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Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Public Consultation Results

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Methodology

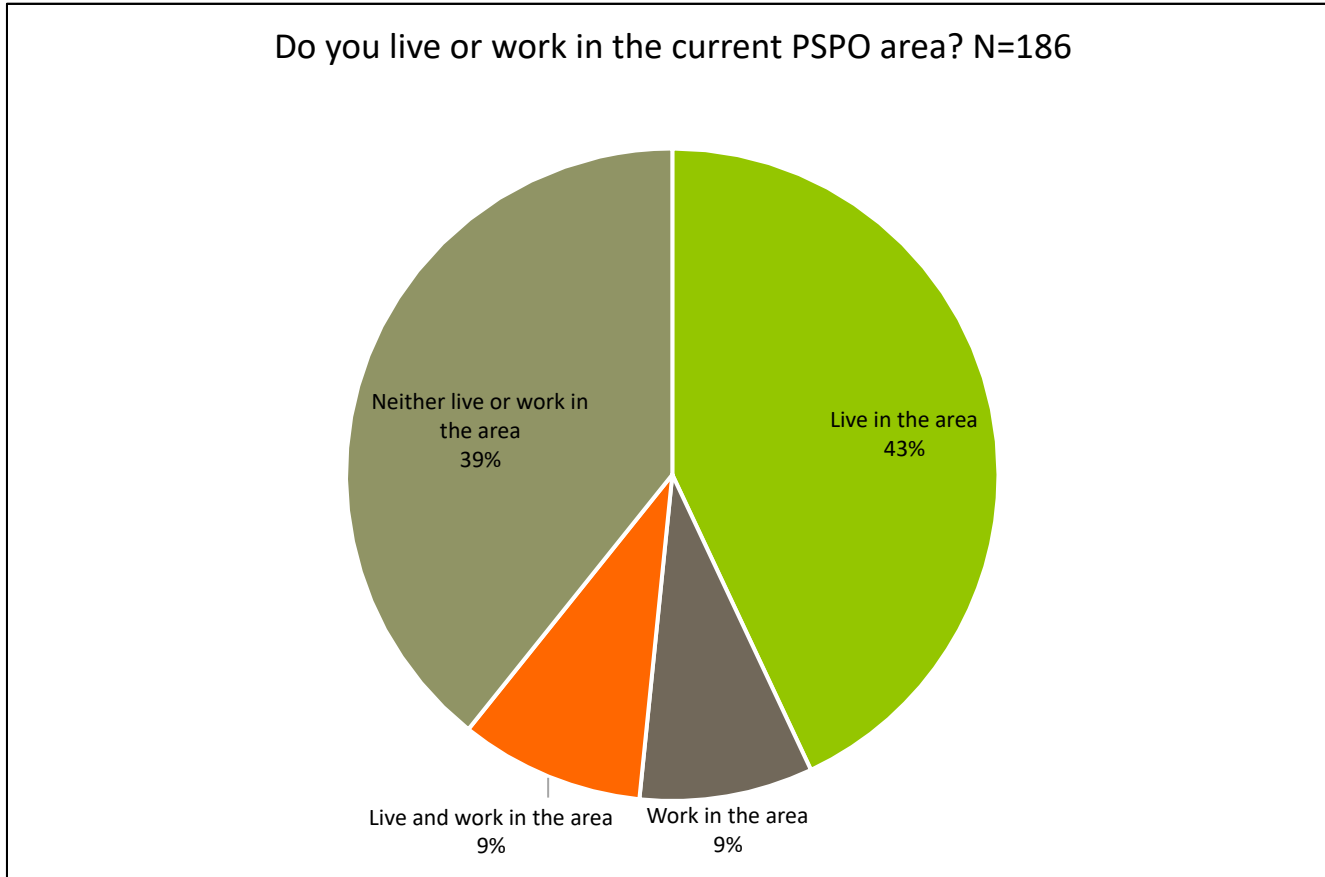
- The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation launched 27th June 2022 and closed on 1st August 2022.
- The survey was widely circulated to many partner organisations, community groups via Merton's Safer Neighbourhood Board, Merton Connected, Merton Neighbourhood Watch, Members distribution lists and Community Safety Partnership and LBM forums. It was also publicised widely via the Council's social media and email channels.
- Partner organisations including Police, Public Health, Kingdom and WDP were also consulted.
- We received 186 responses via the online survey, which was live for six weeks. Not every respondent answered every question. The number of respondents (n=) is indicated on each slide.
- We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation for their input.

Summary of consultation results

Below is a summary of the key points highlighted in the consultation

- 43% of respondents live in the PSPO area.
- People feel less safe in the area at night.
- 54% of respondents felt that street drinking was a fairly or very big problem.
- 53% had witnessed anti-social behaviour (ASB) in relation to street drinking in the current PSPO area.
- 38% stated that they had witnessed ASB related to street drinking in the current PSPO area more than 10 times in the last year.
- 86% support the renewal of the current prohibition.
- 82% support the renewal of the geographical area of the current prohibition.

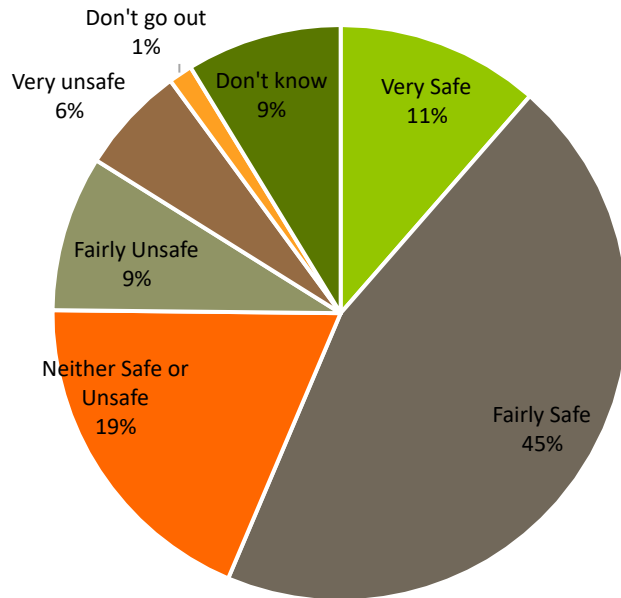
Do you live or work in the current PSPO area?



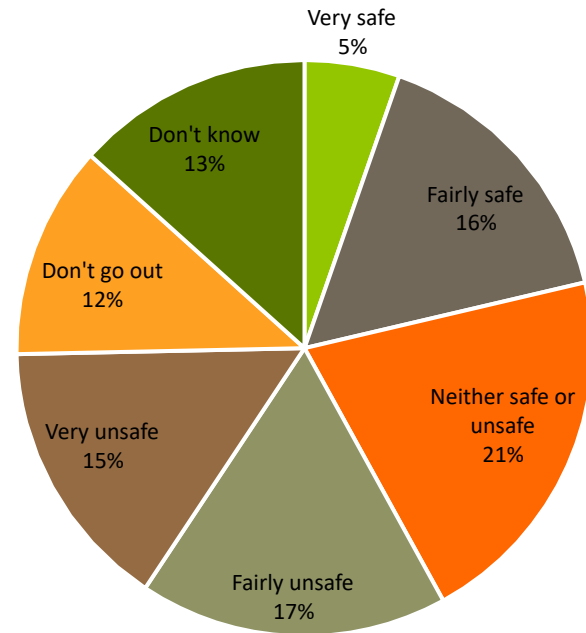
43% of respondents live in the current PSPO area. **39%** of people neither live or work in the area.

The most common frequency of those who don't live or work in the area, visiting the area, was **once in the last month (31%)**.

How safe do you feel when you are in the current PSPO area during the day? n=149



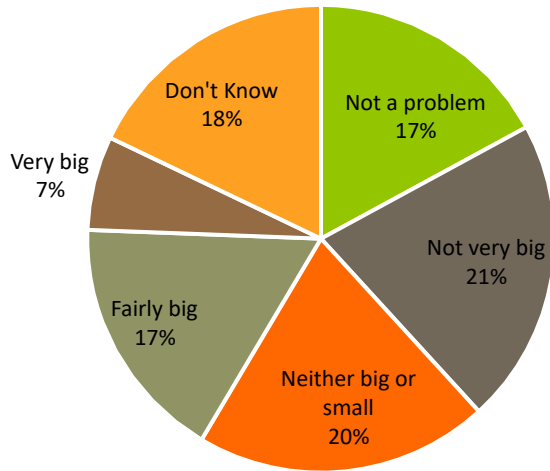
How safe do you feel in the current PSPO area at night? N=150



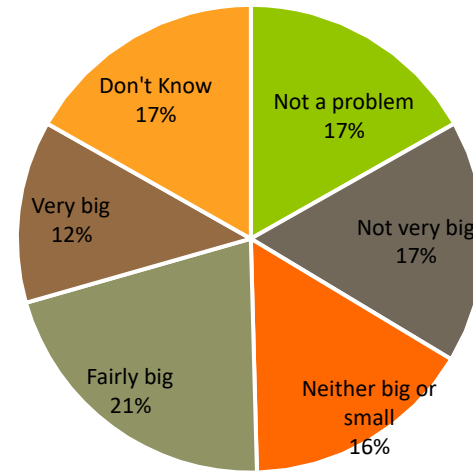
The majority of respondents (**45%**) felt **fairly safe** during the day.

21% of people felt neither safe or unsafe at night. **17%** felt fairly unsafe, **16%** fairly safe.

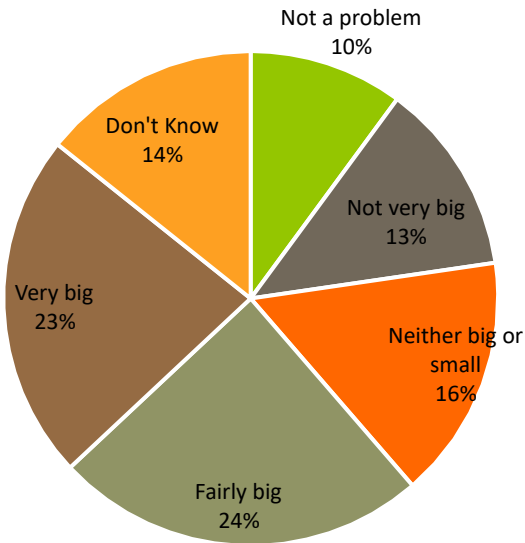
How big a problem do you feel **verbal abuse** is in the current PSPO area? N=123



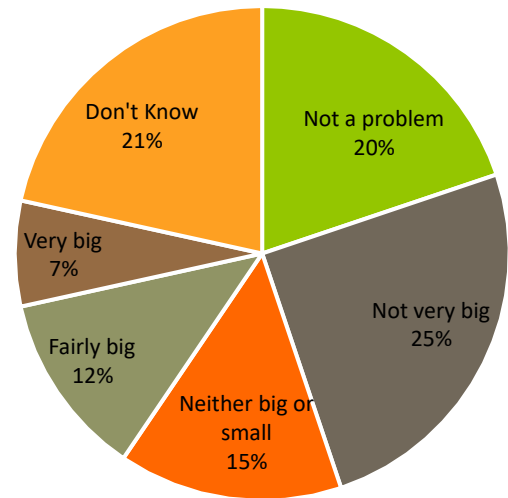
How big a problem do you feel **intimidation** is in the current PSPO area? N=119



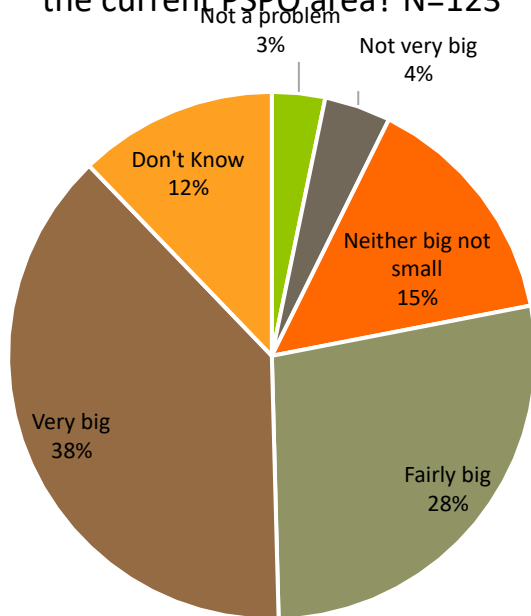
How big a problem do you feel **noise** is in the current PSPO area? N-119



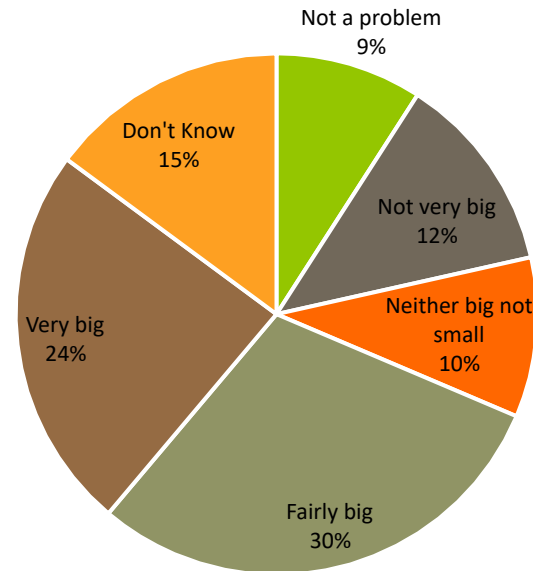
How big a problem do you feel **physical abuse** is in the current PSPO area?



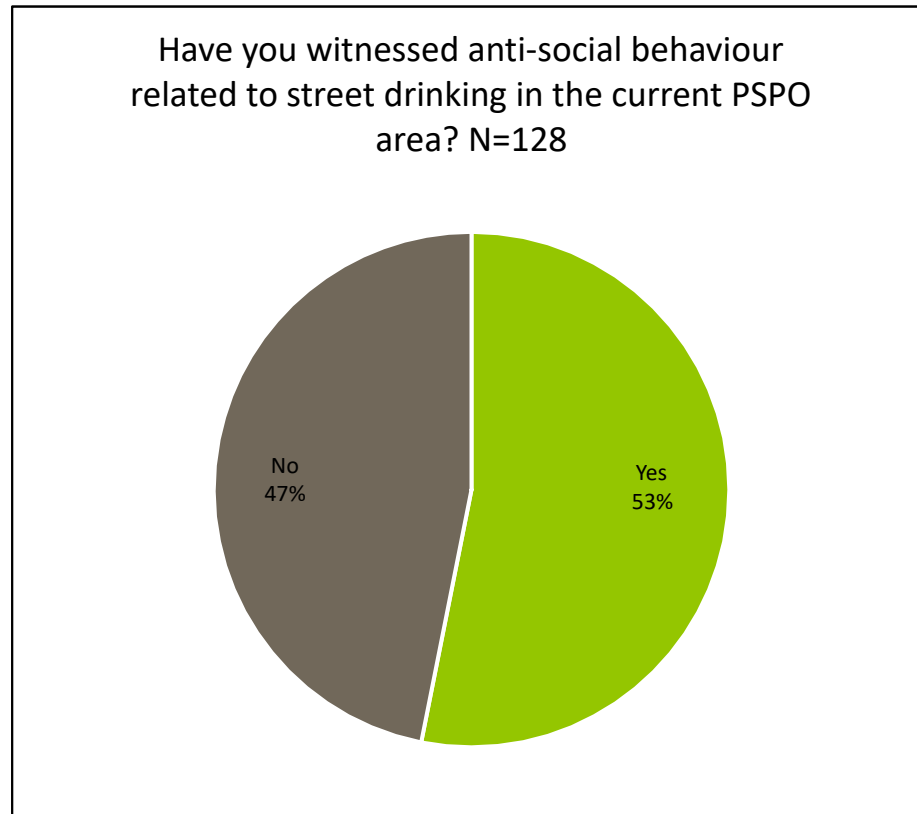
How big a problem do you feel **litter** is in the current PSPO area? N=123



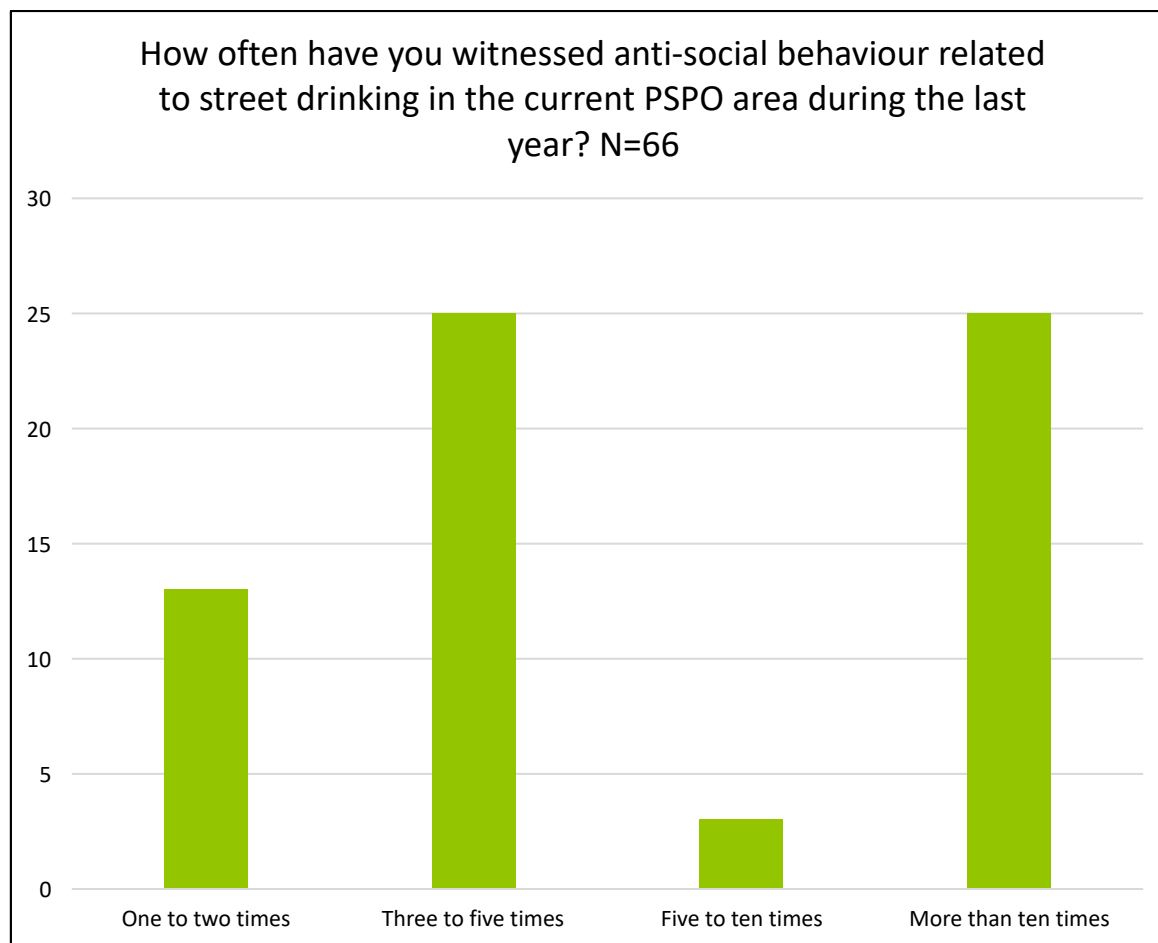
How big a problem do you feel **street drinking** is in the current PSPO area? N=121



30% of respondents felt **street drinking** in the current PSPO area was a fairly big problem, **24%** thought it was a very big problem.



53% of respondents had witnessed antisocial behaviour related to street drinking in the current PSPO area in the last year.

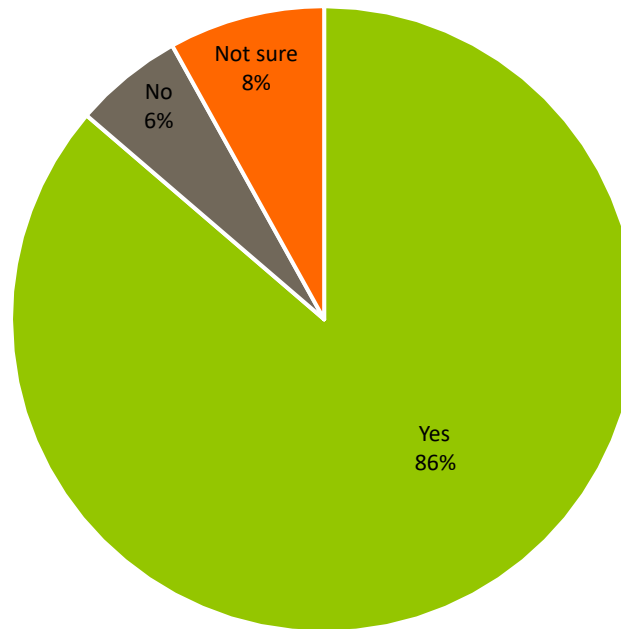


38% of respondents had witnessed antisocial behaviour related to street drinking in the current PSPO area in the last year three to five times, **38%** of respondents had witnessed it more than ten times.

Do you support the renewal of the current order?

Do you support the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order which allows the confiscation of alcohol from those who are or are likely to cause anti-social behaviour within the area outlined on the map?

N=124

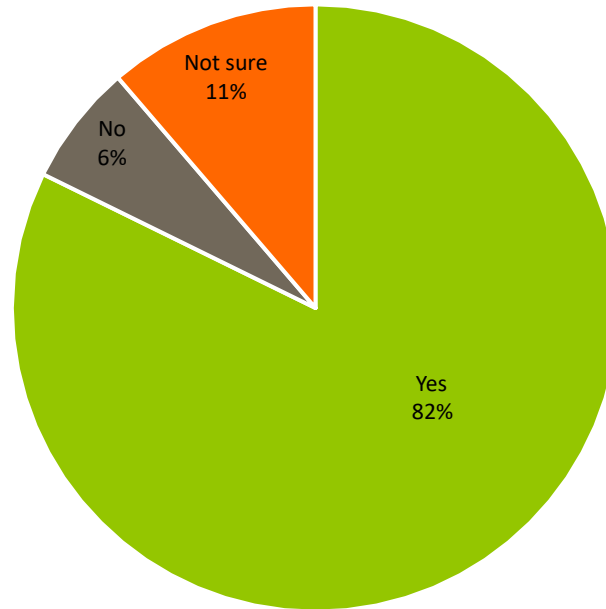


86% of respondents support the renewal of the current PSPO.

Do you support the location of the current order?

Do you support the renewal of the geographical area proposed for the Public Space Protection Order, as identified on the map?

N=124



82% of respondents support the renewal of the current geographical area of the PSPO.

Key themes identified:

- Need for more patrols from Police and Kingdom to enforce the PSPO.
- Ensure there is adequate support available for street drinkers as a complex issue.
- Parks and open spaces should be included.

Problem locations identified:

- Mitcham town centre.
- Parade of shops on Streatham Road.
- Wimbledon Village, close to the Common.

How the consultation results will be used

- The results will help provide some evidence of the current problem, which will be presented to Cabinet.
- As per the recommendations to Cabinet, if agreed, a further broader consultation will take place in the autumn with regards to the implementation of a borough wide PSPO.