

PSPO Old Leigh/ Chalkwell Consultation Analysis. - draft

Summary

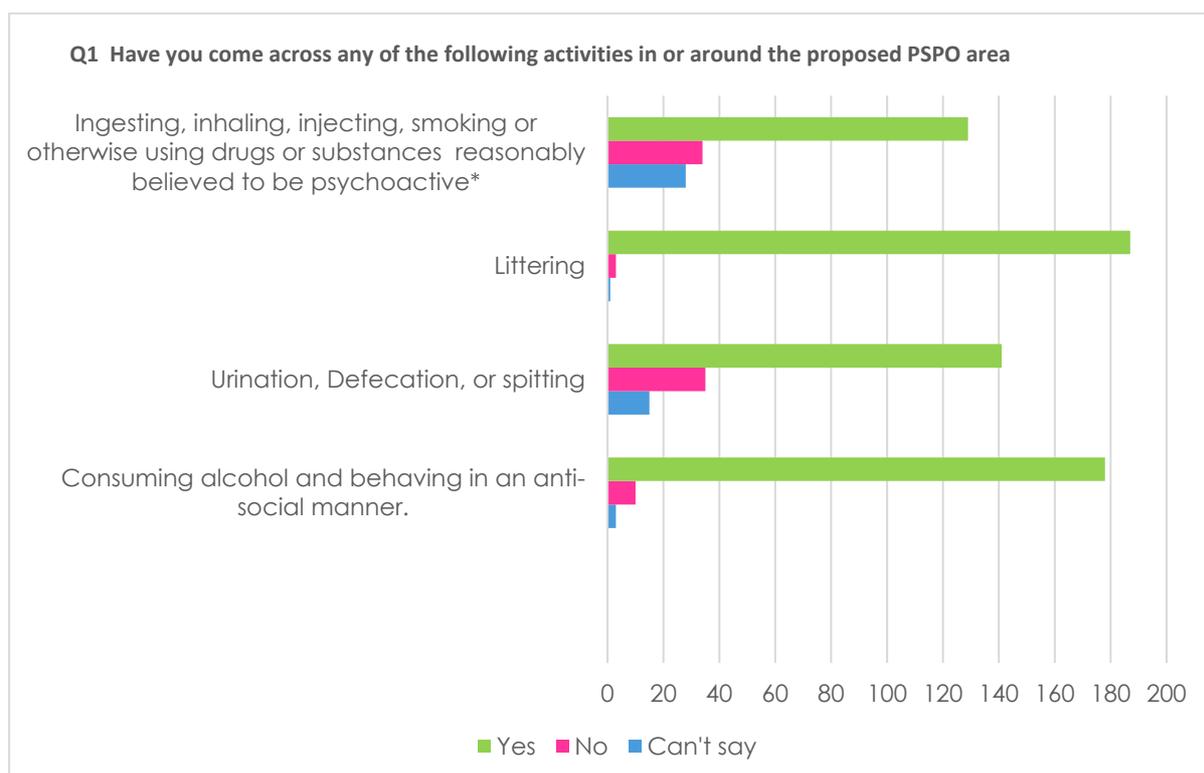
A total of 2,000 people accessed the campaign which ran from 7th May to 14th June 2021 of that 838 were informed which indicates they had visited the project page and viewed the survey and documents, 194 responded online, 6 hardcopy responses either by email or letter, 1,800 people were aware (clicked on the project page) but chose not to comment or look at the survey or supporting documents. The consultation include a survey with questions and a free text box for further comments requesting feedback on certain elements of the whole project and the Public Space Protection Order which was available to download or view online, which 125 used that option. A map was also available where anyone could highlight issues outside of the prescribed area, no comments were added to the map.

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 is that they strongly support and understand what the Council is trying to achieve and do see that a PSPO is required to cover existing provisions for anti-social behaviour within the area.

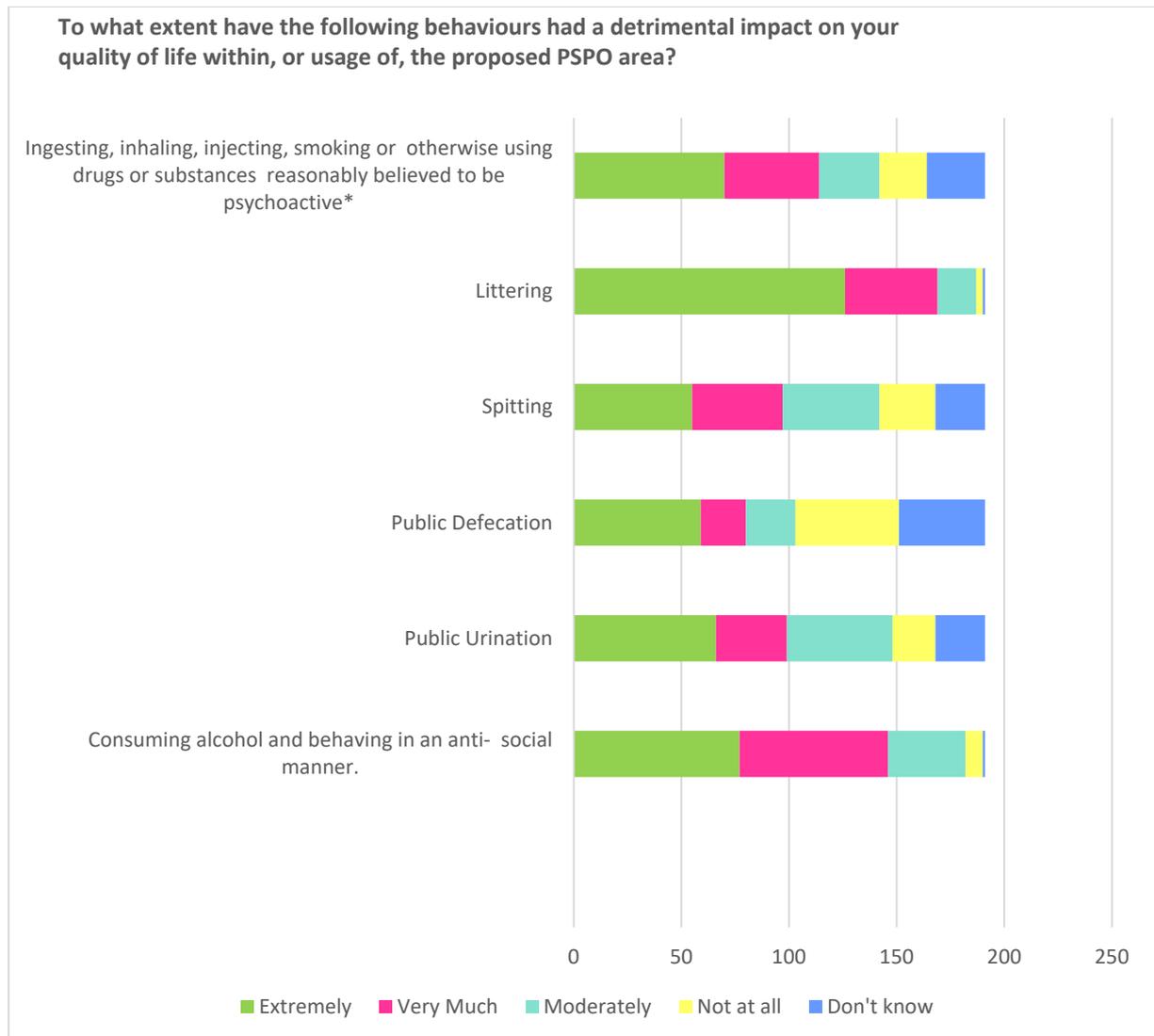
Full Breakdown of questions

1. Have you come across any of the following activities in or around the proposed PSPO area (as depicted on the map you can find here)
 - Consuming alcohol and behaving in an anti- social manner.
 - Urination, Defecation, or spitting
 - Littering
 - Ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using drugs or substances reasonably believed to be psychoactive*.



Of those responding they had all at some point experienced the antisocial behaviour identified. Littering had the highest response with a majority of people experiencing this, closely followed by consuming alcohol and behaving in an anti-social manner, then Urination, defecation or spitting, with drug taking/ingestion not as commonly seen.

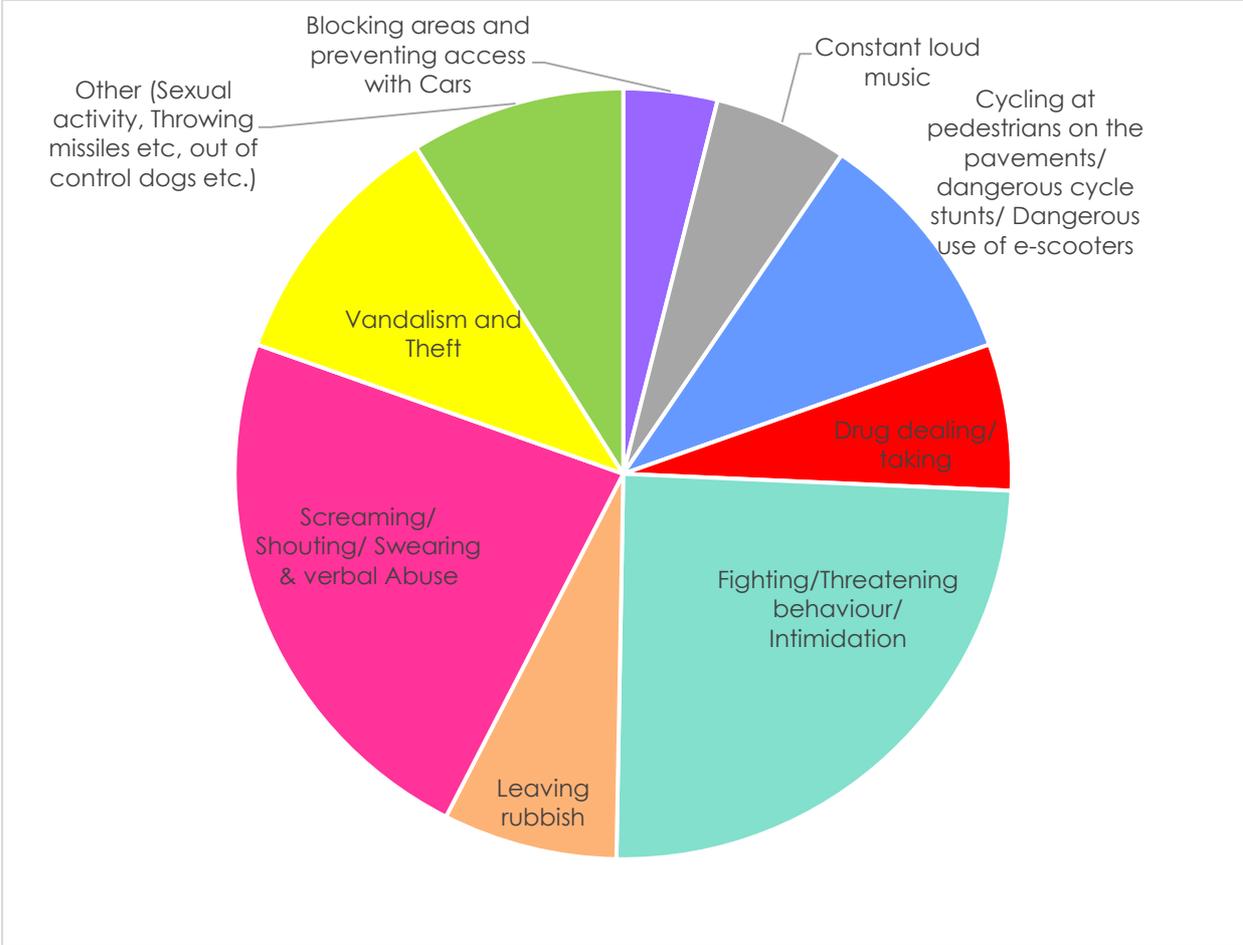
2. To what extent have the following behaviours had a detrimental impact on your quality of life within, or usage of, the proposed PSPO area?



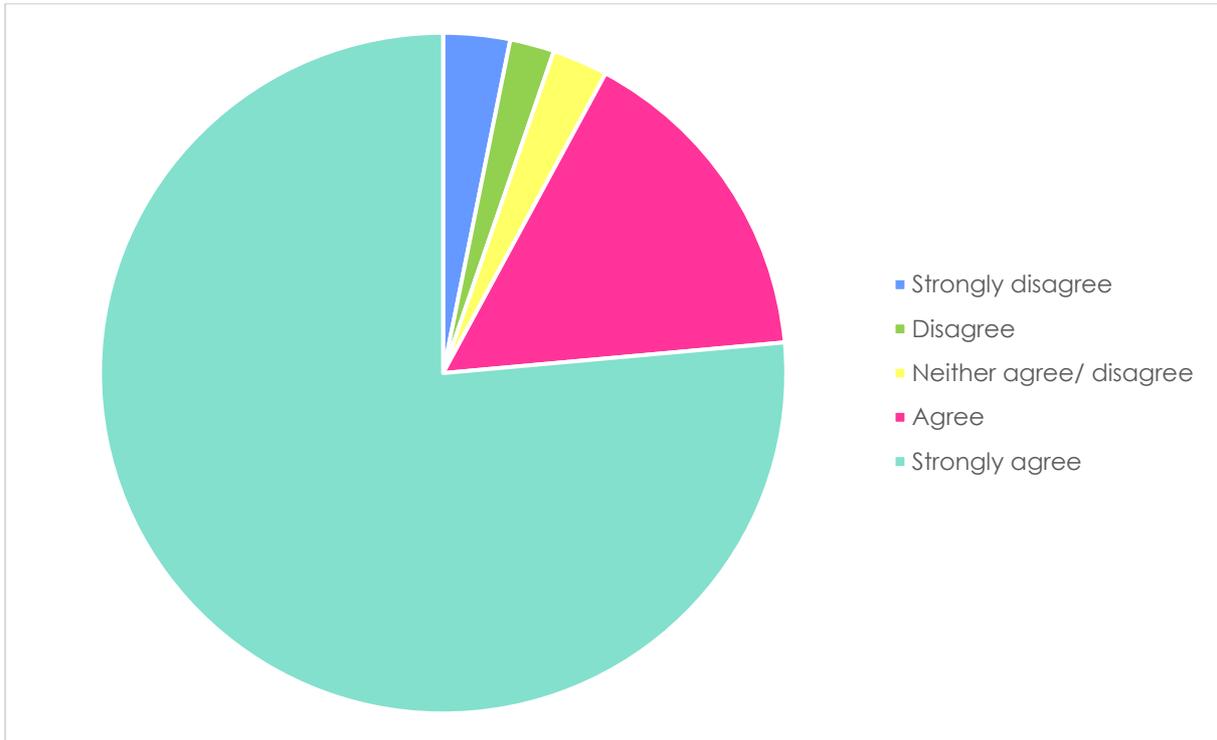
This was a single response question with each statement have a choice of impact from Don't know to Extremely. Littering has affected quality of life most within the area with those responding saying it had an extreme impact, closely followed by consuming alcohol and behaving in an anti-social manner also affecting the quality of life within the area.

3. If there are any other anti-social behaviours, you have experienced in or around the proposed PSPO area please let us know what they are in the box below.

This was an open text response with 118 individuals responding, the main comments identified are shown in the graph below, with Fighting/ Threatening behaviour/ Intimidation being the highest experienced **Please see Appendix one for a full list of comments received.*



4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the extent of the proposed PSPO area?



This was a single response question the overall majority (92%) strongly agreed/ agreed with the extent of the proposed PSPO area, with 5% either disagreeing or strongly disagreeing and 3% neither agreeing or disagreeing.

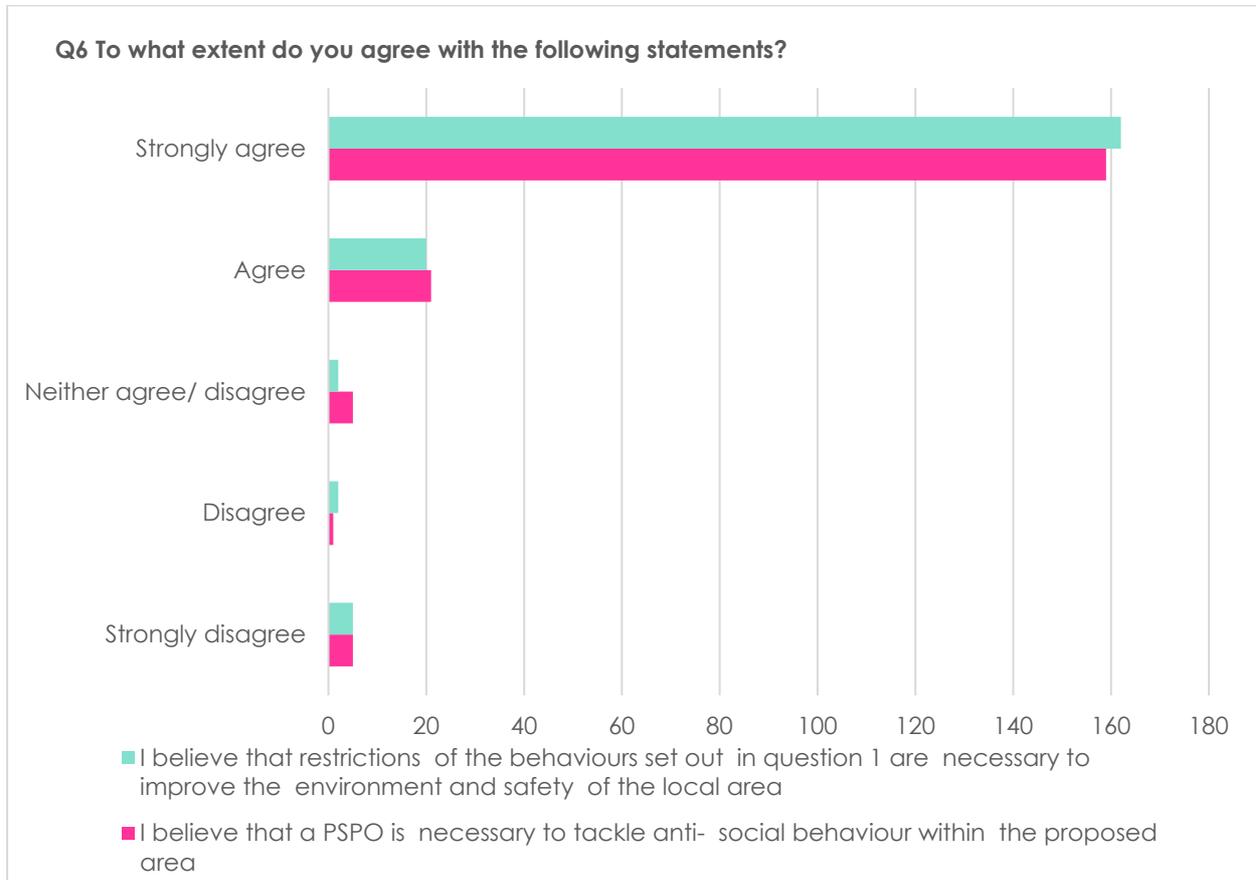
5. If you believe the proposed PSPO area needs to be changed to included different areas or to exclude some of the current proposed PSPO area please specify below.

This was an open text response with 87 individuals responding, the main comments identified were that it should be extended to include Leigh Library Gardens, Chalkwell Park, Leigh Station and Marine Parade Leigh. Other comments included monitoring of the roads onto Two Tree Island, that a PSPO in this area will move the issues elsewhere.

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6. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

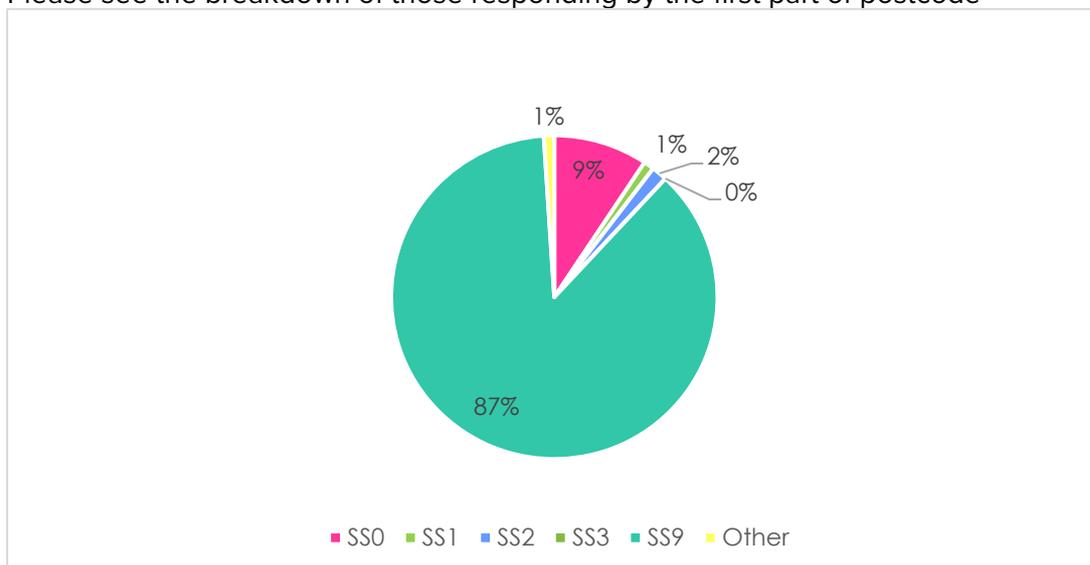
- I believe that a PSPO is necessary to tackle anti- social behaviour within the proposed area
- I believe that restrictions of the behaviours set out in question 1 are necessary to improve the environment and safety of the local area



This was a single response to each statement 83% strongly agreed that restrictions set out are necessary to improve the environment and safety of the area and 85% of those responding strongly agree that a PSPO is necessary to tackle anti-social behaviour within the proposed area.

7. Please provide your postcode

Please see the breakdown of those responding by the first part of postcode



Essex Police Comment

'Over the last year or so, Essex Police have seen an increase in ASB, crime and disorder in the area of Leigh-On-Sea, particularly during warmer periods. This appears to be largely linked to street drinking in and around Old Leigh. The reported behaviour has included, urinating in the street, damage to street furniture, littering, fighting, assaults drug taking and knife related crime. The issues have caused great concern to local residents and businesses. The issues have recently drawn the attention of local and regional media. Essex Police have had to commit a large amount of resource into policing this area and in recent weeks have had to authorise several dispersal orders covering the area. It is hoped a PSPO will give Police another tool to deal with issues before they escalate to the levels experienced recently. It will also act as a deterrent for people looking to come to the area to cause disorder. While we will not be in a position to constantly Police the PSPO, enforcement will be incorporated in our business as usual in that area.'

We also received 6 hardcopy responses with comments these are included below, the comments.

1. Just a few thoughts that may be useful.....

Install large industrial sized bins along the wharf near Peter Boat, as the tiny bins there are simply not big enough. Install same large bins at each end of Old Town so no excuse for litter to be left. Leave the tops off and erect large signs telling people that the bins are for litter....

Install anti litter signs with £1,000 fines.

Implement CCTV but only if it is monitored and action taken, otherwise, save the cost.

Implement security checks on the way into Old Town, and enforce the removal and immediate disposal of all alcohol and glass bottles, in the same way that football stadiums work.

Photograph the crowds so that culprits can be identified in the newspapers.

Line Police/security staff up on the platforms of Leigh and Chalkwell Rail stations, and prevent gangs/mobs getting off the trains, like we did when the mods and rockers came to town in the 60's send them back towards London - don't let them come.

Implement security personnel with loud speakers telling people not to litter, Urinate or otherwise....

Throwing bottles onto the sea/mud = £1,000 fine.

Install automatic number plate recognition covering all cars coming into Old Leigh - and charge cars for access after 5pm - apart from workers and residents

Install a car barrier to deter cars entering Old Leigh - implement passes for residents and workers.

Implement a 10pm curfew for groups of under 16 years who are there without supervision.
Ensure that all mobile phones have logged onto a local comms site, so that everybody can be given 'crowd messages'....

Implement more Police officers at weekends and perform strict adherence to the law.

Now, my favourite idea Install a large cage and publicly humiliate people who disregard public decency.... lock them in for an hour.... hose them down!

2. I recently submitted a survey response to the above consultation and replied with no changes to the proposed area for the PSPO. After further consideration I would like to suggest that Chalkwell Park be included as well as the routes to the park from the Esplanade, Chalkwell Avenue for example.

The reason for this was that on a number of times last year when large groups were dispersed from the Esplanade they moved en masse to Chalkwell Park.

3. I fully support the introduction of the PSPO for Leigh Old Town but feel this will not result in the desired changes. I believe Old Leigh road should be open for delivery and "permit" holders only and that no alcohol should be permitted outside of the public house premises. Most importantly any measures must be strictly and rigourously enforced.

4. I agree with the order

5. I have viewed the map for the proposed area of the PSPO draft and if I have looked at it correctly the proposed area only covers the landside. With the increase of anti-social behaviour on the water from PWC (jetski) users in the last few years would the Council consider extending the proposed PSPO to include the whole foreshore up to the PLA boundary. This would greatly assist us as a Marine Unit to deter and prosecute persistent offenders on the water and help to make the foreshore a safer place for all water users.

6. I just went to complete the survey on the above proposal but I feel it does not contain complete information and is also misleading.

I'm not necessarily against the proposal but I would like to know how many PSPOs have been issued over the last year (as it is stated that it is only used as a last resort). Furthermore, whilst limiting the behaviours covered in the survey is perfectly valid, the full purpose of PSPOs is not described, particular the ability to fine and prosecute homeless people, which seems counterproductive (to me).