

Survey Responses from attendees of Open Public Meetings & Business Meeting, December 2016

Introduction

In order to gauge whether the revisions that followed the formal consultation to the proposed PSPO had the support of local residents and businesses within and around the proposed PSPO area, a series of four open public meetings were carried out in the evenings of 5th – 8th December 2016.

Attendees at the meetings were also encouraged to complete a survey form about any anti-social behaviour that they may be experiencing in the locality, if they so wished. The results of that survey is presented below.

Of the 105 residents and business attendees to the 4 meetings, 90 participated in completing a double-sided survey form. In a number of cases the second side of the form (relating to graphs 3, 4, and 5) was not completed, and it is likely that in a number of these the participant failed to realise that the form was double-sided (recorded as 'did not answer').

Analysis

Most of the 90 responses came from the meeting in St. David's ward, which was the best attended meeting overall (Chart 1).

Concern about anti-social behaviour

From Chart 2 it can be seen that 92% of respondents were concerned about anti-social behaviour in public places in Exeter or their neighbourhood, indicating that this is a real issue for people.

Types of anti-social behaviour found most often

Chart 3 plots the types of anti-social behaviour that people find most often, with intoxication being most frequently stated (72 times), followed by drug litter (64), and anti-social/intimidating groups (63). Over half of respondents (54) cited urinating in public, closely followed by aggressive/intimidating individuals (48). Just under half of respondents (40) felt that aggressive begging was a problem they come across. Overall this indicates that the problematical anti-social behaviours that the proposed PSPO seeks manage down have all been identified by a significant number of attendees at the meetings.

Frequency of ASB

In terms of the frequency that anti-social behaviour is experienced, Chart 4 shows that 64% saw it daily or every few days, i.e. relatively often. 17% saw it from time to time, with 8% seeing it at weekends. This indicates that people's general experience of anti-social behaviour is not uncommon, but something that is seen quite often on a regular basis.

Occurrence of anti-social behaviour

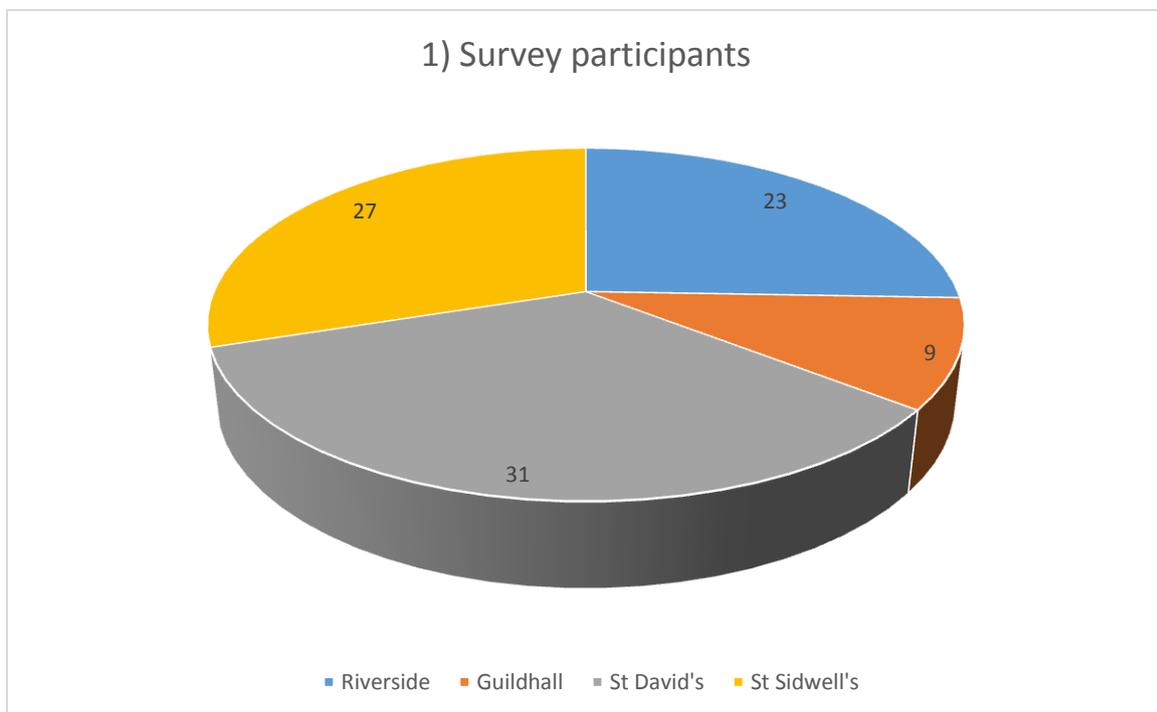
Most people experienced anti-social behaviour at night-time or evening (67), with the afternoon (49) and morning (43) being the next most frequently times chosen. Less people cited the start of the day on the way to work/school (21), and the return home at the end of the day (28), as times that they saw anti-social behaviour.

Impact of anti-social behaviour

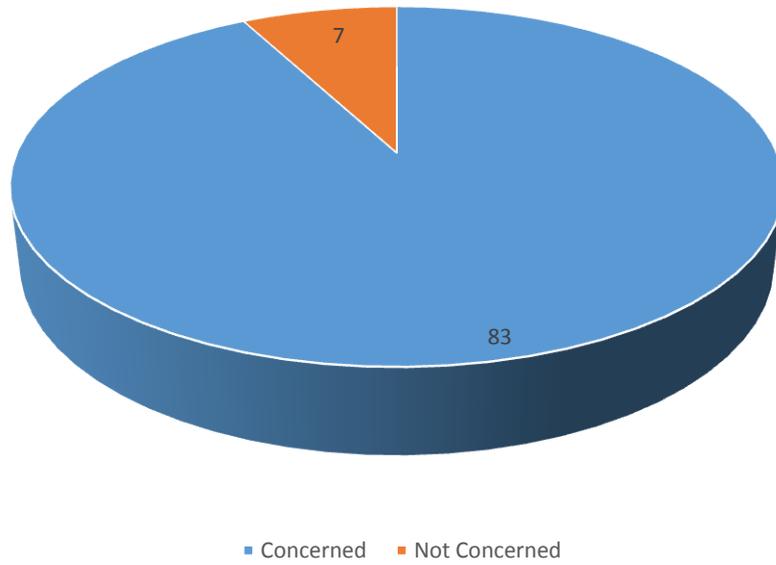
In terms of whether anti-social behaviour prevented people from going out, visiting places or feeling safe, a sizeable minority (38) did not feel that it prevented them, but the majority did feel that they were so prevented, with most feeling unsafe (44), and many prevented from visiting a particular place (31) or going out at a certain time (24). This shows that a majority of respondents were being negatively affected in some way by the anti-social behaviours taking place in their neighbourhood and/or Exeter.

Conclusion

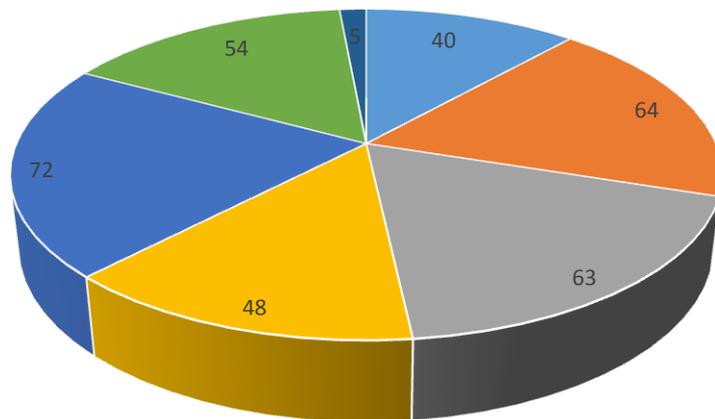
The results from those 90 attendees who completed a survey form indicate that a majority of those local residents and businesses are experiencing anti-social behaviour in a variety of forms, that this is occurring on a regular basis at different times of the day, and that it is having a detrimental impact on them in terms of feeling safe or being deterred from going out at certain times of the day, or to certain places.



2) Are you concerned about anti-social behaviour in Exeter or your neighbourhood?

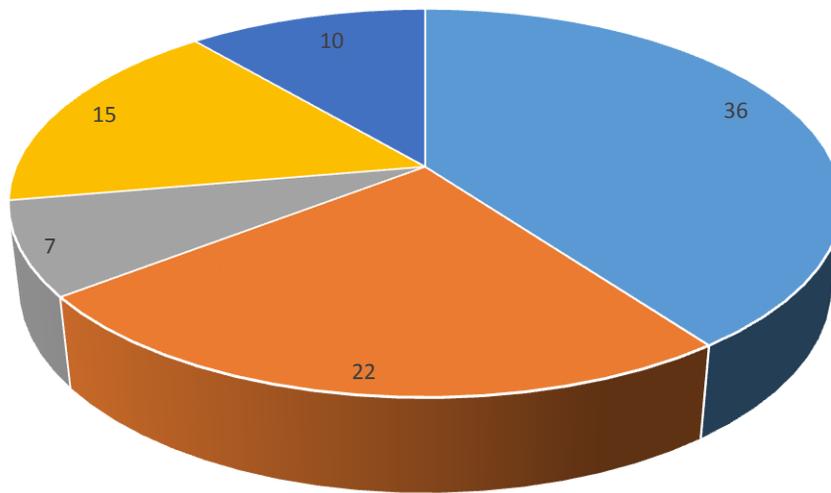


3) Types of anti-social behaviour of concern



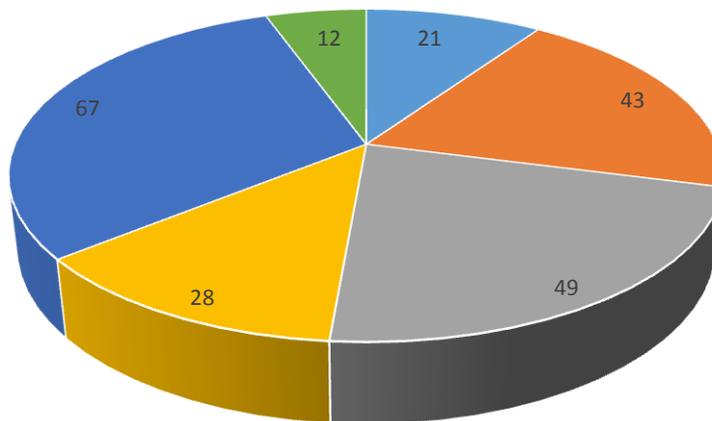
- Aggressive begging
- Drug litter, needles etc
- Intimidating/antisocial groups
- Intimidating/antisocial individuals
- Intoxication - person or groups
- Urinating in public spaces
- Did not answer

4) How often do you see ASB?



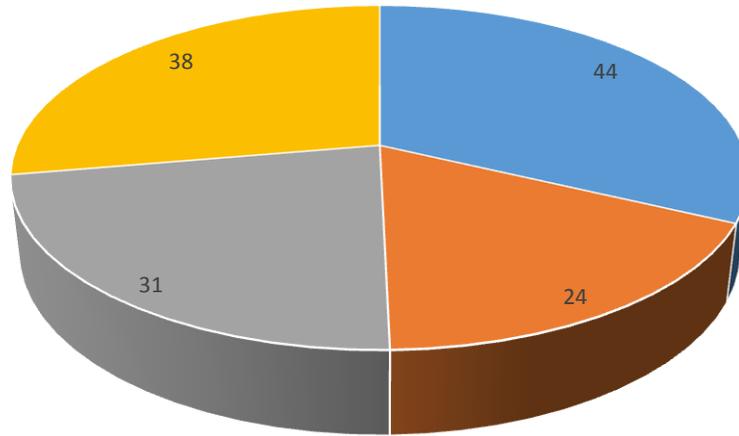
- Every day
- A few days during the week
- Mostly at weekends
- From time to time
- Did not answer

5) When do you see anti-social behaviour taking place?



- First thing in the morning/on way to school or work
- In the morning
- In the afternoon
- On the way home from school/work
- In the evening/at night
- Did not answer

6) Does anti-social behaviour prevent you from:



- Feeling safe while you are out
- Going out at particular times
- Going to particular places
- Did not answer