

Consultation on the Introduction of a Borough Wide Public Space Protection Order

26 May 2020 to 23 June 2020

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Introduction

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

- **Urinate, defecate or spit in public places**
- **Are not prepared to clean up after their dog**
- **Smoke in children's play areas**
- **Drive on footpaths and verges**

In order to do this we wish to renew the Borough Wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

What is a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)?

A PSPO is an order which aims to stop anti-social behaviour happening in a public place.

The failure to comply with the requirements of a PSPO is a criminal offence. In order to introduce a PSPO a council has to be satisfied that two conditions are met:

The first condition is that

- (a) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- (b) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities

- (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

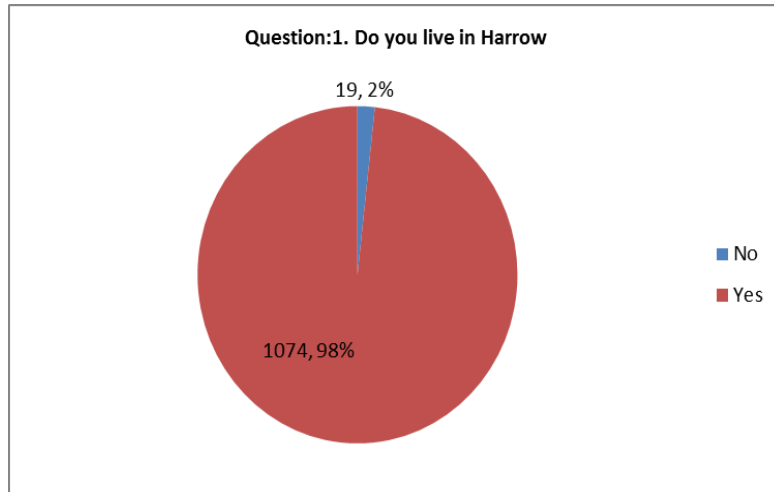
PSPOs can only be introduced by a council after a necessary consultation, notification and publicity. A PSPO can last a maximum of three years, although it can be extended or varied (or discharged) during the course of its life.

The consultation took place between 26 May 2020 to 23 June 2020.

We received 1093 responses of which 1074 (98%) live in various areas of Harrow and 19 (2%) live in Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hillingdon, Watford or somewhere else.

858 completed the equality monitoring form; 390 (45%) were 45-64 years old 240(28%) were 65 plus, 223 (26%) 25-44.

269 (26%) work in Harrow, 26 (6%) own a business in Harrow, 889 (85%) own a car and 137(13%) are dog owners.

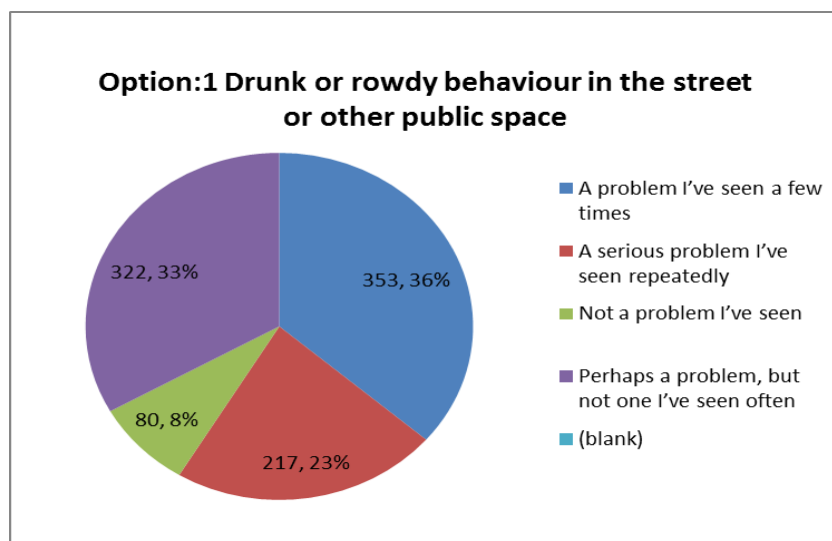


Environmental problems

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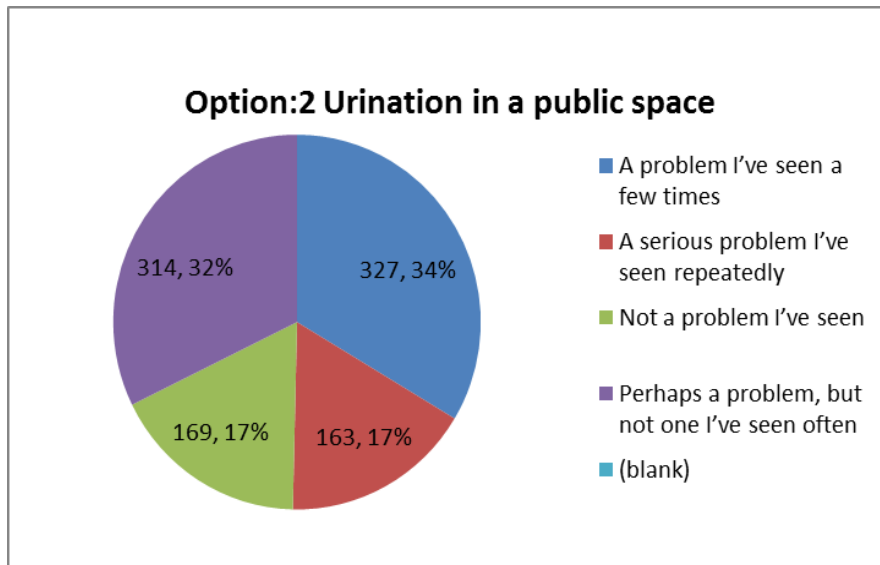
Drunk or rowdy behaviour in the street or other public space

353 (36%) indicated that it is a problem seen a few times, 322 (33%) responded to this issue as being perhaps a problem, but not one they have seen often and 217 (23%) responded to the issue as a serious problem seen repeatedly.



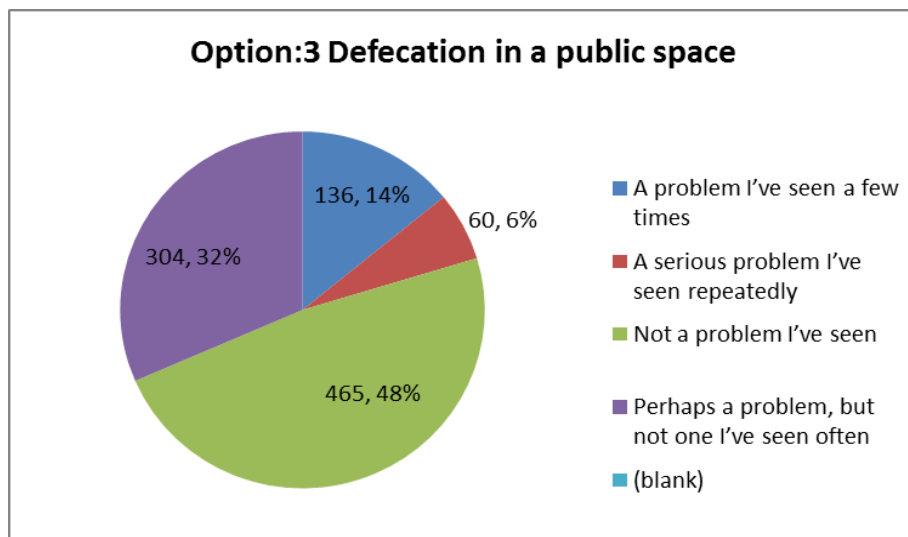
Urination in a public space

327 (34%) indicated that urination is a problem seen a few times in a public space and 314 (32%) view it has perhaps a problem but not one seen often.



Defecation in a public space

465 (48%) It is not a problem they have seen and 304 (32%) responded that it was perhaps a problem but not one they have seen often.

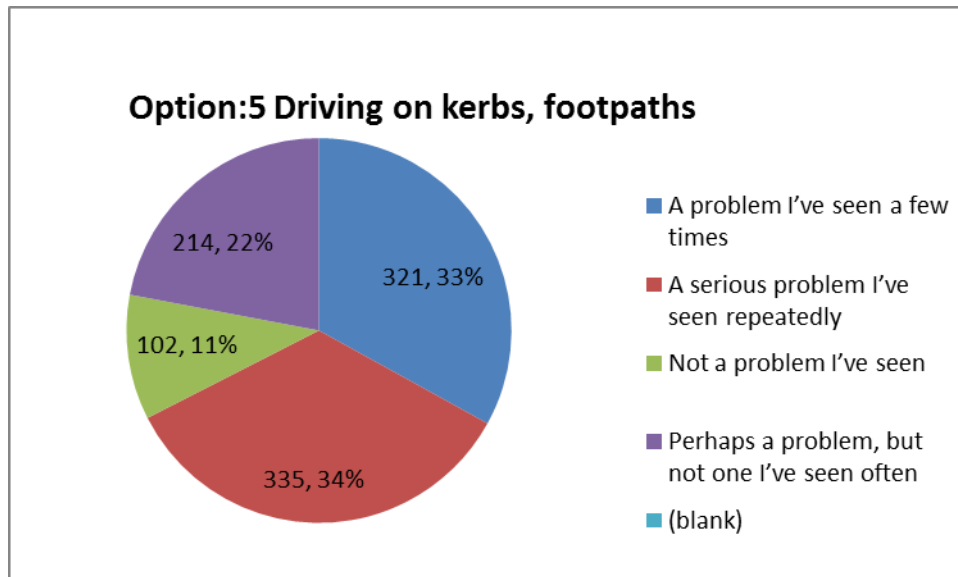


Spitting in the street or other public space

491 (51%) indicated that spitting in the street is a serious problem which they have seen repeatedly with 330 (34%) stating that it is a problem seen a few times.

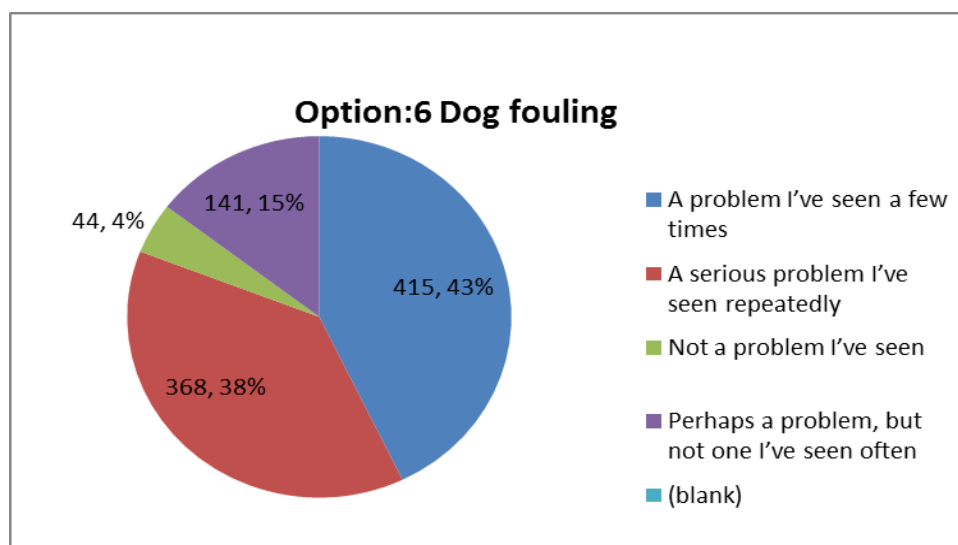
Driving on kerbs, footpaths and verges

335 (34 %) responded to driving on kerbs, footpaths and verges has being a serious problem that they have seen repeatedly and 321 (33%) indicating that it is a problem they have seen a few times and 214 (22%) see it has perhaps a problem but not one seen often.



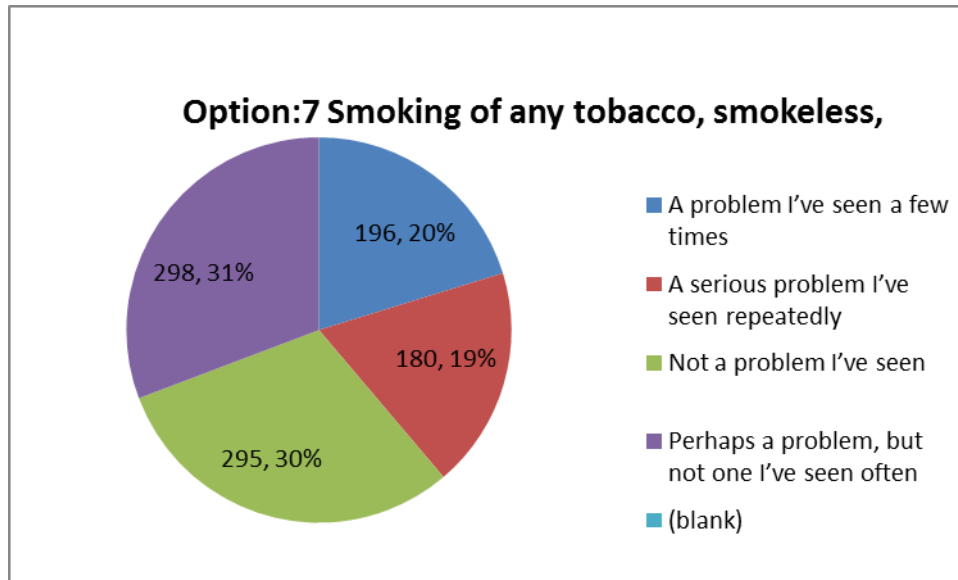
Dog fouling

415 (43%) informed us that dog fouling is a problem seen a few times and that 368 (38%) responded that it is a serious problem seen repeatedly.



Smoking of any tobacco, smokeless, or herbal product in children’s play areas

298 (31%) indicated that it is perhaps a problem, but not one seen often, 295 (30%) indicated that smoking in childrens play areas is not a problem they have seen and 196 (20%) reponded to it being a problem seen a few times.



Views on what action the Council can take

Anti-social public drinking

Harrow currently has a borough wide alcohol exclusion zone which has helped us to stop anti-social public drinking – it's not about spoiling picnics or street parties.

920 (97%) think Harrow should continue the PSPO that requires the ability to stop street drinking.

Urination in a public space

It is not a specific offence to urinate in the street, and the Police can only take action if a person is committing a public order offence (e.g. when associated with drunk and disorderly conduct)

812 (86%) agree that it should be an offence to urinate in a public place.

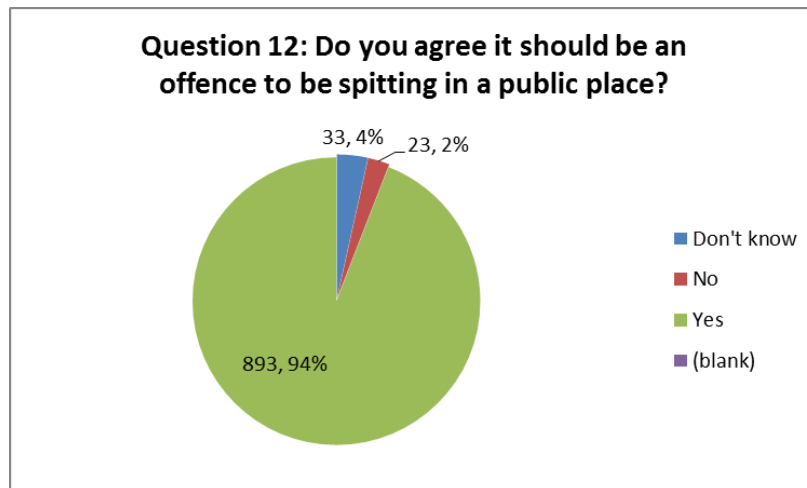
Defecation in a public space

896 (95%) agree that it should be an offence to defecate in a public place

Spitting in a public space

Previous surveys of residents have shown this to be an area which they believe requires specific action. By continuing to make it a specific offence under a PSPO, failure to adhere to it can result on a level 3 fine (up to £1000) and / or a fixed penalty notice of £100 which is more likely to discourage this activity.

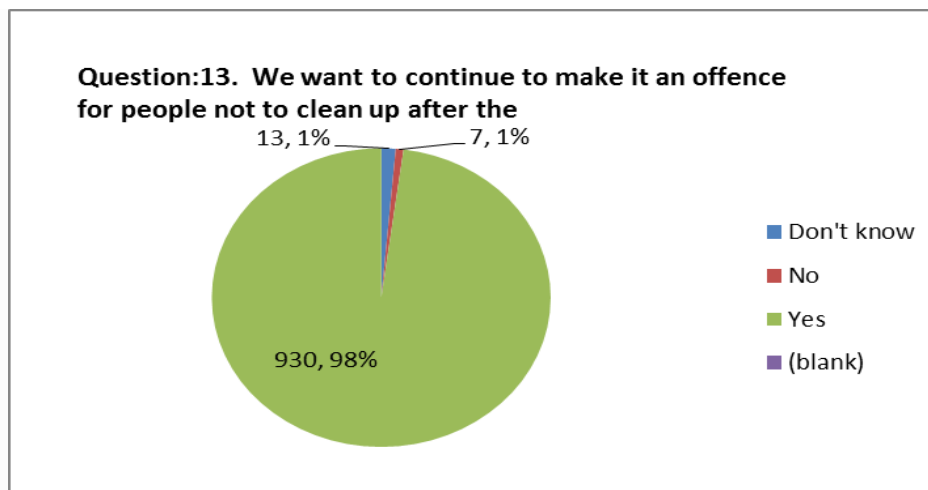
893 (94%) agree it should be an offence to be spitting in a public place.



Dog fouling

We want to continue to make it an offence for people not to clean up after the dog they're walking. We also want to make it an offence for people walking dogs to not have with them the means of picking up faeces. In this case a receptacle for picking up waste is defined as any object capable of holding faeces for disposal. By way of guidance a trouser or coat or other pocket, a handbag, purse or sports bag is not such an item for the purpose of this article. This would apply to any public space controlled by the council.

930 (98%) agree it should be an offence not to clear up after a dog for which you're responsible.



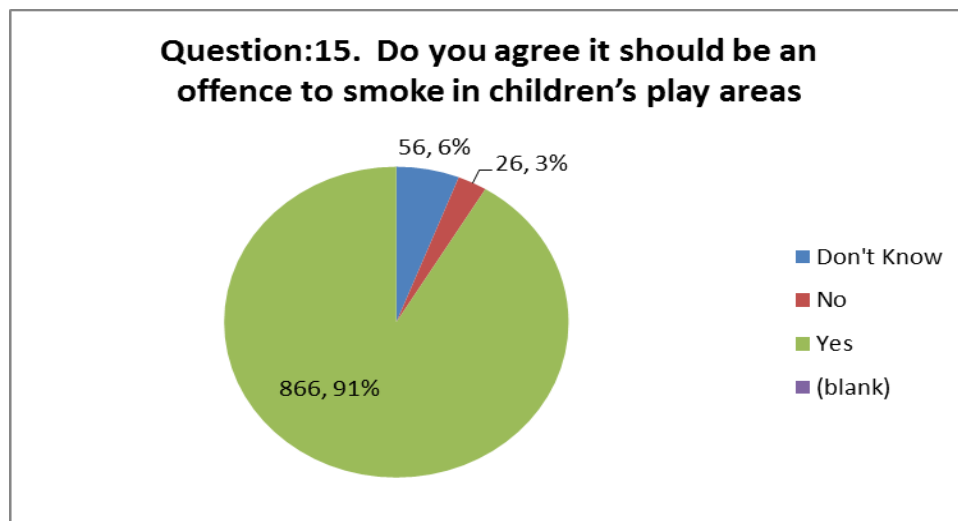
It is important that those walking dogs have the means to pick up any fouling committed by the Dog and therefore we are looking to make it an offence for a person walking a dog not to have the means to pick up any dog fouling.

839 (88%) agree it should be an offence not to have the means to clear up after a dog for which you're responsible.

Smoking in children's play area

Every year the council gets complaints about people smoking in children's play areas. We want to protect children's health by making smoking in play areas an offence. This would include smoking tobacco, tobacco related product and smokeless tobacco products including electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes or any illegal substance, within the boundary of the children's play areas.

866 (91%) agree that it should be an offence to smoke in children's play areas (smoking of any tobacco, smokeless, or herbal product.



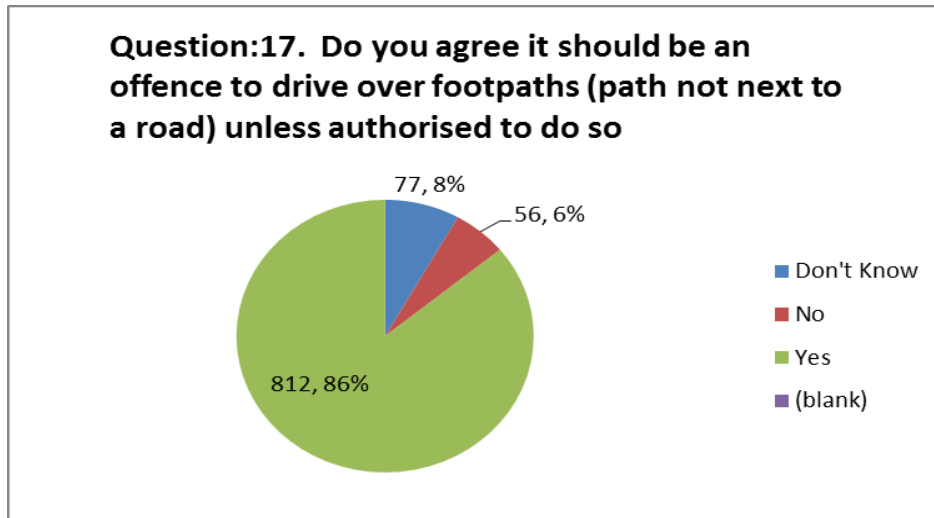
Driving on cycle lanes, footpaths, footways and grass verges

Driving on cycle lanes, footpaths, footways, and grass verges damages the environment, causes inconvenience to others and costs the council thousands of pounds each year in repairs, that's why we'd like to make it an offence.

In this case, the Council is seeking to stop people driving on any cycle lane, footway or footpath, maintainable at the public expense, any grass verge managed by the Local Authority and which is adjacent to the carriageway or footway of a highway, including gutters and adjoining footpaths within the London Borough of Harrow

667 (71%) agree it should be an offence to drive over cycle lanes unless authorised to do so.

812 (86%) agree that it should be an offence to drive over footpaths (path not next to a road) unless authorised to do so.



773 (82%) agree it should be an offence to drive over footways (pavement next to a road) unless authorised to do so.

781 (82%) agree it should be an offence to drive over grass verges unless authorised to do so.

Comments

<p>Harrow needs a method for public to report the incidences. Also where people drive on pavements it is often due to Harrow changing the road system and parked cars restricting a two way flow. There should be a place that Harrow residents can give their ideas on how to make the road more free flowing as nobody really wants to use the footpath but sometimes it is the only way to get cars moving.</p>
<p>An increased police presence would serve as a deterrent. Officers are rarely seen around here.</p>
<p>People openly smoking weed/cannabis in parks and public places. More needs to be done to tackle this problems in the borough.</p>
<p>Consider people causing noise pollution by playing loud music until the early hours.</p>
<p>The biggest issue in Harrow is fly tipping and filthy streets, which have not been addressed in this survey. Why is nothing being done to monitor areas which see repeated flytipping. I am embarrassed at the state of my street and have reported it a number of times. People might treat the area with more respect if it looked better.</p>
<p>Started off thinking some of these were good ideas, but on reflection, the council shouldn't be allowed near any more enforcement on their own. Get MPs to work with government to come up with workable laws that are legal, simple and proportionate and apply across the country.</p>
<p>How would these new powers be regulated and enforced?</p>
<p>Nothing will get done and police won't do nothing nor will the council</p>
<p>More on the spot fines for litter dropping not just to in Harrow shopping centre</p>
<p>Separate but related: The grass verges look beautiful and are wonderful for wildlife when left uncut, or mowed only twice a year. They look awful mown down to scorched grass, especially when litter is mown over and therefore spread even further! Please consider following Plant life's guide to green verges. It saves the council money too!</p>
<p>Too much drug dealing in Harrow which authorities know about but do very little or nothing</p>
<p>Gather the data, Get the public to provide the locations of hotspots in a way that doesn't require another dodgy app... best is just data entry (postcode, name of street or photos) to be added and for it to be anonymous. Most people I know don't want to report the drug dealers or anti social behaviour to the police for fear of giving their name and being targeted as a result.</p> <p>The data will help you to target PCOS to the right area at the right time of day and then you will be able to have tangible measurements on the reduction in reports of anti social behaviour in those areas.</p>
<p>The biggest problem is littering, there should be huge fines for this. Selfish, lazy idiots litter.</p>
<p>Littering and leaving bagged rubbish on verges, or by bins, is equally a problem.</p>
<p>The cycle lanes in Harrow are not joined up and woefully inadequate. Would be amazing if you concentrate on sorting this, particularly in a time when cycle travel is to be encouraged.</p>
<p>Please can you also address litter and fly tipping. These are major issues. You need to learn from other boroughs and enforce tougher penalties</p>
<p>Stop demonising dog walkers. We often care more about the environment than people do. You should be tackling the drunks and those eating in public who litter our parks. Harrow parks are full of rubbish and litter, not dog poo. You should be closing parks at night to prevent drunks and druggies from using them.</p>
<p>All these measures are important to help make Harrow a pleasant, clean place to live. The other huge problem is fly tipping and dumped cars. It does seem that CCTV is an effective deterrent and I would be happy to see more of these in all neighbourhoods. Harrow Weald looks so unloved compared to other more affluent areas of the borough.</p>
<p>I also think that the Council should be able to fine residents who do not keep the front of their homes clean.</p>
<p>Just the general amount of litter seen on road side and pavements i.e. beer cans, take away</p>

<p>packaging, bits of furniture, people dumping rubbish on side roads cause they can't be bothered to dispose of it correctly. The council should take proactive measures in know hotspots, and come down hard on repeat offenders. It's time the council took a zero tolerance policy on people not disposing of their rubbish correctly.</p>
<p>At present the laws are in place but cannot be effectively policed</p>
<p>Aside from fines I really urge the council to invest in a Keep Harrow Clean campaign. Reporting offenders should be easy and fines issued.</p>
<p>Highly supportive of all of the proposals</p>
<p>Harrow really needs to take a zero tolerance policy that gets the message out that fines and prosecutions will take place. The area has gone downhill over 35 years and its been self inflicted. Criminals know that the area is under resourced with police and they dont even have the resource to follow up on CCTV from private residence. Fly-tipping is common place and the high profile mice and rats near Debenhams was not an exception. There is now plenty of talk amongst residents that if the catch something on video it will just go up on social media as it is the best way to get a reaction. Lastly the amount of car crime in the roads off Pinner Road (somerset road to Durham Road) is shocking. Its clearly highly organised gangs and lots of very clear images are being shared yet no action from the authorities.</p>
<p>Please could you include litter dropping.</p>
<p>Thank you for looking into this and focusing on this especially in Wealdstone which needs it most!</p>
<p>I would say drug use and other antisocial behaviour is more pressing issue.</p>
<p>I have extensively travelled worldwide and harrow is one of the filthiest places I have ever witnessed !</p>
<p>It's the people who park in their residence but have cars that are too big so they encroach on the pavement meaning those with wheelchairs and buggies have to walk out on the pavement.</p>
<p>Educating people is key. Prosecuting people who fly tip is also important, there are many repeat offenders locally.</p>
<p>Illegal dumping should also be in the list. The amount of times I've seen a sofa, mattress or other rubbish dumped in the street. This is a problem and eye sore too.</p>
<p>No. Just do a survey on the residents continuously dumping their rubbish on the verges.</p>
<p>Fly tipping is rampant</p>
<p>Please have a phone number available for us to report unsocial behaviour and have the parks supervised, especially late afternoons and evenings. Also have it as an offence to leave rubbish on public places after a picnic. This morning in Canons Park, there were plastic bags, bottles, food boxes and wrapping paper in the fields and it's like that most mornings. Supervise parks, bring back the park keeper.</p>
<p>This survey is useless unless Harrow Council acts on, and publishes the findings. I think they already have to powers to deal with some of the areas in this survey, but they don't utilise them, so the problems never go away. By bringing up areas such as dog fouling, street urination, & spitting, they are playing lip service to problem areas that should already be under control</p>
<p>Roads should be wide enough to allow cars to park whilst not obstructing the traffic flow as this is another reason why people may mount and park over the kerb.</p>
<p>I see a lot of enforcements officers in Harrow Town Centre but non in Wealdstone where there is a real problem with spitting on the streets and drunken crowds on corners</p>
<p>I don't want them just going after one person who drops a cigarette butt near Harrow bus station while ignoring groups of people doing much worse (this has often happened) . Its not about making money from fines! I want to see you targeting the people who persistently fly tip, litter and cause anti social behaviour. It's often the same people getting away with it all the time. Make take always responsible for an area around them. Start community service again and as well as fines get these people clearing up their own mess and find out what makes them like it and educate them. The people that have moved in to Harrow over the last 20 or so year have ruined it and driven those who have spent their lives here away. I am one of those who isn't able to go or I would. So very sad! You need to make it easier for us to report these issues. Not your web site as it's rubbish. How about having members of the public who can look for you And report to you, they can also watch</p>

social media. You will find plenty on the fixit Facebook page who would be happy to help. We live with these problems and want something done so let us help.
Please make Harrow good again.
mainly the fouling.
How about trying to crack down on all the marijuana being smoke in Harrow's parks? Walk through any park on any day and you'll find someone smoking a spliff. How about monitoring peoples back gardens too...I can't open my windows due to the smell wafting in from my next door neighbours. I can't really sit outside and enjoy an evening without smelling it.
Citizens have freedoms and responsibilities. Please refrain from turning harrow into a repressive authoritarian police state.
Think these good ideas to try and improve Harrow for our health and wellbeing.
Whilst these issues are important a bigger problem is fly tipping every day I walk the dog and without fail there is a new fly tip somewhere on the walk the council are excellent at clearing them but the following day a fresh load of rubbish is left. There are certain roads that have more rubbish than the tip a few cameras at key locations might help.
Dumping mattresses is becoming a huge problem.
Adults cycling on the footpath or using scooters on the footpath should also be an offence.
No
No, but good luck. I also think the fines are too low. We have insufficient people to catch these beggars so why not appoint upstanding members of the public to assist? The problem there is the safety of that person, after verbal and maybe physical abuse. If some youngsters have no qualms attacking the police they are not likely to care about Joe Public. I will happily support any initiative undertaken by the Council to make Harrow cleaner.
You should also make it an offence to park on footways - this is a terrible problem for visually-impaired people.
We also have a massive problem with littering on our road (Box tree Road) and it's mostly from KFC DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ABUSE HAVE BECOME A HUGE PROBLEM, ALSO DRUG DEALING.
Design could be better, scrolling difficult!
Need Harrow to be clean again. We have lovely parks, and the potential for a clean greener borough.
It would be really good if there is a proper clean up in Harrow. I would like to point out in Harrow next to the cinema where Tesco is there is a smell constantly of urine is really unpleasant and the council should do a proper clean up of the streets around their as well as North Harrow.
Empty the bins properly and get rid of the rats!
Pls do not persecute motorists
Fly tipping is inevitable whilst you charge residents a premium for limited collections of garden waste. Bring back "free" collections.
Members of public should be encouraged to record and report all anti-social behaviour.
We should consider a license system for dogs again to identify the owners so if reporting this offence you may be able to track the dog.
Revenue from fines should be used for enforcement and education
Spitting out of chewing gum should also be an offence
YOUR SURVEY DID NOT COVER ROAD RAGE THAT I HAVE WITNESSED IN HARROW.
Fly tipping is another significant issue that needs addressing. I would like to understand what the council is and can do about this. Are we able to report these issue to the council and the council will remove the rubbish, I know other councils do this.
Please fix the uneven pavements to make going for a walk safer
I think cameras should be able to be used more effectively and frequently for anti social behaviour

<p>You need to urgently address street litter particularly near schools as children see dirty streets and think it is the norm - this is socially unacceptable as well as graffiti. Harrow need to do much more about street cleaning.</p>
<p>Many of these problems seem to stem from people living in sheds or those in rental properties and couldn't care less about where they live hence treat it without care. All offenses listed and fly tipping is a serious issue, especially when it's the same spots multiple times a week I.e. we should take action to capture them and prevent repeat offences, they also dump bags of food rubbish and waste which is as bad as other unhygienic behaviour as it spreads bacteria, viruses and other disease through the people and other creatures that scavenge at night through the rubbish.</p>
<p>Harrow Council has to make the law work! Especially for people living on benefits who think all the rest (working) owe them something</p>
<p>As previously stated, an increase in police and PcsO numbers would be of great benefit in deterring all forms of anti social behaviour.</p>
<p>What about littering or is that covered by a separate consultation?</p>
<p>Consider a ban on chewing gum ... :)</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>I have lived in Harrow all of my adult life and I think the Council have always done their best to ensure it's a safe and relatively clean Borough and I believe this order will help to maintain this. I do though think, that something needs to be done with regards to helping people to appreciate what a great Borough this is to live in and to encourage them to take pride in it and to be more cohesive, as a community.</p>
<p>Make sure car parks and public toilets are open and cleaned. Then people will use these rather than getting caught short</p>
<p>Very pleased that you are interested in tackling the problem. If the streets were clean it would be a good start of how you will feel about living in Harrow</p>
<p>As this survey is about public protection, I would urge the Council to take action regarding the ever increasing anti social behaviour around Harrow-on-the-Hill tube station and Harrow bus station.</p>
<p>If not already it should be an offence to fly tip or drop fast food containers in streets or parks. Difficult to find offenders I know</p>
<p>we need bodies on the street proactively trying to uphold the law not just treating it as a money maker e.g. standing outside harrow on the hill station to catch people dropping rubbish, cigarette ends. they need to patrol all streets and park areas.</p>
<p>In the wake of COVID 19 the above should be implemented immediately to stop disease</p>
<p>Harrow use to be a nice place. Now it is trashiest place. I wish Pinner is now part of Hillingdon. A better managed council, best services. Somehow Harrow has now uncivil increasing population. It is becoming ghetto. Your recent idea of running consultation for mosque Noise pollution by installing amplifiers is disgrace. It should have been never allowed to be open. Now thousands out of borrow are responding and making it as a religious issue. It should have been Clewley environmental issue and no consultation should have been started at all. I think Harrow as Garden green Calm place Won't be there anymore. Anyway we have now flats coming up everywhere. This will increase population density, reduce green and car parking spaces and increase social problems.</p>
<p>What have you allowed to happen to this Harrow. Councillors have harrow blood on their hands.</p>
<p>I have lived in Pinner for nearly 30 years and what was a beautiful area is now unpleasant and not a nice place to live. There is rubbish on the streets, gardens and public spaces are overgrown and uncared for and something needs to be done to improve the standards in the borough.</p>
<p>Filthy streets and verges strewn with litter and insufficient bins and rubbish collections together with fly tipping is far more distressing</p>
<p>The dropping of litter is out of control throughout the borough increase fines to a prohibitive level i.e.</p>

£1000 for any adult, they'll soon learn.
Some of these peoples start to move to residential areas like flats and hide round there. As i live in a flat its not nice to see this when going out, groups loitering , drinking and smoking and then leaving a mess after doing what they need to.
The Council regularly empties public bins - thank you. However, there are a small minority that dint care and litter parks after sunbathing and/or playing games - how can this be tackled ? Also people get takeaway food then eat while parked up and simply empty out the rubbish from the cars on the street before driving away. A particular problem on Lansdowne Road HA1 - how can this be tackled please ?
It is an offence to ride bicycle on footways (pavement). How does the council controls this offence.
drugs still being sold and smoked in high street and in Gordon Road and by bins in ASDA carpark
Please put these suggestions into place. You need to put deterrents into practice and not just talk/discuss. The majority of residents in Harrow are law-abiding and respectful people. However, it is the others that spoil it for so many. Please do something soon.
If we see a person spitting, littering etc. what action can we take?
There are usually no police or any official around at the critical moment and I am disheartened to see these people get away with it.
I am greatly encouraged by the proposals and it's about time they were implemented. Anyone wishing to become a British citizen should be made aware of what we consider to be antisocial.
You make no mention about littering
every shopping area should have a public toilet
Please help us own our streets again by cleaning or re-educating the jobs. We need to teach the next generation and show them the area they are growing up in is an area to stay forever And not moving away :) I would like to help keep the place clean I would pay more if it helps like the green waste bins - I'd pay for a council warden to do the rounds in my local area to keep it clean from anti social and dirty behaviour.
No, but thanks for the opportunity to respond. I look forward to the action rather than the words!
Why do the council not track down people who regularly leave their rubbish on grass verges just before they know the council will be doing their weekly clean. It is usually placed there the previous night. Surely operatives should report this and observations made so that these people can be fined and start using their own bins and disposing of their rubbish at the tip, like rest of us.
How can these things be implemented? Please help Re parking on pavements.
The Council should have a clear policy on enforcing all the about Easy methods should be put in place to allow residents to report and provide evidence (photo/video)
These measure are all well and good but the behaviour will just continue if it seems there is little chance of being caught. How can it be enforced without the reintroduction of traffic wardens and 'beat bobbies' etc.? The continued slashing of council funding from the central government won't support any funding for that.
Noise pollution should also be included.
Just wish this gets actioned as there a lot of problems happening by entrance to park and school
Bus stop in Alexandra Avenue Rayners Lane (Stop F), Rayners Lane, Harrow HA2 9TU desperately needs litters. People waiting at the stop drops loads of rubbish there.
With power comes responsibility. The duty of public servants is to improve and protect the borough for its residents; not at the expense of its residents. So be compassionate. You know not the journeys and struggles of others.
Not really - feel that enforcement may be a problem, but maybe the existence of penalties will be an incentive to comply.
Nothing to add
It would also help to keep the environment looking cared for if verges were more regularly

cut/maintained.
Sometimes in our area cars park fully on the pavement and this I find totally unacceptable
Good Luck!
No, plenty of steam vented for now ;)
With all of these issues enforcement is the key and if that can't be carried out it's a fruitless process
Just general litter is dreadful in Harrow. My front garden is full of fast food wrappings EVERY DAY
The negative impact this type of enforcement orders have on private residents needs to be recognised. Particularly the impact that enforcement orders have in moving the problem onto private residents. People avoid paying anti social behaviour fines by using private driveways and gardens as public property.
Hope you can enforce all these measures and inform the public that you are doing it. A fine should act as a deterrent. If people know they might think twice. We need a campaign and re-educate the public about need to keep our environment clean.
I hope these issues are addressed promptly and that the message gets through. The problem is that people in the area just do not care. They are not motivated to care about our community. In their minds they are just passing through and they show no respect or consideration It's a disgrace. I hope your policy will make a difference and make this town a desirable place to live again.
Another issue you haven't addressed is the amount of litter and fly tipping in the area. Another by product of mass immigration..... They may contribute a little to the economy, but the contribute nothing to the community. No doubt criminal activity including drug dealing, prostitution, burglary, and shop lifting as increased as a result of mass immigration into the area.
The order should be extended to illegal settlements on park lands even for short period of time
Cars sitting with their engines running is an offence but never enforced. I wish it would be as it is a big problem and is so unnecessary when the air quality is already so bad.
AT LAST THE COUNCIL IS TAKING THIS UNSOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERIOUSLY.
CLEANING UP THE BOROUGH IS THE FIRST STEP TO REGENERATING THE AREA, including Wealdstone.
Litter that gets left by residents using public spaces such as parks, river banks and open spaces is a big problem. Additionally, another ongoing problem that needs addressing is the multitude of household rubbish that is disposed of on the street most noticeable around street bins. This problem is more noticeable where there are flats above shop premises. On occasion I have spoken to residents who I have seen doing this. Their response is there are not enough bins provided by landlords. In some cases, NO bins are available for them. This problem needs to be the responsibility of landlords who should pay for the clear up of the streets outside their properties.
The law can be a great and precious thing. But it's important not to see it as a hammer and every problem, a nail.
Please also include dropping of protective gloves and masks which are now littering our streets, grass verges and public parks/commons.
The council must be firm on litter and on dumping of waste and clamp down on people. I am a council community champion and given the powers inbound drive up and down roads taking photos and report issues if asked
More should be done to make it much clearer to all people living in Harrow what kind of behaviour is not acceptable and why. Also the consequences that will result from anti social behaviour.
Glad you are on the case, not sure any of it is actually enforceable, but got to start somewhere.
Just that you have left out the problems of pigeons. They are as much if not more of a health hazard than some of the other ones listed. When the Green Flag inspection was being undertaken in PMP the inspector commented that he had not seen so many pigeons gathered in one place before.
Freedom and common sense must prevail, stop trying to find ways to make money!! I am sick to

death of this "Fining" attitude.
Increase the fines for depositing filth. How is the Council going to police this?
Any signage / information about prohibiting these behaviours , needs to be written in several languages due to the diverse population in Harrow.
Good Luck in maintaining control of the above. If standards are set too low we will never regain them, and the Harrow community would suffer.
I think swearing in public spaces should not be allowed too. I am being forced out of my house due to neighbours shouting and swearing.
Filthy dirty street and well if someone hasn't disposed of a mattress and dumped it on road at least once a week fly tipping real issue
Anything the council can do to sensibly improve the civic environment in LB Harrow is welcome.
It would be great if the use of the little gas canisters 'legal highs' could be added to this, as well as littering.
Perhaps you would like to focus on core services rather than trying to raise revenue from fines
I agree that the forms of anti-social behaviour covered in this survey have become increasingly prevalent in recent years. About 30 years ago spitting was hardly ever seen and certainly not tolerated. There are so many different cultures now in London that some of the council's proposed new laws and sanctions may appear to be a form of cultural oppression of minorities. But basic standards of hygiene and decency need to imposed - especially where the behaviours being sanctioned can cause serious disease.
I am less inclined to ban tobacco smoking in public places; but agree that smoking other drugs (cannabis, crack cocaine etc.) should be banned.
There is not enough enforcement of these regulations.
The existing cycle paths on what seem to be areas shared with pedestrians are not fit for purpose. They represent a very real danger to pedestrians : cyclists should only share space in the areas properly designated for motor vehicles.
How do we report any of these offences?
Please implement fines to make people responsible and move on from degenerate behaviours.
There is nothing about duping of litter or fly tipping which with the prolonged period of dry warm weather has increased in public parks. This is a problem as bad as all the others you have indicated.
I think people depositing rubbish bags by full bins should also be added to this, particularly in parks. If you can bring the stuff to the park with you to eat / drink you can take the rubbish home with you once you have finished
Solve the problem with drinkers and drug users ruling our streets. It is only pleasant for them, and not for the residents of the community. The Council, and the police have to do more to tackle this issue....
LITTER!! We need the Council to exercise powers to discourage people from littering and fly-tipping.
Littering should be an offence too. People often think it's ok to leave their litter all over the park and not even use a bin. Children the next day then hurt themselves on broken bottles and cans. People who littler should receive on the stop fines
People that carry out this behaviour have no respect for anyone else. I see it all the time in my local area.
When will we see the results?
Enforcement is clearly going to be an issue. Citizens' arrest???
I think it is a good idea to make these actions offences as we live in a densely populated area and all need to be respectful, and those that won't should be fined.
Fly tipping is a major issue in our ward with furniture and filth left on the street. There has to be strict regulations/fines to stop this practice.

<p>How are the council proposing to police all the issues raised in this survey especially urinating, defecating, spitting, gathering for drinking & smoking at the corner of our streets. We should have a dedicated phone number we can call at all hours. There is also very regular outdoor cooking facilities rigged up in back gardens. The cooking happens in all the weather or seasons fouling the air.</p>
<p>I appreciate the impact of covid-19 will likely impact both the council and the Police's ability to enforce issues relating to anti social behaviour but I hope the areas highlighted in this survey will be prioritised for enforcement to prevent the social fabric of this friendly borough being further eroded.</p>
<p>More cycle Lanes, prohibit motor vehicles, except buses, within a mile of schools 1 hour either side of the school day.</p>
<p>Stop the beds in sheds. Stop approving housing developments. The area cannot take in anymore people.</p>
<p>I have noticed much more of this kind of anti social behaviour. The jewel in Harrow's crown is its open space in North of Borough but it is being spoilt and needs much more monitoring. At moment it does not feel safe. People are cycling and leaving litter and even chopping down the trees.</p> <p>The streets need to have litter dropping prosecutions or fines as it is just becoming a dump in the streets. Please let households know by leaflets etc. that leaving items outside their houses for recycling also makes the areas look awful. They are too lazy to take it to dump or charity shops, maybe this could be treated as fly tipping and notices sent to homes as it is increasing.</p>
<p>Yes, we get an awful lot of people riding motor bikes no helmets racing around the streets. Also people dumping the contents of their houses i.e.:- mattresses , fridges, broken cupboards, or household waste on the corner of roads outside someone's house! It's a disgrace. You should put spy cameras up to catch them.</p>
<p>I see none of these things actually being enforced. People ignore guidance if it is not.</p>
<p>Please make this survey available to most residence so they can have their say I only have access to this because I work in Harrow.</p>
<p>Another concern is the dumping of unwanted items, household and building material. Food waste and littering, and using public waste bins to dump food etc. This problem is increasing. eg. the bus stop across Uppingham avenue is constantly overflowing with rubbish, what time of day,</p>
<p>Domestic bonfires I resent very much pollution from neighbouring bonfires, which is a regular problem in the Suffolk Road area. Is there a law against lighting bonfires?</p>
<p>Appreciate all the help we can get to ensure people are courteous to others and don't endanger other people's health.</p>
<p>All good measures. Well done. Thankyou</p>
<p>Whilst I welcome this survey and prospect that theses issues are to be addressed I believe there is a bigger picture of general maintenance: The pubic areas within the are of Kenton need to be addressed. More maintained public bins have been provided however, street cleaning is not maintained and the build up of rubbish and litter causes anti social behaviour and vermin. Grass verges are left for months and this in turn leads to rubbish build up. The presence of officers to enforce fines etc and their deployment would need to be carefully considered as there is very limited evidence of such officers other than in the Harrow town centre.</p>
<p>I'm to a fan of giving someone a fine for throwing down a cigarette end whilst ignoring the wider issues or those where gathering evidence/prosecuting is more difficult. I think the PSPO should be used in a rounded way and not just an easy way for the Council to make money whilst ignoring the problems of drug use as being a police issue. Can the council and the police work together.</p>
<p>Driving over grass verges could be due to a lack of parking spaces and may require consideration by the Council as to whether the grass verges may need to be removed and turned into parking spaces.</p>
<p>I am very disappointed that graffiti has not bee mentioned in the list of anti-social behaviours. It blights immediate areas and, sometimes, wider communities and it proven to be a spur to further</p>

anti-social behaviour as well as outright criminality. There is clear need for greater surveillance of vulnerable areas so that the culprits can be identified and prosecuted. This can be done cost-effectively by the use of endoscopic-type cameras, as were deployed in Hayes a few years ago.
Parking on foot paths where there is not at least a meter wide access for pedestrians to walk on, should be made an offence. Certain households with too many cars are inconsiderate to others like people with push chairs and people with vision issues to move around safely. Driveways are filled with cars and the front paths blocked with further cars parked on the footpath. Council should survey such areas and either place bollards or double yellow lines to make walking and moving around easier for all.
Cycling on the pavement and vehicles especially vans blocking driveways which are not theirs
All the issues in this survey have been going on for far too long, despite me and many others complaining to Harrow Council over many years. As I have said the main problem is with Romanian men, who speak little or no English. I've been so exasperated at times by their despicable behaviour, that I have tried to speak to them about their habits, but it's a waste of time. Both my children have told me not to do this anymore as it could put my life in danger.
It would be helpful if it was also an offence to cycle on footpaths without due regard to pedestrians. Too many cyclists cycle on footpaths and through parks in a manner which could be dangerous. Very few of them consider it necessary to ring a bell or call out a warning to pedestrians when they cycle up behind them - a sudden change of direction or stumble by a pedestrian could be disastrous to both parties. It is not always possible to hear cycle tyres on tarmac paths. As they zoom past or between us we have often called out "It would be helpful to know you are coming" but many just shout abuse back at us! Some have apologised and called out a warning on future encounters.
The survey didn't seem to include littering or minor fly tipping which must be a headache for the council and very aggravating for the public.
I agree with giving fines for all the issues raised in this article. It should also include fines for littering, spitting out gum, driving with loud motorcycles or cars.
As per earlier comment that rubbish should be included in this survey
If you cannot identify problem areas, how can you stop the offence?
We should avoid too many draconian measures and devote more energy towards educating the public
Dumping and littering has also become a huge issue but I guess this is difficult to police?
Overdue.
No.
The reason this behaviour happens is because it seems Harrow does not deal with crime and bad behaviour. It's allowed to flourish and it seems a problem that has built up over the years. Harrow council website is very very poor and it's reporting tools are rubbish if they even work.
It should also be an offence to cycle on the pavement
Harrow seems to be particularly dirty at the moment. There is a lot of dumping of rubbish on pavements.
This survey should have also included Litter, whilst Covid 19 lockdown has been in place there has been very little if no litter especially take away rubbish such as KFC however now these type of premises have been allowed to re-open the rubbish is once again back on the streets, often just thrown out of car windows. note only is it unsightly but unhygienic and attracts rats etc.
There is a growing trend for barbecues in parks and public spaces. I think this should be an offence. It presents a fire risk, especially as disposable BBQs are often not disposed of carefully. It can also be unpleasant for others to be subjected to smoke - it can affect asthmatics, for instance.
I did mention above about the growing use of Nitrous Oxide capsules that litter the place too - actually we haven't covered the dropping of litter either?
No. I'm glad you are addressing these problems.
THE KFC , HIGH RD , HARROW WEALD IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF BAD TRAFFIC CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT AND HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO GO UNNOTICED.
Fly tipping, crack down on it.
like i have said, this is q close knit community and we love west harrow - we want to protect it from drug dealers and those who disrespect it.

Lots of rubbish around Harrow (well, around UK). Would be nice to have a good clearing up of rubbish in woods of Roxbourne Park and along bushes of Rayners Lane tube.
RUBBISH DUMPING AND FLYTIPPING IS A HUGE PROBLEM WHERE I LIVE. ONCE A PLACE IS TREATED AS A CONSTANT RUBBISH TIPPING OR DUMPING SIDE, THEN THE BINMEN WHO COME TO COLLECT THE WEEKLY OR 2 WEEKLY BINS DONT TAKE THE RUBBISH AWAY BECAUSE THE BINS ARE CONSIDERED AS CONTAMINATED. AND SO THE ISSUE FESTERS AND THE RUBBISH AND FLYTIPPING CONTINUE. THERE SHOULD BE GREATER USE OF CCTV FILM MONITORING AND STRICT PENALTIES TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE. THIS HAPPENS MORE SO IN BLOCKS OR ESTATES WHERE ONCE NEIGHBOURS START USING AS A DUMPING SITE, IS NEVER ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH TO STOP THIS BEHAVIOUR.
IN REGARDS TO PARKING, SINCE HARROW COUNCIL HAS NOW MOVED TO AN ONLINE FORMAT, WE CANNOT REPORT ILLEGAL PARKING SINCE IT TAKES MANY DAYS FOR OUR EMAIL TO GET REVIEWED BY WHICH TIME THE CAR HAS SINCE MOVED. ALSO, GLASS VERGES SHOULD PERHAPS BE MADE ILLEGAL TO PARK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BLUE DISABLED BADGE HOLDERS. THE ROARDS, BOTH MAIN, SIDE AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS ARE VERY CROWDED WITH CARS DOUBLE PARKED ON EITHER SIDE SO THIS LEAVES VERY SPACE FOR OTHERS SUCH AS THE DISABLED TO FIND PARKING SPACES NEAR THEIR HOUSE. THE DISABLED BAYS IN THE SIDE AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS ARE NOT REGULARLY MONITORED BY TRAFFIC WARDENS SO THOSE WHO NEED THE SPACES FIND THEM OCCUPIED BY CARS NOT DISPLAYING THE DISABLED BLUE BADGE.
LOCAL MEDIA SHOULD ALSO REGULARLY REPORT ON TOUGH PENALTIES ISSUED TO KEEP THE ISSUES ON THE SPOT LIGHT AND DETER THE CULPRITS.
I think you understand that many of the selected issues are totally unacceptable in this Borough or anywhere.You need to ensure this is made law as soon as possible.
Sort Harrow out please. It is trash. One such a beautiful area turned into a pig sty mostly down to rogue landlords and HMO. Provide them with extra bins so the.dont dump their rubbish everywhere. As a resident of 10 years I am sick of it. Especially south Harrow with gang related crimes. There should be a low number of chicken and chips shops.
It should also be an offence to cycle on the footpaths. I keep getting people expecting me to move out of their way. I am walking and should not have to worry about fast cyclists on the pavement!
The council's continued failure to collect rubbish from Public bins or to pick up rubbish from paths and roads is a large reason for dirty public places. Would be really good if you did your job properly first before worrying about fining others.
No stop finding ideas to make money ok .!? Pcn's Business rates Council taxes High mad ness salaries need to open your books and justify all of your non senses ok
Fly tipping,especially on grass verges.Major problem in Glebe lane.infested with rats!!!
Another major issue not mentioned in survey is fly tipping and rubbish strewn streets. Being a dog walker I often get extremely cross on the amount of rubbish thrown in street, including broken bottles in roads and on pavements making it dangerous for animals and small children.
Who on earth is going to enforce these PSPO's????
I sincerely hope action is followed through on all all issues and Harrow Council keep residents informed on the outcome of this survey.
Please can you make it a priority make Harrovians feel safer even in busy areas such as Harrow Weald?
Please make something happen!
I do not like the idea of fining. Educate and encourage. If operative have "targets", it can mean that common sense is not used and fines are issued too readily. Fines should not be a source of revenue for Harrow.
Parking a third vehicle on the pavement access to a driveway.

<p>This questionnaire is not formatted to bring some of the issues like people with cycle are riding on footpaths. Throwing butts everywhere. Littering everywhere. ETC</p>
<p>WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY COUNCIL STAFF WHO WALK/DRIVE AROUND RESIDENTIAL AREAS CHECKING ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - DAYTIME AND NIGHT-TIME PATROLS. AND I DON'T MEAN THE 'SPECIAL' POLICE. THEY HAVE PROVED TO BE NO USE IN MARLBOROUGH HILL AND THEY DON'T WORK AT NIGHT, WHEN THE OFFENCES OCCUR, ANYWAY.</p> <p>ALL THE COUNCIL SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT IN MARLBOROUGH HILL IS RAISING REVENUE FROM VEHICLE PARKING.</p>
<p>Only stricter fine will clean up Harrow. Wealdstone is actually known as the arse hole of Harrow. That's very sad but sadly, it's true.</p>
<p>Harrow used to be a nice area, but not anymore.</p>
<p>The key will be having staff who can enforce these rules. For instance it is difficult for a citizen to start explaining to someone that they should not be spitting in public; I have done this but the response can be unpleasant even possibly dangerous. So make sure the staff are provided to enforce these things.</p>
<p>This is all great in theory but depends on officials in around to enforce the orders.</p>
<p>People leave lot of household rubbish on the roads. E.g. mattresses. Old electrical and furniture. Bags full of bottles.</p>
<p>I think there's a hot spot for night-time eating and drinking at the top of the steps from Marlborough Hill up to The Bridge (near H&W station). A shame there's no longer a waste bin there.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please add Sylvia Avenue Open Space to Schedule 2 2. Can a Council Officer take action? 3. How can a member of the public take action?
<p>After 4 -5 years of neglect - Harrow Labour council get an 'F' for failure. There's no point you acting now as no-one is going to vote you back in.</p> <p>So now all of a sudden and just before a local council election you start trying to win votes with all these stricter penalties (that should have been in place 4 years ago) . Sorry, but you can't pull the wool over my eyes or many other Harrow residents.</p>
<p>Houses on HMO should be visited on regular occasions to review the occupancy and code violations</p>
<p>I feel there is a lot of damage and eye sores around the borough, caused by inconsiderate building related people/vehicles...mounting pavements and not clearing up mess they make e.g. cement remains over pavements, materials left on public land and generally inconsiderate behaviour which impacts on local people and places.</p>
<p>I am delighted to hear that the Council is trying to grapple with these issues, but have little faith that any perpetrators will be adequately punished, when drug dealing takes place openly on our streets, at all times during the day and night.</p>
<p>Make it an offence to have a dog off the lead in open spaces unless there are signs specifically allowing this. Have clear signage telling dog owners that they must keep their animals on a lead.</p>
<p>We are in favour of this protection order and feel it is necessary to protect the wonderful parks that Harrow maintains.</p>
<p>I just wonder how the council is going to enforce the measures proposed, as it can't have an official or police officer on every road. I suggest giving some limited powers to residents, who can then send photographs to the council of any offences observed. In addition, make it easier and quicker to summon a CEO.</p>
<p>Making it an offense is a good decision as long as they are implemented and that the culprits get a fine.</p>
<p>The issues/behaviours identified as problematic may be associated with social problems (e.g. homelessness, addiction). It is incumbent on the council to address these along with the kinds of measures being proposed to punish them. There is also a general problem in how public space is perceived by many people in the UK - not as an amenity but as something that can be trashed because "not mine". I have passed young men sitting eating in an immaculate car throwing litter</p>

through the window onto the pavement. Their pride in their own possessions does not extend to the public space they are privileged to use.
Nitrous oxide containers are a big problem in my local park and car parks.
An exception for driving over verge or footpath could be access between a drive and road if the normal access is blocked (e.g. by parking or roadworks).
Why cars parked on cycle ways and pavements. Also drug dealers in local parks
More officers on street who bother to enforce laws are needed. North Harrow police presence is mostly in red cup cafe.
The double parking in the shopping area is a real problem, especially at the weekends, day time and evening. It's like an obstacle course.
Please reinstate Public Toilets as a matter of National Urgency. Then you will naturally have less defecation in public spaces. Please get rid of segregated cycle paths/lanes. Cycling is permitted on the highway for good reasons: Cycles and cars have similar speeds - esp. in city driving Cycling on the pavement is illegal for good reasons. Cycles are travelling much faster than pedestrians. Pedestrians are only concerned about the space 2 - 3 m around them so don't consider cycle normally. We are only human - bring back the human touch please.
All of these suggestions should be implemented to keep Harrow a good place to live and to show people that we care about our environment
Drug dealing in parks and open spaces e.g. Yeading Walk should be stopped.
I strongly believe that the closure of local police stations in recent years was a mistake and has led to an increase in certain types of anti-social behaviour. More visible policing would be an important part of any strategy to tackle such issues.
Please renew the powers and come down very hard on offenders and get it in their thick skulls to stop doing it.
Anti-social behaviour is a massive issue in Harrow Town Centre. Living in Perceval Square, College Road, I frequently hear people shouting and swearing in the street very loud. I see spitting in public. I see consumption of cans of beer in public and urination in public. There is a big problem with badly behaved young people, especially young men. They are usually in their teens and twenties and walk about as if they own the place wearing their gangster clothing and shouting and swearing which is intimidating for members of the public. There is so little police presence in my area they walk about with a sense of impunity. Everyone is terrified of approaching them as they might be carrying knives or other weapons.
The only issue that I have that in the past the council has introduced far more restrictions under the radar of such consultations. The members of public only come to hear of such offences when they receive the Fixed Penalty Notice. When one follows up to seek more information it becomes apparent that it was slipped in after a borough wide consultation. Having had personal experience of such made up offences I have no confidence that this consultation is going to be any different. The council officers and councillors use such offences to collect extra funds as the Gov funding is being reduced. The problem is that the ordinary public cannot do anything about this consultation or no consultation the rules will be slipped in. The council have to go through this process to meet the regulatory requirements. The poor public are then made to believe that it was the public buy-in that brought in the rules. Basic common sense and working with the public can achieve the same results but then the revenue cannot be generated. Sad but true.
I'm glad you see this as important to the public realm
Harrow Parks Forum happy to work with Harrow Council on these issues - Community Engagement Team have our contact details.
Making rules is easy. Enforcing them, consistently and universally, is not, and carries significant

costs for the Council, both financial and reputational. If offenders see that there is little chance of being observed by "an official", the regulations will very shortly be ignored, to the detriment of the majority of law-abiding residents.

BIKES IN PARK; PAVEMENTS; ROADWAYS - PEOPLE CROSSING ETC

DURING THIS LOCKDOWN AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WALKING IT IS NOTICABLE THAT BIKES DO NOT HAVE BELLS ANYMORE.
THIS SHOULD BE COMPULSORY SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BE AWARE OF A BIKE APPROACHING FOR THE SAFETY OF THE WALKER.
TOO OFTEN BIKES DO NOT OBSERVE THE 2 METRE RULE AND WIZZ PAST TO CLOSE AND FAST.

It certainly seems the Harrow Council are now trying to do something to improve the community well being.
Unfortunately, most of these considerations need to be policed and with all due respect, whatever is decided, in an only a short space time will be shown to be just lip-service to those of us that live in the borough.
There will never be a feed back from the Council to the rate payers or police on how well the changes, if made, are going.
We still have around 20 'professional' street beggars roaming around-being able to avoid detection by careful use of their iphones! Some of them have set positions, like the main entrance to Harrow-on-the-Hill Station, which the police somehow seem to 'overlook'.

I think we should do everything possible to encourage responsible and social behaviour in open spaces and on pedestrian and cycling lanes. I would be concerned that some fines would be aimed too much at certain groups, young people or the homeless which I wouldn't find acceptable unless investigation into why the problem happened and could more be done about it was also part of the plan. Could there be any thought to providing public facilities somewhere in the larger parks without spoiling the natural wildness of them which I appreciate is what makes them so wonderful?

Residents should be fined for damaging pavements where they have not used a dropped kerb and driveway/crossing.

Problem with people parking across out drive when they go to pick up school children from Priestmead school, Hartford Avenue. I have spoken to the parents and the school many times. Also reported it to the council who do nothing at all. It's like it is our problem as residents for living there.

I would be interested to know how the Borough plan to enforce all/any of the above. The contractors the Council employed to fine people for 'littering' were content to stand on/at the forecourt of Stanmore Station but never once crossed the road (even when requested) to fine people littering when they parked on Kerry Court & Kerry Avenue.
The littering around Old Church Lane; Elm Park and Bernays Gardens is far less since Stanmore College closed (covid). These students who attend the college create all sorts of problems with littering & other anti-social behaviours. These students should be fined regularly and made to clean up the mess they make.
Fly-tipping pan-harrow is disgraceful and I don't think the Council investigate or prosecute sufficiently.

For people to throw away their rubbish after eating and drinking. If bins are full they should be responsible and take it home. As leaving it outside a full bin is encouraging the foxes to add more mess. I walk every day in park next to park high school and seen them leave behind food boxes and bottles. These people should be fined and need to appreciate the amenities they have. Whilst walking I see that even if bin isn't full they are lazy to throw it in bin and get up and go leaving their rubbish behind. Fine these lazy irresponsible teenagers and adults

These are issues that need to dealt with Borough wide, in a consistent and firm manner. perhaps people need to be educated into how to behave properly.

All very well, but how will such enforcement be promulgated and enforced, and by whom?
I have often encountered motorcyclists using pedestrian pavement in order to either avoid traffic queues or to intimidate pedestrians. Cyclists are not supposed to use pavements either but no-one is doing anything about that.

All of the above should be heavily cracked down upon to slow down the rate at which The Borough of Harrow is becoming a cesspit. It's the broken window syndrome. It should be made clear that all this anti social behaviour won't be tolerated. It's not fair on the majority who want to live in a pleasant environment which is NOT unreasonable!
Thank you Harrow Council for trying to improve the environment and make the borough a beautiful and safe place to visit. So much of the above if not stopped makes people feel unsafe. Its low level offences and behaviours such as these that have a huge impact on the majority of residents.
How about making cycling on pavements subject to a PSPO. It is becoming more prevalent to see cyclists on pavements and with any increase in cycling this will only become worse and more of a danger to pedestrians
Cycling on pavements should be clamped down. Some time ago the council erected little bollards in Imperial Drive, with images of a pedestrian and a cyclist on them. I understood this to mean that cycling on the pavement is allowed. This makes no sense to me because I understood cycling on the pavement is illegal so I don't know how the council can legally encourage it. (These bollards were erected quietly, without -as far as I know - any consultation or notification to the public). Cyclists on the pavement are a serious hazard for pedestrians and for the council to encourage them seems highly irresponsible.
Stop cyclists using footpaths
We need to separate the different means of transport. So there needs to be an area for vehicles, for cycles and for pedestrians.
I'd be interested to know how the Council intend to enforce any/ all of the above, if they are agreed. The contractors who are meant to enforce fines for littering are pathetically apathetic or over zealous; they certainly don't seem to have regular practice. E.g. they were content to stand by the forecourt of Stanmore Station but refused to cross the road to fine people littering all round Kerry Court & Kerry AvenueHad they done so they could probably have collected sufficient funds to pay for something useful to the area!
It is great that Harrow Council is listening to residents' views on these matters. I hope that it will lead to action, and that the council is not afraid to penalise residents who refuse to comply with these rules and laws.
Just use common sense
Please, please focus on the issue of rowdy behaviour and over spilling bins connected to the many HMOs in our area.
I have seen that sometimes council officials such as the litter wardens are subject to abuse when attempting to carry out their duties. The council should mount a campaign to get members of the public on side. The officials should wear body cams so that they can be protected.
Fly tipping is a major problem in Harrow many residents dump furniture and white goods in the street outside their own houses surly this is dangerous. I have seen a fridge dumped in Headstone Lane and this is a dangerous thing to do.
Chandos Park.. car park gates should remain closed permanently to avoid the constant issues of drug taking/dealing and general unsocial behaviour
I strongly believe there aren't enough public toilets in Harrow.
Why no questions about litter dropping? This is a major problem and spoils the amenities and makes the roads and footways look shabby and can be very dangerous.
We want Harrow borough to be a clean and healthy place to work and live.
Usually it is the same small number of persistent offenders behaving anti-socially in this way. The council needs to stop housing and protecting those who cause nuisance and danger to their neighbours! Think of the many not the few.
Litter in the parks and stop bbqs
Stop Harrow from having any more bad changes - it's already changed because of over population and people abusing our codes of practice and not adhering to rules - we need more civic pride More education on recycling and litter pick up / needs to be taught in schools
Some of these situations are not clear cut. There might be times when to drive over a verge or park over a footpath is necessary to avoid a worse congestion issue. If these things are made offences there has to be room for specific

<p>circumstances to be considered and not just. a money making exercise for the council.</p>
<p>Bring back Park Keepers & Park Rangers!</p>
<p>I gave my answers but I don't think this should go out to consultation in the first place; all the questions were about ASB so the answers should not be opinions by Joe Public. i.e.: if I drink on the streets its obvious the answer I will give was it OK to drink in public. These are common sense things regarding ASB and the Police should sort this out. The money spent on this survey should have been spent on things that are needed.</p>
<p>Any changes proposed should have had thorough equality impact assessment, including consideration of impact on people affected by socio-economic inequality. Any powers resulting from these changes need to be resourced effectively. For example, I have never seen any enforcement staff in our parks despite using them daily. It would also help if playgrounds had appropriate signage that includes a contact for when you see an offence occurring. More often than not, the offence happens the individual has moved on before enforcement can happen. As a result, the rules are not taken seriously.</p> <p>Please note, your equality questions at the end of this really need updating. A particular answer is the gender one. There should be more opportunity for self identification.</p>
<p>More signage asking people not to litter in parks and streets.</p>
<p>Spitting tobacco on the streets. I don't think some people understand this type of behaviour is not acceptable. More signage or educating needed. Even better raise awareness campaign to help people understand basic rules when out in public i.e. urinating on streets, littering, spitting tobacco, and smoking near schools and children's parks. Absolutely not drugs in parks. Wardens placed in schools during opening and end of day to stop older kids in gangs/groups hoovering around the school gates. You don't need to be a rocket scientist to figure out why they are there in the first place!</p>
<p>The biggest issue is littering and fly tipping - the state of the residential roads around where I live are terrible</p>
<p>Yes reinforcing the need for working toilets in parks. Harrow recreation grounds toilets have been out of action for more than a year. Really not good enough.</p>
<p>Good luck trying to police this considering the standard of the populace in Harrow. I think you're fighting an uphill battle.</p>
<p>I moved to harrow 22 years ago. I'm an immigrant from Ireland. I loved visiting harrow town centre to meet with friends etc. and can remember how lovely and clean it was. What has happened to harrow? What have you let it go?</p>
<p>I pay a large amount of council tax every year but I have face piles of rubbish dumped around HoneyPot lane when I leave my house for work in the mornings.</p>
<p>To repeat: the key to this working is proper patrols and enforcement by Council Officers and agencies, with serving of penalties and taking legal action- and that means not being intimidated by thugs and loud mouths, nor just focusing on young women as 'easy' targets to meet number targets! Publicity about actions taken to reassure residents.</p>
<p>Cyclists speeding In parks without warning bells. Bylaws used to prohibit cycling in parks</p>
<p>I hope that the topics in the survey are dealt with and not just a box ticking exercise</p>
<p>With regards the dog fouling the survey gives the impression that presently it is NOT an offence to clear up the mess and that not having the means to take away the mess the same whereas it is in both cases.</p>
<p>Please provide more protection for our parks and green spaces. They are being destroyed by social behaviour and no one is doing anything to stop it.</p>
<p>No, but am so surprised that littering isn't mentioned in your survey? The amount of fly tipping that goes on in the Borough is really bad. On a personal note, I live near a popular fast food drive through and people park alongside Boxtree park here in Harrow Weald and simply dump their bags on the road then drive off. There isn't even one bin for them to use. No wonder we have a problem</p>

with rats. So please add littering to your consultation.
Are there any laws about lighting bonfires anytime of the day because that's another pain, people are so inconsiderate. That's bonfires on Warden Avenue and Ovesden Avenue. I'm sure we used to have by-laws to cover this but everything seems to have gone to pot over the years.
Address litter problems!!!! The area is filthy with litter - much more than urine, defecation etc. This undermines any pride in the local environment.
Having rules is one thing but what is your plan for enforcement? There are consistent repeat offenders to these issues. What further powers are available to stop people being in certain areas? Many of these issues seem driven by drink and drug use. What plans are in place to tackle this?
Drug taking also an issue in public places
general littering is a problem. I'd should be an offence to pile litter next to overflowing bins
Insufficient commercial waste containers by the entrance of Brotherhood Hall. Rubbish are dumped & left unattended & uncollected for weeks resulting rats on site. Is an eyesore for passer-by & road users on the main road? Is a Health Hazzard for residents? Please take action seriously to protect the environment. Thank you.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dog fouling is getting worse as is spitting. 2. Signage in different languages is needed. 3. Cut the grass verges. Dog are shitting there and owners don't clean it up. 4. Street washing needs to come back.
Obviously fly tipping is a massive issue in the borough and dumping of goods outside charity shops. There are presumably cameras that see this going on so prosecutions should be happening. People also continually dumping their rubbish next to rubbish bins constantly should be prosecuted. Council clean teams see this and should report it rather than the onus being on the public to report it. Fly tips stay there often for weeks without being cleared and these have obviously been seen by clean team members. Shops on the high street taking over pavement areas restricting social distancing should also be addressed and stopped, South Harrow has several shops doing this and this should be addressed immediately.
Can the statistics for fines issued and action taken be made publicly available in an easy to access way (e.g. twitter) so that local people can see exactly what is being done on a local level.
All the things in this questionnaire should be enforced to make harrow a cleaner and nicer place for everyone.
Fly tipping & litter is a big issue, more should be done about that
This should have been done 2 years ago.. Harrow is almost a 3rd world borough with the people dumping rubbish everywhere it seems..
I'm very glad to see this kind of action taking place, I want to have pride in where I live but unfortunately a lot of residents of Harrow on the Hill aren't allowing that. Thank you for trying to make a difference.
I agree with all the proposals mentioned in this survey
There is always rubbish on the streets and litter everywhere on Mollison Way & surrounding Queensbury station. More police presence in these areas are required.
I think the use of mini gas canisters should also be addressed as the balloons and canisters little the Cambridge Road car park all the time and are a slip hazard as well as a litter issue
People also dump lots of rubbish. With Corona virus, people should not socialise on street corners. I see it everyday they park up, get out and drink and smoke. I have to walk in middle of road to social distance. Please do something, this used to be such a lovely area. I have lived here 29 years.
It is good that you are looking at introducing penalties but you need to ensure there is presence night and day to enforce them, including in the quieter residential areas.
Dog mess and litter bins should be large enough and secure enough to stop foxes/rats etc. getting in and pulling rubbish out. Bins should be emptied regularly to encourage clean and tidy behaviour.

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Please ensure you have visible resources to police this. Otherwise it's useless.
Will litter be covered in a similar way - this is a more common problem?
I have filled surveys before, I just hope that you will take notice this time, (I have complained to the allotments officer regarding the selfish behaviour of a plot holder and been completely ignored.)
I wonder if there are the resources to monitor/police these proposals.
Another major concern is fly tipping in the Kenton area. Some streets are a disgrace and seem to be regular areas for lazy people to dump their rubbish - referring here particularly to Shrewsbury Avenue and all streets off it.
Yes I'm concerned about the traffic that mount the pavement outside my home due to- Lowered damaged kerb stones Motorist whom are impatient and try to pass the oncoming vehicle They're on a rat run so can be a queue of cars at one time Recently- I've reported an incident to the police and highways dept. last week. I opened my front door to find a car on the pavement speeding by and another vehicle behind. As I stepped up from my home and put my foot on the pavement (the shock made me lean back & replace my foot) the second driver saw me and immediately swerved onto the road. If I had made this manoeuvre a second sooner he would have run over me. I was in a state of shock and had to sit down. This is a daily problem -as with turning right at the top of West St. People of all ages are driving in this manner.
If it can be done economically then the general idea is OK. BUT only for those activities/offences actually committed by humans, not by animals
Spend more on cleaning up the borough
Would only be affective if you actually do this. Your current inspectors to not seem to travel over to the worst affected area.
Smoking and drinking in public should be banned. Littering our pavements with the remainder of the items and having to follow the smell of it all.
I think people will see these measures as just another method of raising money for the council. You will have to emphasise the environmental impacts of the offences, and perhaps promise to put any revenue from PSPOs back into the environment.
There is no point in making extra orders to punish people unless they are enforced sensibly. We regularly hear about genuine mistakes that are pounced upon whilst serious matters are ignored. Common sense must always prevail!
Dropping litter
Driving on or over cycle lanes where the road has been narrowed To make that an offence is ridiculous. Road conditions dictate sometimes you have to drive over white lines left for cycles. Another crackpot idea. To make car drivers life a misery.
Rubbish bins or the lack of them, in my area and Harrow as a whole I have noticed that bins are too far apart, resulting in some folks throwing their litter on the ground . There should also be a law to prevent littering, a law than can easily be enforced without all the red tape in legalities.
Dropping litter and cigarettes is also fined in neighbouring Hillingdon. Could this be included?
Proposals do not go far enough. I would include cycling on pavements and going through red lights and wrong way down one way streets. I would also include driving the wrong way round council car parks. Nearly had a head on collision last week in Pinner Car park due to stupid woman driving fast and ignoring the arrows.

I just want the council to pull its finger out and do something about the state of the borough. The amount of rubbish being dumped and fly tipping. There has been an increase in the rodent population; rats are running around everywhere, even in the daytime.
If you follow through with all of these things I think Harrow will be a better place to live. We will all be safer and enjoy a cleaner, healthier and better environment. Perhaps Harrow will be an outstanding borough and the rest of the country can learn from us.
STOP the spread of HMO's STOP destroying family life in Harrow by converting family homes into HMO's.
Common sense needs to be exercised. In tight circumstances it is sometimes practical, although not ideal, to pull onto a footpath, providing it is clear. The number of cars in Harrow is, and will, increase. Proper arrangements need to be made for parking and clear access, including for apartment blocks, where residents will own cars.
All very nice but never any action!!
No
Over the last few years the borough has gone from being one of the cleanest places in London to one of the filthiest. Illegal dumping of rubbish is common both on public and private land, this has increased rats and foxes. Defecation in public had become increasingly common, destroying our parks. Spitting on our pavements has also increased. There is awful driving in the bough (presumably from motorists who have not completed a UK driving test!) Drunks make the area less safe.
No. I think that I've ranted enough for now! Thanks.
See my note about cycling on public footpaths this is very dangerous and elderly people especially are vulnerable when exiting their homes
There not enough public toilet. In the borough.
I am very disappointed with the way people abuse the streets and roads of Harrow, showing no care or consideration for others but I do not wish for zealous wardens to issue copious fines either, as I do feel we need to educate people and discourage poor behaviour rather than pick an argument with them and slap fines on them. I am happy to see this consultation take place and hope that the problems highlighted will be reduced in time.
As mentioned, fly tipping also a major problem locally (Ron art Street). This & general littering also needs treating more seriously
It appears very clear that the whole point of this survey, it is simply an underhand way to target motorists. The road Traffic Act covers most of the above and with regards to driving across a footpath; this is covered by the Highways Act (sec 72). If any of this is passed, I will be very keen to see where the investment has gone, i.e. how much money will be spent on bolstering officers to target ASB like drunk and disorderly and spitting, as I can guarantee that the bulk of this will go into enforcement cameras, which by their very nature can only realistically be used to prosecute identifiable items such as vehicles.
The other item that could be included is fly tipping from residents living in the flats above the shops, coming out and leaving black bags by the waste bins. When asked politely to put it in the bin once more you get abuse.
I would support this 100 %
Find a way for public to report using cameras and you to prosecute, how are you planning to be there when these offences occur?
We need more police patrol and anyone caught in any illegal behaviour should be severely punished.
Definitely needed PSPO should be implemented for the sake of public Health & Safety & Hygiene. Council should look into - 'Why Car Park are ALWAYS left empty?' People who don't have car permits be allowed to park overnight. This is wasting Taxpayers money down the drain.
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Very important not to just have a consultation online or in a closed meeting and implement all sorts of fines without first ensuring, hand over heart that the PUBLICITY about each of these issues has been tirelessly hammered home. It costs next to nothing if you get the community on board and work with existing partners of Harrow Council to help put out these messages loud and clear. There should be a good educational programme for around three months so that nobody pretends they did not know. Posters, leaflets, community magazines, Harrow Times, Harrow People and many, Many more can help publicise. The Council web-site is another additional tool but many do not bother or have access or any interest/ability. Let old and young folk publicise e.g. Age Concern, Harrow Youth Parliament, Harrow Interfaith (using Faith Groups), and Harrow CCG, Harrow Carers, Northwick Park Hospital and other organisations. The list is endless. Just use your imagination and be fair in allowing people to be fully aware of the consequences of their actions as well as the benefits which will accrue. I would put much emphasis on the latter. Good luck with the campaign which has brilliant goals and good intentions at its heart for the citizens of this borough.
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Yes please ensure there are personnel to enforce any actions proposed.
When the council has Been informed of any incident by the public with the proof they have taken they have been told by the council they are not able to take action as their proof is not a proof unless taken by the council!!!! Why as it is the good citizen trying to protect. So annoying I think it's good that the council is concerned about these issues as I think most residents will be also. I would like to see any new powers used with a degree of common sense so that persons who may transgress due to things outside their control are not punished just for the sake of sticking to the law. Hope to see progress with regard to the suggestions you make, thank you.
Who is going to enforce this? Have you seen a police officer lately?
Driving in a cycle lane should not be enforceable, unless there is a raised area between the two i.e. concrete/paving...
What is the council going to do, to ensure that council bins in public areas are emptied on regular bases and are not left to overflow!
Other boroughs, such as Brent, allow residents up to 3 free collections per year of bulk items, such as white goods, mattresses, etc. Will Harrow council consider such a scheme to reduce the volume of fly tipping in the borough!
With the increase in population in Harrow, some selfish people park regularly across resident's driveways, to the extent that it should be considered antisocial behaviour. At the end of our garden, we have a driveway which is now only used when visitors come and some 20-30 something workers, who have several cars between them, help themselves to it, ignoring our request to them to ask first, as we do regularly have people visiting. They drop litter there, from their rented place next door, sweep all their leaves into our driveway, for us to keep clearing, and are surly when asked to move vehicles parked there or across the driveway. We own our home, but it is horrid to feel that we have to explain that we need our driveway back for workmen or relatives etc. They do not care. This issue occurs regularly, especially at weekends, when no one is around in council offices and police are busy with more important things. People can feel too intimidated to do much about it!

This issue needs to be dealt with. It can cause all sorts of problems over time!
Needless to say, all these problems are the result of diminished civic education, policing and change in culture. I believe education should be the starting point.
I applaud this action!
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