

PSPO Old Leigh/ Chalkwell Consultation Analysis.2023 - draft

Summary

A total of 168 people accessed the campaign which ran from 10th November to 9th December 2023 of that 153 were informed which indicates they had visited the project page and viewed the survey and documents, 33 responded online,

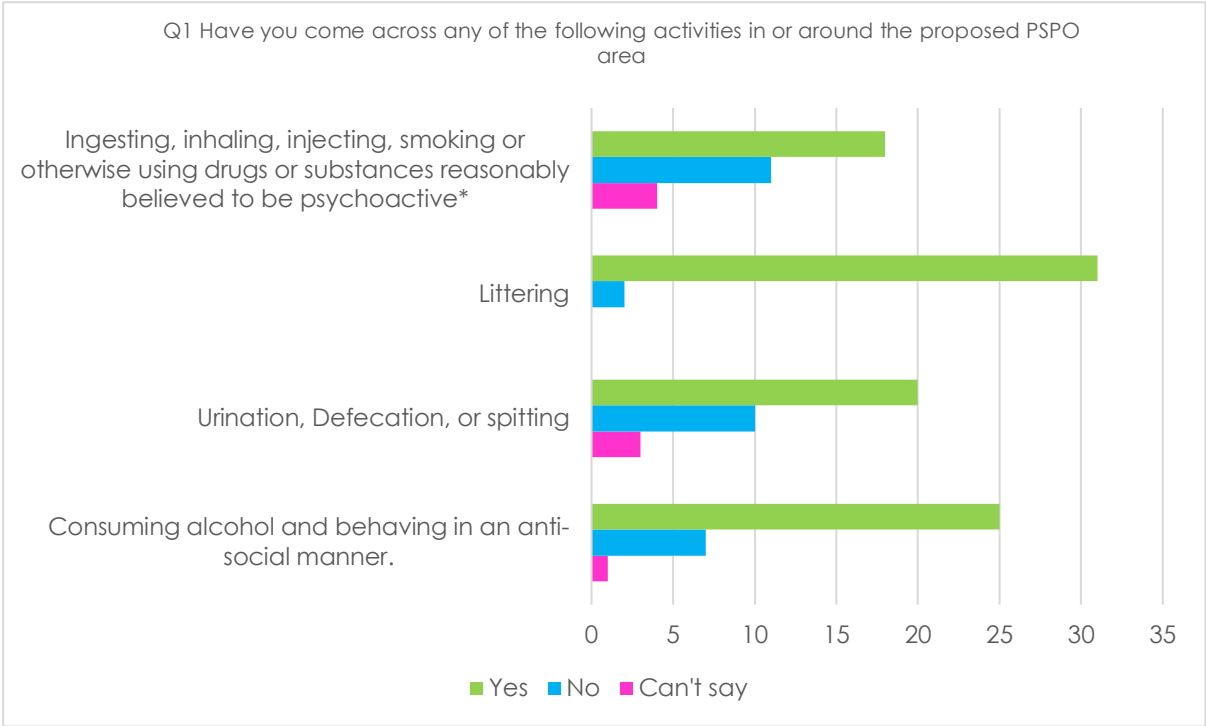
We received no hardcopy responses, 153 people were aware (clicked on the project page) but chose not to comment or look at the survey or supporting documents. Essex Police provided a response which supported the PSPO. The consultation include a survey with questions and a free text box for further comments requesting feedback on certain elements of the whole project and the Public Space Protection Order which was available to download or view online, which 15 used that option.

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 needs to be renewed to cover existing provisions for anti-social behaviour within the area.

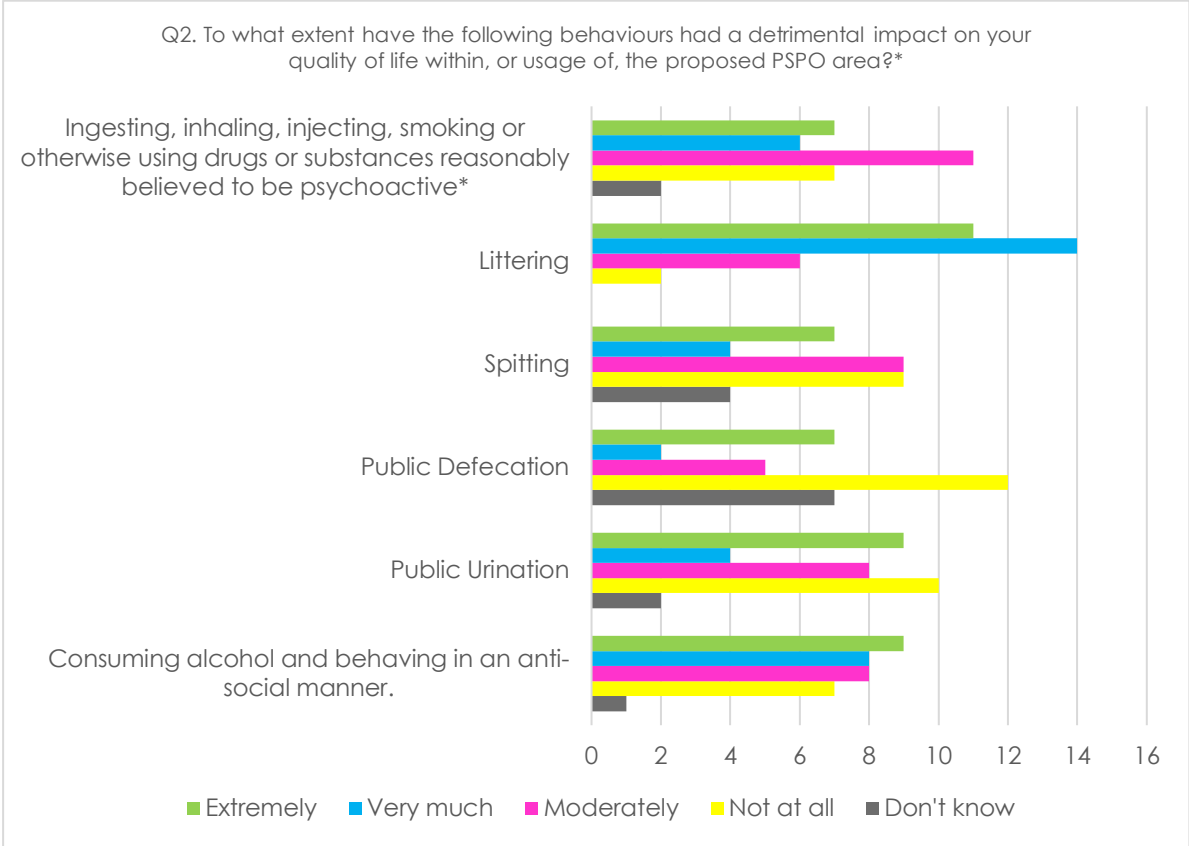
Full Breakdown of questions

1. Have you come across any of the following activities in or around the proposed PSPO area (as depicted on the map)
 - 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?



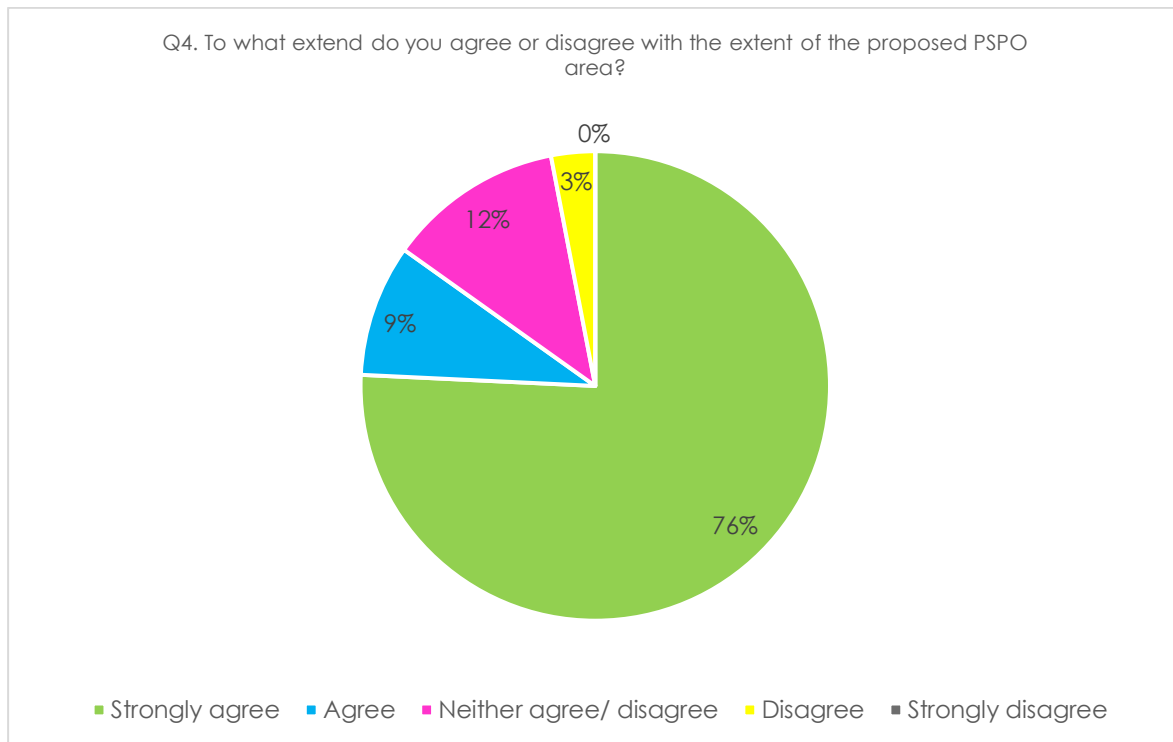
This was a single response question with each statement have a choice of impact from Don't know to Extremely. Littering has affected quality of life most within the area with those responding saying it had an extreme impact, closely followed by consuming alcohol and behaving in an anti-social manner and public urination 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 16 individuals responding, the main comments identified are shown in the graph below, with Fighting/ Threatening behaviour/ Intimidation being the highest experienced .

1.	Drug taking/ dealing and antisocial behaviour/ trespass and nuisance
2.	Youths cycling in a dangerous manner.
3.	Huge over crowding at some Old Leigh events.
4.	Verbal abuse
5.	Fights/stabbings
6.	antisocial and out of control driving through sea front and first avenue
7.	Loud music
8.	Lots of cars parking in dead end area of Chalkwell Esplanade, quite often across driveways. The CEO's allow the drivers to pull away before tickets are issued, even though there is zero parking/stopping allowed. Noisy gatherings in Chalkwell Esplanade area particularly near the train station end. Late night drinkers on the beach in Chalkwell area. Large groups of teenagers/young adults making my family and me feel very uncomfortable.
9.	The order should prohibit weapons
10.	I only go the Old Leigh during daytime on a nice day. The drunks and druggies don't seem to come out until after dark.
11.	Loud and intimidating behaviour when children are within the vicinity
12.	Graffiti is a growing issue around the Old Leigh Conservation area. Glasses and bottles taken from the pubs and bars are littering the paths (sometimes smashed) and with no street cleaners it just sits there.
13.	General noise
14.	Bad language. Shouting.
15.	Continuous graffiti upon Gypsy Bridge
16.	Car driving. Car parking. Food smells from food providers. Smells from cockle beach.

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 (85%) strongly agreed/ agreed with the extent of the proposed PSPO area, with 3% either disagreeing and 12% 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.

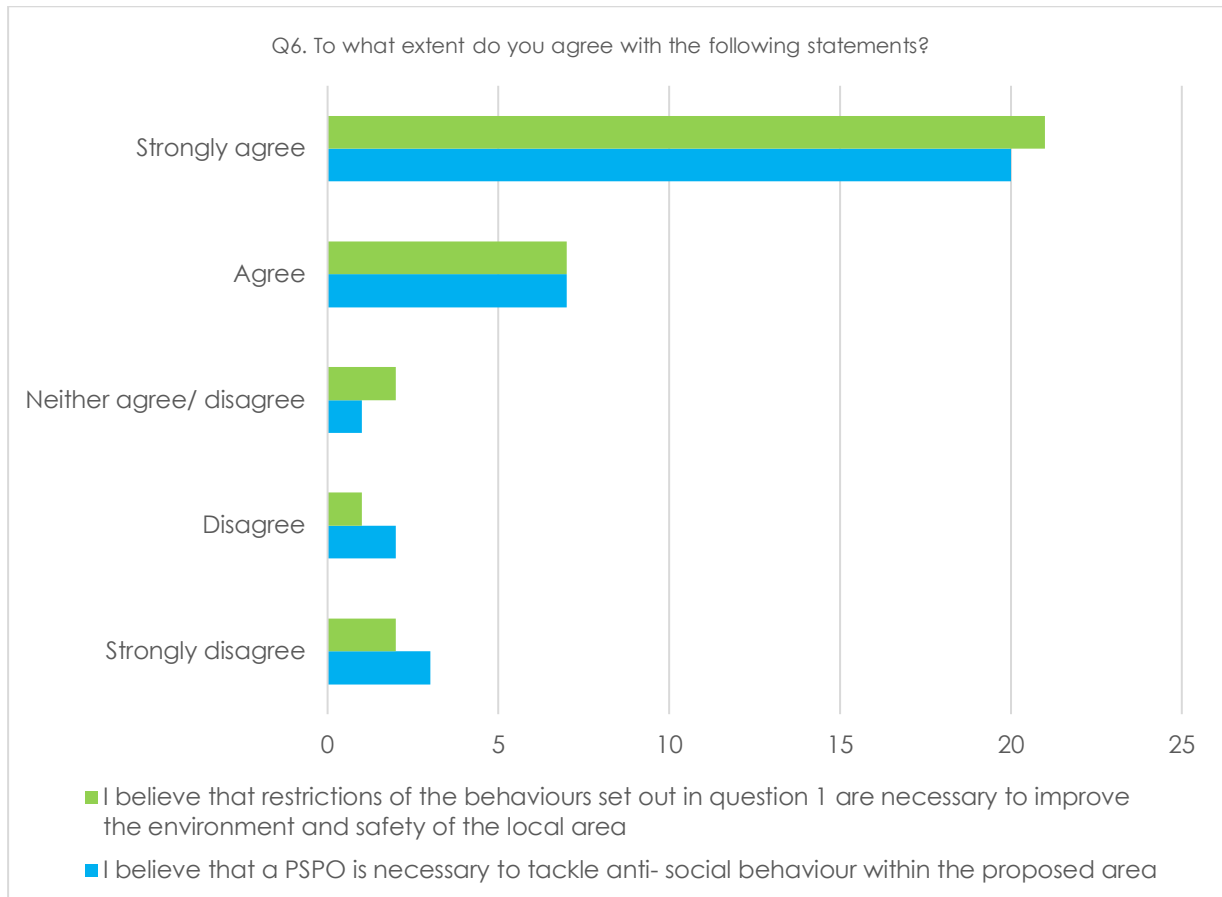
This was an open text response with 12 individuals responding, the main comments identified were that it should be extended to include Leigh Broadway/ Leigh Road and Leigh Station.

1.	the entire area should obviously include Leigh Broadway and Leigh Road
2.	Include Leigh Broadway & Leigh Road.
3.	Include up to and including Leigh Station...
4.	Please include the whole Chalkwell area, including Chalkwell park up until Westcliff station
5.	Leigh cliff east
6.	Parking infringements should be monitored by the CCTV cameras at the end of Chalkwell Esplanade and tickets issued automatically otherwise it will continue.
7.	As written above weapons especially knives should be prohibited
8.	It should include the whole of the City of Southend. If someone breaks the law by taking drugs or being drunk and disorderly there are already laws to cover this. but for some reason we are scared to use them. Do it like the old days, night in the cells, up before the magistrate first thing next morning, £200 fine, go home.
9.	I could load the map but the worst area is the green space around the bowling green, where in the summer large crowds of young people

10.	The roads leading up from the old town also need to be included, Church hill, Leigh Park Road, Uttons Avenue, Hadleigh Road, Laurel Close and Billet Lane
11.	The map of the PSPO area stated in 1 above to be depicted is not so depicted making it impossible for me to comment.
12.	All of Leigh Broadway.

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

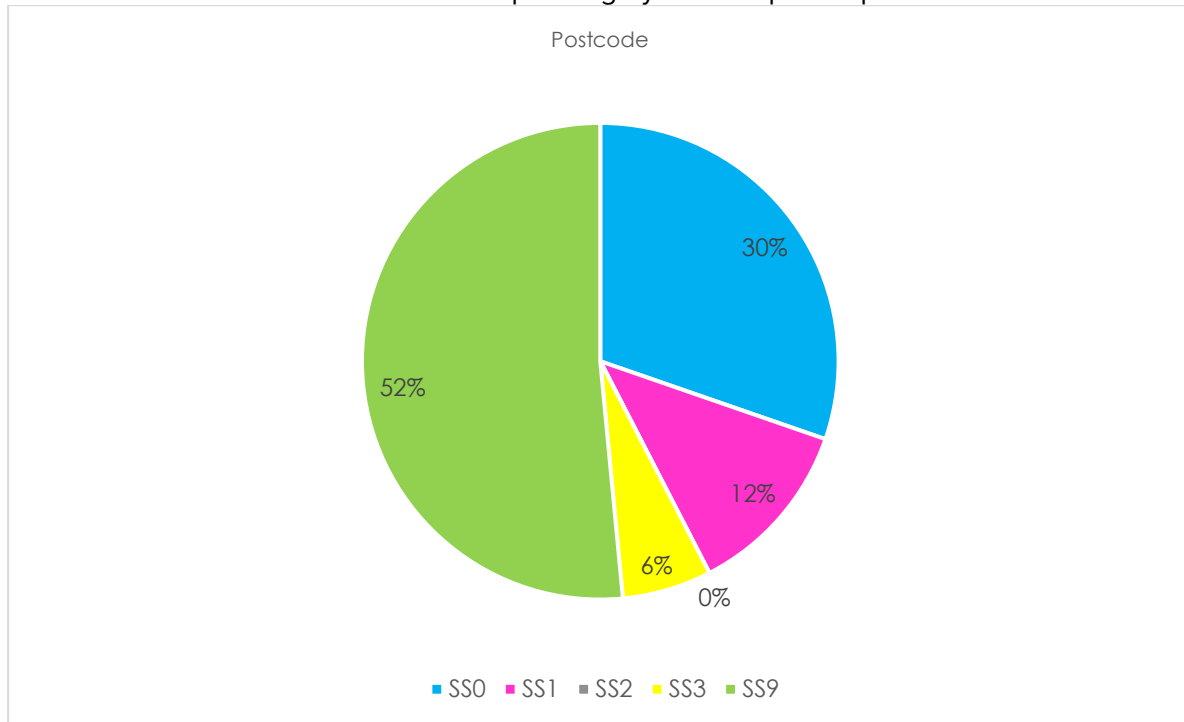
- I believe that a PSPO is necessary to tackle anti- social behaviour within the proposed area
- I believe that restrictions of the behaviours set out in question 1 are necessary to improve the environment and safety of the local area



This was a single response to each statement 82% of those responding 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 Response

Comment

Essex Police supports the proposal to renew the Leigh on Sea Public Space Protection Order as it gives additional on the spot powers to address anti-social behaviour in an area popular with residents and visitors alike.

There is no evidence to suggest the current PSPO is not fit for purpose and therefore support a renewal of it under its current terms.