

APPENDIX A1 – CONSULTATION RESULTS

Public Space Protection Order (Borough Wide)

Introduction

The council would like to use new powers to get tough with people who:

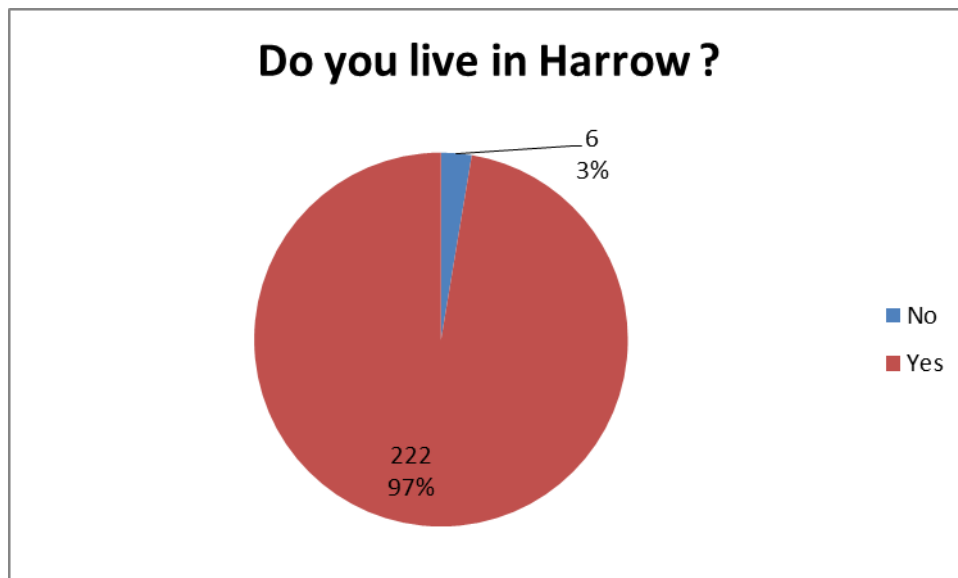
- Urinate, defecate or spit in public places
- Aren't prepared to clean up after their dog
- Smoke in children's play areas
- Drive on footpaths, verges and other bits of public land.

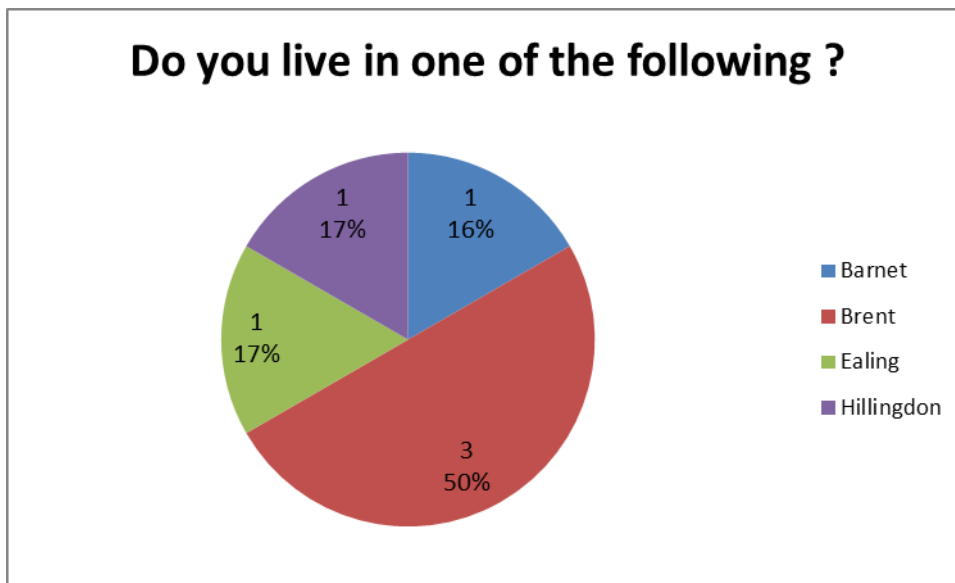
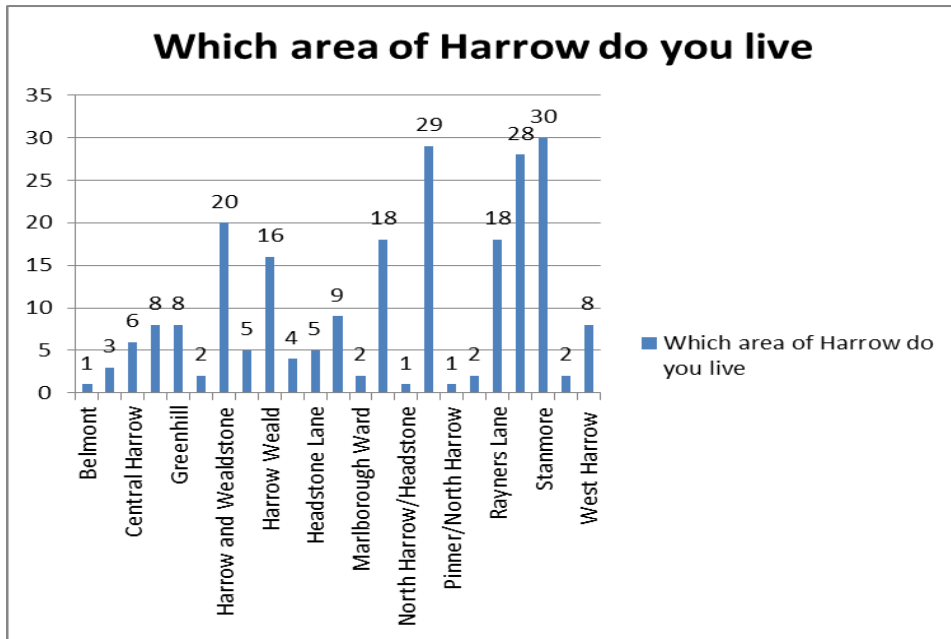
To use these powers we would have to introduce what's known as a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

A PSPO would allow us to act quickly when we see these environmental crimes being committed. The order would allow us to issue fines in these cases without having to go through the lengthy and expensive process of taking the matters to court. Not only do PSPOs make it easier for us to take action, but we hope will also make people think twice before acting anti-socially.

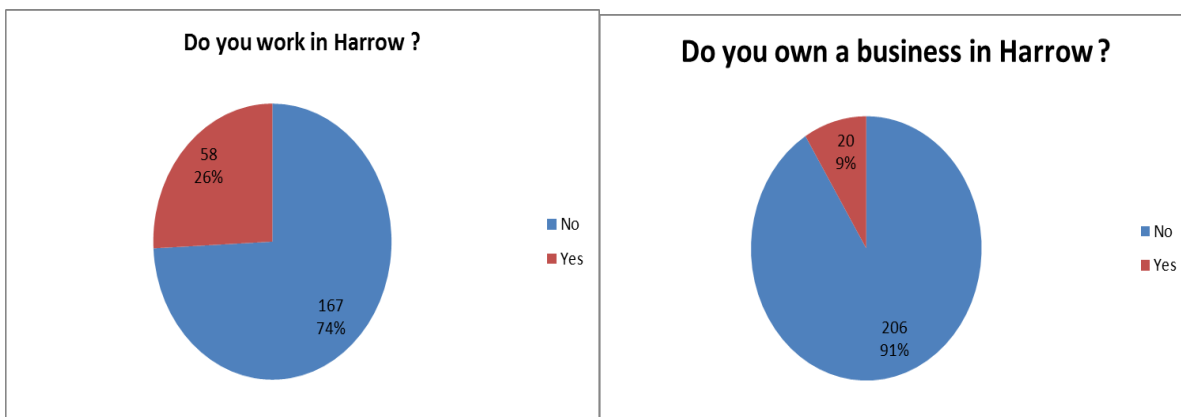
We conducted a consultation from 16 May to 17 July 2016, to find out if the people of Harrow would welcome us being able to act in this way when tackling the four issues above and to gain views on environmental problems.

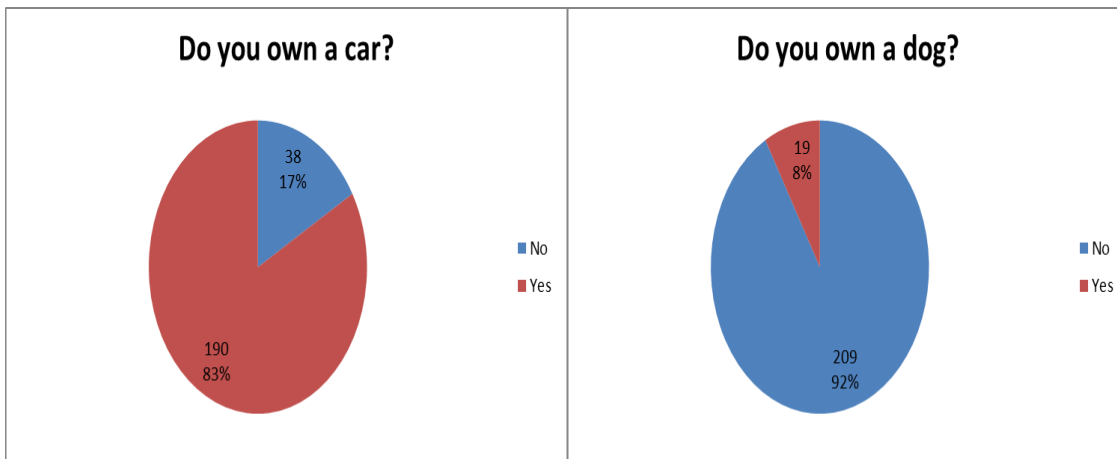
We received 228 responses of which 222 (97%) live in various areas of Harrow and 6 (3%) in surrounding boroughs.





58 (26%) work in Harrow, 20 (9%) own a business in Harrow, 190 (93%) own a car and 19 (9%) are dog owners.



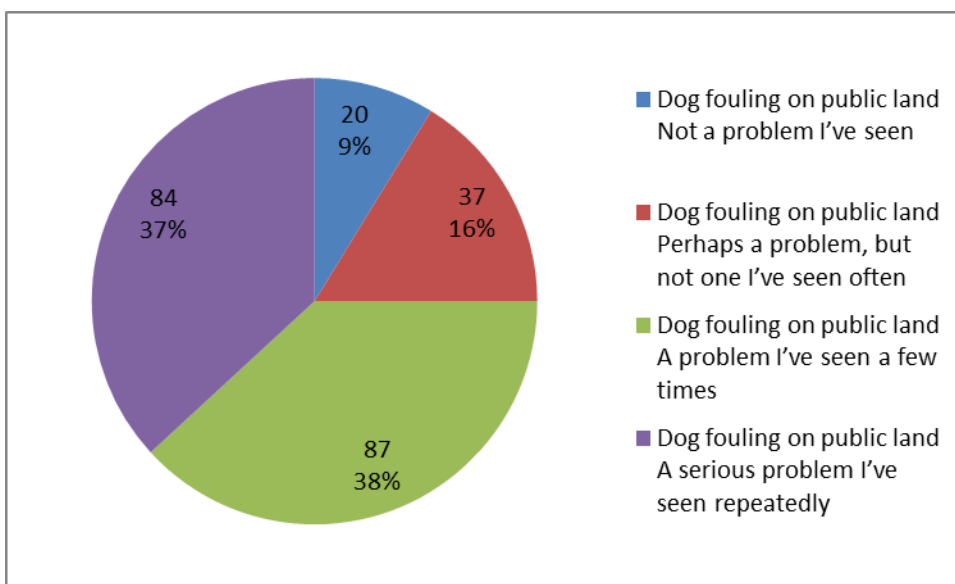


Environmental problems

These set of graphs indicate views on environmental problems in Harrow.

Dog fouling

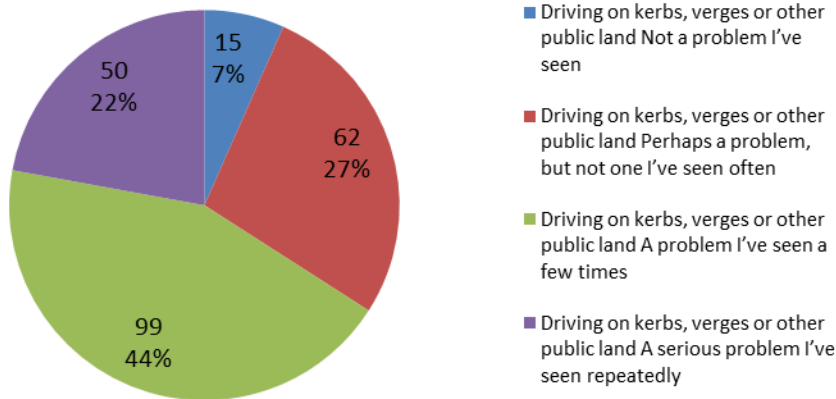
87 (38%) informed us that dog fouling is a problem seen a few times and 84 (37%) that it is a serious problem seen repeatedly.



Driving on kerbs, verges or public land

99 (44%) have seen driving on kerbs, verges and other public land a few times in comparison to 62 (27%) indicating that it is perhaps a problem but not one seen often.

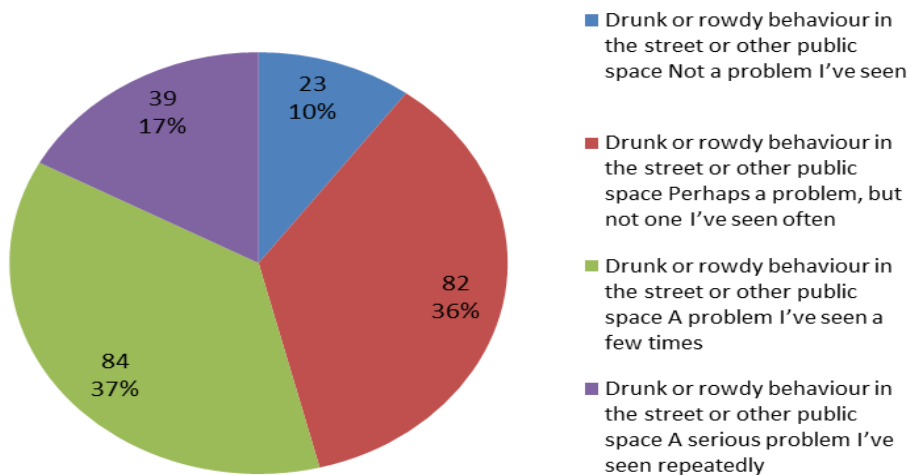
Driving on kerbs, verges or public land



Drunk or rowdy behaviour

82(36%) responded to this issue as being perhaps a problem, but not one they have seen often and 84 (37%) indicated that it is a problem seen a few times.

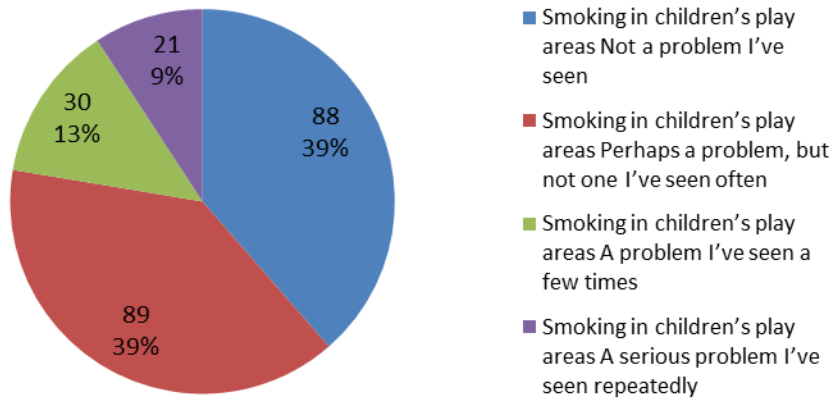
Drunk or rowdy behaviour in the street or other public space



Smoking in children's play areas

88 (39%) indicated that smoking in children's play areas is not a problem they have seen, but, equally perhaps a problem, but not one seen often.

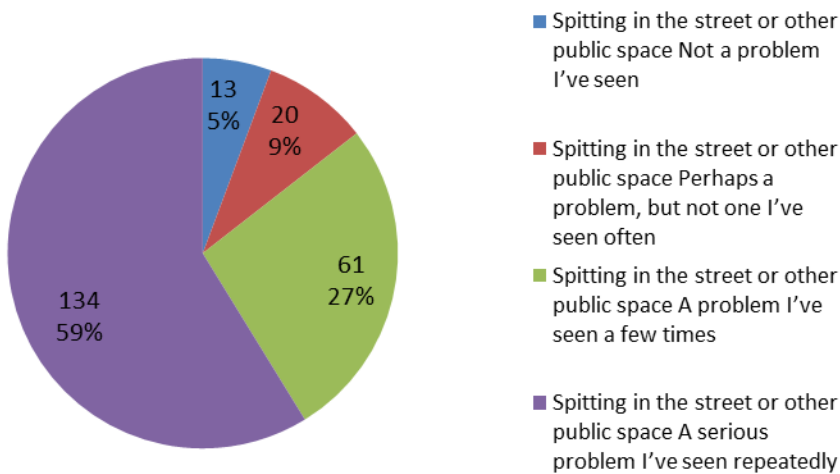
Smoking in children's play areas



Spitting in the street or other public space

134 (59%) indicated that spitting in the street is a serious problem which they have seen repeatedly with 61 (27%) stating that it is a problem seen a few times.

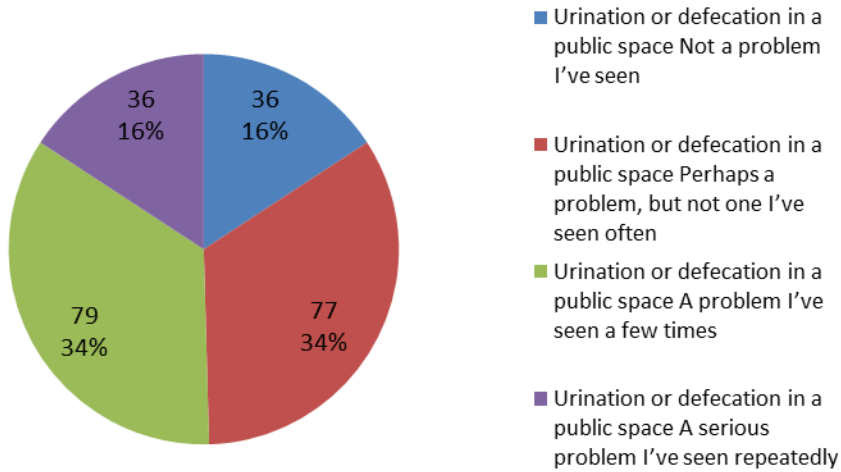
Spitting in the street or other public space



Urination or defecation in a public space

79 (34%) indicated that urination and defecation is a problem seen a few times in a public space, equally, perhaps a problem but not seen often.

Urination or defecation in a public space



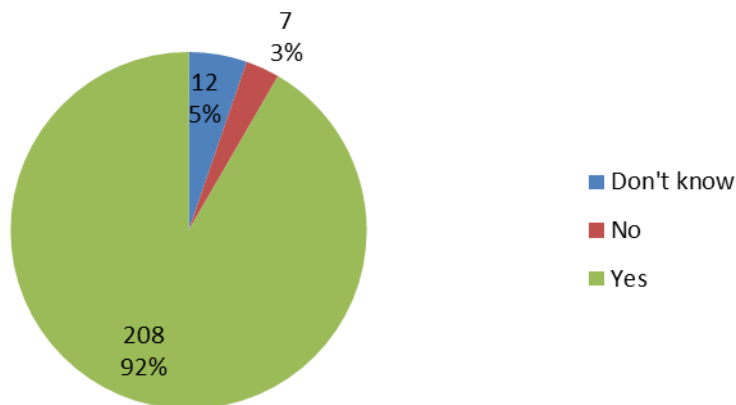
Council Action

This section shows the views on action the council should take on environmental issues.

92% think Harrow should continue to be an alcohol exclusion zone and 87% to 97% of respondents agree that these issues should be offences.

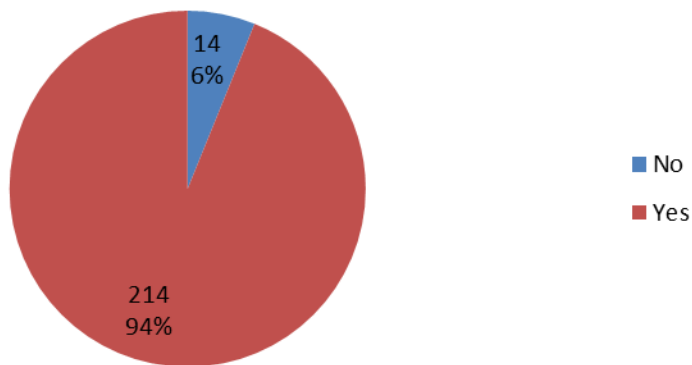
Anti-social public drinking

Do you think Harrow should continue to be an alcohol exclusion zone? "



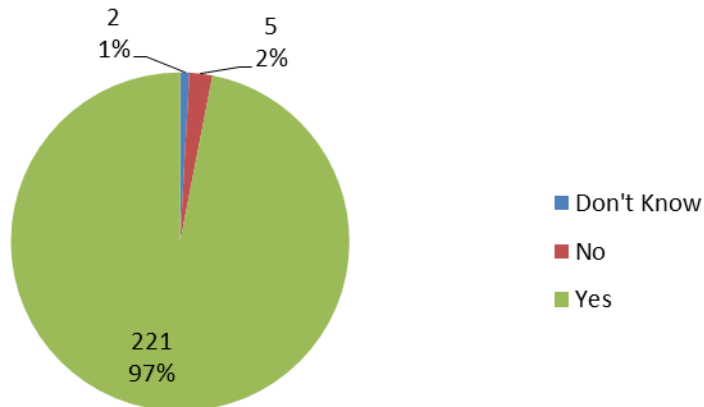
Urination, defecation or spitting in public

Do you agree it should be an offence to urinate, defecate or spit in a public place?



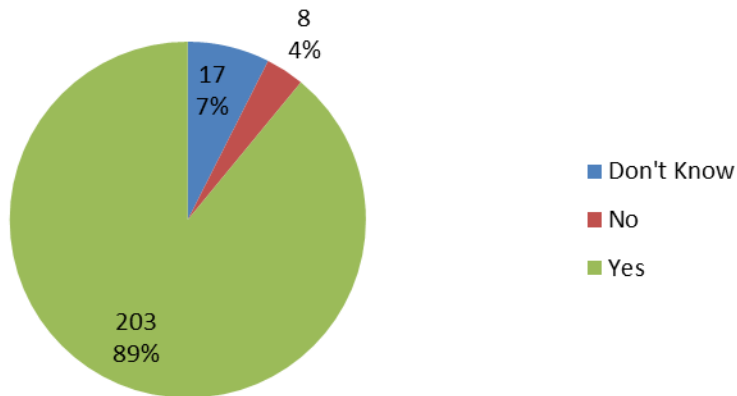
Dog fouling

Do you agree it should be an offence not to clear up after a dog for which you're responsible, or have the means to do so?



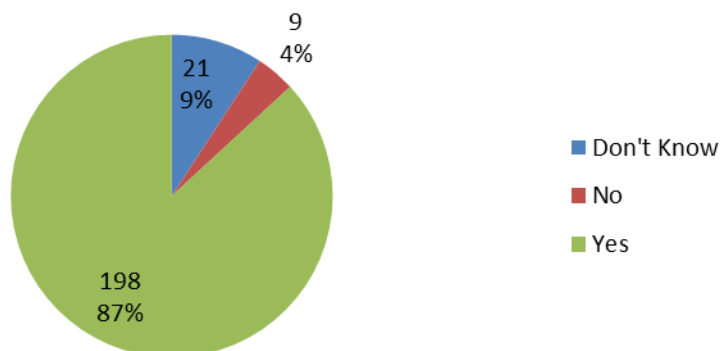
Smoking in children's play areas

Do you agree it should be an offence to smoke in children's play areas?



Driving over footpath and grass verges

Do you agree it should be an offence to drive over footpaths, footways and verges unless authorised to do so?



Comments

How are you going to enforce these laws? There was not enough room in the comment boxes to

include all my comments
Begging on the streets is common practice now in Wealdstone they hide behind bus stops so police driving by cant see them. Shop fronts in Wealdstone are terribly unkempt. The landlords should be fined and told to clean up. Broken doors and shop blinds covered in bird poo. Also loitering. The Sam Maguire pub in Wealdstone (across from McDonald's) has been empty for years and is an eyesore and a loitering spot for alcoholics & local vagrants. Also witnessed drug deals taking place in Box tree park.
It seems a few of these things should be dealt with by the police why the council taking is over this, seems strange. Please do more about people drinking in public because litter is been dropped on the ground, some parts of Harrow look like rubbish tips and that's just the pavements. Dog walkers need to be fined as so much dog mess not been picked up causes streets to be filthy. More needs to be done on all these areas, please see it through
The enforcement agents should have discretionary powers not draconian behaving like little Hitler's.
Harrow appears overzealous with its proposals and groups offences together making it hard to agree. It would have been better to have individual items rather than these groups of issues; e.g. dog fouling is different from not having a doggie bag. The draft document is also missing crucial information and does not include the referenced schedules or list of intended penalties. All of this makes it feel like yet another way to fill the coffers.
The spitting issue is by far the most prevalent of these issues and needs something doing about it urgently.
Strongly support the strongest sanctions for these antisocial and unpleasant behaviours. Harrow is sinking fast - we can all see that.
All very well to make extra by-laws but unless they are policed, implemented and enforced they are pointless
Why are there so few dog fouling notices on lampposts?
There should be some form of mandatory education on these too if people are caught i.e. why it's wrong, the dangers / hazards etc. and in their own language if non English speaking esp. smoking / splitting
Box tree park in harrow Weald has become an undesirable park due to the number of drinkers using it daily from midday to late evening! You have to walk a gauntlet of drinkers to get passed and listen to foul language and men and women urinating in the bushes as you approach! Have lived here and used the park but never known it to be so bad!
Please do something about dogs barking all day when owners are at work
There is absolutely no enforcement of any of the above by Harrow Council, or by Police. There is continual littering by Mini-cab drivers all around Kerry Court & Kerry Avenue (HA7 4NH) + ignoring: double yellow lines; parking in CPZs; pavement parking; parking on keep clear signs. When any of us approach the drivers of these vehicles we are frequently subject to abuse (verbal) and occasionally physical threats e.g. & quote; I know where you live...you wait."e;

Education, regarding standards of behaviour, is crucial. Having lived abroad (in a number of countries and on different continents), some of these traits, e.g., public drunkenness; littering; dangerous driving and spitting can be extremely common. If not challenged, people will come to accept these habits as "normal" There are significant public health implications; Harrow has a TB infection rate higher than in some developing countries.

Another very poorly put together survey. I thought these would be things I would be in favour of clamping down on, but the way the questions are worded, I find I can't really support getting tough on people unless they are intentionally behaving anti-socially. For example, people drive on verges and footpaths in my street because the council has been so bad at addressing the school traffic and parking issues. It's more of a priority to tackle those, and then people won't need to drive on verges.

I am concerned that these measures could result in more people coming on to our private property - the back of our flats - to drink, defecate and urinate. It's happening every night and this could increase it.

Chewing gum or other substances that foul the pavements should also form part of this review. It's a filthy habit akin to spitting.

I really do hope this issue is taken seriously especially littering and spitting is on the increase. If we do not take action now - TB and other diseases will become prevalent. This behaviour is evident on the walk in the morning during the school run from Belmont to Cannons park station. Also prevalent at bus stops! Please reinstate bins at bus stops and stop parents littering around schools (Stanburn roundabout and surrounding areas Well done! I hope I start to see a difference!

Definitely the biggest problem in Tithe Farm Avenue is parents obstructing driveways, preventing residents leaving and accessing their homes and acting abusively when asked to move.

Is it too much to expect that the consultation will result in action - for a change?

The reporting of these issues should be easy to do and easily found on the council website. Dog fouling is on every street and makes walking an unpleasant experience. This disgusting act needs to be totally eradicated (heavy fines and zero tolerance). When a vehicle obstructs a driveway / access residents should be able to send you photos, from a smart phone and the council use this evidence to issue fines. And also for the council to have rapid response teams that are easy to contact.

In my opinion it is important that the items listed here are categorised as offences but with all bylaws it is about effective policing. If the resources aren't there to do this then: (i) they are very often ignored and (ii) individuals that are caught breaking these bylaws are very likely to feel unfairly treated.

Anyone caught spitting should not only be fined, but also should be made to clear up their mess at the time of being caught, just as a dog owner is required to clear up his/her dog's mess. There has been a massive increase in the number of drivers driving the wrong way up/down the roads off Cecil Road, Wealdstone and on at least two occasions recently I have narrowly missed crashing into a car driving the wrong way. Please install CCTV to catch offenders as they are doing this with impunity!

I think you should also look into cats fouling in other people's gardens and lawns; it is disgusting and worrying as my little baby nieces cannot play in my garden anymore as I am always scared that

<p>they might end up playing with cat poo. Why people are so irresponsible and let pets wonder around without a care in the world? I think it is because they know that they will not use their garden/lawn as a toilet. Also the amount of rubbish that is left on the street is awful.</p>
<p>It's all very well creating these offences, but they need to be actively enforced.</p>
<p>You didn't have anything about litter - is that because it is already an offence?</p>
<p>People who issue these fines should walk round the parks and open spaces especially after 5pm week days and weekends. Litter is a big problem especially on hot summer days. I and my friends are always picking up rubbish in Harrow Recreation Ground</p>
<p>Make the punishment for spitting a priority, as I believe this is the biggest health risk if it is allowed to continue.</p>
<p>Spitting is a big problem in Harrow; many of the pavements are stained brown from this. This should not be a way of getting money from people, but teaching people to respect others. There should be a way of stopping the dumping of rubbish including beer cans and bottles throughout Harrow, its unsightly and dangerous.</p>
<p>Littering should also be an offence.</p>
<p>We in Rayners Lane need enforcement officers on the street daily!</p>
<p>The council cannot be trusted to enforce the above powers in a just and fair manner.</p>
<p>Given the prevalence of spitting and urinating in areas where there are high levels of immigrants there needs to be a programme of education to show that these habits are unacceptable and a health risk.</p>
<p>I live on Station Road so bear the brunt of antisocial and noisy behaviour every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. It is particularly rowdy during important football matches or on warm summer nights. The bus stops outside the bars are also a place where people tend to have fights and shout at each other. I would like very much for the noise to be reduced in the town centre if possible as it can keep me awake at night into the early hours of the morning.</p>
<p>Allowing people more easily arrange off street parking. Council has an appalling record in not listening to residents, not being practical and doing what they want. Litter is a mess, road maintenance is a mess and not dealing with a to social behaviour. Standards have seriously dropped.</p>
<p>Can we please enforce littering in public. Litter in South Harrow has never been so bad.</p>
<p>There has been a steady decline in public behaviour and respect for our surroundings. Something needs to be done</p>
<p>How do you police these issues? Fouling takes place early in the morning or late at night...What about fly-tipping and rubbish! I'm ashamed of Wealdstone with our visitors making comments how filthy the place is! Education in schools needs attention re caring for the streets. Grass verges are overgrown and council not clearing pavements of weeds growing all over the place.... Too many food shops and eating areas not taking responsibility for disposal of wrappers and food rubbish. Rats galore!</p>

<p>All the above may seem small events, but taken together, they constitute to serious health hazards plus make the environment unpleasant. It makes Harrow a foul place to live in not the green and leafy suburb we love and the reason why we move here. The people who do this show disrespect for the environment and the people who live here. Please make it an offence but then please enforce it.</p>
<p>More people policing these offences needed.</p>
<p>Litter is a major problem in places like Stanmore park on Dennis lane and Box tree Park and on pavements and grass verges throughout Stanmore and harrow Weald in particular. Why aren't there park wardens to look after the parks? Why aren't there street cleaners going behind garbage collection trucks and regularly cleaning the pavements particularly ones with grass verges and bushes i.e. Uxbridge Road? What's the point in being a green borough if we are basically living in a rubbish tip?</p>
<p>No mention of litter which is a big problem</p>
<p>I agree with making these offences but would also be interested to know how this will be policed.</p>
<p>The motorbikes and bikes on pavements are very dangerous, and they seem to think it is ok to do it. It should be illegal even if it is to cross pavement to park in their front yard. Getting off the bike and walking alongside it would be ok, as this is not dangerous. The spitting is a health hazard especially for people with wheelchairs who have to use that chair inside the house having had to roll it over the countless patches of spit across the neighbourhood.</p>
<p>I am very pleased that the Council is proposing a PSPO to deal with this series of problems. It's in everybody's interest to do so. I suspect that quite often the offenders do not appreciate how disgusting and offensive their behaviour is. Strong enforcement would go a long way to encouraging greater awareness, consideration and responsibility.</p>
<p>no further comments</p>
<p>I see all these issues as very important, but I also think that repairs are expensive and monitoring in most out of the way places must be very difficult. More public awareness via education, and public notices may be needed, but such additional street items can spoil the appearance of an area.</p>
<p>There should be fines for these offences which are enforced and brought to the public knowledge</p>
<p>Before implementing these rules we should make public toilets and free water fountains available in the centre of Harrow and Wealdstone. I know of single homeless men who have no other options available to them.</p>
<p>If there is no money available then don't get residents hopes up by asking this question unless you intend to carry them out.</p>
<p>We have seen people drinking near school premises and leaving the bottles on the street and kids playing with glass on the way to the school. This is dangerous.</p>
<p>Nothing about providing public waste bins. Nothing about broken glass bottles on the streets.</p>
<p>Some of these issues need not be part of a survey. When it comes to public health and hygiene,</p>

<p>the council needs to decide on what is best and enforce proactively and forcefully - I refer to issues that concerns public in general and does not intrude into private life... esp. drinking/drunken behaviour, smoking, littering, graffiti and defacing - these have no place in a developed society. There needs to be a forceful deterrent so that such behaviour is curbed.</p>
<p>I think enforcers need to be encouraged to overlook health issues (such as urinating) where the " offender" is making an effort to be discrete.</p>
<p>I'm impressed with the amount of litter on the streets. Maybe a campaign to educate the population could help.</p>
<p>Thank you for the survey</p>
<p>How can Fire and Ambulance services reach some roads when they are too narrow to gain access because of parked cars?</p>
<p>All the issues raised must become public offences, and the law must be enforced. Why are there are no officers to enforce penalties. I see it so often, but I can't do anything about it. When will any action be taken?</p>
<p>Over speeding. Driving over/parking on the grass verge. Mud and dirt on the pavements and spoils the look.</p>
<p>Make it an offence to spit chewing gum as well.</p>
<p>The reply box above does not allow a full answer.</p>
<p>All the issues are key and important in building a long term society and community that is clean, healthy and give highest respect to other human beings.</p>
<p>Motoring causes serious issues. Parking by vehicles, particularly large ones too close to junctions, on verges - which is an offence as per the highway code - causes problems. Traffic officers never seem to ticket anyone. eventually there will be a fatal accident as leaving a driveway or pulling out of a parking place is often "blind" as a result of selfish parking</p>
<p>The speed at which people drive along Vaughan Rd is unacceptable. Traffic calming measures must be put in place. The rubbish and homeless belongings in the underpass by the BP Marks and Spencer Garage and Morrison is dangerous and a health and safety hazard - the council must do something to stop this.</p>
<p>I am sceptical about whether these issues will be monitored and culprits will be penalised as I don't have any confidence that there are enough people in authority to actually enforce this.</p>
<p>The council's needs parking restrictions/double yellow lines on narrow streets are required so cars don't need to use the footpath in order to avoid parked cars. Some streets are very narrow and so parked cars on one side of the street means only a single car can pass through. If there is oncoming traffic the footpath has to be used to let the passing car through.</p>
<p>If laws are passed the council should back it up with action not just talking which is the norm</p>
<p>Sufficient laws are already in place to cover all of the areas above.</p>
<p>We need good enforcement when these offences are committed; otherwise all the effort is in vain.</p>

<p>There are not enough bins in my area and park. The bins by the bus stops get filled with household rubbish. There is a man who clears the streets around the Malvern Ave roundabout every Sat and Sun but by Monday morning it is like he did nothing. It is heart breaking to see his hard work is not appreciated. He is just a resident who takes pride in his area.</p>
<p>There is a need to publish all on the website plus inform all ratepayers of the rising costs. Then arrange to cut trees/ branches as it does cause damage to bus or injure persons on the footpath. There is a need to display a report and action webpage for all issue in order to reduce duplicate reporting of the relevant issue for example damage tree or pavement.</p>
<p>I</p>
<p>I would like to see more police patrolling the streets and maintaining the public order. This place used to be a nice place to live (so I was told by my neighbours) and would like to keep that way for the years to come. Many thanks.</p>
<p>The sooner the better, but how will they be enforced? Cost etc.?1a and 1b are missing from the survey</p>
<p>Don't agree with making spitting an offence unless it tobacco or paan. Muslims aren't allowed to swallow saliva during Ramadan; some people make have medical reasons which cause mucus build-up. it's not permanent</p>
<p>Drinking and eating on the streets and then dropping litter. Also no comments here about cars stopping to deal in drugs on this stretch of road.</p>
<p>I don't see how you can prosecute people for urinating where they shouldn't without providing an alternative. If you are far from home and need to urinate, what do you do? I agree that the anti-social behaviour of car-drivers needs to be addressed but I fear this will just become another un-enforced law. Car drivers seem to do as they want and drive wherever they please. Who is going to stop them? Similarly cyclists - it used to be against the law to cycle on the pavement. I don't know if the la</p>
<p>It would make sense if the council lobbied for dog licensing.</p>
<p>It is the Local Authorities responsibility to ensure its habitants are safe. We pay tooth and nail from our pays as council tax. It should be used to protect and preserve us as we do our part to help protect and evolve the community by reporting back on surveys like this.</p>
<p>Please can you investigate the drinking and urination outside peel house multi story, it upsets me and the families that live in (Knightley Court). The situation gets really bad in summer, with people staying out late shouting, drinking and urinating. This and the high street needs to be patrolled and be an alcohol free zone. Litter is also a problem. It would vastly improve the area; I have had experiences of drunks jeering at me, esp. outside the dilapidated pub on the high-street. Thank you</p>
<p>Spitting at another person should be an offence, but spitting to get rid of phlegm for health reasons should not be an offence.</p>
<p>All these issues are very important to our environment & making Harrow a better place to live.</p>
<p>Not enough space/characters to give full answers, address points or give alternative/part</p>

agreement to question.

Adults with no children shouldn't be allowing in children play areas. Is necessary to control no only alcohol but also drug intake and distribution in parks and by the car wash in h&w high-street and youth centre

Nothing about fly tipping and littering in the street?!! Unbelievable!

Taking these measures will only be effective if offenders believe they may be caught. As officials cannot be everywhere, residents must know that someone will attend promptly when phoned or texted to report an offence. Signs etc. are meaningless posturing unless adequate resources are committed to enforcement.

There must be an awareness campaign to launch it, so all groups are aware that these are unacceptable.

This consultation is flawed. Dog fouling and means to pick up should be two separate questions. An offence of failing to pick up should be sufficient to deal with the problem. Giving Council staff the power to stop dog owners at random and demand a means to pick up is an infringement on peoples' liberty. It requires dog walkers to carry more bags than they actually need and implies that someone is failing to pick up, when they may have just used their last bag. And it won't reduce fouling.

Fly tipping is a real problem all my area - stronger penalties and more robust enforcement should be introduced to tackle this issue.

I hope that people doing things from the pavement but into our garden (also littering) would also be covered by the order, even though our garden is not exactly a public area, it is just as accessible.