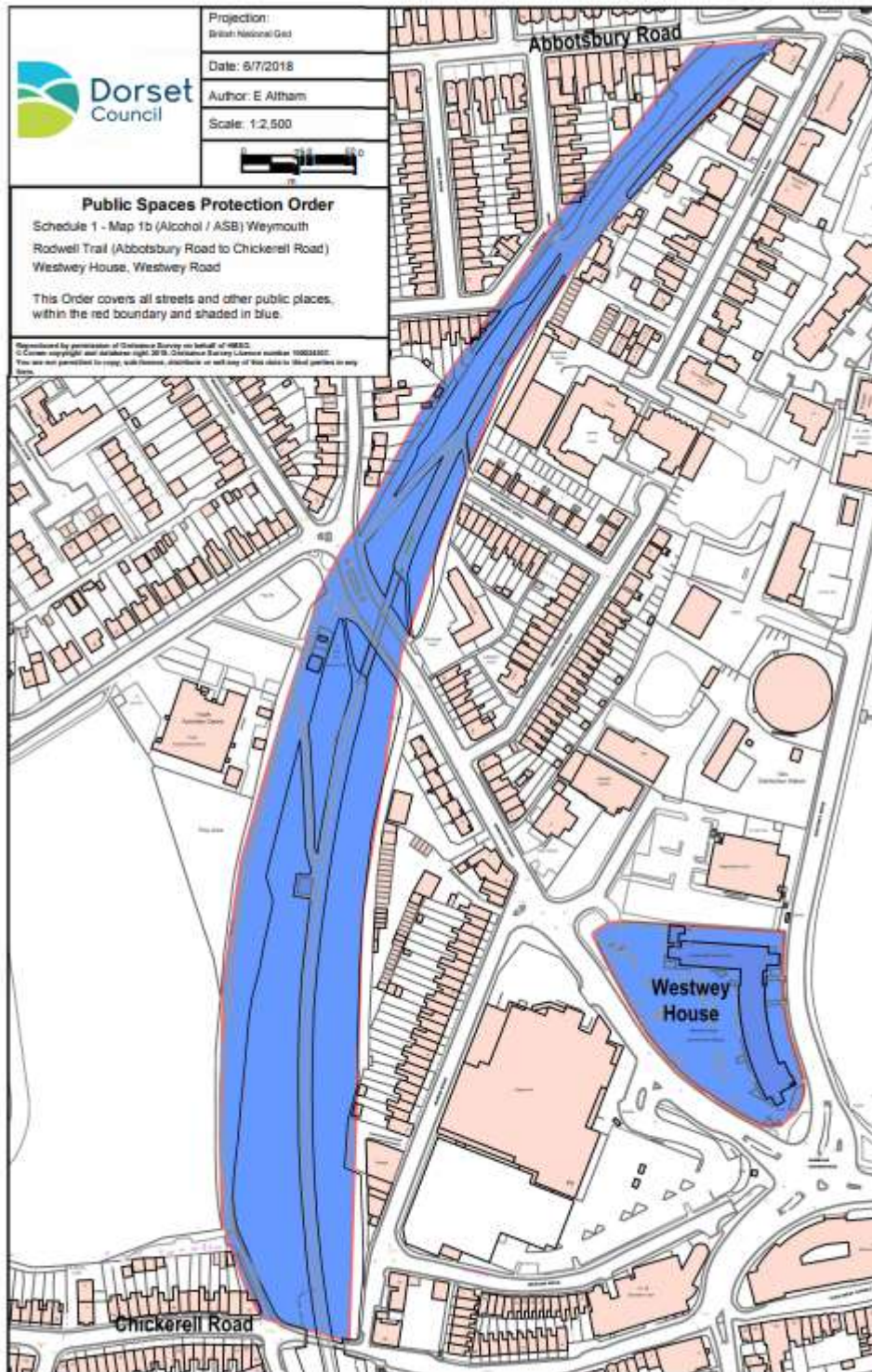
See the maps of the defined area.

### Map 1a Weymouth Main

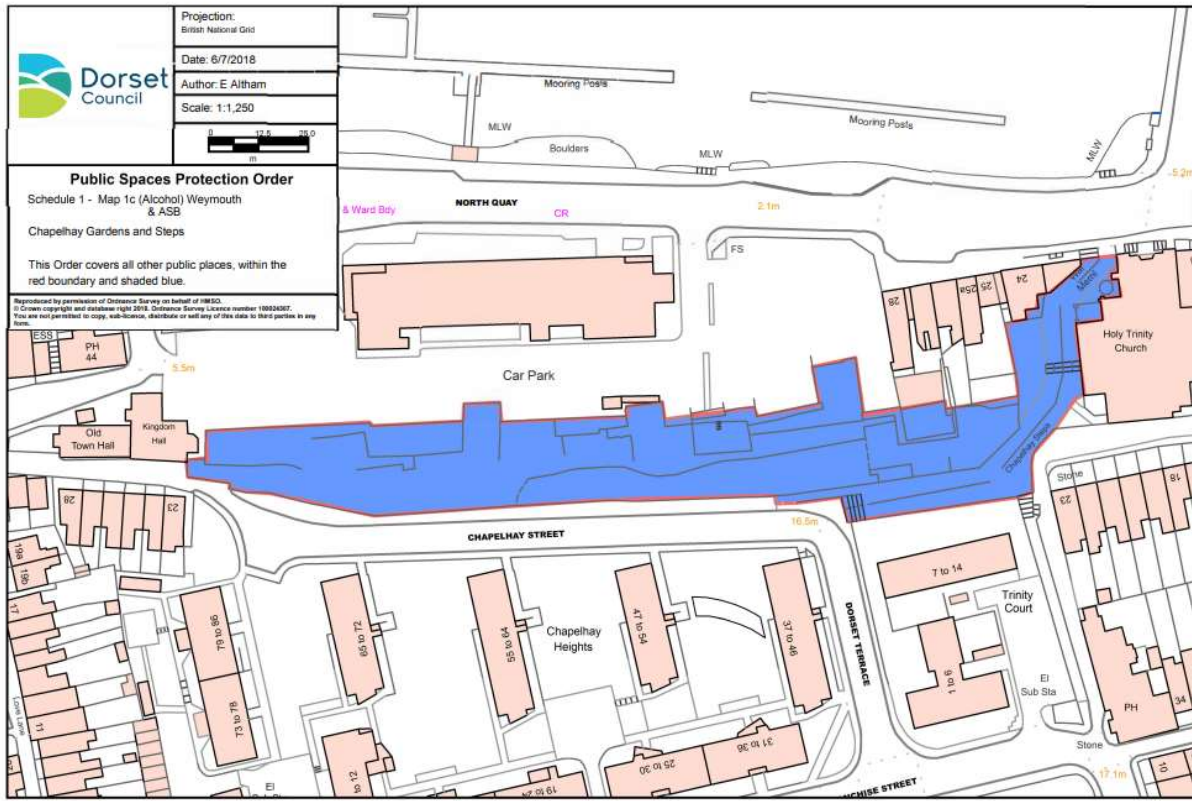




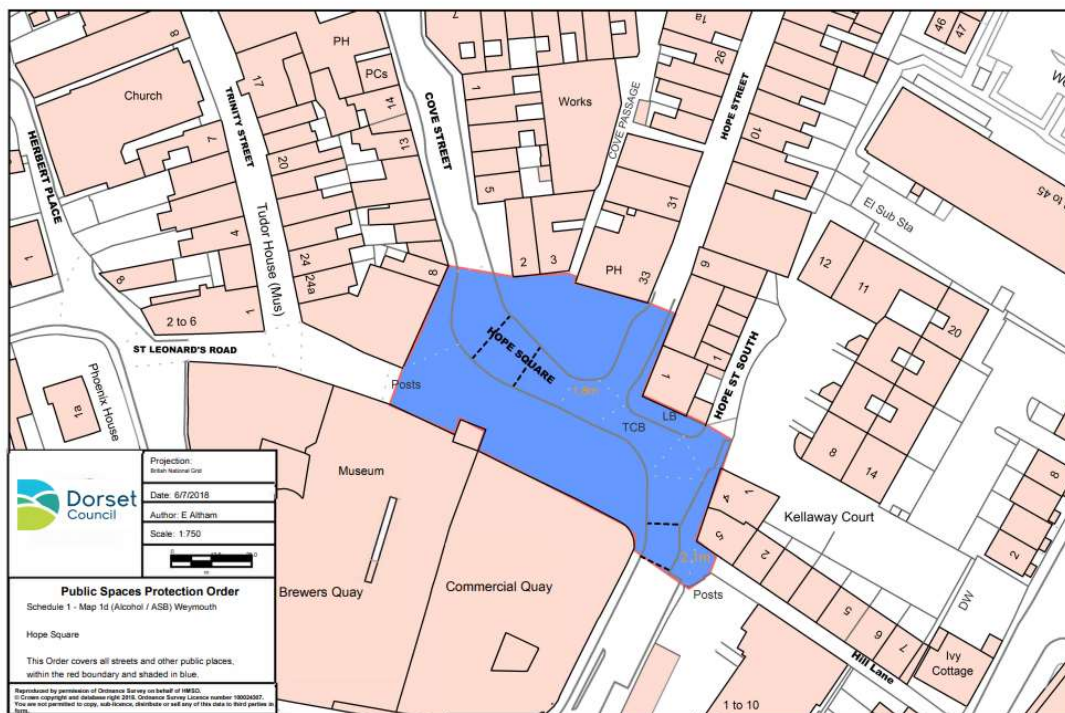
## Map 1b Rodway Trails and Westway House Areas



## Map 1c Chapelhay Gardens/Steps

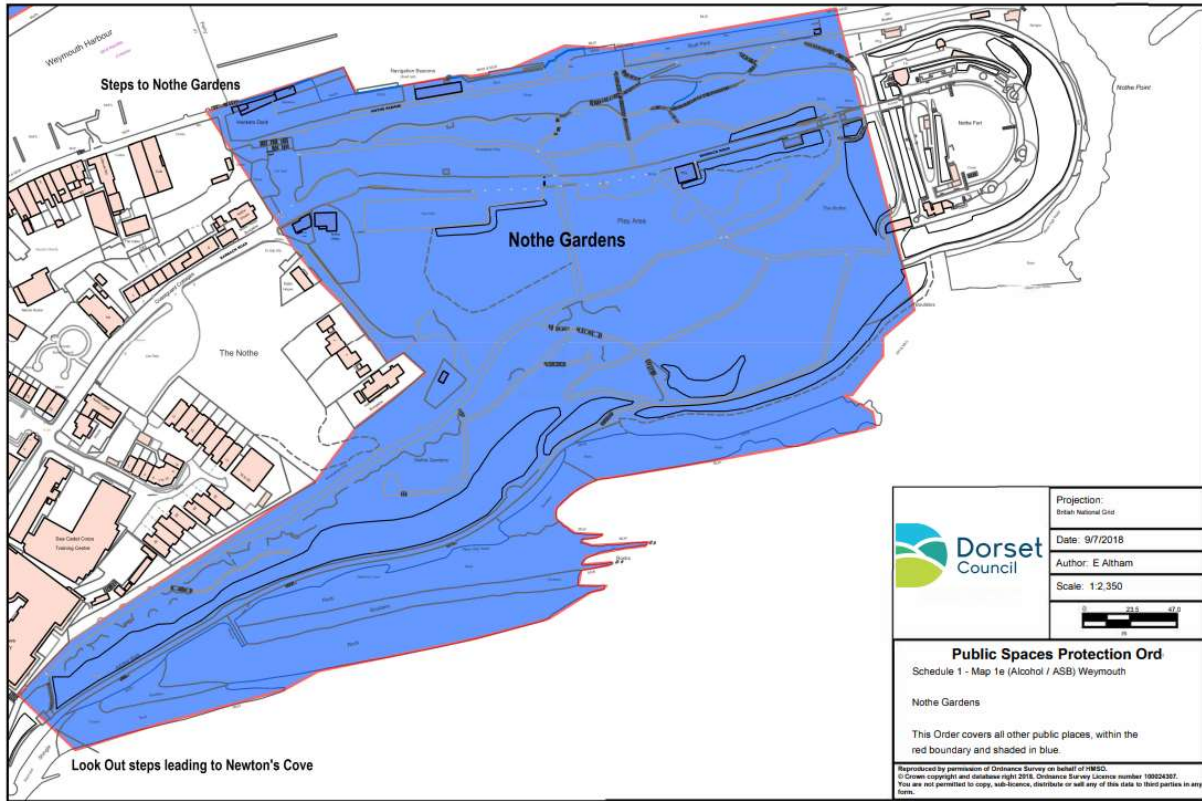


## Map 1d Hope Square

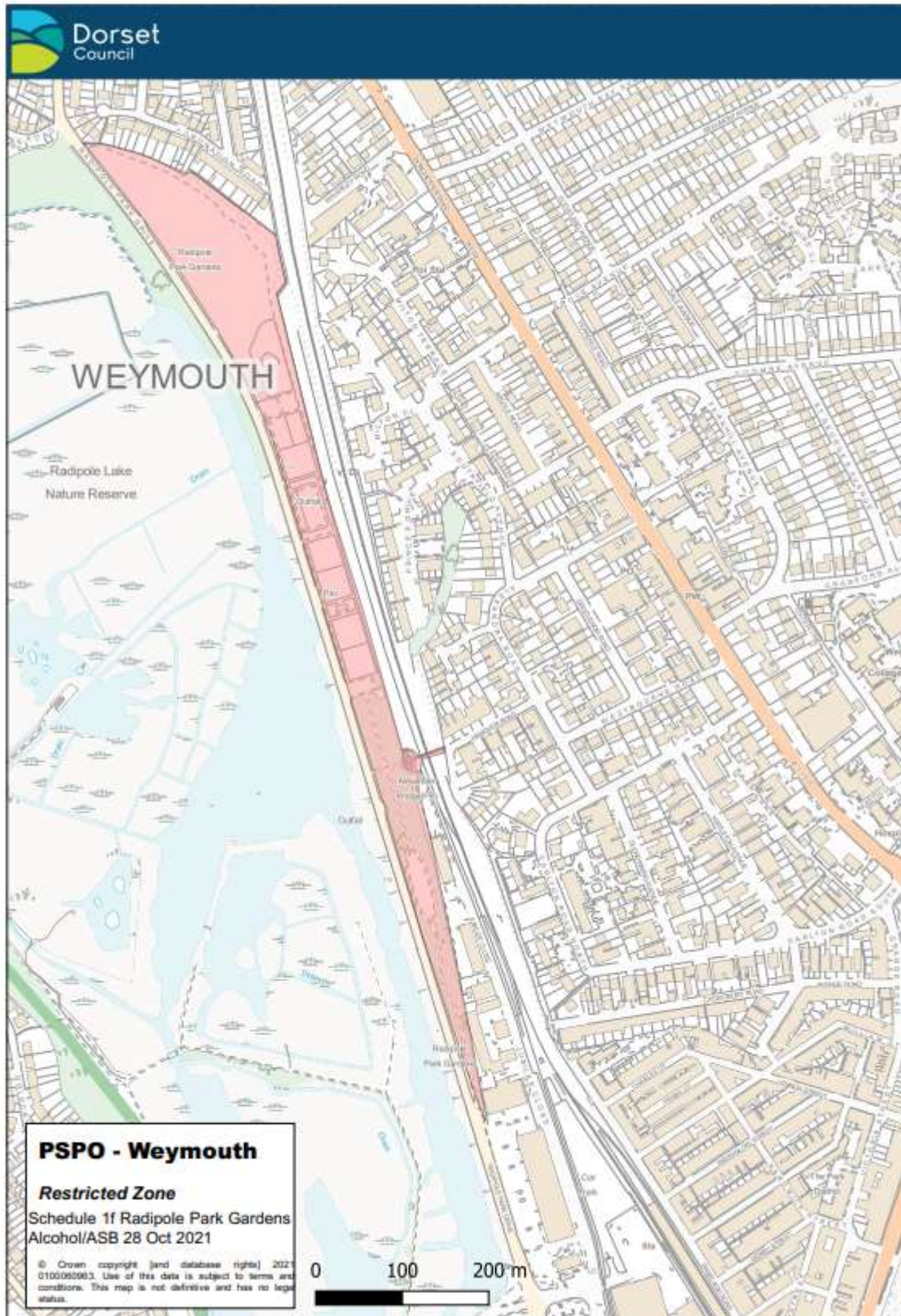




# Map 1e Nothe Gardens



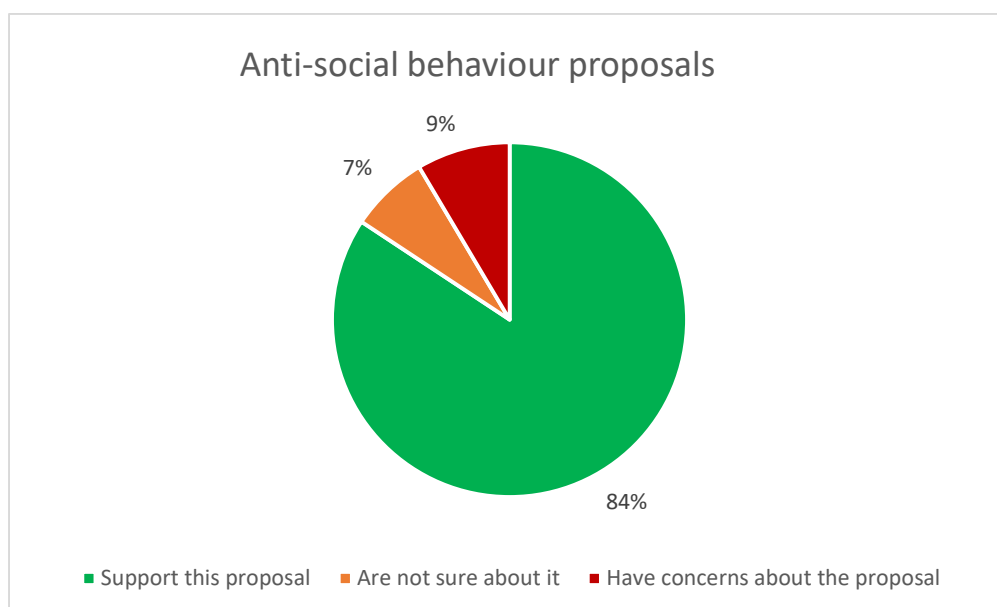
# Map 1f Radipole Park Gardens



## Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 84.3% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to anti-social behaviour, 8.5% have concerns about them and 7.2% are not sure.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	84.3	188
Are not sure about it	7.2	16
Have concerns about the proposal	8.5	19

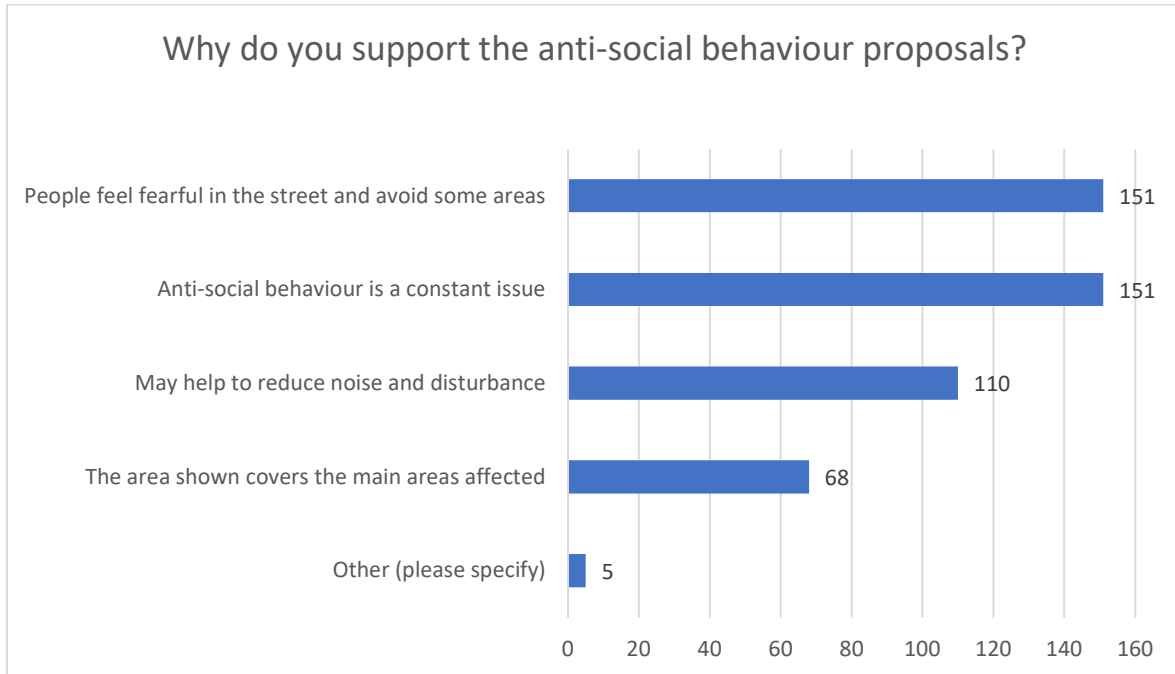


## Why do you support the anti-social behaviour proposals?

The most frequently selected reasons for supporting the anti-social behaviour proposals were that people feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas (83.0%). And that they feel that anti-social behaviour is a constant issue (83.0%). The next most frequent was that it would help reduce noise and disturbance (60.4%).

	% of all respondents	Number
Anti-social behaviour is a constant issue	83.0	151
The area shown covers the main areas affected	37.4	68

People feel fearful in the street and avoid some areas	83.0	151
May help to reduce noise and disturbance	60.4	110
Other (please specify)	2.7	5



Those who said other and commented gave the following reasons:

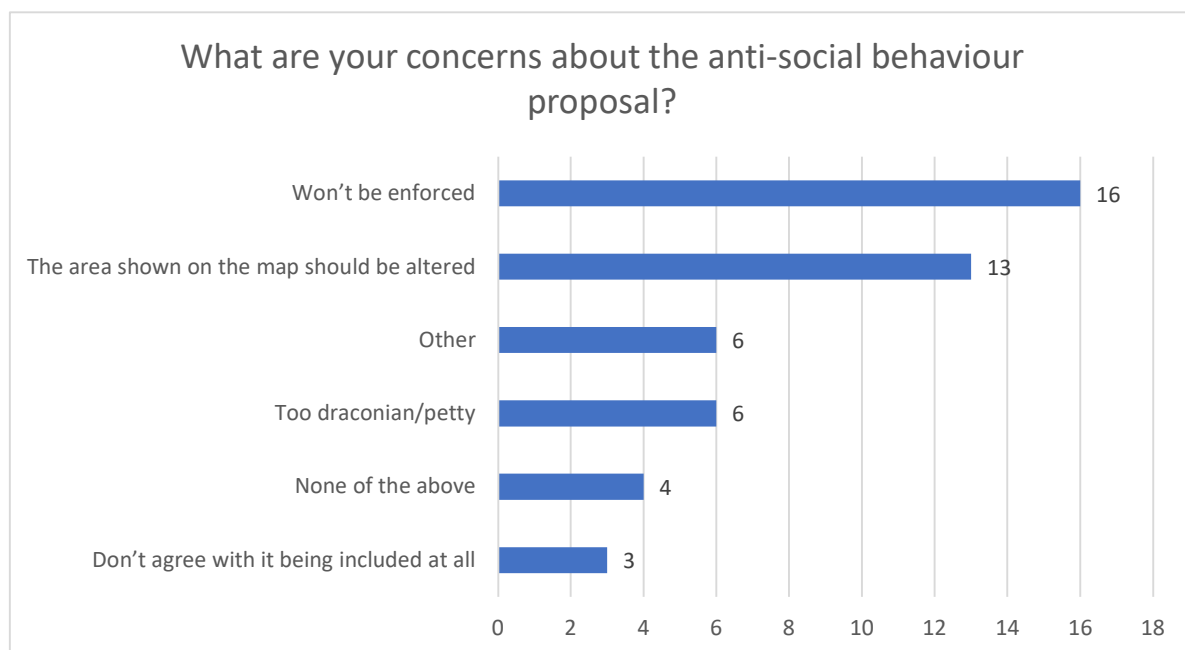
Other	Comment
	This is a REAL issue for Guest House owners and their guests. They have to often "Run the gauntlet" upon arrival in Gloucester Mews and The Royal Yard Car Park - Terrible 1st Impressions of the Town and their stay
	As a guest house owner this is a major issue.
	Anti social behaviour affects the image of a town which relies heavily on tourist trade. Do not want the image tarnished and business affected. Anti social behaviour contributes to littering.
	Please see previous comments regarding the negative effect of ASB to residents and visitors of Weymouth and the ongoing negative effect on businesses who rely on a healthy level of tourists to Weymouth. It also negates the hard work we as accommodation providers put in to giving our guests a relaxing and stress free holiday by the sea when they're subjected to aggressive and loud ASB day and night.



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

35 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	9.1	3
The area shown on the map should be altered	39.4	13
Won't be enforced	48.5	16
Too draconian/petty	18.2	6
None of the above	12.1	4
Other	18.2	6



Those who said other and commented gave the following reasons:

Other	Comment
	It's nonsense!
	PSPO and Anti Social behaviours sadly are falling behind in changing peoples behaviour in our community
	This is a policing matter. Section 5 Public Order Act
	Not strong enough
	It's abuse that's the problem, not the picnics when in moderation.
	The definition is too general and vague.



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

47 people made further comment on their response, these where possible have been classified into themes

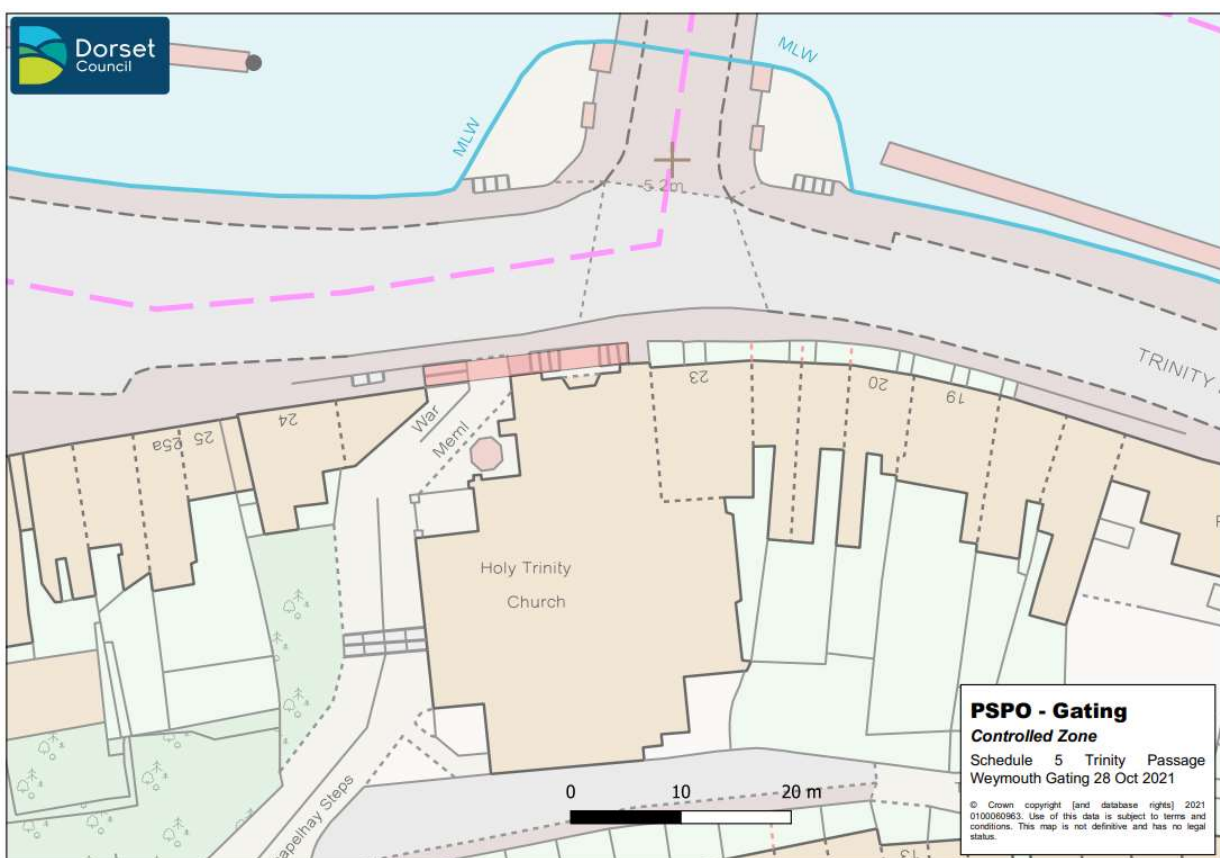
Theme	Count
Expand area	16
Enforcement	14
CCTV	2
Define nuisance	1
Petty	1
Restrict Drink Licences	1
What is reasonable excuse	1
Summer Increase	1
Use Gates in Holy Trinity	1
Zero tolerance	1
Level of Support	1

## Section 6 - Trinity Passage Restriction proposals

Proposed installation of a gate in Trinity Passage, Weymouth. This area has been blighted by anti-social behaviour issues arising from drug dealing, graffiti, sexual activity, rough sleeping, littering, fly tipping and public urination/defecation and is having a detrimental effect on the use of Holy Trinity Church and local residents.

The revisions have been made in consultation with Weymouth Town Council and Dorset Police. The draft Order is available here. See the map identifying Trinity Passage gating area.

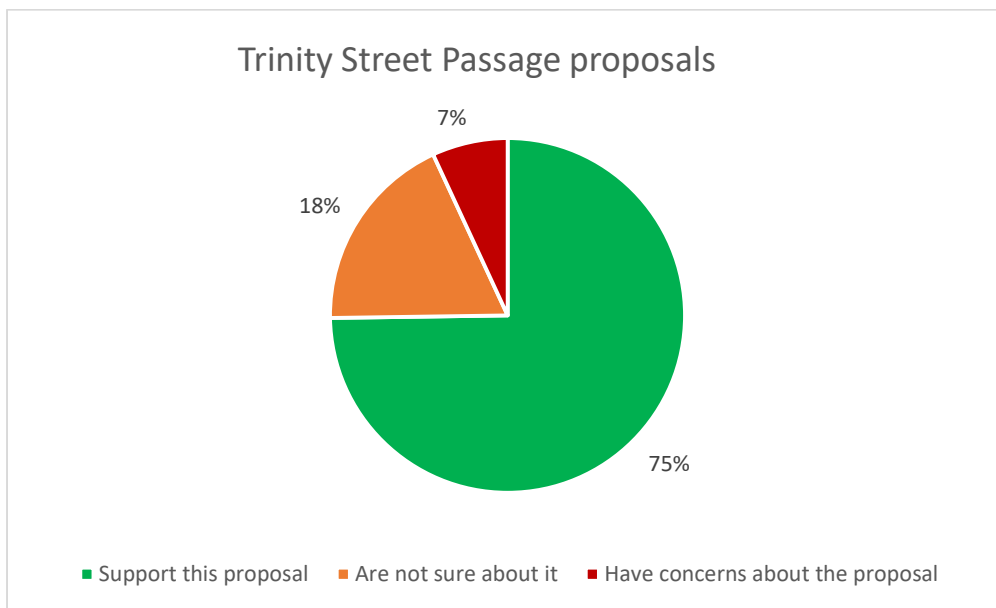
The order proposes “No person shall use the public right of way over the highway within the restricted area at any time. The alternative route for pedestrians shall be the main highway footpath alongside North Quay and Trinity Road.”



### Do you:

As the table and graph show below, 74.8% of respondents stated that they support the proposals relating to Trinity Passage restrictions, 6.9% have concerns about them and 18.3% are not sure.

	% of all respondents	Number
Support this proposal	74.8	163
Are not sure about it	18.3	40
Have concerns about the proposal	6.9	15



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

36 people made further comment on their response, these where possible have been classified into themes

Theme	Mentions
Agree with proposal	10
Disagree	7
Enforcement	4
Need access for emergency	3
Need more better facilities WCs	3
Expand area	3
Use Cameras and lights	2
It's still accessible during day	1
Only at night	1

## Any other Comments from survey

59 people made further comment on their response, these where possible have been classified into themes

Comments	Mentions
Enforcement	26
Longer Term Solution	5
Anti-social behaviour	4
Expand area	4
Support	3
What is Anti-social behaviour - different for people	2
CCTV	2
Cycling Ban	1
Expand definition of ASB	1
Involve more people with helping	1
No more HMOs	1
Not Support	1
PSPOs are a Waste	1
Tourists as well	1

## 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. The survey had an over-representation of older residents 86% were 45 and over compared to a Dorset figure of 58%.

	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-and over	Prefer not to say
% of responses in age group	0.0	0.0	1.9	9.9	22.6	26.4	37.3	1.9

### Gender

The current profile of the residents of Dorset show 49.8% male and 51.1% female. Respondents to the survey were 48.6% Female and 46.7% Male with) 0% preferring to self-describe and 4.7% preferring not to say. This is very much in-line with Dorset's figures.

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?	91.7	0.5	7.8

### Disability

11.5% of respondents considered they had a disability; this equates to 24 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? (%)	11.5	81.8	6.7

When looking at the specific disabilities of the 24 people responding: 15 has a physical disability, 6 a mental health condition, 11 had a long standing illness or health condition and 2 preferred not to say.

## Sexual Orientation

78.7% of respondents were Heterosexual/straight, 16.9% preferred not to say, 2.4% were Gay/lesbian and 1.9% Bi.

	What best describes your sexual orientation? (%)
Bi	1.9
Gay/lesbian	2.4
Heterosexual/straight	78.7
I use another term (please describe)	0
Prefer not to say	16.9

42.6% of respondents were Christian, 38.3% had no religion, 1.5% were Buddhist and 0.5% Muslim and 0.5% Jewish.

## Religion/Belief

	What best describes your religion/belief?
Buddhist	1.4
Christian	42.6
Hindu	0
Jewish	0.5
Muslim	0.5
Sikh	0
No religion	38.3

Other	1.4
Prefer not to say	15.3

## Other

Religion	Count
Agnostic	2
Pagan	1

88.1% of respondents were White British, 2.4% Any other White Background, 0.5% White Irish, 0.5% Black British – Caribbean, 1.0% Other Ethnic Background and 7.6% preferred not to say.

## Ethnic Group

	What is your ethnic group? (%)
White British	88.1
White Irish	0.5
Gypsy/Irish traveller	0
Any other white background	2.4
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	0
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	0.5
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	7.6
Any other ethnic group	1.0

# Appendix 1 – Full redacted comments

<b>Alcohol Proposal Text Comments Q10</b>
If Nothe Gardens and Hope Square are included (i.e. popular tourist locations), the area around the harbourside (both sides, from stonepier to marina) should also be included
Include South Harbourside
include westham bridge subway
needs to include the subways between Westham Bridge & Rodwell Trail If it includes Custom House Quay, then should also include south harbourside & stone pier
We are aware that there are locations within the town which are often frequented by individuals consuming alcohol. Limited resources mean that it is not always possible to monitor this behaviour frequently, which can sometimes escalate and make members of the public feel unsafe, and dissuade them from the area, which also impacts on local business. Sometimes, persistent street-drinking alone can cause impact on an area's reputation and public confidence, regardless of whether any specific instances of anti-social behaviour are taking place. We also feel that the area covered by the PSPO should be expanded to include additional areas of the South Harbourside, such as Nothe Parade, Cove Street, Hope Street, Trinity Road and North Quay, and subway areas surrounding Swannery Bridge & Westham Bridge. This avoids moving the issues to nearby areas, and helps to promote public safety.
1. Why is Trinity Road and Cove Row excluded from this proposal? 2. Last summer the footway next to the quayside on Trinity Road and especially Cove Row was used as an extension of the beach. The footway was blocked on a daily basis by people setting up camping chairs and picnic blankets across the footway, beach trolleys and on occasion kiddies tents meaning that pedestrians were forced to use the road. Particularly when people behaving like this have been drinking alcohol, there is very little you can do except walk around them into the road. 3. Last year even when drinkers sprawled on the footway were clearly intimidating towards the public, the police did nothing because they were "brawling".
All parks gardens and open spaces should be considered have witnessed anti social behaviours in all these places with bottles and cans being left which is often cleared by volunteers, if this is not possible recycling bins to be placed in these areas to reduce litter and ensure the safety of the community
Area of the Marsh playing fields on knightsdale road as well as the swimming pool area and park behind swimming should be included. This is due to ongoing issues caused by drunk and drugged individuals.
Hope square Not needed in proposal. Harbour side not needed in proposal Spoiling sensible social gatherings of people enjoying the space- for the sake of Some irresponsible People. More policing needed that's all especially summer
How ridiculous that one can no longer have a picnic with a bottle of wine on the beach or at the Nothe Gardens.
I can't see which area is covered on the Trinity (south) side of the harbour where there frequently is social drinking. I trust thus won't prevent social drinking in the Nothe Gardens. I am disappointed to see the area marked as The Nothe and the Peace Garden are not covered by the proposal as it is likely those intent on consuming alcohol will seek out other areas to drink in.

<p>I don't believe that the proposals are strong enough. There should be a zero tolerance on alcohol in these areas unless in a licenced property / designated area. If you go to Devon, Cornwall it is made perfectly clear that alcohol is treated with zero tolerance in key tourist areas. They obviously understand the problem that allowing people to drink in key areas cause and they want tourists and locals to be safe and feel safe. This would make enforcement much easier for those that have to uphold the order.</p>
<p>I feel the some individuals are continuing to become a nuisance with repeat ASB and although the police have full control within the power they are provided the individual does not deter from causing ASB time and time again as the courts are not strong enough on punishment, these individuals seem to know the system all too well and rely on lenient action from the courts, this then sends them back out into society repeating the offence time and time again and as a resident i have seen this with repeat drinking offences.</p>
<p>I feel this is completely unnecessary. As a woman living alone in a deprived neighbourhood, I am content walking around the town at night on my own, and have never felt intimidated/annoyed by drinking on streets of Weymouth. I disagree in principle with criminalising behaviours/groups of people. The council should be helping to address the root cause of problem behaviour (ie deprivation) rather than further burdening the criminal justice system by ostracising certain groups, or landing people with a criminal record. Would prefer to see council officer's time spent on finding ways to boost Weymouth's economy and social mobility rather than policing the streets.</p>
<p>I strongly agree with the Hope Sq restriction but your map appears to include the forecourt of the Red Lion pub and I would. Not wish this business to be threatened by this zoning.</p>
<p>In Lasvagas you can drink wherever you like and they do not have the issues that we have with it - we live in a holiday town which visitors will binge drink anyway when they come out of pubs and clubs - unless they are going to make it illegal to be drunk anytime then this seems pointless when drugs are still being sold on the street and alleyways the Police visibility on the streets is non-existing so no one is there to enforce this - money and support should be spent on helping out the community with there mental health issues which in turn would reduce alcohol abuse. Not allowing it just makes drinking in public more appealing to those who love the law breaker.</p>
<p>Including areas north of the harbour but not south side will simply move the problems to the opposite side. I request hope street and cove road are included in the proposal, late night gathering with music and drunken behaviour often occur here and the area would benefit from inclusion in the zone.</p>
<p>Maps 1a and 1d include drinking areas for licensed premises. These areas should not be included. Also it would be strange to prohibit people from drinking their own drinks right next to areas legally selling alcoholic drinks. Map 1e includes the designated barbeque area of Nothe Gardens and people should be allowed to consume alcohol with their barbeques.</p>
<p>Officers must have more power to move people on and if they resist make some rest or get the police to arrest them it's an ongoing problem and it won't be solved overnight, but we have to make an effort because it does blight the area and visitors are very upset about what they see Include the whole of Lenox Street</p>
<p>please include the whole of the harbour</p>
<p>Should Ban Alcohol consumption from ALL of these areas - No nonsense No need for anyone to have alcohol on the promenade or on the streets</p>
<p>Should have areas of NO drinking at all, if you can ban dogs you can ban getting legless.</p>
<p>The marsh area in Westham is not included. It has had incidences of anti social behaviour relating to alcohol. It is also close to the other areas which means the problem can be displaced into the area</p>



There is a severe problem with drink and drug use in and on Westham bridge and the underpasses and seating areas on and around the bridge. I walk my dog there everyday and without fail I see drunks abusing people swearing and urinating and have myself been threatened a number of times by these gangs of homeless/drunks. The seat next to the lake by the underpass exit is littered with needles and drug paraphernalia and I constantly see young children and mothers crossing the bridge come into contact with these gangs. The same group of up to 12 people are there most days and although the police sometimes speak to them nothing seems to be done. The rubbish bin that used to be next to the bridge is still in the lake where they threw it leaving mess all over the footpath and onto the bridge. They use the built in seats on the bridge as toilets and the hedge next to the bowling green as a dumping ground for the empty bottles, cans and of course needles. This area should be included in the proposal to ban alcohol and CCTV cameras should be installed to catch these people abusing people and destroying what should be a peaceful and beautiful area.

This should go further and ban alcohol consumption in public areas (excluding licenced premises)

Alcohol consumption should be banned in Weymouth and Portland unless in the confines of a public house or cafe/restaurant that is licensed to sell alcohol. The rubbish amount of rubbish is appalling and the amount of disgusting behaviour from alcohol, especially during the tourist months is out of control

As long as this is only the power to stop people causing a nuisance

As well as being alarming, street drinking leads to litter - especially broken glass - which (of course) is only occasionally swept up by the council, and then not from the pavements, and only if it is on the side of the road that they do. One watches bathers returning from the beach in bare feet with trepidation. Dogs are also potential victims. One has to be constantly alive to the dangers of broken glass here. The major problem in our area of the Park District is the conglomeration of B & Bs which are, in effect HMOs. Presumably they are quite unregulated. Where the culture in such establishments is for residents to have addiction problems, like will attract like. I don't know what the police do about this. If anything. The Orders will have little effect if the police don't turn to and do their bit.

Drinking in the street causes nuisance, anti-social behaviour and attracts other behaviour like theft and drug activity.

Drunk people in these areas can make it feel unsafe for others using the areas and also it can impact the impression of Weymouth as a holiday destination which could affect local businesses.

Holy Trinity passage is also used as a public toilet

I am on the daily plagued by day drinkers and have photo evidence of this they block people, doorways, shout, fight and intimidate,

I feel unsafe as a 70 year old male pensioner with mobility problems. I could not outrun any drunken street drinker if they became aggressive, as some of the usual suspects seem to do every day.

I support these zones but reading the wording of the order I would apply it to the whole of Weymouth. If in the reasonable belief of an officer it is avoiding public nuisance, public disorder or anti-social behaviour then surely it should apply everywhere. Furthermore I believe that consumption of alcohol should be completely banned in some locations e.g. on the promenade as it is a constant problem and should not require a police officer to direct them.

I walk my dog in these areas and often feel vulnerable with drunks sitting standing or weaving around the pavements.

<p>I work in Marks and Spencer every day we have the same group of thieves &amp; substance abusers come in and steal £100 of steaks, and booze as well as clothes every day. The thing is no matter how many times we tell the police nothing is done to remove these people from the town. They are aggressive and dangerous. Even when they were moved into the hotel they trashed it and get taxis into town to steal and drink.</p>
<p>If you do not enforce PSPO on station property this can be disastrous, at the moment your CSAS officers can move drinkers on, without a pspo they cannot enforce railway bylaws so it would still be an offence but unenforceable by CSAS officers only a constable RSAS officer or btp, as you know we work the closest with CSAS officers therefore removing the pspo would be ideotic</p>
<p>It is also frightening for residents and leads to increased mental health issues</p>
<p>It is not the fact that some people may want a drink it is the level to which individuals drink whilst unattended. An alcoholic will drink their own body weight before passing out with no way of stopping or controlling themselves. It is disruptive to residents, it causes fouling and vomiting, litter and other health hazards. In addition is give a dreadful impression to those visiting the town for a pleasant seaside holiday. Our town centre guest houses are struggling, many look run down and so many have gone on the market. Holiday makers are more likely to stay out of town and come to the beach. I believe this to be a VITAL part of the cleaner streets strategy.</p>
<p>It turns into a major incident which could have been prevented.</p>
<p>Needs much stronger enforcement on a hard core of persistent street drinkers. If they cause ASB and action is taken then the next week the clock seems to reset and they can come back to the same area ie harbourside and drink all day. It is very clear that by evening they will be antisocial but authorities seem powerless to intervene until they become convincingly disruptive. It is very unsatisfactory. If a particular person or group regularly causes ASB in the same place ie Esplanade/ railway station or harbour then they should be banned for a year. The powers to do so seem very slow and rarely applied. There is a hard core of about 20 disruptive individuals but exclusion orders only happen once or twice a year.</p>
<p>Not strong enough. Check out a petition that local residents started in the Park District. We want change. Zero tolerance! No drinking in the Esplanade, make our town safe, welcoming and proud. <a href="https://chng.it/YFCRNySrxW">https://chng.it/YFCRNySrxW</a></p>
<p>Our only concern that this is never enforced. Manpower is always used as an excuse. A firm hand needs to implemented and enough with a softly softly approach.</p>
<p>Really need anti drug as well.</p>
<p>Some of the people who I see drinking in public I feel needs help to stop drinking as it is a big part of their daily routine</p>
<p>Street drinking leads to ASB, drug dealing and other problems. Many of these street drinkers when refused to be served in off licenses locally, then turn to violence, smashing up the shop, window etc.</p>
<p>The Police should stop using the softly, softly approach, it does not work. And when the Police appear the drinkers should disperse and not wait until they come over and talk to the drinkers. Police dogs would make this happen if used.</p>
<p>There is a daily problem of a group of heavy drinkers gathering on custom house Quay down by the lifting bridge</p>
<p>There should be no drinking on the streets</p>
<p>Undesirable people with drugs and alchol Underneath holy trinity church. I go down there to use the toilets. ( marina toilets ) and feet try and get in there.</p>
<p>usually the person drinking in the street is already intoxicated and then abusisve, so action needs to be swift and enforced</p>

We all know where they go and it is not only drinking that they do
We find that the authorised officers usually take no action with those drinking on The Esplanade, train station etc etc. Usually the response is they are causing no problem at that time. However, if left to drink, in a couple of hours, they are causing ASB, being a nuisance, causing a public disorder. Therefore the PSPO should be NO alcohol consumption in these areas unless in licensed premises or in authorised areas agreed to be managed by security or cafe's, bars etc. The authorised officers are too friendly with the street drinkers and allow them to continue to drink. This has a detrimental impact for local residents and those trying to running a business. Tourists do not like to see drunk / high street drinkers in public areas as they feel unsafe. Even tourists that live in cities are not used to witnessing the behaviour allowed to continue here in Weymouth.
We run a guesthouse on Brunswick Terrace. Over the years we have been here our guests have been continually disturbed at night by people partying all night on the beach along Brunswick Terrace. This has an obvious detrimental effect on the quality of their stay in Weymouth and has led to us and other accommodation providers being left negative feedback on booking platforms. There have also been incidents during the day of our guests (many of them with young families or elderly parents) who have witnessed violent and loud ASB during the day, always as a result of drink or drug taking along the esplanade and beach, usually next to the Pier Bandstand building. As above, this has a negative impact on visitor experience to Weymouth and negates all the hard work we all put in to providing quality accommodation and all the other businesses who work hard to give visitors to Weymouth a relaxing and enjoyable break.
Weymouth courts must take a more rigid and disciplined attitude when these individuals appear before them; at present they are pathetic in their sentencing!

<b>Gulls Proposals Q14</b>
1. If you spend 10mins on the quayside opposite Bennett's Fish & Chip shop you will see people feeding their chips to the gulls. Its not difficult to observe this behaviour. The signs on the quayside are simply ignored and no-one enforces the regulation so what is the point of having the regulation? 2. Crabbers on the quay wall often use bacon / squid as bait. As they leave many will throw the remaining bacon / squid onto the pontoons in the harbour. Working on the boats when the public are throwing food to attract gulls onto the pontoons is really unpleasant. When you ask people not to do it, you get verbal abuse back. But again the regulations are never enforced.
Current COVID marshalls should be moved to Seagull Marshalls. Very large signs should be put up and people prosecuted for feeding the gulls
Feeding of all the random foodstuffs they are given leads to unnatural feeding behaviours from the gulls, contributing to their demise, plus much more agresive attavks on those carrying food. Weymouth has fallen far behind say Lyme Regis and Swanage, where the signage leaves people in no doubt - it is illegal!
Gull-feeding and gull-attacks are a real issue in the area. Whilst enforcement should be a last resort, more work should be undertaken to dissuade the public from feeding gulls and making them aware of the impact this has on the town.
Gulls are becoming a nuisance in residential areas as they are moving away from their natural sea environment. Feeding encourages this and increases their numbers. They now nest on rooftops of residential property displaying aggressive behaviour when they have young.
Gulls attacking tourist who are eating on the harbour side and promenade appear frightening and very dangerous for small chilcren.

Having been attacked by a gull while sitting on the beach with my family, We were enjoying a sandwich lunch when I was attacked.
I agree in certain areas near food establishments, but people need to choose to use their common sense on this issue
I am not convinced that this prohibition will alter people's behaviour.
I love the seagulls but if people feed them they will expect food from humans. It is mostly visitors who feed them but also irresponsibly disposed of takeaways encourages them into the streets.
I think there are more important concerns to be dealt with
If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on you...
intentional feeding of crows a problem on beach as they work alongside seagulls removing litter from bins etc
Its not the gull's fault that people feed them there are people most days giving them grain and bread. If you tell them not to you get verbal abuse. These needs spot fines of £500 per offence to stop them from doing it. There's been some great signs up so its not a lack of visible signs its people choosing to ignore them.
Make it all of Dorset
Not too bothered as never been a major issue.
People are the problem and therefore need to be penalised if they feed the gulls as it seems the birds get the blame for the humans behaviour.
People are the problem, make the gulls. Very difficult to enforce feeding a chip to the gulls, however those that refuse to dispose of waste could be addressed and help aid the problem.
People need to be educated into not putting food items in plastic sacks as they get ripped open, litter bins need to be bigger and emptied more often during the visitor season.
People still do it, nobody gets fined. It's impossible to enforce anyway you can still feed other birds proving you intended to feed gulls is impossible.
See above
Should be culled!
The feeding of the gulls and the excess bread etc has attracted a large number rats which can be seen running around along the lakeside and surrounding areas.
There is already to much aggressive signage around the town. Suggest Dorset Council instead funds replacement of public litter bins, which would help keep gull populations down, instead of forcing Weymouth Town Council to spend the small amount of public money left in Weymouth.
This is a stupid request whoever came up with this has got too much time on their hands and is not in touch with the needs of the people. If the council spent more time dealing with the issues that truly matter then Weymouth would not be full of so many brainless brainwashed backwards 1950s syndrome - I would rather see the council deal with parking issues than what the wildlife is doing - commonsense can only be applied through experience - i.e if someone is dumb enough to feed the gulls and gets hurt - this will result in them not doing it again. also I think it is known to be good luck if you get shat on the head by one
This is extremely difficult to police due to lack of signage, on the beach 365 days there are signs banning dogs on the beach, this results in everyone believing this is in force throughout the year, are large enough to been seen from the road, where as all other PSPO signs are small and often missed by locals and visitors, with those who enforce the orders time taken up with other forms of anti social behaviour
We should be able to cull their numbers (the gulls) although some of the population would be a good idea too
Will need enforcement

## Q18 Aggressive begging

A lot of the "beggars" in the summer come from other areas to prey on tourists. The town has a shelter bus and buildings so there's no reason to have any type of begger in town. They Filth up the place with litter "see meaches shop front and pounden mills shop front". The job center could be working with them from the shelter bus to get them in jobs and off the street.

Again, Weymouth is a tourit town - tourists do not like to see this behaviour in tourist zones. Many that come from cities or larger towns are intimidated by these people, let alone those who come from small villages. Those who come from cities say that their councils are proactive in moving on such activity. Personally, I feel unsafe walking past such beggars at night and fear for young woman / teenage girls in particular.

And it contributes to the detrimental image of all those unfortunate homeless people.

Beggars seem to increase in numbers during the summer months - obviously when there are more tourists

Begging just to buy drugs or alcohol is offensive to me.

Daily occurrence in town and park district where i reside and its a nightmare, i have evidence and witnessed 3 beggars come together and mention about getting drugs, later that evening, shouting and fighting

Have never experienced such behaviour in 39 years of residence.

However there are individuals on the street who are what we would call destitute. Homeless, workless and not provided for in the Social and welfare system. They tend to be younger, and have been driven into this situation for a number of reasons. The effects of Covid have exacerbated the situation, with the loss of many casual and live-in jobs in the hospitality and catering trades. Various charities are at work trying to bring relief. A distinction has to be made between the druggies and scammers who are aggressively begging, and the genuinely down and out. Police should have powers to identify by photo-identity , and evict , those proven to be in the first category

I believe the zoning for this should be much bigger

I feel no begging should be evident any where in town as support packages should be in place to stop any individual begging to help with food costs and clothing, no one in 2022 should be on the streets with the amount of support the government offers so i feel all begging should be stopped, if a individual who refuses any help from authorities and continues to beg should be removed from the area they are begging as it is simply not needed.

I have concerns with what is considered AGGRESSIVE.

I personally are intimidated by the beggars, sometimes they are quite frightening, they should also not have dogs as the dogs are not choosing to life on the streets, they are being forced to do so.

I support the proposal but would prohibit begging irrespective of whether it is aggressive or not

I support this proposal however I feel I must add that surely, aggressive behaviour of any sort should be treated with parity by the law. Aggressive begging should not be tolerated in any area of a civilised town. I am concerned that by focusing attention on this tight town centre area the problem will drift outward. The reason I support the proposal however is that the area highlighted is build and configured in such a way as makes concealment easy, it also allows those who know those streets to use their 'knowledge' to their advantage when selecting individuals to target.

If people in the town need to beg to live, then the 'poor image' of the town that gives is one we should be ashamed of. We should care for our homeless better than that.

If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on you...

Lock them up!



<p>Maybe if the Government/council actually got to the root cause of why these people need to beg in the first place. I have lived in Weymouth all my life and I can tell you first hand that about approx half of those supposed "living on the street" are already claiming benefits this solution is simple investigate those who are commenting fraud- and take action in to sending them to a rehabilitation camp as they have in China to reprogram them into soicaty where they can have education and in turn have a job</p>
N/a
Never seen any here
Please include the passive baggers who just sit there with no bowl but still receive payments from visitors and residents alike
please include the whole of the Esplanade
Pointless fining and going through the courts for those unfortunate people on the streets
Should extend all along the beach and the harbour, and the Pavilion
Should include Kings Statue & Railway station.
The area around the station should be included. Not sure if it is (the drawing seems to expluce the area)
The area needs to be bigger having said that I've not been a victim of aggressive begging but have seen begging take place
The map doesn't cover enough area.
The Vagrancy Act 1824 is an Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom that makes it an offence to sleep rough or beg. (England and Wales). Rather than fine the beggars fine people giving money and food to them.
There are enough charity organisations availble & referral measures are in place for anyone homeless in Weymouth. Street begging can be intimidating on the elederly especially. There is no need for anyone in weymouth to be begging.
There have been many different types of beggers in Weymouth,its incredibly intimidating to be approached, its happened to me and my children.Beggars,the obvious druggie ones which started a few years ago and nothing was done about it, seem to have been been a gateway for dealers ,more beggers and more obvious drug dealing in town,and also along Abbotsbury Rd and in local graveyards and all green spaces
This causes criminal begging, professional beggars. They are a magnet for ASB, drug dealing. Gives the town a poor image and should not be allowed. Enough charities and benefits available.
This makes Weymouth in key tourists areas look deprived, it makes tourists and locals feel unsafe. These individuals should be directed to the Lantern and other charities so that they don't need to bed. However, most of those that beg are doing this for criminal activity and therefore the charities won't help with their drug dealing, shoplifting, pick pocketing criminal offenses.
This pspo proposal needs to include the railway station and surrounding areas to support railway bylaws, imagine a train of hundreds of people entering Weymouth for the first time in the summer season, the first thing they are greeted with is somebody begging, not a good first impression for the town, especially with the forecourt redevelopment, the area needs to be included otherwise it may be overran
Unfortunately often drug driven and a lack of understanding of mental health problems associated with it, I know how hard our local community support officers work in safeguarding vulnerable people, other services are contacted and this often results in a change of lifestyle, with the work of The Bus Shelter The Lantern Trust I believe things have improved, I would like to thing central government would fund schemes to considered those who have suffered a sudden change in circumstances I believe educating members of the public is also key, they need to have a system in place where they can report to mental health services
Usually criminal activity, leads to ASB, supports drug dealing

What constitutes aggressive begging? These people do need support but if they are aggressively approaching the public then yes that does need to be addressed.
What is aggressive begging? It used to be just begging why has it changed?
What is the definition of aggressive? Is there potential for subjective interpretation of the term
Why is Cove Row not included. I've been approached several times on Cove Row for money.
Will this be enforced for those begging in an aggressive manner, or will it just be used for all beggars, thus causing social care to be unaware of where people in need are.

<b>Q22 Cycling on the Prom</b>
"Weymouth Promenade" is for walking. (The clue is in the name!) Cycling on "Weymouth Promenade" should be forbidden at all times. The 'Land Train' should also be removed from "Weymouth Promenade".
A dedicated cycle lane should be painted onto the promenade or on the esplanade. It should be two way and connect to the Greenhill Lodmoor cycle lane all year round . It should include skateboards and escooters.
Allowing for commuter time is important
Although the main Prom is probably not a good place for year round cycling, there's plenty of space for cycling between Brunswick terrace and the groyne, and it would be easy enough to mark up a cycling lane while still leaving plenty of space for pedestrians even in the summer months. If access is not to be made available year round, I also think that the date restrictions are excessive in terms of how much pedestrian usage there is in the early and late season.
As a cyclist - providing both cyclists and pedestrians are courteous where cyclists give priority to pedestrians there shouldn't be a problem
As there is no safe cycling alternative from the groyne to the start of the bus lane it would seem to be neglecting safe active travel by banning cycling without a safe alternative
Because pedestrians have no brains and walk in to cyclists. Cyclists who are quite aware that pedestrians are numpties. I am both a pedestrian and cyclist..
Clamp down on existing abusers.
Consider including e-scooters - Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) in this PSPO. Whilst currently illegal, it's only a matter of time before they are legalised, and it will save you having to redraft the PSPO again, in the near future!
Considerate cycling should be allowed all year round (or maybe restricted during the busiest period of July and August)
CWA should have an exemption
Cycling in the Borough should be encouraged for health and environmental reasons. The Esplanade route between Pavilion and Overcombe Corner is safer than the road (especially around Greenhill), and much enjoyed by locals and visitors. However, inconsiderate or speeding cyclists must be controlled somehow.
Cycling should not be allowed at anytime of the year on the Esplanade, except for the Try Shaw for disabled Cycling without Age.
Cycling through Weymouth can be very dangerous for younger children and other people who are not confident using the road, but using the promenade can also be dangerous. Could a cycle Lane/line be painted on the promenade to encourage mixed use
Cyclist do not have bells and generally show contempt for pedestrians and cycle on pavements marked for pedestrians only and do not give way and expect pedestrians to move sideways.
Cyclist have no regard for pedestrians and cycle straight at you expecting you to move out of their way, this is not always easy if you have restricted movement or restricted walking abilities.

Cyclists already go too fast and many cycle as if they are entitled to right of way at all times on the promenade
Cyclists cycle far too fast (as do some mobility scooters!!!) on the Esplanade, and you take your life in your hands walking along the Esplanade, especially in summer. There needs to be a dedicated cycle lane (preferably off the Esplanade) so that people can walk in safety. The amount of times there are the potential for accidents, or actual accidents is too many to mention especially when you factor in children and dogs wandering all over the Esplanade. It makes walking along the Esplanade a stressful experience to feel a bike swerving in front or behind you all the time.
Decision maker should go have a sit on the promenade for half a day and just watch the arrogant cyclist's some cycling at over 20mph dodging pedestrians whilst the roadway is extremely quiet with very little traffic
Do not agree with Cycling/Electric scooters at all - These should ONLY go on the Roads at ALL times. You are not meant to cycle on pavements, so why allow our Key Tourist Promenade to accept cyclists - Walking only
Electric scooter are the worst especially at night buy the Bridge at holy trinity
Esplanade says it all, it is for walking.
Good Friday and 31 October, What bright spark decided to use that instead of a CERTAIN undisputed and easy to see actual date? That is one reason why I support the 1 May alteration for the start date.
I am fed up with aggressive cycling along the Promenade. Have almost been involved in several accidents. Cyclists don't have bells or don't use them. Signs completely ignored. Better signage needed and more enforcement.
I believe the main risk from cycling on the promenade is when there are a lot of small children who will not be able to watch out for bikes and may move erratically. As there are a large number of children visiting Weymouth at Easter and in October half term I think the dates should remain as they are currently. Furthermore I would make the start time 9am as many people with young children will be out before 10 am.
I cycle but would never use the Esplanade when the town is busy, it just doesn't work. Restrictions on times works for commuters. Sadly, those who break the law by cycling at great speed at all hours will still continue
I do not think cyclists and pedestrians mix well. There should be a cycle lane or they ride on the road
I feel that young children with their parents should be excluded from the banned times as so many children learn to cycle safely on the esplanade but this should only be 3 wheelers or small children with adult close supervision.
I have been almost run over several times by inexperienced or wilfully neglectful cyclists. The main problem is that they can come out of nowhere from behind a pedestrian. Defined cycle lanes would help this as would encouraging all cyclists to use a bell.

I have photographic evidence showing a group of cyclist instead of stopping when they saw a mother and child who had sat on the pavement to clear sand from his shoes be passed on either side, preventing them from moving to the other side of the pavement, I've been sworn at on a number of occasions for walking my dogs on the permitted 2mrt fixed lead particularly between the chalets at Greenhill, this is a narrow part of the footpath which I feel is totally unsuitable as a shared footpath. Alleyways leading onto the prom have barriers warning pedestrians of cyclist, however no signs on the shared path warning cyclist to slow down, particularly for excited children who can't wait to get on the beach. Young adults are particularly prone to stunt riding on the prom any time of the year, making people aware you are approaching from behind on a speeding bike seems to be one of the most discussed problems faced by pedestrians. I unsure what you would consider would be an appropriate speed to travel on shared paths but I do know that even those footpaths where areas are mark with a solid line speeding past without warning, riding side by side are considered as acceptable. If we are going to be encouraged to use polluting vehicle's then both pedestrians and cyclist need to be considered, clear advice about speed, making people aware you will be passing them, and the need to when required to stop and give way to pedestrians should be the most important thing. I'm a cyclist I'm seventy and passed my cycling test at school, when I asked a teenager to use the road during restricted times I was told that because they hadn't passed the test they are allowed to cycle on any footpath and we should expect to get out of their way. When passing pedestrians I make them aware I'm there if I get no response I stop and walk pass them, I'm always thanked on one occasion talking to a young puppy owner we had a cyclist traveling towards us a speed, we just managed to move out of the way avoiding expensive vet treatment or even death of a small terrier puppy. Without all the above mentioned being address fines issued for cycling at restricted times I can only see a accident waiting to happens either for other shared path users or for the cyclist who at least are wearing protective clothing and headgear

I note that 'pedestrians have right of way' over wheeled transport on the Esplanade. I have never noticed any consideration given by cyclists (especially electric powered bikes), scooter riders, skate boarders or mobility scooter users given to pedestrians - especially dog walkers. Perhaps a code that they should follow would be helpful? The minimum for cyclists should be a bell (and use it!) and adequate lighting, in FRONT as well as on the back. Most cyclists only bother having a tail light, so that motorists can see them from behind. I would, personally, take all wheeled traffic off the Esplanade at all times, year round. I have had to jump out of the way of speeding wheeled traffic far too often. But I recognise that it is safer for THEM not to be on the road. Most of them have no idea of how to ride on a road. It is not, however, safer for pedestrians to have them speeding along the Esplanade. Perhaps a speed limit might be considered?

I propose no cycling on the esplanade during easter holiday 1-2weeks and summer holiday only 6-8weeks bus routes used fir cycling is dangerous

I think the dates should go from Good Friday to the end of September. There are lots of people using the promenade from Easter onwards but not so many by October so to end it at the end of September is reasonable.

I think the restrictions should only cover July and August. The promenade is wide enough to accomodate both cyclists and pedestrians.

I thought this was already in place I would rather they used the cycle lanes that were built for that purpose. I think they should be heavily fined if they go on the road at all when a lane is provided they should be banned from the town centre all together they are a hazard to everyone and more car parking should be made and the harbourside re instated back to parking and all those stupid barriers taken down to provide more room for residents and locals without having to pay for parking on those non-covid friendly machines

<p>I welcome the slight reduction in the restricted months. However, I do not believe that the restriction needs to be so long. Restrictions on Bournemouth and Poole promenades, which are much busier, are only during July and August. I believe that Weymouth should follow their example.</p>
<p>If it's a public highway you need a traffic order it cannot be anti social to cycle on a shared path. It's illegal to cycle on the footway so it must be a shared path so why is it anti social to use it? It's using ASB legislation to control traffic which is not what the legislation was intended to do. It's also dangerous, no risk assessment has been done in regards all the street furniture, chalets, kiosks etc and cycles.</p>
<p>If people need to use the route to cycle to work, the hours should be extended in the late afternoon - say 10-4pm</p>
<p>If there are to be cycling restrictions at all, the period should be reduced in line with Bournemouth ie only during July and August.</p>
<p>If you are allowing wheelchairs and mobility scooters (which can be very dangerous and go quite fast) why ban cyclists?</p>
<p>It is very dangerous when cyclists are forced to use the road (especially with children). Traffic is busy and the promenade is wide enough to put a marked cycle path in</p>
<p>It makes sense to be the same as the dog ban</p>
<p>It's all about mutual respect. Perhaps dog owners need a lesson when their dogs are not controlled on shared cycle footpaths</p>
<p>Many irresponsible cyclist ruin it for those that are more responsible. Cycling on the promade is a safety issue for this area, which is heavily pedestrianised in the dates suggested . Better cycling lanes should be incorporated into the town .</p>
<p>Mobility scooters are allowed, and can pose similar risk. Need specified lanes to encourage healthier transport.</p>
<p>My understanding of Section 4 para 2 is that all cycling on the Promenade between 10.00 and 17.30 during May to September is anti-social behaviour. This does not make sense. Cycling on the Promenade should not be part of the Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order. Restrictions, if any, should instead be related to how busy the Promenade is. BCP Council only bans cycling on Bournemouth and Poole promenades during the months of July and August. These promenades are much busier than Weymouth but cycling on them does not cause any problems. Weymouth should at least be brought into line with Bournemouth and Poole. Other vehicles, including scooters, electric mobility scooters and some motorised vehicles, are allowed on the Promenade at any time. It seems that for some reason cyclists are being victimised. This goes against government and council's statements that they wish to increase cycling in order to reduce car use and road congestion and improve health. Weymouth is a tourist seaside town with many excellent cycling routes which do not link up but come to a halt in the town centre. The road is extremely busy and dangerous for cyclists, especially families with children. Are parents expected to cycle on the road while their unaccompanied children cycle on the Promenade? Cycling on busy shared spaces like the Promenade is self limiting. If the Promenade is very busy with pedestrians cyclists will either walk or find another route. I urge you to reconsider Section 4.</p>



Ok so this is a silly one.. A) The land train uses it B) Mobility scooters doing silly speeds use it C) Kids & teens on skateboards, scotters. Also there's paddle boarders on wheels who use it. D) The roads are too dangerous E) Horse Riders use it to get on to the beach. F) Tuck Tucks use it A lot of Cyclists use their bells and go slow but People still stand in the way, or walk in front of you. Dogs on longer than 1M leads also are an issue. If cyclists follow speed and common-sense rules it should be fine. maybe have a cycle lane. Its a key route to get to work on as its safe. Maybe pcso's and traffic wardens could issue spot fines to people being silly then that would stop issues,

Pedestrians and cyclists are not comfortable bedfellows when in the same space. Cyclists, in the end cycle where and how they want to so enforcement will be critical. Take into account the extent to which pedestrians compete for personal space in a public space - bicycles, mobility scooters, rolling skates, skating boards, dog walkers using long leads regardless of those around and so on. Most of these competitors are faster and more agile than pedestrians and mobility scooters bring their own dangers even at slow speed (albeit that many are by no means driven slowly.. So, all in all the pedestrian safety risk has to be of paramount concern and that depends on enforcement.

Perhaps children with their parents should be made an exception?!

Please allow the Cycling without age trishaw access to the esplanade all year around

Please make sure that this is enforced, It is no good the officers saying don't cycle if they can't take names and issue tickets

Please please, this has been something much talked of. I really feel this should be entirely reviewed. What are the statistics? I have personally witnessed more than a dozen near serious accidents involving a child and an adult on a bike or a child on a bike and an elderly visitor with a walking aid.

Proper provision for cyclists should be given along the seafront, it is all about linking up existing cycle routes/lanes and investing in sustainable green transport

Pushing cyclist onto the main road at the busiest times of year is not inclusive of those reducing the traffic load in the town.

Restrict cycling on Esplanade during July and August only as is the case on Bournemouth seafront

Restrict existing prohibition, with existing timings, to just July and August peak months.

Restrictions need to be enforced

Summer time locals and visitors enjoy walking on the promenade and should not have to dodge careless cyclists.

The alternative for cyclists is dangerous ie a very busy and narrow highway from Greenhill to Al Molo.

the charity that takes people on tricycles should have exemption that's important thing

The esplanade is not the only place where anti social behaviour by cyclists can be observed. I see frequent issues where cyclists on the Rodwell trail speed along and give no warning as to their approach, quite often passing very close to pedestrians. It's amazing how we haven't seen a serious collision. I do feel that there are cyclists who ride in a dangerous manner and have definitely annoyed myself and other trail users. This also happens on the shared paths leading through the subways into town where cyclist cut across the junction causing danger to pedestrians. These areas should be looked at for inclusion and if not included, steps should be taken to improve the situation. An example of this would be to erect signs indicating pedestrian priority on the trails as has recently appeared along the path by the marina office (this used to be a no cycling path that everybody ignored). There is also a need to consider electric scooters within the pspo

<p>The prom is seldom busier in April May June and September than during the Winter months. There is no record of objections to cycling being allowed on the prom. The current very restrictive ban dates are counter productive to green transport, tourism and are not in line with government policy. There is no restriction to skateboarding and using scooters on the prom and bikes are much less of a hazard than very heavy and uncontrolled electric wheel chairs. Motor vehicles which often use the prom and even park on it are much worse than cycles.</p>
<p>The promenade can be deserted on a cold, wet summer day (yes we do get such days! ), and may be very crowded at other times when the weather is warm and sunny, regardless of the season. Last Boxing Day (December 26th 2021) was almost spring-like and brought out the crowds. It raises questions of safety, particularly for walkers. Though this questionnaire deals specifically with the Promenade, the issue is pertinent to other shared routes such as the Rodwell and Radipole Trails and the Weymouth Way trail. Some cyclists (I hope I am one of them) - tend to proceed very cautiously when approaching walkers, ready to come to a halt very quickly and jump off the bike if necessary.. Experience has shown that pedestrians - particularly small children - and dogs on leads - are prone to suddenly deviate. Not all cyclists, I am afraid, have the same attitude, as they zoom along and weave in and out of groups of walkers, expecting them to get out of the way. If mixed use is to continue, some cyclist re-education may be needed. Perhaps a permanent speed limit (no more than walking speed) is needed in places like the promenade. It is not the place for speed trials or racing. Technology now provides opportunity to apprehend those who breach the rules.</p>
<p>The restriction needs to be enforced, too many cyclists are already on the prom during restricted times, usually cycling very fast making it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians especially older people and children, and also dogs.</p>
<p>The restriction should only apply during the peak holiday season suggest July and August otherwise in my view it is unnecessary because numbers of pedestrians and cyclists is quite manageable and safe.</p>
<p>The same should apply to electric scooters which are illegal but now in regular use. Also the signage should remind cyclist/ scooterist should give pedestrians priority.</p>
<p>There are already contradictory signs. What is the plan further along Preston Road. There is a purpose built cycle path that is rarely used. People ride along the promenade where there are already plenty of adults not watching their children or animals.</p>
<p>There are already good provisions for cyclists in the worst areas e.g. on Preston Road there is a cycle path, along the esplanade there is a cycling lane.</p>
<p>There are many more electric bikes in use they achieve speeds of 15mph on the flat. Many riders have not been on a bike for years and have no concept of the danger they pose to pedestrians. They ignore signage and choose to ride on any pavements and through gardens often shouting abuse at other elderly to get out of the way. They don't even use cycle lanes where provided. Either police this or ban all cycles from all pedestrian areas. I am not anti cycling and spent years in cycling club but DCC needs to wake up</p>
<p>There are very few incidences of cycling on the promenade, and at the Greenhill/ Preston end of the promenade, where it is quieter it does not cause a problem. This is draconian.</p>
<p>The esplanade road is unsafe to cycle so I support the pathway to be used by cyclists all year round with clear signage to inform both cyclists and pedestrians that it is a shared space.</p>
<p>There is plenty of space for people to share, it is wider than the Rodwell Trail which is free for people to cycle along, but cyclists need to be held responsible for cycling in a manner that puts others at risk.</p>
<p>There is sufficient space for a dedicated cycling lane.</p>

There should be no exceptions within the time period. The restriction should include skateboards powered and self propelled, skates, scooters powered and self propelled
This needs to be enforced. Summer 2021 saw countless people cycling in the promenade, including whole families. When confronted they turned aggressive. Police and Marshall's need to patrol
This should be expanded to include skateboarding. This is now becoming a nuisance: skateboarders are dangerously weaving in and out between pedestrians along the length of The Esplanade from The Pavilion to Bowleaze. Furthermore, they are filming themselves practicing dangerous manoeuvres on walls, flowerbeds, ferry steps, harbour wall and causing damage to this council property.
Too many speeding from Oasis to Greenhill on promenade rather than using cycle track on other side of road, which is dangerous to anyone just strolling on the promenade. Enough problems with dogs off lead on this stretch without having to watch out for speeding cyclists mostly on electric bikes!
Too much is done for cyclists who contribute nothing to the upkeep of road or cycle paths and they often have a complete disregard for pedestrians. I am personally sick of my taxes being used for new cycle paths where the roads remain in disrepair.
We are attempting to encourage less motor transport yet by not allowing cycling on the front we drive less confident riders onto a busy road. However a clear cycle path would be needed. Sadly some members of the public have no concept of shared space.
we're encouraging people to come to the town but not giving them access to the beach via bike, therefore the cycle lanes need to be improved
Weymouth is far too busy with families enjoying themselves to lookout for cyclists speeding along.
What about e-scooters? These are dangerous, illegal and not policed adequately. People that use them already know they are breaking the law and yet law abiding pedestrians are victimised with no recourse. These will blight our promenade.
Whilst we support active lifestyles, mixed use of the Esplanade can pose safety concerns for the majority of users who use the Esplanade to walk. A dedicated cycle lane could provide a safer solution.
With the exception of bikes/trikes for disabled people, cycling should not be allowed on The Esplanade at any time of the year. They are dangerous and numerous collisions, near misses and aggressive, intimidating behaviour towards pedestrians is often shown. As the use of electric bikes has increased, the risk of serious injury from collisions is exacerbated.
With this restriction in place, cyclists traveling from the town centre out towards Preston need to navigate the dual lanes from Dorchester road onto Westerhall road to get to Greenhill and onwards. This section of road is a lot more precarious for cyclists. Given the relative sizes of cycle paths around the town, there is more than enough width to allow for the provisioning of a cycle lane on the promenade.
would be great to get a cycle lane on the road so that cyclists can choose

<b>Q26 Anti-social behaviour</b>
1. Area should include Trinity Road and Cove Row 2. Past experience of reporting intimidating behaviour indicates that the regulation will not be enforced 3. Blocking the footway with foldable camping chairs, picnic blankets, sitting on the footway and trolleys is a real problem during the summer months as it forces pedestrians off the footway and into the road. No-one ever regulates this.

Again we need to have enforcement so that these people do not cause anti-social behavior and with any security men or CPSOs or whatever see them they can make an effort to ticket them and get them removed from the area Include the whole of Leonard Street
Again, ensure the Courts sentence these individuals properly. At present there is no deterrent.
Anti-social behaviour is a problem in Weymouth. Large groups of people under the influence of drink and drugs gather along the promenade and the harbour, they are very intimidating and abusive to passers by and tourists. They openly urinate on the harbour wall and the shelters on the promenade - it is disgusting.
Area of the marsh off knightsdale road needs to be included as well as the swimming pool and carparks and the area behind the swimming pool due to longstanding on going issues with anti social behaviour. The area of curtis fields and the curtis fields estate should be included due to increase of issues
Areas suggested should be addressed. Many i know no longer walk through parks due to large anti social groups. This includes some teenagers as well as homeless people.
As a woman I do not feel safe walking or jogging alone with the constant anti social behaviour from one particular group of people who seem to spend most of their time on the esplanade, drinking, smoking (drugs), shouting, swearing. We market Weymouth as a family friendly destination, yet these people are continuously allowed to act like thugs and break the law without any restrictions.
Concerned that we do not seem to have anything for public toileting, this is a significant issue in the town centre. Many other local authorities have it. Issues around gulls and excrement are raised and managed but the same from humans is ignored! If you live in areas that suffer from this problem, mostly around the pubs the clubs at north harbourside, it is a terribly disgusting and frustrating problem that causes much distress.
Enforcement is again essential.
Existing Legislation covers this. There are too many "petty" enforcement officers all too happy to overstep the legitimate bounds of their powers and to bully innocent members of the public.
For those that are the victim of ASB this does not go far enough. Certain areas have to put up with ASB 24/7, therefore there should be a zero tolerance to ASB. It makes it easier to enforce.
<a href="https://chng.it/YFCRNySrxW">https://chng.it/YFCRNySrxW</a> Local people want a PSPO that has power not just a lip service. Ban people from the town, enforcement needed with power and the will to act. Zero tolerance. Street drinking and ASB go hand in hand.
I believe you are missing a significant area which is Trinity St and Trinity Road to connect the Weymouth area to your Hope Sq, otherwise people will just use this main thoroughfare to congregate between the two.
I have photo evidence and crime numbers aswell to which PC Rigby can attest to, its a constant nightmare
I refer you to my earlier comments with regard to Westham bridge the underpass and surrounding area.
I wouldn't say its a constant issue, but when it does occur it should be stopped.
If you can't behave properly, stay away from public places.
Include South Harbourside
It infers it's acceptable to behave in an anti social manner elsewhere. If it's anti social behaviour then there are already laws to enforce.
It would make life slightly less stressful for residents if this is enforced
Major concerns - 'nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress' is subjective.

<p>Maybe remove the all-night licenses from pubs and bars drop it to 10:30 to reduce the number of drunks and issues. The whole town is a drinking pit and after all the attacks that have been happening its time to stop the drinking 24. Also, the amount of vandalism to the public toilets, shops, is just disturbing windows smashed people using doorways as toilets the town stinks of vomit... At 10pm on a Saturday as i finish work there are often gangs of drunks and people peeing on the doors or buildings I feel for the Bin men and clean-up crews for what they have to deal with.</p>
<p>Needs to cover the whole Rodwell trail - it is becoming a no-go zone when it should be a feature for residents and tourists</p>
<p>Over the last 5 years I've experienced PSPO and enforcement I've spoken to those who enforce them and understand when you have so many people ignoring, behaving in an aggressive manner towards those who enforce them and the general public. Sadly many people are unaware these exist, however the dog PSPO has been widely shared on all social media platforms in the local press and on the radio. Most people believe it's only dog owners who to quote a local group flout the orders, whereas very little is mentioned about the anti social behaviour of those who litter, cause disruption, see certain areas as being only for there use.</p>
<p>Please consider the same missing bits as before Subways between Westham Bridge &amp; Rodwell Trail South Harbourside between Town Bridge, Hope Sq &amp; Nothe Gardens</p>
<p>Please include bridge between Marina and swannery</p>
<p>Same faces year after year causing anti social behaviour from excessive drinking on the seafront and areas of weymouth , gathering in groups and fighting amongst themselves causing concerns of safety to residents and tourists passing by. Weymouth is becoming known for these constant issues and no future investment is anywhere close to handling these individuals, police are always having to deal with this and courts are too lenient so they go out and continue daily yo cause a nuisance and disturb people well being.</p>
<p>Should apply to all of Weymouth and Portland.</p>
<p>Should include residential areas popular with drinkers : Nothe Parade, Hope Street, Cove Row, Trinity Street &amp; Road.</p>
<p>Should include Westham Bridge subway.</p>
<p>The ASB CCTV Camera should be re-instated in Gloucester Mews We have to constantly deal with noise and disruptive behaviour in the early hours, as this road is used as a cut through from town, for late light drinkers to the Taxi rank/kebabs and Mc Donalds</p>
<p>The idea of what is considered "antisocial" is wildly misinterpreted by those enforcing it. It is far too commonly used as an abuse of power.</p>
<p>The inclusion of "nuisance" is a the issue that causes me concern. This could include buskers and pubs with music, which I do not think should be included in this restriction. Busking and music pubs are part of the attraction of Weymouth and should not be restricted.</p>
<p>The police are made to mop up, usually the same individuals. The police are then let down by the courts giving these individuals a slapped wrist to continue to commit ASB the next day. Council, charities and police need to work together at stratagies on how to handle repeat offenders, however tragic their back stories they are now causing others to live in fear and this should not be allowed. A stronger message and actions are needed for repeat offenders.</p>
<p>The Police should stop the softly, softly approach it does not work increase fines and if young children involved fine the parents.</p>
<p>The use of gates under holy trinity would as to Saftey</p>
<p>this has been poorly written and it's a waste of police time put cameras up and you won't see it in the nightttime unless you have nightttime cameras which are rubbish hours when people socialize there - I have had many a walk in the evening and I have never had any issues.</p>

This is a major issue, and people still wandering about drunk, drugged up and shouting...there are 2 types of ASB, 1. is the local drunk homeless who act as if they own the place, and them 2 is the general drunken revelry that wakes everyone up.
This should be a zero tolerance. Local residents should feel safe in the town. Tourists should feel safe to come off a train and not walk through ASB drunks at the train station. People should not be scared in their homes due to those who feel they are above the law and can cause constant ASB. The same group of people that cause locally ASB, are a magnet for others. If a zero tolerance was approached, these people would not be able to gain in numbers and allowed to destroy the lives of innocent people.
We are constantly subject to rowdy behaviour from chuck outs from night clubs in town at 3 am, coming up out road at 3:30 am or later, inebriated out of their heads and shouting aggressively. The disturbed sleep is not helping my health problems.
Westham Marsh area not included. Disturbances during evenings happen most often, plus new skate park in area where safety for participants there would be a consideration
What is the plan for stopping the racing along Preston road and and up and over Bowleaze Coveaway? What about people sleeping in their vans outside the residents (approx 3m from homes) and using private property for their waste and sometimes water. Speed cameras? Speed bumps on Bowleaze Coveaway? Resident only parking from 6pm-8am outside the homes at base of Bowleaze Coveaway?
What reasonable excuse?
Whilst I support this proposal, why does it not apply to the whole of Weymouth rather than specific areas.
Whilst we support this proposal, it is important that the enforcement of the PSPO takes in to account the impact of anti-social behaviour for varying types of business sectors and the times of day in which they operate, including accommodation providers, where late-night ASB and noise impacts on sleep quality and return custom. It is important that teams, including late night teams have adequate powers delegated to them to enforce and resolve such issues. We also feel that the area covered by the PSPO should be expanded to include additional areas of the South Harbourside, such as Nothe Parade, Cove Street, Hope Street, Trinity Road and North Quay, and subway areas surrounding Swannery Bridge & Westham Bridge. This avoids moving the issues to nearby areas, and helps to promote public safety.
Why is this only restricted to certain areas, I would think it should be a general rules all across Weymouth... The areas around the harbour and around the station should be included
Years ago the police used to enforce the 'drunk and disorderly' laws which meant that drunkenness in public was rarely a problem. If the police enforced and arrested these offenders the town would feel much safer in the evenings.

<b>Q28 Trinity Passage</b>
1. Should it be "the public right of way under the highway" not "over the highway"? 2. I am not an expert but can't public rights of way only be removed in specific circumstances?
Access to the Harbour Authority showers and toilets needs to be retained.
After that girl got attacked up there and mugged I wont go near the place.....
As stated before the passage is used as a public toilet and drug use. It is also the fire exit from Holt Trinity church crype
For those living in Chapelhay it could lead to a long walk round. Maybe cameras or more lighting fitted in this area would sort out the problem.
Get rid of the scum!
Have always been too terrified to walk down there!
How will this be monitored what time of day will enforcement officers patrol this area



I absolutely support this proposal as a regular pedestrian and member of Holy Trinity church. The area is a disgrace. But it is not clear whether the Order will include re-installation of gates in their original location (brackets are still there). The alternative route for genuine pedestrians is perfect and renders Trinity Passage as a through route redundant. It is not just a question of putting up a polite Notice. Holy Trinity needs to revert to use of the ground level access - for developing disabled access or widening the use of its spaces for Community use without opening up the church itself.
I do not think that Trinity Passage should be closed off by gates. This is a historic part of Weymouth that should remain accessible to all. If we were to close off all areas of Weymouth in which anti-social behaviour has been reported, we we close off large sections of the town. There are other ways to deal with anti-social behaviour, which are covered elsewhere in the proposal.
I dont know enough about this passage use, it may need to be used in a matter of emergency.
I frequently use the passage way to walk through as it provided shelter in the rain and it less busy with pedestrians or cars in summer. A gate will not solve the issue with urinating (the guys just do it from the top. It is a rather unique feature for Weymouth and attractive for visitors. If a gate is installed, keep it open during the day and just get a resident or the local pubs to close it over night (eg 20-8h?)
I live a short walk from this passage and have never been aware of any of the above ASB concerns.... I disagree with the passage being closed off and taxes being spent on cost of installing/maintaining a gate
I think that this ASB, drug dealing, urinating, sexual activity, defecation was a huge problem in the Park District when the Council housed the homeless back in 2020. this was allowed as the Council had no other option to house these individuals on mass. This behaviour should not be tolerated in Trinity passage, the Park District or anywhere in Weymouth and Councillors should not excuse those who are housed and allow it to continue.
I use this route often to visit friends and family. A gate can be hopped far too easily, and there will never be anyone there to enforce this. It would make "criminals" out of anyone simply taking a shortcut.
If ward cllr supports, then no problem
It is a historic part of Weymouth with it's passages and is part of a "Weymouth History" tour for schools.so gate should only be locked at night.
It is a perfectly safe right of way, I have used it often and never had any problems. If this route is closed off alternative way is significantly longer route
It's a shame to block it... can it be made uncomfortable with bright movement or heat detectable lighting?
It's a public highway not a private road. Why should other law abiding people need to take a longer route. It's not lawful to fine someone using a PSPO for walking on a public highway, it needs to be closed using the correct legislation.
Locked gates should be introduced on alleyways in the Park District to prevent drug dealing & "homeless" sleeping in private doorways
Maybe gated at night but still accessible during the day?
No
Not sure is their access for disabled people and what if someone needs medical assistance if they climb over it
Part of the problem with urination in the streets is caused by the lack of public toilets. If you close this passage you will not get rid of the problem, urination will just take place elsewhere, we need more public toilets.
Protect local residents
Public conveniences need to be available 24hrs, covered by external cctv with signs, or other areas will be used inappropriately.
Support this long overdue concern 100%

The activities are happening in the alleyways in the Park District and have been for the last two years, St John's Park, the shelters on the esplanade. All areas should be treated the same.
The Laws are already in place to combat this the Police should take a hard proactive approach.
The problem in this area has persisted for many years and has been an ongoing cause of concern to all those involved with Holy Trinity Church. The smell of urine often seeps into the crypt, where the Sunday School is held, and on occasion the bedding of rough sleepers has been set alight by other rough sleepers, creating a dangerous situation as there has been significant ingress of toxic fumes.
This area should NOT be the only area where restrictions are imposed. We experience exactly the same on The Esplanade, in the shelters day in day out. The shelters should be made a "No Sleeping/sitting area" between the times of 11.00pm and 7.00am
This has been a location for anti - social behaviour for many years and there is a far more acceptable and user friendly alternative along rye main road. It has been a place to be avoided for 60+ years to my knowledge.
This is a great plan. Not only are you stopping the unwanted activities in the passage but it will also lead to a change in behaviour patterns by those involved which can only aid the police intelligence efforts.
This passageway has turned into a dirty , filthy walkthrough. It definately needs a gate.
You shouldn't need to feel fearful of entering certain sections in the area, or witness the sight of the disgusting things abandoned in the area.

<b>Q29 Any further comments</b>
Alcohol misuse and drug use are blighting the community not only for residents but also and most importantly our guests, without whom Weymouth will cease to exist As a guest house owner I get regular complaints regarding drunks open drug dealing and noise related to the above
Alcohol related ASB order must be maintained and extended. It is totally unacceptable that a hard core of persistend street drinkers are allowed to come every day and predictably cause distress , obstruction to boats and offence to passersby. There must be more strenuous action by PCSOs and police on this hard core group. Occasionally one is subject to a 6 month ban from the area. Most only get a one day penalty when they are totally out of control. This is too weak. There must be a much stronger escalation of enforcement powers and a zero tolerance of alcohol related ASB. It will mean costs in terms of police deployment and legal court fees. Weymouth should be safe for families all day.
All proposals will be useless if they are not enforced. Presumably provision will be made to monitor them? Again, it's the behaviour of few which upsets the majority. I doubt things will improve.
All the anti-social behaviours depicted on this survey are only ever going to improve if they are ENFORCED. People loose faith in those who set up these by-laws when they don't see them enforced and others continue to disrespect as they continually get away with it.....
All the proposals put forward will help make Weymouth a nicer and safer place to visit BUT only if they are inforced, currently the rules are not enforced and it encourages bad behaviour because the offenders know there will be no comebacks.

All these measures are only worth putting into place if there is enforcement. In my experience, this is rarely done at the time of the offence due to no police presence ever seen in the town except occasionally in cars and so few specials/community police that they can never be in all the places at once. The Rodwell Trail and Nothe Gardens especially are out of the way and a haven for anyone being a nuisance in the knowledge that no-one will catch them and nothing is done even if the public can find someone to report it to who is interested in acting, ie. the police.

Anti social behaviour round the train station needs attending to as well as the Esplanade. Visitors need more signs indicating the dangers of feeding the seagulls.

As long as all this is enforced I agree

ASB especially the constant drinking and drug offences have been going on far too long in this town and needs action, i feel the police are left to clean up these issues time after time and work really hard to follow long procedures to apply court actions and then all that hard work is a big effort when the individual gets to court and receives a slap on the wrist and days after is repeating the offense , we need harder action from courts and more involvement from local authorities and shelters agencies to stay on top of theses issues and proper help given to individuals who are known to repeat these offenses time after time.

ASB is becoming out of control particularly throughout the night

Beach camping should be stopped - the mess left on the beach is awful.

Can I just remind you of the petition <https://www.change.org/p/dorset-council-public-space-protection-order-pspo-for-the-park-district-gloucester-mews> 721 people want a stronger PSPO, this new consultation looks the same as the last one and therefore, as Barry Gosling said, it's not worth the paper it's written on. It has no power. I am fed up with saying to a CSAS patrol officer to move on drunks in the shelter and they say that they are allowed to drink in the shelters, there is no law to stop that. However, they may be good as gold when they walk past but within minutes, urinating, intimidating, drug dealing and within a matter of hours, ASB, sexual acts etc etc. There needs to be a zero tolerance. Really does the Esplanade have to allow people to sit there with a can in their hands? This is a tourist town, If I had a pound for every time a guest tells me how horrified they are at the number of alcoholics, street drinkers there are in Weymouth and these are people from Manchester, Leicester, London etc etc. Guests tell me how scared they feel walking past them - Well that £1 each time would mean I could have a year off. One or two drinkers in a shelter, meaning within an hour there is a group, drinking, swearing, fighting, dry humping, drug dealing. The security guards that were employed during the summer, what a waste of tax paying money and time. They just walked past those that caused problems, all they did was get a good sun tan. They are not a deterrent nor a solution to a problem, they have no power or authority and those problematic people know that. They become to buddy buddy with those causing the problems. They should have been a pain in their sides, annoy them, so they disperse and move on, not become their best mates for a laugh and joke. The same individuals that caused a problem two years ago are the same people causing a problem now. There needs to be a stronger action in place to make a difference to those causing the problem, so that those that are a victim of their actions can feel safe in the town and at home. The train station - we were promised by Paul Hutton (yes I know he has now left) Ray Bryant and yourselves, that the train station area would have a full overhaul, so with the new parking system that our guests would not have to see a deprived train station, with ASB, drunks and drug dealing after parking their cars. Well, that is now not happening and we are the people that have to say Welcome to Weymouth, to visitors that are the economy of this town, after getting off a train or parking their cars at the Swannery and walking past the station, witnessing this behaviour. It's a disgrace and an embarrassment. DC is papering over cracks and not dealing with the problem. Zero tolerance - why do people need to sit on the steps with a can. It should be a drink / drug free zone, then no one can sit on the steps with a can, even if not causing ASB when the CSAS walk by. So my three main points would be 1. ASB 2. Street Drinking (which leads to asb) 3. Begging It's deplorable that DC have taken no action with regards to the

petition, or made any comment or response. 721 people.... how many signed the parking one, which sparked a whole change to the area? Just saying..... It's not party politics, this needs to be what is best for our town.

Closing this passage would greatly support Holy Trinity church especially the concern of blocking the fire escape from a sleeping person and the aggression received by asking them to move. Cleaning up faecal waste and the smell associated from both poo and urine. Removing needles and other drug related waste. Removing discarded food and drink containers and general abuse by their presence.

Dorset Council and all authorities need to take action to prevent the daily continuance of individuals drinking and causing a disturbance, this cannot continue to be pushed on to the police to deal with day after day. These individuals have issues which need to be addressed to solve the trouble the cause daily instead they are left to continue to buy alcohol from licensed shops all day every day.

Fewer laws, not more, are the real sign of a progressive and free people. We have laws to deal with public intoxication, disorderly conduct etc. more laws won't fix the issues, better management will.

I am not sure what "antisocial behaviour" is. Being drunk and horrible and shouting at people or also someone sitting peacefully in the sun smoking a cigarette and smoke might drift towards someone who doesn't like it. Is it a landlord who used inappropriately strong force to turf a drunk customer out of the pub (I have seen this a few times)? Is it a dog owner who usually picks up after their dog but is missing "one load"? People on hope square in one of the restaurants who talk annoyingly loud? etc... Before introducing this as a more forceful legislation, it is necessary to provide a better definition of what is meant, otherwise you just ask for a lot of non-enforceable complains....

I grew up here and am now 56, there are many areas now that are off limit to me and my family, that used to be favourite picnic, walk, beach spots. It would be great if we could turn that around gradually and feel safer and happier on our streets.
I hope that encouraging 'rough sleepers' those that 'like sleeping on the streets and begging' have been gathered up and moved on from other towns in Dorset by a one way rail ticket is an urban myth ...
It can be intimidating to hear swearing and hear people talking loudly
It must be included in PSPO notice that More enforcement will be undertaken by the council officers the other security companies and the police to make sure that this becomes a no-go area for antisocial behavior and drinking
Making PSPOs does not, of itself, make any difference to anti-social behaviour. Thought needs to be given as to how these will be enforced, without making people feel that the nanny state prohibits everything they want to do, yet raising the standard of behaviour on the street. Splitting up the inhabitants of the local HMOs/B & Bs might help. But how is this to be achieved? Presumably, these places have some sort of licence, renewal of which might be withheld?
More powers should be given to local police officers, anti social behaviour is on the rise in Weymouth.
More. Patrols on the street at night.
Need to sort out the teenagers in the town centre trashing the place and being aggressive to passers by
No
No more HMO's for businesses like Pivotal housing or the Wentworth in Lennox St or surrounding areas as they cause a huge amount of antisocial behavioral problems and misery for residents all year round. This is still happening all day and night on an almost daily basis but most residents have given up complaining or just don't have the time to keep complaining as no action is taken against the owners companies who run the businesses.
Please can we have assurances that Brunswick Terrace will be patrolled day and night especially during the busy tourist season, so that we don't have to worry about our guests being woken up throughout the night by excessive loud and aggressive behaviour, or people partying at 3am on the beach?
Please consider the railway station staff, not batting the responsibility to BTP or SWR, it is a team effort and we need as much support as possible to keep us safe to ensure we give tourists the best first impression of the town as possible. Thank you
Please ensure that the police and other officers can actually use their powers to enforce the spirit of these orders. People have been crying out for these regulations to be enforced. What is the point of spending time drawing them up for them to be unusable by the police or other officers.
PSPOs are not an appropriate way to deal with most of these issue and were never intended for this purpose. In the main they are an expensive waste of time.
Regular police presence is always a deterrent. I am always encouraged by this.
Rough sleeping in the town centre is a problem. It's the same people, often in the same location, with prominent visibility. urination in public places in the evenings needs addressing.
See before.
Sick & tired of antisocial behaviour in Weymouth. Drunken idiots & drunkards lying on the pavements around the station and the Lantern Centre, which attracts every down and out and encourages antisocial behaviour from the visitors sprawled outside on the pavements and road!!! Enough is enough

So much blatant drug use and dealing in Weymouth, hardly ever see the police, and because it wasn't nipped in the bud dealers in local graveyards, see drug deals every time I'm walking through quibo cemetery, and the dealers wait outside entrance on Abbotsbury Rd, go in to do the deal and come out, or sit on a particular bench. Also, all the green spaces which were once family friendly are not anymore and even in the day time are unnerving places to be.

The anti social behaviour in Weymouth which seems to go completely unchecked is bringing the town into disrepute. I no longer feel safe in Weymouth town centre.

The current PSPO has no power, even the police say it's not worth having. Make the PSPO worth doing. Zero tolerance and make Weymouth a family friendly tourism resort.

The Marsh area of Weymouth does not seem to have been considered

The Police are hard pressed and in some cases with limited resources and are trying their best however, could do more to show the Council Taxpayer there are getting value for money. The Police get the highest proportion of the Council Tax bill over all other services.

The PSPO needs to be worth the paper it is written on or this is a waste of time. Zero tolerance, fines, evictions and harder action is needed to make any difference.

These orders are useful but only if enforcement follows

This whole survey is a waste of time - I have no faith that the council are doing their best when they do not live in the town centre they do not understand our real problems and needs in my postcode area it is a very unsafe place to live. I feel afraid to even be left alone in my own home because of fear that someone is going to break in - our community is poor and until all our standards of living are improved nothing will change - Most of these things you have mentioned need mental health support and more money invested in the well being of the people who live here not gates and locking people up like animals, cameras violating privacy, police who are powerless because they are scared they will lose their jobs if they are allowed to make a decision - these people need programmes and counselling support groups and less of people being judgmental towards the poorest people in the town Anti-social behaviour is more a cry for attention and help. All the implements you have put in place in the past have failed the council needs to change the approach to how they deal with peoples needs rather than throwing the book at someone who has nothing to lose they don't have a home, job, car or even a reasonable lifestyle but the people making these questions and doing the surveys have a home family parents and a secure pension - for a second imagine life if you have nothing. would you like to be treated like an outcast - as if you had nothing to live for

Until all members of society are treated equally, an equality impact assessment for all areas are carried out not a block where access, the abilities of the public, protected characteristics and disabilities are assessed Anti Social Behaviour will continue to be unable to resolve problems associated when the community are treated unequally and preference given to certain members under the guise of environmental issue, improved safety this will be a problem which remain in public areas

Visitors are intimidated by street drinkers & open drug use especially in the sea front shelters, around the Pier bandstand and the station area.

We are new here, since April, and what we see every day is frankly shocking. It is the same people everywhere, they are known to everyone and it is time the Council; stopped pussy footing around with 'oh let's put an arm around them and talk about it'...it does NOT work, these people are career drug and alcohol addicts and will lie and steal to feed their habits. The station, NOT the joke of the beautification project around it, BUT the station itself is frankly horrific as well and they all congregate there as well.



<p>We have asked and asked for areas such as the marsh playing fields to be protected more but yet it never changes. How it is just forces the issues onto places like the marsh playing fields. The area isn't patrolled well so more issues with little patrol. Drugs, drink, anti social behaviour, dog attacks all in one area yet no protection. This area is used by many for the right reasons such as childrens sports activities but yet we are faced with issues and no protection</p>
<p>We need CCTV at these trouble spots, especially Chapelhay steps which has bushes that an assailant can hide behind</p>
<p>We need more police to walk around the town, rather than drive around in vehicles.</p>
<p>We need much more presence of Police Officers and CSAS Officers Out of Hours and a much tougher stance taken with all the "same" trouble makers and with the parents of youngsters who cause ASB/graffiti etc</p>
<p>We want to live in a nice town and be able to welcome visitors safely</p>
<p>Westham Bridge has the usual drug addicts/alcoholics ( every day ) that on occasion intimidate passers by when they are shouting or fighting as well as using the bushes at the bowling green as a toilet which isn't appropriate for children to witness , so needs dealing with</p>
<p>Weymouth and Portland council, it's time to get tough. These proposals need to include tourists and their antisocial behaviour</p>
<p>Weymouth could be wonderful if the money went to the right places. 1) enforce all the homeless/beggars to go to the bus area and to be kept there whilst the job center send someone there to get them employed 2) Ban and tag all of the thieves and keep them out of town. 3) Better CCTV in the town run by locals, 4 ) Spot fines big ones for infractions. That way the money comes back to the council</p>
<p>Weymouth has been "let-go" in the recent past and resources needs to be put into getting back on its feet. Work on Custom House Quay is one of the good things to come out of Covid yet the need for redevelopment and renewal has been starring at us all in the face long before that.</p>
<p>Weymouth is becoming a town or ASB street drinkers. This is the opportunity for Dorset Council to help improve the town to make it better for locals and tourists.</p>
<p>Weymouth is supposed to be the 'jewel in the crown' of Dorset's visitor industry yet is blighted by a few of the same old faces who are not challenged by police when they make families, individuals and children feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The laws need to change in terms of getting these people off the streets and enforcement by police or the council should be the norm not a red-letter day.</p>
<p>What about the dodgy hoodie lads on bikes constantly checking their phones before zooming off and delivering drugs</p>
<p>when is the start of the no cycling ban</p>
<p>Why not consult on what we think is anti social? I don't like people camping in parks and on the beach? Why is smoking on a blue flag beach not anti social?</p>

# Consultation Questions



## Weymouth Anti-social Behaviour Related PSPO 2022

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### What we are consulting on

The Weymouth Anti-social Behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2022 (Draft) retains the activities and areas identified within the existing Weymouth & Portland Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2018 (as extended) with minor amendments to the Cycling provision and inclusion of additional areas within the Controlled Alcohol Zone and an additional provision covering general Anti-social Behaviour and dispersal powers with revised plans.

There is also an additional provision for the installation of a gate in Trinity Passage, Weymouth. This area has been blighted by anti-social behaviour issues arising from drug dealing, graffiti, sexual activity, rough sleeping, littering, fly tipping and public urination/defecation and is having a detrimental effect on the use of Holy Trinity Church and local residents. The revisions have been made in consultation with Weymouth 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 Weymouth 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 Weymouth
- Resident of another part of Dorset (Dorset Council Area)
- Resident of elsewhere
- Private business
- Public sector organisation (Local council, health organisation etc)
- Third sector organisation (Voluntary groups, Community groups, Charities)
- Councillor / Politician
- Other

**Q1a If other please specify**

**Q2 Are you providing your organisation's official response?**

- Yes
- No

**Q3 Name of your organisation**

**Q4 Your name**

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

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

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

**The consultation will consider the following sections**

- Section 1 - Consumption of Alcohol
- Section 2 - Intentional Feeding of Gulls
- Section 3 - Aggressive Begging
- Section 4 - Cycling on the Promenade
- Section 5 – Trinity Passage Gating
- Section 6 - Anti-social Behaviour

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

Schedule 1 – Map 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d 1e and 1f identifying Weymouth Controlled Alcohol Zone – existing areas in blue, new area (Radipole) outlined in red and shaded in pink.

Schedule 2 – Map identifying Weymouth Feeding of Gulls Prohibited Area – outlined in red and shaded in blue

Schedule 3 - Map identifying Weymouth Aggressive Begging Prohibited Area – outlined in red and shaded in blue

Schedule 4 - Map identifying Weymouth Cycling on the Promenade Prohibited Area – outlined in red and shaded in blue

Schedule 5 – Map identifying Trinity Passage gating 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 maps below identifying Weymouth Controlled Alcohol Zone

[Map 1a - alcohol/asb Weymouth main](#)

[Map 1b- alcohol/asb Rodwell Trail and Westway House areas](#)

[Map 1c - alcohol/asb Chapelhay Gardens and steps](#)

[Map 1d -alcohol/asb Hope Square](#)

[Map 1e -alcohol/asb Nothe Gardens](#)

[Map 1f - alcohol/asb Radipole Park Gardens](#)

**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 consultation on PSPOs in the 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 Weymouth 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**

## Aggressive begging

It is proposed that “Any person in the aggressive begging restricted area is prohibited from, at any time, placing themselves in a position to beg or solicit money in an aggressive manner.” [See the map identifying Weymouth Aggressive Begging Prohibited Area](#)

Q15 **Aggressive begging 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 area

Q16 **What are your concerns about the aggressive begging 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
- Unkind
- Need long term solutions
- Just moves the problem elsewhere
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Q16a **Other** (please specify)

Q17 **Why do you support the aggressive begging proposals?**

Choose all that apply

- Aggressive begging is intimidating to many people
- Begging creates a poor image of town for locals and visitors
- The map covers the main area where there are issues
- Other (please specify)

Q17a **Other** (please specify)

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

## Cycling on Weymouth Promenade

It is proposed that “No person shall cycle on the Promenade between the hours of 10.00 and 17.30 between 1st May and 30th September annually (both dates inclusive) except with the express prior written permission of the Council.”

Proposed exemptions include those aged under 12 and people with specific written permission.

[See the map of the defined area.](#)

The existing order says “No person shall cycle on the promenade between the hours of 10.00hrs and 17.30hrs between Good Friday and 31 October annually (both dates are inclusive).”

**Q19** **Cycling on the promenade 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 area

**Q20 What are your concerns about the cycling on the Promenade proposal?**

Choose all that apply

- Don't agree with any restriction being included at all
- The area shown on the map should be altered
- Access for cycles should be available all year round
- Pointless as already abused
- Should change timings (hours/months)
- Need clearly defined area for cycling (cycle lane or marked area)
- Dangerous -The Promenade is for walking
- The date/time of restriction should be further reduced
- The date/time of restriction should be extended
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

**Q20a Other (please specify)**

**Q21 Why do you support the cycling on the Promenade proposals?**

Choose all that apply

- Cyclists are much safer off the road
- Current cycling restrictions are working ok
- Encouraging mixed use is better for everyone
- The compromise of limited restriction is balanced
- Proposed shorter restriction (dates) is better
- Other (please specify)

**Q21a Other (please specify)**

**Q22** 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 maps of the defined areas (same as alcohol area maps above)

[Map 1a - alcohol/asb Weymouth main](#)

[Map 1b- alcohol/asb Rodwell Trail and Westway House areas](#)

[Map 1c - alcohol/asb Chapelhay Gardens and steps](#)

[Map 1d -alcohol/asb Hope Square](#)

[Map 1e -alcohol/asb Nothe Gardens](#)

[Map 1f - alcohol/asb Radipole Park Gardens](#)

**Q23** **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 area

**Q24 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)

**Q24a Other** (please specify)

**Q25 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)

**Q25a Other** (please specify)

**Q26 If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on your support or concerns**



## Trinity Passage restriction

Proposed installation of a gate in Trinity Passage, Weymouth. This area has been blighted by anti-social behaviour issues arising from drug dealing, graffiti, sexual activity, rough sleeping, littering, fly tipping and public urination/defecation and is having a detrimental effect on the use of Holy Trinity Church and local residents. The revisions have been made in consultation with Weymouth Town Council and Dorset Police. The draft Order is available here. [See the map identifying Trinity Passage gating area](#)

The order proposes “No person shall use the public right of way over the highway within the restricted area at any time. The alternative route for pedestrians shall be the main highway footpath alongside North Quay and Trinity Road.”

**Q27 Trinity Passage restriction proposals - Do you....**

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

**Q28 If you feel the need, please expand on your answer on your support or concerns**

**Q29 Include any further comments here**

## 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.

### Q30 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

### Q31 What best describes your gender?

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

### Q32 Please tell us in the box below

### Q33 Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned with at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q34 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

Q35 **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**

Q36 **What best describes your sexual orientation?**

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

Q37 **I use another term - please describe**

**Q38 What best describes your religion/belief?**

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

**Q39 Other - please describe**

**Q40 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)

**Q41 Any other ethnic group**

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