

Appendix 1

PSPO Public Consultation Report 2023

Introduction

A public consultation was held on Sandwell's consultation Hub between 16th September and 16th November 2023 in relation to renewing and enhancing Boroughwide Public Space Protection Orders in relation to the following:

Alcohol:

'enables authorised officers / constables, where satisfied that nuisance or disorder associated with alcohol is occurring, to require people not to consume alcohol in the area and to surrender any alcohol in their possession. It is an offence to fail to comply with these requirements without reasonable excuse'

Dog Fouling:

"making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to pick up the dog's faeces forthwith should it defecate whilst in their control.

Registered disability assistance dogs and their users are exempt from the requirements of this order"

'making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to be able to produce a receptacle to pick up dog faeces'

'making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow a dog into an enclosed children's play area / sports area'

Fires and BBQS:

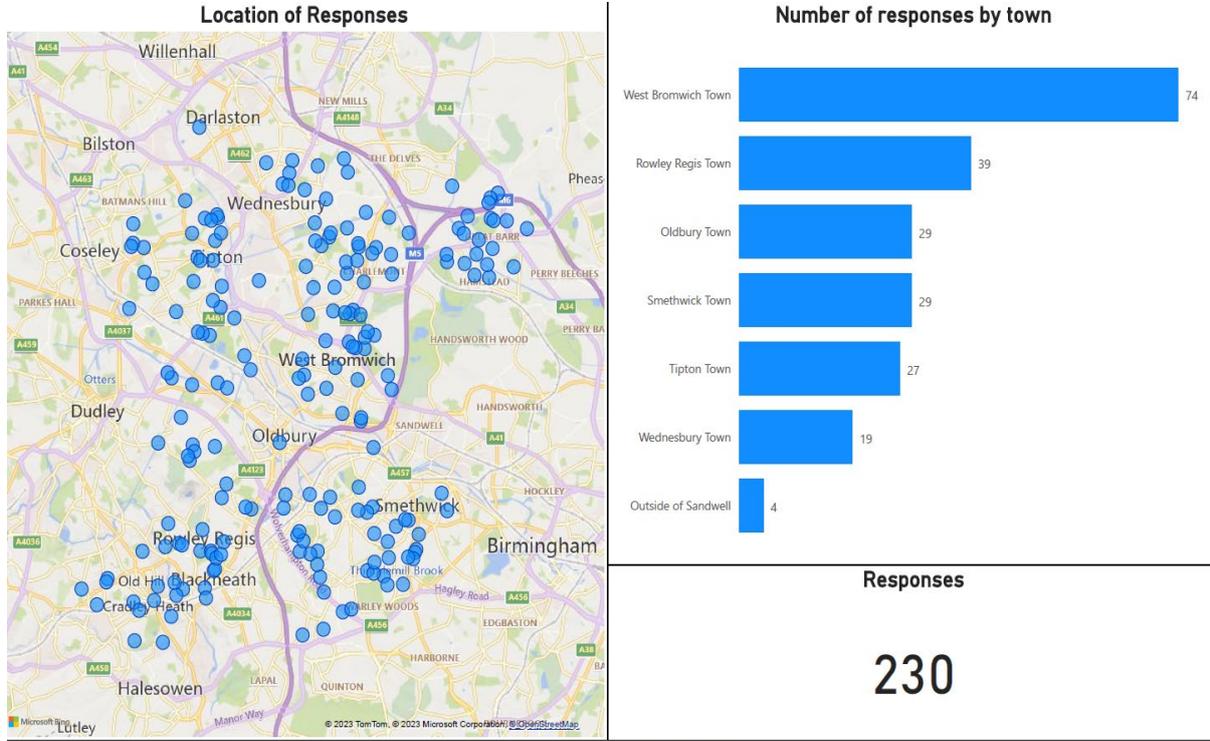
'making it an offence to have fires / BBQs in public spaces in Sandwell and not to stop these when requested to do so by authorised officers / constables.

The Consultation was advertised in the local press, The Sandwell Herald and on SMBCs website and social media. It was also promoted through existing partnership networks. Other specific consultees were:

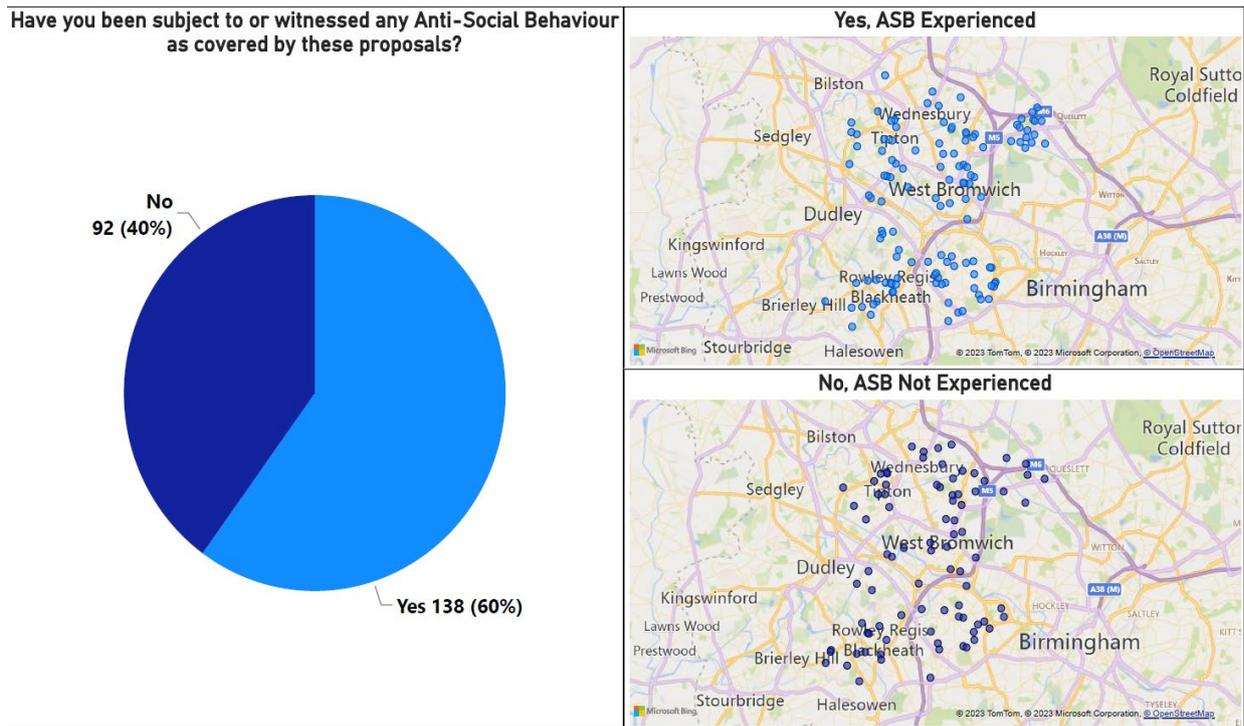
West Midlands Police	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
West Midlands Fire Service	West Midlands Ambulance Service
SMBC Public Health	Cranstoun

DECCA	Transport For West Midlands
The Kennel Club	The Ramblers

230 people took the time to take part in the consultation.



60% of respondents (138) stated that they had witnessed ASB related to these proposals.

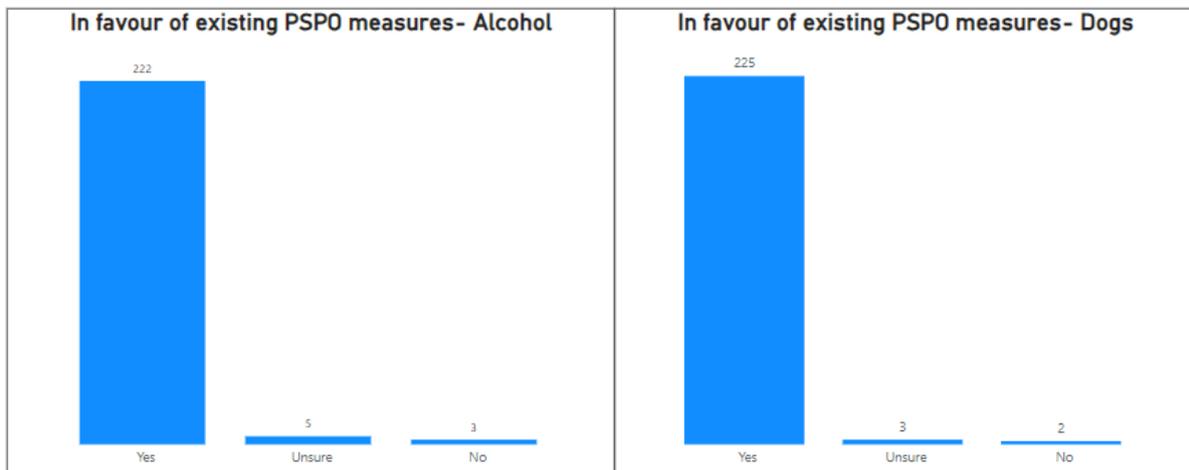


Respondents

The majority of respondents were Sandwell residents.

Resident	Business	Interested Party	Responding on behalf of an organisation
221 (96%)	1 (0.5%)	3 (1.3%)	5 (2.2%)

Findings



Yes- 96.5%
No- 1.3%
Unsure- 2.2 %

Yes- 97.8%
No- 0.9%
Unsure- 1.3%



Yes- 91.3%
No- 5.7%
Unsure- 3%

Yes- 91.7%
No- 3%
Unsure- 5.3%

Yes- 87.4%
No- 5.3%
Unsure- 7.3%

Conclusion

230 people took part in the survey which is considerably more than in 2021. Whilst acknowledging this remains an overall small number, feedback from those who took the time to respond showed clear public

support for all three PSPOs as part of a toolkit of measures to continue to address these issues which are concerns across the Borough with relevant controls and safeguards in place.

Public Health have raised the need for training in addiction for those who can confiscate alcohol from users which is in place and the existing dog PSPO contains exemptions for owners of registered disability dogs. A number of respondees also raised the idea of having designated areas for BBQs with suitable infrastructure in place to reduce risks which will be looked into.