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CABINET - THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT PACK: ITEM 12 – PSPO JET SKIS AND BEACH BARBECUES

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the Cabinet taking place on Thursday, 29th September, 2022, the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item No

12 Public Space Protection Order - Jet Skis and Beach Barbecues (Pages 1 - 132)

Report of Executive Director (Adults and Communities) attached

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Southend-on-Sea City Council

Report of Executive Director (Adults and Communities)

To

Cabinet

On

29 September 2022

Report prepared by: Scott Dolling, Director of Culture and
Tourism

Agenda
Item No.

12

PSPO – Jet Skis and Beach Barbecues

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Place
Cabinet Member: Councillor Carole Mulroney
Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on the outcomes of a recent Consultation required to provide evidence for a PSPO to be introduced for Personal Water Craft (PWC), such as jet skis and barbecues and bonfires on beaches.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree to the introduction of a ban on barbecues under PSPO legislation on designated beaches.
- 2.2 That Cabinet agree to adopt a PWC code of conduct under PSPO legislation.

3. Background

- 3.1 PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a designated area that has a detrimental effect to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 Due to the increasing number of complaints received about the irresponsible use of both BBQs and some PWC users and, in particular, because of the danger that the behaviour exhibited by an increasing number of BBQ and PWC users poses to public safety, it is appropriate to assess the need to introduce a PSPO covering that behaviour.
- 3.3 A Consultation has taken place to obtain responses to the questions provided to help inform these final recommendations to Cabinet. See Appendix 5

3.4 The complaints and concerns received from residents regarding these anti-social behaviours, reference conducts which pose a significant danger to public safety and can cause harassment, alarm and/or distress. In addition to complaints made to the Council, Essex Police have also received separate reports regarding some PWC use. (Appendix 4 shows examples and evidence).

3.5 Such antisocial behaviour has generated an increasing number of complaints, it has caused risk to public health and safety and has caused harassment to users of the public spaces within the Restricted Areas (as shown on the draft PSPO map) as well as serious damage to Council property and wildlife.

3.6 The Restricted Areas

3.6.1 Locations and maps of areas in which we are considering, introducing the restrictions listed above, are contained in the following maps; [PWC Restricted Area](#) and [BBQ Restricted Area](#).

3.6.2 Both Restricted Areas include: Southend Seafront, beach and foreshore

- Western Esplanade
- Marine Parade
- Eastern Esplanade
- Southend Seafront
- Thorpe Esplanade
- Thorpe Bay
- Shoebury Common Road
- East Beach
- Southend Pier (foreshore to pier head)
- The Southend-on-Sea foreshore and from the foreshore into the Leigh Channel
- Ness Road, Shoeburyness
- Bell Wharf, Leigh-on-Sea
- Leigh Creek.

3.6.3 The restrictions include the area 400m from the shore in common with the arrangements managed by the PLA.

3.6.4 The BBQ Restricted area additionally includes the green areas at:

- East Beach
- Shoebury Common
- Thorpe Bay Gardens.

3.7 Enforcement

3.7.1 There are no new resources allocated to support this PSPO. However, it will provide existing staff in Foreshore and Community Safety Teams the support of legislation and the ability to issue Fixed Penalty Notice rather than the current ambiguous arrangements.

3.7.2 Essex Police's Marine Unit is supportive of the introduction of a PWC code of conduct and the supporting PSPO. Joint operations with their waterborne team and the Council's Foreshore will be deployed to support awareness and enforcement of the code of practice.

3.7.2 The proposals are as follows:

- The use of PWC in the 'PWC Restricted Area' to be made subject to a Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice (COP). This would bring the same restrictions that apply in the surrounding area managed by the Port of London Authority (PLA).
- Prohibiting the launch and recovery of PWC in the PWC Restricted Area other than from designated launch sites, in accordance with the COP.
- A complete ban on barbecues.
- A complete ban on bonfires.

4. Other Options

4.1 The existing arrangements are not appropriate and do not reflect the need for change.

4.2 Alternative options for barbecues to be banned for specific times and / or conditions such as droughts were considered but would not resolve the problem.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 The Consultation results support the proposals with 85% in favour of adopting the code of conduct for PWCs and 74% supporting the proposal to restrict barbecues. There is more detail in 6.7 and the consultation results are in appendix 5.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

6.1.1 Contributes to keeping our residents and visitors safe and well.

6.2 Financial Implications

6.2.1 Existing resources will be used to manage the implementation of the PSPOs. Existing resources will assist with the communication of the new restrictions. There will be a saving in expense regarding damage to Council property where barbecues have burnt some equipment. Signage will need to be updated which will come from existing replacement budgets.

If there are compliance issues some additional income may be derived from fixed penalty notices.

Some officer time may need to be allocated if court attendances are required to follow up non-payment of fixed penalty notices.

6.3 Environmental Impacts

6.3.1 Smoke and associated chemicals from barbecues will be reduced improving the environment.

6.3.2 There will be a reduction of inappropriate disposal of BBQ's, burnt coals, gas canisters.

6.3.3 The PWC code of practice introduces restrictions to protect wildlife and plants.

6.4 Legal Implications

6.4.1 The introduction, varying or amending of a PSPO must be undertaken in accordance with the 2014 Act and the Statutory Guidance. Failure to do so could result in a legal challenge.

6.4.2 Under Section 59 of the 2014 Act, local authorities must be satisfied that the following two conditions are met to make a PSPO:

(a) The first condition is that on reasonable grounds that the activity subject to a PSPO has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality (or it is likely that activities will take place and have such an effect).

(b) If so, then the second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities:

- is (or is likely to be) persistent or continuing in nature;
- is (or is likely to be) unreasonable;
- justifies the restrictions being imposed.

6.4.3 Section 72 of the 2014 Act provides that the Council must carry out necessary consultation before making a PSPO. Similarly, under Section 72, councils are required to have particular regard to articles 10 and 11 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

6.4.4 Before making, amending or varying a PSPO, the Council must consider comments and representations received that have now been received following the Consultation.

6.5 People Implications

6.5.1 Enforcement and other Council officers will be involved in support of the PSPO. Staff in the Foreshore Team will be able to provide advice and guidance under their current terms of employment which may be amended to include some

enforcement capability. The Community Support Unit already have powers to issue fixed penalty notices and can be called to support the implementation of the PSPO. There are no additional resources included in this proposal.

6.6 Property Implications

6.6.1 PWC's can be launched from the slipway at Shoebury Common. The route in and out from here is marked with buoys which are maintained by the Council's Foreshore Team.

6.7 Consultation

6.7.1 A public Consultation took place during summer 2022 and concluded on 26 August 2022. 3200 people accessed the consultation with 434 responding.

6.7.2 The consultation set out proposals to prohibit barbecues and introduce a code of conduct for PWCs, an extract shown below

- The use of PWC in the PWC Restricted Area to be made subject to a Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice (COP).
- Prohibiting the launch and recovery of PWC in the PWC Restricted Area other than from designated launch sites, in accordance with the COP.
- In relation to the use of BBQs, one of the following:
 - Prohibiting the use of all BBQs in the BBQ Restricted Area.
 - Prohibiting the use and disposal of charcoal and/or wood fired BBQs (including disposable BBQs) and making the use and disposal of gas or electric BBQs subject to a COP in the BBQ Restricted Area
 - Prohibiting BBQs during heatwaves, droughts and/or in the summer during periods of water shortage, or
 - Prohibiting BBQs between 8am and 6pm.
- Prohibiting Bonfires in the BBQ Restricted Area.

6.7.3 Responses supported the proposals with 85% in favour of the PWC code of conduct and 74% in favour of barbecue restrictions.

6.8 Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.8.1 An equality analysis is attached as Appendix 3

6.8 Risk Assessment

6.8.1 There are no Risk Assessments associated with this report.

6.9 Value for Money

6.9.1 The PSPO represents a more responsive, proactive manner in which to deal with anti-social behaviour as described in the report and therefore performs a function of ensuring that residents see the benefits of the Order, as reducing the amount of officer time and expense in dealing with the anti-social behaviours in a reactive manner.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

6.10.1 The PSPO will support community safety with specific order to tackle the associated Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) that has been reported by the public and Councillors.

7. Background Papers

7.1 There are no background papers associated with this report.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Order.

Appendix 2 - The Code of Practice for PWCs.

Appendix 3 - Equality Analysis.

Appendix 4 - Examples of evidence relating to anti-social behaviour

Appendix 5 – Consultation results

ORDER
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
SECTION 59

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

This Order is made by the Southend-on-Sea City Council (the 'Council') and shall be known as the Public Spaces Protection Order (Southend Seafront and Adjoining Areas) **No3 of 2022**

PRELIMINARY

1. The Council, in making this order, is satisfied on reasonable grounds that
the activities identified below have been carried out in public spaces within the Council's area and have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality,
and that
the effect, or likely effect, of the activities
is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable and
justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.
2. The Council is satisfied that the prohibitions imposed by this Order are reasonable to impose in order to prevent the detrimental effect of these activities from continuing, occurring, or recurring, or to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.
3. The Council has had regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights. The Council has had particular regard to the rights and freedoms set out in Article 10 (right of freedom of expression) and Article 11 (right of freedom of assembly) of the European Convention on Human Rights and has concluded that the restrictions on such rights and freedoms imposed by this Order are lawful, necessary and proportionate.

THE ACTIVITIES

4. The activities prohibited by this Order are

- i. Launching and recovering Personal Water Craft in the PWC Restricted Area otherwise than from the designated permitted launch site
- ii. The use of Personal Water Craft in the PWC Restricted Area in a manner that poses a risk to the safety of people, wildlife or property.
- iii. The use of Personal Water Craft in the PWC Restricted Area in a manner that has the potential to cause harassment, alarm and/or distress to any other beach or coastal water users or residents.
- iv. The non-adherence to the Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice (“the Code of Practice”) set out by the Council containing specific rules applicable to Personal Water Craft
- v. The use and disposal of all barbecues (BBQs) in a Public place within the BBQ Restricted Area

THE PROHIBITION

5. A person shall not engage in any of the Activities in paragraphs 4i, ii, iii and iv anywhere within the PWC Restricted Area as shown coloured blue on the map referred to as ‘PWC Restricted Area’ annexed at Schedule 1.
6. A person shall not engage in any of the Activities in paragraphs 4v, vi, vii, viii, ix and x anywhere within the BBQ Restricted Area as shown coloured red on the map referred to as ‘BBQ Restricted Area’ annexed at Schedule 1.
7. This Prohibition is subject to the Exceptions stated below

THE REQUIREMENTS

8. A person who is believed to have engaged in a breach of this Order or anti-social behaviour within the PWC or BBQ Restricted Areas, is required to give their name and address to an Authorised Officer
9. A person who is believed to have engaged in a breach of this Order, or in anti-social behaviour within the PWC or BBQ Restricted Areas, is required to leave the area if asked to do so by an authorised officer and not to return for a specified period not exceeding 48 hours
10. A person must clear up his/her belongings and/or litter if asked to do so by an Authorised Officer

THE EXCEPTIONS

11. The designated permitted launch site referred to in paragraph 4(i) is listed in the Code of Practice and are as follows:
 - a. Shoebury Common Slipway
12. Nothing in paragraph 4(v) to (x) shall prohibit BBQs, of any type, from being operated and held either within the grounds of public houses, hotels, restaurants,

cafes, or on Council owned land and common land in the BBQ Restricted Area by events organisers, vendors or individuals who have been granted a licence by the Council to use a BBQ within the BBQ Restricted Area.

13. Nothing in paragraph 4(v) to (x) shall prohibit beach hut owners from using gas or electric barbecues within their ownership area.

OTHER

14. This Order applies to Public places within the Council's area and is limited to the PWC Restricted Area and BBQ Restricted Area.

15. The effect of the Order is to impose the prohibitions and requirements detailed herein, at all times, save where specified exemptions apply or where the express permission of the Council has been given on the use of the relevant Restricted Area

DEFINITIONS

16. For the purpose of this Order the following definitions will apply

'Activities' means the prohibited activities listed in paragraph 4 above and/or failing to adhere to the Code referred to in paragraph 4(iv) and (viii) above.

'Authorised Officer' means a police officer a police community support officer or a person authorised in writing by the Council

'BBQ' means outdoor cooking by means of live fire and/or smoke and/or heat created by using and burning wood, paper, briquette or charcoal or by lighting gas or by using electricity, including battery power.

The Act defines Restricted Area not the specifics so only one definition needed to cover both.

'Restricted Area' has the meaning given by section 59(4) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and for the purposes of this Order the BBQ Restricted Area is shown coloured red on the BBQ Restricted Area Map annexed at Schedule 1 and identified as the 'BBQ Restricted Area' and the PWC Restricted Area is shown coloured blue on the PWC Restricted Area Map annexed at Schedule 1 and identified as the 'PWC Restricted Area'

'Drought' means the period of a water shortage in the locality decided by the Central Government, emergency or public services.

‘Heatwave’ the period in which the Met Office forecasts the temperature in the locality to exceed 35 degrees centigrade or as otherwise decided by Central Government, emergency or public services.

‘Interested Person’ means an individual who lives in the PWC or BBQ Restricted Areas or who regularly works in or visits that area

‘Personal Water Craft’ means a small craft, propelled by a directionally controlled water jet or other mechanical means of propulsion and steered: (i) by means of a handlebar operated linkage system with or without rudder at the stern, or (ii) by the person or persons riding the craft using their body weight for the purpose, or (iii) by a combination of the methods referred to respectively in (i) and (ii) above, and, for the avoidance of doubt, the term includes (but is not limited to) jet skis.

‘Public place’ means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission

‘Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Water Code of Practice’ means the code of practice set out by the Council containing specific rules applicable to Personal Water Craft and for the use and disposal of gas and electric BBQs in the Designated BBQ Areas marked on the Map in Schedule 1 to this Order

PERIOD FOR WHICH THIS ORDER HAS EFFECT

17. This Order came into force at midnight on [] 2022 and will expire at midnight on [] 2025.
18. At any point before the expiry of this three-year period the Council can extend the Order by up to three years if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that this is necessary to prevent the activities identified in the Order from occurring or recurring or to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time. The Council may extend this Order more than once.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER?

19. Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 says that it is a criminal offence for a person without reasonable excuse –
 - a. To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or
 - b. To fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order
20. A person guilty of an offence under section 67 is liable on conviction in a Magistrates Court to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

FIXED PENALTY

21. An Authorised Officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence under section 67 of the Anti- Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. You will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100. If you pay the fixed penalty within the 14 days you will not be prosecuted.

APPEALS

22. Any challenge to this Order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits PWC or BBQ Restricted Areas. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.
23. Interested persons can challenge the validity of this Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have power to make the Order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation has not been complied with.
24. When an application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it or vary it.

Dated.....

THE COMMON SEAL of SOUTHEND ON SEA)

CITY COUNCIL was pursuant to a resolution)

of the Council hereunto affixed to this Deed in the)

presence of:-)

Proper Officer of the Council

Section 67 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

(1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse-

(a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or

(b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under a public spaces protection order

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

(3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order

Schedule 1 to this Order

Maps of the Restricted Areas referred to as []

PROPOSED SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BEACH AND COASTAL WATERS CODE OF PRACTICE (COP)

SAFETY NOTICE:

Without proper training, using a Personal Water Craft (PWC) (including jet skis) can be dangerous to the user as well as to other coastal water users – e.g. swimmers. Machinery failure is the main cause of incidents, leaving users vulnerable in a potentially busy waterway. There are also risks from the effects of cold water, currents, tides and exhaustion.

A. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR RESPONSIBLE BEACH AND COASTAL WATER USE BY USERS OF PWC

1. Respect our beaches and coast, respect our wildlife, respect property that does not belong to you, respect other beach and coastal water users.

2. Requirements for all PWC:

- a. PWC must not be modified.
- b. PWC must not have silencers removed.
- c. PWC must display prominently the Unique Registration Number/Datatag Visible ID.
- d. PWC must be properly and regularly maintained and must be used in safe working order.
- e. All PWC must have a dedicated engine cut-out system or a kill cord, (for clarification a kill cord is a coiled lanyard that has a quick release mechanism attached to the console which stops the PWC in the event of the master becoming dislodged from his vessel); and this dedicated engine cut-out system or kill cord must be used in its intended manner at all times when the PWC engine is running.

3. Requirements for users of PWC:

- a. Users (including passengers) must be over the age of 17.
- b. Any master of a PWC underway must hold a RYA personal Watercraft Proficiency Certificate (Jet Ski License) which is recognised worldwide. This is a one day course which covers theory and practice of navigation, reading the weather, launching, handling, recovery and what to do in an emergency. Increasingly more local authorities across the country are asking for this and Parliament are currently looking at making it mandatory for all PWC masters to have this licence.
- c. Users must have a minimum of £5 million public liability insurance.
- d. Users must carry identification with photo such as valid driving licence or passport
- d. Users must always carry a mobile phone or VHF marine radio in a buoyant water-proof case.
- e. User must provide evidence of any of the requirements within this paragraph 3 to an authorised officer of the Council upon request.

F. A person must not use, operate, navigate, conduct, drive, ride (whether as passenger or otherwise), allow himself to be carried, launch, recover or be in charge or in control of a PWC, or attempt to do any of the specified things, while unfit by reason of drink or drugs.

A person is unfit for the purposes of this Code of Practice if his ability to safely use, operate, navigate, conduct, drive, ride, be carried, launch, recover or be in charge or in control of a PWC is impaired.

4. Requirements for the use of PWC:

- a. PWC must not be launched and/or recovered other than from the permitted site listed in paragraph 5 below.
- b. PWC must not be used in a manner that poses a risk to the safety of people, wildlife, property, vegetation, mudflats or property.
- c. PWC must not be used in a manner that has the potential to cause harassment, alarm and distress to any other beach or coastal water users or residents.
- d. Users must read and observe the Byelaws and rules posted at designated launch sites.
- e. All persons (including passengers) riding a PWC must wear a Personal Flotation Device providing no less than 50 Newtons buoyancy and which complies with EN 393 / EN ISO 12402
- f. All users must wear foot protection, gloves, goggles and should check appropriate wear for the weather conditions of the day.
- g. Users must show consideration to other water users, particularly with your wake, which must not interfere with, harass or cause danger to them,
- h. Users are encouraged to join a RYA affiliated PWC/ sailing school.
- i. Users should have basic engine maintenance skills.
- j. Users must show consideration to other coastal water users and always comply with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCS) as power driven vessels.
- k. PWC must not be used within 400 metres of a berth, jetty, public beach, bathing place or residential property with the exception of the launch channel displayed in Yellow on the PWC Restricted Area plan.
- l. PWC must not be used within 400 metres of Southend pier.
- m. PWC must not exceed 8 knots within the launch lane either over the ground or through the water.
- n. PWCs must not ride the wakes of other vessels and are reminded of their obligation to abide by the COLREGS ([understanding-colregs \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk/understanding-colregs)) under Section 4j.
- o. PWC must not generate wake when passing through moorings.
- p. PWCs must not be used between the hours of sunset or sunrise or when visibility is restricted i.e. any condition in which visibility is restricted by fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, sandstorms or any other similar causes.
- q. PWC must not land on salt marsh, mudflats or sandbanks.

- r. PWC must maintain a good distance from salt marsh and exposed mudflats, and must avoid shallow waters or the riverbed where submerged vegetation could be disturbed.
- s. PWC must not approach any wildlife, in the water or on land, and must not get closer than 200m to any such wildlife. If encounters with wildlife are unavoidable, users must maintain a steady direction and a slow speed away from the wildlife, creating no wake.
- t. Users must not decant petrol or use chemical treatments in the water and must not drop litter into the water or on the foreshore.

5. Designated Launch Sites

Site designated for launching, recovering and using PWC: a. Shoebury Common Slipway, Ness Road, Shoeburyness,

6 Exceptions

This code of practice does not apply where a personal water craft is being used for (i) search and rescue, fire brigade, ambulance, law enforcement or police purposes or for training for such purposes; or (ii) for public or recreational safety purposes with the consent of Southend on Sea City Council; or (iii) for the purposes of the Port of London Authority harbourmaster or of Southend on Sea City Council.

EMERGENCIES

Coastguard – 999 or 112

INCIDENTS

For non-emergencies:

Essex Police Marine Unit - 01621 782 121

FURTHER ADVICE

RNLI – 0845 1226999

RYA – 0845 3450326

Datatag – 0845 0700440

EA – 03708 506506

RSPB – 01273 775 333

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APPENDIX 3

Southend on Sea Borough Council -

Equality Analysis

1. Background Information

1.1 Name of policy, service function or restructure requiring an Equality Analysis:

Public Space Protection order for beach barbecues and Personal water craft.

1.2 Department:

Adult and Community services

1.3 Service Area:

Culture and Tourism

1.4 Date Equality Analysis undertaken:

26/8/22

1.5 Names and roles of staff carrying out the Equality Analysis:

Name	Role	Service Area
Scott Dolling	Service Director	Culture and Tourism

- 1.6 What are the aims or purpose of the policy, service function or restructure that is subject to the EA?

To provide a safe environment for beach users. Preventing burnt feet and consequential first aid. Also to protect the bathing water area from dangerous ASB generated by personal water craft by introducing an agreed code of conduct.

- 1.7 What are the main activities relating to the policy, service function or restructure?

Restricting the use of barbecues and bringing the use of personal watercraft into same regulations as other areas in Southend proximity.

2. Evidence Base

- 2.1 Please list sources of information, data, results of consultation exercises that could or will inform the EA.

Observation of visitor behaviour by staff located on the foreshore. Complaints and issues raised by the public with supplied video footage

Source of information	Reason for using (eg. likely impact on a particular group).

Staff observation	Personal water craft users representative of affluent socio groups many launching from out of area, Barbecue users tending to be families.
Complaints / film footage	Personal watercraft users tending to be male

Please Note: reports/data/evidence can be added as appendices to the EA.

- 2.2 Identify any gaps in the information and understanding of the impact of your policy, service function or restructure. Indicate in your action plan (section 5) whether you have identified ways of filling these gaps.

3. Analysis

- 3.1 An analysis and interpretation of the impact of the policy, service function or restructure should be undertaken, with the impact for each of the groups with '*protected characteristics*' and the source of that evidence also set out against those findings.

In addition, the Council has identified the need to assess the impact of a policy, service function or restructure on carers, looked after children (as part of the age characteristic) as well as the socioeconomic impact of different groups, such as employment classifications.

Initial assessment of a perceived impact of the policy, service function or restructure. The impact can be positive or negative (or in some circumstances both), none or unclear:

	Impact - Please tick				
	Yes			No	Unclear
	Positive	Negative	Neutral		
Age (including looked after children)				x	

Disability				X	
Gender Reassignment				X	
Marriage and civil partnership				X	
Pregnancy and maternity				X	
Race				X	
Religion or belief				X	
Sex				X	
Sexual orientation				X	
Carers				X	
Socio-economic		X			

Descriptions of the protected characteristics are available in the guidance or from: [EHRC - protected characteristics](#)

3.2 Where an impact has been identified above, outline what the impact of the policy, service function or restructure on members of the groups with protected characteristics below:

	Potential Impact
Age	X

Disability	X
Gender reassignment	X
Marriage and civil partnership	X
Pregnancy and maternity	X
Race	X
Religion or belief	X
Sex	X
Sexual orientation	X
Carers	X
Socio-economic	Beach barbecues are a low cost means for families on low income to enjoy the seaside offer. There could be a negative impact on banning beach barbecues.

4. Community Impact

- 4.1 You may also need to undertake an analysis of the potential direct or indirect impact on the wider community when introducing a new/revised policy, service function or restructure.
- 4.2 You can use the [Community Cohesion Impact Assessment](#) as a guide, outlining a summary of your findings below:

5. Equality Analysis Action Plan

5.1 Use the below table to set out what action will be taken to:

- Ensure a full analysis of the impact of the policy, service function or restructure is undertaken.
- Mitigate/address identified negative impacts or unlawful prohibited conduct.
- To promoted improved equality of opportunity and to foster good relations.
- How the action plan will be monitored and at what intervals.

Planned action	Objective	Who	When	How will this be monitored (e.g. via team/service plans)
Promoting healthier eating options	Minimise impact to low income families with beach barbecue ban	SCC comms	Spring 2023	Evidence of press release. Uneconomic to track resulting consumer behaviour

Signed (lead officer):

Signed (Director):

Once signed, please send a copy of the completed EA (and, if applicable, CCIA)

to Sarah Brown Sarabrown@southend.gov.uk.

Appendix 4 - Examples of evidence relating to anti-social behaviour

Email

Subject: RE: Dangerous Jet ski problem at Leigh beach & inside moorings

Dear [REDACTED]

This is a problem that is getting worse and as you say someone is going to get seriously hurt or killed.

The Police were mop handed in Southend seafront with all kinds of trouble and anti social behaviour this week. I will report it, the more evidence we get the better but until the Government make them have to have a registration number on them for identification so they can be recorded as a car would be for dangerous driving it is hard to prove where they come from and who they are.

There are now new larger jet skis now on the market that can do about 70 mph and these people do not have to train or have a license. The Law does have to come in to take control of them.

Yours sincerely. [REDACTED]

Dear all

The jet ski problem was the worst I have seen it this afternoon with a succession of jet skis coming at speed right inside the Leigh moorings and along leigh beach to bell warf. This was combined with more people swimming and paddle boarding.

Jet skis seem quite predictable could the police lye in wait the next sunny day. There would be no shortage of people in sailing clubs and 3rd CB willing to gather photographic evidence.

I am really concerned that a swimmer is going to be killed before the police or coast guard take such action.

I know the moorings and close shore are out of bounds for jet skis but can the local bye laws be strengthened to ban all jet skis from anywhere within sight of a beach as antisocial behaviour with fines and seizures of equipment if infringed?

I enclose some of the photos I took of 2 jet skis from leigh beach at 17.42 today.

Many thanks

Report from 17 July 2022 SCC foreshore office to Essex Police

"There were 7 in total on Sunday 17th July and we have had reports that they were also in Old Leigh causing similar issues; the details I have been able to gather are below:

Turquoise and Black Seadoo Spark, White male POB – no tag numbers

Dark Blue and Black Yamaha tag no. [REDACTED], white male POB approx. 5'8", short hair, skinny build.

White and Fluorescent yellow Seadoo, tag no. [REDACTED]. IC3 male POB, slim build approx. 6ft.

Red and Black Seadoo, no tag numbers, white male POB, dark hair, medium build.

Purple and Yellow Seadoo, no tag numbers, 2 POB (not as much trouble as the others but clearly with the group)

Red and Gray Yamaha, no tag numbers, White male POB approx. 5ft 10" with a blue life preserver.

Yellow and Black Seadoo, no tag numbers, 1 male POB, large build. This was our worst offender of which I will forward the pics. At one point he dived from his vessel and let it run off for his friends to retrieve as there was no killcord attached. He was also encouraging people on the Pier to jump from the Pier along with backwashing Pier walkers. This is the guy who refused to give details and although his friends said they had launched at Canvey he said he'd launched from Sheerness, which I doubt. This was followed by him being abusive towards officers on the beach before throwing his beer bottle and speeding towards Leigh with the rest of the group."







Email

Subject: Message from: Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

Dear All,

Please see the message that we received this morning. Can the Marine Police be advised so some regular patrols can be carried out before something catastrophic occurs.

message: Hi, I'd like to raise a concern with the behaviour and recklessness of the jet skis being operated along the foreshore of Leigh. There appears a complete disregard by the operators of the general public and their surroundings (moored boats). I witnessed, along with others, 7+ jet skis speeding and doing doughnuts in and around moored vessels within old Leigh. the general public were swimming, sailing lessons on going and paddle boards bobbing along. Today there were 4 in the Chalkwell area operating uncomfortably close to swimmers and paddle boarders. I appreciate the issue is not new but it appears it has worsened and only a matter of time before an incident occurs. I hope to hear back from you.

Email

Subject: Message from: Leigh-on-Sea Town Council



Email

Subject: FW: Video Example of Irresponsible use of Personal Water Craft (PWC) (including jet skis) on and around the Pier, the foreshore,

Some more video evidence if needed.

Dear [REDACTED],

Ref: Recent PWC and BBQ PSPO Consultation

Although the reference consultation has recently closed, attached is a video example taken on 13th August 2022 of a jet ski irresponsibility operating close to the foreshore by the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club launching ramp headed towards the Shoebury Common Promenade launch ramp.

There were swimmers in the water, along with paddle boarders, sailing yachts, etc.

The jet ski operator was far too close to the foreshore, endangering the safety of others; he had also been observed landing on the beach further down towards the Bowls green at the end of Thorpe Bay Gardens.

Kind Regards,

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BBQ

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Barbecue sparks bin fire and another melts child's shoe as summer chaos returns to Shoebury

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Inspired by envibes

A CHILD stepped on a barbecue and a councillor put out a fire as the start of summer caused chaos on Shoebury's East Beach.

Several days of sunshine have seen hordes descend on Shoebury beach, leaving behind piles of rubbish and burning barbecues.

Reports on social media suggested a child stepped on a burning barbecue, "melting his jelly shoes".

And Shoebury councillor Steven Ward turned firefighter as he put out a bin fire after a smouldering barbecue was dumped in it.

He said: "On Sunday somebody threw a lit barbecue into one of the bins and it caught fire.

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'It will help keep families safe': Dad of tot who burnt foot backs barbecue ban for beach

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Learn more

The three-year-old's injuries were so severe, he was unable to walk for nearly two weeks and had to be rushed to hospital immediately after he was burned.

He had stepped on sand which had previously been covered by a disposable barbecue the family had been using. His father, aged 37, who asked to anonymous has spoken out in support of the ban.

He said: "I very much welcome this and think anything that helps is a good thing.

6 Blues receive apology after having goal incorrectly disallowed

7 Probe launched as residents



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Waverley river cruises from Southend Pier cancelled after 'defect discovered'



when your schedule is irregular.

Inspired by invibes

A WORRIED father has urged beachgoers not to use disposable barbecues after his young son suffered major burns after scolding his feet on hot sand.

The three-year-old's injuries were so severe, he was unable to walk for nearly two weeks and had to be rushed to hospital immediately after he was burned.

The boy and his family, who are from Great Wakering, had been enjoying a day out at East Beach in Shoebury when the incident unfolded.

He had stepped on sand which had previously been covered by a disposable barbecue the family had been using,

Child left with blistered feet in disposable BBQ incident on Thorpe Bay beach

21st July 2021



Anger over damage caused by East Beach barbecues

24th July



Charred - The damaged remains of the East Beach benches




By Lewis Berrill
@LewisBerrill
Senior Reporter

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Police Report PWC Issues

	Location	Type	Information	Reporting Method	Informant	Action/Result
17/07/2022	Canvey Island	PWC	Jetskis riding fast and close to shoreline	inc 0819 of 17/7	MOP	No details obtained
17/07/2022	Canvey Island	PWC	Jetskis riding fast and close to shoreline	inc 0900 of 17/7	Coastguard	No details obtained
18/07/2022	Southend	PWC	Jetskis riding fast and close to shoreline	inc 0790 of 18/7	MOP	No details obtained
18/07/2022	Shoebury	PWC	Reports of PWCs being ridden in an antisocial manner	email	Southend Council	No details obtained
12/08/2022	Southend	pwc	during op ocean, 5 PWC's warned about speeding inside the 8 knt limit close to Leigh on sea	direct obs		warnings only due to op Ocean
13/08/2022	Thorpe Bay	PWC	Report of PWCs riding near swimmers	EP-20220813-0727	MOP	
13/08/2022	Bell Sands, Leigh on Sea	PWC	Report of PWCs riding near swimmers	EP-20220813-0673	MOP	
13/08/2022	Leigh Sailing Club	PWC	Report of PWCs riding near swimmers	EP-20220813-0672	MOP	
14/08/2022	Leigh On Sea	PWC	Report of PWCs riding near swimmers	EP-20220814-0864	MOP	
27/08/2022	Bell Wharf	PWC	Report OF PWCs being ridden in excess of speed limit	email	Council	
09/09/2022	Two tree Island	PWC	Report of PWC rider speeding past young child in boat. Video captured	email	MOP	Clear video of offender and datatag number. Further enquiries in hand

The PWC and BBQ PSPO Consultation Analysis.

Report prepared by D Skinner

Summary

A total of 3,200 people accessed the campaign which ran from 29th July to 26th August 2022 of that 414 responded online, 20 handed in copies of completed questionnaires, the Port of London Authority also submitted a response as a statutory consultee. The consultation also had over 2,500 people aware and informed about this consultation, this means that they just visited the project page or downloaded the documents, looked at the survey but chose not to submit a response.

The consultation include a survey with questions and a free text boxes for further comments, there were various Public Space Protection Order documents available to download or view online, 916 individuals used that option (breakdown below)

- 375 – PWC (Personal Water Craft) Restricted Area Map
- 318 – BBQ Restricted Area Map with details
- 152 – Southend on Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice

The consultation was promoted across social media and was available on the Councils interactive consultation portal <https://yoursay.southend.gov.uk/> it was also made available in a hardcopy format if requested.

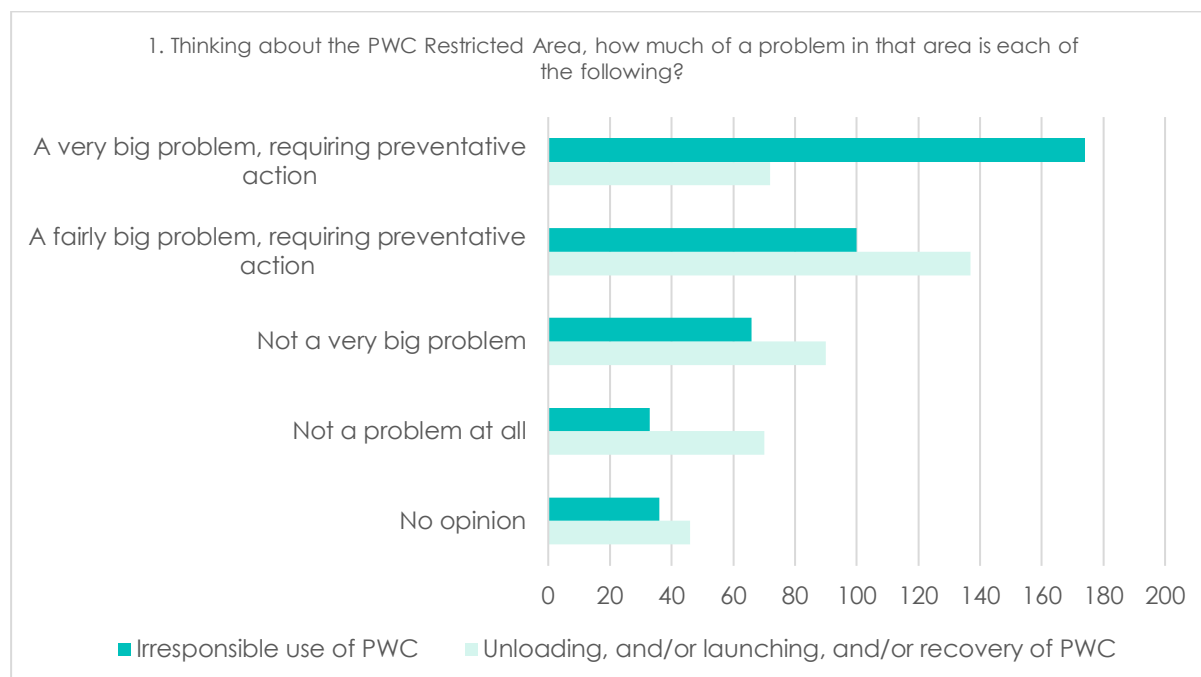
The overall consensus from those responding was that they supported and understood what the Council is trying to achieve in considering adopting a PSPO for PWCs and BBQs to assist with the protection and safety for all those using the beach and waterfront areas.

Some of the individual comments received identified the challenge on how it is to be enforced and monitored once the PSPO is adopted. There was a concern regarding on the PWC element of the irresponsible behaviour and safety of others in the water mainly from jet skis and the BBQ element the comments highlighted the heightened risk of fire and injury due to the way others were disposing of the coals.

*The full comments received from the online element of the consultation can be found in Appendix 1a, the responses from those handed in can be found in Appendix 1b both at the end of this document.

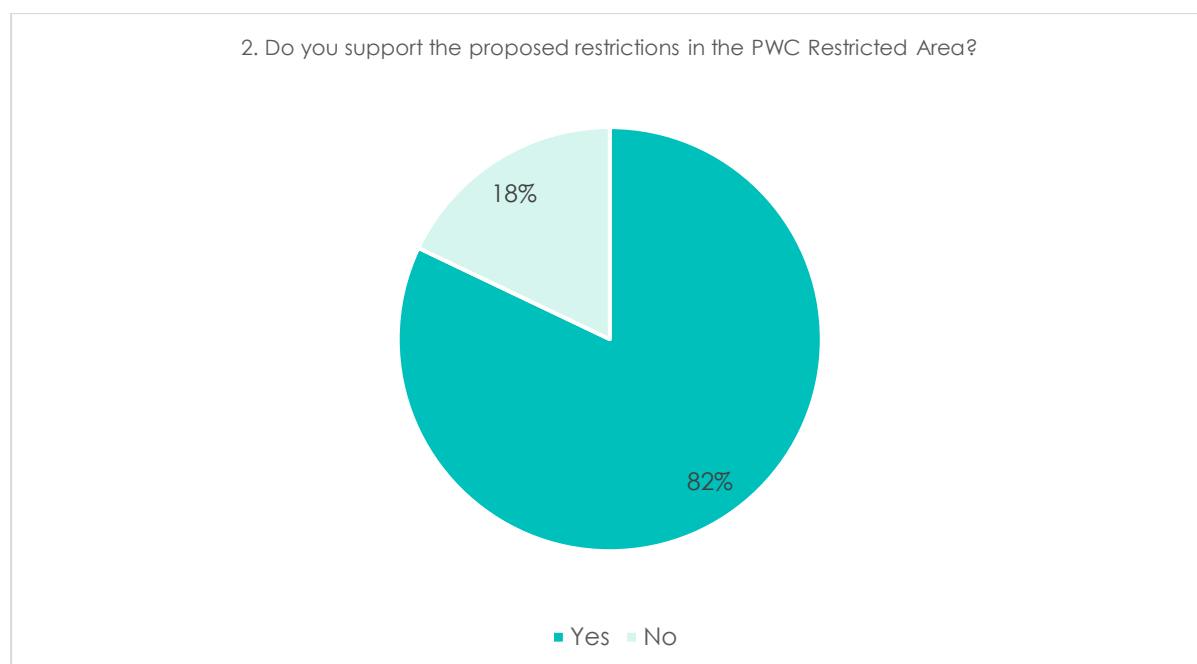
Full Breakdown of questions

1. Thinking about the PWC Restricted Area, how much of a problem in that area is each of the following?



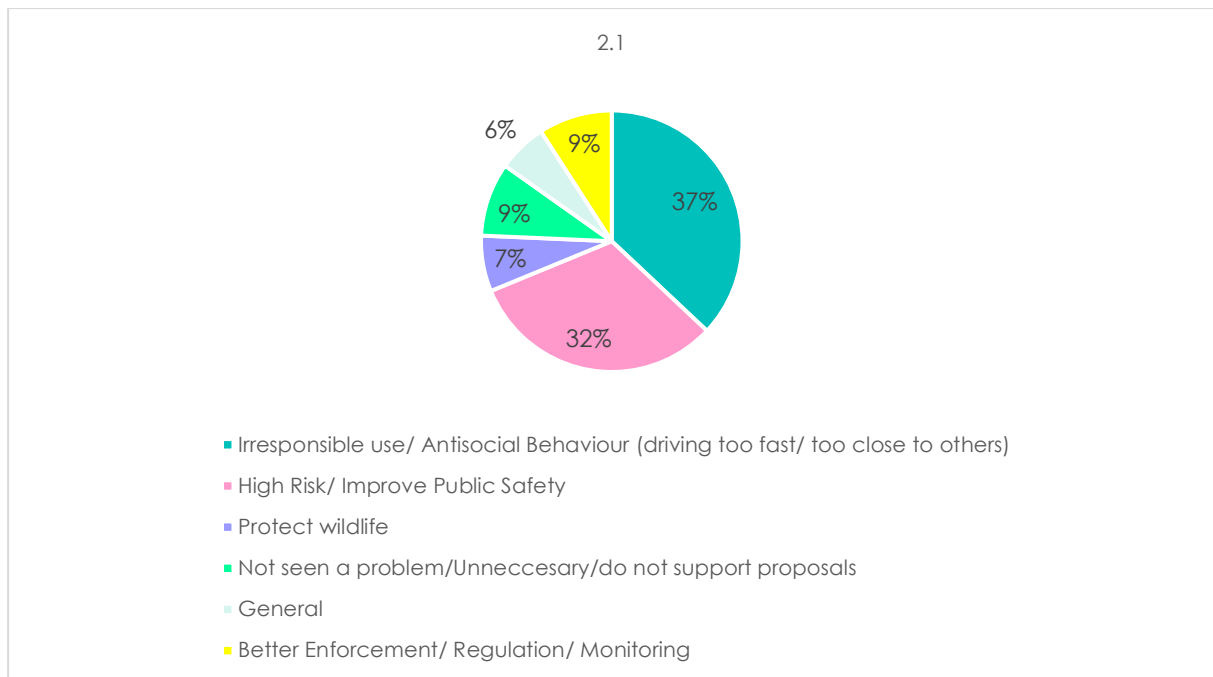
The majority of those responding highlighted that the irresponsible use of PWCs (jet skis) was a very big problem which required preventative action. Unloading and/or launching/or recovery of these crafts was deemed a fairly big problem requiring action.

2. Do you support the proposed restrictions in the PWC Restricted Area?



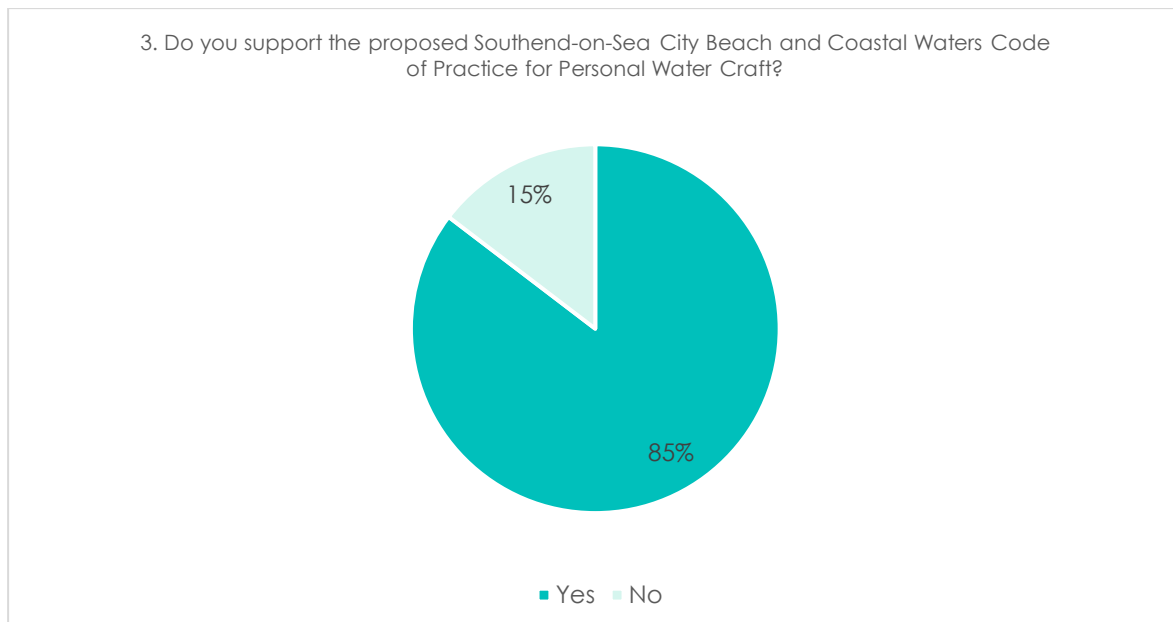
Of those responding 82% identified that they do support the proposed restrictions in the PWC restricted area under the PSPO.

2.1 *Please give your reasons why:



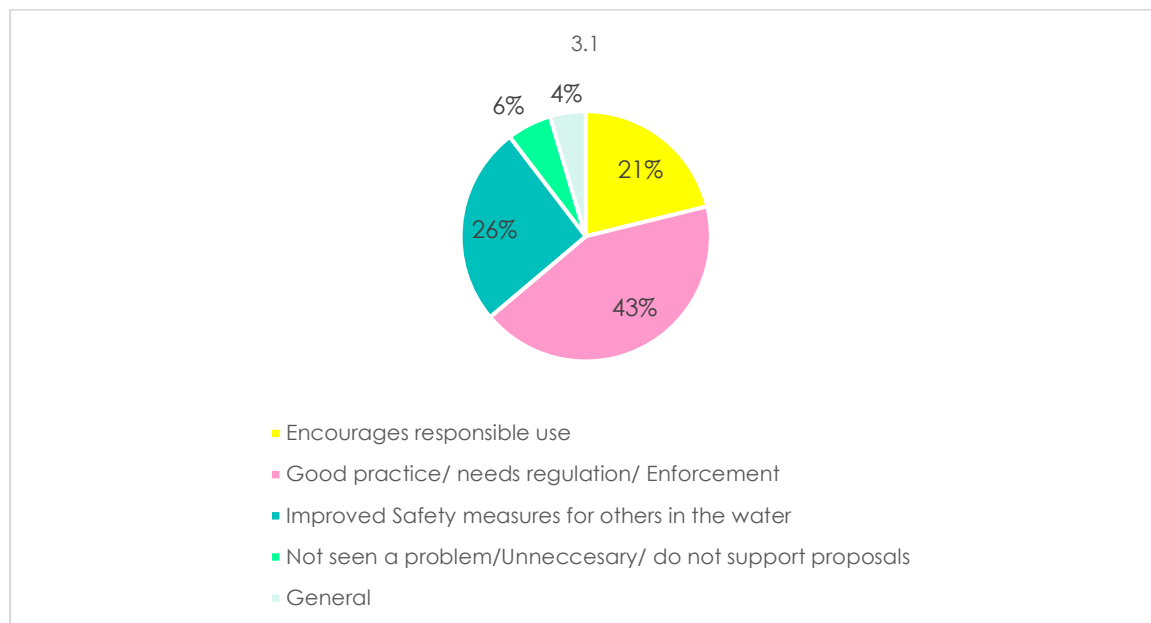
This was an open text response following on from the above question 322 responded online, the comments were linked together by themes and 37% of people commented that irresponsible use/anti-social behaviour was a reason why they supported the proposed further restrictions closely followed by it being a high risk and will improve public safety at 32% All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

3. Do you support the proposed Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice for Personal Water Craft?



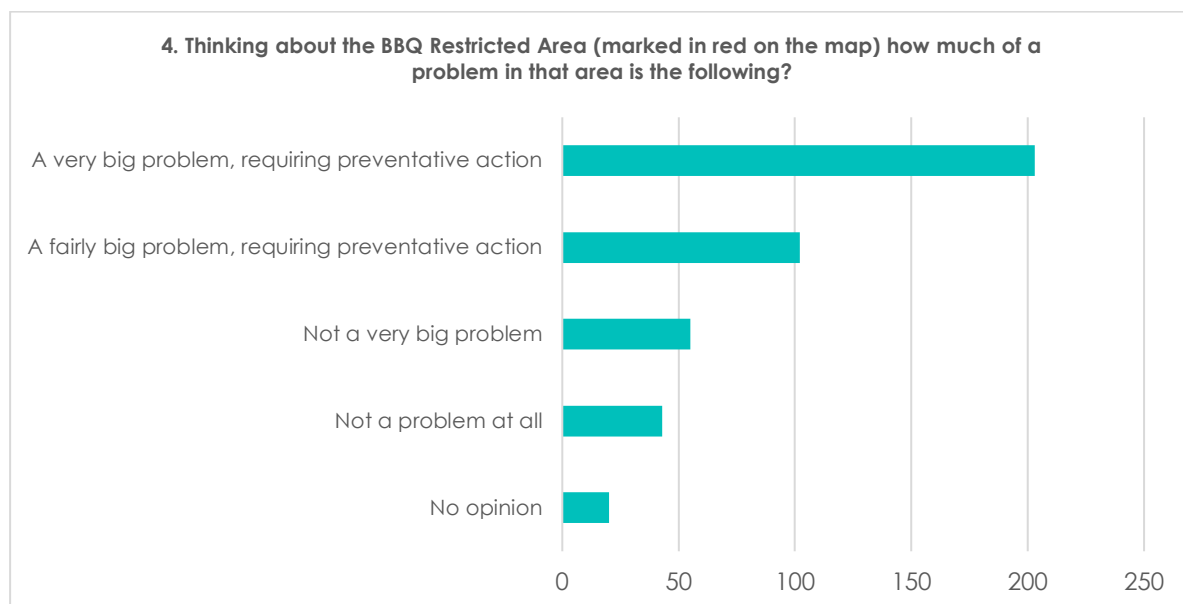
This was a single response question with 85% of those responding supporting the use of the Coastal Waters Code of Practice for Personal Water Craft.

3.1 *Please give your reasons why:



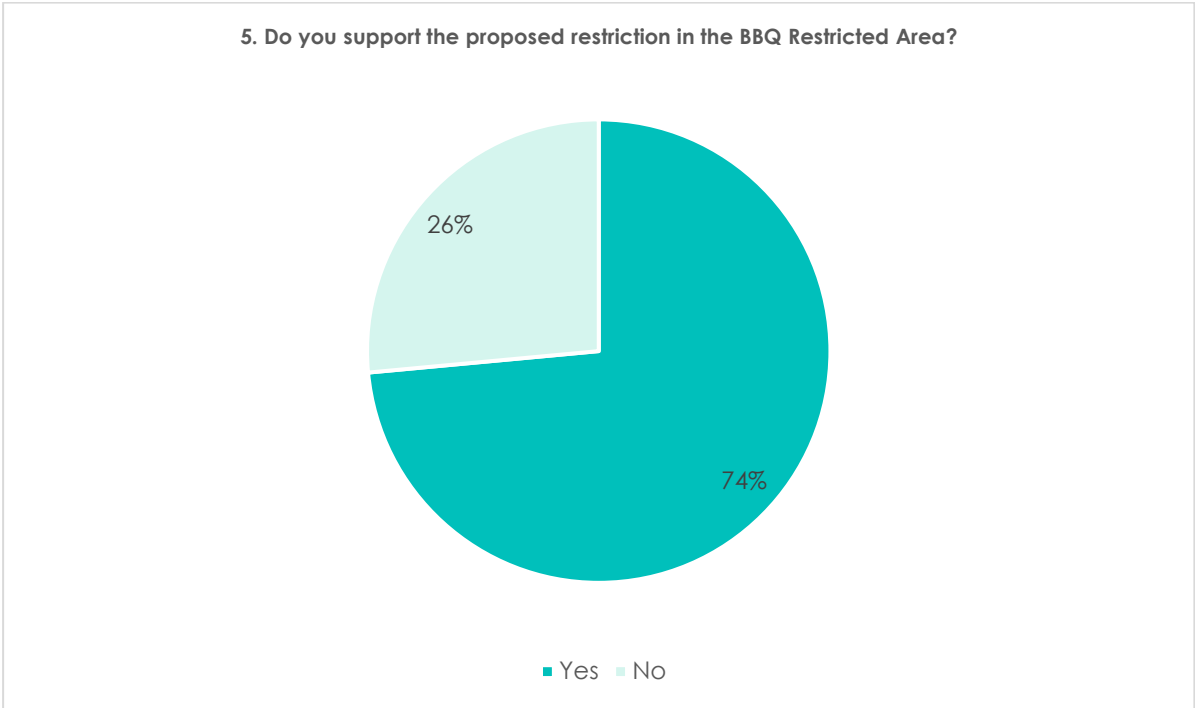
This was an open text response following on from the above question with 256 responding online, the comments were linked together by themes and 43% commented that the situation required good practice/ needed better regulation and enforcement. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

4. Thinking about the BBQ Restricted Area (marked in red on the map) how much of a problem in that area is the following?



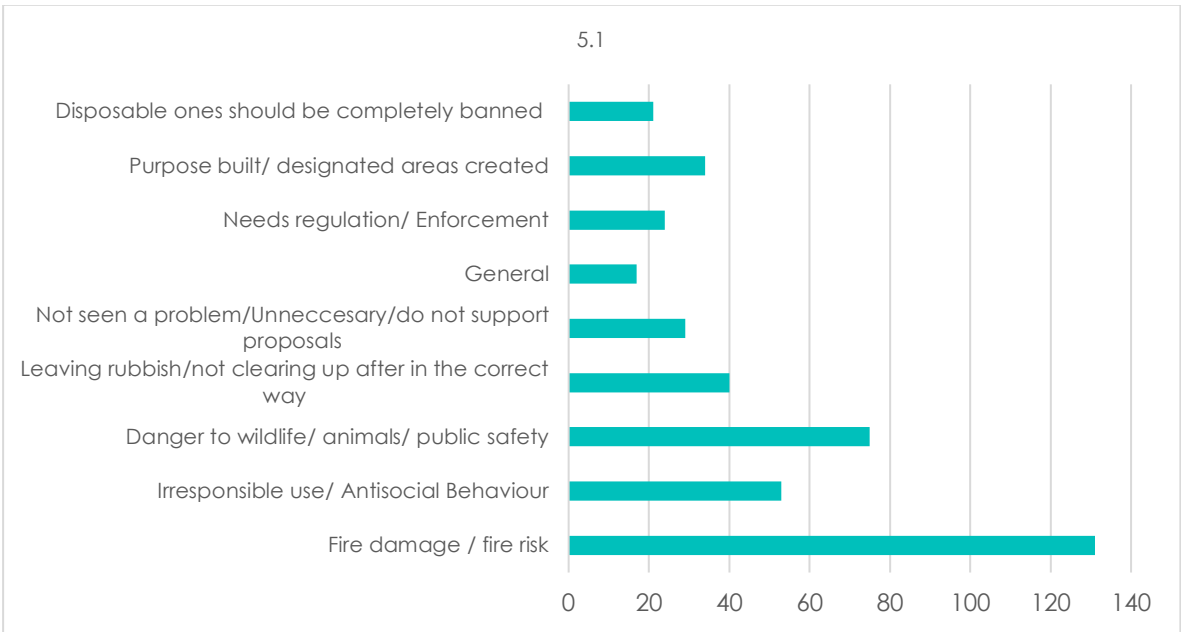
This was a single response question 43% identified that it was a very big problem which required preventative action, 13% said it wasn't a very big problem with 10% identifying they did not see a problem at all.

5. Do you support the proposed restriction in the BBQ Restricted Area?



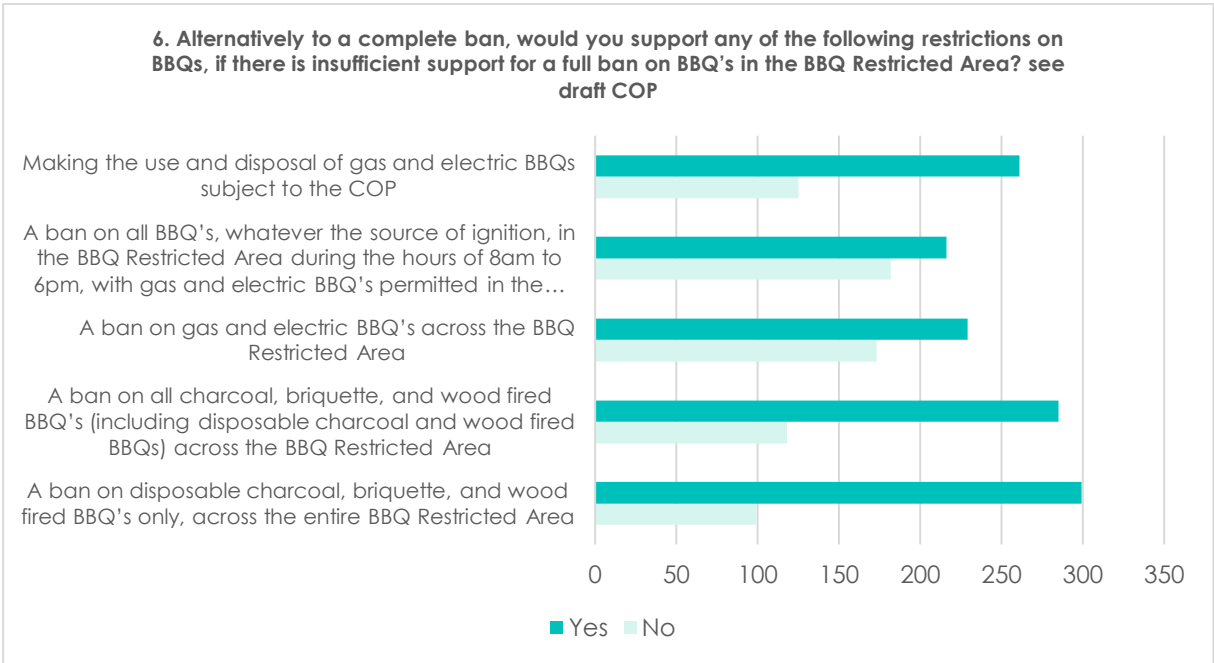
A majority (74%) of those responding support the proposed restrictions.

5.1 *Please give your reasons why:



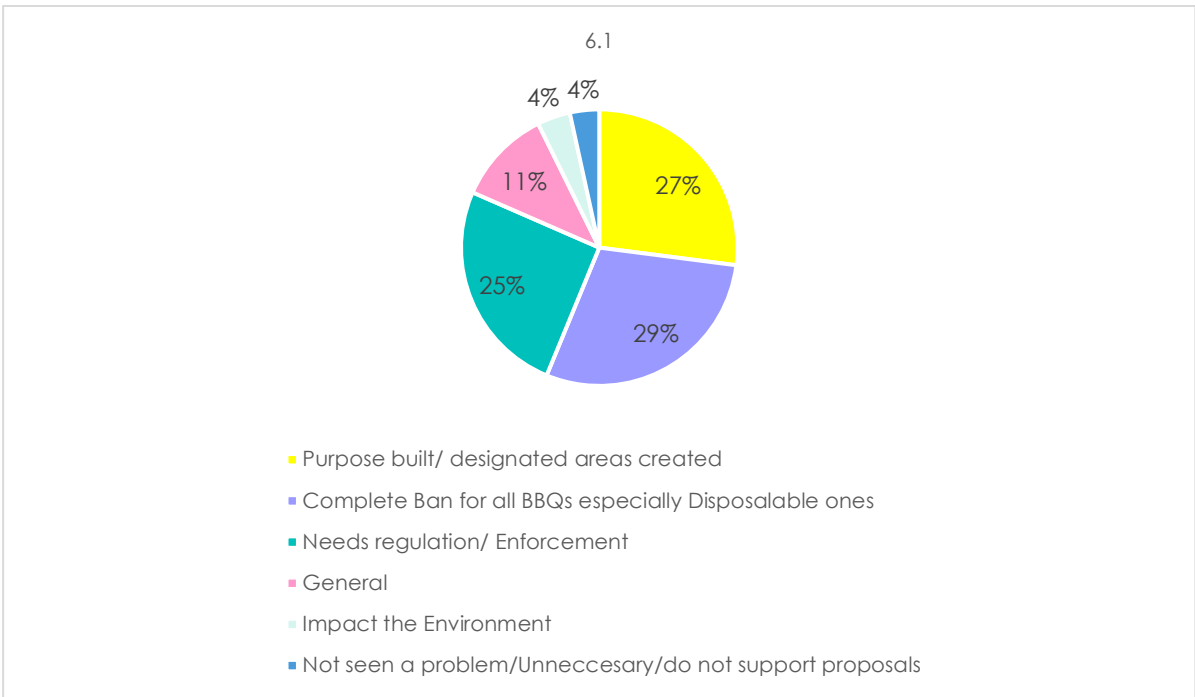
This was an open text response following on from the above question with 340 responding online, the comments were linked together by themes and the majority of those responding were concerned about ongoing fire damage and a higher fire risk especially in the current climate with lack of rain and dry areas. The second main concern identified was the public safety with the reasons given as walking on hot coals when they have not been disposed of properly, this could also impact animals (pets etc.) and the fires increase the danger for the wildlife in and around the areas. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

6. Alternatively to a complete ban, would you support any of the following restrictions on BBQs, if there is insufficient support for a full ban on BBQ's in the BBQ Restricted Area? see draft COP



There is support overall on various restrictions if a complete ban was not adopted, disposable BBQs seem to be the biggest concern due to the way they can be just used on the grass and various street furniture and that the hot coals are not disposed of correctly which can cause a fire risk.

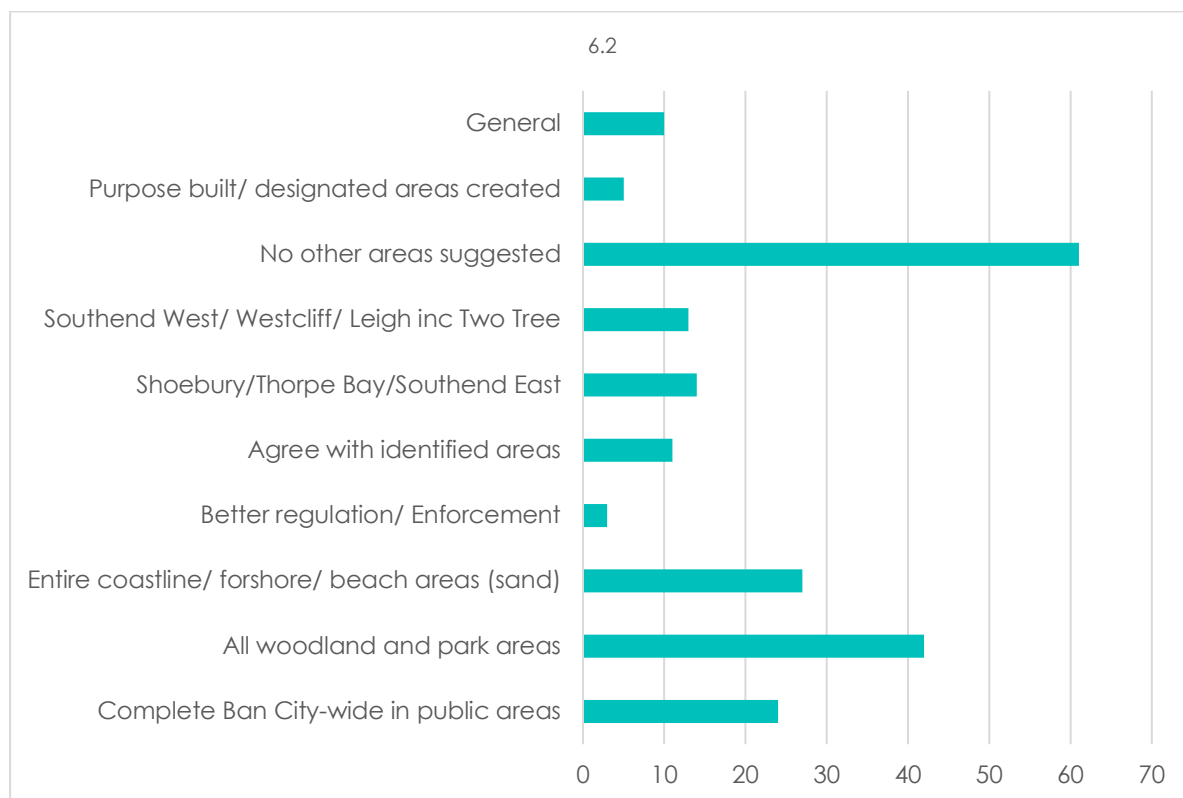
6.1 *Do you have any comments or suggestions around the proposed alternative restrictions and/or do you have any proposals, including designating an area or areas for the use of BBQs?:



An open text response following on from the above question with 236 responding online, the comments were linked together by themes as identified in the chart. 29% highlighted a complete ban on all BBQs especially the disposable ones closely followed by 27% identified that there should be purpose built BBQs along with designated areas but 25% stated that this

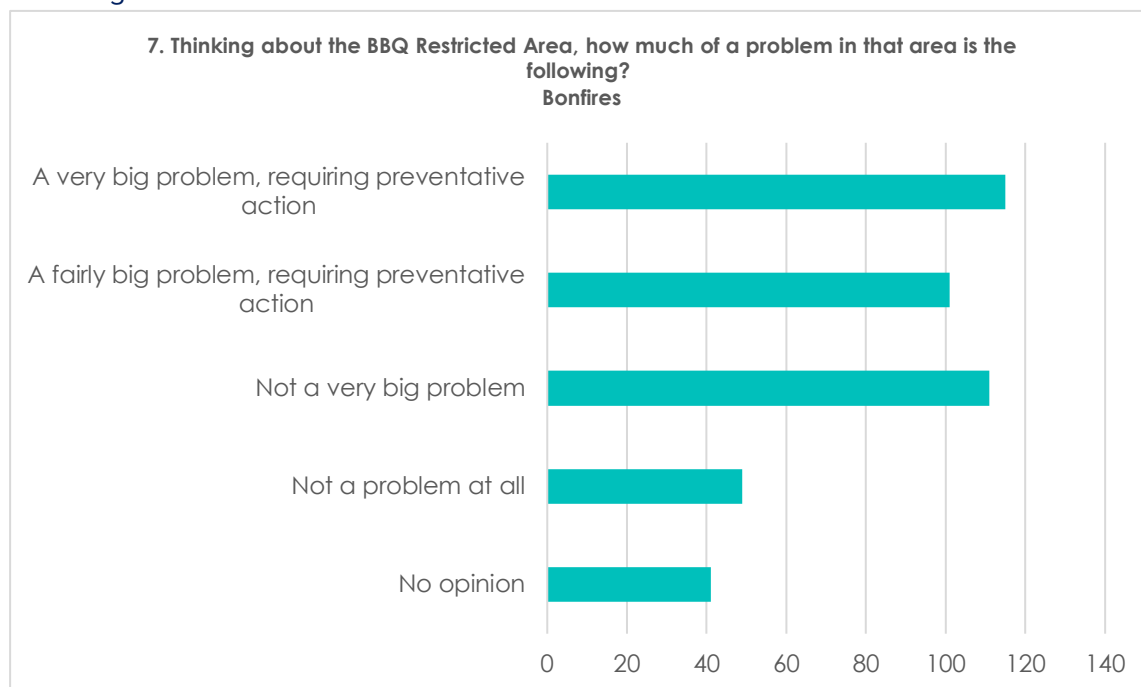
should be regulated and better enforcement at 25%. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

6.2 *Are there any other areas you believe should be included in the BBQ Restricted Area?



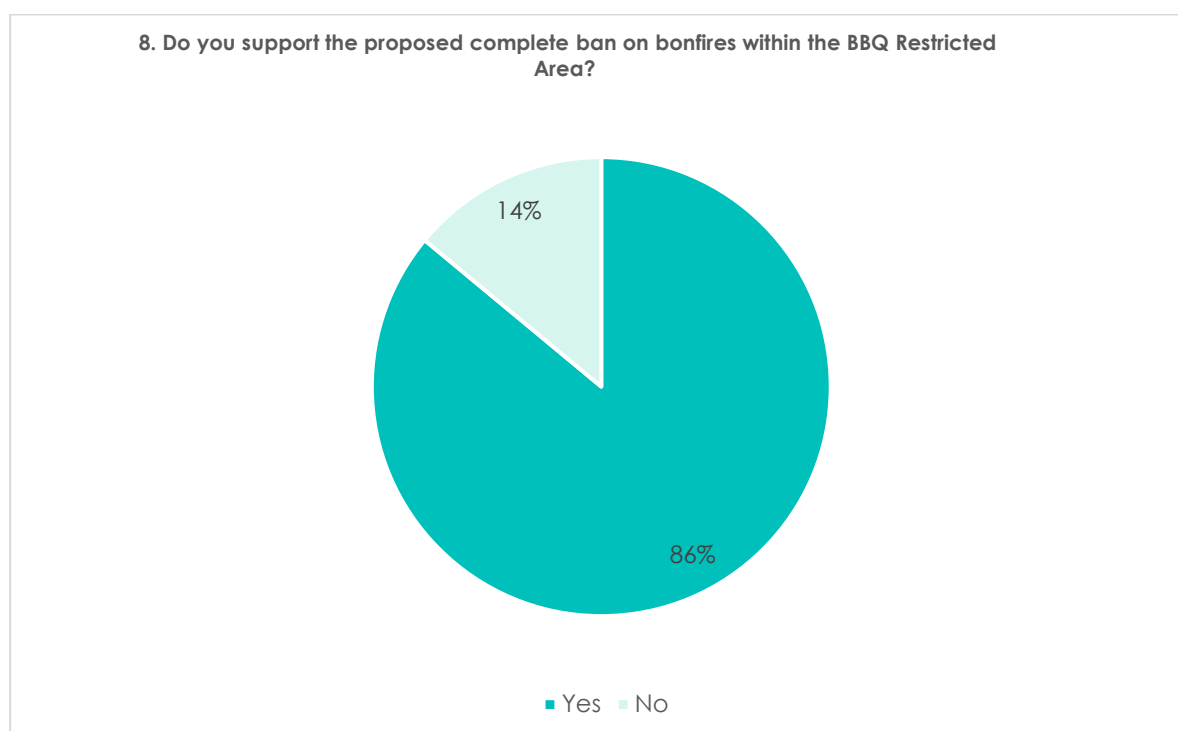
Following on from the above question 201 individuals responded online, the comments were linked together by themes as identified in the chart above. No other areas were suggested, However, all woodland and Park areas was highlighted as being included in the BBQ restricted area. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

7. Thinking about the BBQ Restricted Area, how much of a problem in that area is the following?



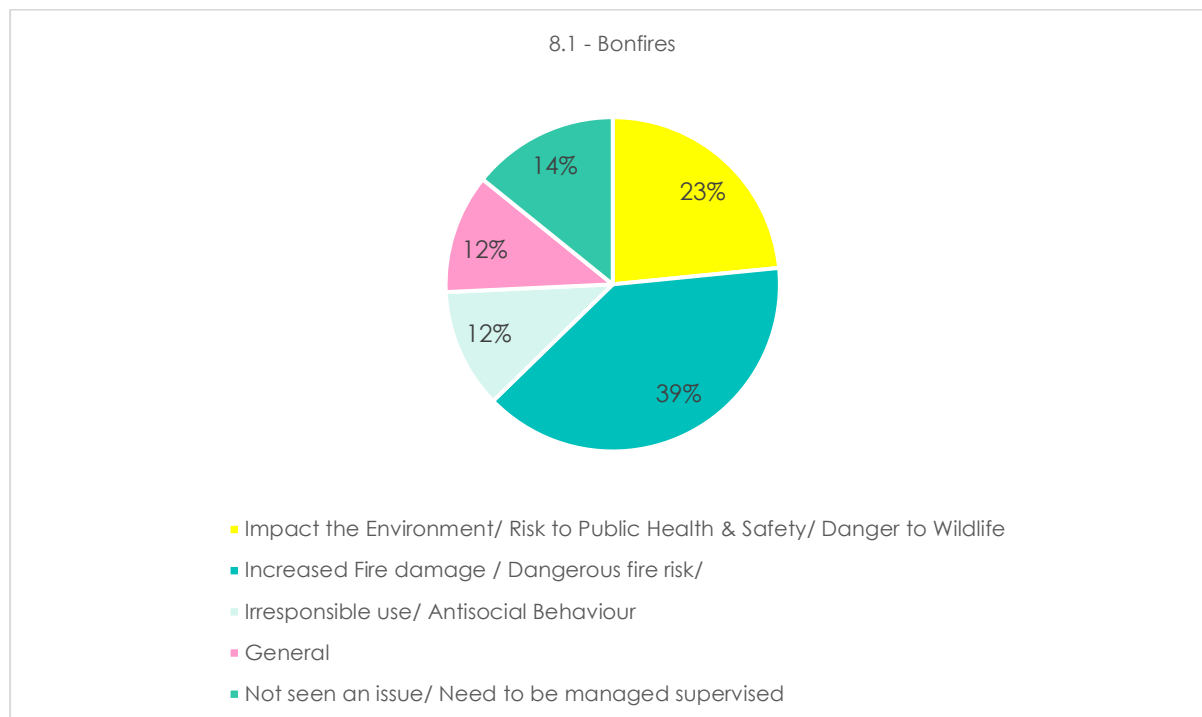
Of those responding 27% highlighted that it was a very big problem requiring prevention, with 24% identifying that it was a fairly big problem. 27% stated it was not a very big problem.

8. Do you support the proposed complete ban on bonfires within the BBQ Restricted Area?

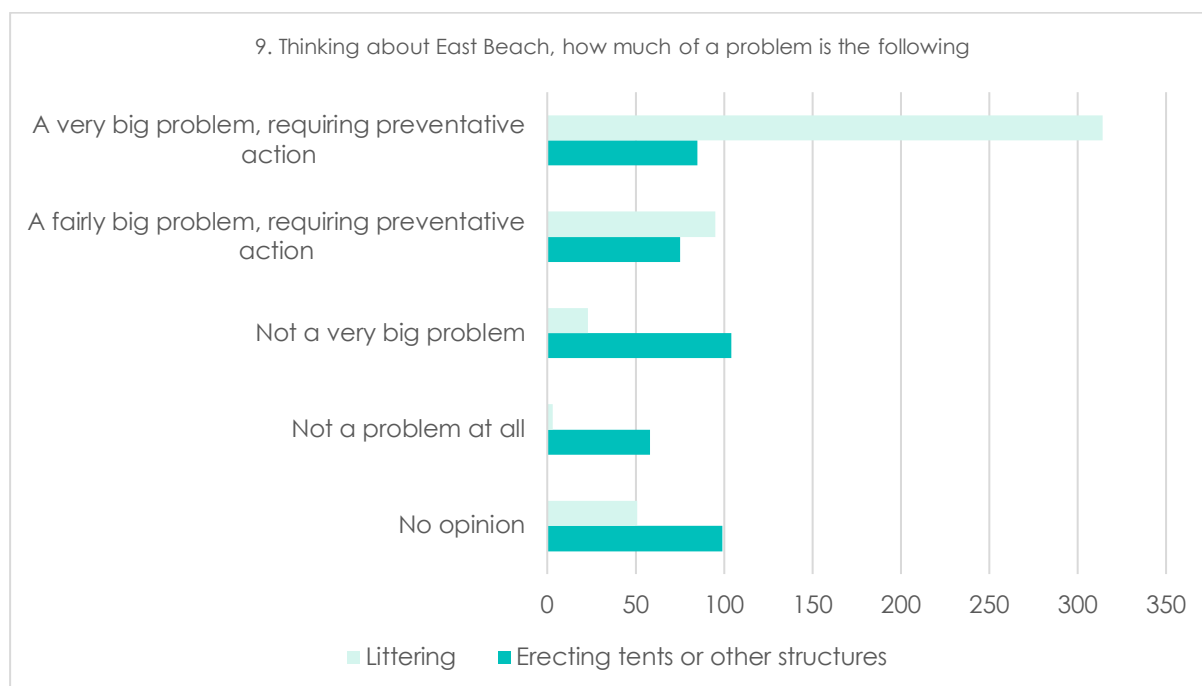


This was a single response question with 86% saying they support the proposed complete ban on bonfires. The reasons identified in the question below (8.1) were 'increased fire damage/ dangerous fire risk' at 39% of individuals stated this as a concern, with 'the impact to the environment/ danger to animals and a risk to public health' at 29%. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

8.1 *Please give your reasons why:

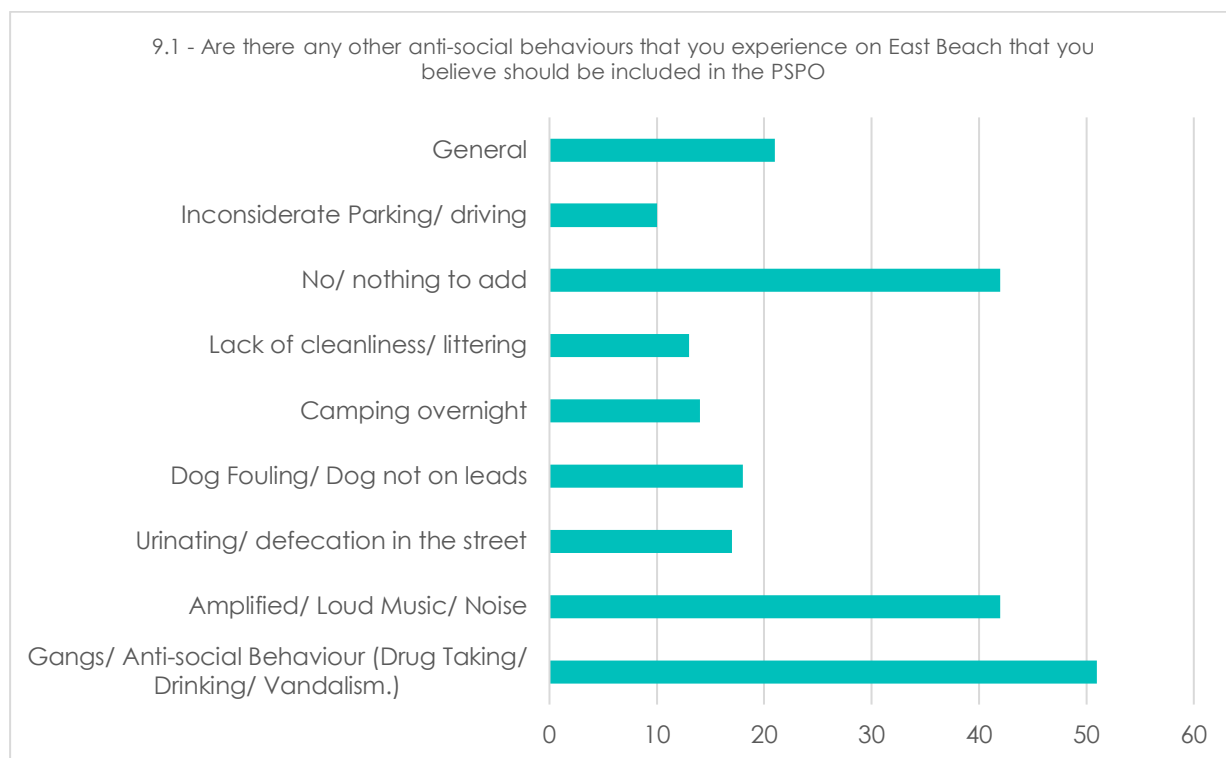


9. Thinking about East Beach, how much of a problem is the following



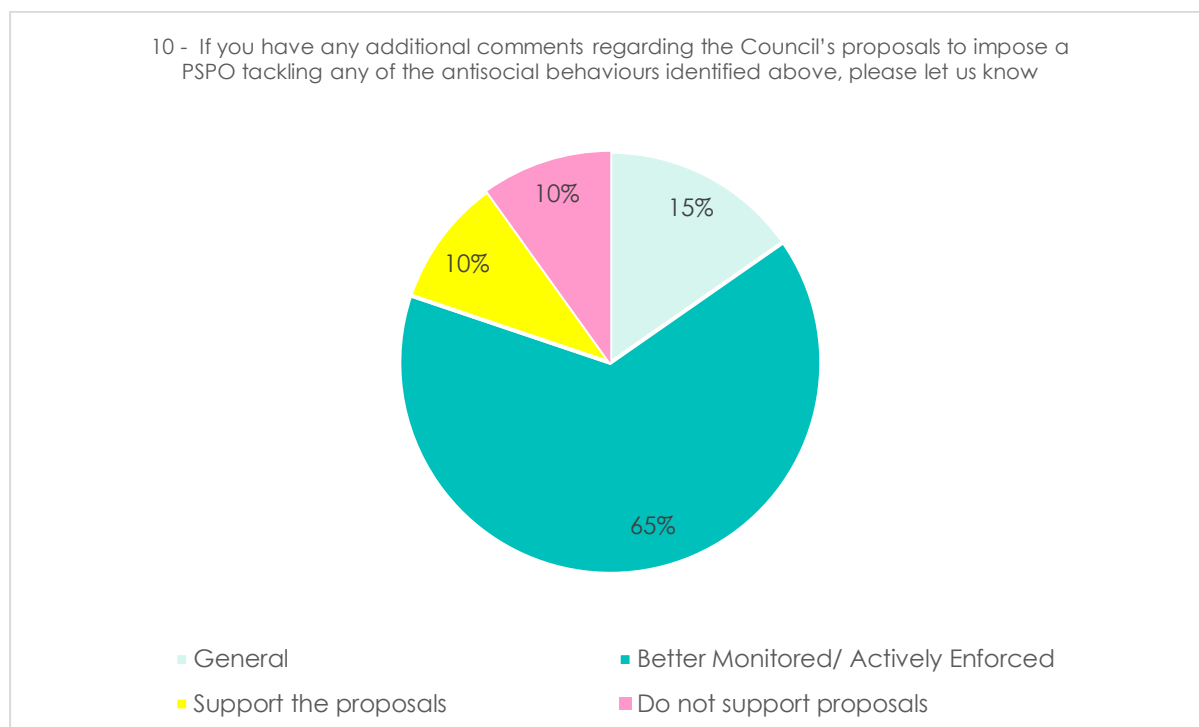
A majority of those responded stated that littering was a very big problem and it need action, but not many thought erecting tents and camping was an issue.

9.1 *Are there any other anti-social behaviours that you experience on East Beach that you believe should be included in the PSPO?



191 responded to this question and the top concern was that antisocial behaviour which includes 'drug taking/drinking and vandalism should be included in the PSPO, with the playing of loud music an issue as well. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

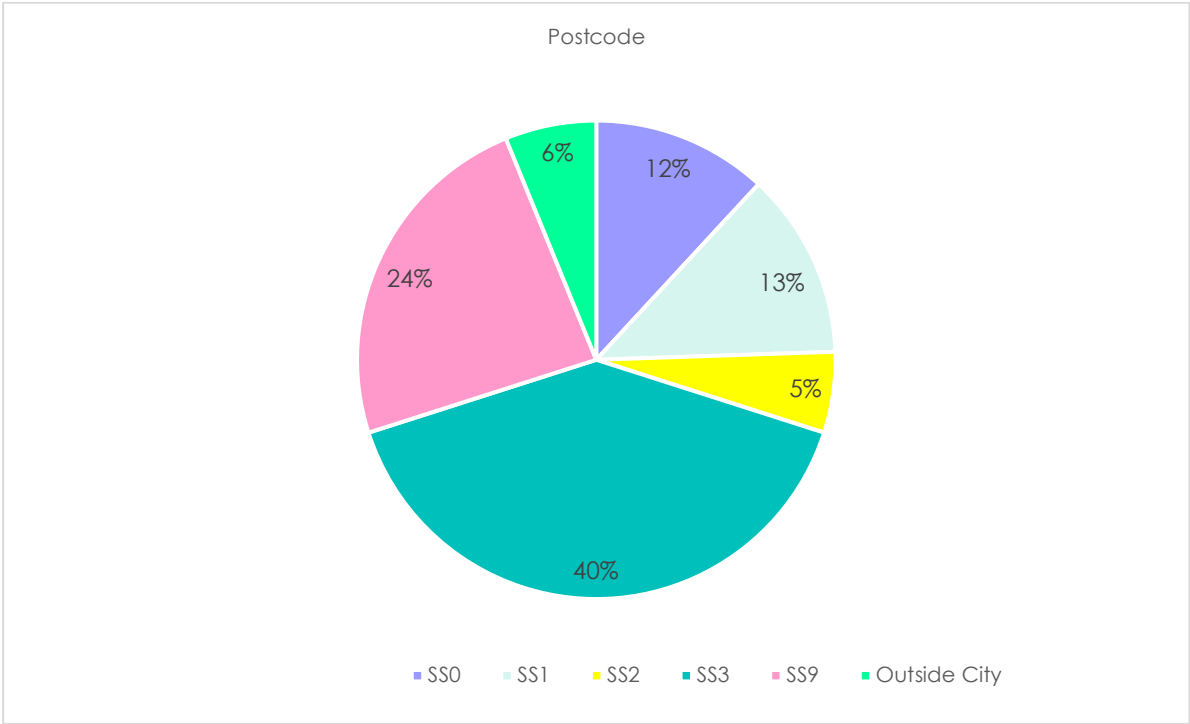
10. If you have any additional comments regarding the Council's proposals to impose a PSPO tackling any of the antisocial behaviours identified above



Of the 414 that responded, 128 people provided comments to this open question and these were grouped into themes, 65% stated that it needed to be better enforced and monitored, there is no use placing a ban or restrictions if they are not to be managed properly, there was an equal split between those that identified that they supported the proposals with those that highlighted that they didn't support the proposals. All comments can be found in the Appendices at the end of this document.

11. Postcode

40% of those responding lived in the SS3 area which is the Shoebury area, with 24% of those living in Leigh. Overall 93% identified that they lived in the town, with only 6% saying they live outside the city or are a visitor to the area.



Statutory Bodies Response

We received one email from the Harbour Master at the Port of London Authority (PLA).

Statutory Response	
	COMMENTS FROM THE PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY ON THE PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (SOUTHEND SEAFRONT AND ADJOINING AREAS) NO. 3 OF 2022 AND THE PROPOSED SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY BEACH AND COASTAL WATERS CODE OF PRACTICE (COP)
	<p>The Port of London Authority (PLA) is the Statutory Harbour Authority for the tidal Thames and the Competent Harbour Authority for the London Pilotage District. Under the Port of London Act 1968 (as amended), the PLA has power to give General Directions for Navigation applying to vessels within the port limits, and to make byelaws for the Thames. However, these powers cannot be exercised in the Southend Foreshore Exemption Area, where making and enforcing byelaws for the regulation of vessels is the responsibility of Southend on Sea City Council.</p>
	<p>We have cooperated with Southend on Sea City Council in the past, and look forward to continuing to do so, to address dangerous use of personal watercraft (PWC) and other issues of mutual concern.</p>

The decision to make a Public Spaces Protection Order to better regulate PWC is a positive step by Southend on Sea City Council. We note that the PSPO would made compliance with the Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice mandatory. The most important elements of the Code, in our opinion, include the prohibition on launching except at an authorised site and the 400m minimum distance requirement. These measures, if introduced and enforced, will likely address much of the particularly hazardous PWC behaviours.

However, when examining the Code, it appears to use there are several areas where a lack of definitions or detail will make enforcement difficult. If it was a voluntary code to encourage best practice, this would not be an issue; since it is a compulsory code and failure to comply is an offence, it is essential that the requirements are precisely laid out without ambiguity. We have highlighted areas in the Code which may benefit from revision to ensure they are clear and cannot be misunderstood, either by a PWC user or an enforcement officer.

The other area of concern for the PLA is that the proposed Code will introduce requirements which are inconsistent with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS or 'Colregs'), which apply to PWC in PLA waters through the operation of Thames Byelaw 14. While Southend on Sea City Council may decide how to regulate PWC in your area of responsibility, having two separate regimes for the navigation of PWC, separated by an invisible line, would seem to be an unsatisfactory state of affairs. PWC users and other vessels will find it difficult to assess which rules apply to them when in the outer edges of the Southend area of responsibility. This confusion will make enforcement difficult and could compromise safety.

We wish to make clear that we are supportive of Southend on Sea City Council's efforts to modernise and make more robust their approach to the management of PWC in their area of responsibility, in the interests of safety. We only make these comments in a constructive spirit and are available to provide more detail on any of our comments if requested. Our comments appear in **red colour below** relevant extracts from the draft Order and Code.

Comments on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (Southend Seafront and Adjoining Areas) No3 of 2022: -

THE EXCEPTIONS

Should there be an exception for PWC used by, or for the purposes of, e.g. the police, maritime search & rescue organisations coordinated by HM Coastguard, Southend on Sea City Council and/or others? In the future, some of these organisations may decide to operate their own PWC as official vessels in the course of their duties, and unless excepted, the PSPO would also apply to them.

At present, PLA Byelaw 14, relating to PWC, gives certain exceptions to PWC used for search and rescue, fire brigade, ambulance, law enforcement, public or recreational safety, security or police purposes or for training for such purposes or for the purposes of the harbourmaster.

DEFINITIONS

'Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Water Code of Practice' means the code of practice set out by the Council containing specific rules applicable to Personal Water Craft and for the use and disposal of gas and electric BBQs in the Designated BBQ Areas marked on the Map in Schedule 1 to this Order

Should this include "and as amended from time to time"?

Comments on the proposed Southend on Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Conduct: -

2. Requirements for all PWC:

e. PWC must have a kill cord What is the definition of “kill cord”?

PLA Byelaw 10 refers to a “dedicated engine cut-out system”, and it could be made clear whether alternative, equally effective and reliable, mechanisms are accepted in place of a traditional kill cord. The code also does not state that the PWC user must make use of the kill cord, simply that the PWC must have one.

3. Requirements for users of PWC:

b. Users (including passengers) must hold a PWC proficiency qualification or have received the correct training from a PWC or sailing club or association.

Is there a definition of “user” or what constitutes “use” of a PWC

What is meant by “PWC proficiency qualification” or “the correct training”?

Will Southend-on Sea City Council be publishing and maintaining a register of training courses / training providers; or a syllabus of a course of instruction which satisfies this requirement? Do you recognise any institutions as providing acceptable training? If so, who will inspect / audit the training providers etc.? If not, who will determine which courses etc. are acceptable for this purpose? For example, would an online-only PWC education course be acceptable?

c. Users must ensure that they have adequate public liability insurance and ID.

What is meant by “adequate”? Should there be a minimum coverage figure for this compulsory public liability insurance?

Does the ID need to be unexpired, government-issued and/or contain a photo? We suggest you specify these requirements for an ID under this section.

d. Users must always carry a mobile phone in a buoyant water-proof case.

Could PWC users instead choose to carry a marine VHF radio, suitably waterproofed?

Suggested addition to: “3. Requirements for users of PWC” for your consideration: - “A person must not use, operate, navigate, conduct, drive, ride (whether as passenger or otherwise), allow himself to be carried, launch, recover or be in charge or in control of a PWC, or attempt to do any of the specified things, while unfit by reason of drink or drugs.

A person is unfit for the purposes of this Code of Practice if his ability to safely use, operate, navigate, conduct, drive, ride, be carried, launch, recover or be in charge or in control of a PWC is impaired.”

4. Requirements for the use of PWC:

e. Users must:

i. wear an appropriate Personal Floatation Device – see www.rya.org.uk

What is meant by an “appropriate” Personal Floatation Device? Will Southend on Sea City Council be publishing and maintaining a register of PDF models from major manufacturers which are considered “appropriate” for this purpose? Or a technical specification of an “appropriate” PFD? If so, how frequently will this be reviewed?

ii. wear suitable clothing including goggles, foot protection and gloves.

Who will determine what clothing is “suitable” for this purpose? Will detailed guidance for the interpretation of this requirement be published?

f. Users must show consideration to other coastal water users and give them a wide berth, particularly with your wake, which must not interfere with, harass or cause danger to them or their property.

The requirement for PWC to always give a wide berth to “other coastal water users” (which presumably includes vessels; suggest this be more precisely defined) may not be consistent with the IRPCS which apply to PWC in PLA waters and this could be a source of confusion for all involved; see comments on (i) below.

Should be “their” not “there”.

g. Users should join a local PWC/sailing club.

Is “should” intended to mean the same as “shall” or “must”?

What is the meaning of “club” in this context? Could a group of PWC users satisfy this requirement by meeting together and calling themselves a “club”? How will it be determined whether or not a group of people is properly a “club” for this purpose?

i. Users must give vessels a wide berth and must always give way to larger vessels. In PLA waters, PWC are considered power driven vessels which must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS or ‘Colregs’), as amended by PLA byelaws, like every other vessel. This proposed requirement appears to make a PWC the give way vessel under all circumstances, even where a larger vessel would otherwise be required by Colregs to give way to the PWC. This will lead to confusing situations when PWC and other vessels are operating sometimes in Southend waters and sometimes in PLA waters and it will not be clear at all times which craft is required to give way to the other. Should an incident occur, enforcement action may be compromised by ambiguity or confusion caused by this.

l. PWC must not exceed a speed of 8 knots within the launch channel, in any conservation area, or in any area with special designation.

Does this mean 8 knots over the ground or 8 knots through the water? What is the definition of “conservation area” and “area with special designation”?

m. PWC must not ride the bow waves of ships or other boats or cross close ahead of them.

As per previous comments re. risk of confusion as to application of Colregs and special PWC-specific regulations in the Southend Foreshore Exemption Area.

o. PWC must not be used in the dark or in fog.

What is the meaning of “in the dark”? For example, what about a moonlit night? Or between sunset and sunrise? Or by reference to civil or nautical twilight?

What is the meaning of “fog”? Any degree of fog? What about when other factors (heavy rain, smoke) reduce visibility? To a specific distance of visibility?

q. PWC must maintain a good distance from salt marsh and exposed mudflats, and must avoid shallow waters or the riverbed where submerged vegetation could be disturbed.

What is meant by “a good distance from saltmarsh and exposed mudflats”? Surely this will change according to the tides and times of day?

Appendix 1a

Full comments to the open questions within the survey.

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2.1 Question: Please give your reasons why:

322 comments received

	Full comment
1.	East Beach is being destroyed and yet the other southend beaches are looked after!!!
2	Too often PWCs are driven too fast, too close to the shore, too dangerously, and pointlessly making too much noise.
3	I would like proof of all the complaints you have received, where they live around this area and perhaps why they oppose everything and I actually think you are trying to ruin Southend and areas around, you are stopping all the fun people are having, around and afar that come down It is seaside town, what do you think other seaside towns cope, in stead of banning everything, try and compromise and ,eg build concrete areas for BBQS, East Beach, have you actually looked around the area it looks a total.mess, and you are worried about BBQS, really.....how long has east beach not had a cafe???? Council again....some old residents who live around area and don't like change....provide more waste, bins ,for rubbish and BBQS...have you seen the crap that is left on the beach, now the poor dogs can't go.in beach WHY have you seen the faeces floating, or you just ignoring that, but a little pooch can't go down beach even.in evenings to walk out, what is wrong with you lot...we def need new blood around, ro go with the times, and the city of Southend Really , its embarrassing....you always say complaints , print them Out for us, don't have to see who signed them ,you are stopping everyone's fun, you only want it if you can benefit from it Like money made.....it actually is disgusting ,now you want to stop the people enjoying the jet skis WHY.....,What do you want along the seafront.....more benches, parking tickets machines, exercise machines...really who is behind all this lol
4	For the safety of all and not to cause alarm to beach users
5	People should be able to enjoy themselves safety on the water but not at risk to others

6	Jet ski owners often miss use their craft and perform stunts near the shore. Also parking around Thorpe bay coastguards is ridiculous on busy days.
7	Would provide a safe area for all
8	Have watched craft coming very close inshore creating risk
9	The use is PWC has become very popular but a minority of users who are irresponsible make it a danger ,
10	Some people are very irresponsible and don't understand how dangerous jet skis are
11	Have been harassed by PWC users while on paddle board. Have witnessed PWCs close to shore and in swimming areas at high speed.
12	Simple - these crafts are dangerous, intrusive and antisocial.
13	Doesn't affect me
14	Dangerous and anti social use of PWC especially off the beaches in Leigh.
15	To make area more safe for other users
16	Needs regulations and monitoring as they think they rule the area
17	<p>Whilst PWC launch from west slip , this is where ALL the anti social behaviour occurs as the jet skiers move onto the MOD beach opposite the HM COASTGUARD station where all visitors also move to on the MOD beaches. The Pier and Foreshore can not and do not enforce as the jet skiers that come to these beaches are aggressive and ignore ALL warnings including parking in the Nature reserve where HM Coastguard station is which is DANGEROUS to members of the public as they take their cars and trailers into the nature area with no regard to the coastal path users (this is not a road) plus blocks HM Coastguard access.</p> <p>The jet skis go up and down the MOD beaches (with families and children on the beaches) within 20-40 feet of beaches and drive their jet skis dangerously. this NEEDS ENFORCEMENT and Southend needs a Essex Police Marine presence from Southend Pier. Maldon Council bought and donated a jet ski to Essex police to enforce jet skiers but they wont move to southend as Maldon council paid for it. southend council should think of the same as it will act as a strong deterrent. so whilst the restriction zone is good and helpful it needs to be enforced , if no enforcement it might as well not exists! this is where its all going wrong and sooner or later someone is going to get seriously injured or worse. Please ENFORCE as otherwise its means nothing.</p>
18	More safety measures are always a good thing.
19	I've experienced an increasing number of PWC users operating in a dangerous and irresponsible manner. I feel it is necessary to take action and I think that the proposals strike a good balance with policing the individuals causing the problems, without unfairly detrimental those who are responsible. I think those who use their PWCs with respect for other water users are already likely to comply with many of the points outlined in the proposal, and therefore it shouldn't be restrictive to them continuing to enjoy their time on the water
20	Yes this will protect beach nesting birds, reduce overall marine disturbance and protect our seagrass and saltmarsh habitats.
21	Observing too much dangerous use of pwc in particular using them far too close to swimmers and those on stand up surf boards etc
22	I don't see it/them as a problem and the activity is promoting good health and fun.
23	Restrictions needed to improve safety
24	Your proposals are not harsh enough and I have little confidence they will be effectively policed. You cannot rely on Essex Marine Police, based in Burnham, they are too far away and the cost of running their rib over a considerable distance is enormous. You will need a local task force to enforce and new policy, unless you intend to wait for the offenders at the launching slipway. They should be banned completely. A significant percentage are a risk to others, they have very little understanding of the "rules of the sea", in particular collision avoidance. I am a sailor and have been for a long time. It is very rare for other water users to like the PWR, they are a danger to others. A lot of slipways have banned the launch of PWR and Southend

	should do the same. How can such a small number of people have such a huge impact on the area. Other than risk to life and property, the noise is unacceptable.
25	Countless times this year I've seen Jet ski owners outside their zone, purposely circling round to create waves to impact paddleboarders and other beach users and acting in an unsafe manner off the pier
26	Some of the users of these crafts are irresponsible and pose real danger to swimmers and beach users.
27	No harm bring caused
28	Anything that makes is safer for all the responsible users and restricts the irresponsible users has got to be a positive step.
29	These craft mostly show no signs of respecting others use of the water or the disturbance of people on the beaches
30	Could be stricter
31	Needs to be safer to swim
32	Irresponsible users going round in circles to bounce over each other's wake close in is both annoying (noise pollution) and dangerous to other users such as SUP and kayaks.
33	Safety
34	Local business need the tourism, and stopping BBQs will stop ppl coming. And why stop the fun that ppl have.
35	While at the Thorpe Bay beach today, (and on other occasions) I observed at least two jet skis travelling at high speed towards Southend Pier and the beach area where swimmers, paddle boards and sailing vessels were. These types of PWCs should be restricted to specific areas.
36	I want the area to be safe
37	Reducing risk to wildlife
38	I have never seen a problem so don't want rules that aren't necessary.
39	Will make the areas much safer for the general public
40	No opinion
41	I have seen dangerous ad irresponsible behaviour that risks people's lives
42	To be able to monitor
43	It has been like this for years, this is just a publicity stunt. There is not problem with PWC
44	Public safety is paramount and shouldn't be compromised
45	Many PWCs are irresponsible, coming in close to the beach with swimmers an at high speeds, causing fear. Impact from wake on swimmers and paddleboarders. They seem to be beyond the law at the moment, and many are not equipped to be safe at sea
46	To preserve the environment and make the area suitable for all to enjoy without risk
47	For the safety of children and adults who like to use the seafront for their pleasure.
48	Damage to the area, risk of fire, amount of rubbish and food left behind, hot coals left which can cause injury
49	Because I feel that it will have an inappropriate reaction to visitors to the area, a code of best practice is better than restrictions.
50	It's a shared, community space. the Code will help keep everyone safe and maximise enjoyment for all.
51	Anything that makes this safer I support although do not use this facility
52	I am in favour of taking any steps the improve the safety of the whole community
53	Maintain safety areas and restrict damage to wildlife
54	no because Ive lived here all my life and never had a problem ,myself . my husband I enjoy the use of the ramp and being able to launch our boat or jet ski . its the out of town people that have no respect that cause all the problems .its nice to be able to take my grandchildren out on the boat have done this with my own children over the years without problems way before you put the foreshore man there and starting charging extortionate prices . I used to belong to the jet ski club and we cannot believe

	you charge and don't do anything to warrant it .the ramp is never cleared and regularly dump more stones there causing more issues
55	Danger and irresponsible users
56	Needs to be safe. The kite surfers leave their lines all over the place.
57	PWC come too close to the shore ,they are noisy and pointless.
58	I have personally witnessed both irresponsible and outright dangerous use of PWC's by many irresponsible users of these craft on more than one occasion. Many owners of these craft have no regard whatsoever to other water users or members of the public, often sticking their fingers up.
59	Let people enjoy living by the sea
60	They are a danger to swimmers, sailing boats and people going to their sailing boats in dinghies due to high speed and dangerous wash
61	To improve safety on our waterways and prevent disorder from yobs.
62	Seen many issues with them particularly over covid relaxation. No legislation over consumption of alcohol and using PWC and coming close to shore where people are swimming - seems a matter of time before there is a serious incident.
63	The culprits for irresponsible behaviour are jet skiers. I was swamped in my 5 knot inflatable , stationary at the time, by 2 jet skis 30 m from the Westcliff shore. They had been doughnutting at the Pier and headed for Chalkwell doing about 25 knots swamping us on track. The story was in the Echo " A Tragedy Waiting to Happen". There is no way they could avoid a swimmer at that speed.
64	I sail at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and the jet skiers blast at full speed through our sailing races causing enormous wakes
65	I personally don't have a problem apart from danger to wildlife.
66	These have long been a nuisance with people using them irresponsibly. They should be banned from the area. They're so loud! I live in North Shoebury and often can hear them revving at my home!
67	The use of jet skis around shoebury beaches is an accident waiting to happen. I have witnessed them being operated very near swimmers off east beach. As a swimmer they are very intimidating. The sound they make carries as far as north Shoebury and is obviously louder at the beach, negatively affecting the tourists that SBC is trying to encourage. Jet ski users also park irresponsibly around the coastguard station and have little regard for other beach users.
68	I have, on a number of occasions (including less than 2 weeks ago), seen PWC (jet skis) being used in a highly irresponsible manner which endangers other water users (swimmers, kayakers, boaters, paddleboarders). Jet skis were being ridden at high speeds close to shore in Old Leigh, near to other users, creating waves that destabilised and disrupted others. I reported this to the police at the time. In the past I have seen similar at Thorpe Bay. I understands very little in the way of a licence is required to operate jet skis, meaning very dangerous machines are in the hands of those who do not know how to use them safely. Alongside the considerable danger they pose, they also create an enormous amount of noise pollution and can be heard from a long distance away. As well as this, they give off large amounts of exhaust fumes, spoiling the environment of people there to enjoy the seaside, which can often be tranquil and relaxing. It is unfair that the enjoyment of a large number of visitors and residents is ruined by such a small number of reckless jet ski users. Finally, the speeds jet skis are ridden at is potentially very disruptive for wildlife and biodiversity, particularly around Two Tree Island, a nature reserve. Additional restrictions (if not a complete ban) should be imposed in this area to prevent fragile flora and fauna being damaged by PWCs.
69	There are more and more people using these craft irresponsibly and coming very close to swimmers
70	Appropriate organisations should police this.

71	Jet skis in particular travel way too fast and are very NOISY!
72	Dangerous for swimmers of which I am one. Shoeburyness Dippers
73	The site is protected under an international designation for the protection of wildlife to the Estuary. Designated Special Protection Area and Ramsar Site. The use of PWC's contravenes the legislation in place for the estuaries protection.
74	They have ruined the grass and also the in front of the beach huts on east beach
75	Because these could be dangerous to other people or wildlife using the water
76	They are noisy, antisocial, dangerous and bad for the environment.
77	Safety for bathers (especially children) and wildlife
78	I swim & sail from the Essex yacht club. The PWC buzz in to bell wharf & potentially are a danger to the swimmers there. Out in the open water they drive at dangerous speeds & create wake that interferes with dingy racers. Although nothing catastrophic has happened, PWCs interfere with my right to quiet enjoyment of the area. They are potentially dangerous for example I've seen one pull along children on an inflatable & land on the scouts pontoon in old Leigh & had to be chased off
79	The use of PWC over the last few years has become increasingly dangerous. Some control is required as there does seem to be to some degree a complete disregard for the rules around areas of use and how close to shore they come. Dangerous to swimming and other users.
80	Some sites have restricted loading areas and are safe. Others like East Beach, do not. Use of the buoys provide a safe area and most comply, but some idiots do not. Enforcement is essential, so that law abiding PWC do not get penalized for the actions by a small majority
81	PWC users block access to the Coast Guard station by parking inconsiderately making it difficult for the Coast Guard to access their equipment.
82	Something needs to be done to stop irresponsible behaviour spoiling it for the majority.
83	Dangerous use of pwc is encroaching on paddle boarders, swimmers and kayaker who are responsibly using the waters. Those using slipways often block them, park illegally and cause antisocial problems when asked to calm down or move. They think they own the place!!
84	Making the areas safer for the public and wildlife can only be a good thing.
85	I regularly see people enjoying our seafront responsibly and safely. Restrictions do NOT appear necessary.
86	Think if everyone not the few
87	Jet skiers are causing a nuisance along Southend's beaches, they ignore PLA and Southend council rules once on the water, they pose serious danger to swimmers and beach users.
88	If you consider it necessary I am happy to support it
89	To keep people safe
90	People use jet skis etc irresponsibly and it is only a matter of time before people get hurt, especially with all the good weather this summer so probably more people are out on the water
91	Makes sense to have designated areas, especially if wildlife can be harmed
92	Boundaries required for safety of the public and wildlife in our area
93	As a frequent dinghy sailor, I haven't witnessed launch and recovery of PWC from undesignated areas. I don't believe it is an issue. If anything, I'd argue the opposite as on multiple occasions this year, members of the public walking back from the mulberry harbour have been caught out with the tide coming in. PWC users have been on hand to save them and take them to shore, saving the RNLI a job.
94	I don't see any problem with proper use in water crafts.
95	Too many times they have not obeyed the restricted area putting swimmers in danger
96	Safety reasons

97	As user of the inshore waters for various activities(swimming, kayaking and paddle boarding) I see 1st hand and frighteningly too often the sometimes reckless and dangerous use of PWC close to shore, thankfully the worse it has been for me is they have created a huge wash which has knocked me off my board.
98	As a sailor, PWC have endangered me on the water and others around me. They are allowed under UK law with no training and can kill.
99	Some users pose a severe danger to public safety and enjoyment of the area.
100	A minority don't use it with care or respect why should the majority of careful users be penalised.. why not spend some time educating and enforcing we pay enough taxes
101	But only feel this needs to apply to motorised PWC.
102	Because there is no legislation on the use of jet bikes, no required training. There should be a no go area from the beach past the moorings in all areas. There should also be occasional authority presence to enforce these restrictions otherwise they will mean nothing.
103	I was deliberately knocked off my paddle board by 2 men on PWCs it was a very frightening experience
104	Because it will be a lot safer for families
105	not many places to launch that will not cause traffic hold ups.
106	for overall safety of the users and others
107	To save people getting hurt and to stop mess
108	I use the water and paddle board PWC craft constantly target paddle boarders deliberately to knock them off for fun, this happened to my wife last week on her first time out on a paddle board . One the same occasion the swimming area in Leigh was blockaded by parents to prevent the craft coming in the area at speed this is a common occurrence.
109	The proposal is vague and does not define what is permitted or what would prompt enforcement. "Causing Alarm" is very wide and puts an unfair burden on water users.
110	It was a great free entertainment to have BBQ with family n friends when you don't have space to invite them at home. Instead of restriction, you should only be strict on checking and using cctv cameras to penalise those who break the law. We always did BBQ in the provided area and left the space completely clean. Even my daughter always go to the beach and pick up litter that others leave there, to save the fish.
111	The don't follow any rules and do what they want
112	Southend is a sea side destination. It should be fun for locals as well as visitors and we have too many restrictions which mean people can't enjoy themselves.
113	These craft are often driven irresponsibly fast near other small boats and swimmers. They also make an unpleasantly loud noise.
114	Dangerous riders and disturbing the peace for others
115	The 400m restriction is the main one I think is required. No problem with jet skis in general but some idiots are getting much too close to swimming areas.
116	Safety of other water users
117	To ensure fair enjoyment for all and reduce risks to wildlife
118	Public safety and wildlife protection
119	Total disregard for human life and safety for swimmers and paddle boarders the jet skiers have no consideration for fellow users of the water scaring and intimidating every time they are on the water .
120	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
121	make the area safer
122	Haven't seen it causing any issues
123	On several occasions I have seen PWCs being used irresponsibly posing a danger to those in the water but not using PWCs.

124	Because, the areas that they are used in, are often where there are people in the water- therefore an accident waiting to happen. Also, the noise is very loud, emissions far from being green, and very invasive for people on the beach.
125	Danger to swimmers and beach users
126	It's unnecessary
127	I regularly use the sea in the restricted area with my kids for swimming, kayaking paddleboarding. There have been numerous times when PWC have been too close to shore endangering swimmers, boarders etc, even with the PWC landing on Chalkwell Beach. The restricted area should be enforced more rigorously
128	They should not be used on beach's which are used by people either enjoying the sunshine or swimming as they pose a danger to them, and cause a nuisance
129	PWC are very powerful and pose a real to swimmers and paddle boarders.I have witnessed reckless riding close and around boats and reported my concerns with an inspector and the noise pollution spoils the beach area. Kite surfing seems very popular with spectators and is quiet.
130	I have seen the antics of the Romford Navy over many years. I had a beach hut near the slipway. Their behaviour has deteriorated to the point of reckless endangerment of others. They are rude, reckless and downright dangerous.
131	Risk of death to swimmers. Risk of injury, capsize & harassment of dinghies, paddle boards & kayaks. Risk to estuary wildlife
132	Never seen a problem at Thorpe bay beach
133	The water in the proposed area is greatly used for non-motorised sports (swimming, yachts, paddle board, kite-surfers etc) and fast jet skis are not compatible with this. Nobody gets on a jet ski with the intention to pootle around slowly.
134	Potential danger to life, particularly children playing in the water. General nuisance to other water users
135	Because irresponsible users are a danger to others
136	Public safety primarily
137	I have no garden and 3 kids. Not fair my children not allowed a BBQ when we cant have one on our balcony. My kids go without enough its not fair nor right so where can we go to enjoy family BBQ???
138	Some idiots are dangerous
139	I think keeping it to an area and restricting use makes sense, some users don't think about those of us who swim and paddle board and the disturbance they create. It must be awful for sailing around as well.
140	To ensure a safe environment for swimmers and for dinghy sailors.
141	I spend a lot of time on the beach, and don't see much infringement.
142	As we enter City status Southend is attracting larger numbers of visitors. This change will help in awareness and enforcement of policies.
143	The area to the left (facing the Estuary) borders an SSSI, and the dunes around the PWC are under pressure both from watercraft and members of the public, I would like to see restrictions applied and signs indicating that the environment is especially sensitive to physical disturbance.
144	I don't use craft, but let people have a bit of freedom.
145	In the last few years the number of jet skis using the Shoebury Common slipway throughout the summer season, and particularly at weekends, has increased considerably. During hot summer days when swimmers and families are enjoying the beach and sea, the jet skis are becoming an increasing menace. They often operate at very high speed close to the shore and moorings west of the slipway, and produce significant noise and exhaust emissions. The constant engine noise can be heard inland by local residents over half a mile away.
146	PWCs used near swimmers, paddle boarders, etc. is highly dangerous and irresponsible

147	Non motorised craft unlimited free access anywhere. Motorised boats - designated lanes to go beyond normal swimming ranges.
148	For the safety of PWC and others
149	Majority of users are responsible but there are a minority who cause issues. Need a distinction here - it is combustion engine powered craft that cause concerns, not those using human or natural propulsion.
150	PWC's disturb wildlife.
151	Wildlife are being disturbed
152	Because I don't see why the few should spoil it for all
153	If areas are roped off restricting swimming distance this will allow the water sport equipment freedom to enjoy without coming in contact with swimmers.
154	Danger to Wildlife/Sealife. Noisy.
155	Noise, and risk to other users
156	Spoils the use of the water by the many people who don't have PWC's by a very few who do.
157	For peoples health and safety reasons
158	Can be dangerous.
159	No one will enforce a COP, a ban between 1st May and the 1st October will prevent a death/serious injury to a swimmer
160	It is not just the noise of the watercraft engines, it is also the fact that many of them now have music systems built in that are blaring out so loud to be heard over the engine noise that this affects people enjoying the beach. I see so many pwc owners ignoring the marker buoys and speed limits whilst launching and it is just a matter of time before a swimmer is injured or killed by misuse.
161	There will always be some bad apples in any activity/sport but it is disproportionate in the use of PWCs. Other water users despise jet skiers as they are so often selfish in their behaviour, come too close to other users and create wakes that endanger others.
162	N/a
163	Users are not taking responsibility for the dangers involved
164	Designated areas for PWC need to be clearly marked, with safe distances out to sea indicated. Swimmers elsewhere (they have the entire beach). There are many water sports on the beaches well managed by responsible paddlers, sailors etc., typically launching from the same areas (open swimming Thorpe, sailing, by the club, jet ski and kite surfing by the jetty nature reserve, kayaking and SUP by ocean beach (Ocean beach should be opened again by the council, with lifesaving and social activities, instruction and permits on beach use), main beach swimmers and bathers. Motorised PWC should require permits.
165	They are environmental damaging and often left burning when people leave, dangerous for children and wildlife
166	If it helps public safety it is a good idea
167	To protect public safety and the safety of wildlife.
168	I have regularly noticed groups of people racing each other on incredibly fast jet skis going from the Shoebury to Canvey stretch of water & back. This in in areas that swimmers & dinghy sailors use. At the speed these PWC are traveling at and their close proximity to the shore I feel an accident will occur sooner or later. These skis are also very noisy, due to sound carrying over the water they are an annoyance.
169	I don't think there should be just one launch zone which is as far out as Shoeburyness. The majority of users are respectable and should have the freedom to choose what area they want to enjoy. To expect those with paddle boards for example to launch at Shoeburyness and then be 400m out from the beach is unreasonable. You will be banning swimming next. With a minority being disrespectful this ruins it for the majority, maybe those that disrespect others and are referred to as anti-social should be dealt with under those rules not ban entry to the water for all.

170	The irresponsible use of jet skis in particular has been evident for some years and the problem has worsened over time. The lack of policing and law enforcement allows skiers to harass other water users with no consequences for their behaviour and they seem to be oblivious to the obvious safety issues. A marine police force is needed urgently to address the problems.
171	Beaches need to be safe places for all users
172	Public nuisance and may cause injury to others
173	Sounds good
174	The public must be kept as safe as possible when on the beach and in the sea.
175	To make out estuary user friendly, I open water swim and kayak on the estuary and feel vulnerable.
176	would certainly help with the problem as long as it is enforced vigorously
177	Jet skis are a real problem. Often going dangerously close and at speed near swimmers and other responsible owners of boats and paddle boards. It will only be a matter of time before there is a fatality. They also have no regard for set speed limits in creeks, especially where other craft are moored.
178	Too many laws are bad; you need freedom
179	I have personally witnessed the irresponsible and, I think, dangerous, driving of PWCs at Thorpe Bay (where I have a beach hut) and Leigh-on-Sea, including the channel at Two Tree Island. PWCs weave in and out of yachts and, on occasions, swimmers. At Two Tree Island motorised craft towing water skiers travel at great speed up the channel disturbing wild life and endangering canoeists, paddle boarders etc.
180	It seems that many PWC users have little or nil 'seamanship' knowledge' and are a danger to swimmers and small sailing boats. Should be restricted to minimum of 1000 yards offshore. Should also hold some permit for PWC use. Better still a ban on PWC off swimmers beaches.
181	Irresponsible behaviour will cause a serious accident if nothing is done.
182	The jet skis in particular tend to stay close to the shore, spinning in circles and emitting noxious fumes which with the prevailing wind (from east to west) are palpable as far as tbyc. The noise is awful and really ruins the tranquillity of the best stretch of beach we have. A other concern is concentrated pollution from the localised full throttle larking. On an incoming tide, the current is flowing from the garrison towards southend, bringing the pumped engine water mixed with exhaust gases the length of the beach. Sometimes oil is visible on the surface. I am sure these craft can be taken out and along the coastline for some enjoyable journeys, but the riding trends are akin to spinning tyres in a car park. Some of these craft are burning more than 40l of petrol per hour spinning in circles, it seems quite preposterous.
183	People get very lax with the rules
184	The jet ski users should be able to use our waters in as least restrictive way possible. They bring trade and tourists. They can only use when tides are high generally so this is not an all day all night issue. This is a retrograde step for a council that wants to be progressive. The proposals are being introduced on the back of complaints by few residents who are old and miserable (I am old but not miserable) and it's this sort of action that alienates our growing younger population. I am not a pwc owner/user.
185	To protect the safety of other users.
186	Responsible users will be affected.
187	The restricted area is too large.
188	Safety
189	The Thames estuary is a haven for wildlife, especially wading birds, most of your restricted area is an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and already has some legal protection (probably rarely enforced). At low tide birds need to be left to feed on the mud (and not chased by dogs) and at high tide be left to rest or sleep at their chosen roosts without PWC users tearing around making a load of noise. Then there's the public, on a sunny day thousands of people and their children, some wishing to swim

	without the PWC show-offs trying to get an audience for their moronic behaviour. PWCs should be banned from Southend,
190	The PWC users are often inconsiderate and use PWCs in a manner that could cause serious injury to swimmers.
191	To allow safe use of the beaches
192	The noise from the jet skis is appalling, and entirely unnecessary. It ruins the peaceful enjoyment of the beach, and drives residents indoors from their gardens, though the noise can still be heard indoors, with all double glazed windows closed, a mile away (I live midway along Marcus Avenue). Please stop them altogether. If the Council is serious about protecting the environment and minimising carbon emissions, it must put an end to the use of these water motor bikes.
193	I'm a resident in Leigh over looking the Leigh beach area. Jet skis are coming to close to the shore and people swimming in the water. There is a minimum distance from the shore line that is not being enforced. They only come into Leigh to show off.
194	Anything that increases safety must be good. Many of the users are infrequent users and have no regard to the various rules and restrictions.
195	Inconsiderate use, speeding through the boat moorings in Leigh where children and swimmers are enjoying the water
196	Children's safety that are using facilities for aiming and sailing
197	These are disproportionate measures.
198	The irresponsible individuals should be dealt with, fined etc. I have jet skied already the UK and abroad and follow the rules and pay for lunches etc. I have very good feedback from the police on how we come into bats harbours etc. so for me your punishing all the responsible skiers for the people who do care. There a lot of idiots on the road but cars haven't been banned! Please just deal with the idiots. I have seen them and asked them to follow the rules and have taken abuse for it but I try.
199	Irresponsible PWC usage is a serious incident waiting to happen and must be stopped.
200	I own a pwc and iv never had any problems with anyone causing problems there
201	The irresponsible behaviour and use of jet skis in The Leigh area is a danger to swimmers and sailors. The jet ski users are also very abusive when challenged.
202	Too noisy and dangerous both for people and wildlife
203	Infringes Civil Liberties. Law making is not an excuse for poor management and supervision by Southend on Sea Borough Council of these facilities. The proposals impact those of us unfairly who comply with the regulations and the law.
204	Too close to shore. Dangerous to swimmers & paddlers.
205	Potential dangers of injury to swimmers
206	I think everyone should be able to enjoy their PWC wherever they want. There is already too many restrictions in place for PWC owners
207	they are a nuisance to the vulnerable in the area and most have no consideration for others. Guidelines are needed.
208	Unfair
209	It is essential this is restricted but it requires enforcement and presence by local authority. This cannot be left to an already stretched Police Marine Unit. Enforcement with actual prosecutions are required. Whilst I support if the above is not addressed the areas on the map will just be shaded areas on a map. Alternatively robust enforcement of current restrictions would actually work just as well.
210	Should apply to all leisure craft regardless of brand or propulsion method
211	To protect marine wildlife and public safety
212	I always found it strange that these type of activities were not restricted in some way.
213	Rubbish, burnt ground, burnt seating
214	As a member of the Essex Yacht Club and regular user of the water, the frequency of PWC abuse close to the shore and inside the moorings in Leigh is a serious safety issue.

215	Primarily some skippers of these craft seem unaware of, or just don't care about, other people on the water. These restrictions are long overdue but many PWC users are responsibly enjoy their hobby, so on the other hand the City ought to go the extra mile and provide a safe designated area to promote the safe enjoyment of the PWC activity. These regulations are, de facto, providing a safe designated area for everyone else.
216	It's only a matter of time until a swimmer or stand up paddle boarder is injured and also the noise pollution from these devises is unbearable. This along with the fact that they come close to the shore with the sole intention of showing off. I live overlooking the Thames Estuary and have seen PWC users trying to knock SUP off their boards and lunatics racing through the moorings.
217	these are an accident waiting to happen the sailing clubs on he foreshore have been telling you the council and your foreshore people for years about this problem
218	Hazard to people in the water because they come inshore far to much
219	PWCs used irresponsibly can endanger the life and give great concern to young and old visiting the beaches to enjoy swimming and other harmless seaside pleasures
220	N/A
221	If there were clear bylaws set in place in the restricted area and people who launched there had the correct insurance and knowledge from a RYA course then this would eliminate anyone who does not follow the rules and bring a bad name to people who have all that in place. Setting out markers out at sea with how far you can come in this will then demonstrate an enforcement to people who could be prosecuted. The slip way has never been an issue. You have people who are experienced start jet ski to make sure they start and work and the kill cords work correctly as the worst thing to happen is to set off and it doesn't work. And on the return all jet ski need to be flushed if a hose is available with water if not when a jet ski is out of salt water a few revs of the engine to clear some salt away from the engine to stop it corroding should be ok. This is a process takes no longer that 2/3 minutes
222	Ensure user have insurance and passed the PWC test by RYA and there will be no issues.
223	Does this same exclusion zone apply to boats ? Why does it only affect jet ski pwc for that distance. A distance of 250m would be preferable as surely that would still give enough distance between the swimmers/paddle boarders/kite surfers which all use the area closer to shore.
224	I have seen people in various craft including jet skis, and speed boats etc. putting other water users in danger and coming very close to the shore at very high speed.
225	Jet sky's are a constant Danger in Leigh on Sea and other local areas to swimmers and other watercraft. If something isn't done soon it will lead to injury or Death. I have witnessed them Roaring along close to the shore line with no consideration for anybody else in or on the water, including wildlife. I would Support the measures proposed by Southend Council regarding restrictions.
226	Jet Ski users have unloaded and ridden really dangerously close to swimmers, Paddle Boarders and Canoeists, children and families all around Bell Wharfe, along to and in between moorings from Chalkwell beach and up though Leigh Creek. It's really surprising that no young children or those riding irresponsibly have been seriously injured yet. It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. They also tend to get verbally abusive when requested to leave these areas.
227	I have seen on many occasions where people on PWC have disregarded speed limits, intimidated and purposely knocked paddle boarders of their boards by creating wacks /waves from acceleration right next to them which is dangerous and endangering lives. Also doing noisy doughnuts on the water right in front of the beaches where there are families and swimmers in the sea!
228	The proposed restrictions, especially the requirement to conform to the Code of Practice, permits the use of a PWC in a sensible manner prohibition.

229	I have insight as to the use and users of many thousands of Jet ski users through my career in insurance. Amazed we have not already had a fatality here. Fully support and recommend action taken with stiff fines for wrongdoers.
230	Jet skiers and irresponsible motor boat drivers pose a serious risk to swimmers and an extreme nuisance to others who seek to enjoy the water at a more sedate pace such as canoeists, wind surfers, boat rowing dinghies and dinghy sailors. Hopefully these restrictions will control the causes of these problems and will definitely save the life of a swimmer (a swimmers head can be quite difficult to see from a fast moving jet ski) I cant see anything in these proposals regarding enforcement and penalties. Without these, the regulations will be completely useless. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES MUST FORM PART OF THESE RULES.
231	Beaches and seafront areas are for everyone to enjoy, not a minority group
232	The poorly disciplined behaviour of PWC in busy areas is likely to lead to a serious or even fatal accident.
233	Some are driven irresponsibly at speed where there are other water users
234	PWC are not used sensibly enough
235	To prevent accidents to the public.
236	I don't think the actions of a few should punish the many responsible beach users.
237	X
238	I have seen PWC flying through the water, no regard for swimmers, swerving in between the yachts where swimmers are and believe that this is an accident waiting to happen. They often go out without life jackets. They have no regard to anyone else in the sea! They do not stick to speed limits and definitely don't stay away from swimmers or boats
239	PWC are a wonderful way of enjoying the coast, just like any other powered vehicle. However I have witnessed irresponsible use, so I think there should be limitations, for example when waters are crowded, protecting zones for unpowered boats, paddleboards and swimmers, and for wildlife protection. Some basic rules will make the coast enjoyable for all.
240	They are appropriate and proportionate.
241	If PWC's continue to be allowed to be used irresponsibly as regularly witnessed there will be serious injury and or death as a result.
242	It is the same as the code of practice that is issued by the PLA
243	Only a few users are dangerous and should be liable for. Their actions, not everyone has to pay for just a few not being sensible. Put more policing on the water to keep order and penalise reckless users. These sports bring revenues into southend
244	PWC have the potential to cause serious injuries and deaths. I spend a lot of time on and around the water in the Leigh creek area and users of these craft are regularly reckless and intimidating having no concern for other water users.. Speeding through the moorings, and close in along the foreshore will ultimately result in a serious accident. There is already an 8knot speed limit which is not adhered to or enforced.
245	You have provided no evidence that there is a problem other than saying there have been some complaints - therefore there is not enough evidence (the really important bit) other than anecdotal to make an informed decision.
246	If risk is involved I believe there needs to be a rethink
247	Having witnessed and tried to engage with PWC drivers, it's my view they have no regard to the safety of other people on the water. In fact they seem to have no knowledge of the "rules of the road" whilst afloat. I've been subjected to verbal abuse, the middle finger from PWC drivers when I've requested they slow down or to keep a safe distance from myself when sailing my boat.
248	Dangerous use of PWCs has increased exponentially in the Leigh area. Craft are being used at high speed in close proximity to children on the beaches and foreshore. The drivers also have no regard for other boaters, speeding close by sailing craft and

	paddleboards. It is clear there will be an horrific accident if nothing is done to curb their speed and irresponsible operation.
249	The area needs to be kept safe for bathers
250	They are the least you can do. But they won't work unless monitored and policed
251	To avoid a fatal incident
252	Jet skis pose danger to all other water users. Driven too fast and too close to other water users. Unregistered novice drivers at high speed are very dangerous
253	PWC come too close to shore causing large waves upsetting swimmers and they are noisy
254	As a user of the foreshore both on and off the water the danger and disturbance to the many is not outweighed by the pleasure gained by a few.
255	Unfortunately it is always the irresponsible few that ruin things for the majority. Rules need to be imposed and enforced.
256	I am sure like in all aspects of life, there are responsible users, however there are definitely irresponsible users too. I'm looking at the aspect of unloading, where the users of PWCs seem to just park wherever they see fit in order to unload their craft. This has included blocking in the coastguards at Shoebury Common. My second is the noise pollution from just one of these crafts is more than everyone along the seafront itself, let alone when there's a whole bunch of them on the water. I can often hear them, and I live over a mile from the nearest launch point.
257	I have witnessed on several occasions the irresponsible and dangerous use of PWC in particular Jet Skis along the foreshore in areas where swimmers and small sailing craft are using the water. I believe that if this is not curtailed with immediate effect, non action by Southend City Council will result in serious injury, or indeed a fatality to a member of the public.
258	As a regular swimmer and sailor I have personal knowledge of the dangers some irresponsible users present in these crowded waters.
259	Stops the idiots
260	The PWCs are used at great speed so close to the shoreline and intimidate other users of the water, they are also a very big noise pollutant to the coast line and residents who live close to the waterfront.
261	The answer to everything in Southend is to ban it. Ban everything but don't enforce infringements, because there are no resources to do that. Why not? We have lots of laws that are not enforced, such as cycling on pavements or using e-scooters, so it's a really super idea to ban something else that will not be enforced. If people are doing these things recklessly, then rules are not going to stop them. As always, it's smash the fun of the majority instead of having the backbone to deal with the minority. Must be an English thing: we can't abide to deal with trouble-makers so punish everyone. Starts at school and just carries on. Instead of education or, god forbid, investing in people to be at those spots, to inform and enforce. Too obvious for the mediocre managers at SBC, all of whom I have seen promoted far above their abilities over the 23 years we've lived here. How's Andy Lewis handling the ongoing financial impropriety scandal featured in the Platinum Jubilee edition of Private Eye?
262	Jet skis can be dangerous in general, let alone when used by people with no marine experience. There are already rules/laws in place that are already not followed by PWC owners, most notably PLA Byelaws and international collision regulations and best practices. Rules are actually already in place but are not policed/enforced so this protection order is just an addition to already existing conditions (one rule is they cannot operate within 200m of the shoreline, jetty or wharf but still do). The PWC area on the Southend Flats are to the west of Southend Pier. The most dangerous areas for PWCs to operate are in shallow water (near swimmers, families, beach line, risk of grounding etc), near other recreational users with less manoeuvrability & speed (i.e. yacht clubs, sailing centres, water ski areas etc) and in areas like Old Leigh. I believe Old Leigh to be the biggest concern as this is where there is commercial activity (fishing vessels & boatyards), marinas, moorings, shallow water,

	environmental considerations (marshes), local pubs (PWC users have been seen drinking before then continuing), scout sailing centres, yacht clubs, swimmers and other recreational users (paddle boarders etc) in a small area. PWCs are less of a hazard farther offshore and towards the east of the Estuary where they have open water and there is far less congestion and other marine users. They should be banned from Old Leigh and the nearshore areas of Southend especially, and their own PWC area made and marked for them to use.
263	There must be restrictions and rules in place already regarding this matter if seen as misconduct deal with it.
264	Protect swimmers
265	Danger to public & annoying & noisy
266	As regular dinghy sailor at Leigh on sea we are regularly buzzed by fast PWC users who also show off in the area by Bell Wharf & Beach close to swimmers
267	The majority of PWC riders are irresponsible, and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury or worse caused by the behaviour of these people
268	I support the proposals in theory. However I'm concerned they might be overly enforced on users of PWC's that present a low risk and aren't capable of being used beyond the blue area (such as paddle boards)
269	This is an area much used by non-motorised water craft and swimmers. High speed jet skis are out of place, and lack of regulations and control means dangerously out of place.
270	I have observed reckless behaviour both here and abroad and agree that it must be controlled. It must also be policed.
271	I believe jet skis and similar should be banned completely. Noise even 500 yds away. Wildlife disturbance and to beach users. Have suffered personal abuse after jet ski user failed to give priority to sail while exceeding speed limit. Rule of Road not mentioned. Frequently in MO D area. Who is going to enforce all these rules!
272	PWC are too fast to be used within the foreshore and are likely to be involved in a serious incident leading to death or severe injury to swimmers, yachtsmen, and or others using the waterfront.
273	These jet skis are a danger to yachtsman and swimmers and need to be controlled with very heavy penalties for causing danger and misuse.
274	There has been increased uses of the foreshore by swimmers. Jet skis have increased and are used irresponsibly within swimming areas close to shore. Launching recovery and use of sailing boats is not a problem and enhances the local ambiance.
275	Very dangerous as go through moorings at very high speeds and where there are swimmers
276	PWCs have repeatedly come through the moorings at speed in Leigh where people and children are swimming.
277	PWC users are already supposed to act responsibly and they don't. A ban is needed from a certain distance off shore as they are coming too close to the shore and going too fast. It doesn't cover the Benfleet creek where irresponsible PWC use has been recorded.
278	PWCs are a massive threat to life and the environment. They should be banned in the UK.
279	If there is a genuine problem, yes.
280	The proposals are appropriate response for the safety of others in the water and on the beach
281	this will assist responsible users and hopefully put off irresponsible uses
282	Just as Escooters are dangerous, uninsured and driven by idiots, so are PWCs. They should have speed and area restrictions and a registration number so the restriction can be enforced
283	In the absence of any licensing then persons need policing and advice
284	The safety of swimmers and children using the seafront

285	They create noise pollution and are a danger to the public launching, recovery and there dangerous behaviour in the water which gives unchecked and they remain out of reach as there is registration system of these craft (They should be subject to approval in the same way that craft are restricted on inland waterways)
286	For the safety of others, the protection of marine life and preservation of the waterfront
287	so they don't kill any one...
288	This is going to become a much bigger problem unless controls are put in
289	PWC have the potential to maim or kill people swimming
290	Protection of the environment. Protection of people and property Allow people to enjoy the surroundings without smell or aiding to poor health
291	Jet skis come far to close to shore and at ridiculous speeds people may be out there swimming!
292	PWC users constantly ignore speed restrictions harassing young sailors in the Leigh to Chalkwell area and are often abusive when challenged by club safety Teams. They are also a danger to swimmers in the area whilst they are showing Off to their mates. There have been numerous near miss events with both swimmers and dingy sailors that I have personally witnessed.
293	Jet skis are a menace and an accident waiting to happen. I frequently see them moving at high speed close to shore among swimmers and dinghy sailors. They are aggressive and pay little heed to the safety of more vulnerable water goers.
294	Having experienced how close these jet skis travel and at high speed close to other water users incl swimmers and paddle boards and dingy sailors (of all ages)
295	The restrictions seem necessary to stop anti social behaviour
296	Just makes sense
297	Prevention of incidents
298	Because I swim in the sea and pwc do what they like, very dangerous
299	Jet skis are a danger to other water users
300	Jet skis are coming too close to the shore in Leigh. Very dangerous.
301	Danger and noise pollution
302	Will hopefully be more secure and safer.
303	Irresponsible users with no disregard to other users, blatant contravention of any safety thoughts, selfish and a danger to others.
304	I witnessed first hand very dangerous riding of jet skis along busy Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay seafront, the jet skis were near the beach where people were swimming going at top speed, very dangerous!!
305	<p>The proposed amendment of the PWC Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for the PWC community is a source of great concern. The Council are using Convention of Human Rights, Article 10-The Rights and Freedoms set out in (right of freedom of expression) Article 11-Right of Freedom of Assembly as a vehicle for criminalisation of this water sport and the whole community.</p> <p>The Human Right Act is there to govern how local authorities behaves towards its people, not how people must behave towards each other. It also provides clear guidelines for local authorities to ensure that policies or decision making do not involve ANY form of discrimination on any ground which interferes with a person's right to freedom of assembly and association by the difference in treatment.</p> <p>This PSPO is an immoral order and if left unchallenged it will develop into an even worse situation for the City's tourisms and the PWC community's freedom of peaceful assembly and association.</p> <p>My reasons for challenging this discriminatory treatment relates to Freedom of Human Rights Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 14- Social Origin- Taken together with another Convention right, Article 8 and Article 18 has put the council in a discriminatory position. It is clear this is on grounds of

	<p>social status, social discrimination and exclusion/alienation which the council had failed to justify as part of the new order, ensuring isolation for all jet skiers from the water sport community. As there are disproportion difference in the treatment of Jet Ski users regarding their informal social gathering on the beach and water with their friends and family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 8 - obliged the local authority to take steps to enable a person's private and family life over the needs of other people or society as a whole. Balancing one person's rights against those of the community' • Article 18 - Limitation on use of restrictions and/or impeding his/her activities that provide social value. The PWC community have little or no power in this decision-making therefore taking away this right. Southend City Council PSPO will be taking away their social value; such as increased confidence, sharing family life together, activities and experience that help the way families understand the world around them.
306	The problem is dangerous use of PWC's, if they want to motor into the shore for an ice-cream at 5 knots avoiding swimmers etc I don't see a problem. I believe part of the issue is from PWC's coming from Kent so the launching restrictions may have limited effect.
307	I have witnessed some incredibly dangerous PWC driving but I am not convinced that any thought has been given to the practicalities of this scheme. There needs to be areas that PWC's can be used but also areas where they most definitely can't be used. There needs to be a team, with powers, to enforce any regulations. There needs to be an undertaking to prosecute to the full extent of the law. All of this will require funding.
308	Dangerous and too many irresponsible users. No regulating or licensing or insurance requirements.
309	many dangerous situations have already happened between PWCs and swimmers/kayakers/sailors/paddleboarders - it won't be long before a death situation occurs
310	we live in marine estate Leigh on sea probably 3Km from Benfleet Ray and you can hear the PWC jet skis when you are sitting in the garden
311	The jet skis and some motor boats are dangerous, they power through close to the shore without taking any care near other boats and swimmers. I understand that they don't even need to be insured. I swim and sail on the shore and have been increasingly concerned how close to the shore and other boats they go near. As a sailor I know how difficult it is to see swimmers and the speeds the jet skis go there will be an awful accident. I have seen them circling around boats and cutting close to sailing boats and picking up children to take them on joy rides from Bell wharf. There should be a restriction for powered crafts close to the shore and speed restrictions. The Thames is a large area which is well used by a number of people and sailing boats. powered crafts such as jet skis would be more appropriate to use the water further out, where there is space and less hazards.
312	PWCs come too close to the shore where there are moorings, small craft and people swimming. They are not using the restricted speed limit in these areas
313	Noise and irresponsible use
314	PWCs pose a serious safety issue to swimmers and other waterfront activities. Without action there WILL be a serious accident.
315	to ensure the areas are safe for everyone
316	Youngsters on PWC's love to show off by coming too close to the land/other water users, without realising the risks.
317	There is a significant number of PWC users who appear to have little concern for the safety of swimmers and other users of beach areas.
318	Being used dangerously only a matter of time before a fatality
319	Water safety for responsible sailing and swimming
320	Because many PWC users are thoughtless, irresponsible and dangerous.

321	Many of the users of PWC do not know the rules and etiquette on the water, ie speed, when to slow down, give way and generally not mindful of non motorised use such as sailing boats, SUP and swimmers.
322	We are all year round swimmers and frequently find PWC coming to close to the shoreline and at an irresponsible speed

3.1 Question: Please give your reasons why:

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Full Comments	
1	Encourages responsible water use
2	To ensure no anti social behaviour
4	Good practice
5	To protect the innocent parties , use of PWC around the shores are an accident / death waiting to happen, because of irresponsibility of users.
6	Hopefully then people will be stopped or fined for being dangerous
7	PWC can be very dangerous and users need to be responsible and accountable for their actions, in the same way that is expected of car drivers
8	Doesn't affect me
9	Improvement
10	<p>Whilst PWC launch from west slip , this is where ALL the anti social behaviour occurs as the jet skiers move onto the MOD beach opposite the HM COASTGUARD station where all visitors also move to on the MOD beaches. The Pier and Foreshore can not and do not enforce as the jet skiers that come to these beaches are aggressive and ignore ALL warnings including parking in the Nature reserve where HM Coastguard station is which is DANGEROUS to members of the public as they take their cars and trailers into the nature area with no regard to the coastal path users (this is not a road) plus blocks HM Coastguard access.</p> <p>The jet skis go up and down the MOD beaches (with families and children on the beaches) within 20-40 feet of beaches and drive their jet skis dangerously. this NEEDS ENFORCEMENT and Southend needs a Essex Police Marine presence from Southend Pier. Maldon Council bought and donated a jet ski to Essex police to enforce jet skiers but they wont move to southend as Maldon council paid for it. southend council should think of the same as it will act as a strong deterrent. so whilst the restriction zone is good and helpful it needs to be enforced , if no enforcement it might as well not exists! this is where its all going wrong and sooner or later someone is going to get seriously injured or worse. Please ENFORCE as otherwise its means nothing.</p>
11	More safety measures are a good thing.
12	Same as above. Irresponsible behaviour on personal water craft is creating an issue with our unique habitats here in the Thames estuary.
13	Improved safety
14	All activities should be done in a safe manner.
15	Increased safety measures required
16	Hopefully this will encourage more responsible use. I'm sure most owners are responsible so it's important not to impact their enjoyment but something to fix the antisocial problems.
17	Some users are irresponsible and not considerate enough thus posing a real threat to others.
18	Needs monitoring
19	This should make it a much more positive experience for all users of Southend-on-Sea City Beach areas.
20	More care and attention by the craft users is a must
21	Helps people take responsibility

22	Safety
23	Same as Item 3
24	To keep people safe
25	It's common sense approach
26	It is important for users of these crafts to be responsible and for all users of the beach & waters to be safe - this code of practice will assist
27	No opinion
28	Right thing to do
29	It has been like this for years, this is just a publicity stunt. There is not problem with PWC
30	Because it strives to tackle and eliminate irresponsibility
31	It I primarily about safety for PWC users, reducing need for RNLI/Coastguard intervention, and ensuring the beach is safe an pleasant of everyone and not ruined by a view who are "showing off"
32	This type of activity requires regulation to ensure the safety of all
33	It has to be thoroughly controlled
34	Safety is very important, everyone needs to enjoy the area without risk of injury or damage to the area
35	The rules suggested are quite basic and they're not restrictive, but will keep the area safer for everyone to enjoy.
36	By having code of practice users will know exactly what is expected of them
37	Safety and comfort for other water users e.g. paddle borders and canoeists
38	Safety 1st
39	Yes there needs to be restrictions that are policed
40	The area of use is too wide. It will have too much impact on other water users, especially close inshore, and there will never be enough resources within the Council to monitor or police it. Accidents will happen before action is taken.
41	Making things safer for everyone
42	To encourage responsible use.
43	What does PWC include, inflatables, paddle boards, dinghy's. Why should owners of these slow moving craft be penalised and inconvenienced. It is not them that are a dangerous public nuisance, it is the irresponsible idiots on jet skis and it is this category of craft where legislation needs tightening.
44	It will help matters
45	As in response already
46	It would fix some of the problems occurring. Again, they shouldn't be allowed around here.
47	Anything that keeps them away from swimmers and families enjoying the beach is a step forward. Ideally they would be banned.
48	<p>As above.</p> <p>I have, on a number of occasions (including less than 2 weeks ago), seen PWC (jet skis) being used in a highly irresponsible manner which endangers other water users (swimmers, kayakers, boaters, paddleboarders). Jet skis were being ridden at high speeds close to shore in Old Leigh, near to other users, creating waves that destabilised and disrupted others. I reported this to the police at the time. In the past I have seen similar at Thorpe Bay. I understands very little in the way of a licence is required to operate jet skis, meaning very dangerous machines are in the hands of those who do not know how to use them safely.</p> <p>Alongside the considerable danger they pose, they also create an enormous amount of noise pollution and can be heard from a long distance away. As well as this, they give off large amounts of exhaust fumes, spoiling the environment of people there to enjoy the seaside, which can often be tranquil and relaxing. It is unfair that the enjoyment of a large number of visitors and residents is ruined by such a small number of reckless jet ski users.</p> <p>Finally, the speeds jet skis are ridden at is potentially very disruptive for wildlife and</p>

	biodiversity, particularly around Two Tree Island, a nature reserve. Additional restrictions (if not a complete ban) should be imposed in this area to prevent fragile flora and fauna being damaged by PWCs.
49	Safer for other water users
50	Appropriate organisations should police this.
51	If PWC users don't comply there will be legislation/rules to show they are doing wrong.
52	To keep everyone safe
53	It doesn't go far enough and how if these craft are still allowed to be used, who will police it?
54	The benefit of locals as well as visitors
55	PWC users should be accountable for their actions, like they would be driving a car: training & insurance as well as safety awareness
56	As already stated above hopefully this would have an impact on safety.
57	Because it provides conditions that keep all concerned safe, but again, without enforcement it means very little
58	PWC users sometimes think they own the water and the access routes to the water
59	Dangerous irresponsible, they bring nothing to the city either apart from trouble.
60	Clear expectations must be out displayed and enforced with severe penalties for both use of craft and the parking associated with it.
61	A code of practice means people know exactly what should do.
62	Your code of practice seems to be just more red tape to prevent people enjoying our beach/water
63	If you consider it necessary I am happy to support it
64	To keep people safe
65	No objection to a code of practice
66	As previous answer
67	As above, as a frequent dinghy sailor, I haven't witnessed launch and recovery of PWC from undesignated areas. I don't believe it is an issue. If anything, I'd argue the opposite as on multiple occasions this year, members of the public walking back from the mulberry harbour have been caught out with the tide coming in. PWC users have been on hand to save them and take them to shore, saving the RNLI a job.
68	As long as proper use by all I don't see why further restrictions are needed.
69	The smell of petrol or diesel is overpowering
70	Need to have some control
71	I think a code of practice is required to be agreed by PWC users so that enforcement when required can be made. This also makes PWC users aware of their responsibilities to other water users and to be considerate, especially more vulnerable users such as swimmers and bathers
72	It will make it safer and more enjoyable for beach users.
73	It goes some way towards dealing with the problem.
74	A minority don't use it with care or respect why should the majority of careful users be penalised.. why not spend some time educating and enforcing we pay enough taxes
75	The jet skis are out of hand and so noisy making it unsafe for others in the water.
76	See above comments
77	These machines are potentially very dangerous and no one should be using them unless they are trained and the vehicles are licenced
78	Yes. I've personally seen people drinking alcohol then going on a jet ski after.
79	speed limit to outside of moorings, top speeds in line with 1st shelter on pier
80	For the safety of the users and public around
81	As above they are a danger to the public, as well as a public disturbance due to irresponsible use and should be registered as well as compulsory training as a motorcycle is.

82	A code of practice is well defined and transparent for all.
83	This will hopefully make them think about there irresponsible behaviour on the water and how this effects other water uses and wildlife
84	See above
85	To make it safer for other water users
86	The 400m restriction is the main one I think is required. No problem with jet skis in general but some idiots are getting much too close to swimming areas.
87	Safety
88	Human safety should come first and preservation of human life is more important. Behaviour of jet skiers has shown no ability to use common sense
89	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
90	safety
91	Not required
92	The use of PWCs urgently needs some form of regulation.
93	for all the above reasons.
94	A code of practice makes sense
95	PWC are the equivalent of a car in the sea, they need to follow a similar set if guidelines to ensure the safety of everyone using the sea
96	They should not be used on beach's which are used by people either enjoying the sunshine or swimming as they pose a danger to them, and cause a nuisance
97	The need for formal training is paramount.
98	I am pleased something is being done but concerned resources will be available to prosecute
99	Never seen a problem at Thorpe bay because
100	They seem perfectly sensible, and are for the safety of the PWC user as well as others around them. IF all users complied with this, it may save the emergency services (including the coastguard and RNLI) a lot of wasted time searching for lost people.
101	Will improve safety for all
102	Because irresponsible users are a danger to others
103	As above
104	I think no one particularly likes them and they create a disturbance.
105	To promote the responsible use of PWCs.
106	As we enter City status Southend is attracting larger numbers of visitors. This change will help in awareness and enforcement of policies.
107	Not mentioned above is the huge number of Kite Surfers who use the beach, I have no problem with the Kite Surfers however the space they occupy, especially during the summer months becomes a no go zone.
108	I don't use craft, but let people have a bit of freedom.
109	The safety of families enjoying the beach and sea should be paramount. The council should ensure that jet ski users are not causing a public nuisance by coming close to the shore and moorings. They should introduce a regulation to ensure that the jet skis operate at least one half mile from Shoebury Common beach after launching, and this should be enforced by the foreshore inspectors.
110	See previous answer
111	Not as it is written. There are junior sailors who would be prohibited from using their craft under these proposals. As noted above, there needs to be distinction between craft with engine and no other means of propulsion or craft which have natural power source.
112	Unfortunately people need guidance on how to be sensible

113	Unnecessary money making opportunities will wreck and drive away family fun on the water.
114	Animal Welfare. Inconsiderate users.
115	noise and risk to other users
116	For the same reason
117	Dangerous.
118	No one will enforce a COP, will not prevent a serious incident
119	For the same reason as above
120	See answer to 3
121	No, this will kill the social atmosphere on some amazing beaches. The blanket restriction seems like the easiest way out, instead of actively managing the beaches and the facilities. It is possible.
122	Safety has to come first
123	If it helps public safety it is a good idea
124	To protect public safety.
125	Danger & noise.
126	Most of this I agree with and it makes good common sense, however I don't agree with 4a, one designated site is majorly restrictive to users of the bay. I thought the slip way at Leigh on Sea was also available to PWC's. 4J - 400m from the beach is too far out for some PWC's and dangerous. 4F Grammar error ;) 4G Not necessary
127	Please see comments above under Q3
128	as above
129	Nuisance
130	Sounds good
131	As above
132	As 2.1
133	will only work if enforced
134	Too many rules in there are not needed. Most are overkill
135	To my mind, the proposed Code of Practice is a sensible and well thought out guidance for the use of Personal Water Craft. My concern is whether or not it can be successfully implemented and 'policed.'
136	PWC's are not safe in swimmers areas and quite usual for users to have not seamanship knowledge.
137	Positive step to discourage irresponsible behaviour.
138	I think, like any harbour or port, there needs to be zones whereby pwc users are to act responsibly regarding noise, speed, behaviour and pollution.
139	If not monitored people will disregard the rules
140	If a code of practice will manage the problem then use this not a ban
141	Again, a safety issue
142	Looks good but will you take enforcement action against those who breach the COP?
143	Cannot be policed correctly as the council do not have the means to do this. You are trying to penalise everyone for the sake of a few that do not obey the current rules, which are more than adequate, if you applied them correctly to the rule breakers this would be the solution.
144	Safer
145	It's better than nothing. I propose a complete ban.
146	PWC users need clear guidance and there needs to be something in place to hold them accountable to.
147	To stop anti social behaviour on PWC
148	This may serve to reduce the harmful impact of the use of jet skis, and it will be a useful first step in banning their use altogether in Southend.
149	As above

150	Not so concerned about paddle boards but the jet skis are a nightmare - so noisy and fast, largely driven by irresponsible people.
151	Having a common code of practice and available on the council website must be good for users of craft, the public and the enforcement officers.
152	Want to protect others who are using water for swimming and sailing
153	See answer to question 3
154	Sensible and reasonable
155	I pay a yearly cost to use my pwc at Southend why should that be taken away from people who don't pay nothing
156	The irresponsible behaviour and use of jet skis in The Leigh area is a danger to swimmers and sailors. The jet ski users are also very abusive when challenged.
157	The water crafts are a nuisance but the disposable barbecues are a real danger both to nature and humans especially in heat waves which will become more frequent
158	Infringes Civil Liberties. Law making is not an excuse for poor management and supervision by Southend on Sea Borough Council of these facilities. The proposals impact those of us unfairly who comply with the regulations and the law.
159	As above
160	Looks like only PWC owners targeted that 8s not fare. Sea belongs to everyone
161	As Above
162	There is no legal definition of a personal watercraft it's a powered marine leisure craft there is an ongoing dft consultation
163	As above
164	See above
165	<p>A code of practice is a good start, getting people to read it and then adhere to it is another thing.</p> <p>Mention is made of a "designated permitted launch site" but then what ? What is needed is also "designated permitted use area" but where would that be ? (I suspect the phrase "designated permitted launch site" was sourced from regulations referring to an enclosed water area such as a lake and thus the concomitant "designated permitted use area" was already in place.)</p> <p>PWCs can launch from outside of Southend's jurisdiction, such as the Kent coast, so how will these be controlled ?</p> <p>A designated area for using these craft, rather than an outright ban, is a way forward. The designated area would, needless to say, require regulating to ensure its users are competent and adhere to a safety code of practice.</p>
166	Without this code there will be an accident soon.
167	these people have no respect for other water users whether sailors swimmers canoeists or paddle boarders nothing will happen until somebody is killed or badly hurt
168	I feel it will help only if enforced properly
169	It is necessary to control those who do not behave responsibly
170	If the correct checks are in place and only users who have passed the RYA course are allowed to launch then there would be no issues
171	<p>Not all users of pwc are inconsiderate. There needs to be better instruction and guidance for any users of the ness road slipway. It needs overseeing, with signage as currently there is nothing. All the majority of users do is go in and out between the buoys demarcating the launch area and ferry people back and forth to shore. There is a massive lack of understanding of what the rules are currently.</p> <p>If users were adhering to the existing guidelines, then they wouldn't need to be changed. And if they are changed, only the considerate users will abide by these new rules so they are the ones who will be penalised / sent out into the choppy more demanding and less enjoyable area away from shore.</p>

172	I am a dinghy sailor and know all the rules of the water and these people have no knowledge for the rules or for any other water users.
173	As stated above.
174	Their antisocial, reckless behaviour is like watching and waiting for an accident to happen, please can this be stopped in order to preserve everyone's safety and allow children and young families to enjoy our shores and creeks.
175	This should prevent people on pwc from being so close to the shoreline so they will be kept a safe distance from swimmers and paddle boarders and prevent intimidation and risk of injuries to people swimming and paddle boarding/kayaking close to the shoreline.
176	The prohibition of PWC's within 400 metres of the foreshore / beach / pier, is a sensible measure that will reduce the risk of accidents to other water and beach users and reduce noise pollution for beach users. It would aid clarity if the map of the restricted area was amended to clearly show (in RED ?) the 400 metre prohibition zone from the beach and extending along the entire foreshore and around the pier.
177	It is a bare minimum measure that I would expect from a responsible authority
178	Jet ski and some motor boat drivers pose problems, nuisance and dangers which must be addressed.
179	Irresponsible PWC users present real danger to other beach/seafront users and particularly to swimmers including potential loss of life.
180	It will ensure PWC take precautions and consider the possible impact on others.
181	There needs to be some control over PWCs otherwise an accident will happen
182	As above
183	Everyone needs guidance and assistance and they aren't given anything when they purchase their PWC
184	This forms a good baseline of behaviour and does not prevent PWC owners from enjoying their vehicles and the coast like the rest of us.
185	As above in (2.1). It is appropriate and proportionate.
186	It is a suitable way of ensuring PWCs and other users such as kayaks, Paddleboarders and swimmers are kept safe from these PWCs.
187	No make the restriction zone smaller and allow loading and unloading at Shoeburyness Common, but make restrictions 500m from the beach which will safeguard swimmer and beach goers alike. Also keeps the moored boats safe.
188	If Southend wants to attract visitors/ investment on the back of our beaches then safety and antisocial behaviour needs to be seriously addressed and enforced.
189	See answer to 3. You have provided no evidence, no reports, no number of complaints, no reasoning.
190	It doesn't affect me
191	The proposal is required to prevent someone from being fatally injured. Regrettably it will take death of a person to speed this restrictive practice through as irresponsible PWC users have no understanding of the dangers they impose on others and themselves. I have video evidence of PWC activity which is deemed harassment to others on the water which is in contravention to current bylaws which carry a maximum £20 fine. Totally outdated and not fit for purpose.
192	As above
193	These users should be monitored and have a set of terms to adhere to if they are to use these items in a public place.
194	Again the least you can do. This needs more than a code of practice which will most likely be ignored.
195	To avoid a fatal incident
196	There are other areas in the county where they can launch and not be a danger to non jet skiers
197	See above. In addition some PWCs are extremely noisy and can be heard from a mile away.

198	People and wildlife safety is important.
199	The problem of dangerous and irresponsible use of in particular motorised watercraft which includes jet skis is apparent along the whole of the foreshore
200	A minority of irresponsible pwc users do not care a darn for the safety of others and only proper controls and enforcement will prevent a serious incident.
201	Stops the idiots
202	The PWCs are used at great speed so close to the shoreline and intimidate other users of the water, they are also a very big noise pollutant to the coast line and residents who live close to the waterfront.
203	Same reasons as above. Absolutely pointless because no one will read it, or know how to find it and you will not invest anything into promoting or enforcing it. Do you not think there are better things to worry about, as Southend's fuel poverty % rises higher and higher? Or are our councillors and officers like our two MPs - don't care, don't reply?
204	Please see above explanation
205	If a user of a craft cannot recite the basic rules then you have an argument and a case against them.
206	It is just sensible for users to follow something similar to the highway code.
207	Necessary.
208	As above, but to be effective Southend need the means to enforce the restrictions
209	The majority of PWC riders are irresponsible, and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury or worse caused by the behaviour of these people
210	They make sense
211	Common sense. Anyone that objects is probably not going to be a responsible user.
212	If there is no driving test or regulation of drivers any fool can put lives at danger. Banning them should perhaps be the first step to regulation.
213	Definition of PWC is inadequate in document. I note reference to sailing club. A wide definition would be draconian. (An inflatable Kayak?) The launch site mentioned is inadequate and at times represents a H&S risk. (Broken concrete and stones.) .
214	No information regarding other vessels so can't answer this question but if it just applies to pwc then yes I agree
215	Reduce danger to swimmers
216	I thought they were already restricted in areas near the shore but this summer they have been going at very high speeds off the Leigh promenade
217	It is toothless, ban is needed up to a certain distance off shore, they can go as fast as they like offshore, and 'guide' will not prevent people from acting irresponsibly.
218	It's a step in the right direction getting the banned from southend sea front and the Thames in general
219	They are appropriate to the needs
220	Just as Escooters are dangerous, uninsured and driven by idiots, so are PWCs. They should have speed and area restrictions and a registration number so the restriction can be enforced
221	Safety is Paramount
222	Safety of swimmers especially children
223	They will improve the useability and safety of the local waters
224	to keeps all safe
225	It's safer
226	There needs to be more policing on the water to deal with this nuisance.
227	We urgently need restrictions on the use of power craft close to shore.
228	As sailors and windsurfers we have completed RYA courses and are very aware re importance of safety. PWC users don't seem to have any awareness of safety to anyone else or the potential to cause accidents
229	They will improve the situation

230	Very sensible
231	Safety
232	Because I swim in the sea and pwc do what they like, very dangerous
233	Not enough attention is given to other water users
234	They do not obey distance codes
235	Pollution danger noise
236	Will help with Safety Aspects
237	There must be some sort of controls to measure and manage large groups.
238	To keep people safe.
239	<p>The council have not shown the sources of the potential risks for the Jets kiers been sent over 400metre away from the beach, without safety boats, or the safety of others, but are expected to have a mobile phone to contact support if they require it in an emergency.</p> <p>Southend Council have not made it clear of the control measures they have in place or the regular monitoring and recording that will be kept to ensure the safety of PWC Community and the safety of their families left alone on the beach along with a water risk assessment and safety plan.</p> <p>There is also a concern that Jet skiers could be struck by one of the many boats that pass close by every day at the pier as they are been pushed closer to a busy shipping lane, therefore may take last-minute evasive action to avoid accidents.</p>
240	Two long, just needs to focus on dangerous use. There needs to be enforced speed limits and a prohibition of close passes, especially to swimmers, canoes etc. The maximum fine is way to low for dangerous use.
241	<p>I have witnessed some incredibly dangerous PWC driving but I am not convinced that any thought has been given to the practicalities of this scheme. There needs to be areas that PWC's can be used but also areas where they most definitely can't be used.</p> <p>There needs to be a team, with powers, to enforce any regulations. There needs to be an undertaking to prosecute to the full extent of the law. All of this will require funding.</p>
242	To do nothing is not an option.
243	control measures are required as PWC riders in general appear to be incapable of acting sensibly and safely
244	The PWC / jet skies just make too much noise. one PWC annoys 200 people, people on the beach , people sitting at home, even when they are a mile at sea you can still hear them.
245	See above. They are increasingly causing problems to others using the water such as swimmers, sups, canoes, sailing boats. They also don't need to be insured, this is very concerning.
246	There will be a serious accident if nothing is done to restrict speed and access so close to the shore and beaches
247	Noise and irresponsible use
248	I fully support the code of practice, but this will only be effective if enforced. It is essential that compliance with all requirements of the code must be confirmed prior to payment at Council launch sites.
249	for everyone's safety
250	As above plus the noise created spoils the peace for the public and wild life.
251	A reasonable and proportionate response.
252	Seems a very sensible approach
253	Need to regulate users and educate irresponsible users
254	Because many PWC users are thoughtless, irresponsible and dangerous.
255	To make it safer for all users of the water.
256	The people using these craft should be regulated the same as a car or motorcycle user on the road

5.1 Question: Please give your reasons why

Total comments 340

Full Comments	
1	Burned tables, grass burned, ashes everywhere. Fire risk!
2	Far too many people have used BBQs away from the designated areas causing damage and fire risks. A permanent ban is needed and enforcement taken. Local shops should be banned from selling disposable BBQs.
3	BBQs have caused considerable damage to grass and wooden benched and even injured kids who got badly burnt when they stood on hot sands
4	BBQs are not used responsibly: hot coals are left on the ground, or deposited in inappropriate bins; BBQs are used near to residential property and this is a fire risk; concomitant food waste - bones and rotting food - are a risk to pets and wildlife; plastic food wrapping not disposed of properly is a risk to wildlife; hot coals are a risk to children's feet.
5	People are irresponsible and do not consider or even care about the effect BBQs have on the environment and its wildlife.
6	I am a resident of Shoeburyness East Beach and see on a daily basis in the summer months, irresponsible use of BBQs, particularly disposable ones. The grass area is ruined by burns and also the wooden picnic benches and tables where some people place their BBQs. The rubbish left behind is disgraceful and totally unacceptable to say nothing for the contamination of the area.
7	Massive risk to life and wildlife. Dangerous wildfires
8	The actions of some people have resulted in damage to picnic tables & grass on East beach.
9	Damage to the grassy areas. Potential injury to children .
10	Fire hazard in general, very messy always litter and food left behind and have seen rats by the discarded food
11	<p>East Beach is being ruined. Visitors have no respect they don't care that they have burnt grass, picnic tables, causing anti social behaviour with the amount of smoke infringing on other beach users. Leaving hot coals on the grass and on the sand for children and dogs to step on and get severely burnt. Leaving their rubbish where they have sat, chicken bones, plastic bottles, beer cans etc which encourages rats as there has been an increase in rat infestation and dogs to choke on discarded chicken bones. BBQs are massive H&S issue and to say the least an extreme risk of a major fire in hot weather which could cause danger to life and property as East Beach is surrounded by residential property on 3 sides and are lot of these are elderly residents.</p> <p>East Beach is an SSSI and is protected because of wildlife and fauna and yet it is being destroyed by allowing BBQs on the beach and grass area to the rear. We don't need BBQs to enjoy a day out on the beach with family and friends but we do need our beach to be saved and preserved from more mindless acts of destruction from all BBQs and not just disposable ones. So I agree all types of BBQs should be ban whether they be portable, disposable or brick built. Then we can have a lovely beach for all to enjoy, visitors and locals alike.</p>
12	I walk our dogs every day on East Beach - the mess at 5-30am is unbelievable - people are too lazy to walk 3 metres to a bin. There should also be regular enforceable patrols to stop camping overnight which is now constant at the weekend - people are defecating as the toilets are having to be shut because of scum abusing them - my dogs aren't allowed on the beach when I clean up after them but humans can take a dump and leave it - who are the animals!
13	<p>East beach has been ruined by these portable BBQs. The burn marks on benches and grass are everywhere. It's lucky there hasn't been a fire.</p> <p>I'm a dog owner and the food and litter left is appalling. Children and dogs have burnt there feet badly on these hot ashes.</p>

14	Stops the majority of people actually enjoying life. People have been locked up due to covid and are now able to meet up and enjoy summer - let them!
15	Damage to local area and mess left behind
16	I have watched East beach become totally ruined by the irresponsible use of BBQs. Burnt tables and grass, burnt wood round by the beach huts where there is clear signage to say no BBQS. BBQS just left lying around and being a hazard. I could go on! You don't want to promote draconian bans, but people seem to be incapable of following advice or behaving responsibly.
17	I would like to see purpose built BBQs kept, but this would mean disregard of restrictions and people thinking disposable BBQs ok to use. I've witnessed first hand the injury a disposable BBQ can cause.
18	Have you seen East beach? It's full of scorch marks, dug out holes and it's dangerous to walk/cycle on!
19	BBQs are: dangerous (fire risk, burns to humans and animals from spilt hot ash/charcoal) antisocial (smoke) destructive (burnt grass, burnt furniture) bad for local small traders (e.g. food outlets, cafes) unnecessary (what's wrong with a picnic?) loss of blue flag status (the current destruction/mess of east beach contravenes some of blue flag's criteria) encourage rubbish, pollution & vermin (rats) burden on council tax payers (cost of repairing/renewing damage and collection/disposal of rubbish rather than funds being used for really important issues)
20	Disposable BBQs big fire risk especially in dry weather
21	BBQs are: dangerous (fire risk, burns to humans and animals from spilt hot ash/charcoal) antisocial (smoke) damaging (burnt grass, burnt furniture) bad for local small traders (e.g. cafes and other food outlets) unnecessary (what's wrong with a picnic?) loss of blue flag status (the current destruction/mess of east beach contravenes some of blue flag's criteria) polluting (encourage rubbish and vermin) burden on local council tax payers (cost of repairing/renewing damage and collection/disposal of rubbish rather than funds being used for really important issues)
22	The mess is relentless and no one respects the area. Benches burned, rubbish in ash bins, complete mess.
23	Apart from disposal of these BBQ's I have no opinion
24	Too much danger to people, especially children, wildlife and the environment
25	I personally use the beach for a BBQ for my family as we have no garden or outside space to have one. I don't think it's fair that we all get punished for the minority that use them irresponsibly.
26	Fire hazard, safety hazard. Too many children and animals getting feet/paws burnt on those hot coals left behind plus animals eating bones left from those using them that don't dispose of them properly.
27	Visitors are abusing their usage, we have burn marks all over the fields, we have rubbish left aside, we have BBQs on the beaches where it's HIGHLY DANGEROUS for beach users post usage especially children. Again, if you introduce measures it needs to be ENFORCED as it otherwise why introduce it.
28	They're extremely dangerous, messy, and should be banned.
29	I don't think it's necessary to impose a total ban. I think it's more appropriate to police and educate individuals who aren't using the areas with respect

30	Litter-less Leigh a litter picking group has come across disposable BBQs across Leigh Marshes and Two Tree Island on a number of occasions with clear signs of fire issues. These areas include SSSI which are of the upmost importance. We have many key grassland has foreshore habitats that would be destroyed if any of these disposable BBQs got out of hand.
31	Safety
32	I don't believe in the all or nothing proposal.. I believe BBQ on brick built BBQs there is.no problem. The. Problem lays with disposable BBQs
33	Whilst the weather is above average temperature there are a few irresponsible people who do not dispose of their small barbeques safely spoiling it for others that do. Fortunately I do not live near East beach but understand the worry of neighbours who do and are worried about fires spreading in this area and other unpleasant things people do from outside and visit and do not consider people living in the neighbourhood. More brick built facilities may be appropriate but seeing the burnt tables and benches I'm not sure what the answer to this is at present. I always come home to have a barbeque at home safely away from others. There should not be barbeques on the beach i.e. hot sand and children not always wearing safety shoes. Also a threat of wild fires at present on the green is not acceptable surrounded by many cars parked there would be disastrous.
34	Extremely dry grass ..see Fire brigade warnings .Re East Beach ..damage to grass ,tables there has been injuries to the Public Inc. Children from left barbecues ,half buried on sand etc ...need I sat more
35	Grass, tables and benches have been burnt. It encourages people to litter the whole area with food which attracts rats and bottles which are dangerous. Bones from meat are also left behind which are harmful to dogs. If people are allowed to barbecue, the amount of litter and type of partying can be on a much higher level than if people were just having picnics. I have witnessed the aftermath of this first hand on morning walks.
36	Irresponsible use, causing possible fire to grassland & spreading to trees & houses close by as shown on news channels. Danger to children when BBQs have been buried in the sand when still hot.
37	Many people enjoy using BBQs responsibly so it would be a shame that everyone would lose out on a fun & enjoyable experience at the beach. Tightening & policing additional restriction(s) will hopefully appease a very vocal minority who seem to view the East Beach area as an extension of their garden and want a complete ban
38	There have been a number of instances of discarded BBQ's injuring people and animals. Also damaging property and the environment. This is also a huge risk of bush fires. The type of person who does this also tends litter. This is a huge problem and can be seen EVERY weekend. The cost of clean up is a cost to tax payers. These problems have Never been policed by the council and the onsite warden is totally ineffective (I believe he has no powers). I also understand that East Beach is being advertised in London as a place to go. There is no upside of attracting these people to our town, they do not support local businesses (except the already multi millionaire owners of Adventure and similar), the cost to the tax payer and environment is too much. Please stop ruining our town
39	Damage has already occurred to the seating near the beach huts and benches on the grass area. They pose a serious threat to beach goers as the BBQs are not disposed of properly! Also during this dry weather pose a serious fire threat! BBQs are not allowed elsewhere and should not be allowed at East Beach either!!!
40	Small minority and you want a ban. Bring tourism in
41	My residence backs on to East Beach and unfortunately the irresponsible actions from visitors to the beach, both local and external visitors they have created a very unsafe area. Creating a risk to property, life, and wildlife. The damage to the park and the mess left behind is awful and requires daily clean ups.

42	Because it is an enormous fire hazard and risk to uncontrollable fires and loss of life
43	This is proving to be a greater and greater problem as the years roll on. An almost complete disregard for public safety and it is one bit of personal rubbish that doesn't get taken home
44	Dangerous to the environment, wildlife and carelessness causing danger to children. It stops us visiting as you end up smelling of smoke and is bad for respiratory issues
45	Dangerous for people and dogs regarding burns.
46	BBQs are an excellent form of family recreation. All that is needed is education on safe use.
47	Safety and protect wildlife
48	Dangerous cause fires, harmful to humans and animals causing burns, damaging to the eco-system and ozone layer, damaging the greens ward and creating unpleasant environment for leisure.
49	Make more areas for BBQs, why takeaway ppls enjoyment
50	Beach goers are bringing along disposable BBQs and/or building fires from scraps of wood brought in by the tides or nearby beach huts. Some BBQs/fires are being left behind unattended upon departure of the users and are a hazard. Disposable BBQs can not be recycled. When a disposable BBQ is used on the beach, even if disposed of, the residual heat can still cause serious burns to feet, which occurred to a young girl in 2021 who was taken to a burns unit. These BBQs also burn the grass they are placed on, posing the potential for grass fires in hot weather.
51	They are dangerous , they are destroying the grass and the tables specifically for picnics . The people leave all the ash everywhere and the bones . They have even dig holes in the ground and added hot coal
52	It cannot be policed without increasing our taxes. The ban of disposable BBQ I can agree on but not a ban on specified brick BBQs. This should remain as is.
53	I live by east beach. My dog regularly tries to eat discarded sharp bones thrown on the floor, burnt grass he could burn his paws on. The seating and anything wooden is constantly getting burnt and having to be replaced by tax payers. Unsightly burn marks everywhere. Burn patches on grass a hazard to people without shoes. The bins constantly over flowing and on fire. Everyone brings too much food for the barbeques which also attracts vermin (overflowing bins) Elderly people at risk of bush fires in caravans at the back of the field.
54	My home is on east beach perimeter the BBQ especially disposable and kettle BBQ s are very dangerous and are used near to my property. Public just throw the spent ashes in the bushes several times I have had to put hose pipe over my fence to put them out after people have left visitors will not keep to BBQ areas so think should be banned altogether have been fighting this for many years but is def getting a lot worse .if this keeps on there will be a serious fire and homes will be lost It
55	It is the users of these disposable BBQs who are irresponsible and create a major hazard for the general public and our dogs. It must stop.
56	They are dangerous at times of drought, and some people are irresponsible with their use and disposal.
57	It's not a problem - all that's needed is more brick built BBQ and adequate waste facilities please
58	There is no need for barbecues in a public place. They cause smell, fumes, food rubbish and other human waste that creates a very real health hazard for animals and humans alike as rats are encouraged. Then there is the risk of fire as they are abandoned still hot and again accelerants are a health hazard to animals. Despite lots of bins people leave their rubbish everywhere making it impossible and expensive to twice daily clear up. And early morning, until the bins are emptied and litter pickers attempt to collect the scattered rubbish, the area is unsafe to walk a dog and generally unpleasant. The same problem happens at the end of the day.

59	Safety and limit mess
60	Education and more brick built barbecue areas along with proper disposal bins for BBQ waste is required
61	Let people have a bit of fun. Again people have been having BBQs on the beach for years. It's not causing half the problem that the train loads of jobs coming into the town causes. The BBQs are just harmless
62	There are very few issues. Where are people with no garden space supposed to BBQ. See so many families have fun at BBQ s in public spaces
63	irresponsible use of BBQ's making it unsafe for public safety. BBQ's being lit on grass and now tinder dry grass, burning the area underneath, lit on wooden picnic tables. and burning embers just being left which could cause severe burns to anyone inadvertently stepping on these, I believe this has recently happened to a child on East Beach, also the real potential of causing a fire with possible loss of life and nearby woodland and property.
64	The proposed restrictions are essential to maintain public safety and confidence in our open spaces of public use plus adjacent properties.
65	Hot coals discarded in sand are a real risk currently. Even with the stands at East Beach people often don't use them and think nothing of burning the grass or melting benches
66	Children and pets have been hurt because of irresponsible use. Beach furniture and grass are being damaged. Users are behaving irresponsible. There is no need for this facility
67	They are a danger to life and limb
68	I live next to the beach and it's lovely seeing everyone enjoying themselves responsible. Sad to see it ruined because of a select few.
69	Damage from BBQ to grass, benches, tables. Food left behind encouraging rats. Hot coals left which can cause injury. General amount of rubbish left
70	I feel that advice on best practice for instant BBQs be given instead, as using & disposing safely poses no threat. It is laziness and using in stupid areas and ways that creates danger.
71	Burning hot items in public areas, especially where people are likely drinking alcohol and distracted by sun, sea and fun, is never a good idea.
72	Have a designated place but BBQs everywhere are unsafe unsightly and damaging to air and surroundings
73	Unfortunately there are a number of people who show no respect or indeed common sense when it comes to using BBQ's. They damage the seating and tables by putting their BBQ's on them or alternatively scorch the grass area making it a very real risk of fire, particularly following a sunny dry period when they are more likely to be visiting. This offers a real danger of loss of property and even life especially on the surrounding residential properties.
74	Please could you consider extending the red zone area to include the grass bank to the garrison estate. I understand from the MOD that although this land within the MOD area., . The grassland belongs to the council and is a fire risk to properties along parade walk.
75	YOU ARE TAKING away the small pleasures in families lives once again because of a few out of town people ..and ive seen this myself . you need people on patrol to keep things in order. don't mind spending thousands on building a car park . making back huge amounts of money but won't spend on more important stuff , why we have to pay to go to our beach is beyond me . was lovely when it was free like it should be but of course not greedy council once again
76	Irresponsible users

77	I live at East Beach Park and I have been very worried about the possibility of fire due to barbecues, particularly this year, as our houses are made of wood and so I feel particularly vulnerable to fire damage and the possibility of losing my home, through the thoughtless behaviour of others. There is also the fact that it's difficult to enjoy my garden and outdoor space at the weekends due to the smoke, fumes and general smell of barbecues coming from the beach. I am also worried about the effects on wildlife, insect life and pets if they are burned by discarded barbecues, or injured by the amount of thoughtlessly discarded litter. I think the ability to have barbecues on East Beach also makes the general noise, anti social behaviour and litter problem much more of a problem, particularly at weekends. I feel that people can still come and enjoy the beach with family picnics, as they do on all the other beaches in Southend, without the need for dangerous foul smelling barbecues! I have never understood why barbecues have ever been allowed only at East Beach. Particularly as there is a large community of elderly people like myself, living next to the beach in housing particularly vulnerable to fire. This weekend is the first weekend that barbecues have been banned and it has been so much more enjoyable and peaceful here. I have been able to spend time outside in the garden with my family, free from the noise, smoke fumes and loud music! I can also feel much safer in my own home too. So I would like to send my sincere thanks to Councillor Mulroney and Southend Borough Council for bringing in this ban on barbecues and for the ban to remain permanent. With East Beach being treated the same as all other Southend beaches.
78	Sick of all the mess, waste food and packaging and hot coals just irresponsibly left all over the area.
79	My own grandchildren very nearly burnt their feet on a disposable BBQ left in the sand not extinguished
80	Too dangerous , due to people leaving burning ashes in bins , disposable BBQs burning holes in the wooden tables and beach hut area and also leaving all their rubbish behind which with in encourage rats etc. A residential area backs on to the beach and is in danger of being burned down as I have seen people lighting disposable BBQs over near the wooden fences at the back. Not enough officials patrolling to keep the area safe and rubbish free
81	More safe BBQ areas should be built
82	They were always banned until very recently. Risk of fire is very real and no fire fighting equipment is provided if anything did get out of hand which I consider to be criminal
83	BBQs pose a serious risk of fire and personal injury. Already 3 children have been left with severe burns from left BBQ coals. All of the wooden benches have been destroyed by BBQs. No one uses the designated areas. There's patches of burnt grass everywhere left by BBQs. If they are not banned they will destroy the area even more and continue to threaten people, dogs and wildlife.
84	The whole BBQ areas have been vandalised by irresponsible people. Sometimes used as toilets. As a resident on East beach park we fear a fire would soon be out of control due to people lightning them too near our boundary fence. We are not complaining about people enjoying themselves during the summer months but things are out of control, and unless BBQs are banned it is affecting our lives. Unless things change throughout the UK the litter and couldn't care attitude of thoughtless people will remain the same.
85	The BBQ's are a danger to animals & children & a very big danger to the homes backing on to East Beach. The fire services are calling for them to be banned & I wholeheartedly agree with them. I don't know of any other parks or beaches where BBQ's are permitted.
86	We should be encouraging responsible BBQ use and encouraging families to gather in our Parks and beaches not sending a signal to stay at home.

87	It wouldn't be fair to prohibit the use of BBQ's to all members of the public in these areas in the same way that alcohol isn't prohibited to everyone in the existing PSPO areas. Promoting responsible use of them and continued enjoyment of our beach and foreshore areas in the good weather should be encouraged and relevant controls such as educational signage about responsible use, designated areas to have them and put them out and tackling the usual minority that may cause issues. Dogs aren't banned throughout the city but a minority don't pick up dog poo Alcohol isn't banned throughout the city but a minority abuse it Cigarettes aren't banned throughout the city but a number drop the butts etc, etc - everything needs to be proportionate
88	The risk of injury and fires is too great and the beach areas are too crowded. Foreshore officers have no support and are often abused and ignored in trying to enforce rules here.
89	It will stop the risk of fires
90	Danger to children and dogs and spoiling a lovely green area, not to mention the litter.
91	For years irresponsible BBQ users have abused East Beach. There are burns on so many things! This happens all the time!!
92	Its a shame because for people who live in flats this is the only area they can barbecue. But for this to be viable SBC would need to police it / charge a fee for people to be able to barbecue and impose on the spot fines for those not being safe. I don't think SBC has the funds to do this. So a ban is best.
93	I support the ban of BBQs on the beach and grassy areas - particularly disposable BBQs. However, feel there should be a fixed place for people to carry out BBQs where there is no risk of fires spreading and where proper facilities for disposal of waste etc are available. The existing fixed BBQ spots at East Beach should be invested in and expanded and this should be the only place they are allowed. A great example is that of Melbourne, Australia, where there are free BBQ facilities for people to use in parks which are of exceptional quality.
94	Reduce fire risk and also littering of disposable BBQs
95	Southend DC needs to wake up to the fact that to remain an inviting tourists hot spot, that you should continue to staff and provide suitable refuse appropriately to manage this. Introduce more hot ashes bins etc to allow members of the public to continue the common practice of beach BBQs.
96	They are dangerous, and increase the risk of fire. The smoke is unpleasant and they are not correctly disposed of. They are also bad for the environment.
97	Very dangerous. Destroying the benches and grass.
98	They are a danger to other area users and surrounding habitats.
99	As I said before they have ruined the grass and also the in front of the beach huts on east beach
100	I don't support a complete ban however feel there should be more Bins made available and more maintenance of the fixed pits. There should also be more places for disposing of hot coals and guidance on not setting BBQs directly on grass, etc.
101	They are dangerous and bad for the environment.
102	Harmful to the environment with poor disposal, scorching grasses, wildfires. Also risk of injury to other people (burns, cuts from aluminium foil)
103	Personally I don't like them on the beach where the ashes blacken the sand or melt the tar on the sea defence. My dog will also try to lick the meat fat off the grill. Environmentally I think they are a disaster, releasing CO2 into the atmosphere & using up aluminium which is a limited resource. They are usually left for other people to clear up.
104	The use of BBQ by some people has a huge impact on other peoples enjoyment. With smoke and especially the rubbish left and discarded on the beach.
105	Presently in this dry weather it is a serious fire risk. Most importantly, it has caused serious injuries to young children who either walk on the coals or the sand after the

	BBQ has been removed. Because of the existing restricted BBQ sites being just East Beach, it has caused visitors to use tables, benches, grass and more, creating serious destruction and damage. We have had fires behind the beach huts, tables set alight when they leave them still burning. The food left behind causes injury to our pets & wildlife, due to bones and even coals soaked in meat fat, being mistaken for food. Ash bins are used for general rubbish, causing them to be set alight. A Rat infestation has become a major problem on East Beach and when no food is available in the Winter, they branch out into the High Street and beyond. Elderly Residents living at the north edge of the common, live in fear that their fence will be set alight and could involve their timber properties. Eight fixed sites for around 80 BBQ's on a hot weekend, is encouraging visitors to think that this gives them the right to use all other unsafe items, as mentioned above. If they cannot be used on all Southend Beaches, then they should be banned completely.
106	I have seen the damage caused by irresponsible users of BBQs. Burnt picnic tables and benches, burnt grass and the lack of respect for the area by not clearing up their rubbish
107	Disposable BBQ's are very dangerous, destroy the area with burnt patches also at East Beach Park where they light BBQ's near the residents homes and cause a concern to these residents, the stand a lone BBQ's are never cleaned and become a health warning and rodent problem again to those residents that live by the park.
108	Current irresponsible behaviour is not fair on residents and those that want to enjoy Southend.
109	They are a danger to animals and people as well as damaging the vital and important coastal region of our coast.
110	There is a lot of danger with portable BBQs as users just leave them after use and they may still be hot and dangerous, causing injury to the public and animals. The public just leave them which then becomes a litter and rodent problem. The older communal BBQs are very unhygienic, but I think these are no longer in use. Also, there is the worry of fire as the ground is so dry.
111	I use the seafront regularly and have never had a problem with improperly used BBQs
112	People have no respect for our beach/area and when confronted are abusive
113	People and animals could get burnt by hot BBQs buried in the sand. Also a lot of rubbish created. Also could cause a fire if near grass or vegetation. Also applies to parks and Belfair's woods
114	They are dangerous to humans, animals and the environment, more often than not being used by incompetent and careless persons.
115	BBQs are completely unnecessary and anti-social in terms of fumes, mess left and danger to the public
116	It is evident that many people become inconsiderate of others when utilising open public spaces and restrictions need to be imposed.
117	To Keep everyone safe
118	BBQ's can be very dangerous, and people don't use them responsibly as has been shown by recent injuries to children and damage to benches and tables there for public enjoyment. But this ban needs to be enforced or people will ignore it. "No BBQ" signs won't be enough - you need to have patrols who will confront people who have ignored the ban and extinguish any BBQ's that have been lit - this will not be an easy job and will require proper security staff.
119	BBQs on the beach were a fun social activity for my friendship group when we were younger. Need more bins/signs re responsible ways to dispose and more bricked areas to rest them on
120	Irresponsible disposal and awareness of danger by minority that affect the majority and even with warnings on ideas of preventing problems there's always the idiots who won't comply with rules

121	It is a very sad thing to see that the council feel their constituency can't be trusted with a BBQ on the beach or grass. It is no different to having a BBQ in a garden. If anything, it encourages people to get out the house and enjoy themselves, considering we haven't been fully allowed out of our houses the past 2-3 years.
122	As avid campers & travel all around the UK to various country & beach resorts I cannot understand how Southend is any different to anywhere else in the country, all of where you can BBQ on beaches & beach areas. Obvious rules apply when distinguishing BBQs but I don't see why Southend needs a ban. There is now currently no where to BBQ on Southend beach within the red zones. All this will do is promote people to do it anywhere now.
123	They are used and then dumped leaving the beach a hazard. I. This heat anything could happen
124	Safety and prevent burning from hot discarded BBQs
125	I do not support the restriction as think the majority of BBQ users are considerate and take care when they have finished. There is a very small minority that aren't but we should not punish everyone because of them. Temporary bans during periods of hot dry weather where risk of fire could be considered as part of this consultation.
126	I think you could have a BBQ area if it is policed!!! And funded, otherwise yes ban it.
127	As a matter of public safety
128	Again a few dicks don't take care and we all suffer ... I've used the beaches and BBQs for years never caused any harm.. no one patrols or enforces on t so it you ban it who is going to and what difference will it make
129	It's unsafe, not environmentally friendly and people don't bother to clean up after themselves either
130	They do not clear them away. The coals are poison to animals yet smell like food due to the fat dripping. This is wild animals and domestic alike. There is a lot of grass on some of the beaches east of the pier which could catch light and cause serious damage and injury. If they do throw them in the waste bins they could still be alight and up they go as well.
131	Danger to wildlife and people. Creates yet more litter
132	I walked along chalkwell once and saw 4 BBQs that had been left on the wall, still very hot. They should be ban all along the seafront, to prevent any injuries
133	irresponsible disposal of coals, who wants to be sitting in a cloud of smoke.
134	it's hazardous and its usually the visitors who spend the day at the beach and leave mess
135	It is litter a fire hazard as has been demonstrated
136	This is too restrictive, it should be possible to use camping style BBQ's where the fire has no contact with the ground, provided this is done responsibly. There are many houses and flats in Southend with no access to outside space for this activity, and a complete ban is disproportionate to the risk and disturbance.
137	Same reason given in number 3
138	These areas could have the potential for a fire hazard and they leave their little for other to tidy up
139	I have used the beach and area a few times for BBQ's with friends and family and is a big draw to the beach. I agree some spoil it for others but then we should have patrols in the area stopping those individuals not the responsible ones.
140	I think there is a difference to dry forests and the risk of fire. Yes - smoke annoys everyone... but then everything annoys someone.
141	I don't like being smothered in BBQ smoke when I'm enjoying the beach. They are also very dangerous when left on the beach. They remain hot for many hours
142	These BBQs often cause pollution and smoke blowing towards others nearby. This also encourages large groups to gather and take over the beach space.
143	Not really bothered by BBQ use as long as they are disposed of properly.
144	I feel the majority are responsible in there use of BBQ. We are a seaside town and the minority are going to ruin it for the majority. If going to police a ban. Police the

	use of. People who are irresponsible wont take any notice of ban. Put in more disposal points and water points.
145	I do. But I also think that allowing them in the evenings would be fair.
146	I live near a small nature reserve and the fire and burn damage (and litter waste) caused by them and bonfires/campfires to vegetation and trees is having a severe impact on the wildlife and it is also causing damage to furniture.
147	This will also cut down nuisance parties and anti-social drinking on the beach
148	Fire risk, injury risk and they're not recyclable.
149	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
150	Fire risk. Burnt tables at East Beach. Burnt grass at East Beach. General poor respect for an open grassed area.
151	Some people are not fortunate enough to have a garden so choose to go to the beach, instead of restrictions why not adapt the area with some BBQ areas with more concrete / hard surfaces to support having a BBQ, also put more bins out, other seaside towns there's bits every few metres, there's hardly any along our seafront
152	As has already been proved they pose a problem to beach users and they produce a disgusting smell in use. I go for walks by the sea to get fresh air not to inhale barbecue fumes.
153	Apart from the obvious danger of fire spreading, the general damage particularly to the grassy are at East beach by the portable bar-b-q's as seen over the last few years should be stopped.
154	BBQ use on decking of beach hut 551 when owners were not there which has burnt the decking and potential to burn down beach hut. Also continual use of BBQ on all grass areas on shoebury common and grass area outside beach huts
155	Create safe spaces for BBQ's to encourage visitors
156	The beaches are crowded in the summer months with lots of small kids running around, it would be very easy for one of them to step on a BBQ. Also they generate a lot of smoke that everyone on the beach has to put up with. Bring a picnic or BBQ @ home.
157	They cause litter are a danger to wild life and smell
158	Better signage about use and bigger refuse bins.
159	I have never seen a beach BBQ that doesn't end up with loud music, excessive use of alcohol, damage to the environment and a rubbish-strewn beach.
160	BBQ fire risk. Risk of burning sand. Dogs attracted by cold coals mixed with meat fats can be killed by chemicals in fire lighters.
161	More permanent BBQ areas are needed to encourage their use in a safe manner. If prohibited fully people will still do them anyway but in any place they can, I think making it more dangerous. I think the key is education. Maybe BBQ patrols.
162	BBQ are one of the biggest causes of fires and debris. The majority of users are from outside the area and bring everything with them, so no benefit to local shops, and mostly do not even pay for parking as they either come by train or park in the streets where parking is free. The litter that is so often left behind is dangerous as well as unsightly, harmful to wildlife and people (especially children).
163	Dangerous
164	Because people do not remove them to a safe place
165	Too draconian. Allow people to have fun responsibly
166	have no garden and 3 kids. Not fair my children not allowed a BBQ when we cant have one on our balcony. My kids go without enough its not fair nor right so where can we go to enjoy family BBQ???

167	This ban needs to extend right along the estuary & all Parks & outside spaces..
168	Risk of grassfire to residents, irresponsible burning or tables, benches and grass, danger to animals and children being burnt or cut. Too close to residential area
169	I really enjoy going there for a BBQ and love all the different cultures that come, it would be a shame to lose it, though I was there the last Sunday before the ban and had to put out a fire in a bin myself and was disgusted at the rubbish blowing around, people don't even try to pick it up. I would like to still be able to BBQ, but think some restrictions make sense. In NZ where I'm from we have total fire bans when it is this dry, that is common language and we all know what it means.
170	To reduce the risk of fire damage, and to improve safety of the Public, especially children and toddlers.
171	It smells. It's un-necessary, there are places to buy food. The people that do this can leave an horrendous mess. People come with their families to relax, not to smell other people's rotting cooked meat. It's a fire hazard. The type of people that do this turn up 15 strong and it can be intimidating for other beach users.
172	I feel that the majority of people behave well and it is great seeing them enjoy themselves. The key is enforcing what type of BBQ, i.e. banning disposable ones and then enforcing this appropriately.
173	The ash bins are always overflowing and are inadequate in size resulting in significant spillage, the brick BBQ area is not maintained or cleaned. Benches have become unusable due to consent scorching, (there are not enough benches as it is)! Disposable BBQs are becoming a danger both to the public and local wildlife as they're not extinguished correctly, nor is there anywhere to safely dispose of them.
174	Why punish law abiding residents, take some of the town patrol and use them in these areas to issue fixed penalties for irresponsible use.
175	Damage to council property (i.e. Council taxpayers property) has occurred at Shoeburyness East beach (Picnic Tables and bench seats), to the grass at East Beach Shoebury Common and Thorpe Bay Gardens. It is not unusual to see discarded disposable BBQs on the beaches and greens, along with food waste and other litter. Unfortunately, a small minority spoil it for others, bit BBQs should be banned for safety reasons. More (and better) catering facilities at both East Beach and Shoebury Common may help
176	It is only DISPOSABLE or charcoal BBQs that pose a problem. People who have their own gas BBQs do not pose a problem.
177	I was heartened was the council introduced the communal BBQs at Shoebury. Closing them is massively retrograde and pampering, as is frequently the case, to the vociferous minority spoil sports. Family BBQs are social and a wonderful way to spend time together across the generations. Policing irresponsible behaviour is not only fine but desirable. An out right ban on ordinary families who may not have their own garden. NO NO NO.
178	Enough is enough....wooden & benches should be concrete...not to mention the fire risk with the hot weather
179	Polluting air for other people on beach, polluting beaches and creating hazards by leaving (often still burning) BBQs without safely disposing them afterwards.
180	BBQ are part of summer life nowadays. Blanket ban is not the answer.
181	Excess littering and fire hazard. Also encourages antisocial behaviour as people will also drink alcohol.
182	Wooden benches, picnic tables and grassed areas are all being used inappropriately for BBQ stands at East Beach.

	Many of the picnic tables and seats are charred wood now and there are holes in the grass where people have dug a fire pit.
183	Have seen the beach / grass area at East Beach damage and used BBQs
184	Again the few spoil it for the majority that said more facilitates would probably reduce the problem
185	These area being used for family fun days during the summer months. Most families don't have a garden so as to enjoy a BBQ experience with their families and friends. Taking this away will cause all kind of problems along with mental health. It brings the Southend community together show casing various culture and a time to share and experience each other lifestyle. It's a positive free natural way of living
186	Smell due to smoke.Users being aggressive when asked to "tone it down". Fire hazard Leaving rubbish Animals/Birds trying to eat hot food when not being disposed correctly. When buried in the sand can walk onto hot BBQ.
187	Risk of burns to other users as there is no easy way to dispose of hot charcoal and container, so it will become dangerous litter
188	Even in BBQ Restricted areas there is smoke a smell pollution and it encourages rats and vermin. People who don't have access to the restricted area are tempted to bring their own disposable BBQ, so a complete ban is needed.
189	Grass areas and furniture along the beach are being ruined. Also to prevent people being injured. Disposable BBQs are not being disposed of responsibly
190	These things can and do cause major injury.
191	Scorch marks on the grass area, and disposable BBQs left on the sand or worse buried in the sand whilst still hot are a major risk to public safety. Litter and discarded food seems to accompany these areas with few users bothering to use the litter bins. Large groups are worse and become rowdy and appear threatening to other users.
192	Given the current heatwave and super dry conditions, it seems only reasonable to restrict these activities.
193	I feel a complete ban is unfair to a vast majority. Banning all BBQ's to keep a small portion of residents is unfair to other residents that enjoy the ability to BBQ safely by the beach. I believe that a ban on disposal BBQ's is an important aspect to explore and better policing on busy days will certainly improve the quality of the seafront area and increase the safety for all. I also feel that a ban on BBQ's may be detrimental to some local shops who may rely or reap the benefits of 'tourists' visiting the area and using their services and/or buying their products. - ban on BBQs many cause day trippers to pick other destinations and therefore cause loss to local businesses
194	Users are not taking responsibility for the dangers involved
195	Maps indicate blanket areas. Managed, paved and built BBQ areas should be available for use. Permit required if necessary (worst case managed at ocean beach and main beach or website). No wood and coals allowed in any other areas. No BBQs if high temperature and no rain for X days.
196	For me this is a much bigger problem than the one posed by PWC and borders on antisocial behaviour
197	To protect the public, wildlife and property.
198	I live on the seafront and regularly see the damage and disregard the users of these BBQ;s leave behind. I worry that children or pets could touch one that's still burning. I would also like to see the ban extended to cover Chalkwell Esplanade which is an area that attracts antisocial behaviour.
199	I have often seen people having barbecues on the beach in a dangerous manner. Some are then left burning alone when people are finished. They don't even have the sense to extinguish with water, wait to cool and carry home. This is unsafe for others using the beaches especially during busy periods when there are many

	young children around. Then there is the wildlife aspect to consider. No mention here either of the dog restriction rule. Plenty of dogs are seen on the beaches between 1st May and 30th September. Just need more control of this. I would not involve myself for fear of getting abuse thrown back at me, however I witnessed a SOS officer recently walk straight past a family that were playing with their dogs at the waters edge - nothing was said so the rule only applies to those that agree to abide by it, those that don't just do what they like.
200	I have no personal experience of the issues that have led to this ban but I support any measure that discourages inconsiderate, irresponsible or reprehensible behaviour which, I understand from friends, has been witnessed at our beaches. Littering is a plague within society and people that use disposable BBQ's on our beaches often leave their flotsam and jetsam on our beaches with absolutely no regard for the potential damage to the environment or the impact on other users.
201	fire and safety hazard
202	I use East Beach and have seem irresponsible use of BBQs on the grass and wooden tables
203	It just needs policing
204	As the climate changes and summers become drier BBQs in public spaces will become more dangerous.
205	The potential damage to property, littering, and anti social behaviour.
206	covers the whole of the beach area I think and all disposable BBQs should be banned from use and sale
207	I think it would help to disperse ant social behaviour at certain times of the day. I don't think that responsible families should really be punished, but the groups of people who hang around at anti social hours, that I feel encourages drinkers/drug users and disturbs the peace and quiet for local residents.
208	Local food places overcharge and is poor food quality and safety. You should be doing your current job to ensure every food place is a four and above, not 1, as they currently are.
209	I have witnessed the irresponsible and careless use of disposable barbecues. As mentioned previously, I have a beach hut at Thorpe Bay and on occasions disposable barbecues, used on the green behind the beach huts, have been pushed underneath the beach hut rather than disposed of properly.
210	The obvious greater fire risk. Noted not enough BBQ restriction notices on Shoebury East Beach.
211	very dangerous - dry grass and trees, many BBQs are lit Near East beach park dwellings posing risk of fire to fencing
212	Environmental nuisance as well as a safety hazard
213	I would support the bill purely because of the wildfire risk during the heatwave, but otherwise its not a big issue.
214	As a beach hut owner, the dangers of BBQs on the beach are fairly obvious with all the nearby wooden structures. BBQs tend to be lit in the narrow spaces between the huts (out of the wind) and again are buried after use in the sand with serious consequences. Damage also occurs to the huts where wood is ripped from the structures to fuel bonfires, etc. Apart from that, on a hot day, all pleasure is lost from the anti-social smell and smoke caused by BBQs. I have spoken to your Piers & Foreshore staff and it appears that they have a policy of 'turning a blind eye'. Your public noticeboards by the 'ROSLIN hotel' and 'Uncle Toms Cabin' state that BBQs are not allowed but nobody seems to take any notice and it appears that there is no Byelaw banning BBQs
215	Safety is the main factor. Disregard for the area on the whole
216	Once again this is a complete over reaction to a perceived problem brought to the council's attention by the fire police. The proposal should confirm the scale of the problem. How many complaints exactly have been received? Without this

	information residents cannot make an informed response, BBQs bring great pleasure to so many families both resident and visitors. In other places like Hastings and Aldeburgh recently visited, large visiting groups actively encouraged and great party atmosphere created around BBQs . These proposals disproportionately affect those on low incomes (less likely to be able to afford electric/gas BBQ and more likely to live in a flat/ have no private garden). The beaches are for all residents not just the lucky few living in big houses overlooking our great estuary who believe the value of their house buys exclusivity when it comes to use of the beach near them. Speaking as a resident with sea views. There is no mention in the proposal of cost of enforcement versus potential cost of loss of visitors and negative publicity when visitors are stopped or fined. I believe the proposals will have a negative impact. A ban only between 8-6 would adversely affect visitors to our city.
217	Another safety issue - one child suffering burned feet is one too many. Plus the smell which can be unpleasant, and the litter consequences.
218	Scorched grass is a regular sight and demonstrates people do not use these responsibly.
219	Can be dangerous if not disposed of correctly.
220	Dangerous.
221	There is no need to BBQ. Bring a picnic. They are dangerous, a fire hazard and always left as litter - how could you take them home after use? How about actually enforcing fines for littering - a criminal offence? Let's start with £500 for first offence - including fag ends, another fire starter and poisoner of waterways. You are proposing these new restrictions, yet we all know they will not be enforced. Do you actually have the staff and commitment to enforce and local by-laws? BBQs should be banned from ALL public places, especially council land.
222	In my opinion disposable or any BBQs do not cause a very real risk to safety of people, wildlife or property and do not cause harassment or distress to residents or beach goers. There is very little risk of fires spreading from BBQs held on the actual beach (sand/shingle). BBQs are a fun and healthy part of going to the beach and I think it is the mindset of a 'nanny state' who listens to the unsociable, fun-adverse few who moan about these topics that even considers this action/survey. Have you seen the state of the litter around food businesses along the beach from Chalkwell to Thorpe Bay and the bird pests this attracts, because people are already not allowed to have their own BBQs and have to resort to buying food elsewhere.
223	Damage by BBQs is being caused to tables on the east beach and people are burying hot embers on the sand. We have had the hottest summer in years and the grass area is a significant fire risk.
224	They constitute a fire risk, are unpleasant for people and residents nearby, and result in needless carbon emissions as a result of their inefficient combustion.
225	Unless there is a clear disposal facility then all BBQs need banning simply from safety perspective to people then walking on covered BBQs.
226	Litter and residual heat on the beach. Great risk of fire.
227	Last year our 3 year granddaughter had both feet badly burnt by irresponsible placement of a disposable BBQ on the beach creating 'hot stones'. She had to be taken to Hospital to have both feet heavily bandaged. This was reported to the council and was covered in the local press. The problem this is not just a local problem but one common in England and Wales. People are irresponsible, don't think and simply don't care for the safety of others.
228	Anti social behaviour
229	Fire proof bins may help or ban disposable but allow gas?
230	Mess and pollution, risk of fires.
231	You cannot rely on people to use them safely, it only takes one idiot to start a fire with huge consequences

232	Infringes Civil Liberties. Law making is not an excuse for poor management and supervision by Southend on Sea Borough Council of these facilities. The proposals impact those of us unfairly who comply with the regulations and the law.
233	I am disheartened by the damage to the areas the rubbish left behind causing a health problem
234	Unfair
235	There are better ways to deal with the issues, what else will you ban? Nappies? Bottles? Cans? These all do damage and are left on beaches
236	To protect the SSSI, RAMSAR and fringe areas from damage caused by BBQs and to improve public safety (risk of fires breaking out or severe burns from ashes, etc), and prevent the damage to the grassy areas that have been caused by disposable BBQs in the past
237	Because residents enjoy using their beach as a big part of our life! We enjoy summer and winter BBQs and fires. We relish the winter months where we have bacon and sausage breakfast BBQs on the beach! It's crazy that you are considering taking this past time away from residents!
238	Sitting on the beach or walking on the prom is about fresh air not; smoke, the smell of burning plastic and burnt food. Let's be realistic, thorough cooking in a sea breeze is problematic and probably works best in the movies.
239	I haven't noticed a problem and it does seem a shame to restrict people's enjoyment. Why not provide brick-built facilities for barbecuing to overcome the fire risk?
240	nothing wrong with a BBQ
241	barbecues are the most anti social things ever especially on a crowded beach I run the Arnold palmer crazy golf on southend seafront and almost on a daily basis someone will light a barbecue with no consideration for anyone else especially where the direction of smoke is going
242	Visitors come to the beach to enjoy the pleasures of the seaside, the water, fresh air and the beach itself. Some travel a great distance for that reason. They do not want their day spoiled by the fumes from other people's BBQs. Additionally, there is the danger of scorching feet to anyone, particularly the young, who might stray on to an area of sand made hot by a BBQ. Grassed areas can easily catch fire and cause destruction to property, not only beach huts but the homes of those living nearby, especially park residences. BBQs are very harmful to the environment. Southend is aiming to improve air quality and should demonstrate this by not allowing unnecessary emissions particularly those from BBQs.
243	Living so close to the beach it does feel like it's getting out of hand.
244	See above
245	no opinion
246	Because unattended and discarded BBQs are a huge risk to people and the environment. Particularly on the beach.
247	They pose a danger to other beach users and in general are not disposed of in the correct manner. There is a danger of fire and others being burnt on the beach and the green spaces near the beaches.
248	BBQs are a fire risk. Also, disposable BBQ's are left on the beach adding to rubbish left behind by visitors.
249	To avoid beach fires and rubbish left on our beaches
250	BBQs are left on the beach and hot coal can be stepped on if covered and a risk to children and other beach users suffering burns
251	BBQs are like jet skis; they are fine under the charge of responsible people with common sense. Sadly, that is lacking everywhere.
252	Danger of injury to others and risk of fire
253	To ensure the safety of all beach users.
254	Never seen that many used

255	Unprecedented heatwave makes BBQ's very dangerous and leads to potential fires and damage to property and persons.
256	The actions of a few should not punish the responsible many beach users. Have more beach patrols and signs to advise people how to dispose of their BBQs.
257	BBQ foul the air for everyone
258	I live near the woods and many fires have been diverted when these are left
259	<p>I agree with disposable BBQs, but a well organised BBQ with permissions, material and a proper grill is safe and enjoyable. Banning all BBQ for the misuse of disposable ones is punishing well behaved citizens because of the irresponsible ones.</p> <p>I support designating specific areas for BBQs which are safe for fire, grill disposal and preventing distress for neighbours.</p>
260	Besides environmental concerns in a time of accelerated climate change, we've reached point where residents find it difficult to breathe from barbecue fires & fumes in this tightly packed area, posing grave danger to the most vulnerable, including children. A much-needed step that would protect all, residents and nature, with no real inconvenience to anyone.
261	As already stated in (2.1 and 3.1). It is appropriate and proportionate.
262	Disposable BBQs should be banned in all public places to avoid the risk of fire and injury to children and animals.
263	I do not think that a complete ban is commensurate. Have restricted areas where there is high risk of injury, antisocial behaviour or risk of fire. Having a blanket ban is not always effective. These bans need to be evidence driven and implemented on a balance. Responsible people who want to BBQ should be allowed to do so, therefore only in areas where there is a high risk (as mentioned above) should restricted areas be applied
264	Some cultures this is a tradition, so will exclude cultures off the beach? Again losing loads of revenue. rather make some beaches BBQ friendly and supply additional means of disposing of BBQs. Not saying any grassed areas, just on beaches where it's not a fire spreading risk.
265	The responsible use of non disposable BBQ should not necessarily create any litter issues
266	Where is your evidence - this seems to be made on a whim without any due process.
267	People are being completely irresponsible with BBQs. I live Near East Beach and often see that nobody is using the communal BBQ but are using their own personal ones, which they place directly on the grass. It is irresponsible and is ruining the area and the comfort of East Beach users
268	To prevent injury.
269	In a dry summer the use of fires or barbecues can initiate grass fires Discarded barbecues can cause severe injury to unsuspecting people, particularly children, and animals.
270	Despite actual BBQs being added for use to East Beach people continue to bring disposable methods and have them on the grass. This has ruined patches of the grass They are disposed of haphazardly with very little care to the public and dogs.
271	A step forward but we should prohibit all BBQs
272	Safety
273	Debris left on the beach
274	There have been several BBQs in the cliff gardens burning the grass
275	The beach is a public space. Gatherings of people will always occur. The use of a BBQ seems much less disturbing than other activities
276	Gas and electric barbecues are relatively safe compared to charcoal or wood barbecues and tend to be used more responsibly.

277	Recent years the amount has just made the area unpleasant for use. Ashes disposed of irresponsibly, food waste not put in bins, encouraging rats, benches and grass scorched.
278	The proposed restricted area for BBQs only appears to include the foreshore (a lower fire risk) and Thorpe Bay Gardens. There is a significant risk of fire and harm to the public, wildlife, environment and council property in all public green spaces. In particular areas such as Leigh Cliffs where there are significant areas of "re-wilding" Two Tree Island which is a sanctuary for wildlife and birds and areas leading to Hadleigh Country Park. I cannot support the restricted area as it is currently proposed.
279	I have had to extinguish a fire in a public litter bin which was caused by the careless disposal of a barbecue tray. Just one example of the risks these things pose.
280	Stops the idiots
281	Fire risk is a serious consideration, especially this season which has been an extended dry period.
282	So, I know that this is particularly topical with the drought and wildfires. It does defy belief that people are not being sensible. However, when you then remember how many stupid people there are (by definition if we have an average), and that intelligent people consistently and massively underestimate how stupid stupid people, you can see how there are still idiots who do not use BBQs (or probably anything else) responsibly. But this knee-jerk reaction is ill-thought through. Many, many people use our public spaces because they do not have their own open space - garden, courtyard, etc. We all know that this is important, after the pandemic, so there is a real need for people to access open, public spaces, and to enjoy themselves. This blanket ban discriminates against everyone using a BBQ responsibly, who might be using our beaches because they do not have access to their own open space at home. These people are more likely to be on lower-incomes, black, brown, disabled, older, etc. So, if Southend Council wants to hit down again on these groups who have already suffered dreadfully through the pandemic, and now with the CoL crisis, that'd be a really good thing to do. I question your mentality let's just ban everything, instead of seeing this as a public education issue - it could be turned around into awareness and community cohesion if there were resources to manage it. Now I read that, I see it's a daft suggestion to make to Southend council, as I doubt you have the desire or ability.
283	This would prevent antisocial behaviour, littering and environmental impacts. It will keep the foreshore cleaner and cause less disruption to others
284	I don't do this myself on the beach or in parks but I'm sure it's the case but it's a few selfish people that ruin it for the many a responsible barbecue is out there.
285	Too many injuries, in particular to children
286	smoke unpleasant, spoiling other's enjoyment
287	To prevent injuries
288	There is no need for a BBQ on a public beach. They are dangerous and bad for the environment.
289	There is absolutely no reason why someone should have a BBQ on the beach
290	There is often burnt and damaged areas, they are discarded irresponsibly, often just left lying around. They are a danger to children, wildlife and a major fire risk. I would also support then banning of disposable BBQs on sale in local shops. Smokeless BBQ's are available and these are not disposable and cool to the touch - I would permit these.
291	Fires, damage, litter, anti-social behaviour, smoke and smells.
292	I listened to a debate on BBC radio that included parents of children injured by hot sands caused by these Barbeques it was most unpleasant. If this control comes in it must be well signposted and monitored.

293	I doubt the council's ability to enforce these rules. You only need to look at cycling along sea front walk. Ban it completely and turn a blind eye when appropriate.
294	There is a high risk of fire especially where BBQs are used under yacht club racks or other wooden structures on the seafront
295	I have seen people bbqing on the beaches at Chalkwell and the leaving the BBQ on beach which is still hot. Also, if they bury the ambers on beach it could burn peoples feet if trodden on.
296	Fire and lots of litter
297	There is too much mess left and a fire hazard when the hot colas are thrown into bins. Rubbish is strewn all over the beach.
298	Before coming in with your size 10s, perhaps some public education first. If that doesn't have an impact, then move to banning.
299	To maintain the enjoyment of others in these areas and to prevent nuisances to those living in the area
300	to stop selfish people polluting the beaches and proposing a fire risk
301	Dangerous, obnoxious and bad for the environment
302	I think there should be BBQ areas provided for the public and monitored to see they are used responsibly
303	There have been many fires caused by disposable BBQs. I think they should be banned altogether as they're dangerous.
304	To avoid fire risk and protect the grass
305	to keep the beaches clean, to enable people to get out and about and avoid the smell of cooking. to reduce risk of fires
306	The use of BBQs spoils the area due to widespread misuse, large numbers of people, noise, smells and large amounts of rubbish left in the area.
307	Danger of fires
308	To protect people, the environment and others. Would also support stretching this onto households and garden fires too
309	I have called the fire brigade out for a smouldering log left on a fire on the Cliff Gardens so these should be banned too, there have been several "campfires" on the low grassy area opposite Prittlewell Square (just up from Robertos). Irresponsible people just leave there BBQs along with all their other rubbish!
310	No comment
311	We need general fines given for littering. Only a problem if people don't clean up responsibly. Get officers patrolling and fining people.
312	Most people are very responsible when using barbecues, unfortunately a few are not very responsible for disposing of rubbish or barbecues.
313	Disproportionate
314	People have already been injured by discarded disposable BBQs. Rubbish that has left behind is attracting vermin.
315	Allow gas BBQs to be used by beach Hut owners/users
316	Maybe if the council provided places along the proposed restricted area where BBQ fuel left over can be disposed of safely then there wouldn't be as many complaints from others. Instead, the councils quick and cost effective way to overcome the problem is to just impose a ban on them, this in itself spoils the enjoyment of many people who wish to have a BBQ in those areas. Just by banning something doesnt solve the issue, look at how well the drinking ban is on the corner of Hamlet Court road car park, never seen so many drunks in one place using the seats and the toilets for drug use, while under the no drinking restriction sign.... doesnt work and neither will this BBQ ban/restrictions
317	safety. But needs to include Belfairs woods where there have been several fires recently.
318	Bigger issues than precooked using BBQ's
319	They are a huge problem causing risks to health and wildlife and the appearance of the area

320	Fire hazard Pollution and damage Litter Affects local business
321	"Disposable" BBQs are not disposed of correctly.
322	Fire safety rubbish danger of burns when left unattended
323	For the safety and secure and residents and visitors.
324	Fire hazard, irresponsible disposal and a danger to children and animals.
325	I have witnessed many a disposable barbeque left unattended to the point one had melted the brand new tables on Shoebury Common, another had left scorching sand on Thorpe Bay beach, melted tarmac, scorched grass and generally dangerous disposing of them.
326	I believe that the council is making a knee jerk reaction to the problem the hot weather has caused this year and is punishing the whole community for the few that cause the problem. it like saying everyone on security are drug user. There have been not though in this proposal.
327	Rather than banning BBQ's outright, put in designated BBQ areas complete with brick or concrete stands where BBQ's can be used safely, hot ash bins for the disposal of coals after cooking, and sufficient bins for rubbish.
328	Requires regulation. There's no control in disposal of waste and smoke etc are annoying to beach users.
329	BBQs are potentially dangerous especially in this recent lovely spell of weather. The disposable ones are especially a problem as they are often just dumped and cause litter.
330	People should be able to enjoy themselves at the seaside but must learn to behave in a responsible way and dispose of all rubbish and make sure the BBQ is not a fire hazard
331	Irresponsible use
332	Litter. BBQ users have a very poor record of cleaning up after themselves. When bins are full, users are directed to take litter home with them - I am confident that this never happens with portable BBQs.
333	It is far safer for all beach users
334	It would be nice if there could be a restricted area for BBQs but not disposable BBQs because they are very bad for the environment
335	Apart from the obvious risks, I hope this ban covers the whole of TWO Tree Island where BBQs/fires have caused damage to bench and wildlife.
336	There is significant danger of injury and/or damage to property because of inconsiderate use of barbecues. Actual injuries have occurred and damage to private and council property is a weekly issue in the vicinity of East Beach.
337	Fire danger and irresponsible users
338	Because many users are thoughtless, irresponsible and dangerous.
339	I use a BBQ on the beach, I am responsible and considerate user and do not light a BBQ until beach area is fairly clear. I couldn't imagine going to the beach with a prospect of not being able to enjoy a BBQ and hot food following an afternoon on and off the water. Imagine if we lived in the US, Europe or Australia and the local government were to ban BBQs...?! Your proposal is very extreme and dictatorial on people's lifestyle.
340	I am aware of people becoming seriously hurt by walking on the hot shingle where a disposable barbecue has been removed and the ground beneath still burning hot but no visible warning that this is the case!

6.1 Question: Do you have any comments or suggestions around the proposed alternative restrictions and/or do you have any proposals, including designating an area or areas for the use of BBQs?

Total 236 comments received

Full Comments	
1	BBQs are not an environmentally form of cooking and add to climate change.
2	Ban all BBQs in all locations mentioned.
3	If there are sufficient areas designated solely for BBQS and there are enough brick built BBQS then this might be an option, but both would have to be overseen by officials or else no one will take any notice of restrictions
4	Get some police at Shoeburyness Station to stop Londoners burning our beach
5	If it's okay to use BBQs on one beach it should be okay on all of them
6	Absolutely no disposable BBQs at all anywhere.
7	There should be an outright ban on all including the brick-built BBQs which should be dismantled. There should not be a designated area for BBQs because people will not stick to it, they will as already proven, regardless of the blue no BBQ signs that have been posted along the back of the beach for years, BBQ outside any designated area. Grass and picnic tables will continue to get ruined so having a designated area will defeat the object.
8	All BBQs should be banned, and the fixed BBQ's (which were a lovely idea) are monopolised by the few so unfortunately should be dismantled. Patrols should be allowed to fine those littering - this is mainly those out-of-town trippers who do not pay council tax and local teenagers. I hate the fact that this is the only resolution I can see working, but the culprits just do not seem to listen to reason - the only way they might learn is if they are hurt in their pockets. Overnight campers must be asked to move on, and when unresponsive or threatening punished. To reiterate local taxpayers are really not the problem
9	A complete ban is needed. If they are allowed after 6 this will cause a problem to us local residence. At present we have noise into the night this would make that even worse. It has to be a complete ban to deter people. The risk of fires and burns are still present after 6p.m, aren't they??
10	Police the people causing trouble rather than tarnish everyone with the same brush
11	Possibly to invest in closed areas for purpose built BBQs, on special laid ground so limit chance of fire, small deposit involved for use of BBQ area that is returnable provided left in suitable condition. Obviously, this would have to be manned.
12	BBQs should not be allowed full stop. I understand East Beach has been until now the only beach in Essex where BBQs were allowed which has resulted in it becoming an unpleasant place to visit. East Beach has been abused and is being destroyed in the process.
13	BBQs should not be BANNED. I understand East Beach has been until now the only beach in Essex where BBQs were allowed which has resulted in it becoming an unpleasant place to visit. East Beach has been abused and is being destroyed in the process by those using barbecues.
14	Any restrictions would reduce but solve the issue. Except for a full ban, otherwise how will it be enforced.
15	I fully support the ban
16	it should be policed more so we could use the beach for BBQs responsibly, but to have to have one after 6pm with young children is not fair on the people who have no where else to go.
17	Just ban all BBQ's regardless of how they fire up and what the time is. It's dangerous, a fire hazard and safety hazard. Summer months the grass is too dry and it's a fire risk and if there is a fire it can spread to the wooden beach huts. Also, the

	children and animals shouldn't have to 'dodge the hot coals' left behind as none of the BBQ users dispose of them safely!
18	No BBQs should be allowed on the beaches at ANY time as this is dangerous.
19	Whole beach including Shoebury should be banned BBQs. BBQs do not belong on beaches. They're a danger to everyone.
20	I feel it is necessary to ban disposable BBQs as these carry the highest risks of antisocial behaviour, being left behind and causing injury due to how coals, and environmentally I think as a society we should be reducing the use of disposable BBQs. I do NOT support a ban on other types of BBQs. As long as these are above the ground and cleaned up appropriately leaving no trace behind then I see no issue with this. I suggest that the council should provide large BIFFA bins in areas of significant use, and importantly ensure that they're emptied regularly. I see many responsible users on East Beach bagging up their waste, but the BIFFA bins are full, so they leave their bags next to the bin which the seagulls get into.
21	BBQ designated areas would be appropriate along the Southend Seafront near the Jubilee beach as this is already highly developed and covered in concrete and so risk of fire is low.
22	I think introducing brick build BBQ areas (like the ones at east beach) would be ok. But these need policing, so people don't start bbqingg in the surrounding areas
23	Add more brick built BBQs as there aren't enough .which is why more people are using disposable BBQs.
24	All barbecues banned you only need to read the news as what has happened elsewhere ...do we want this here .NO
25	Barbecues would be OK if there was constant surveillance of them by someone who could ensure they didn't lead to any antisocial behaviour, dangerous use or littering.
26	No
27	If people want to eat, they can bring a picnic, absolutely no need for a BBQ. Huge groups also tend to have music playing that everyone in the area also has to listen too. This is noise pollution and anti social behaviour. Whatever policy the Council adapts, it MUST BE POLICED with significant fines for offenders. This has NEVER happened in the past.
28	Why are the cliffs not included in the zone, royal terrace, Clifton, Westcliff and Clifftown Parade? The grass areas there are equally dry, and a fire would threaten the conservation area? Worried the evening only ban would encourage late evening antisocial behaviour and also be a harder message to understand. Think biggest problem is disposal barbeques and fires. Something off the ground is probably ok.
29	No BBQs permitted anywhere on any beach!!!
30	Why the concerns, people will just move to parks and cause damage to wildlife.
31	In my opinion anything short of a complete ban will only lead to an abuse of the rules. The brick BBQs on east beach should be demolished. People are not able to share them so will only cause trouble.
32	No, none. I have experimented at home with a disposable and their time to cold is pretty extensive
33	How will this be monitored? People just do as they please regardless of signage (plenty of dogs on the beach atm)
34	Add signage to show not to put BBQs direct on grass or benches. Enforce with community officers. Education first, not a blanket ban please.
35	Designated areas
36	24 hours ban please
37	Add more BBQ areas and have more staff to walk these areas to make sure ppl are being sensible and add a lot more bins.
38	I see no need for BBQs at all

39	The ban needs to be enforced by wardens who have the power to enforce the rule if it's broken.
40	If was policed properly and fines for unorthised use
41	A time restriction is a great idea, but it is the disposable BBQs which cause the biggest hazard as they are just left and create a health & safety concern for humans and wildlife alike.
42	Any restrictions have to be policed robustly in order to be effective. Restrictions without penalties for breaking them are pointless.
43	It's not a problem - all that's needed is more brick-built BBQ and adequate waste facilities please
44	I don't see the point in only banning some types of barbecues as they all create a rubbish problem and just having restricrive hours will make enforcement more difficult and not address the problem.
45	Wardens to patrol and advise BBQ users on proper use and disposal
46	a complete ban to safeguard the health and safety of people property and animals
47	A total ban on all BBQ's is essential to avoid grey areas in the restrictions and the "bending of the rules"
48	Gas or electric BBQs are safer, but less portable and few people have access to them. I am not sure how enforcable these proposals are.
49	No
50	BBQs should be for home use only never at beech or grassed areas where the general public have use.
51	Build more brick BBQs to discourage disposable BBQs, slabs in grass to protect if there is disposable BBQs, more bins and someone to patrol.
52	It is easier to do a complete ban, as its also the food left behind that's a problem. If there are exceptions, confusion will arise
53	Instant BBQs are useful and on a beach pose no fire risk if disposed of properly...therefore a metal bin for said disposal would be good
54	I think you should provide a suitable place, but nothing will work unless the whole area is supervised responsibly
55	I would respectfully suggest that only a total ban on all BBQ's could possibly work. By allowing this kind or that kind would create loopholes in the minds of certain individuals. In addition, anybody implementing the rules know their exact position.
56	There should be no designated BBQ areas and it should be extended to the scrubland adjacent to the mod land in front of parade walk initiative particular in front of the boat house. A completed ban is more acceptable than confusing messages and comparisons between what is and isn't portable. On the market are also kettle BBQ which could be argued as not portable . A total ban for safely and fire prevention matters should be talked.
57	make more ricks built bbs and more bins for showing away the disposable ones ... Australia have them everywhere and the weather is much hotter and they don't have all the issues like here due to being properly managed
58	Useless proposals unless they are properly policed. CCTV will not identify those who ignore the ban or identify people who damage infrastructure as a result. It can only work if sufficient police officers or those with authority are present patrolling in person.
59	I think all barbecues of whatever type should be permanently banned from East Beach. There is no need for anyone to light barbecues in any public area whatsoever.
60	People are incapable of leaving our beach as they find it. Doesn't matter how many bins we have available many don't use them. Leaving a bag of rubbish by a bin is unacceptable. Take it home!
61	I don't see that BBQs are necessary even in a designated area people are irresponsible
62	No

63	Add more concrete areas safe to use BBQs. Concrete or metal seating and tables which can't be damaged
64	They are dangerous will not be maintained and managed by anyone so should never have been allowed in the first place.
65	Unless there is some sort of enforcement it will carry on as it is
66	There shouldn't be any BBQ's allowed on East Beach. People's home is at a real risk. I believe a child's foot has already been burnt by them standing on a buried BBQ in the sand that was still hot.
67	Set up and manage safe use BBQ areas like at East Beach but manage them and the hot ash bins better.
68	Signage and other measures and specific BBQ areas in locations so everyone knows where they are
69	none
70	Council supplied gas BBQ areas could be installed but we know they will not be monitored or cleaned by people that use them
71	How will the Council enforce this?
72	This is only possible with a staff presence to monitor use. Staff would need pcso type powers to impose fines. Could you impose restrictions on large music systems while you are at it?
73	The existing fixed BBQ spots at East Beach should be invested in and expanded and this should be the only place they are allowed. A great example is that of Melbourne, Australia, where there are free BBQ facilities for people to use in parks which are of exceptional quality. Additional fixed BBQ areas could be provided elsewhere if there is demand.
74	I unfortunately believe this is an exacerbated issue from residents in close proximity. Unfortunately, you live next to the beach. You chose to live there.
75	Total ban is urgently required
76	All sources of ignition are a potential hazard. If one type of BBQ is allowed that will give rise to the use of other BBQ types. It will be difficult to manage. If it is clear, then there can be no confusion.
77	As above, there just needs to be more bins, more places for hot ash and coals, more guidance on what people should do and be mindful of and more maintenance
78	If possible disposable BBQs need to be banned (countrywide if possible) They are a fire hazard and dangerous to other people
79	I don't really understand how to respond to Q9, but I would propose that BBQs could be used in managed site with ash disposal facilities & fire prevention measures in place like at Shoebury east beach
80	You already have a Ban at the moment because of the dry weather and visitors are ignoring that "advice". Most beaches in Essex do allow BBQs after 6.00pm, but again, for this to work, it must apply to ALL beaches in Southend and not just East Beach
81	Any ban or COP would need to be monitored and some sort of penalty would need to be actioned if a ban or COP was ignored. No one seems to be doing anything at the moment to stop any bad behaviour on East Beach, including overnight camping.
82	The problem always is around enforcement, Foreshore inspectors have no control over this and don't report any issue to their managers at the pier, they finish at 18,30 and there is no control after this and we as residents have to put up with the BBQ's late at night.
83	Total ban please.
84	gas or electric BBQs should ONLY be provided by the council in the hardstabd areas. No bringing of gas or electric BBQs to be used as this would constitute an 'event' and require a license to hold.
85	Dont, you have anything better to do?
86	It needs to be monitored on a regular basis not left to locals to confront

87	The council already employ beach inspectors during the season to try and enforce current policy, give them the required powers to enforce and issue fines, they have greater knowledge of the areas they patrol and the issues relating to individual beaches, east beach- BBQs, common beach-jetskiers etc
88	build BBQ areas on the cliff town cliffs, BBQ / fire pits on the beaches from pier to Shoeburyness and Chalkwell. charcoal bins next to pits and in areas.
89	no BBQs should be allowed on Shoeburyness beaches at all
90	N/A
91	Please ban completely
92	As above - more bins and designated brick areas to rest the BBQs on
93	Include Leigh on sea beach parks and woods
94	Unnecessary proposal. You should dedicate your time to more pressing issues, such as NHS funding, repairing and revamping our city.
95	Designated BBQ areas across the whole seafront from Leigh to East beach will allow people to be safer in both BBQ & disposal.
96	Use them at home. The beach is not for barbecues
97	Sadly, it is a risk when crowded
98	I agree with a disposable BBQ ban as these are the ones that are mostly used or left behind dangerously, I think it's the disposability of these that make them an issue. Normal BBQ's that are either wood or gas fired are used properly and should not be part of this as they seem to be used properly.
99	As above with some form of policing
100	The ban should be as simple as possible. Allowing exceptions leads to assumptions that "it is allowed"
101	No
102	We don't need to have barbecues on the beach we can have picnics
103	supply special pits for disposal of coals
104	There needs to be a designated area for BBQ with time restrictions . camera to record the activities and strict instructions about the rubbish to be cleared otherwise they will have to pay a fine
105	I would be in favour of restricting BBQs to specific sites where they could be monitored and safe disposal of ashes provided. This would also allow people who do not wish to be disturbed by smoke or cooking smells to avoid these areas.
106	Please be stricter on checking and putting cctv cameras to charge those who don't follow the rules.
107	None
108	stop with the restrict everyone policy because of a few anti social individuals.
109	We all 'eat'. It can be a lovely 'thing' to have a BBQ. The difference is drunken behaviour, loud music and intimidation... OBVIOUSLY - if smoke is blowing all over you . it's poor form*on the people starting a BBQ. Also, people will still have them. * Like any poor etiquette.
110	There will need to be patrols to enforce these regulations, otherwise they will be ignored (in the same way that people ignore the dog ban now)
111	Remove all BBQs
112	Dedicated BBQ zone/s is a good idea.
113	More disposal points and ban disposable BBQ only these are the problem
114	Allowing BBQs in the evening would be a fair compromise.
115	No, I have no objections whatsoever, IMO there should be a permanent nationwide ban on the importation/manufacture, supply, sales and use of disposable barbecues
116	The beach should also have a noise policy to ensure all users can enjoy their time on the beach without affecting others.

117	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
118	Just ban all BBQ's
119	Some people are not fortunate enough to have a garden so choose to go to the beach, instead of restrictions why not adapt the area with some BBQ areas with more concrete / hard surfaces to support having a BBQ, also put more bins out, other seaside towns there's bits every few metres, there's hardly any along our seafront
120	Designating an area would be inviting trouble regarding overcrowding etc. and is unlikely to be big enough to accommodate all those that want to use it.
121	Electric and gas BBQ do not seem to be a problem
122	No just ban them
123	In Scotland, I have seen tables which are constructed specifically for BBQing. No point in providing them here, though. The visitors would fight over them or trash them. Try to find an area AWAY from private homes - City Beach would be ideal, there are few homes on Marine Parade, it's noisy there anyway and first aid facilities and emergency access to the beach is easy. Make a concrete pad, put up the necessary signage. Job done.
124	Having part time bans, or special areas, does not work. People do not understand part-time bans, and do not stick to designated areas. If they do not understand pleas from the fire brigade to not have BBQ or fires during the heatwave, then they will understand anything. Yesterday heard someone on East Beach complain to a Veolia worker that they had "travelled a long way" to have a barbecue, so why was it fenced off. The only sensible solution is a full ban - people have demonstrated by their own actions that only a minority can be sensible.
125	Again because of the danger to others, especially children
126	Complete ban and from Gunners Park too.
127	I think the disposable ones are a big problem and probably the type of person who uses one might be more anti social too. I think there also needs to be bigger bins for rubbish.
128	I feel that the majority of people behave well, and it is great seeing them enjoy themselves. The key is enforcing what type of BBQ, i.e., banning disposable ones and then enforcing this appropriately.
129	The only alternative to banning BBQs is (not including Disposable BBQs) to enforcement, regular cleaning and provision of suitably sized ash bins.
130	BBQs should be banned as a small minority unfortunately spoil it for others. With the risk to public and private property increasing with climate change, the Fire Services are requesting that people do not use BBQs in public areas. I'm sure that most people will support this.
131	Gas BBQs pose no problems
132	If it really came to it, any restriction would be better than a total ban, onerous though it would be.
133	Need disposal points.
134	If there are going to be BBQs at East Beach, they need to be away from the car park and away from where the existing brick built BBQ stands are (these need to be knocked down). There is an existing concrete area opposite the toilets which could be half screened off just for BBQs with purpose built stands ONLY
135	Have designated areas fit for purpose
136	Provide seating and more fire pits. Set up water pumping system for emergency. Park patrol / beach patrol officer. Around the clock cleaning during busy periods. Booking / registered systems for use of allocated BBQ pits.

137	Beaches and Areas for All not a few.
138	I would like our useless government to ban the sale of disposable barbecues, global warming will produce increasing risk of wildfires
139	There's no need for BBQs, in whatever form, on our beaches. Equally BBQs should not be allowed from 6 pm to 10 pm. People are not likely to be more responsible then than they would be between the hours 8am to 6pm
140	Areas such as on East Beach is a good plan.
141	As per my previous answer I do feel a ban on disposal BBQs is important to consider. Designated areas may also be beneficial but may also be cause for concern if, on busy summer days, too maybe visitors have crammed close together within the area to BBQ. And/or may cause overflow of visitors and BBQs outside of the designated areas
142	I generally agree with what, but the restricted areas are the problem and times. I.e., no BBQ except in demarcated areas (with disposable bins) out of the heat of the day or heatwaves.
143	Nothing to add
144	I would also like to see the ban extended to cover Chalkwell Esplanade which is an area that attracts antisocial behaviour.
145	I believe there should be no BBQs of any kind permitted at any hour. What is wrong with sand in your sandwiches?
146	No
147	a complete ban is the only way to ensure safety, otherwise the public will find a way round it. A complete ban cannot be misunderstood
148	People are not using in designated areas they might them near the play area and on tables
149	Just needs someone there to advise and enforce it.
150	No
151	BBQs could be allowed only in purpose-built brick or concrete pits or structure
152	Sort out the local food places, this will give people a choice, and they would use less bring their own food. Stop being boring, kill joys.
153	Introduce fines for use of BBQ's in unsave areas.
154	Natural fire barriers between BBQ zones and organic matter.
155	Alternatives would be too difficult to enforce and for people to fully understand, especially visitors to Southend
156	The area should be picnic only, BBQ are a health hazrd, whilst in use and the aftereffects. Therefor I appose this area as a BBQ site
157	I would support designating areas along various parts of the seafront from chalkwell through to east beach where BBQs could be lit so that they don't spoil the enjoyment of our beaches for those who don't want to or don't like them. There are parts of our shoreline less busy. This could also help to focus cleaning/ waste collection etc.
158	If we are restricting use, it should be clear. A complete ban is easy to understand, with no confusion or different interpretations.
159	no
160	No alternatives, a comple ban 365, 24/7
161	My suggestion would be to allow BBQs (all types) along the entire section of the proposed area (away from buildings, anything flammable), at all hours. If this is unpalatable for the non-beach going few who complain, maybe limit the times between 6pm-10pm.
162	All BBQs should be banned from all restricted BBQ areas
163	I don't support the use of BBQs of any type, anywhere, at any time on public land. If they have to use them, it should be on their own land.

164	It's not the areas, it's the disposal. If the BBQ is removed, then it's safe. It's the disposable ones left behind. Either build fire resistant disposal points or Why doesn't the council build BBQ points like other councils have done around the country.
165	A proposer designated area for each beach would be acceptable provided it was brick built and the hot bricks etc could be disposed of correctly in metal bins.
166	No
167	Whatever restrictions end up being agreed, please ensure that they are ENFORCED. There are supposedly fines for littering but when was the last time anyone was fined? It certainly hasn't stopped the littering problem.
168	Information campaigns. Adequate and visible signage. Suitable policing of the current rules and regulations in place. Disposal facilities for hot and cold waste and their removal.
169	look to other countries to see their models- Both Australia and New Zealand are able to have gas or wood BBQs in areas of natural beauty and next to the coastline. Sponsored and supported by council with bins and cleaning facilities. Small contained areas that the community can all use. Hong Kong and Singapore do the same. Personal BBQs are not allowed.
170	Invest more in picnic and BBQ facilities This is a short-term issue you won't solve it unless you ban people and it will only impact the law abiding and responsible.
171	If people clear up after and take their rubbish ie used BBQ then there should be no problem Maby have a bigger fine for littering
172	Permitting BBQs after 6pm is potentially worse than allowing them before 6pm, when there are at least foreshore officers or other community safety patrols to monitor and take action in the event of misuse, fire breaking out, etc. The danger from irresponsible use increases after 6pm when there is no supervision
173	I agree that areas such a Thorpe Bay gardens and the grass area of east beach should have this consideration, but not the sand and stone areas of the beach.
174	Gas cylinders on the beach? Absolutely no way!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If one is found buried in the beach, then there are safety considerations in just touching it let alone disposing of it !!
175	unfortunately, there are to many selfish and irresponsible people these days that have no respect for anyone or anything as I have said many times to people that have lit barbecue with the smoke coming straight into my place of work I cannot pick my office up and move it and they just laugh if you are going to ban or restrict barbecue it must be inforced properly
176	All BBQs create unnecessary emissions which are harmful to the people's health and safety as well as the environment.
177	Parks and beaches are not as safe as they used to be. Having the added worry of BBQ's is not great.
178	None
179	No use of disposable BBQs on the beach. Designated steel BBQ disposal bins?
180	No
181	Have designated fixed BBQ areas like on the east beach
182	No further comment other than how are you going to enforce anti social measures. The authorities are routinely impotent when tackling loud music from pubs and cannibis smoking in public places?
183	No
184	Restrict BBQs to non-disposable and to certain enable coastal areas, like wharfs and piers, and apply heavy penalties to those leaving rubbish.

	In winter it's dark at 6PM so no point in allowing BBQ at that time. Please place security cameras around Leigh-on-Sea!
185	Time for a ban is overdue, however
186	I am content with the proposals.
187	There should be designated areas. These should be clearly marked areas with appropriate facilities for fire fighting, preventing fires and disposal of BBQs. It would be sensible to put all this information on southend.gov.uk
188	Yes, after the pumphouse next to Oceanbeach, all the way left to just before the start of the beach huts. There this would be doable as mainly local people attend these beaches. Also, we could make these dog friendly as well, the same as all the other beaches around Essex
189	Yuo need to provide clear evidence or else you will have people's opinions affecting the freedom of others. This is not a clear example of democracy - just the rule of the mob (it would be useufl to understand who is amking these complaints - residents on the sea-front perhaps?) . My proposal would be for more information provided to those who have BBQs and allow people to have freedom to behave as they would like.
190	I would like a complete ban. They are dangerous and unsociable
191	Designated areas for barbecues could be provided, but cleanliness, disposal and policing would be a problem.
192	Whilst I agree there needs to be some restrictions, I think the bigger question is who is going to police this? I know of people that have informed visitors that BBQs are not permitted at the moment, and they are ignored. Unless you are going to have a regular patrol then this seems like a waste of money and a pointless exercise!
193	I don't see why gas/electric barbecues cannot be used during the day.
194	Designating areas will not work. All or nothing. If a full ban not happening, then at least ban during dry weather. How will this be controlled?
195	Designated areas could be considered by the council along certain areas of the beach where the risk of fire may be considered a lower risk.
196	BBQs used in the correct manner (gas/electric) should be allowed but should be powered by generators.
197	Most retailers have stopped selling disposable BBQs. This will come in for the autumn/winter, so you are just ruining next summer for everyone. The situation might be different, you might not need this. Knee-jerk reactions from unimaginative incompetents, who think their neighbours, colleagues (residents of Southend) are all idiots, as usual.
198	Again, there is always a few that will ruin it for the many.
199	They should also be banned in peoples back gardens in periods where there is a high fire risk.
200	exceptions for clubs on bonfire night?
201	Just ban BBQs in public areas.
202	Totally ban BBQs
203	allow smokeless cool to the touch BBQ's. use must be accompanied by a fire extinguisher or bucket of water
204	A total ban is the only non-confusing answer. Having a "sometimes you can, sometimes you can't" or a "this one is OK, this one is not" is going to complicate matters unduly.
205	They should not be used on crowded beaches at all.
206	No
207	I think there should be areas where you can BBQ. You see on the continent areas built of brick where you can light a BBQ and concrete seating and table where you can picnic. Not suitable on the beaches as they are not wide enough but other areas in parks maybe suitable.

208	As long as they are cleaned up in a safe manner and not left on the beach, I see no problem with them.
209	None
210	Only that a ban should cover all hours unless there is a function taking place where a stall has your permission. (Such as the Jamaican thing recently) The ban at East Beach has proved that visitors to the area can cope without a perishing BBQ. It is sad as with everything in life those behaving irresponsibly spoil it for everyone else...???
211	no cook at home!
212	There needs to be a complete ban, otherwise the rules will be flouted
213	Portable barbecues should be banned completely form any public area
214	BBQs are dangerous because of irresponsible people so sadly they need to stay at home, there are plenty of other things people can eat! Also, the smoke is very unpleasant if you're downwind to a BBQ. Please also add a ban on campfires as there have been several on the Cliff Gardens just up from Roberto's that have been left smouldering! 🧑🏻
215	No comment
216	Fine people for littering.
217	In many countries there are permanent bricked raised areas where people can gather and barbecue safely
218	The current BBQ areas are not treated with respect. Fires are left to burn with no supervision. The risk of fires spreading is increased due to this irresponsible behaviour.
219	See 5.1
220	You employ a number of community safety officers, maybe if they were given powers to fine the public for littering and actually take action instead of blindly walking past as they so often do, maybe this would be a deterrent and leave the police to tackle the drug and violence where they need to be.
221	Should include Belfairs woods and other public parks where there have been several fires recently.
222	Too much big brother, back off
223	Target disposable BBQs
224	We need full restrictions so that the information is clear and to the point on notice boards
225	If BBQs are allowed it should be on a hard standing, surrounded by a fire screen, safety notices on their use and the appropriate fire prevention equipment installed.
226	I don't understand the question "making the use and disposal of gas and electric BBQs subject to the COP. My suggestion would be to only allow any barbeques in the bricked area, not all over the grass.
227	There should be water made available in the summer on dry days to put out the BBQ especially in East beach at the BBQ stations
228	Rather than banning BBQ's outright, put in designated BBQ areas complete with brick or concrete stands where BBQ's can be used safely, hot ash bins for the disposal of coals after cooking, and sufficient bins for rubbish. Many, many tourists come to the Southend beaches to socialise and BBQ. this process should be managed not banned
229	In other countries they have brick-built BBQs that the public are able to use
230	Put in proper BBQ facilities in certain picnic areas which are safe and off the ground
231	No
232	Designating certain area/s for BBQs but not disposable ones
233	BBQs should also be banned on Two Tree Island
234	Allowing any form of barbecue introduces complexity into the enforcement of a COP and will make it largely ineffective. The permissive use of gas canisters in potentially crowded areas introduces a major risk as does possible power sources

	for electric barbecues with trailing leads/potential for shock from powerful battery packs etc.
235	<p>This is a diabolical idea. I would like to be sent the actual research and data that was collected as your basis for your proposal. Which organisation conducted this research, what stats were collated, what method of research was undertaken? Instead of proposing a ban on BBQs, why don't you do a campaign to actually educate the public with the sociable and considers use of BBQs.</p> <p>I think you should tackle the unsociable behaviours or littering and people spitting gum onto the public highway. What about reminding dog owners not to leave dog faeces on the public highway or on the beaches for the likes of my family and myself to tread on?! Try doing something actually worthwhile with public money rather than your controlling ridiculous ideas of squashing BBQs just because you have them recorded on your My Southend system.</p> <p>I look forward to being sent the report containing the statistics that support this proposal.</p>
236	I do not see a problem with large barbecues for organised functions where health and safety are considered.

6.2 Question: Are there any other areas you believe should be included in the BBQ Restricted Area?

Total comments received 201

Full Comments	
1	No BBQs on East beach anywhere ever.
2	City-wide.
3	All woodland
4	The actual beach
5	Not to my knowledge as looking at your restriction zone it covers the whole of East Beach including the beach itself and the entire grass area to the back. As far as I can see all of Southend beaches and public open spaces have been included.
6	The whole beach area that is liable to the selfish people's abuse
7	<p>The no camping on east beach is not enforced. Many now pitch up over night leading to noise throughout the night. These people need to be moved on.</p> <p>The beach needs patrolling. How about security or using the covid patrolled who don't have anything to do now, get them to enforce the rules.</p>
8	Only the sand area should be restricted, build more permanent BBQs in more areas
9	Think all covered
10	All parks too!
11	No.
12	No.
13	Not sure
14	None at all. Ban them all.
15	Thorpe Bay common, gunners park
16	Two tree islands
17	Yes, Two Tree Island, Leigh Skate Park and Leigh Marshes should be added to the list of restricted areas as this is where many disposable BBQs are found.
18	The entirety of the southend coastline
19	No
20	No
21	The ban should be to all areas
22	royal terrace, Clifton, Westcliff and Clifftown Parade and the cliffs - protect the conservation areas
23	All beach areas!!
24	None

25	I believe the areas you have highlighted are appropriate
26	All parks and common areas
27	All beaches and green spaces
28	All parks
29	Shoebury Common should be added. Add more brick-built BBQs.
30	All Beaches and grass areas
31	BBQs and fires should be banned on all beaches.
32	O
33	You're banning from all beaches no where else unless you start banning for private gardens.
34	Not that I can think of.
35	Blackgate road where they are used by overnight camper vans that can't get into the carpark
36	No, all areas important to me are included
37	No
38	No
39	East Beach
40	All areas of public use from East Beach to Leigh.
41	Southchurch Park, there is a risk fires will move from the seafront to the park. It is already an issue there
42	No
43	No
44	No
45	It looks like you have covered all the relevant areas affected.
46	Yes - scrubland in front of parade walk (which I've been notified by MOD is council land). This should be extended to include the boathouse which attracts BBQ's in a hidden location
47	All parks and public spaces.
48	All Southend beaches and public open spaces should be protected from barbecues. I would fully support a ban throughout all Council controlled areas in Southend borough.
49	No, don't think it is a suitable location for a BBQ area
50	Everywhere along the foreshore should be included as they always were
51	The whole of East Beach requires a complete and immediate ban
52	The whole of East beach. We never had BBQs there growing up, what's wrong with picnics.
53	No
54	no
55	None
56	East Beach entirely.
57	Disposable BBQs should be prohibited in all parks and public grassed areas, where there is risk of causing fire.
58	No
59	All beaches and areas surrounding.
60	No
61	The whole of Southend borough
62	The cliffs & green area along cliff parade Ss9
63	I feel it would be easier to enforce if the PCSOs just worked along the coast & coastal commons. Like people parking on yellow lines, once enforcement takes place & people are fined, it soon gets around and the problems diminishes.
64	Local parks should also be included in the BBQ ban as these can cause damage to any grassed area used by families. Especially in the summer when there is the possibility of grass fires which has been seen in other areas of the country.

65	Yes carpark and the fact that posts are removed sometimes to light fires, and this leads to cars driving around the restricted area of the park with no control and noise to residents,
66	Make it even clearer that parks like Gunners Park are also prohibited
67	No
68	No
69	Parks and Belfairs woods esp as people camp there.
70	All beaches, greensward at East beach, cliff gardens
71	all areas
72	Certain parks may need consideration
73	ALL parks and open spaces - if people can't BBQ on the beach they will go to Southchurch Park, for example
74	Include Leigh on sea beachfront parks and woods
75	No.
76	Sufficient fire information & disposal methods.
77	No
78	As above
79	All public owned areas in the city
80	No
81	The sea wall or on the seating areas made of wood.
82	Chalkwell up to the toilets after the arches
83	Not that I can think of
84	Public Parks
85	No specific locations, but maybe three or four designated locations could be created along the seafront. Ideally in locations which have access to clean drinking water.
86	No but dog restricted area. Many times, dogs have jumped in our food and ruined our party and left us embarrassed in front of our guests. Irresponsible owners always leave their dogs off the lead.
87	None
88	See above
89	How about allowing them in Quite areas? A new responsible area - ?
90	none
91	All public spaces. If a BBQ ban is placed along the seafront, people will just take them elsewhere.
92	Everywhere, including private gardens - there are perfectly safe miniature barbecues on the market at very reasonable prices and they do not produce waste.
93	Fires in bins - cost to residence, rubbish build up
94	Parks
95	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
96	All council parks and beach areas
97	No
98	All parks in Southend and surrounding area
99	Southchurch Park.
100	ALL council public spaces should be included - including grass areas alongside the road. Seen people with BBQ in Blackgate road by the willow trees before now.
101	Leigh beach and cliffs
102	Public Parks
103	Gunners Park and the cricket field
104	I don't think Chalkwell is big enough for BBQs at all.

105	No
106	All beaches with the above restrictions.
107	All public parks.
108	No
109	Shoebury Common and Thorpe Esplanade
110	No
111	No camping
112	No
113	None
114	Car parking spaces.
115	All other parks and gardens
116	Can't think of any
117	No.
118	N/a
119	Couldnt find any. All areas are restricted in map. Demarcated BBQ areas should be inrtroduced in parks as well.
120	No
121	Chalkwell Esplanade
122	All SOS beaches
123	Employ litter pickers on our beaches
124	no
125	All parks
126	Why not insert paving slabs into the grass every so often so people can use them.
127	Maybe local parks should be considered.
128	any public area
129	Yes, close local food places with food ratings of less than 4 !!
130	MORE VERY LARGE BBQ'S NOTICE WHEAR NECASSARY
131	No.
132	All areas that are grassed, also the beaches in general they become more congested this impacts on other users.
133	No
134	All Southend's parks and open spaces, every single one, then there is clarity.
135	High Street and Council buildings
136	no
137	The entire country.
138	Are you joking, you have included everywhere between Chalkwell to Thorpe Bay. Maybe you can restrict BBQs in the gardens of the people who have moaned about them on the beach and see what they think about that.
139	No
140	Yes. Please include parks areas where seats and pub benches are used. A good example is Southchurch Park where pub benches wooden and UPVC, near to the Petanque area have been badly damaged by the use of disposal BBQs.
141	No
142	They should be banned everywhere. There is no need for them in the first place. Even if they do not start a fire, they add to the litter problem.
143	This is a blanket suggestion without adequate supporting evidence that the area needs to be any larger than that currently proposed. The proposals impact those of us unfairly who comply with the regulations and the law.
144	No
145	No
146	No
147	Anywhere where use of a BBQ could pose a risk of fire breaking out, or where there would be damage to flora/fauna or a risk to public health and safety

148	Leigh Marshes, Belton and Leigh Cliffs: this is really a preventative measure with regard to preventing grass fires but also the cliffs are close to residential areas.
149	All Council controlled public spaces including parks.
150	No
151	No
152	Any beach areas should be under these rules.
153	All of Two Tree Island, the cliffs from Southend Pier west to Tattersall Gardens
154	Local Parks
155	Have a note to allow total bans of all BBQ/fires during heat waves
156	No
157	N/C
158	Yes, all gardens too. A smoke free Southend would give us our clean air back.
159	Belfairs Woods
160	I would not allow disposable BBQs in public parks except for a designated spot.
161	Any terraced residential area. Fumes from garden level flats/ houses travel upwards to choke upstairs flats of their immediate neighbours. It is a health hazard, especially with Covid19 increased lung problems aftermath.
162	No.
163	All public places.
164	Public beaches where there are high volumes of people. Typical areas should include Chalkwell, Westcliff, Jubilee and City Beach. Here there is a high number of visitors who could be injured by inappropriately used/disposed BBQs. These beach goers could also be affected by the smoke generated by these BBQs affecting their enjoyment of the area. Along City and Jubilee there is a higher level of antisocial therefore preference should be taken to include these areas to try to curb this.
165	No
166	None - there should be no restrictions.
167	The whole of the East Beach area
168	Parks in the Southend area unless specific barbecue areas are provided.
169	All beaches and parks
170	Westcliff Parade gardens
171	The Cliffs between the Pier and Shorefield Road
172	Leigh Cliffs. Belton Hills, Two Tree Island are all a very high risk for fire and harm to the public and wildlife and the environment.
173	All areas where the public can gather, i.e., parks, woodland etc
174	NO.
175	They should also be banned in peoples back gardens in periods where there is a high fire risk.
176	Totally ban BBQs in public areas
177	Gunners Park
178	All the way around the Ness, and ALL council owned areas including grass verges - the wide grass area in Blackgate Road by the entrance to East Beach gets sometimes used by campervans as a BBQ space.
179	Belfairs Park Woods
180	No
181	None at the moment
182	Sorry only familiar with East Beach but this needs to include the complete length including the area where the beach huts are. The number of signs erected is pretty pathetic leading some folk to get away with saying the haven't seen the signs. And as usual there was little if any policing to enforce the restrictions) I did not see one police officer on all my visits to East Beach throughout the Jamaican festival. There was private security but they only concentrated on what went on inside the fenced area and were gone by 6pm on the Sunday ?????
183	All beaches in Southend should be subject to a ban

184	should be across the borough in parks, woods etc
185	No comment
186	No
187	Any public land.
188	Think youve pretty much encompassed the whole beach front areas leaving none for people to responsibly enjoy themselves.
189	Belfairs woods and any public spaces
190	N/a
191	Local parks and wildlife reserves
192	All areas should be included. Total ban
193	The area around Hadleigh castle and Wakering common Barling wildlife centre
194	Areas around the Foreshore Yacht Clubs and busy areas.
195	cliff gardens
196	No
197	No
198	No
199	Two Tree Island seems to have been partially omitted - this is where the real risk of fire could be and should be fully included, including the sea front area.
200	Two Tree Island
201	No

8.1 Question: Please give your reasons why

Total responses received 276

Full Comments	
1	Bonfires are not an environmentally form of waste disposal and add to climate change.
2	Bonfires are unnecessary and in public areas should only be lighted and managed by professionals at arranged times so risk mitigation can be put I place, for example on 5th Nov.
3	Because I'm not an idiot
4	Some people are not able to follow safety rules put in place
5	If you are going to ban BBQs then ban all fires, including bonfires
6	For the most obvious reason, risk of fire which could cause injuries or life threatening and damage to property and for health reasons for people who suffer with asthma or chronic conditions.
7	In my 20 years living on Blackgate Road by East Beach the only real bonfires were the Big Beach Bash - BBQs are the problem
8	Large bonfires are lit on East beach at night-time. Leaving charred remains and smoke
9	Most people are sensible, maybe provide taps to assist in putting out used ones or a concrete bin to dispose
10	Again people are incapable of behaving responsibly, especially in conjunction with alcohol consumption. In these predicted continued dry conditions, the risk to green spaces and wildlife is too great.
11	Safeguarding of life and property
12	Dangerous and totally unnecessary.
13	Too risky
14	Obvious danger.
15	I'm sure some are using the bonfires to cook.
16	Fully agree with Council statement
17	What idiot has a bonfire in a largely populated area where people gather! Madness! Ban it!

18	People can't be trusted (small minority) but they are a fire hazard when we have the nature reserve on our doorstep in gunners park ... if a fire happened there it would all go up and be close to properties
19	Same as BBQs, they're a danger and shouldn't be lit on or near beaches.
20	Although I haven't noticed this being an issue, I think it's sensible to ban bonfires
21	Bonfires usually release toxic fumes due to people burning inappropriate materials. This is prevalent along Leigh Marshes.
22	Safety and air quality
23	Because part of the fun of a day out is getting back to nature and enjoying fires etc in a controlled way.
24	Bonfires getting out of control, wind from the sea if tide in, escalating fire
25	Bonfires tend to be less controlled than BBQs so there is more potential for them to get out of control
26	bonfires are a huge risk. The summer dry weather will increase the risk of the fire spreading. People have windows open in summer and the smoke is unpleasant. Most important of all it is not environmentally friendly, such material should be composted or recycled etc.
27	Dangerous, I would have assumed they were already not allowed! Know there's been issues in Chalkwell and Leigh regularly with bonfires and parties
28	There can be no legitimate reason for having a bonfire other than on one's own property!!
29	Let people gather and have fun. We are out off covid, time for families to meet again
30	Bonfires offer at least the same risk as BBQ's and probably more, therefore they too should be restricted.
31	For all the previous answers
32	Fire risk
33	No need for bonfires. There is a need for BBQs.
34	Safety
35	Taking away ppls enjoyment on days out,
36	Bonfires, for whatever purpose, pose an unwarranted environmental threat producing toxins and air pollution. They should be banned completely throughout the year EVERYWHERE, not just with the BBQ Restricted Area. Southend Council needs to set a precedent for banning bonfires that other Councils can emulate.
37	They use the fences to make bonfires, but I haven't seen many
38	Risk of fires and fire damage.
39	My home is at risk
40	Any type of fire is a hazard in a public space!
41	It's not a problem - all that's needed is more brick-built BBQ and adequate waste facilities please
42	If barbecues are banned, I suppose some people might have a bonfire.
43	No Bonfires in this area, not safe.
44	Fire Hazard
45	too many irresponsible people.so a complete ban should be implemented for the health and safety of people, animals and property.
46	There is a real danger to public safety and property as recent serious incidents have shown.
47	Risk of fire spreading, burning embers
48	Because they are unnecessary and dangerous
49	Far to many irresponsible people.
50	NA
51	Risk of fire spreading.
52	If built properly can be managed successfully.
53	Surely it's common sense

54	For the same reasons I support the banning of BBQ's. It could be argued that bonfires offer an even greater risk.
55	Safety of people and property. Potential fire risk that can cause extensive damage to life and property
56	think thats obvious
57	Again must be controlled directly
58	Bonfires are completely unnecessary in any area and I feel they are even more dangerous than barbecues as a risk to people, property and wildlife. The fumes are also incredibly toxic and pose a risk to health, particularly to people living nearby, who are unable to escape the fumes.
59	Again leaves a mess hot ashes etc where our dogs and children walk
60	Especially during the hot dry weather they are a danger to the nature reserve
61	High risk of causing fires plus too many people not sufficiently responsible for their actions.
62	Unless they are properly managed they should not be allowed.
63	As above
64	Very dangerous
65	Bonfires should not be set in public areas
66	there is no reason for a bonfire in these locations. I'm not aware of an issue with them but unlike BBQ's, I cant see a genuine reason for their use and can see many potential safety issues with them
67	As above
68	Huge fire risk to beach huts etc
69	Dangers of fires, irritation of smoke, danger to wildlife
70	There is no way people will do this responsibly.
71	Bonfires in this area are obviously a terrible idea.
72	Handled responsibly and if disposed of properly, a bonfire on the beach is an enjoyable and harmless pastime. The example of Ocean Beach, San Francisco, where people can use established fire pits, is a good one to follow. The main place bonfires ARE a problem in Southend is in people's back yards/gardens, when used to burn waste that should be disposed of properly.
73	Fire risk
74	The only bonfires I've ever known are the fireworks night at East beach and that was many years ago!
75	Safety reasons
76	Risk of fires spreading.
77	They are a danger to beach users and have the potential to cause long term damage to wildlife and habitats.
78	This is completely unsafe, unnecessary and could get out of hand and cause harm to life very quickly
79	Fire hazard and dangerous
80	It would be irresponsible to light a bonfire at the moment due to the dryness of the vegetation
81	There's no place or need for a bonfire in any of the coastal areas. It's dangerous and restricts other peoples enjoyment.
82	There is no reason to have a bonfire on any beaches, parks or commons. They are a huge fire risk, especially in this dry weather. You cannot rely on giving advise as people will light fires under trees or behind beach huts etc, in order to provide some protection from the wind. The coast is always windy, which creates the risk of embers being carried away.
83	Bonfires are even more likely to spread to other areas causing damage to nature and possibly to property and life.

84	Yes complete ban where residential homes are close by and we have already witness this on site, residents are worried about their homes and have the support of the local fire brigade
85	Just as dangerous to wildlife and homes as BBQs. Especially with increased dry conditions.
86	Risk of widespread fire and danger to the public and wildlife
87	Never seen a bonfire on the beach but we probably don't need to be having them
88	People are irresponsible and don't care about our beach cause they don't live here
89	I think they should be allowed on Nov 5th
90	Danger and damage to environment, fire hazard for local housing.
91	safety
92	If you consider it to be necessary I am happy to support it
93	Bonfires are dangerous and should be regulated at all times.
94	Potentially very dangerous, especially with the high temps and winds we are currently experiencing, and given that grass and green areas are very parched and combustible at present as a result of the extreme temps.
95	Safety for public and wildlife
96	Unnecessary proposal. You should dedicate your time to more pressing issues, such as NHS funding, repairing and revamping our city.
97	If fires are a problem then yes. I personally use the seafront most days & don't see fires though.
98	So our wildlife are not in danger
99	Not necessary
100	I don't see it as an issue as this hardly happens, and any that do on the beach are far enough away from properties to cause health issues. Perhaps concrete fire pits that I see on beaches around the world could be provided on East Beach for example to contain them? Although I would support temporary bans during periods of hot dry weather where risk of fire should be considered as part of this consultation.
101	Dangerous
102	They can get out of control and are dangerous. The remains need to be cleared up. An exception for organized events licensed by or with permission from the council would be appropriate.
103	Why can't you have controlled fire areas it's not been an issue for the majority
104	It's dangerous.
105	Same as BBQ
106	Fire hazard and danger to wildlife and people
107	Because it's no different to a BBQ, can cause harm.
108	pose a risk to health and safety
109	Fire hazard and is illegal danger to the public pollution
110	There is no reason to have a bonfire on the beach and these are difficult to clear away.
111	It's a bit harsh , fines would be better
112	There is no need for a bonfire, that is too much of a fire risk.
113	As there is a difference between a container and just wooden articles... that obviously will be left.
114	The smoke is unpleasant for other people
115	Major fire risk
116	Even less control over this than BBQs. Fire risk is huge.
117	It is already an offence of summary arson to light bonfires anywhere under the Criminal Damage Act 1971 which states: A person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another intending to destroy or damage any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would

	be destroyed or damaged shall be guilty of an offence. There is not enough law enforcement! Anti-social people found doing this should be charged and prosecuted - no excuses or defence because fire kills!
118	These should naturally burn out more safely and more environmental
119	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
120	Safety for all concerned
121	Fires are more dangerous
122	There is no justification for having a bonfire in the restricted area or anywhere else and in any case it can constitute a nuisance in civil law. All opportunities should be taken to reduce air pollution and the dangers of having a bonfire in a public space.
123	For safety and environmental reasons.
124	Irresponsible behaviour when leaving and risk of fire to beach huts
125	They are very polluting and there is no need to have them
126	General danger to wild life and the smell of the smoke
127	Wood fires are acceptable
128	Idiots shouldn't play with fire. Unfortunately, most people who light beach bonfires are idiots. They have no consideration regarding the prevailing wind and are incapable of considering other people, their homes or property.
129	Easy. First, fire risk. Second, clean air requirement. With the council aiming for net zero, why on earth is Southend not already a smoke control zone?
130	Wild fire danger
131	Whilst extremely these can be dangerous unless controlled responsibly
132	Risk of grassfire, destroying the environment.
133	I think they are just too dangerous and could get out of control and not be used responsibly.
134	Bonfires in Public spaces are potentially dangerous, posing a significant risk of damage and uncontrolled fires. Bonfires are also extremely antisocial.
135	Although this doesn't 'seem' to take place much, and I stress I don't live on the seafront itself, but, it's just not necessary. It stinks, and is a fire hazard.
136	n/a
137	Damage to Council and Private Property
138	Bonfires pose an even bigger problem than BBQs because by their nature they tend to be bigger and have more fuel to burn for longer
139	Beach parties have been a social activity since forever and are a great bonding feature. No one wants extremes or irresponsible behaviour but, like with the protestors, they are the minority
140	The very hot summer we are enjoying presents higher fire risk from whatever source
141	No reasonable excuse for having a bonfire on seafront. Should not be allowed.
142	Threat to local wildlife.
143	People are digging fire pits at east beach - leaving rubbish and ashes behind.
144	Can see no bona fide reason for them
145	We need to learn to be flexible and accommodate each other's experiences in life. Complete ban is not the way forward.
146	Normally no control by responsible Adults. Some Young people causing Anti Social Behaviour
147	more frequent droughts will make bonfires an increasing hazard
148	Why should people be allowed bonfires on our beaches
149	These are just stupid people.
150	Fire out of control and irresponsible people.
151	This is a completely sensible precaution in current conditions

152	Bonfires are always dangerous and usually uncontrolled. there is no facility to extinguish an out of controlled fire.
153	Bon fire restricted area allows nowhere for bon fires. Where are the unrestricted areas. Demarcated areas suggested with BBQ.
154	No private bonfires should be lit in public spaces
155	To protect person safety, wildlife and properties.
156	Danger, mess, it encourages other behaviour which is troublesome
157	I put no opinion as I have not seen evidence of this, however the same applies as per BBQ's, fires can get out of control very quickly, therefore no fires permitted period.
158	Why on earth would anybody want to have a bonfire in the BBQ restricted area? That would constitute irresponsible and inconsiderate behaviour and every possible measure should be taken to prevent such stupidity.
159	safety and fire issue
160	Safety
161	There is no need to completely ban them.
162	After seeing on television the outbreak of fires on open ground around the country I think the banning of bonfires and BBQs on open ground essential.
163	It leads to late night gatherings resulting in anti social behaviour.
164	you don't need a bonfire
165	I would support this as bonfires, especially in dry summers, are dangerous for all the obvious reasons.
166	Stop being boring, killjoys, and teach people to use fire safety.
167	Unfortunately, it seems some members of the public cannot be relied upon to behave in a safe, sensible and considerate manner and therefore a complete ban seems to be the only answer.
168	ALREADY NOTED BUT MAINLY FOR SAFETY REASONS.
169	Environmental and safety hazard
170	A bonfire is not really suitable for a semi urban environment.
171	Unfortunately, as mentioned in my previous comments, there are some people who think that parts of beach huts and boats are there to be used as fuel for bonfires
172	A hazard, health and safety issue, not enough people to enforce the ban.
173	Whilst I'm not convinced this is a problem I agree that it would be sensible.
174	Public safety and risk of spreading fires.
175	They are unnecessary.
176	As above
177	Dangerous
178	Pretty obvious. A fire risk, encouraging parties, littering, criminal behaviour and completely unnecessary.
179	The beach is probably the safest and last place available for a group of people to get together and have a bonfire due to the fact the bonfire would be on sand/shingle. Are you trying to kill off our society/culture/anything mildly fun.
180	Risk of fire to surrounding area
181	Bonfires are unpleasant, dangerous, give rise to significant air pollution, emit carbon dioxide, thereby aggravating global warming, use up wood and vegetation that could be recycled or composted to improve soil, and often entail wilful damage to trees and bushes as a source of fuel. They should not be allowed on private land, let alone public land.
182	I think they are clear to see once burnt out
183	Fire danger and pollution
184	Again, a fire hazard that could quickly go out of control damaging council properties tress etc.
185	Anti social behaviour issues
186	There is no need for a bonfire on a beach

187	Mess and pollution, risk of fires.
188	Bonfires should be banned altogether. They are not allowed at the allotment so why are they allowed in people's gardens? They make the air unbreathable for the neighbours and are adding to the global warming problem.
189	Infringes Civil Liberties. Law making is not an excuse for poor management and supervision by Southend on Sea Borough Council of these facilities. The proposals impact those of us unfairly who comply with the regulations and the law.
190	Not the ideal place to have bonfires.
191	Areas are too crowded for safe bonfires.
192	People have lit fires on beaches since medieval times
193	Severe risk of fire breaking out in surrounding grassland, shrubs, trees and/or adjoining housing
194	Because they are not a problem in all areas of the seafront. Maybe some but not all!
195	1) Fire danger and smoke nuisance to nearby people, gusty winds can throw embers around and cause harm, 2) Smoke drifts into nearby properties causing residents and traders to have to close their windows (a particular problem in the evening and sometimes during the night). 3) What right allows people have to have a bonfire in a public place or recreational area in the first place ?
196	Go to the tip or refuse disposal site as it is now known or is it the recycling centre?
197	because of the harm they can cause
198	Bonfires are even more of a nuisance than BBQs, endangering people's safety, health and well-being. They are unnecessary and environmentally very unfriendly
199	People are more careless and selfish with their actions. There was no more respect for places.
200	None
201	There should be no fires on beaches used by children and families
202	The Leigh-on-Sea Sailing Club have applied for a licence each year for a bonfire on the beach, this is very well supervised and I would hate to jeopardise the future of this event.
203	Fire escalation in the time of droughts
204	Same safety issue with danger of people/children stepping on hot coals fire area after fire died down and possibly covered by sand after. Only allow council agreed event bonfires.
205	Safety and public health
206	Air pollution and fires getting out of control
207	To ensure everyone's safety.
208	Never seen a fire or indeed a bonfire
209	Health and safety of public and damage to area.
210	Bonfires can get out of control and do make the areas look unsightly
211	Ban all bonfires too. My neighbours burn a big fire for 12 hours overnight on Saturdays and bank holidays.
212	Besides the fire hazard they never clean up after themselves
213	Bonfires are very hard to do safely and the general population should be restricted from making them. They should be for events only with certain safety measures in place.
214	In age of climate change and with increased lung problems among borough's residents after Covid19, this is a sound (overdue) step to take.
215	It is a sensible precautionary step to take.
216	Not aware of problems associated with bonfires.
217	Only reason for not wanting bonfires as you can't clean it up after you're done and leaves a mess on the beach, and obviously not doing it on grass at all as this damage the grass and could spread.

218	Small drift wood fires should not create a large problem for Southend.. The problem again is any antisocial behaviour attracted by the fires and them becoming a safety issue.
219	You haven't given me any evidence it is a problem.
220	Anti-social and dangerous
221	There is absolutely no reason why you need to light a bonfire. It's an additional problem for the emergency services to deal with.
222	Similar to my comments on barbecues, however an open bonfire can prove to be a much greater danger for fire to spread than a more enclosed barbecue.
223	A bonfire is an unrestricted pile of burning wood and debris, this can easily get out of hand.
224	Unlike the controlled area of a BBQ there is the potential danger of bonfire without correct permission and contingencies.
225	Bonfires are not good for our fragile environment and should be banned outright.
226	These are all built up residential areas that pose a danger to the public
227	As climate change intensifies the risks are too great in a public area.
228	Stops the idiots
229	fire hazard in this dry season
230	Please see above. Shouldn't be necessary: should be about public engagement, enforcement of existing safety guidelines. New rules without enforcement make a mockery of the whole thing. Also organisational cowardice and inability to tackle the minority of offenders or rule-breakers, instead choosing to punch down on everyone. Very Tory!
231	Because this is just the start you will have a mission creep and then it'll be the whole of Southend where you can't even have a bonfire
232	Only during times of high fire risk.
233	Not a problem because few occur in Leigh but would an issue if they occurred.
234	I've watched people bring pallets to the beach and break up for bonfires, leaving in the sand the construction nails and staples. Totally ban bonfires
235	Can't see the need for bonfires on the beach or parkland areas
236	Other than the risk of fire, and the vandalism when people use whatever they can for the fire - Bonfires cause smoke which is polluting. Not good for a City aiming to become clean air status.
237	It is yet another danger.
238	Risk
239	Fires should not be lit as they make a mess
240	Bonfires are dangerous. Even more so with kids and booze.
241	Safety
242	bonfires have been on the beach for years and no reason to spoil the fun, as long as size and place is safe
243	Anti social and present a danger to the environment and wildlife
244	They can easily get out of hand
245	Fires can quickly get out of control and the smoke and smells are antisocial
246	It simply is not necessary to have fires and BBQ's these days
247	To avoid fires and protect the environment
248	reduce risk of fire, public disorder, drunks etc
249	as above and bonfires should be extended across the borough in private property too
250	Other than organised licensed events
251	Not aware of problem but should be banned.
252	If it is a safety issue
253	They are unnecessary apart from the Bonfire night celebrations
254	Too easily start other fires, remnants a danger to all.
255	Bonfires effects a larger area, so I can see why there should be restrictions.

256	Safety
257	Just ban them
258	The charcoal they leave is not below the high water line and so becomes rubbish and an eyesore
259	Fire smoke drifting over roads Health
260	For the Safety of Residents and Visitors to Southend.
261	unsupervised fires, embers blowing around causing fires or burning people.
262	I've never seen a bonfire, so can't comment
263	As stated above
264	Bonfires are hard to manage and the debris will always be left for others to clear up.
265	As much as I would love a bonfire on the beach I don't think that our beaches are appropriate to have them
266	I have never seen a bonfire in the restricted area
267	Except properly organised events on November 5th
268	Bonfires require a source of combustible material i.e. wood. As this is not readily available within the restricted area inappropriate material gets burned, resulting in litter, pollution, vandalism.
269	same as BBQs - dangerous!
270	It is very bad for the environment and poses a safety risk
271	I think the Annual bonfire night on the beach by Bell Wharf in November is acceptable
272	Informal fires/barbecues are regularly constructed on East Beach on both the beach and grassed areas. These pose a serious fire risk and risk of personal injury.
273	Safety and climate change
274	Irresponsible people
275	Never witnessed a problem with fires on the beach.
276	Should only be allowed for organised and controlled events

9.1 Question: Are there any other anti-social behaviours that you experience on East Beach that you believe should be included in the PSPO?

Total amount received 191

Full Comments	
1	Gangs
2	Any amplified music
3	Defaecation by humans in public, eg not using proper toilets (I have seen human waste on that beach and my dog has too. Disgusting). And allegedly in the sea (although I've not seen this).
4	The general public urinating along the path from the High Street opposite the station, leading down to the beach and, ironically, the public toilets! This happens on a daily basis and very frequently at the weekends. I am constantly calling from my flat at the side of the path and telling people (mainly men!) to use the public toilets!! A sign at the start of the path on the High Street to say there are public toilets might prevent some of this disgusting behaviour.
5	S***** everywhere, camping overnight. Multiculturalism eh?
6	New councillors
7	Some dog walkers not picking up dog mess
8	Drug taking
9	Loud music late at night that has gone on after the closure of the car park which is obviously disturbing the residents who live in the mobile homes at the back and in George Street. Destruction of fences to the beach that are being broken on a regular basis and still are and the council need to repair as a matter of H&S

	before someone is injured. Human waste !
10	Cars parking overnight. Also really annoyed such a good job was made of improving the public toilets - I used the other day and the cleaner was cleaning faeces off the wall - totally soul destroying
11	Noise at night. Sometimes through the night. Many people are now camping overnight. Leading to using the wooded areas as toilets .
12	No
13	Food waste and rubbish everywhere. Basically East Beach has become a no go area for me as a local resident over the summer period. It has never been so bad.
14	Not sure what they are called, but the life surfer boards on wheels, that go at tremendous speed over the grasses areas.
15	Loud music
16	Dog fouling.
17	Dog fouling, dogs taken on the beach in the summer with children around. We need much better supervision.
18	Not that come to mind
19	Night time camping has started up. It's not allowed but it happens.
20	Parking - blocking of emergency access routes for all services including coastguard to access the coastal areas
21	Dog fouling needs attention too.
22	No - as mentioned above there needs to be a greater provision of bins which are emptied regularly. The majority of people clean up after themselves, but when the Biffa bins aren't emptied they leave their bagged up rubbish next to them. The seagulls then cause a mess. I don't take issue with people erecting tents. It's quite normal given our changeable British weather for people to use a windbreak or tent on the beach- be that for shelter, for changing in, or maybe letting a child have a nap. I don't feel it's necessary to impose restrictions on these as there is no problem currently occurring as a result of tents
23	No
24	No
25	On my last visit I didn't see any problems at all, but that was last year. What I did see of people near me at that time was people disposing of their small barbeques effectively. As stated I do not live near East Beach, but like to visit the area with family.
26	Large groups drinking day and night
27	When toilets closed people use the walls of the toilets and the bushes in evenings. People bring large speakers and dj equipment set up private parties
28	Destruction of safety fence between the grass area & the beach. Destruction of picnic tables & sending lanterns up at night.
29	Loud Music and excess Alcohol
30	Question 16 raised the issue of tents. I am have heard that campers have used the area as a toilet (both no 1 & no 2), which is disgusting. The unisex toilets are often unclean and a huge question as to why the Council thought Unisex was ideal. The old toilets were dated, but nothing wrong with them. The new toilets are a Pedo heaven, although I have not heard of any issues in this respect.
31	The drinking of alcohol! This MUST be an alcohol free zone!!! It makes swimming dangerous and encourages anti social behaviour!!
32	Not seen one issue, just many having fun including my families
33	The use of the surrounding bushes as a public toilet need to be addressed and dealt with from a health and safety issues and environmental heath. also the selfish parking outside of the areas just so people don't have to pay in the carparks and not all actually pay in the carparks.
34	Dogs should be on leads

35	Youths damaging beach hut roofs
36	None. It is an excellent community space encouraging multi-cultural engagement. A pleasure to experience the sights and smells of world cooking. Polite education is all that is needed, not a draconian retrograde ban.
37	Music loud early hours
38	When the people are allowed to camp, they go to the toilet in the bushes. This is disgusting especially for the people in the caravan park
39	People sleeping in tents overnight. If the toilets are closed they have to defecate in the woods etc. noise nuisances are a big problem. People bring big speakers and karaoke machines for a day out!!!!!! Karaoke machines should also be banned!!! Also some really loud aggressive shouting from some religious groups (usually men dressed in white standing in a circle). Wouldn't mind but the shouting is really aggressive.
40	Late night cars parking and driving on the field, properly drug related as seeing how many cars turn up for a short time
41	Parties or mass gatherings after 8pm should also be banned.
42	Loud music and speeding cars during the summer. Have seen use of gas canisters (and their inevitable disposal on the ground) in recent years.
43	No
44	Sometimes there are very large groups who set up things, take a lot of space and can be quite intimidating. There should be a ban on alcohol as there has been an increasing amount of broken glass left.
45	Irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after their dog
46	large gatherings, which have very loud amplified music, sometimes playing late into the evening overnight campers human excrement rubbish being left including glass bottles etc.
47	The use of open spaces as toilets even though there are 2 purpose built toilets available.
48	dogs
49	Noisy activity after 10pm
50	Parking, George Street gets blocked almost every weekend in the summer, illegal parking, people not observing the one way system
51	We need to have a more local camping area, in order to allow people to stay over locally. We currently have none in the area.
52	I am not sure how it can be enforced but there is a growing problem with people using the bushes and trees as a public toilet. This is made worse with overnight campers as the toilet blocks are understandably locked. Obviously the problem is increased when it is nice weather and the Beach area's are busy. On very warm days it would make sense to have an increased presence of Civil enforcement officers to patrol the surrounding roads. Recently there have been a number of irresponsible parking incidents, once again by selfish people showing a complete disregard for the community.
53	People not using the toilets and urinating and defecating in the green space at East Beach
54	Camping out over night. Defecating in our bushes. Urinating just about anywhere leaving rubbish when they leave
55	Playing of loud music should be restricted
56	Loud music
57	Noise pollution into the early hours most nights throughout summer. No one enforces the no camping rule or ensures that noise pollution at unsocial hours is dealt with. My young children are often awake by the noise well into the early hours. More and bigger bins are required and more and bigger signs needed to ensure

	people are made aware of the rules. Fines are needed for campers, litterers and people using BBQs irresponsibly or at all if the ban is introduced.
58	Smoking prohibited drugs. Loud music till late. Boy racers. Vandalism
59	There aren't any speed restrictions into the Blackgate Road car park, the cycle lane has never been re-marked & cyclists are a danger to pedestrians as they don't realise there is a cycle track.
60	Doug fouling on the green spaces there.
61	no
62	None
63	You have to ask this question ????? ,Loud music, drinking, smoking cannibis all occur on East Beach
64	Music being played loudly annoying other visitors who went to the beach to listen to the sea.
65	General recreational drug use. More regular patrols of our overworked and overstretched police force.
66	Loud music
67	Drug use by campers.
68	Loud music, dog fouling, off leash dogs on the Special Protection Area and SSSI causing disturbance to the protected features (over-wintering wildfowl and waders), kite surfing causing disturbance to the SPA and SSSI, any activity causing or potentially causing impact to the SPA and SSSI.
69	Drinking alcohol, large groups causing damage and making noise
70	We have seen alcohol use being a problem, but only on rare occasions. Parking on yellow lines & across residents driveways has been a major issue, causing buses to either be suspended or diverted.
71	I have heard that local residents have been disturbed by loud music late at night and people camping. I don't go to East Beach at night as I have no reason to. But I have seen the mess that some visitors leave.
72	loud music at night also camping near homes and litter all over the park not enough bin emptying at week ends
73	Yobs shouting not caring for others.
74	Large groups taking drugs, taking over large areas and loud sound systems.
75	Vandalism to fencing, signage and structures.
76	loud music, large groups gathering without permission
77	I do not live near East Beach and have no experience of issues on a daily basis
78	Drug and alcohol abuse
79	Drinking / anti social behaviour
80	No.
81	No
82	Loud music
83	None
84	Drunkenness
85	Everyone launching paddle boards
86	Only littering people don't care anymore well most do but some don't they should be more bins and fines
87	Disgusting amount of rubbish left everywhere along there. The other anti social behaviour is banning dogs when their mess is way less of an impact than what humans leave.
88	Frequent use of social drugs
89	noise pollution, dog poo, excessive alcohol
90	At many occasions the dogs have jumped on our food and ruined our whole party and left us embarrassed in front of our guests. The owners don't care and just keep looking at whatever their dogs do. We're not comfortable with dogs and still dogs

	are everywhere around beaches though it is restricted. They should be charged with fines. Such irresponsible dog owners are ruining our fun.
91	Dog Mess
92	I believe people should tidy up after themselves and this should be enforced.
93	Noise ! Why people think their music is what everyone wants to listen to is simply wrong. If people are talking .. that is different to a powered ... something that can be controlled.
94	none
95	Again this is inadequate law enforcement - Under the Environmental Protection Act, 1990 littering is a criminal offence and fixed penalty notices should be issued. Also under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, no one is permitted to set up a campsite anywhere without the express permission of the landowner - again no enforcement of the law so anti-social people continue to do what they want while placing public health and safety at risk.
96	I live in Shoebury, and use East Beach regularly. The issue is failure of the council, both the enforcement of byelaws and undertaking the role they collect council tax for. The council need to do their job. Littering is not unique to East Beach! Just put bigger bins and have them emptied more regularly. Litter pick the beach every day during high season. Banning BBQ is pointless if no enforcement.
97	Using the bushes as toilets
98	Not that I have seen
99	(Tents are only a problem when used overnight, the majority are set up as daytime use). Blackgate Road is used as free parking for East Beach, including the turnaround area where the double yellows have faded, also on the grass and in the entrance to the Mobile Home park when the road itself is full (especially when it is full of campervans). Blackgate Road is actually promoted on several motorhome forums as free 24 hour (or longer) beach parking close to toilets and water....
100	People walking along drinking Alcohol OR consuming alcohol on the beach whilst children & older people are there.
101	Drinking alcohol, using the bushes as a toilet, off road biking, drug dealing
102	I think I've only really seen families having a nice day out, but I think the littering is TERRIBLE. I literally walk around picking it up constantly. Somehow people need to be made aware that there aren't servants there and plastic ends up in water.
103	I rarely visit this beach
104	I have witnessed the fore shore inspectors being harassed for not allowing BBQ's. People are ignoring them as there is no back up to them.
105	No
106	No opinion
107	Drunkenness when it impinges on other people's enjoyment.
108	The toilets
109	No comment. Do not use East Beach.
110	Camping in the car park overnight. We witnessed 5 pop up tents being taken down in the morning following the queens jubilee bank holiday. The toilets are not being used properly - there was urine all over the floor after the bank holiday.
111	Large gatherings
112	Never seen any antisocial behaviour in the times I've visited. All I see is a large cultural network of people coming together and enjoying the open air with beautiful food, music, games and happiness.
113	Bad driving. Driving too fast on Dusty areas causing dust/sand to kick up.
114	Loud Music that drowns out other peoples enjoyment
115	Not aware of any

116	Yes, the number of individuals using Bluetooth or other speakers to play music loudly on the beach or other public spaces is becoming a regular issue, which spoils it for those who wish to enjoy the seafront in peace and quiet. Loud music should be banned in public spaces.
117	use of cycle and footpaths are not clearly signed with priorities
118	Never been
119	Large groups fathering drinking alcohol
120	No
121	N/A
122	Loud music, unless Council run and licenced. Littering is a huge issue across the borough. More spot checkers required, why can the culprits not be fined on the spot. Our beaches are a disaster zone after every hot weekend or bank holiday.
123	No
124	no
125	No
126	Never see anyone patrolling the area.
127	Have more bins. You had hardly any. and the ones you do have are always full. So again it you're faulty !!!!!!!!!!!
128	NOISE RESTRICTION.
129	No.
130	Loud music, parking, people from out of the area not respecting us as residents who wish to see this area well kept. Large amounts of alchohol, and language.
131	No
132	Excessive speed of cars and motor bikes.
133	Not at all
134	No
135	Anti sociable behaviour including drug taking, littering, parking, barbecuing, large groups intimidating others.
136	Dogs messing everywhere. Dogs not on leads. Dogs harassing pedestrians. Dogs, people and horses disturbing feeding birds at low tide.
137	Smoking of marijuana, the smell and high strength of it is more offensive to me than any perceived risk from a BBQ.
138	Loud sound systems
139	The noise and fumes from the electricity generator used by the mobile retail trailer, results in a large part of East Beach not being available for the peaceful enjoyment of the beach and the views from it.
140	A proper cafe would be preferable to the generator-powered caravan that is there at present.
141	No
142	No
143	I do not know of the tent problem as I do not live in that area but I know of the litter problem when I walk there. It is the same as everywhere else but I never see anything done about it except volunteers expected to clear it up.
144	Lack of a suitable number of appropriately located waste bins and their emptying and cleaning service. As a visitor attraction area these areas should be served better. A lack of visible policing by Essex Police.
145	noise, littering
146	Groups of teenagers high on nitrous oxide in the late afternoon/early evening can be a problem at East Beach. Often see them jumping all over the roofs of the beach huts (highly dangerous) and recently attempting to kick in the doors and walls of the huts. The youngsters are intimidating and threatening when challenged
147	Motorbikes driving up and down
148	No
149	Gatherings, particularly of youths, behaving irresponsibly.

150	Noise, mess, urinating; (plus the other) makes it feel unsafe and not enjoyable.
151	No
152	Littering is the worst and most common behaviour
153	Cannibis smoking, loud noise.
154	Loud music
155	Have more beach patrols advising people to not litter and how and where to dispose of BBQs. Why should locals suffer restrictions when it's the tourists making the trouble?
156	Not to my knowledge
157	Not at the moment.
158	Illegal shellfish harvesting - particularly collecting clams which are not a classified bed. Harvesters bring knives and sharp instruments to specifically harvest
159	Youth congregations and being anti social and smoking weed, drinking. Just need more policing and checks for dangerous items.
160	The only ant-social behaviour is the council enforcing too many rules on peoples freedoms.
161	Dogs off of leads!
162	Noise
163	Dog fouling. Motorcycles.
164	Yes! People using the space in a way that I do not approve of, and being different from me - how dare they. :-/ (sarcasm) For goodness' sake, people are being ghastly to each other at the minute, partly because of this sort of divisive activity, partly because we were told that there is no such thing as society and some people believe that round here (quite a lot, with such a huge Tory majority and re-electing Tory councillors). All the problems people experience could be addressed by the presence of people who can enforce the rules we have, but that would take resources, which councils do not have, after silently taking all the cuts from their own party in Westminster. Hmmm. We are in a fine place, aren't we? Shit all over our beaches in the summer, when we rely on seasonal tourism. Hats off to Andy Lewis, Scott Dolling and all our lovely Tory councillors who hold back decisions and who have been doing such a splendid job of looking after us and our town (it's not a city!) over the years, so that our roads are like a developing country, our streets like a failed state. You see? We're not all as stupid as you think and some of us read real, reliable news sources.
165	Loud music
166	Vandalism (such as the wooden dune barriers being ripped up for bonfires and BBQ). Fireworks being let off late at night (sometimes quite large ones). "Commercial" dog walkers arriving in vans (parking free in Blackgate Road) with packs of dogs which may or may not be under control and which may or may not be running loose - and where there mess may or more usually may not be picked up.
167	No comment
168	No
169	its not just east beach that is a prolem, chalkwell and leigh is a problem too
170	Ant comment as have t been to East Beach
171	Loud music
172	no
173	Using the wooden tables and benches for BBQs
174	Fighting swearing drinking alcohol
175	The drinking of alcohol, very loud music, large groups partying very late in to the evenings especially at weekends and during school holidays
176	alcohol consumption playing of loud music
177	No.

178	No
179	No
180	Used to be a nice place before council became overbearing
181	Defecating in the wooded area
182	Drug dealing
183	Use of alcohol and drugs
184	Absolutely no overnight camping allowed please. Other than that, just general rubbish and alcohol consumption but no worse than anywhere else
185	none
186	Insufficient amount of toilets for events resulting in people using the field.
187	Non regulation of dogs during the summer
188	I don't know as don't use this beach
189	Do not live in that area so do not know the problemsNo
190	Local residents are well aware of the regular distribution of nitrous oxide canisters to young teenagers in the vicinity of Rampart Street/Rampart Terrace. Inhalation of this gas leads to antisocial behaviour and vandalism in the area. Police have been informed as have local councillors, but no solution has yet been found.
191	Rarely visit this beach. But from memory dog faeces and litter are anti social problems.

10. Question: If you have any additional comments regarding the Council's proposals to impose a PSPO tackling any of the antisocial behaviours identified above, please let us know in the space below

Total comments received 128

Full comments	
1	It is good to make new rules but they will be useless without enforcement.
2	Tell your staff to stop sunbathing and avoiding conflict just because they are a different race
3	The only way it would work is if it is enforced by an official
4	It is important that any PSPO is enforced and fines imposed. If perpetrators are just asked to stop and they carry on their anti social behaviour and nothing else is done then the PSPO is not doing its job so it must be enforced on the spot by the handing out of fines from officers or the intervention on the police.
5	It has to be actively enforced - otherwise it is all talk
6	Please let us be able to enjoy our beach. Please listen to us concerned locals who feel we have been pushed out. The summer months are messy and noisy because of visitors lack of consideration. A BBQ ban would be a start .
7	There is no point in bringing in bans unless they are fully monitored and policed. If adequate monitoring and official presence had been in place we might not have been where we are.
8	None
9	More wardens needed to help enforce the ban
10	The PWC's just need rules & regulations and to have the area they twill de out on clearly marked up. Put buoys and ropes out for all to see. The BBQs need banning! They are the root cause of feet/paws being burnt and the main reason East Beach is a mess with discarded BBQs, rubbish and food waste. Absolute joke allowing BBQs with the risk of fire especially during the hot summer months. Visitors/locals can take a picnic rather than a BBQ.
11	Just please have ENFORCEMENT for BBQ and jet skis as otherwise it is meaningless to introduce that is what the area needs , enforcement
12	The staff giving out tickets for BBQs and fires better expect some interactions to be extremely heated as I'm sure some people will be upset by this.

13	I am alarmed at the proposal for groups larger than 10 people to have to submit in writing to gather in the BBQ prohibited area. Does this apply even if the group is not using a BBQ? There are a lot of large family gatherings that occur and it would be a shame if this was prevented. I love walking through and seeing families all out enjoying a picnic and games together, all outdoors and no screens in sight. Are you really proposing that these people will have to ask for permission to do this?! That seems absurd and totally unnecessary to me
14	These are key areas that need looking at: Leigh Skate Park Leigh Marshes Two Tree Island
15	N/A
16	Please just do it and please also people that can enforce it
17	Zero tolerance is the only way. People are changing and are increasingly self entitled, rude, etc etc. Our over sensitive approach to problems has allowed people to take advantage and rarely in a positive way.
18	Should there be an allowed exemption/ permit system for local groups like the yacht club? If they have the right risk assessment and controls in place for a properly organised event it's different
19	The brick built BBQs are normal commandeered by 2 or 3 people early in the morning with the remains of a large group following later so no one else gets to use them. also the people normally bring their own food and drink so give nothing to the area other than the mess and damage they leave behind.
20	How would you police such a large area ?
21	Bring back barbecues! Banning is not the right approach.
22	See Item 14 above
23	Wardens need the power to enforce if the rules are broken. No good if not as people just ignore it and reply with abuse.
24	More PSPO given more authority to remove BBQ .s
25	It's not a problem - all that's needed is more brick built BBQ and adequate waste facilities please
26	Whatever the rules, they must be enforced.
27	Just zero tolerance!
28	This needs to be strictly monitored as people will not always follow the rules
29	Whilst I totally approve the banning order it will only work if adequate levels of enforcers are supplied.
30	Comments as above
31	Barbecues always were banned and speed limits have been in existence for over 60 years. Don't you know this?
32	The council need an enforcement officer to ensure that the no camping rule is enforced at East Beach. The noise volume until early hours of the morning from campers and people still down east beach playing music, shouting etc is seriously affecting the lives of the people living nearby.
33	BBQs are not anti social behaviour
34	None
35	Lets see how good the coucil are at monitoring any of the above suggestions!
36	You will need police or people with authority to enforce this.
37	The above changes require enforcement - or else they are pointless.
38	No
39	If these are brought in they should be heavily enforced
40	This is already working with crime & anti-social behaviour now, so expanding to other areas of risk is supporting your duty of care, especially with regard to our children

41	I am not sure how this is going to be controlled as no one seems to be responsible for anti-social behaviour at the moment. I am hoping that if a ban is put in place, then there will also be a way of monitoring and upholding the law put in place as well.
42	we should allow this and about time from the residents point of view
43	Sufficient fines and enforcement is required.
44	There are better things for a hobbybobby to be doing on our seafront than preventing people from having beachside picnics
45	Police the area so people can't get away with it
46	Give your staff the means to implement council policy.
47	N/A
48	Provide more attractions, keep businesses going, stop rejecting new and exciting business proposals in order to interest the younger generations that are causing the antisocial behaviour - they're just bored.
49	Pointless. People will BBQ everywhere without designated areas. Would be impossible to police. Spend that money on manning jetty's & launch points.
50	None
51	How will those going against it be prosecuted?
52	Think it's an excellent idea, for the safety of people and animals
53	As Southend is a City we need to make sure that the beach is free of anti social behaviour so that the visitors can enjoy their day without being harassed, stabbed, mugged, robbed. Public should feel safe having a day at the beach.
54	More council / authority policing and intervention
55	Prohibition is unlikely to stop poor behaviours, plus you lose the potential for co-operation and information provision to improve this behaviour. A code of conduct is more appropriate in both cases.
56	Anti-social behaviours (in law) need to be stopped and a different behaviour developed.
57	Police areas more have a roaming force pcso etc
58	No absolutely not - providing the law is enforced.
59	There is no point in restriction if no enforcement mechanism. You are penalising the majority because of the actions of a few when you have powers to tackle the small problem with individuals. What difference will a new set of regulations make if no one will enforce!!
60	It seems that visitors to Southend's beaches are increasing year on year and regulation of antisocial behaviours is essential for public safety and well-being.
61	Continuous urinating and defecating between beach huts on shoebury common at night and even during the day when hut owners are present even though toilets are very close.
62	Electric scooter riders are becoming a problem.
63	It needs enforcement, especially at East Beach, at least until the message gets across.
64	None
65	Well, for a start, you've automatically described BBQs and fires as antisocial behaviours. They are overwhelming SOCIAL behaviours when not misused.
66	Sadly mixed toilets are not a good idea at all. Many families have voiced concerns. They need to be supervised at all opening times by council staff
67	All above proposals are only as good as any enforcement of them as I haven't seen anybody enforcing/controlling (especially) the Chalkwell beach area.
68	On busiest days the litter bins are full by lunchtime. Need a protocol to ensure they are emptied during course of the day.
69	More people picking up litter, on the spot large fines for littering.
70	The existing BBQ area at east beach needs to be monitored after dusk.
71	No comment.

72	Please do it.I feel a lot of local residents are now boycotting these areas during the Summer months.
73	The smell of cannabis in and around parts of the town and seafront is obvious to everyone, and it should not be hard for this to be policed and acted upon as the culprits are easy to “sniff out” pun intended. Action should be taken.
74	People cycling on pavements. Someone is going to be badly injured one day
75	Groups of (mainly) teenagers are starting to gather again in Chalkwell Esplanade. Most are arriving from outside of the area by train getting off at Chalkwell Station. ALL the residents on this stretch of the road have had trouble with the AS behaviour of these people.
76	More officers to control anti social behaviour. It is all well and good implementing new rules and regulations but not worth the paper they are written on if it is not upheld in some way.
77	No
78	Perhaps dumb down the language does everyone know the acronyms you are using.
79	Add more bins, close bad food places
80	I am grateful that the Council is taking these matters seriously and I fully support the actions being proposed.
81	Beach hut owners are very responsible people and fully appreciate how easy it is for fires to spread very quickly. Most of the owners would agree with my comments and as we all pay large sums of money to the Council and the huts have become very valuable, we believe that the Council should be very receptive to our views and support us in banning BBQs and bonfires
82	This will be very difficult to enforce 24/7. The general public are afraid to approach the offenders for fear of abuse.
83	Introduce these measures as soon as possible and make sure there is adequate enforcement. Also, your wardens cannot be everywhere, so advertise a number the public can ring if they see a barbecue (as I did on Sunday, great smoky thing on Chalkwell beach)
84	Having recently returned from Spain where we as tourists and residents enjoyed the beach . No dogs no BBQs and more importantly no rubbish as the bins provided where very large SBC are missing a trick as ours get so full .I have photos which I can provide as examples
85	No
86	More powers are needed to deal with antisocial/criminal behaviour s.
87	I have never heard of the council fining anyone for dropping litter, chewing gum or fag ends. Cars are regularly parked with two wheels on grass verges. Cyclists regularly use pavements. Motorised scooters are seen daily in public places, they are illegal. This proposal , whilst an attempt to address the ever growing attitude of the general public that they can do whatever they like, will do no good unless it is enforced. More wardens, more fines and zero tolerance. The PWCs should also be kept away from Canvey Point as there is a very important wader roost there at high tide.
88	Please base the decision on data i.e. how many fires have been caused by BBQs, how much litter is as a result of BBQs, the results of this survey, rather than on the biased opinions of a few. Please consider relaxing the current BBQ rules so they can be enjoyed in the restricted zone, this not punishing the many due to the actions of the few.
89	Please stop these jet skis. They are driving visitors and residents away. Those who remain have to endure unimaginable noise from a handful of people whose prime objective is to cause as much noise generated distress as possible.
90	No
91	A PSPO would be great but it is worth nothing if it is not properly enforced.

92	Who identified these antisocial behaviours? Where is the statistical evidence to support the PSPO? Who is driving this initiative? Where is the funding coming from? What other budgets will suffer if funds are drawn from alternative areas? What other communication channels have been used to promote this initiative?
93	<p>Jurisdiction - these lines drawn on maps - I was under the impression that the area from the centre of and to the south of Hadleigh Ray was administered by Castle Point, being part of Canvey Island. Hadleigh Ray is very popular with swimmers and paddle boarders and needs to be included in toto, requiring cooperative legislation with Castle Point Council. Castle Point has or had designated an area of Benfleet Creek for water skiers, thus they provided an area to control the activity, rather than just banning it from other areas and this approach ought to be taken with PWC. You can't just include the northern half of Hadleigh Ray (those seals that occasionally bask at the end of the sand bank are actually basking in Castle Point). Hadleigh Ray is a long established and important facility for; swimmers, paddle-boarders, kite-boarders, yachtsmen, motor-boaters and professional fishermen.</p> <p>Monitoring - probably best to use drones (just for recon) - which could be useful to the RNLI and a safety asset to all water users. How is it intended to mark the restricted area ?</p> <p>Information and enforcement - all very easy to produce a load of regulations but PWC users will have to be advised of the regulations and then persistent offenders apprehended before they disappear. Who are these "Authorised Officers" and how will they catch-up with the offenders ?</p> <p>As a regular swimmer at Chalkwell I have seen at first hand the problems associated with uncontrolled PWC use. These waters are very busy and people do swim out beyond the moorings. I think the way forward, not exclusively but at least in the first instance, is engagement with PWC users and then providing a designated area well away from bathing areas.</p> <p>There is plenty of water space and many different types of user but I think if we are all (made) aware of each other's presence, then we can all share and enjoy this marvellous facility we have.</p>
94	I agree wholeheartedly with the Council's proposals.
95	None
96	Loud music from pubs in Leigh Old Town and the Boatyard restaurant are anti-social and detrimental to quality of life and health. Cannabis smoking in Leigh seems to go completely unchallenged. Is it being legalised by stealth?
97	Measures needed to uphold the law concerning duty of care to neighbours in regard to arena volume noise from outside music sessions held by public houses in Leigh old town to the detriment of hundreds of residents in the immediate area.
98	Council should also look at the large volume of live music events being allowed at seafront venues such as in Old Leigh. The noise levels and frequency are not appropriate for a residential area.
99	N/A
100	More beach patrols and maybe security guards
101	You should be concerned with the whole borough, BBQs and bonfires ruin every summer now.
102	Security cameras.
103	It is all very well imposing PSPOs but they are meaningless without effective visible enforcement. Furthermore make the signage prominent and easily readable, unlike the small silly PSPO signs in High Street Southend which are about 10 ft up from the

	ground on metal poles. There are not many pedestrians tall enough to read them! How tall do you think we are?
104	Please provide me with some clear evidence.
105	Boats on the foreshore are constantly being boarded and damaged, both with the tide in and with it out. More patrols along areas like the Cinder Path between Chalkwell station and Bell Wharf in particular might limit this anti-social behaviour - and the abuse that arises if you attempt to challenge such behaviour.
106	Tents in Westcliff Parade cliff gardens. Currently 3 .Loud music.
107	Do you not have better things to do, like thinking about how you are going to keep the most vulnerable alive this winter? Do you always pander to the complaints and querulous whingeing of the old, white, connected friends of councillor and senior managers? Do you want to stop everyone from doing anything enjoyable? Do you think that everyone is either irresponsible, stupid or criminal? Do you even like the people of Southend, even though some of you live here (has the person responsible for the High Street visited from their home base in the Midlands yet?) I suppose it's a different branding message for a seaside holiday town - come to Southend, where you are not allowed to do anything on our beaches!
108	I think these two areas should be separated. I think PWC users are a far greater problem than BBQs and bonfires. Enforcement is also a great issue and without it, the PSPO will be ignored, just as PLA Byelaws and other regulations have already been for years
109	When you're cleaning teams litter pick which in general they do a pretty good job sometimes on paved areas you need a washing truck that will clean the sticky mess that accumulates. Also, can you clarify what council property is ? Is this not public property owned by the public?
110	Fines are required. You only have to fine a few people, get pictures names and addresses, publish them in local papers and social media, and people will see that the rules are enforced and then the problem will stop. But if you just put up signs and do nothing then people get to know that they are free to do as they please.
111	Adding further restriction is fine but current rules / laws are not enforced. If they were the added restrictions would not be necessary. Pointless if enforcement is not improved.
112	It really needs enforcement - if enforced in the early stages it will be expensive and time consuming, but once the message gets through that there is a risk of being caught it should improve.
113	Please consider all of our parks and gardens not just the beaches.
114	No
115	Jet skiers that risk life or go beyond 8knts in areas of speed limits should be arrested and held fully accountable for their actions. The book should be thrown at any of them that go near swimmers in leigh or near sailors. They are a da hour to any civilised user of Southends water front. I'm sure some people can be trusted but too many people have ruined it for the sensible ones and they must be banned.
116	no
117	If implemented it must be enforced
118	You have my thoughts on these subjects above, but the overwhelming problem with peoples behaviour is quite simple. THERE BEHAVIOUR GOES UNCHECKED BY THE POLICE. If there is no police presence those that arrive to cause trouble know full well they can do as they choose and cause sufficient injuries, harm, damage and trouble etc. as they choose??? (Its not rocket science is it???) We live in a world now that we have less police but more people prepared to push the boundaries of decent social behaviour. Last week I watched to young lads riding powerful motor bikes the wrong way round the one way stretches of road round the seafront here and through people sat on the grass at East Beach, but they did as they liked as there was no one to

	<p>stop them??? and there were no No. plates to be able to report them ????</p> <p>I do not understand why there is no CCTV installed to catch the criminal and loutish behaviour that takes place on our stretches of the seafront that could at least support the non existent police force. When I was kid (I'm 74) the police were everywhere, here we are with god knows how many more people living here and there is no evident law and order???</p> <p>people drive a lot of cars and motor cycles round here with racing style exhausts completely unchecked creating a massive noise nuisance but again it all goes on unchecked???</p>
119	<p>Yes please include the Cliff Gardens between Westcliff Parade and Western Esplanade. Tents are a constant problem, as is drug dealing and drinking. We think the shelter below Westcliff Parade should be tastefully enclosed as nobody nice sits in there but drug dealers use it as a base, alcoholics sit int there and drink then smash their bottles down the steps and revellers drink and party in there all night. Maybe someone could paint some nice murals in there for the public to admire from behind an ornate fencing of some sort. It's costing the council a fortune to keep cleaning up after these people and paint over the obscene graffiti....just for it all to appear the next day. Sadly this is not a nice place and it attracts all the wrong sort of people. It's depressing to say the least! 😞</p>
120	Think ive already stated this in an earlier answer
121	<p>Used to be a nice place before council became overbearing</p> <p>What can 'you' do about water companies polluting the sea/beaches?</p>
122	Needs more beach patrols
123	I fully support the council
124	Definitely need all CCTV camera working. Give more powers to foreshore inspectors
125	I do not believe the council are thinking about people rights
126	Have areas and activities for teenagers to use, they need spaces to be able to gather, we can't just restrict every area.
127	<p>More rubbish bins are needed along the beach between Leigh and Chalkwell.</p> <p>There are frequently piles of rubbish left around the bins under the bridge across to the Wilton. this then gets blown onto the beach/sea.</p>

Appendix 1b – Hardcopy responses

We had 20 individual questionnaires handed in and these have been included with those responding online, the full comments are below.

Full comment	
1.	(5.1) A Complete ban on BBQs – The BBQ areas are always left in a state leaving hot coals and food everywhere, they use throw away BBQs and burn the grass, leave them there, burn tables and have no respect for East Beach. (8.1) I live in the area and would not like to see my home go up in flames or any of the homes because of irresponsible people. People can still have a lovely time with their families if they bring a picnic.
2.	(2.1) As stated irresponsible use of PWC endangered swimmers and children playing (3.1) To help regulate users. (5.1) Fire risk/ hot ashes left/ left over food/ discarded bottles and cans (6.2) Parks and all open public areas (8.1) Fire risk/ hot ashes/ mess (9.1) Drugs
3.	(3.1) To keep other water users safe (5.1) There has been a very heavy increase in BBQ use at East Beach, resulting in damage to grassland, street furniture (tables, benches etc.) Unacceptable amount of food waste/ food containers/ cutlery/ sharp BBQ skewers - (wooden+ metal). Metal BBQ trays, coal, bottles, cans etc. left behind after visits – appalling disrespect for the area. (6.1) I would suggest if a total ban is not enforced, a designated area (fenced off) is provided for fixed BBQs only. Good signage needed – Signs stating fines payable + good patrols needed. (6.2) Parks – Shoebury, Southchurch, Chalkwell, Priory, Eastwood, Gunners, Cliff Gardens, Southchurch Hall. (9.1) Cars entering Blackgate Road and then doing 'wheelies' on the gravel car park.
4.	(5.1) It is very dangerous it is also very irresponsible of people using BBQS as we have trees at the back of our property that would easily go up in flames causing our houses also to go up in flames. (8.1) I know it is a park area but this noise is sometimes terrible and goes into very late nights. (9.1) littering is awful and encouraging rats to our property, we have rats in abundance.
5.	(2.1) To stay in the designated area. (5.1) BBQ should be banned in all areas as they are not being used responsible not only during the day – but also late at night , sometimes with loud noise and antisocial behaviour. (6.1) If they have to keep the designated brick built BBQ are only used where permitted and not near bushes and trees . More signage NEEDED. (6.2) No (8.1) BBQs are being lit anywhere on the field and cause lots of damage to the grass and surrounding bushes and trees as coals are just thrown. (9.1) We have tents every weekend in the summer that stay Friday-Sunday, why is this allowed and not moved on. (10) We need more policing at night/day, more authority for Foreshore Officers to control the antisocial behaviour on the East Beach field.
6.	(5.1) Excessive smoke smell and fire risk at the rear of my home (6.1) Area needs to be enforced even after hours (8.1) Damage to grass areas – Fire risk to homes (9.1) Using wooded areas as toilets etc. disposing of nappys etc. (10) Excessive loud music and late into the evening
7.	(2.1) You can easily caught by the cords around your feet and ankles

	<p>(3.1) Too dangerous for the people who wish to walk and enjoy the views of the sea</p> <p>(5.1) Huge fire risk – I am very close to where they love to BBQ. I have never known how many people can be brain dead, they light BBQs under trees about 30ft from homes which is terrible at night - many nights sat up crying wishing I had never come here.</p> <p>(6.1) we need men with authority, men who could do something when told “what you going to about it” or “so what”.</p> <p>(6.2) All of East beach including car parks, if we have windy weather they open car doors and place BBQs in the open doorway!! Protecting from the wind.</p> <p>(8.1) I don’t want my property, my dog, myself to be burnt alive. Just see where I live! Very difficult as its surrounded by trees, bushes, brambles and stinging nettles.</p> <p>(9.1) Using trees and bushes as toilets, they cannot be bothered to walk to toilets.</p> <p>(10) I think I explained all, please please do something – some ones home is going to burn and the owner (need authority)</p>
8.	<p>(2.1) We absolutely agree with the PWC ban which some people use irresponsible. We agree with the above proposals because whilst some users are responsible there are those who have no regard for other people so restrictions are necessary. It is worth mentioning we down East Beach today met with Foreshore Manager who was patrolling the area and he come across some people having a BBQ but they put it out after they were told about the ban</p> <p>(3.1) Our reasons are details in 2.1 above</p> <p>(5.1) We agree with this proposal our experience with BBQs show that they are anti-social belching smoke that makes sitting on the beach as most uncomfortable and the disposal ones leaving ashes which can be very dangerous and burn marks in the grass which are ruining the area.</p> <p>(6.1) No- we are most certainly in favour of a full ban from these most unsociable items so that people and children can enjoy their time on the beach and on the grass. This would also benefit the wildlife in the area</p> <p>(8.1) yes we agree with this complete ban to enable people to enjoy their stays without the smell of BBQs and their smoke and the ashes that are left behind by the people which can be unsightly and dangerous we can be illustrated by the fact that a few weeks ago a child burnt his feet and had to be sent to hospital.</p> <p>(10) Regrettably there are some people who are ignoring the signs on the ban on BBQs. We came over on Sunday 7th August into East beach area and there were at least half a dozen BBQs on the go with people ignoring the ban notice with no foreshore managers about. We feel the ban notices were not big enough and not placed in enough areas and it is our opinion that some of these notices had been removed by the general public.</p>
9.	<p>(2.1) In order that people can enjoy the beach without harassment, alarm or distress.</p> <p>(3.1) the same as above 2.1</p> <p>(5.1) Big fire hazard to local residents especially the disposal type used along the tree line.</p> <p>(6.1) There are currently numerous signs on the beach stating “no barbeques in this area” which are totally ignored. Its no good banning BBQs if you don’t police it!!</p> <p>(6.2) The whole area of East beach</p> <p>(8.1) Fire hazard, especially in this weather</p> <p>(9.1) loud music – revving up car engines – peeing in the bushes (Southend Half Marathon – Abuse when asking people nicely to put out their illegal BBQs</p> <p>(10) No good imposing rules if you don’t enforce them.</p>
10.	<p>(2.1) Because we’ve never had any problems with and they have always been courteous with us. I understand that they have to have liability insurance so that is why they are very careful.</p> <p>(3.1) same as above 2.1</p> <p>(5.1) Because a small minority are complete idiots and don’t dispose of them properly and disregard the no BBQ signs against the residential mobile homes. We have seen</p>

	<p>them under the shade of the trees and nobody enforces the ban. If they made the area for BBQs on the grass near the beach we are okay about that but again nobody enforces the ban near the trees.</p> <p>(6.1) In the mobile homes – we have all seen what wild fires do to beaches and motor homes, homes are made of wood and if it catches fire we all will. I don't actually want all BBQs banned but BBQs under the trees are NOT enforced we have to protect homes by supporting the bans</p> <p>(8.1) for the same reasons as BBQs</p> <p>(9.1) where do the people in tents go to toilet overnight as the public toilets are closed and its bad enough with dog poo without human poo!</p>
11.	<p>(2.1) a danger to other watercraft as they move so quickly/ a danger to swimmers and children in the shallow area/ harm to the water birds/ harm and alarm to everyone and pets</p> <p>(3.1) gives specific instructions which could be enforced if required.</p> <p>(5.1) East Beach Park is very close to the green area of East beach, the properties are partly built of wood and there is much wooden fencing. If a fire broke out due to a BBQ then the fences and homes could easily catch fire. There would also be an effect of the trees and shrubbery, birds nests and insects so the whole ecology of the area would be damaged – harm and fear for pets and people.</p> <p>(6.1) perhaps an area of the beach could be allocated for BBQs thus it should be away from flammable structures and there would be plenty of water assuming the tide is in to put out fires.</p> <p>(6.2) the area of Thorpe Bay where there are beach huts, this area is not shown on the maps so may be covered under another order.</p> <p>(8.1) Bonfires are a big risk to people, animals, property. The annual firework display could be held at Garon park where there is more space and more parking.</p> <p>(9.1) Urinating against peoples fences, parking so its difficult for local residents to access their own driveways/ drug taking and selling.</p>
12.	<p>(5.1) Fire risk, damage to sealing areas, grass, smoke and smell coming into the house</p> <p>(6.1) and enforce for complete control</p> <p>(8.1) Big fire risk</p> <p>(9.1) loud music late at night/ using the hedges as toilets</p> <p>(10) Need law and enforcement at night when the park is closed</p>
13.	<p>(5.1) The government, fire brigade support a ban to public BBQs. Retailers have stopped selling them. The danger of fire risk especially in dry weather is enormous as we have been warned our summers are getting hotter. The grass is damaged and seating areas and benches are burnt</p> <p>(6.1) enforcing the rules and regulation. A more visible presence of enforcers</p> <p>(8.1) fire risk</p> <p>(9.1) late night drinking and drugs, using hedgerows as toilets</p> <p>(10) patrols of East Beach once the park is officially closed in the late evening</p>
14.	<p>(2.1) mostly they stay within the restricted area</p> <p>(3.1) Code of Practice for safety and common sense</p> <p>(5.1) I strongly support a complete ban because smoke, ash don't know about residential area! The litter that is left people do not respect residential area/ leave BBQs burning damage to the grass, benches, pollution. People from outside cause all the damage and litter but pay nothing towards the clean up, gas bottles left dangerously.</p> <p>(6.1) I totally want a complete ban on BBQs for all the reason above. They are dangerous cause fires and are not ecologically friendly. BBQs on residential areas does not contain smoke, ash it flies everywhere.</p> <p>(6.2) all this needs to be enforced</p> <p>(8.1) there shouldn't be any BBQs, Bonfires or any fires – smoke has no boundaries all this needs to be enforced.</p> <p>(9.1) bike riders, speeding, doing donuts on east beach</p>

	(10) all this needs to be enforced if BBQs are allowed spread them along the Garrison and Thorpe Bay. There are nice bits of land opposite the beach huts – not right on east Beach but ban them
15.	(2.1) safety reason, especially for other beach users. Noise pollution if they are too close to beach. (3.1) safety (5.1) damaging the area. Environmentally unsound – a fire risk, polluting the air for other beach users (6.2) No (8.1) Anti-social, hazards, environmental unfriendly (9.1) Dogs not on leads, some people are nervous if a dog approaches off the lead
16.	(5.1) I have seen the damages done to the benches caused by BBQs being placed on them, also the damage done to the grass by discarded BBQs and by their use on the grass with climate change the risk of fire can only grow. Also the likelihood of injury caused by discarded used BBQ is also an unnecessary risk to others. (6.1) I think that the alternative proposed restrictions would be confusing and difficult to control and outright ban is clear to everyone. (6.2) not that I am aware (8.1) Bonfires aren't easy to control and again with temperatures in summer to be consistently higher and rainfall overall lower they pose a risk not worth taking. (9.1) No (10) I welcome clear proposals so that everyone is aware of what is allowed so everyone can enjoy our public spaces.
17.	(2.1) Safety is key to East Beach, all measures to be put in place to keep the public safe (3.1) same as 2.1 (5.1) fully agree to ban BBQ they are a fire hazard. (6.1) BBQs on East Beach and area – I fully support the ban (6.2) ??? road, Blackgate Road leading to East Beach (8.1) Fire hazard – I fully support the complete ban
18.	(2.1) not had a problem (5.1) risk of fire damage caused to property on beach and park (6.1) needs to be enforced (6.2) all over the park (8.1) damage to grass and fire risk (9.1) litter is a big problem despite bins and notice (10) enforcement
19.	(5.1) health and safety (8.1) health and safety (9.1) the one way system is constantly ignored - traffic control on the surrounding area on carnival days on East beach
20.	<p>You have asked residents to take part in “Have Your Say” regarding the use of Powered Water Craft, and Barbecues on the beach.</p> <p>On your website, I cannot find a more direct route through to the survey than to send this email. I hope this is received within the time limits you have set.</p> <p>The powered water craft show no respect for other users of the foreshore. The Jet-skis roar through the moorings where swimmers could so easily be injured. The Jet-skis do NOT enter the official line of buoys laid out for them to approach the slip-way at Shoebury look-out at the end of Thorpe Bay beach. The jet-skis enter the marked out passage far too close to the beach, when they should rightly be entering from the far end of the channel of buoys. At the far end it is required their speed is reduced to make entrance into the channel. A reduction in speed brings with it a reduction in noise disturbance as they approach the beach. There appears to be no respect for the</p>

disturbance to other beach users in terms of Noise, or in terms of safety towards swimmers and children in the shallower water.

The barbecues simply STINK of fuel and spoil the air when one of the objects of visiting the beach is to breath the fresh sea air freely. The barbecues are dangerous if left buried under a shallow layer of sand in the belief they are no longer dangerous since the fire will go out. In this instance, people may walk bare-foot onto the coals and can severely burn their feet.

One improvement of the facility on the beach at the bottom of Thorpe Hall Avenue, would be to put a tap somewhere on the concrete access to the beach, at the top of the steps or at the bottom, so people could rinse feet and walk away without getting sandy again after the rinse.

Good to know we've got Independent councillors like Martin Terry !!