



City Centre PSPO Renewal 2026



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Executive Summary

- The consultation asked for views on renewing the City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for a further three years, until 21 November 2029, and on proposed updates covering street begging and charity collections, amplification equipment and temporary structures.
- A total of 884 survey responses were received during the four-week consultation period from 22 June to 26 July 2026, including 48 face-to-face responses collected in the city centre.
- Most responses were from members of the public, and responses were received from all Coventry wards.
- Overall support for renewal of the PSPO was high, with 85% of respondents in favour, 8% not in favour and 7% not sure.
- There was strong support for each of the proposed changes: 87% supported the proposal on street begging and charity collections, 84% supported the proposal on amplification equipment, and 77% supported the proposal on temporary structures.
- Supportive comments focused mainly on making the city centre feel safer, more welcoming, more accessible and better managed, particularly for older people, disabled people, families, workers and visitors.
- Common issues raised included aggressive or persistent approaches, loud amplified sound, obstruction from temporary structures, and the need to improve the overall city centre experience.
- A key cross-cutting theme was enforcement. Many respondents supported the PSPO but felt it would only be effective if backed by visible officers, clear signage, consistent action and simple ways for the public to report breaches.
- Those against or unsure were generally not opposed to tackling nuisance, safety risks or anti-social behaviour. Their concerns centred on avoiding overly broad restrictions, protecting lawful protest, faith activity, busking, charity work and civic campaigning, and ensuring clear, fair and proportionate decision-making.
- Respondents also highlighted the importance of tackling root causes, particularly homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental health needs, alongside any enforcement approach.
- The findings suggest broad public support for renewing and updating the PSPO, provided the final approach is clearly worded, proportionate, consistently enforced and supported by accessible permission processes and appropriate support for vulnerable people.

Background

Coventry City Council asked for people's views on whether the City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) should continue for another three years, until 21 November 2029.

The current order helps manage behaviour in the city centre. It covers things like street begging, unlicensed street trading, handing out leaflets without permission, unauthorised charity collections, and busking or street performances that do not follow the city centre rules. It also restricts cycling, e-bikes and e-scooters in the protected area and allows officers to ask people to get off bikes, skateboards or scooters.

We are proposing to update some of the existing rules, so they are clearer and easier to enforce. The main change is to focus on behaviour that is aggressive, intimidating or causes nuisance, rather than simply someone being present in the city centre.

A new rule would restrict the use of loudspeakers, microphones, megaphones and other amplification equipment unless written permission has been given by the Council. Additionally a new rule would restrict temporary structures such as gazebos, stalls, canopies and display stands unless they have been authorised by the Council.

Methodology

An online consultation was carried out for 4 weeks from 22 June until 26 July 2026.

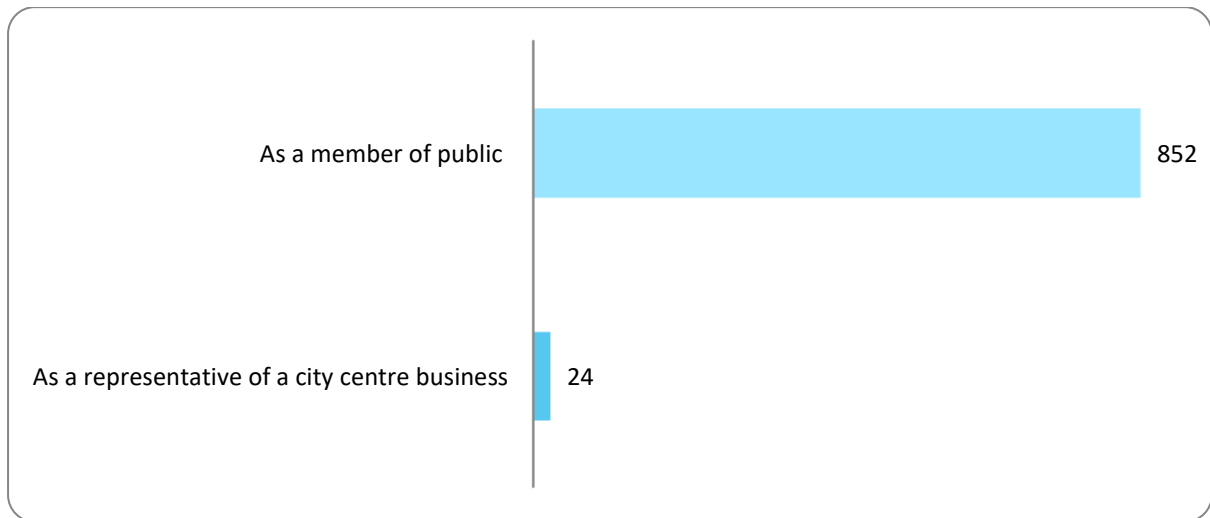
In addition, Officers walked around the city centre, and asked people face to face to fill in the survey directly onto electronic tablets.

Response Rate

884 survey responses were received. 48 of which were face to face.

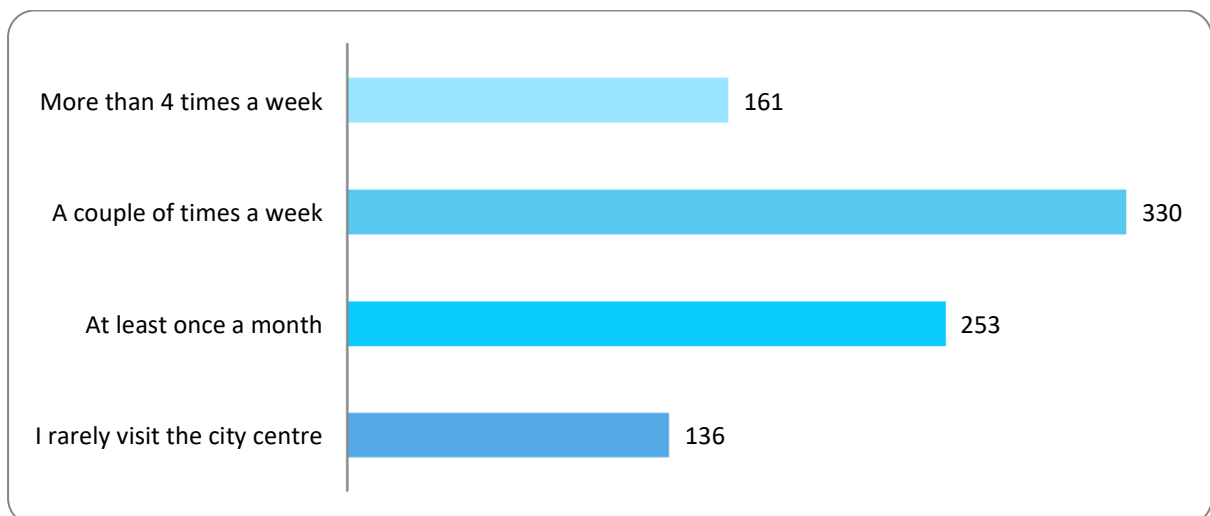
Survey Findings

How are you responding to this consultation?



97% of responses were from members of the public.

How often do you tend to visit the city centre?



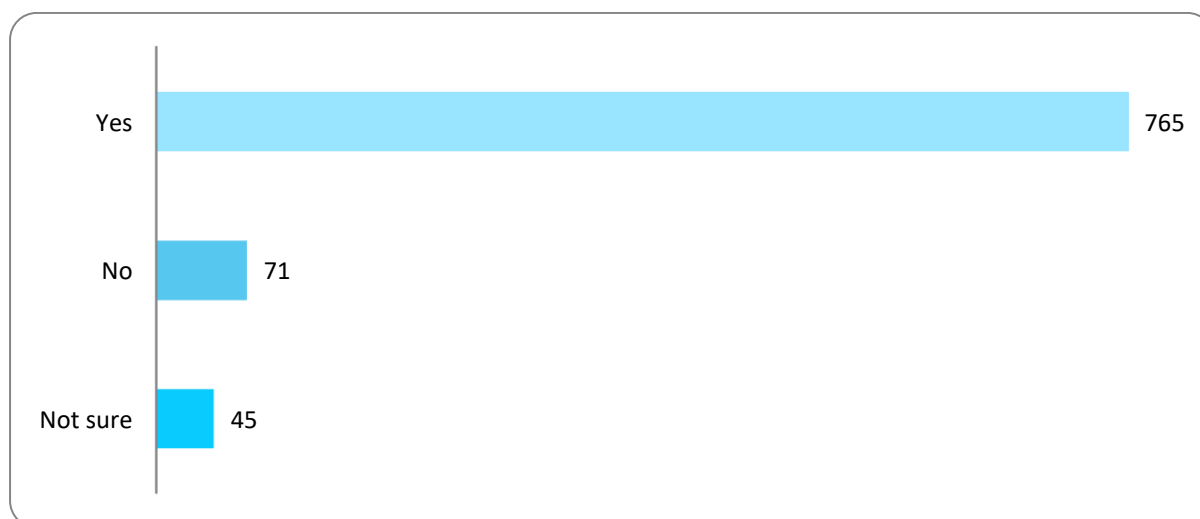
Answers varied to this question, the majority of respondents visiting the city centre a couple of times a week at 38%.

Has the current city centre PSPO improved your experience of using the city centre?

	Number	%
Yes	175	20%
No	347	39%
Not sure	359	41%

1 in 5 respondents believe that the current PSPO has improved the city centre (20%), the majority of respondents are unsure (41%) or do not believe that the PSPO has improved the city centre (39%).

Street begging and charity collections



87% of respondents are in favour of this proposal, 8% are not in favour and 5% are unsure.

Respondents were asked to give reasons for their answer.

Comments in Support of the Proposal

The table below shows the themes by the number of times mentioned one comment may cover multiple themes.

Theme	Number (approx.)	Summary of comments	Illustrative quote
Feeling unsafe, intimidated or harassed	175	The strongest theme was that aggressive begging, repeated approaches, being followed, blocked or pressured made people feel unsafe or	<i>"No one should feel intimidated or scared when all they want to do</i>

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		uncomfortable. Respondents often linked this to visiting alone, with children, or as an older or vulnerable person.	<i>is go about their business."</i>
Persistent begging, charity collectors and street sellers not taking "no" for an answer	120	Many respondents supported action where people continue asking after being refused, step into someone's path, follow them, or make people feel guilty for not giving money or signing up to a cause.	<i>"No should be enough."</i>
Impact on city centre visits and perceptions	95	Respondents said harassment, begging and anti-social behaviour put them off visiting the city centre, made shopping or working there unpleasant, and harmed the city's reputation as a welcoming place.	<i>"One of the reasons I don't visit the city centre is constant persistent harassment of people asking for donations or begging for money."</i>
Support for a balanced and proportionate approach	70	A common view was that the proposal was reasonable because it targeted aggressive, intimidating or obstructive behaviour rather than people who are simply present, sitting quietly or asking peacefully for help.	<i>"It's behaviour, not simply presence, which is problematic."</i>
Need for clearer or stronger enforcement	60	Some respondents supported the proposal but questioned whether it would work without visible enforcement, clearer reporting routes, more patrols, or better action from police, security or council officers.	<i>"Rules are useless without enforcement."</i>
Wider anti-social behaviour and city centre environment	55	Although the question focused on begging and collections, many respondents also mentioned alcohol, drugs, rough sleeping, e-bikes, scooters, loud speakers, preachers, litter and general decline in the city centre.	<i>"The city centre in general is no longer a welcoming venue."</i>

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Concern for older, disabled, female, young or vulnerable visitors	45	Several respondents highlighted that older people, disabled people, women, children and people visiting alone can feel particularly vulnerable when approached, followed, pressured or blocked.	<i>"As an old woman I am in favour of the Council doing all in its power to curb aggression and harassment."</i>
Support for people in genuine need	40	Some respondents were sympathetic to people who are homeless or in need and felt they should be offered help and support, while still agreeing that aggressive or intimidating behaviour should be addressed.	<i>"It is important to be able to tackle harassment without criminalising being destitute."</i>

Those that are in support of this proposal most commonly referred to feeling unsafe, intimidated or harassed in the city centre, particularly when people are followed, blocked, approached repeatedly or pressured after saying no. Many respondents supported the proposal because they felt it would make the city centre feel safer, more welcoming and easier to visit. Several also stressed that the focus should be on behaviour rather than homelessness itself, with passive begging or peaceful charity activity treated differently from aggressive or pressurised approaches.

Comments against or not sure about the proposal.

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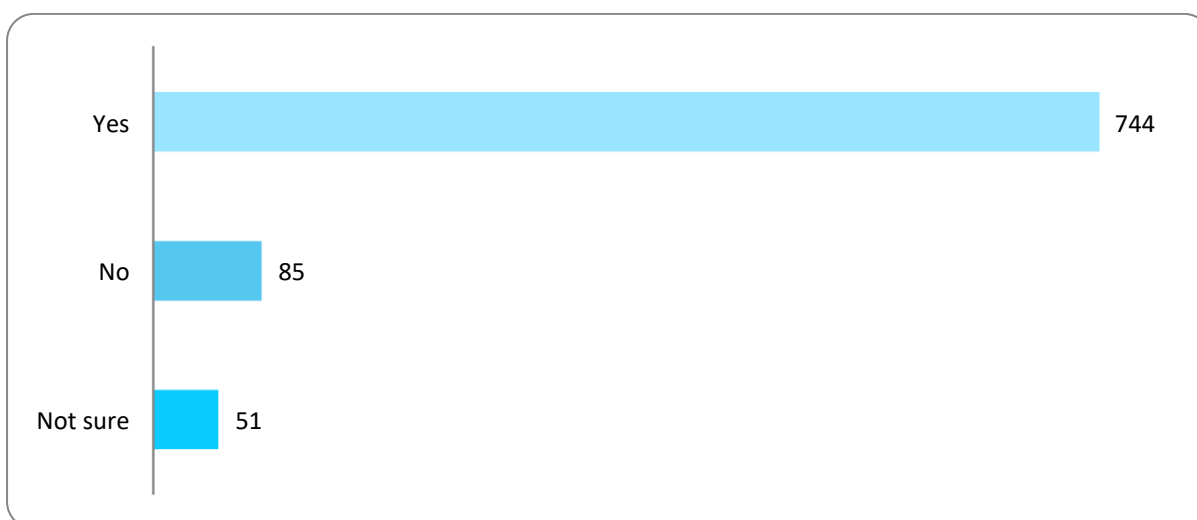
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Proposal does not go far enough on begging	32	The most common concern was that the proposed rule still allows passive begging. Respondents said asking quietly, sitting near shops or cash machines, or being visibly present in doorways could still feel intimidating and harm the city centre's appearance.	<i>"I think all begging should be stopped, including passive."</i>
Concern about freedom of speech, protest	26	Many respondents were concerned that restrictions on handing out materials, stalls, gazebos or amplified sound	<i>"There is no good reason for polite and respectful raising of</i>

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and civic campaigning		could limit lawful protest, political campaigning, religious expression, trade union activity or community awareness raising.	<i>public issues to be restricted."</i>
Need to tackle root causes and support homeless people	20	Several comments argued that enforcement alone would not address homelessness, poverty, addiction or mental health needs. Respondents called for accommodation, support services, social housing and help into employment.	<i>"Build more social houses for homeless people and provide good jobs, then, there should be less homelessness in Coventry."</i>
Wording is unclear, subjective or open to misuse	18	Respondents felt terms such as harassment, alarm, distress, intimidation or offensive language could be interpreted too broadly. Some wanted clearer definitions of what would and would not be covered to prevent inconsistent or discriminatory enforcement.	<i>"The wording needs to be much clearer about what is permitted and what is not permitted."</i>
Concerns about enforcement and effectiveness	15	Some comments questioned whether the current or proposed order would make any difference without more visible enforcement, police presence, proactive patrols and clearer action against existing issues.	<i>"Order has no effect."</i>
Some respondents have not experienced the problem	9	A smaller number said they had not personally experienced the behaviours described or did not see them as a significant current problem in the city centre.	<i>"I have never seen this in the city centre and walk through the city multiple times a week."</i>
Wider city centre safety, cleanliness and anti-social behaviour	8	Some respondents used the question to raise broader concerns about crime, e-bikes, scooters, street drinking, loudspeakers, cleanliness, empty shops and	<i>"I feel totally unsafe and I am constantly watching over my shoulder."</i>

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		the general condition of the city centre.	

Overall, these comments show two main areas of concern. Some respondents felt the proposal was not strong enough because they wanted all forms of begging or visible rough sleeping addressed. Others were concerned that the wording could be too broad and might restrict democratic activity, peaceful campaigning, faith activity, charity work or freedom of expression. A further theme was that the Council should focus more on support, housing and the root causes of homelessness alongside any enforcement approach.

Amplification Equipment



84% of respondents are in favour of this proposal, 10% are not in favour and 6% are unsure.

Comments in support of the proposal

The table below shows the themes by the number of times mentioned. One comment may cover multiple themes.

Theme	Number (approx.)	Summary of comments	Illustrative quote
Excessive noise and noise pollution	185	The strongest theme was that amplified sound is too loud, intrusive and unpleasant. Respondents described it as noise pollution that makes it hard	<i>"The use of loudspeakers in public spaces such as streets and city centres should be kept to a minimum, as</i>

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		to shop, relax, talk, work or enjoy the city centre.	<i>excessive noise can disturb residents, visitors, and local businesses."</i>
Religious preaching through loudspeakers	150	Many respondents specifically mentioned street preachers using microphones, megaphones or speakers. Comments said this felt intrusive, intimidating, offensive or unwanted, particularly where religious messages were loud, repetitive or distressing.	<i>"I don't want to hear religious preaching over amplifiers which is common in the city centre."</i>
Impact on city centre experience and visits	100	Respondents said amplified sound makes the city centre less welcoming and puts people off visiting, sitting outside, shopping, eating out or spending time in areas such as Broadgate and the Upper Precinct.	<i>"Because of the noise I try to spend as little time in the city centre as possible."</i>
Support for permission, licensing or volume controls	85	Many comments supported allowing amplification only where permission has been granted, with limits on volume, location, timings or the number of performers or groups operating at one time.	<i>"There should be an enforced decibel level, so that the city centre does not become excessively noisy."</i>
Multiple competing sound sources	65	Respondents frequently described several preachers, buskers or performers operating close together, creating overlapping sound, confusion and a "cacophony" that made the city centre feel chaotic.	<i>"Sometimes you have 3 or 4 different speakers going off... it spoils your experience."</i>
Sensory, health and	55	Several respondents highlighted the impact of loud amplified sound on neurodivergent people,	<i>"As a person with autism, I find that the noise caused by the use of amplifiers</i>

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accessibility impacts		people with autism, hearing loss, tinnitus or hearing aids, as well as children, older people and people who find loud noise overwhelming.	<i>makes the city centre less accessible to me.</i>
Impact on businesses and workers	35	Some respondents, including city centre workers and businesses, said amplified sound affects staff, customers and shop environments, particularly where noise continues for long periods near workplaces or cafés.	<i>"I really pity anyone that has to work near these people."</i>
Busking can be positive if controlled	30	Some respondents distinguished between enjoyable busking or organised performances and poor-quality or overly loud amplified music. Many supported buskers where they are licensed, kept to a reasonable volume and do not dominate the space.	<i>"A bit of acoustic music is nice."</i>

Overall, comments in support of the amplification proposal focused on the impact of loud and repeated amplified sound on people's enjoyment of the city centre. The most common concerns were noise pollution, intrusive religious preaching, multiple competing sound sources, and the effect on people with sensory sensitivities or hearing difficulties. Many respondents supported a permission-based approach, provided it is clearly enforced and allows appropriate events or good-quality performances at reasonable volume.

Comments against or not sure about the proposal

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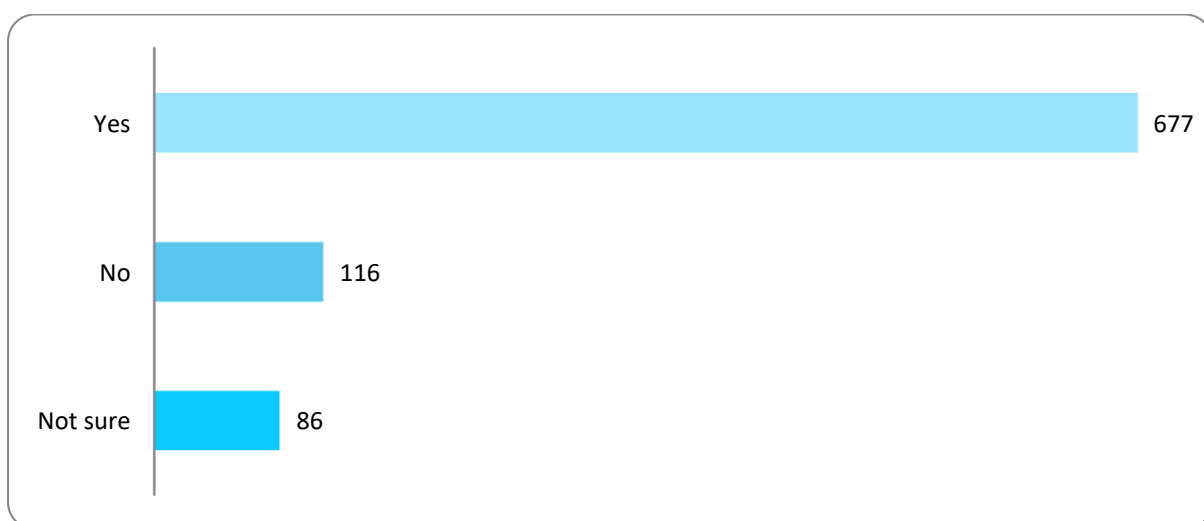
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Freedom of speech, protest and	34	The strongest concern was that requiring Council permission could restrict	<i>"This could be used to restrict both the</i>

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democratic expression		lawful protest, political campaigning, religious expression, public debate or the ability of people and groups to make themselves heard in public spaces.	<i>right to protest and freedom of worship."</i>
Concern about too much Council discretion or unclear permission process	22	Respondents questioned who would decide what is allowed, what criteria would be used, how easy permission would be to obtain, and whether the process could be inconsistent, subjective, costly or slow.	<i>"Who within the council will decide if someone can use these devices and what criteria will be used?"</i>
Support for buskers, musicians and street performers	21	Many comments said buskers, musicians and street performers add atmosphere, culture and vibrancy to the city centre and should not be discouraged by a blanket restriction.	<i>"I enjoy all the street performers, and would not want to see these restricted, they add character to the city."</i>
Preference for volume limits rather than a ban	19	Some respondents accepted that excessive noise should be managed but preferred clear decibel limits, time limits, spacing between performers or enforcement against actual nuisance rather than requiring permission for all amplification.	<i>"A specific dB limit should be provided, so that amplification can be used where appropriate."</i>
Concern about impact on faith groups and the Salvation Army	12	Several respondents, particularly those referring to Christian groups or the Salvation Army, felt responsible use of microphones for music, announcements or open-air ministry should be allowed and not treated the same as intrusive noise.	<i>"A restriction on using a sound system would render our communication less effective so we would wish to be exempt from this."</i>

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Public spaces should remain lively and expressive	10	Some respondents felt sound, performance, music and public speech contribute to a lively city centre and help avoid public spaces feeling bland, over-controlled or sterile.	<i>"A lively public space is good."</i>
Target nuisance behaviour rather than responsible users	9	Some comments argued that the Council should publish guidelines, monitor behaviour and act against those who are excessively loud or disruptive, rather than placing hurdles in front of responsible performers, campaigners or community groups.	<i>"Publish guidelines and punish the bad actors who don't adhere to them."</i>

Overall, those against or unsure about the amplification proposal were not generally arguing for unlimited noise. The main concern was that a permission-based approach could be too broad and might restrict free speech, protest, faith activity, busking or civic participation. Many respondents favoured a more targeted approach based on clear volume limits, duration, location and enforcement against actual nuisance, while protecting responsible performers and community groups.

Temporary Structures



77% of respondents are in favour of this proposal, 13% are not in favour and 10% are not sure.

Comments in support of the proposal

The table below shows the themes by the number of times mentioned. One comment may cover multiple themes.

Theme	Number (approx.)	Summary of comments	Illustrative quote
Obstruction, access and pedestrian movement	105	The strongest theme was that gazebos, stalls, signs, tables and other temporary structures can block walkways, reduce space and make it harder for people to move freely around the city centre.	<i>"They get in the way and block paths, someone who's disabled might struggle getting around due to this."</i>
Safety, hazards and risk management	80	Many respondents supported permission requirements because temporary structures may be unsafe, cause trip hazards, blow over, obstruct visibility, or require risk assessments and checks before being erected.	<i>"Temporary structures can be a H & S hazard."</i>
Untidy appearance, clutter and impact on city image	75	Respondents frequently said temporary structures make the city centre look messy, shabby, cluttered or less welcoming, particularly where they detract from recent investment, public spaces, fountains or landmarks.	<i>"They make the City Centre look shoddy, which is a shame after the millions spent bringing it to the present very high standard."</i>
Need for permission, regulation and enforcement	70	A common view was that anyone wishing to put up a structure in a public space should seek Council permission first, with clear rules, permits and the ability to remove unauthorised structures promptly.	<i>"People should get permission for anything they do in the city centre."</i>
Protecting disabled, elderly, visually	45	Several respondents highlighted the effect of clutter and obstacles on	<i>"All of the items are obstructions to the"</i>

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impaired people and families		disabled people, older people, wheelchair users, people with pushchairs and blind or partially sighted visitors.	<i>partially sighted and the elderly."</i>
Concerns about unauthorised traders, scams or unsafe goods	38	Some respondents felt regulation would help ensure stalls, displays or traders are legitimate, authorised and safe, and would deter counterfeit goods, unlicensed trading or misleading activity.	<i>"By having to apply for permission means unlicensed traders will not be able to trade."</i>
Religious, political or promotional stands causing nuisance	35	Many comments referred to religious, promotional, charity, energy supplier or political stands as intrusive, pressurising or out of keeping with a relaxing shopping environment.	<i>"There is a time and place for all these things: a visit to the city centre should be relaxing, not feel like attendance at a political rally, religious ceremony or constant harassment to donate money."</i>
Support for authorised events or legitimate uses	20	Some respondents supported the proposal while recognising that authorised events, markets, charities, pop-ups or community uses can be positive if properly managed and located.	<i>"Properly organised this can be a good thing for the City Centre."</i>

Overall, comments in support of the temporary structures proposal focused on keeping the city centre safe, accessible, tidy and well managed. The main concerns were obstruction of walkways, risks to disabled or visually impaired people, health and safety, visual clutter, and the need to ensure that stalls, gazebos and displays are legitimate, authorised and properly controlled. Many respondents supported permission being required, while still allowing appropriate events, markets or community activity where they are well organised.

Comments against or not sure about the proposal

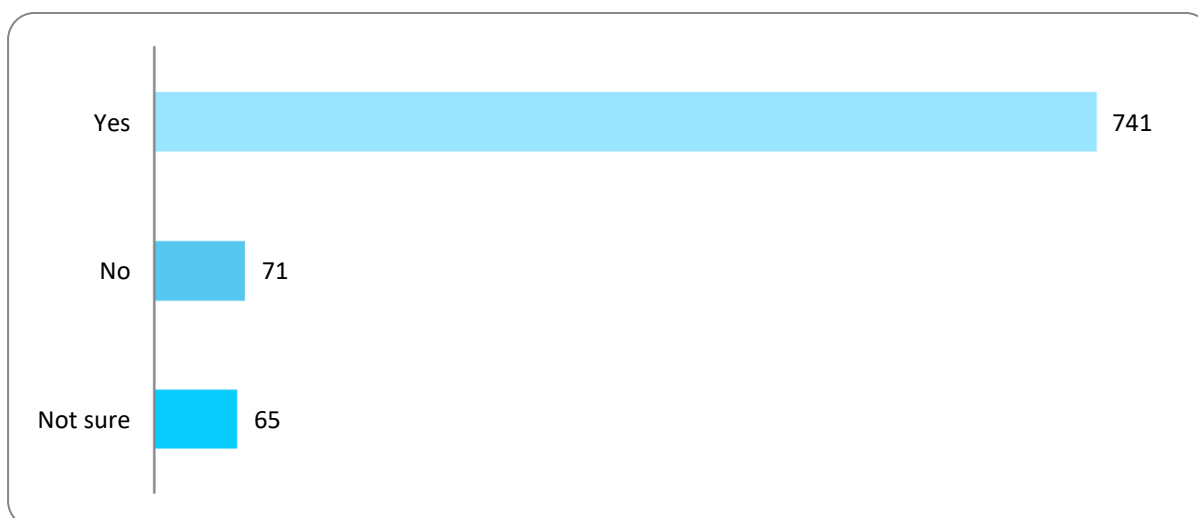
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Freedom of speech, protest and civic activity	28	The strongest theme was concern that restricting stalls, gazebos or display tables could limit lawful protest, political campaigning, religious activity, charity work, trade union activity and public awareness raising.	<i>"There is no good reason for polite and respectful raising of public issues through a stall to be restricted."</i>
Structures are not a problem if they do not obstruct	24	Many respondents said temporary structures are acceptable where they are small, supervised, temporary and do not block walkways, entrances or pedestrian movement.	<i>"If a temporary structure is not obstructive, I don't see a problem."</i>
Concern about broad, vague or bureaucratic controls	22	Respondents felt the proposal was too broad or unclear, with insufficient detail on what structures would need permission, how decisions would be made, whether fees would apply, and how quickly permission could be obtained.	<i>"The proposal is too vague. Specific structures requiring permission should be defined."</i>
Positive contribution to city vibrancy and community life	20	Some comments said stalls, displays and small structures can make the city centre feel active, varied and connected, helping people find out about local causes, events, businesses and community groups.	<i>"I think it's good for groups to be able to show what they are doing and get support from the public."</i>
Preference for targeted rules rather than a blanket permission requirement	17	Several respondents supported action where structures cause obstruction, safety risks or nuisance, but preferred guidance, size limits or action based on actual harm rather than a broad permission requirement.	<i>"Something could be proposed such as stalls must not restrict access or unduly hinder right of way."</i>

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Concern about barriers for charities, small groups and local causes	15	Some respondents were concerned that added bureaucracy, delays or fees could make it harder for charities, small community groups, rights groups, faith groups or micro-businesses to operate in the city centre.	<i>"It could hinder genuine registered charities."</i>
Not seen as a significant current problem	14	A smaller group said they had not noticed temporary structures causing problems, were unsure why the proposal was needed, or felt existing laws already covered obstruction and nuisance.	<i>"I haven't really noticed this being a problem."</i>

Overall, those against or unsure about the temporary structures proposal were generally not objecting to action against obstruction, unsafe structures or nuisance. Their main concern was that a broad permission-based approach could create unnecessary bureaucracy, limit public campaigning or community activity, and give the Council too much discretion. Many respondents favoured a more targeted approach based on clear criteria such as size, location, safety, obstruction and duration, with a simple and accessible permission process where needed.

Would you be in favour of the proposed renewal of the PSPO, until 2029? Including retaining the other current prohibitions on Ebikes, Peddle Cycles and Busking?)



85% of respondents are in favour of the proposed renewal of the PSPO, 8% are not in favour of the renewal and 7% are not sure.

Comments in support of the renewal of the PSPO

The table below shows the themes by the number of times mentioned. One comment may cover multiple themes.

Theme	Number (approx.)	Summary of comments	Illustrative quote
Need for stronger, visible enforcement	150	The strongest theme was that respondents support renewal but feel it will only work if rules are actively enforced, with visible officers, patrols, fines, confiscation or other consequences for breaches.	<i>"No point in having rules that are ignored."</i>
E-bikes, e-scooters and pedal cycles as a safety risk	135	Many respondents highlighted the danger of e-bikes, e-scooters, delivery bikes and pedal cycles being ridden through pedestrian areas, often at speed, silently or without regard for pedestrians.	<i>"E-bikes and scooters etc are dangerous in pedestrianised areas."</i>
Making the city centre safer and more welcoming	80	Respondents supported the PSPO renewal because they felt it would help make the city centre safer, cleaner, calmer and more pleasant for shoppers, families, older people, workers and visitors.	<i>"This will make the city centre safer, much more enjoyable and create a healthy place to be."</i>
Current restrictions are not working well enough	65	A frequent view was that the existing PSPO is not being implemented consistently, with many people still seeing cycling, e-bikes, scooters, street drinking, rough sleeping, begging or loud preaching continuing in restricted areas.	<i>"The current PSPO is ineffective as there are too few officers to enforce it."</i>
Impact on vulnerable pedestrians	45	Several comments stressed that older people, disabled people, people with hearing or visual impairments, wheelchair users, children and families are particularly	<i>"Bikes etc are a hazard particularly for those with visual and hearing impairments and physical limitations."</i>

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		affected by fast-moving bikes, scooters and other hazards.	
Broader anti-social behaviour and city centre decline	40	Although the question focused on PSPO renewal, many respondents also raised wider concerns about street drinking, drug use, groups congregating, shoplifting, litter, rough sleeping, cleanliness and feeling unsafe.	<i>“City Centre should be clean and feel safe to encourage people to visit and shop.”</i>
Need to include or extend restrictions	35	Some respondents wanted the order extended to cover more areas or behaviours, including e-scooters, illegal e-bikes, pavement cycling, skateboards, face coverings, rough sleeping, street drinking, littering or nearby locations outside the current zone.	<i>“Please include electric scooters too.”</i>
Support for busking if managed separately	25	Some respondents supported the wider PSPO renewal but did not want all busking banned. They felt good-quality, acoustic or licensed busking can add atmosphere if managed separately from disruptive noise or begging.	<i>“Busking creates atmosphere in the city centre and attracts shoppers when done well.”</i>

Overall, comments in support of renewing the PSPO focused strongly on safety and enforcement. Respondents most often referred to e-bikes, e-scooters, delivery riders and pedal cycles being used dangerously in pedestrian areas, and many felt the current rules are not being enforced visibly or consistently enough. There was broad support for continuing and strengthening the PSPO, but many comments stressed that it must be backed by clear signage, visible officers, stronger sanctions and practical ways for the public to report breaches.

Comments against or not sure about the renewal of the PSPO

The table below shows the themes by the number of times mentioned. One comment may cover multiple themes.

Theme	Number (approx.)	Summary of comments	Illustrative quote
Support for busking and street performance	32	The most common concern was that busking should not be grouped with e-bikes or anti-social behaviour. Respondents said good busking brings life, culture and atmosphere to the city centre and should be managed rather than prohibited.	<i>"Busking is a cultural asset and should be allowed."</i>
Target illegal or dangerous e-bikes rather than all cycling	28	Many respondents distinguished between legal pedal cycles or legal e-bikes and illegal high-powered electric motorbikes or dangerous delivery riders. They felt existing traffic laws should be enforced rather than introducing broad restrictions.	<i>"The bikes that cause problems are actually electric motorbikes. No PSPO or other new laws are needed."</i>
Concerns about freedom of expression and public space	24	Some respondents felt the PSPO could restrict freedom of expression, protest, religious activity, campaigning or ordinary use of public space. They were concerned the proposals could go beyond tackling genuinely harmful behaviour.	<i>"Public space belongs to the public, not just to businesses and customers."</i>
Current rules are ineffective or unenforced	22	A common reason for being unsure was that existing restrictions are not enforced, particularly around e-bikes and scooters. Respondents questioned the value of renewal if the Council and police do not have resources or powers to act consistently.	<i>"I would say yes, but the last one was not enforced, so another waste of time."</i>
Need for exceptions for disabled cyclists and mobility needs	12	Several comments raised concern that cycling restrictions could negatively affect disabled people, older people or those who use legal e-bikes as mobility aids. Respondents wanted clearer	<i>"I truly wish there was a way for people like me, who use an e-bike as a form of mobility"</i>

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		wording and reasonable adjustments.	<i>assistance, to apply for an exemption."</i>
Concern about discouraging sustainable transport	11	Some respondents felt cycling and e-bikes support active travel, public transport connections and environmental goals. They suggested safer routes, cycle parking and better separation from pedestrians instead of broad prohibitions.	<i>"The council should be focused on increasing, not criminalising, bicycle travel in the city centre."</i>
Question combines separate issues	9	Respondents said they were unsure because the question combined e-bikes, pedal cycles and busking. Many supported restrictions on dangerous riding but opposed restrictions on busking or wanted each issue considered separately.	<i>"I've put not sure for this because I support half the list but not the other."</i>

Overall, those against or unsure about renewal were not generally dismissing safety concerns. Many supported action on dangerous e-bikes, scooters or anti-social behaviour, but were concerned that the renewal grouped together very different issues. The strongest reservations related to protecting busking and cultural activity, avoiding unnecessary restrictions on responsible cyclists or disabled e-bike users, and ensuring that any rules focus on genuinely dangerous or disruptive behaviour rather than ordinary, positive use of public space.

Profile of Respondents

Wards	Numbers
Bablake	37
Binley and Willenhall	31
Cheylesmore	44
Earlsdon	76
Foleshill	13
Henley	32
Holbrook	33
Longford	25
Lower Stoke	43
Radford	41
Sherbourne	41
St Michael's	64
Upper Stoke	27
Wainbody	46
Westwood (Tile Hill and Canley)	32
Whoherley	57
Woodlands	40
Wyken	26
Out of Area	24
Not full postcodes	147

Responses were received from all wards.

How would you describe yourself?	Number
Male	414
Female	417
In another way	7
Prefer not to say	30

What age are you?	Number
16-24	25
25-34	87
35-44	122
45-54	127
54-64`	202
65-74	176
75+	101
Prefer not to say	30

Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?	Number
Asian/Asian British	41
Black/African/Caribbean British	14
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group	16
White	709
Prefer not to say	71
Other (please specify)	19

Those that stated other were Arab, Jewish, Greek and British

Do you consider yourself to be disabled or have a long term health condition?	Number
Yes	226
No	574
Prefer not to say	67