

Findings from Proposed City Wide, Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

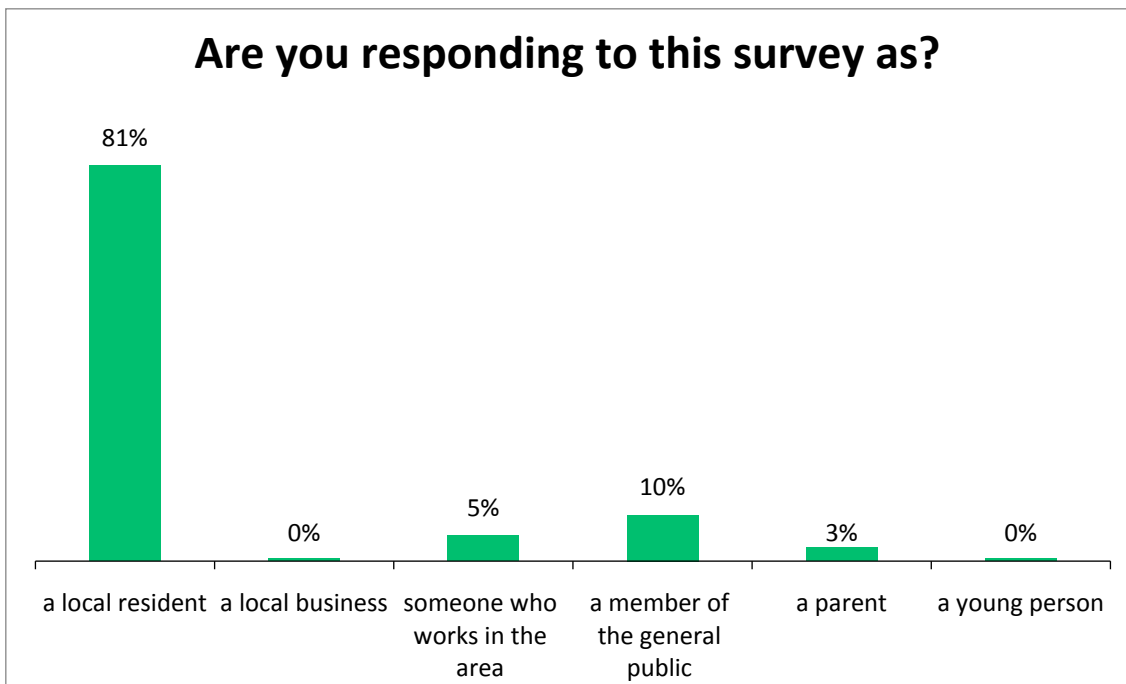
The survey was open from 5th July to 6th August 2017

210 responses were received.

Q1: How are you responding this this survey?

Answered	210
Skipped	0

Responding as ...	Percentages	Count
a local resident	81%	171
a member of the general public	0.5%	20
someone who works in the area	5%	11
a parent	10%	6
a local business	3%	1
a young person	0.5%	1



The majority of respondents were local residents

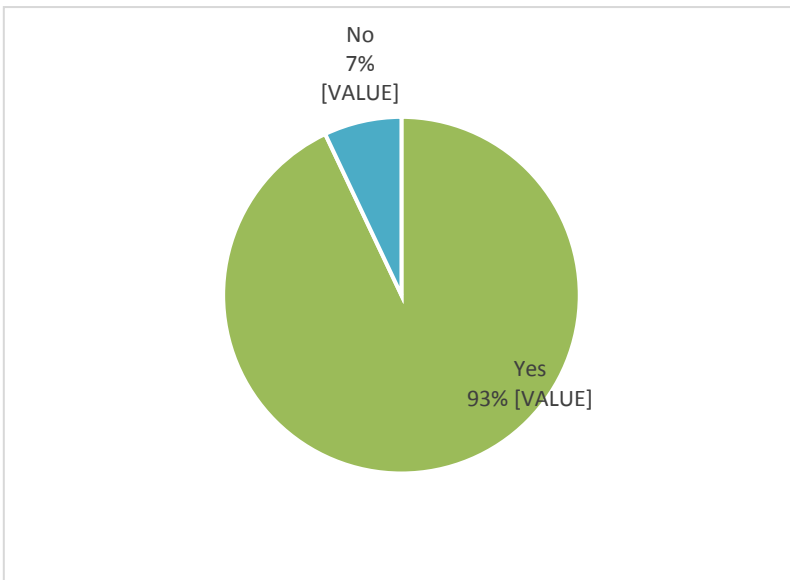
Q2:

Coventry has had measures in place to control the drinking of alcohol in public for approximately 30 years. The proposed order is to continue to control the drinking of alcohol in public, away from licensed premises.

Do you support the introduction of this order?

Answered	199
Skipped	11

Yes	185	93%
No	14	7%



Why you don't agree?

Those that didn't agree were asked to give their reasons:

- Our city should be safe and pleasant to move within. 'Anti-social behaviour' includes speeding cyclists on footpaths and inconsiderate parking on footpaths. Walking is becoming a more and more hazardous prospect for vulnerable adults.
- The existing order is largely ignored as most people are not aware of it. By the councils own admission this is not causing a problem.
- I don't see the difference
- Sorry - it's not clear what I am being invited to support. A continuation of an existing order? I don't see why that needs my agreement.
- I think we need to educate people, rather than implement these measures. In many European countries one can purchase and consume alcohol in public spaces without anti-social behaviours being an issue.

It is a totalitarian move that infringes on our basic human rights.

I should have the freedom as a responsible adult to consume alcohol anywhere i wish.

The idea that a picnic in the park will become a crime punishable by a fine if i choose to have a glass of wine is obscene and something that would be expected in nazi Germany or north Korea. I will not obey these Orwellian nightmare rules.

What has happened to the council, it is acting like Nazis, as far as I remember being an OAP, is I live in free and Democratic country NOT a dictatorship, in which people's rights as lawful citizens go about their lawful business

buying alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink, which is legal in every way and regular endorsed by Parliament, to be dictated to by bloody idiots at CCC.... This is a total mistaken view by a blind council, who can't even get our city centre right, who can't even find businesses to come to Coventry, to find employment for the thousands of unemployed,... Who also callously had hundreds of buildings knocked down, some worth millions of pounds in the last 40 years ...yet you are trying with great audacity to try and prevent a simple basic right, to consume a legally obtainable drink, license d by law .. If you can't find anything to better to do with your time (being paid for by us) in CCC land, may I suggest you get a life somewhere else... Your time should be being spent getting businesses to come to Coventry not drive them away... And getting the city right again after 40 years neglect by previous CCC employees.. In my honest opinion CCC should be taken over by the government like one is in the process of in London, another council that had not got a clue on what to do ...

I suggest you adhere to the law of the land set down over hundreds of years and educate if you are against alcohol rather than act like Nazis.. Yes there is some idiots in Coventry, that should have been taught at school and parents and by visits to said schools by people like CCC, to say what is right and wrong, but there against this is Coventry, a backwards thinking council ..

It gives the power to control the public without any proof or exeption.

Coventry has never had a real problem with this

It is not the drinking of alcohol that is 'wrong' (consider tasting a small glass of a fine wine with a picnic in a park). It is being drunk, disorderly, etc., that should be controlled. There's a limit of alcohol in the blood for driving; why not a similar (higher, perhaps) one for being in a public place?

Feels like overkill, means you can't have a park picnic with beer or glass of wine. I get why, Coventry did have a problem with people getting drunk in public places. Why does it always have to be that things then go through the legal and then criminal conviction. I wish there could be more talk and support for people. Guess that's expensive in time and money, and the council don't appear to care and want to raise money

The current ban on drinking alcohol punishes people who are not anti-social, and as such is draconian. It would be better for it to be focused specifically on people are causing a nuisance rather than seeking to control the behaviour of adults who are seeking to enjoy a lawful activity. Instead, officers should be allowed to use their professional discretion over the issues.

If the existing powers don't prevent people drinking outside of licensed premises what difference would a PSPO make? It wouldn't do anything except raise money through increased fines.

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Similar orders and bylaws are being misused elsewhere and I have no confidence this won't be the case.

The most common reasons for disagreeing with the order were that there is not a correlation between alcohol and anti-social behaviour, the Council is being too draconian and over –reacting and that it is an infringement of civil liberties.

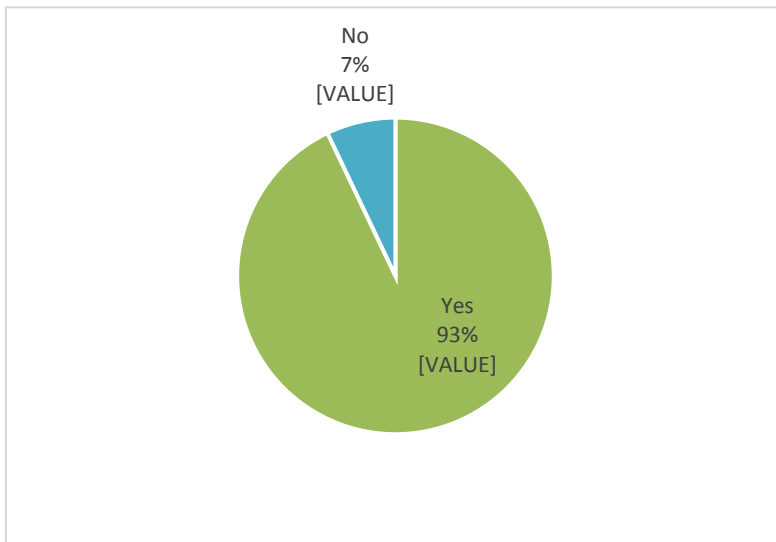
Q3:

The proposed order will allow officers to seize unopened vessels of alcohol if the person is under 18, or clearly intoxicated, or it's believed they will continue to drink in public if left with the alcohol.

Do you support the introduction of this order?

Answered	198
Skipped	12

Yes	184	93%
No	14	7%



Why don't you agree?

This is a breach of human rights as the person has not committed an offence.
It's the last section that bothers me: "believed they will continue to drink in public if left with the alcohol" - could include removing my alcohol if taking it home from the supermarket.
It is a totalitarian move that infringes on our basic human rights.
I should have the freedom as a responsible adult to consume alcohol anywhere i wish.
The idea that a picnic in the park will become a crime punishable by a fine if i choose to have a glass of wine is obscene and something that would be expected in nazi Germany or north Korea. I will not obey these Orwellian nightmare rules.
This is a police matter ... This is a Democratic country just and the citizens of Coventry do not need or want Nazi ideas ..
A blatant excuse for theft (permanently depriving the owner of the use of)
A warning should suffice, failing that a night in the cells followed by an appearance before the magistrates.

Seems arbitrary .. if under 18, should be any alcohol, whether opened or not.
Intoxication should not be sufficient cause on its own to seize unopened alcohol containers. In cases where it is reasonably believed that they will consume this in public, then I would agree with the proposed order, however, as currently worded in this consultation, the power would be too broad. For example, I do not believe that alcohol should be seized from someone who was drinking at home, then went to the shops (while intoxicated) to purchase more alcohol with the intention of consuming it at home. As a general point however, with suitable clarification inline with the above, I would support this order.
As above, I get it , can't you take them home and talk ..
It is not a crime for a young person to have alcohol in their possession and it should not be made one. If there is evidence of anti-social behaviour, then the seizure may be warranted, providing that there is a way for people to claim their property back.
The police already have these powers so there is no need to introduce a PSPO other than to raise revenue.
At any age they should not be drinking in public places
Needs better wording. Have seen it interpreted as being able to seize ANY bottles of alcohol being carried, whether intended for drinking on the spot or not. Perhaps for under 18s, yes if the law states that under 18s cannot drink alcohol.
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Again similar concerns were raised that it would be an over-reaction and infringement of human rights.

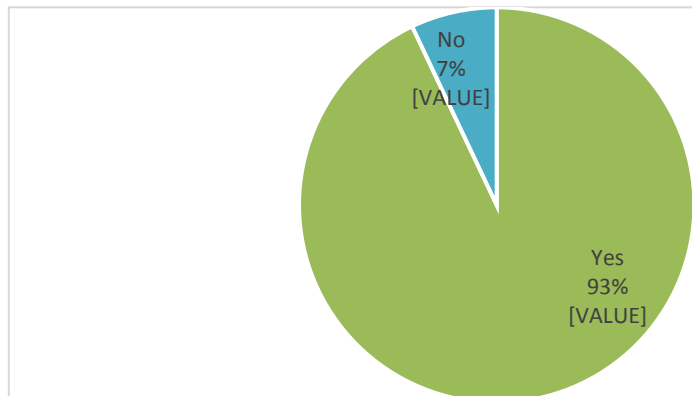
Q4:

Nitrous Oxide (also known as "Laughing Gas") is a substance that can pose a health risk to people using it. The supply of it is currently illegal, but possession is not. It is linked to incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour. The proposed order will introduce powers to allow officers to seize canisters of Nitrous Oxide in the possession of people in a public space.

Do you support the introduction of this order?

Answered	199
Skipped	11

Yes	185	93%
No	14	7%



Why don't you agree?

This is a symptom, not a cause. People will move onto other (worse?) substances.
I would support only in cases where there was anti-social behaviour
Possession is not illegal so it would not be fair to seize it
I don't believe that there is a health risk, nor that it is linked with ASB. I think councils like to ban anything they think might be a 'drug'.
It is a totalitarian move on the freedom of people to do what they wish. If these items are not banned for sale then to ban the use of them is a pathetic bullying act on people having fun. Fun policing for no other reason than because you can.
This is a police issue, not one for meddling councillors
Don't know (survey should allow that option).
Don't just take it away .get people support
Again if it is not illegal to possess, then they should not be seized automatically. Clearly if there is anti-social behaviour in connection with the possession, then this should be dealt with.
If possession of Nitrous Oxide is not a criminal offence any seizure of it would, by definition, be unlawful. Deal with the anti-social behaviour by all means but you can't fine people for legal activities.
order should be expanded to include items designed to dispense nitrous oxide
Again, woolly wording. If possession is not illegal but supply is, then if there is a risk of intent to supply there must be some power to seize that already?
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There are many substances which could be deemed to be linked to anti-social behaviour, some in a much less tenuous manner than the link you're making with NO2. To legislate for each individual substance is a clumsy solution which will do little to combat the issue.
This is completely unworkable. If possession is not currently illegal where does the local council get its power to make it illegal?

Concerns were raised about the fact that possession itself is not illegal therefore you should not be seizing the canisters and the blurring of the lines between police and council responsibilities.

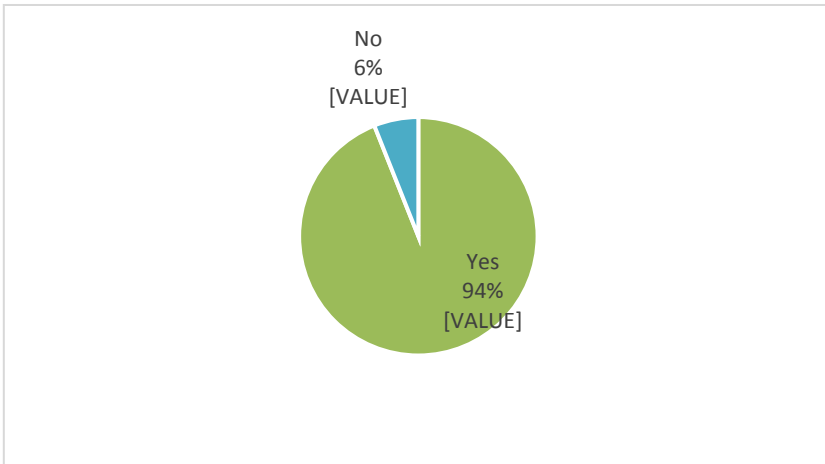
Q5:

The proposed order will introduce powers to stop the use of off road bikes or similar mechanically propelled vehicles on public open spaces.

Do you support the introduction of this order?

Answered	199
Skipped	11

Yes	187	94%
No	12	6%



Why don't you agree?

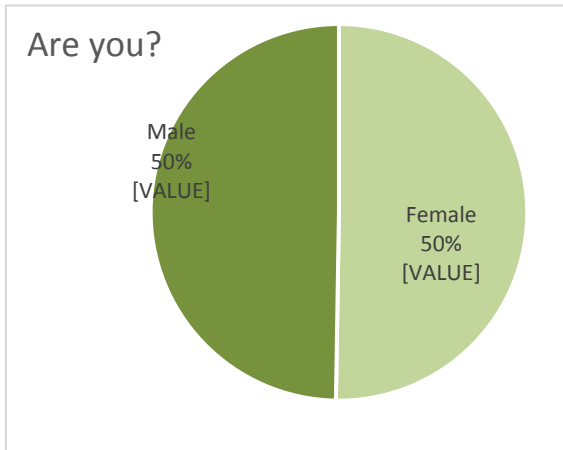
I would support the order as long as it's made clear that Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles, as defined by The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (Amendment) Regulations 2015 are excluded from the order. See http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/24/pdfs/ukxi_20150024_en.pdf The regulations are explained in layman's language at http://www.pedelects.co.uk/electric-bike-guides/uk-electric-bike-law/
Need to specifically exclude electric bikes. Powers of ceasure without committing an offence are excessive and a breach of human rights.
Engine-powered bikes? Yes - these are dangerous.
Leg-powered bikes? No.
You need to explain the scope of 'similar vehicles'
This is a police issue, not one for meddling councillors
Y
Please stop use of all two-stroke vehicles! Fumes as they pass taste horrible and last up to an hour.
It is not clear from the description whether or not the order seeks to prevent lawful or unlawful behaviour. If it is unlawful, then yes it should be stopped. If it is lawful but a nuisance to others, the council should seek measure to ensure than off road bikes have public space where they are not a nuisance before seeking to just ban them
The use of off road vehicles on common land is already prohibited by law, and the use of public spaces is controlled by by-laws. The police can't chase riders so it falls on citizens to identify offenders, and they are dealt

with via the courts. A PSPO won't change this.
They should only be used on private land, with the owners permission, and should be insured
again, woolly wording. Someone may be using the item as a necessary form of transport. What you're objecting to is the way they are being ridden in the public space.
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Off road bikes by their very nature have to be used off road. If this is waste land then this should be supported and use it as an opportunity to support young people having a good time, getting fit as a certain level of fitness is required to control these bikes and to ensure people are learning the necessary skills that could be developed competitively or give them useful skills for road riding when they are older.
Of course if people are using off road motorcycles in Childrens parks then this would need to be dealt with accordingly using the order. I am sure grants can be used to get motorcycle off road clubs to maybe have a presence at popular sites at popular times to encourage people to act responsibly and offer advise support and club membership.
Stolen bikes being used would also need to be dealt with separately.
The future for off road bikes are electric motorcycles that are not a noise nuisance to local residents are the key to future for off road riding.
This is a very insidious proposal which will potentially criminalise a number of law abiding people without having any positive impact on the problem. The proposal even admits it will have no effect on those who drive off from police, covering their face, yet the justification for it is surely based on stopping these people. The only people who will fall foul of it are those who legally own their own vehicles and want to use them in a responsible manner. The assumption that someone in possession of an off road motorcycle is likely to, or have, caused a nuisance is particularly worrying. What on earth happened to the presumption of innocence? The really highlights an intolerance and bigoted attitude towards a group of motorcyclists.
The use of these on the road (public highway) is not adequately policed. How would this help?

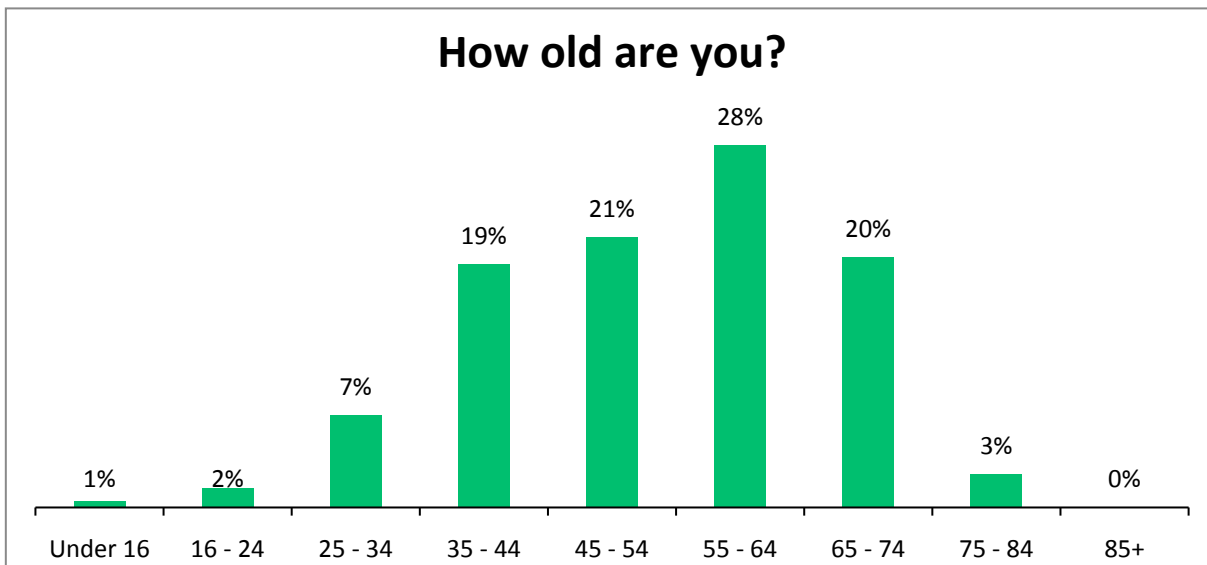
The question of where electrically powered cycles would fit in with this proposal needs clarifying.

Profile of Respondents

Gender



Age



Age group of respondents	Percentages	Count
Under 16	1%	1
16 - 24	2%	3
25 - 34	7%	14
35 - 44	19%	37
45 - 54	21%	41
55 - 64	28%	55
65 - 74	20%	38
75 - 84	3%	5
85+	0.00%	0

Ethnic Background

Ethnic background	Percentage	Count
White British (includes English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish)	88%	170
White Irish	2%	4
White Gypsy/ Irish Traveller	0%	0
White Other	2%	3
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	1%	1
Mixed White and Black African	0%	0
Mixed White and Asian	1%	1
Mixed Other	1%	1
Asian/ Asian British Indian	2%	4
Asian/ Asian British Pakistani	1%	1
Asian/ Asian British Bangladeshi	0%	0
Chinese	0%	0
Asian/ Asian British Other	1%	1
Black/ Black British African	0%	0
Black/ Black British Caribbean	1%	2
Black/Black British Other	0%	0
Arab	0%	0
Any other ethnic group	1%	1
Other (please specify)	2%	4

Other:

British, Spanish, and Native American
This is nothing to do with the issue
It shouldn't matter what my ethnicity is.

Disability

