

# BCP ALCOHOL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) REVIEW CONSULTATION

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## **Executive Summary**



- 221 people responded to the consultation survey
  - 102 completions online
  - o 103 completions via smartpone
  - 14 completions via tablets
  - 2 completions via paper surveys
- Most respondents were BCP residents with half living in Bournemouth.
   See a full demographic breakdown in Appendix 1
- Most respondents said they agree with the proposal to extend the Alcohol PSPO for a further 3 years
- Most respondents said they consider drinking alcohol to be a problem within the public areas defined by the map, especially those living in Bournemouth. The map can be viewed in <u>Appendix 3</u>
- Respondents felt alcohol-related anti-social behaviour (ASB) has a negative effect on the local area due to intimidating behaviour, littering and the unrest it causes socially
- Respondents felt alcohol-related ASB has a negative effect on the local economy including shops, restaurants and tourism as a whole



- Respondents felt that it was mainly the homeless, people being treated in local "wet clinics" and drug rehabilitation centres, and younger people that were responsible for drinking in public places and committing anti-social behaviour
- Respondents felt not enough is being done to enforce the PSPO which means the alcohol-related ASB continues despite the implementation of the PSPO
- The majority of the alcohol-related ASB flagged by respondents was said to have taken place in Bournemouth, particularly Bournemouth Square and the lower/upper Bournemouth gardens. Other areas included Ashley Cross, Ashley Road, Poole Quay, Winton, Christchurch and Boscombe
- Respondents considered families, women and children to be the most negatively affected by alcohol-related ASB
- Respondents said they have experienced multiple incidents of alcoholrelated ASB including being shouted at, threatened, littering and drug taking
- A full list of all comments made in the consultation survey can be found in <u>Appendix 2</u>

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## 1 Introduction and background

BCP Council asked residents, service users, community groups, Town and Parish Councils, businesses, and partner organisations to have their say on a consultation to review the BCP Alcohol Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) that came into force in 2021.

The consultation ran from 12 January until midnight on 12 February 2024.

#### 1.1 What is a PSPO?

The Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to tackle a wide range of anti-social behaviour issues. The Act gives councils the authority to draft and implement PSPOs in response to particular issues affecting the quality of life of those in their communities.

PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are intended to help ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. The legal tests focus on the impact that anti-social behaviour is having on victims and communities.

The Legal Test for the making of a Public Spaces Protection Order is set out in Section 59 of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which is set out below,

- (1) A local authority may make a public spaces protection order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met.
- (2) The first condition is that:
- (a) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- (b) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.
- (3) The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities:
- (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, 2
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

In summary the conditions that must be met for an introduction of a PSPO are:

#### **First Condition**

The activities carried on in a public place within the Council area has had, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.

**AND** 

#### **Second Condition**

- The activity/activities is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature;
- is, or is likely to be, unreasonable; and
- justifies the restrictions imposed.

The maximum duration of a PSPO is 3 years, the Council can at any time prior to the expiry of the Order extend it for a further 3 years, if we consider it is necessary to prevent the original behaviour from occurring or recurring. The Council has to undertake further consultation with the local police, Police and Crime Commissioner and any other community representatives before an Order can be extended.

A review and analysis of data relating to the impact of street drinking and alcohol related ASB on the community was undertaken before the consultation took place. The results of which are set out <a href="here">here</a>.

The main aim of the PSPO is to provide authorised officers with a tool which enables them to proactively tackle those consuming alcohol and acting in an anti-social manner in public open spaces. For many areas this can present in a very visible form of ASBs which are of a significant concern to members of the public.

In order to prevent any confusion, it should be noted that a PSPO **is not an alcohol ban** and it does not make it an offence to drink alcohol in the area covered by the Order. However, it is an offence to fail to comply with a request from an authorised officer to cease drinking or surrender alcohol in the area covered by the Order, if the individual is or is likely to have a detrimental impact on others in the locality. If alcohol is confiscated, it can be disposed of by the person who confiscates it and the individual can be required to leave the area for a period up to a maximum of 48 hours.

PSPOs are a tool to deal with both young people and adults causing alcohol related ASB, however, the police already have existing powers to deal with those consuming alcohol underage.

With regards to licensed premises, a PSPO cannot be used to restrict the consumption of alcohol where the premises or its curtilage (a beer garden or pavement seating area) is licensed for the supply of alcohol (other than council-operated licenced premises). There are also limitations where a temporary event notice has been given under <a href="Part 5">Part 5</a> of the Licensing Act 2003, or where the sale 3 or

consumption of alcohol is permitted by virtue of permission granted under section <u>115E of the Highways Act 1980</u>. This is because the licensing system already includes safeguards against premises becoming centres for ASB.

#### 1.2 Why did the consultation take place?

In 2021, following harmonisation of BCP councils' approach to dealing with street based ASB and following a <u>public consultation</u>, a PSPO was introduced on 1st July 2021 across identified areas in BCP to deal with alcohol related ASB. The PSPO is due to expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and, prior to the PSPO's end date, the Council needed to undertake a consultation to determine if the PSPO should be extended, varied or revoked. The Council is also obliged to consult with the local Chief Officer of Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, owners or occupiers of land within the affected area where reasonably practicable, appropriate community representatives and the general public.

#### 1.3 The Proposals

When the original PSPO was considered, a range of information was collated and analysed which identified areas that met the legal threshold for the introduction of the Order.

A further range of information has been collated to review the current Order to determine if the Order should be extended, varied or revoked. You can read the evidence document here.

This information included Dorset police data about alcohol related ASB and crime, statistics from the Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSAS) around confiscation of alcohol and incidents they have dealt with, and action taken by the Anti-social Behaviour Team. Along with anecdotal information from other internal departments such as our Parks and Open Spaces Team about some of the issues they deal with.

From the information collated, some of the individuals identified as being involved in alcohol-related street ASB, have been transient across the BCP area. There is evidence of them causing alcohol related ASB in different public places in different locations. Therefore, the considerations of the original PSPO and the areas covered, which cross over ward boundaries to deal with the possibility of displacement are justified. This enables Enforcement Officers to be clear about the exact area covered by PSPO.

Although PSPOs are made by the Council, a multi-agency approach is taken to enforcement. Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) can enforce the restrictions and requirements, as are other groups the Council designate including Council officers accredited under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officers.

Should the PSPO be extended for a further 3 years, enforcement would continue to be addressed by Police Officers, PCSOs, CSAS and ASB officers who have delegated powers to enforce PSPOs in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Officers follow an escalation process when dealing with ASB and will in the first instance offer support and guidance but where necessary, formal warnings about behaviour will be given. Officers will also make appropriate referrals to support agencies for homelessness, mental health outreach and addiction support.

Should an individual continue to come to notice for causing, or likely to cause, ASB officers will take the necessary action to prevent the behaviour. Police and Council Officers work in partnership and will gather evidence and information that can be dealt with swiftly by the ASB team.

#### Recommendation

Assessment of the information and evidence collated has established that it is recommended the PSPO be extended for a further 3 years as it is considered necessary to prevent the original behaviour from occurring or recurring.

It is recommended no changes are made to the PSPO or areas covered by it. The Order will remain as originally worded as set out below and will cover the original areas highlighted in yellow on the PSPO area map:

#### 1. Identified activities:

• Consuming alcohol and behaving in a manner that is causing or is likely to cause nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to another person.

#### 2. Restrictions placed on you:

 No person, without a reasonable excuse, shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or surrender any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by a Police Constable or Authorised Person.

#### 3. Requirement placed on you:

 If a Police Constable or Authorised Person reasonably believes that you have acted, or likely to act, contrary to the restrictions placed upon you by this Order, you must leave the designated area or specified location forthwith and not return within a specified period up to a maximum of 48 hours when instructed to do so by a Police Constable or Authorised Person.

The Council requires that you terminate the activities described in Section 1 and comply with requirements 2 and 3 if requested to do so within the restricted area detailed in yellow on the map below.

Failure to comply with this Order is an offence and you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecuted through the Courts.

#### 1.4 Methodology

The consultation was hosted on the BCP <u>Consultation HQ</u> platform and was promoted through various channels including:

- BCP Council Press release
- Details of online consultation rates can be found in the <u>Engagement HQ</u>
   Analytics section
- E-newsletters
- Social media posts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) by BCP Council
- Emails to key stakeholders
- News articles
- A full breakdown of the communications activity for the domestic abuse surveys can be found in the <u>Communications Report</u>.

The main project page was hosted from the council's Consultation HQ Platform along with a brief description of the project:

haveyoursay.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/alcohol-pspo-review.

The consultation was designed in Consultation HQ (consultation platform software). The online responses were downloaded from the sofware for analysis. The data was checked and verified in preparation for analysis and held in the Insight Team's secure area.

The online survey was designed in 'Snap' (survey design software). The online responses were downloaded into Snap for analysis. The data was checked and verified in preparation for analysis and held in the BCP Council Insight Team's secure area. Quantitative analysis was carried out using Snap to identify the frequencies for each question.

The write in (qualitative) responses were exported into Excel and coded into categories. Qualitative research does not seek to quantify data, instead, its purpose is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact and many researchers therefore believe that numbers should not be included in reporting. The numbers of people mentioning the most prevalent codes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. Importantly, however, given the nature of the data, this does not provide an indication of significance or salience in relation to the question asked.

#### 1.5 Support

If respondents had any questions or needed the survey in a different format, they could contact the Anti-social Behaviour Team: <a href="mailto:asbteam@bcpcouncil.gov.uk">asbteam@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</a>.

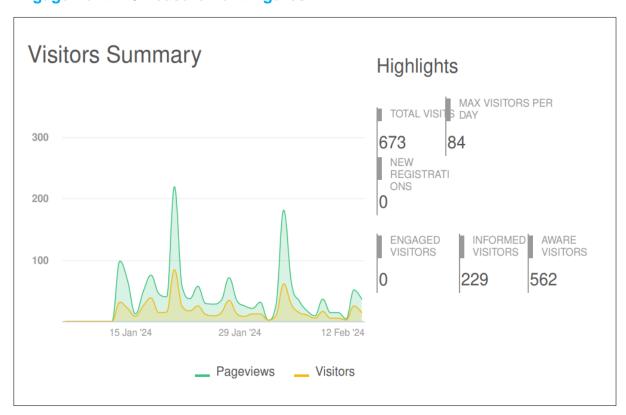
They could also download a copy of the paper surveys and read the <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u> on the main consultation page: haveyoursay.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/alcohol-pspo-review.

## 2 Engagement HQ Analytics

This section shows the consultation figures for each of the three surveys. The consultation was hosted on the council's consultation platform Engagement HQ.

There were 673 visits to the <u>consultation page</u> with 562 **aware visitors** (i.e. a visitor who has made at least one single visit to the webpage) and 229 **informed visitors** (i.e. a visitor who has taken the 'next step' from being aware and clicked on something).

#### **Engagement HQ Measurement Figures**



Visitors engaged with the content on the main consultation page as follows:

- 213 visitors downloaded documents 278 times, including:
  - 236 downloads of the <u>Information Document</u>

- 24 downloads of the <u>paper survey</u>
- o 16 downloads of the evidence document
- o 3 downloads of the signed 2021 PSPO

The majority of visitors to the consultation page came via Facebook (202 visits) and BCP Council (114 visits) websites. A full breakdown of the site referrals can be seen below:

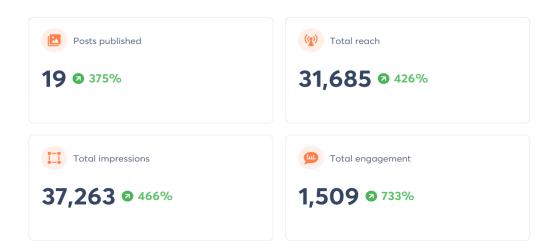
#### TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk	114
m.facebook.com	89
Im.facebook.com	77
t.co	44
I.facebook.com	36
www.google.com	21
linktr.ee	16
online1.snapsurveys.com	14
www.linkedin.com	6
app.agorapulse.com	5
android-app	3
www.google.co.uk	3
www.bing.com	2
www.christchurchbid.co.uk	2
Inkd.in	1

## **3 Communications Report**

Below is a breakdown of the communications activity carried out by BCP Council to promote the Victim/Survivor and General Public surveys as widely as possible.

Over 31,000 people viewed the content across all the social media posts we used to promote the consultation. The posts were displayed 37,263 times while over 1,500 people engaged with the social media posts directly.

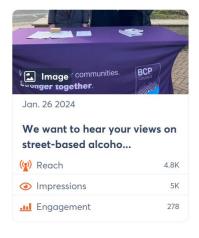


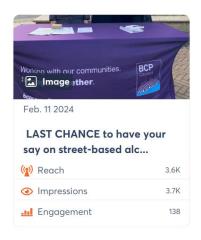
There was a total of 1,509 interactions across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter). Below are the consultation figures for each platform:



Below are the best performing social media posts based on reach<sup>1</sup>, impressions<sup>2</sup> and engagement:

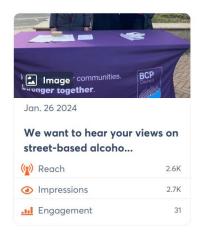


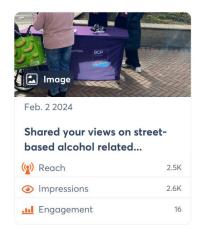


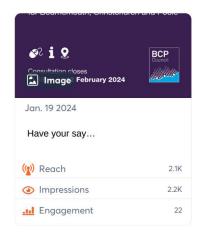


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The total number of people who see the post.

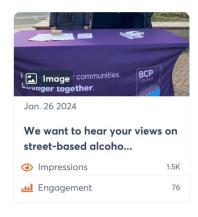
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The number of times your content is displayed, no matter if it was clicked or not.

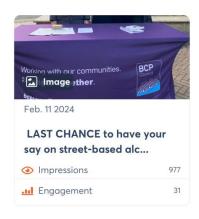


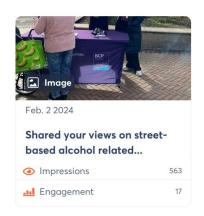




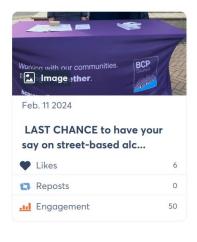
Below are the best performing social media posts based on impressions and engagement:



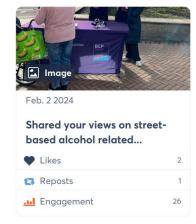




Below are the best performing social media posts based on likes, reposts and consultation:







## 4 Analysis and results

A total of 221 people responded to the consultation surveys.

The report has been split into three main sections to report the findings for each survey. Please see the <u>Engagement HQ Analytics</u> section for additional information on the levels of consultation with the surveys.

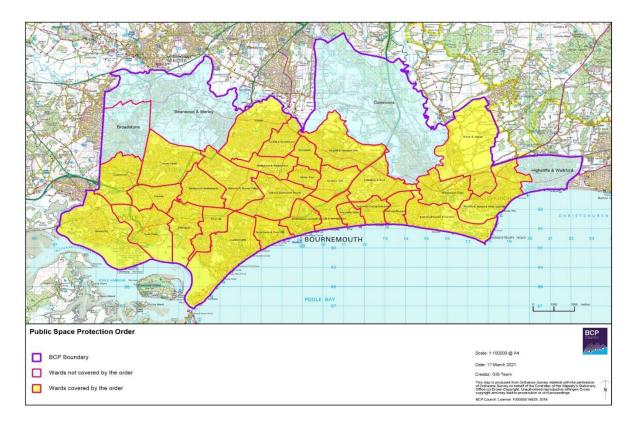
Figures in this report are presented as a percentage of people who answered the question i.e. excluding 'don't know', 'not applicable' and 'no reply', unless otherwise stated.

Only differences that are statistically significant are shown in the report. If the results are significant but at a low level (30 or less respondents), we will identify these with an asterix (\*) next to the relevant figure.

Please note that where numbers have been provided for the most prevalent codes to open-ended questions in this report, this is to give an indication of the magnitude of response rather than an indication of significance or salience in relation to the question asked.

#### 4.1 PSPO Area

Below is a map of the PSPO Area respondents were asked to refer to before answering the questions:



The PSPO applies to the following wards:

- Alderney and Bourne Valley
- Boscombe East & Pokesdown
- Boscombe West
- Bournemouth Central
- Burton & Grange
- Canford Cliffs
- Canford Heath
- Christchurch Town
- Creekmoor
- East Southbourne & Tuckton
- Eastcliff & Springbourne
- Hamworthy
- Kinson
- Littledown & Iford
- Moordown

- Muscliff & Strouden Park
- Newtown & Heatherlands
- Oakdale
- Parkstone
- Penn Hill
- Poole Town
- Queens Park
- Redhill & Northbourne
- Stanpit &West Highcliffe
- Talbot & Branksome Woods
- Wallisdown & Winton West
- West Southbourne
- Westbourne & West Cliff
- Winton East

Broadstone, Bearwood and Merley, Commons and Highcliffe and Walkford are missing from the list because there was insufficient evidence to meet thresholds to justify recommending the Order to cover these wards.

A larger version of the map can be found in Appendix 2.

# Q3. Do you consider drinking alcohol to be a problem within the public areas defined by the map?

Almost nine-tenths of respondents said they consider drinking alcohol to be a problem within the public areas defined by the map (88%), while over a tenth said they do not consider drinking alcohol to be a problem within the public areas defined by the map (12%).

Response	%
Yes	88
No	12

Base: 197 respondents.

Respondents living in **Bournemouth** (54%) and **Poole** (35%) were more likely to consider drinking alcohol to be a problem within the public areas defined by the map.

#### Q3a. If 'yes', please explain the reasons for your answer.



155 comments

155 respondents answered this question. The key points to emerge from the comments were:

- Alcohol consumption causes ASB including threatening behaviour, fighting, shouting, begging, letting off fireworks, urinating in public places and disrupting businesses
- Respondents feel unsafe when this behaviour is taking place which prevents them from entering, and enjoying, certain areas across BCP and using public transport
- Alcohol consumption in public areas like streets, the beach, in residential areas, and outside shops causes a nuisance
- Littering by people consuming alcohol in public spaces and not respecting those spaces appropriately
- Respondents have witnessed drinkers disguising alcoholic drinks as nonalcoholic drinks
- Alcohol consumption has a negative impact of on the local area due to intimidating behaviour, littering and the unrest it creates socially
- Alcohol consumption has a negative impact on the local economy including shops, restaurants and tourism as a whole
- Facilities like park benches and seating at bus stops are not available to be used for their intended purpose because of alcohol/drugs being consumed in those places
- Not enough is being done to enforce the PSPO. Some respondents felt that there was virtually no police or regulation in the areas to ensure the enforcement of the PSPO took place
- Majority of the problems respondents flagged were said to have taken place in Bournemouth, particularly Bournemouth Square and the lower/upper Bournemouth gardens. Other areas included Ashley Cross, Ashley Road, Poole Quay, Winton, Christchurch and Boscombe
- Respondents felt that it was mainly the homeless, people being treated in local "wet clinics"<sup>3</sup> and drug rehabilitation centres, and younger people that were responsible for drinking in public places and committing ASB
- Respondents considered families, women and children to be the most negatively affected by ASB caused by drinking alcohol.

A full list of all the comments for this question can be found in Appendix 2.

# Q4. Has this type of behaviour had a negative impact on your enjoyment of the public areas defined by the map?

More than four-fifths of respondents said this type of behaviour had a negative impact on their enjoyment of the public areas public areas defined by the map (85%), while over a tenth said this type of behaviour did not have a negative impact on their enjoyment of the public areas defined by the map (15%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Centres where people can access health care and support without the need to stop drinking and are able to have alcohol on site.

Response	%
Yes	85
No	15

Base: 210 respondents.

Respondents living in **Bournemouth** (54%) and **Poole** (36%) were more likely to say this type of behaviour had a negative impact on their enjoyment of the public areas public areas defined by the map.

#### Q4a. If 'yes', please explain the reasons for your answer.



156 comments

156 respondents answered this question. The key points to emerge from the comments were:

- Respondents said they avoid certain places due to the fear created by people drinking in the streets and the ASB they witness as a result. Some places they have had to adopt avoiding behaviours in are Bournemouth Square, Bournemouth gardens, Old Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Ashley Cross, Winton and Westbourne cliffs
- Respondents have experienced multiple incidents of ASB including being shouted at, threatened, littering and drug taking
- Respondents said they have had to shield their children from inappropriate behaviour by drunk people in public places
- Respondents said this behaviour makes them feel negative towards the area, fearful and less comfortable bringing their children to affected areas.

A full list of all the comments for this question can be found in Appendix 2.

#### Q5. Has this type of behaviour changed over the past 3 years?

Three-fifths of respondents said this type of behaviour had worsened over the past 3 years (60%), while almost a third said this type of behaviour had stayed the same (30%). A tenth said this type of behaviour had improved (10%).

Response	%
Improved	10
Stayed the same	30
Worsened	60

Base: 192 respondents.

Respondents living in **Bournemouth** (59%) and **Poole** (27%) were more likely to say this type of behaviour had worsened over the past 3 years.

#### 4.2 Proposal

# Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to extend the Alcohol PSPO for a further 3 years?

Almost nine-tenths of respondents said they agree with the proposal to extend the Alcohol PSPO for a further 3 years (88%), while almost a tenth said they disagree with the proposal (30%). Less than a tenth said they neither agree nor disagree with the proposal to extend the Alcohol PSPO for a further 3 years (10%).

Response	%
Agree	88
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	9

Base: 216 respondents.

# Q6a. If you said 'Strongly disagree' or 'Disagree', please explain the reasons for your answer.



11 comments

11 respondents answered this question. The key reasons respondents disagreed with the proposal to extend the Alcohol PSPO for a further 3 years were:

- No ASB has been witnessed before or after the original PSPO was implemented
- The ASB problem has worsened since the original PSPO was implemented so some respondents did not see why it should be extended if it does not work
- The drug problem in BCP is a greater priority to tackle, particularly the use of cannabis and cocaine. Some respondents called for a drug PSPO to be implemented.
- People should be able to carry the alcohol they have bought instead of having it confiscated
- The restrictions are excessively harsh and severe
- The area covered is too broad and not specific enough
- Some respondents expressed concerns about the consultation biasing older people over young people
- Some respondents expressed concerns about the consultation just paying lip service to the problem, rather than bringing about real change for the better of BCP's communities.

A full list of all the comments for this question can be found in Appendix 2.

#### 4.3 Equalities and Human Rights

BCP Council has a duty to take into account the impact of their decisions on human rights and protected groups (age, disability, sex/gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy, maternity, race religion or belief, and sexual orientation) as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

Q7. Are there any positive or negative impacts of this proposal that you believe that BCP Council should take into account in relation to equalities or human rights? If so, are you able to provide any supporting information and suggest any ways in which the organisations could reduce or remove any potential negative impacts and increase any positive impacts?



122 comments

122 respondents answered this question. The key points to emerge from the comments were:

- Age characteristic Some respondents felt:
  - PSPOs were used to harass young people who are not causing problems
  - underage drinking should be tackled and large groups of youths who are drinking should be more closely monitored
  - o young children should not be exposed to ASB
  - BCP Council may be exhibiting ageism by using survey techniques that favour older people
- <u>Disability characteristic</u> Some respondents felt:
  - disabled people are more vulnerable to attacks by anyone including people who are drunk
  - disabled people are threatened by drunks behaving aggressively if they have to go near them or to get past them
- Sex characteristic Some respondents felt:
  - Adult and younger women feel more intimidated by ASB and avoid certain problem areas
  - Women are more vulnerable to domestic violence arising out of excessive drinking
  - Men are more susceptible to drinking excessively and intimidating women
  - Tackling alcohol-related ASB will make women and girls feel safer and will likely help all those who are potential victims of hate crimes or incidents

- Sexual orientation characteristic Some respondents felt:
  - Homosexual/trans people are more vulnerable to attacks by people who are drunk
  - Gay men are more vulnerable to domestic violence arising out of excessive drinking
- Respondents felt it was important to consider the rights of the rest of society who have been impacted by those drinking in public and their ASB
- Respondents felt it was vital for police to enforce the restrictions of the PSPO
  more effectively so that ASB is prevented fully. Currently, they feel the rules of
  the Order are ignored by those drinking and taking drugs in public leading to
  ASB which, in turn, violates their rights and their ability to live a free life in
  safety
- Respondents felt the rights of non-drinkers should be taken into account.

A full list of all the comments for this question can be found in Appendix 2.

# 5 Appendix 1 – Respondent profile

The equalities profile is shown below. Counts, and not percentages, are shown due to the small sample size.

Equalities	Group	Number
	16 - 24 years	3
	25 - 34 years	14
	35 - 44 years	32
Age	45 - 54 years	39
	55 - 64 years	50
	65 - 74 years	38
	75 - 84 years	24
	Prefer not to say	18
	Female	87
Gender	Male	105
	Prefer not to say	25
Gender the same as	Yes	176
sex registered at	No	3
birth?	Prefer not to say	34
	Straight / Heterosexual	147
Sexual orientation	All other sexual orientations	17
	Prefer not to say	47
	Yes - limited a lot/a little	59
Disability No No		127
	Prefer not to say	30
_	White English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	167
		20
	Prefer not to say	27
	No religion	78
ex registered at birth?  Prefer not to say  Straight / Heterosexual  All other sexual orientations  Prefer not to say  Yes - limited a lot/a little  No  Prefer not to say  White English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British  BME	93	
Religion	All other religions	5
	Prefer not to say	37
_ ,	Yes	3
Pregnancy/maternity last 12 months	No	183
1431 14 1110111115	Prefer not to say	28
Marriago/Civil	Married	106
Marriage/Civil partnership	Never married and never registered a civil partnership status	36

	Divorced	13
	Widowed	8
	In a registered civil partnership	6
	Separated, but still legally married	1
	Separated, but still legally in a civil partnership	1
	Prefer not to say	42
Armed Forces	Yes, previously served in Regular or Reserve Armed Forces	9
Affiled Forces	No	177
	Prefer not to say	27
	BCP resident	207
	Bournemouth resident	102
	Christchurch resident	22
	Poole resident	77
Respondent Type	Someone who works in BCP	50
	Business/Organisation	8
	A visitor to BCP	6
	Other	4
	Prefer not to say	1

# 6 Appendix 2 - Verbatim comments

Below is a full list of comments for all the open-ended questions asked in the survey. Responses to these questions have been summarised above in the <u>Analysis and Results</u> section.

Q3a. If 'yes', please explain the reasons for your answer.



155 comments

"Yes, street drinking is an ongoing problem and a PSPO makes it clear to people they should drink responsibly."

"ASB fuelled by alcohol in all areas listed."

"Multiple alcohol licences within the area."

"Street drinking is a common problem."

"There is a constant presence of open alcohol being consumed and not addressed."

"Often see people drinking and causing ASB."

"Drunken begging and aggression in my local high street."

"Alcohol consumption is a problem within Bournemouth town centre and local surrounding areas. There are off licences licenced to sell alcohol to 3.00 am. Groups consuming alcohol on the streets cause noise. disturbance and fear. The existing Public Space Protection Orders are a complete waste of time. The areas surrounding the town centre are not policed."

"Too many street drinkers."

"Alcohol causes behaviour that causes alarm and distress. I have been victim of this."

"Eastcliff and Springbourne has lots of street drinkers, all congregate by the Asda Express on Holdenhurst Road and Asda (St Paul's roundabout). Lots of ASB, reported several times, really bad in the summer months and over by the train station."

"Rubbish thrown on the floor. Bottles cans and takeaways. Drinking on benches that are to be enjoyed by everyone. I wouldn't sit next to a drunk person but I would a sober person. They sit and drink in bus shelters stopping elderly people from resting. They sit outside schools which gives the wrong impression they slump in shop doorways. I don't want my grandchildren to witness this or have to explain."

"Heckford park, Wimborne Road continued issues with anti social behaviour, drug dealing and alcohol consumption. Reported constantly. No police presence even though 1 minute from police station."

"Same people same place every day nothing ever done."

"Makes the area a no-go area."

"Alcohol abuse [leads] to ASB."

"Seems more visible in Wallisdown crossroads area."

"People constancy drinking near train station, Asda, down Holdenhurst road."

"Antisocial behaviour is increased by alcohol."

"Nuisance behaviour, shouting, approaching people for money, fighting, littering and using public streets as toilets."

"Drinkers and beggars in the Christchurch Road area of Boscombe move from bench to bus stop daily. Same set of people who fall all over the pavement and are rarely, never moved on."

"People drunk on the streets is quite intimidating."

"Alcohol consumption in public places can often lead to ASB and there are plenty of places such as pubs, cafes, restaurants where alcohol can be consumed in a more suitable environment."

"Often found in playgrounds and public parks."

"I consider drinking alcohol in public away from licensed premises to be a problem. Litter is left, health is damaged, violent crime is committed, theft is committed to fund alcohol, including shoplifting because it is so easy, public transport is discouraged by fighting at Poole Bus Station and begging at bus stops. Domestic violence and family breakup is exasperated. Unemployment and idleness are caused by people unemployable through street drinking. Businesses suffer from shoplifting by alcoholics. People who have come to BCP area for rehab are enticed back to drinking by street drinkers. Children are neglected by fathers who prefer drinking to caring for them. Worst, the benches needed for everyone including elderly and disabled to make journeys on foot or by public transport have been removed because of street drinking."

"It contributes to acts of ASB, littering and road accidents."

"Not only excessive noise and inappropriate behaviour but drug use should be considered too in a public area e.g., Lower gardens and beach. I don't want young children to be exposed to the sight of drunken behaviour or the smell of cannabis."

"Prior to the order being placed in 2021, there was a problem since this prohibition has been in place it has reduced this issue."

"Lots of outlets, bars and pubs and parks where alcohol consumption happens regularly and frequently and where it has got/ is getting out of hand often and can be seen by people not involved."

"Broken glass bottles, litter, urine in streets/car parks, aggressive behaviour when drunk."

"Regularly see individuals in Bournemouth town centre and surrounding areas under the influence of alcohol, causing problems, congregating and drinking."

"Not a good advert for the BCP area."

"I regularly see street drinkers occupy bus stops in Winton and areas around Bournemouth. I have noticed that elderly people do not seem to feel comfortable around them and will instead walk on to another bus stop or stand a distance away from the bench and wait for the bus to come before moving into the bus stop area. I have also seen arguments, collapsed people and fights. I am a regular visitor to these areas and recognise the same people regularly."

"Certain areas are worrying for some people to access when there are obviously drunk people in those areas."

"Occasionally unsocial behaviour observed."

"I live in Boscombe and see people drinking in the street on a daily basis."

"I work in Bournemouth, I have no issue with people enjoying there nights out at all. I do take objection to groups of homeless people with a drink and drug issue drinking in groups and being loud and rude. I have witnessed them throwing coins at passers-by on [the opposite] street. I work in Albert Road, these people actually sit in our doorways and take crack. BID do nothing I am afraid to say and the entire town is a mess. As The Ivy I am sure have already told you. A few fairy lights and the trees yet at Christmas again are not making Bournemouth a nice place. This is going to get worse in the summer as they come in from other areas for a holiday. I am not [disrespecting] homeless people as it can happen to any of us, but the drinkers and drug takers that have no respect for the young or the elderly need to be moved on."

"Homeless people throughout the town centre and increasingly in Winton drinking cans of super strength beer at all times of the day and night."

"Aggressive behaviour by those drinking on public streets."

"There are numerous individuals who make a nuisance of themselves, either walking about drinking or sitting in public places with alcohol and behaving in an anti-social manner."

"I have encountered a number of individuals in the area to be under the influence of alcohol and being inappropriately by either shouting or coming to close to me. This is making me feel very uncomfortable and I no longer feel safe to walk in the streets as soon as it is dark."

"I have read in the Daily Echo of problems caused by drunken people. I have also witnessed drunken people along Poole Quay and Poole High Street which makes me feel concerned for others."

"Bournemouth Square, Gardens and surrounding street are not pleasant places to visit at any time of the day or evening. My wife and I used to regularly enjoy a stroll through the gardens but not now because of too many drunks and aggressive beggars. To be avoided at all times."

"Adolescents drinking in the children's play area at Branksome Rec can be a constant problem/noise pollution."

"There have been assaults in Christchurch in the locality of drinking establishments."

"Breeds ASB within communities due to quantities of alcohol consumed in public."

"Every time I head into Bournemouth centre, Boscombe centre or Woodland and Fisherman's walk am faced with people drinking and intimidating behaviour."

"Purewell Cross cemetery, alcoholic meeting zone."

"Drunk people on street corners."

Find the behaviour of some individuals in Bournemouth town/gardens unpleasant and intimidating, similarly on occasions in Ashley Cross in the evening.

There are often groups of people sat drinking in various places I walk past/through including in the past outside a nursery.

Drunkenness and bad behaviour.

There can be a problem when pubs close and drunk people leave.

Drinking & the smoking of cannabis is prolific in the multi storey carpark in Christchurch.

Urine and defecation and graffiti in my street.

Street homeless drinking during the cause a nuisance and put people off using the shops and businesses.

Drinking on street benches.

"Winton is really bad."

Alcohol-induced behaviours I have witnessed.

I witness it when I drive and walk through Bournemouth, Charminster, Winton and Westbourne. Often it is associated with aggressive begging. I witness it on Bournemouth Beach especially at Durley Chine where people also take drugs, build fires and let off fireworks.

People congregating in public places in daytime drunk.

Having served as a probation officer for 24 years in Poole, I am only too well aware of the negative contribution alcohol has on the levels of violence evident on the streets of the conurbation.

Alcoholics still turn up in The Square, drink at bus-stops (St Peter's Roundabout - South side), frequent the streets.

It is difficult to find a time when we do not see drunk people sitting/slumped in Poole especially in the Quay area where tourists are trying to enjoy our town. It is a very poor image which is embarrassing for residents.

Too many pubs and wine bars in Ashley Cross area leading to unacceptable alcohol related behaviour in the night to our properties nearby and shops surrounding. Grooves on the Green is not a community event but a money-making event for them. A tiny proportion is [donated] to charity, just £1 of the entry fee they make a lot of money.

Commonly seen in the town centres and suburban high streets. Not only drinking alcohol either. In the last few years you can barely go anywhere in the conurbation without inhaling a stench of cannabis.

I often encounter drunk people.

"I have been threatened by a drunk in Moordown."

ASB as a result of alcohol consumption has significantly worsened since I have worked in Westbourne and in Bournemouth town centre.

Drunk people always around, shouting and at times fighting with each other. Creates an unsafe environment.

I have lived in the centre of Christchurch for nearly 40 years and the problem with alcohol being drunk in public areas has become increasingly worse. This is compounded by the council granting late licences to many bars and restaurants and the additional laws brought in during the pandemic is allowing bars to sell alcohol from outside the premises from pop-up bars outside.

Many pubs etc and sadly rough sleepers by Quay. Evidence walking along of discarded cans/bottles. Language and behaviour.

Behaviour in Poole bus station - from experience.

Drunken teenagers and foreign students on beach in Bournemouth gardens. Drunk homeless people. These are very intimidating to walk past.

Deter visits to Bournemouth Town Centre.

There are a lot of regular alcoholics that I see in a few of these areas that harass people passing by.

The majority are men who group together, I feel uncomfortable sometimes when walking past.

Noise, litter, behaviour, risk of deterring others from going out.

Frightening, dangerous, intimidating, unpredictable. Keeps me away from freely using areas.

Coupled with aggressive & threatening behaviour.

Urban areas are littered with the debris of drinking alcohol in public.

Drinking alcohol in public places becomes a nuisances to others as it can incite abusive language and anti social behaviour towards others. People who are intoxicated are also more likely to use the streets and pavements as a toilet whilst under the influence of alcohol.

ASB in spring/summer months deeply affects our quality of life.

Confrontational behaviour in public spaces, especially Bournemouth gardens.

Discarded cans, and associated antisocial behaviour.

Drug dealers/users drinking cans of alcohol all day by the lifeboat museum at the end of Poole Quay.

If out at night, especially in Bournemouth, can often see groups of people drinking and being anti-social - uncomfortable to walk past.

The town centre in particular is definitely suffering from the amount of people drinking heavily in the many pubs, bars etc.

Makes Bournemouth look disgusting, all the drunk sat on the wall with cans bottles of spirits, we call CSAS to move them on and seize the booze as they have the power to but never do.

Alcohol-related ASB and disorder is a big problem that needs addressing in these areas.

Often underage drinking leading to ASB.

24/7 drunk people in Bournemouth Square along with drug addicts. I see it every morning on my way out and throughout the day when walking through the Town. Beggars wanting money for drink/ drugs, they are everywhere, drink addled people. Too many hostels.

It is a big contribution to ASB including aggression abusive behaviour and litter.

Aggressive beggars, street drinkers/drug users all over the conurbation. Some areas worse than others. Bournemouth Town Centre and Boscombe known hot spots.

Too many wet clinics set up for easy money. Drug users and alcoholics allowed to roam the streets. Shut them all down!

Having people loitering in public with cans of booze is not nice - its intimidating, and a sad sight. They are often troublemakers, involved in ASB and drugs. Let them drink at home, as much as they like, but it should be banned from public spaces

especially high streets and parks, unless someone is in outdoor seating of a restaurant and no causing a nuisance."

"Bournemouth Square is a nightmare.

I meet clients at Bournemouth Library and regularly see people drinking alcohol outside as early as 9am.

Drunk people on the streets, litter in [the] form of [discarded] cans and bottles, abusive behaviour.

Yes, the homeless in the square is a absolute joke. They then go on to commit more crime, shoplifting, assaults, dirty needles being left everywhere.

Bournemouth town centre is a disgrace. Always filthy, usually drunk/drugged/homeless people hanging around. The beaches and promenade areas often have broken bottles and litter strewn around by people who are drunk. The prom areas around the beach huts usually stink of cannabis and/or urine. people tend to blame various groups, students, Eastern Europeans, homeless, illegal immigrants etc but it does not matter which groups are responsible; the police and community workers need to be more proactive in stopping unacceptable behaviour from all groups. decent people and families with small children should not have to put up with drunks and drunken behaviour.

Sadly we have many areas where people congregate drinking & leaving litter. It's often very intimidating if it's a group of men & I have to walk past them to get where I'm going. There are also many alcohol-related fights on the beaches & in the parks during the summer months.

Often seen people drinking on the street and behaving badly during the day time.

People who are unfortunate homeless seem to be drowning their sorrows or others who are simply under the influence of alcohol and out of control.

Aggressive rowdy people near my business.

Bournemouth town centre and surrounding streets are full of not very nice people causing ASB often fuelled up with alcohol.

In certain areas, not widespread across the who area defined by the map.

Ashley Road is a hotspot for street drinking and this fuels ASB witnessed many times by myself and friends. It also creates rubbish and I've seen drinkers using the bushes outside the day nursery by St Johns Square as a toilet.

Noise, feeling unsafe, being shouted at by drunk people.

I manage a store within the Bournemouth central area and find this to be a daily issue, I even had to inform CSAS officers attending the 'day of action' last week about a breach to this order on the other side of the 'square' to where they were stationed. I strongly believe that this order is not being enforced by any body. I see

daily breaches of ASB due to alcohol consumption outside my store on post office road. I haven't seen a CSAS or PCSO patrol in months on my road.

A drink is fine but there are too many who have too. Much and cause issues

The same people time and time again drinking in Saxon Square - possibly homeless, staggering around swearing and being aggressive. shouting at passers-by.... especially elderly and women with children.

#### Visible evidence.

Numerous embarrassing encounters along main thoroughfares ie Christchurch Road, Holdenhurst Road, and Charminster Road, in addition to Bournemouth town centre gardens and pagoda area. We do not venture up commercial road very often.

Often see street drinking in Bournemouth town centre, near obscura cafe, also in Boscombe and plenty of evidence of it near Kings park

I avoid problem areas. Don't want the confrontation.

Bournemouth Gardens Upper and lower

People drinking in these areas in public increase the number of serious incidents due to alcohol-induced bad behaviour

Frequently see alcohol related ASB in centre of Bournemouth

Street drinking is a [problem], causes ASB, its a drain on our police and ambulance services

Alcohol consumption often seen in these areas often by homeless people

There are drunk people hanging around abusing and intimidating people

Outside of our apartment complex on St. Peters Road is a source of drunkards frequently causing trouble, as are some other public spaces.

Its not very nice to be approach or shouted at by a drunk on the street

Yes, especially along the seafront and open public spaces such as harbour side park

You often see people drinking and drunk in the middle of the day

Visibility of those who are intoxicated by either alcohol or drugs, and behavioural issues

I do not want to see drunks when I walk through the town, it makes me feel uncomfortable and anxious.

Everywhere you seem to go there are either drug or alcohol induced individuals, groups or beggars about.

Bournemouth Square, Gardens, Lansdowne, Boscombe, beach at times

Old Christchurch Road and Lansdown feel very dangerous. In Bournemouth Square and Lower Gardens the atmosphere is sometimes intimidating during the daytime and worse at night

People drinking around the beach huts causing public nuisance

Daily encounters with drunk individuals during the day, evidence of in local parks, empty alcohol cans and bottles littered throughout Parkstone

Drunks roaming town centre in evening, threatening behaviour, puts off visitors and makes use of public transport and facilities feel unsafe. Especially women.

Large numbers of obviously drunk people causing problems around areas of high public use such as Poole Bus Station and the BIC

Boscombe in particular. No enforcement. It's also obvious perpetrators disguise carrying their alcohol in other ways- Coca Cola bottles etc.

Bournemouth town centre feels unsafe

See people walking around drinking out of tins and bottles and find it intimidating

Many open alcohol and drug use in Bournemouth garden areas as well as Christchurch park areas. With ASB from youngsters

Town centres and certain areas where people seem to constantly seem to congregate with their bottles of Cider etc

Lots of street drinking, begging and other ASB.

Harassment for money street begging violence and drunks on the beach

Bournemouth town centre and the high streets (especially Poole and Christchurch) is badly affected by drinking in public

I have personally witnessed fights as a direct consequence of drinking in the streets and on the beachfront

There always people drinking in public areas, if challenged by authority just move somewhere else or put their alcohol in different non-alcoholic bottle which I have seen happening,

Alcohol and underage drinkers is a problem in Sandbanks. It would be a shame to Tesco sandbanks because of these out-of-control youths

Poole and Bournemouth town centres absolutely ruined by this issue.

Anti social behaviour, begging, sleeping rough with bottles, alcoholic bottles discarded in parks, playgrounds

Noisy and urinating in Fisherman's Road, Poole

It's a tourist destination and looks like a cesspit. The Lower Gardens especially are spoilt by drinkers during the summer.

People are walking through the streets of BCP, notably Bournemouth Square and Beales Place. Leads to aggressive behaviour, and terrible for families etc

So many drunks

Drinking in public places can lead to anti-social and intimidating behaviour, and can lead to alcohol-related litter.

It is rife throughout Bournemouth

At times groups of people drinking alcohol (while sat on benches/walls/ on the ground) have been known to intimidate passers by. The areas where the groups sit are often strewn with litter/cans/cartons etc. Often the groups fight, swear, and cause a nuisance.

Q4a. If 'yes', please explain the reasons for your answer.



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"Yes, street drinkers in Bournemouth Town Centre are a big problem. We need to be tougher on this kind of ASB

Noise, rowdy behaviour and large groups

Roudy, anti social Behaviour make me feel unsafe to go out

Shopping in Winton

It makes you feel uncomfortable and intimidated and you feel uncertain what will happen

Cause alarm and distress

I no longer visit Bournemouth Square and Boscombe due to anti-social drunks and druggies

Noise, disturbance, fear to go out at night

Road rage incident January 2024

Don't feel safe in those areas, had guests from my B & B complain about the ASB and street drinkers. Lots of shoplifting to feed their habits.

Explained above. To add its seasonal... when the weather improves they will be back out making the public feel uncomfortable. Parks and shared space is supposed to be safe and welcoming

We have had to call ambulances, pick up smashed bottles, cans, remove drunk people from our front garden.

#### Drunk vile people sweating vomiting

#### Feel unsafe

More people involved near King's Arms

It's intimidating and I don't like walking in these spaces where I should feel safe.

#### Antisocial behaviour

Can't get past them some days, swearing and making comments, unacceptable when you have a child with you.

#### Loud and unruly behaviour

Anti social behaviour in Bournemouth Square and gardens has led to disturbing and aggravated behaviour on a number of occasions whilst we have been walking through these places during the evening

Foul language urinating + in nearby shrubs etc

As above. At the cliffs in Westbourne many benches have been removed because of street drinking which are needed for people to walk here with small children or mobility issues. In Poole Bus Station I have seen numerous punch ups. At Bournemouth Square I have seen drunks carousing in the bus shelters with wine and spirits bottles being noisy and intimidating. In one of the chines I have been lunged at by a drunken old man waving a bottle. In Beales Place on Old Christchurch Road I hardly ever walk here in the day without hearing loud drunken rattling from people shouting, probably because they are drunk and waiting to buy heroin. On the M1 bus route from Ashley Cross to Bournemouth Courts I saw numerous people drinking in bus shelters which is very intimidating for people waiting there. Please remove the requirement to prove that they might become antisocial for removing alcohol at bus stops. Simply street drinking at a public transport stop is anti-social in itself.

Drunkenness of individuals in the street, littering and anti-social acts.

Having to shield young children from the inappropriate behaviour. Loud shouting disturbing me at home too.

In some areas it can be a little off-putting/intimidating. Every weekend there are large groups that congregate at the Bus stops playing music from speakers, sitting at the bus stand and neat by walls, putting cans in hedges and littering in people's front gardens. I've even seen a presumably drunk person urinate on someone's hedge/wall whilst waiting for the bus on Wimborne Road.

As per my answer above the prohibition has limited the negative impact.

Especially late evening when walking anywhere near parks or through quieter high streets

Verbal abuse. Abuse

I try to avoid Bournemouth town centre and areas around St Pauls roundabout especially around Asda. People have been abusive to me before, constantly begging and asking for money and if feel vulnerable and intimidated by these individuals especially when congregating in groups

Can make you feel vulnerable

They can be noisy and aggressive, even if they are not having groups of drinkers around bus stops that I walk past is not comfortable and I now tend to avoid those areas

I won't access these areas if there are threats of drunk people

Drinkers appear aggressive

I feel unsafe at times where out door drinking is taking place.

As above if you are sat in Creams do you want to see 7 crack heads whilst eating an ice cream with your child.

Homeless people throughout the town centre and increasingly in Winton drinking cans of super strength beer at all times of the day and night means that it feels unsafe for me and my family

I find it offensive being in contact with these (often) dirty, abusive people.

I avoid going out to meet friends unless we are large group and moving around together.

Drunken behaviour by individuals affects the enjoyment and safety concerns of others

See above

Difficult to Walk in the area

Rowdiness and drunken behaviour discourages me from going into town in the evenings.

Far too much ASB and violent behaviour due to public alcohol consumption.

As previously - I don't feel safe walking around

Litter, shouting

feel scared to go into high street in Boscombe

As above. Will no longer visit these areas

Groups of people drinking and staggering around sometimes begging and shoplifting seems to have become the norm in some areas of the conurbation

Insulting behaviour

Smoking of cannabis needs to be included in this order, it's not like it can't be smelt & easily identified

Can't go out. Murders [illegible] on doorstep - awful

Loud and unpredictable behaviour in Saxon square, height street and underpass are unacceptable

Have to cross road

ASB towards residents in Winton

Its unpleasant and intimidating

I sea swim daily (if conditions allow) and if not, walk along the prom. I do not feel safe on the beach, prom or in the car park when one or more people are behaving anti-socially due to alcohol.

Makes one feel threatened and unsafe.

Even as a male, I have felt uneasy at times in certain areas, especially in Bournemouth. I do not consider myself to be especially vulnerable but I have been concerned for my wife and daughter. In my job, I witnessed the impact of ASB almost every day.

As above . It presents a very bad picture to visitors and is unsafe for young girls and elderly people.

Grooves on the Green takes away public use every year for a large money making private event with much anti social behaviour during and well in to the night.

This behaviour is often intimidating to many members of the public, particularly the elderly and infirm, and also sets a bad example to the younger generations.

Difficult to relax

I was threatened by a drunk man with a knife in Throop

Yes, I feel unsafe at work

Absolutely! You're always worried something bad will happen.

Late night revellers, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights make it unsafe for local residents.

see above litter cans etc behaviour and language

Have to walk through here to get to work

Bournemouth gardens and beach. Approached and harassed by drunks.

Uncomfortable in walking in the Lower Gardens

You end up having to try and avoid them

They group together and leave their empty's all over the place.

Avoiding going to certain areas because of behaviour

frightening, dangerous, intimidating, unpredictable. keeps me away from freely using areas. Creates violent incidents. Littering with bottles / broken glass / cans.

Dreadful ASB. Using streets as toilets.

Yes, in Bournemouth Gardens in the summer, sitting to enjoy a meal from the food festival, and had enjoyment ruined by drunk rowdy people with beer cans in hand.

Parks where children play

Coupled with aggressive & threatening behaviour

Drunken behaviour is a deterrent to people visiting areas. If drunken behaviour persists, people will stop going there, thus the enjoyment of an area by the many is restricted by the behaviour of the few.

it makes an environment that should feel safe, unsafe to visit.

Offensive, loud language .... Not acceptable as close to our home.

Yes. Lots of hazardous litter, violent behaviour and begging. Especially Poole and Bournemouth town centres. Vomit on pavements and subways

Selfish ASB affects everyone

Fear of reprisals from confronting/reporting said people

Puts you on edge if you see an antisocial group and stops you staying in the area.

There is a lot of damage done to local areas and high streets by people under the influence of alcohol in the evenings and at weekends, plus ASB. However, I believe that most of the alcohol is probably consumed inside licensed premises rather than on the street.

How can people sit down and enjoy the weather when the homeless drunks are passed out everywhere

It puts you off wanting to go to these public areas

Large Groups of young teenagers around beach huts getting drunk

Because as a lone female of a certain age I do tend to be a target for drunks as they probably think I am vulnerable and easy prey. I have reported so many people who are nuisances due to drink, I have been harassed by drunk people on many occasions and it ruins my day. The town is full of drunks making nuisances of themselves

We have had multiple issues with ASB around our premises, specially on a Friday and Saturday night. Personally, I have also suffered from harassment from intoxicated individuals on one occasion.

#### Do not feel safe

Where do I start? All kind of reasons which should be obvious to the council. Who wants to see blatant drink/drug use and all the associated crimes? We need high visibility policing and zero tolerance.

Bournemouth is dirty and unsafe now. No one goes to the town anymore because of the state of the people who linger around the centre. Why can you not see it? Or because the gravy train keeps going, you don't care?

Having people loitering in public with cans of booze is not nice - its intimidating, and a sad sight. They are often trouble makers, involved in ASB and drugs. Let them drink at home, as much as they like, but it should be banned from public spaces especially high streets and parks, unless someone is in outdoor seating of a restaurant and no causing a nuisance.

Particularly in & around Bournemouth Square, Lower Gardens, Old Christchurch Road, Commercial Road, Horseshoe Common and Charminster Road.

I won't go out in the evenings

I feel intimidated by intoxicated people hanging around the library area

Litter, drunks lying on public benches and abuse

How can u take a family to Bournemouth town centre when the place is unsafe, unclean (BCP wont clean the town)

Just walk down Poole town high street. Or Parkstone. Day or night.

I no longer go into Bournemouth town centre. I try to avoid the beaches and prom area later on summer evenings. I pay more for my shopping in all the shops because they have to put up prices to cover the losses incurred when determined drinkers who have run out of money decide to shoplift.

I've had to move away from people being disruptive in the gardens & on the beaches. People steal alcohol from the Tesco near my house & often end up collapsed in Kings Park, we've even had a confused drunk try to get into our house before passing out in front of door. Working in Bournemouth town centre with the window open all you hear is drunks shouting & arguing.

I am frightened by it

Just not a pleasant experience to witness or be around

Aggressive rowdy people when I'm looking for quiet enjoyment of open spaces

Unable to relax because of noise and intimidation.

walking along with grand children we sometimes have to cross over to avoid the street drinkers.

Noise, feeling unsafe, being shouted at by drunk people

as above. Breaches of his order happen daily on post office road Bournemouth central and yet we see no patrols by council employees. only patrols we see are from town centre BID employees - Town rangers.

# Aggressive idiots

Street drinkers, begging by the train station. Constant ASB by Asda express on Holdenhurst road

Clients are worried about leaving our branch when this type of disturbance is going on. they do not want to use the under pass either due to this behaviour and also begging.

# Accosted by drunks.

Drunks playing frisbee over the flower beds of the lower gardens. One female collected a flowering plant from a bed and then placed it at the site of a then recent fatality (in the gardens). Obviously a drinking companion. This was witnessed by numerous visitors who vowed never to return to Bournemouth.

Don't feel welcome to bring my family to those areas for fear of anti social shouting swearing etc by those sat on the benches drinking

I won't take my kids into the town centre anymore.

Rowdy and intermediating groups

I have been approached by angry drunk individuals while walking at the beach promenade near Durley Chine, the Square, the Pier approach, the Triangle, Westcliff Garden.

Avoid areas of central Bournemouth as a result of ASB

Bournemouth town centre is a scary place to be these days

Loud and sometimes threatening behaviour

It is uncomfortable

See above response - particularly troublesome outside of our apartment complex, often at silly-o-clock.

Made me slightly fearful and edgy

Has made me or my family feel unsafe at times

Drinking and ASB in the Bournemouth Gardens means I do not like to walk through them and do not feel safe to do so.

feeling intimated by drunken people, foul language and aggressive language

I have had to leave the square when there were a lot of drinkers in a group and
getting in to an argument.

# Restricts where I go

Unnerving awaiting/changing buses, can't use cash points, can't leave a bike, not nice for kids or visitors to see.

The fact that I choose no longer to go to Bournemouth in the evenings as I feel it is unsafe

As above. Also grandchildren on the beach.

Litter, smashed glass on pavements, having to avoid or deal with drunk individuals

Hospitality worker returning from town centre by late buses frequently have to leave bus shelters due to threatening behaviour.

Will no longer use the BIC because if intoxicated people causing trouble and avoid the bus station wherever possible

You cannot sit on the public benches and feel safe. Even visiting the shops you can clearly see those under the influence falling about....

I felt unsafe in my car in the town centre due to groups under influence of drunk and drugs

Litter by Asda (mainly drinks cans/bottles)

Broken bottles and discarded tins on the pavement

I cant go into the Bournemouth gardens without loud unruly alcohol or drug smell and behaviour from intoxicated individuals. And worry about my teenagers going into Bournemouth

Less comfortable taking children to certain parts of town

Makes for a poor quality environment for us and our children.

Going to the beach and walking through public areas in general

Tesco in the square often feels intimidating

I don't feel able to relax when out. Drinking can also be accompanied by drug misuse which is more of an issue than alcohol

Not pleasant when out with grandchildren or myself

They terrorised late evening walks along the promenade either side of Canford Cliffs

I no longer go to Bournemouth town as a result of the problem with street drinkers

swaying from side to side, shouting, intimidating behaviour.

Disgusting to see and insanitary

Lower Gardens is especially bad in the summer.

Yes, makes you feel so very unsafe

## Feel unsafe

Street drinking can be intimidating, especially in Bournemouth Town Centre, Asda car park at St Pauls and in areas of Boscombe. We collect litter dropped in the Talbot Village woodlands, much of which is alcohol related.

I hate the area, it isn't safe, approached constantly outside shops on or the streets by drunks / drug users begging for money or starting fights / arguments in the streets. Stinks of urine where they [urinate] anywhere they like, it's infuriating!

Litter left behind. Disruptive behaviour, fighting, bad language. Access to Poole Quay (pavements/roads) is often restricted. The Quay frontage at times is a free for all - "street public house".

Q6a. If you said 'Strongly disagree' or 'Disagree', please explain the reasons for your answer.



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"Those causing problems and harassing people do it anyway as there is not enforcement and or care for the law. It just stops those of us who want a nice, calm, sociable drink in the sun..

Have not seen any problems before or after

Please focus on illegal drugs and their associated impact on safety and society. The pungent aroma of cannabis, dealing in streets and alleyways and use of cocaine style substances is very visible. Get this sorted, it beggars belief how blatant it is

Its got worse so why extend it

People should be allowed to keep the alcohol they have bought and not have it confiscated. Don't mix up our freedom to drink alcohol with anti social behaviour that is often caused by other psychological triggers

What's the point in agreeing for a new one when the old one does not work

The area covered is too broad and not specific

I am extremely concerned that this type of survey is biased in it's sample toward older people, and that young people's voices are not being heard. I trust that the results will be re-balanced to reflect the age of the respondents so that it's not just a case of old people using surveys to control the young.

Draconian nonsense

It needs addressing not just lip service like this survey

# Which alcohol problem?"

Q7. Are there any positive or negative impacts of this proposal that you believe that BCP Council should take into account in relation to equalities or human rights? If so, are you able to provide any supporting information and suggest any ways in which the organisations could reduce or remove any potential negative impacts and increase any positive impacts?



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"I think a fine needs to be attached to it

If there are services available for those with alcohol addiction issues then I think this is acceptable

Having it in Place will help prevent escalation

The PSPOs are a waste of time, they are ignored, they cannot be policed, so pointless

Folk should be able to enjoy the amenity of public places without fear of ASB

PSPOs are used to just harass young people who aren't causing problems. The fact this PSPO doesn't cover the wards with older demographics is an indicator of this.

It's great to put this in place but pointless if there is no police presence in the areas. individuals will carry on with the behaviour as nothing ever happens to change it. There needs to be a police presence. There needs to be actual consequences not threats of as they mean nothing. Heckford park and Poole town centre is full of rubbish, street drinking and drug dealing in plain sight and nothing happens, we have witnessed and reported drug deals outside schools and nothing happened.

No sort the mess out

Don't know what you expect me to say here, so I'll skip this

Dont forget the human rights of the majority not to be abused.

BCP has a duty of care, not only to its residents, but to the people who occupy these spaces, drinking and taking drugs. BCP never actually seem to implement any of their bans about drinking in public spaces, so perhaps that would be a start. Drinking leads to violence, theft and abuse. BCP are letting everyone down by implementing a soft hand on this. It's embarrassing to think that people get off a train to Bournemouth only to [be] greeted by these representatives, guzzling cheap cider and shouting at each other a cross the road.

A reduction in alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour can only be a positive. I can't see how this would impact any protected groups or any human rights. Reducing antisocial behaviour just improves everyone's human rights to live in a better place

Human right to be able to walk along a street without being verbally harassed.

Positive, visitors and residents worldwide and different faiths will have a safer place to stay from a minority of misfits who choose to get drunk and annoy people.

No reason whatsoever in not continuing with policy

The [amount] of drinking/drug taking is rife in our parks along with the defecation of woodlands and shrub areas. A [health] hazard for playgrounds and open space users!

Definitely disabled people more vulnerable to attacks by anyone including drunks. I have seen a drug addict harassing a woman on sticks all along the pavement asking for money outside Poole Hospital, so elderly more vulnerable. In addition people with small children or pregnant more vulnerable as can't get away from drunks harassing them, as I discovered myself with a child outside Poole Hospital at a bus stop. I believe people who identify as trans or homosexual are also more likely to be assaulted and have come across someone being knocked out cold in a nightclub queue by someone accusing his friend of being gay. He was from out of town and I suspect had come all the way down from the north to Bournemouth because of the large gay community to attack people who the attacker believed were gay. It used to be called "gueer bashing" so again I think public drinking a drunkenness may impact more severely on gay people. For domestic violence, again, public drinking may damage relationships between people including both women more likely than men to be affected and gay men, also statistically likely to suffer domestic violence. I do not know whether people whose race is a protected characteristic are more at risk of attacks, but I suspect this to be the case.

Let people enjoy the beach, this council seems to want to ruined tourism

n/a

Should also have a drug public space protection order.

The right to feel safe when accessing certain areas of the town is heavily impacted by behaviour around alcohol and drugs. It is sad to see the decline that results from this as people avoid areas and neglect sets in

People should be allowed to picnic responsibly Drunkards should be removed and locked up Council should also clamp down on cannabis

A good idea but doesn't work unless policed stringently. Also more problem from anti social behaviour through drug taking

There needs to be more alcohol support services available

None that i am aware of

Get it sorted once and for all, stop wasting money and get it fixed, before this town goes completely. It is embarrassing

My daughters and wife feel particularly vulnerable

No. There is no reason for anyone to behave in this manner.

It is mainly men who are under the influence of alcohol in the area and their behaviour then is not controlled which in turn makes women like myself feel very uncomfortable. I have also observed a young male who had clearly been consuming alcohol shouting at another male racist comments. I know a couple of female Muslim woman and they have also encountered similar problems.

Inappropriate and drunken behaviour impacts the human rights of other people so should be controlled as much as possible

My human rights to freely enjoy these spaces unhindered and unthreatened. More police patrols ( not pseudo policeman).

No. If you misbehave, age, sex etc. should be no excuse.

If the public with to drink alcohol there are many places they can do this without doing it in public spaces. It affects the quality of life for so many people in the community.

No

Should allow social drinking on the beach

Rights also bring responsibilities on all parties. A minority of individuals spoil the rights of the majority of individuals to enjoy and exercise their right to enjoy a peaceful environment. Whilst legislation is a useful tool it has to enforced in order to bring about changes in anti social behaviour.

Spoiling the ambience of the areas

no

Acting in a drunk or disorderly manor is not acceptable, cannabis is still an illegal substance & should not be tolerated in our public spaces, especially our carparks

No

Signposting anyone with alcohol/substance misuse to relevant help and support is vital. Everyone understands it is a complex issue but equally the majority of residents have the right to use these areas without fear or nuisance.

More policing in Winton to stop the local drunks and students causing ASB

No

No.

The human rights of residents to go about their daily business without fear. The protection of young people and elderly people who are scared to walk-in the early morning or evenings.

No

No

The amount of drunks in Winton has increased hugely over the last 5 years in Winton. They are confident that nothing will be done against them. They have the right to be vile and aggressive but seem to have no rights to defend myself. My human rights are taken from me because they have the right to drink and then be looked after by the police and council.

The drinking culture in Bournemouth is big, and it's feel super acceptable to be walking around shouting and harassing people. People should be able to have some fun, and I'm not against drinking at all, but I feel like if anything is done about this, things will be worse and worse. It's distressing to see people completely drunk and sometimes covered in vomit or piss. It's sad to see young girls heavily drinking and risking being in danger or abused because there's others drunks or druggies around that might take advantage of that. And it's unsafe to walk around these people because some show a very aggressive behaviour and you never know if they will decide to direct that towards you. We need to educate people about alcohol abuse and consequences, and stop pretending this is cool or funny. We should all be able to live in well in society and for me it's impossible to walk in Bournemouth town centre on weekends without seeing at least one situation that makes you uncomfortable.

The local residents have just as many rights and equality as those that are drunk and disorderly. But we are very rarely consulted and are often insulted verbally by both staff and customers should we raise a complaint. The owners of bars and restaurants need to take much more responsibility for plying their customers with so much alcohol!

No.

It will help to make one feel safer and not be subjected to rowdiness.

no

No comment

The rights of the majority to live freely in safe spaces

no

No, we all have the right to go about our business in peace without being subjected to ASB. I am sure most reasonable people of all protected groups share this view.

I do not believe anyone will be adversely affected by these PSPOs, other than those creating a nuisance. These orders must be a good thing. Please extend to include Broadstone.

I am disabled and feel particularly vulnerable in general but particularly when I feel threatened by drunks behaving aggressively if I have to go near them to get past. The shelters attract drunks & druggies, particularly the one overlooking Honeycomb Beach at the Marina Drive end of Boscombe Cliff Gardens and also in Boscombe Cliff Gardens around the benches. Large groups also gather & cause unnecessary stress, due to the threat and noise, which exacerbates my MS symptoms in the area behind that particular shelter.

I do not see what the 'Equality Act 2010' has in relation to the ban of consuming alcohol on council public spaces. ALL, no matter who they are, can still consume alcohol in a licensed establishment, or on private property they are not having that right taken away. It is in the public's interest to keep areas owned and governed by the council safe for all to use. Please bear in mind that all three areas of BCP are (or were) tourist destinations... if we don't remain attractive, safe and welcoming to ALL, then visitors will not come and we just become a 'dumping ground'

Any anti-social behaviour needs to be stamped out, especially when it negatively impacts on the quality of life of residents who have chosen to live in Christchurch.

None

No

N/A

Possible discrimination by "authorised officers" Is there a clear and simple right to require the evidence being used as a basis for the decision? Is there a right to appeal and compensation for any confiscation?

BCP council don't [care] about anyone! While [they're] cutting everybody's hours around the place, [you] are recruiting for a person to be 150k!

N/A

Yes, alcohol is a medicine. It's not a human right, but an ancient right to consume and own it. I believe confiscating alcohol as a form of preventative punishment is ill judged and will cause hatred. We need to show adults how to enjoy alcohol in a socially acceptable way, not do the opposite. This has not been thought through properly and I strongly disagree with the lazy approach of confiscation. Lazy, unintelligent, ineffective.

No

I am not aware that there has been a PSPO in place. However, given I have seen no problems from excessive drinking in public areas, I agree with its extension

Human rights is used for too much now, to the detriment [of] everyone else, it causes more problems than it solves.

The question of human rights of protected groups is entirely irrelevant. The only human right involved here is that of the mass of the population to enjoy the environment without harassment from public drinkers and the present rules contribute to that end. As previously stated, I have not noticed any problems in the past few years, and am grateful to the present rules for producing this effect. I would not wish to see the rules eased because of some spurious ideological belief that certain categories of people deserve exemption because of their human rights

I believe that you would be protecting said group, rather than infringe on their human rights. It's well documented that alcohol consumption is linked to an increase in violence, including the raising issues with knife crime, and public health issues. In my opinion, nothing bad can come from this ban.

These public space orders are fine as long as they are enforced.

No just have a zero tolerance on ASB

None, get rid of people who don't contribute

As residents we have a right to feel safe in our neighbourhood and we don't!

No

## None whatsoever.

I'm a manager of a local shop, we been told CSAS has the power to seize booze of the street drinkers, so why in the summer do we report the issue of homeless drunks being slobed around, there always "not in the area" and when they are there go and speak to them, but never seize the booze!? Why do we pay our taxes[?] BCP are a disgrace! Why is it when all 4 CSAS are on there all on lunch [together]![?] No wonder why Bournemouth is a joke

I suggest that BCP for once considers the rights of ordinary people who just want to lead peaceful lives, able to walk their dogs, take their children to the park or visit the beach without fear of cutting themselves on broken glass, finding human poo, having to inhale the overpowering smell of cannabis or being intimidated by drunken behaviour. These are the people who pay their council tax to pay for council services. These are the people who should have their rights protected.

Not enough is being done to help the homeless that result in passing the day by extreme consumption of alcohol

Not relevant to the issues in my view

Only positives can come from extending the ban but the council must use the powers they have to implement the ban

None that i can think of.

As long as this implementation is policed and the drinkers have somewhere else to go there can be no negative impacts as far as i can see.

I believe that tackling alcohol related ASB will make women and girls in particular safer, and feel safer. It is also likely to help all those who are potential victims of hate crimes or incidents, as many are linked to excess alcohol.

The council should implement more patrols of its agents and police on post office road to reduce this type of harm this type of ASB has on local business, residents and visitors.

Get rid of the rehab centres in Eastcliff and Springbourne please. Constant ASB and theft going on. All congregate by the train station in Bournemouth and Asda express. Lots of ASB on Holdenhurst road, need more police there. Also Knyveton gardens.

At all times the first consideration should be the residents and the effect that antisocial behaviour is having on them. Zero tolerance of street drinking should be the norm. This should be enforced throughout both days and night.

Proper policing throughout the year of main centres previously described. ie on foot patrols, not cruising around in a warm cosy car - which gives an impersonal representation of policing. Installation of a "blue phone box" at the top of the pedestrian walk way into the lower gardens, so the general public can report incidents. Obviously this will not stop the inebriated local population from seeking to destroy the box, but cctv should cover that aspect.

Yes, I believe people should be able to make their own choices, and the area proposed covers the whole area which include many areas where there are no problems

Get a grip. Being a 'whatever' doesn't excuse anti social behaviour.

More love for Bournemouth town centre is needed, its become a disaster area, there are no decent shops, weeds and graffiti everywhere its awful, please do what you have done to Boscombe and regenerate our town centre, Boscombe is wonderful these days!!!

From my perspective, we should be strengthening these rules particularly in areas where drinking or behaviour as a result of drinking causes the most harm and inconvenience to other members of the public, such as in chiefly residential areas. For example, St. Peters Road is often used as a shortcut to pubs in the town or as a path back home, and consequently this results in excessive noise, arguments, violence, and so forth, often at truly silly hours of the morning. Many of the apartment complexes on this road have families with young children, and I know from speaking to other residents that drinking and the resulting behaviour on this road is a concern for many.

Stop people drinking in public places, this would create a much better environment. What about our human rights, we don't deserve or expect to hear, see, be approached by drunks.

#### none known

I think the human rights of non drinkers should be taken into account. Why should a minority group spoil things for the majority of people

No

Their right to drink doesn't override ours to a peaceful life. As a female, although fit and able, it unnerves me and deters lingering, using certain bus stops (Square, Lansdowne), leaving a bike even locked, letting even teenagers socialise together.

## Should do more

Mental health facilities closing down and being inaccessible mean more and more dangerous persistent drinkers. These facilities should have increased not reduced as incidents of mental health issues have spiked dramatically since COVID. Underage drinking should be monitored and discouraged. Parks, beauty spots, beaches and outdoor spaces are not monitored for groups of drinking youths and no one takes responsibility for dealing with this creating "no go" areas at night and terrible littering problems on beaches and nature reserves near us. Shops in town centers should not sell bottles of alcohol to inebriated people of any age. There are no consequences to drunken antisocial behaviour, there is no obvious path of complaint or way to access authority prepared to deal with it. There should be, and it should be well publicised.

No

Only the human rights of local residents and visitors. It's not a matter of any form of discrimination but absolutely for the safety and enjoyment for local law abiding residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

No

Alcohol should be band from any public place other than organised social events or establishments.

Perhaps instead of using a survey, which limits the response to people who are online, send people out with open eyes or look at crime statistics. Don't waste money on people standing in the problem area asking for opinions, they are hardly going to give them if the area is mainly frequented by the perpetrators.

Positive impact will hopefully curb drug and alcohol-induced behaviour in public spaces where people would like to enjoy in peace and not have young children witness aggression or drunken behaviour. There are pubs for these things. And of a person would like to bring a alcoholic beverage there should be zoned picnic areas.. for non drinking and drinking.. as when you go into a non smoking or smoking area in a restaurant

Reduce litter and antisocial behaviour

Anti social behaviour is in its nature anti-social so should be stopped for the majority.

# Implement the policies with an iron fist then they will go away

## N/A

Please ensure that you are not exhibiting ageism by using survey techniques that favor old people. Please publish the age profile of survey respondents. I note that I have [been] asked my age in this process.

No - please extend it and enforce it more strongly

Alcohol consumption and misuse crosses all sections of society. If the policy is enforced purely on the basis of the criteria it covers then there should be no effect on equity or human rights. The rights of the humans adversely affected MUST be protected.

Most weddings would take place in privately owned premises. I can see little impact to the PSPO on this.

The green volunteers clearing up the rubbish and tidying the green foliage more recently have made me feel less unsafe when walking. The Westbourne volunteers have been tidying their roads for many years. Areas kept clean are not frequented by anti social activities. Not enough attention given to make Bournemouth more family friendly which could be expected to lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour. Parks and activity areas are hidden away whilst bars and eateries more visible. There is a wealth of experienced from ordinary people with skills to encourage activity and skills. People with alcoholic tendencies not being provided with a more positive direction to allow them to seek alternative behaviour. Bars should be encouraged to have an alternative day once a month alcohol-free beverages and ban happy hours. The threat from anti social behaviour to innocent bystanders is a threat to their human rights. The feeling of fear, feeling/being threatened etc. alcohol being so freely available may lead to people drinking excessively. Leading to more policing and hospital requirement. The park run is a free activity, available each week and run by volunteers. Having 600+ people turn up to run/walk every week, to run in such an effective, slick way with no undue hinderance is amazing, support and ideas from the this may help. There are too many bars and night clubs and people with weakness can't see the woods [through] the trees.

Ban street drinking other than designated areas such as pubs and restaurants. Avoid drunken and abusive behaviour on the Quay

## N/A

There needs to be a clear distinction between removing alcohol and moving on people causing ASB, and allowing people to celebrate cultural events, and drink together responsibly in public areas. BCP is home to people from many different cultures, and people need to be able to express and celebrate their cultures.

I think BCP have a lot to answer for with regards to the once beautiful Bournemouth town they have ruined into a place residents avoid. It is not considered a safe place to live, I feel the police do as much as they can but they are let down by councils and the powers above the council! I don't think any equality or any protected group should be considered, if you're able to cause trouble or be a nuisance to innocent people, it shouldn't be a problem to move them on. So what if they identify as a unicorn, nothing should be considered with how they are purposely behaving! Also way too many halfway houses and rehab houses in the area, the residents go around the areas in swarms. It is intimidating, and they would rob the shirt of your back if given the chance! Stop throwing money into pointless statues or ridiculous spending and make the town nice again.

A PSPO by definition should protect the law abiding citizen. If a person, or groups of people disregards the Order, action should be taken.

# 7 Appendix 3 – PSPO Area

