

PSPO Surveys - Public

Methodology/Overview of Respondents

Surveying of members of the public and the businesses in the proposed PSPO area took place between 18th May and 1st June 2016. A total of 223 people completed the survey.

Of the surveys carried out:

- Most were answered either in General Gordon Square (43.9%) or in Powis Street / the shopping area of the town centre (45.3%).
- 78.0% of the surveys were carried out in the afternoon.
- All surveys were carried out on a weekday.

Of the respondents (where an answer was given):

- 36.3% were in the area to go shopping, 25.1% to go to work, 17.9% for leisure purposes and 5.4% for education.
- 52.0% were female and 45.3% were male.
- 34.1% were aged 25-44, 26.9% were aged 45-60, 18.4% were aged 18-24, 10.8% were aged over 60 and 7.2% were aged under 18.
- 16.1% stated that they had a disability.
- 80.7% were heterosexual and 10.3% stated that they were a gay man/lesbian/bisexual.
- 61.4% were white and 37.2% BME. With most being either White British (49.3%) or British African (13.9%).
- 83.0% had a postcode within the Royal Borough of Greenwich, with 46.2% giving the SE18 postcode (Woolwich).

Respondents Who Have Noticed the Drinking of Alcohol

Respondents were asked if they had noticed people drinking alcohol in the town centre. 91.5% of respondents had noticed drinking (a lot or a little).

Response	#	%
Yes - A Lot	139	62.3%
Yes - A Little	65	29.1%
No	17	7.6%
No Answer	2	0.9%

Of those answering this question:

Most likely to have noticed drinking	Least likely to have noticed drinking
Surveyed in General Gordon Square (95.9%)	Surveyed in Powis Street area (88.1%)
Visiting for education (100.0%)	Visiting for shopping (92.6%)
Female (91.4%)	Male (91.1%)
Aged 25-44 (91.7%)	Aged over 60 (75.0%)
Those with a disability (94.4%)	Those without a disability (90.9%)
LGB (100.0%)	Heterosexual (90.0%)
White (92.7%)	BME (89.2%)
Residing in the SE18 postcode (92.7%)	Residing outside the borough (85.7%)

Respondents Who Are Worried About the Drinking of Alcohol

Those respondents who had noticed people drinking alcohol in the town centre, were asked to what extent this worried them. 75.5% of respondents were worried about the drinking (very or a little).

Response	#	%
Very	88	43.1%
A Little	66	32.4%
Not	48	23.5%
No Answer	2	1.0%

Of those answering this question:

Most likely to be worried	Least likely to be worried
Surveyed in Woolwich Arsenal	Surveyed in General Gordon Square
Visiting for shopping (82.7%)	Visiting for education (66.7%)
Female (83.0%)	Male (68.5%)
Aged Over 60 (94.4%)	Aged Under 18 or 45-60 (both 80.0%)
Those with a disability (88.2%)	Those without a disability (73.0%)
Heterosexual (77.2%)	LGB (69.6%)
White (76.4%)	BME (74.3%)
Residing in the SE18 postcode (82.9%)	Residing outside the borough (62.5%)

Support for a Ban in Drinking Alcohol

All respondents were asked if they would support the council implementing a Public Space Protection Order to ban all drinking of alcohol outside in the town centre. 87.2% of those replying to this question stated that they would support the ban. (12.8% stated that they would not support the ban and 1.8% did not complete this question.)

Of those supporting the ban, 93.2% had previously stated that they had noticed people drinking (a lot or a little) and 75.9% had previously stated that this behaviour worried them (very or a little).

Of those answering this question:

Most likely to support a ban	Least likely to support a ban
Surveyed in Powis Street area (88.1%)	Surveyed in Woolwich Arsenal (80.0%)
Visiting for shopping (92.6%)	Visiting for education (75.0%)
Female (89.7%)	Male (81.2%)
Aged 18-24 (92.7%)	Aged Under 18 (75.0%)
Those without a disability (86.3%)	Those with a disability (83.3%)
Heterosexual (86.7%)	LGB (82.6%)
White (87.6%)	BME (81.9%)
Residing in the SE18 postcode (89.0%)	Residing within the Borough but outside of SE18 (75.7%)

Of those supporting a ban and leaving comments, most cited fear for personal safety (self or children) or concerns about how the area looks as their reason for supporting the ban. Those not supporting the ban and leaving comments cited personal freedom as their reason for not supporting the ban.

PSPO Surveys - Businesses

Overview

Surveying of businesses in the proposed PSPO area took place between 20th May and 1st June 2016. A total of 40 businesses completed the survey.

Of the surveys carried out:

- 60.0% were in General Gordon Square and 40.0% in Powis Street / the shopping area of the town centre.
- 67.5% of the surveys were carried out in the afternoon.
- All surveys were carried out on a weekday.
- 27.5% of business were classed as 'Food & Drink' (e.g. café), 17.5% as a 'General Store' (e.g. newsagent), 17.5% as 'Service' (e.g. hairdresser) and 37.5% as 'Other' (included betting shops and market stalls).

Of the respondents (where an answer was given):

- 42.5% were female and 25.0% were male.
- 42.5% were aged 25-44, 15.0% were aged 18-24, 7.5% were aged 45-60, 2.5% were aged over 60 and none were aged under 18.
- None stated that they had a disability.
- All stated that they were heterosexual.
- 50.0% were BME and 17.5% were white.
- 61.4% were white and 37.2% BME. With most being either Indian (17.5%) or White British (12.5%).

Respondents Who Have Noticed the Drinking of Alcohol

Respondents were asked if they had noticed people drinking alcohol in the town centre. 92.5% of respondents had noticed drinking (a lot or a little).

Response	#	%
Yes - A Lot	30	75.0%
Yes - A Little	7	17.5%
No	3	7.5%
No Answer	0	0.0%

Of those answering this question, those businesses classed as 'Service' were more likely to have noticed drinking (100.0%), followed by 'Other' (93.3%), 'Food & Drink' (90.9%) and 'General Store' (85.7%).

Respondents Who Are Worried About the Drinking of Alcohol

Those respondents who had noticed people drinking alcohol in the town centre, were asked to what extent this worried them. 86.5% of respondents were worried about the drinking (very or a little).

Response	#	%
Very	25	67.6%
A Little	7	18.9%
Not	4	10.8%
No Answer	1	2.7%

Of those answering this question, those businesses classed as 'General Store' were more likely to have noticed drinking (100.0%), followed by 'Other' (93.3%), 'Food & Drink' (80.0%) and 'Service' (71.4%)

Support for a Ban in Drinking Alcohol

All respondents were asked if they would support the council implementing a Public Space Protection Order to ban all drinking of alcohol outside in the town centre. All respondents answered this question, with 95.0% stating that they would support the ban.

Of those supporting the ban, 97.4% had previously stated that they had noticed people drinking (a lot or a little) and 84.2% had previously stated that this behaviour worried them (very or a little).

Discussions with the businesses about their support for the ban focused on both fear for their own safety as well as the negative impact the behaviour has had on their businesses as a result of customers fearing for their own safety.