

# WOLVERHAMPTON PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER – ALCOHOL-RELATED ASB

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## Citywide Consultation

### Initial findings

# Consultation Dissemination

Aiming to be as inclusive as possible the consultation was disseminated to:

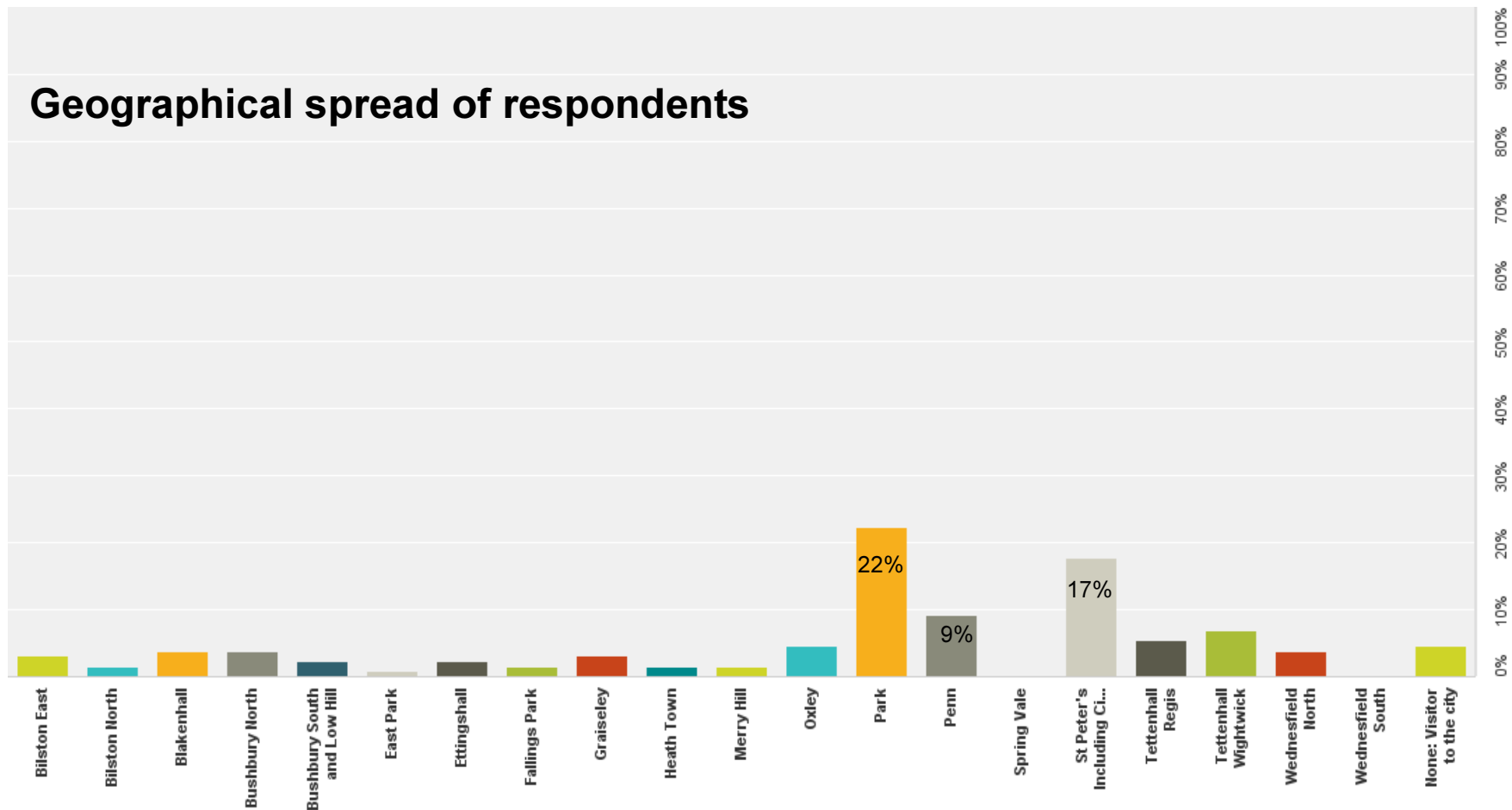
- All local Councillors
- Key individuals network (KIN)
- All third sector partners
- Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council
- Wolverhampton Business sector group
- Community Cohesion Forum
- West Midlands Police
- SWP Board and Delivery Group
- PACT meetings
- Resident representatives
- Express and Star Article
- Social Media Outlets inc: Wolverhampton Today, City People, SWP Website and Facebook, WMP twitter

# Early Findings

Number of respondents as of 2<sup>nd</sup> February: **131**

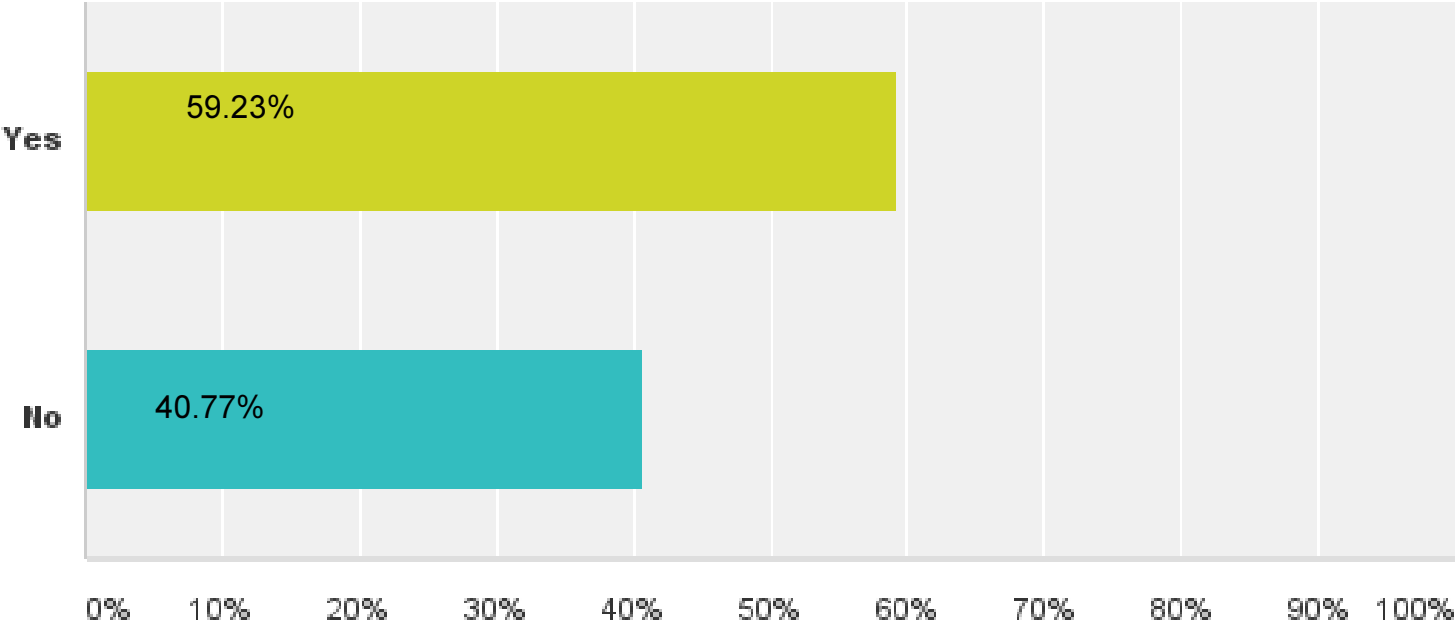
Survey closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Geographical spread of respondents



# Respondents were asked:

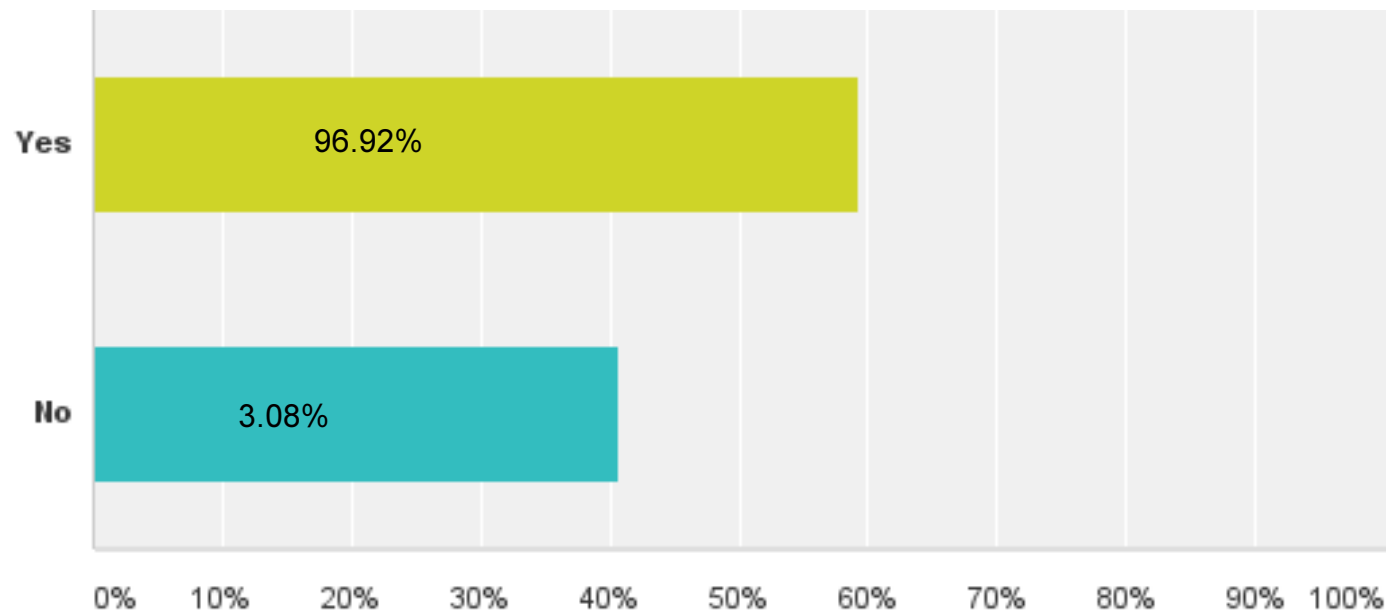
Does this locality suffer from disorder, nuisance and/or annoyance associated with street drinking?



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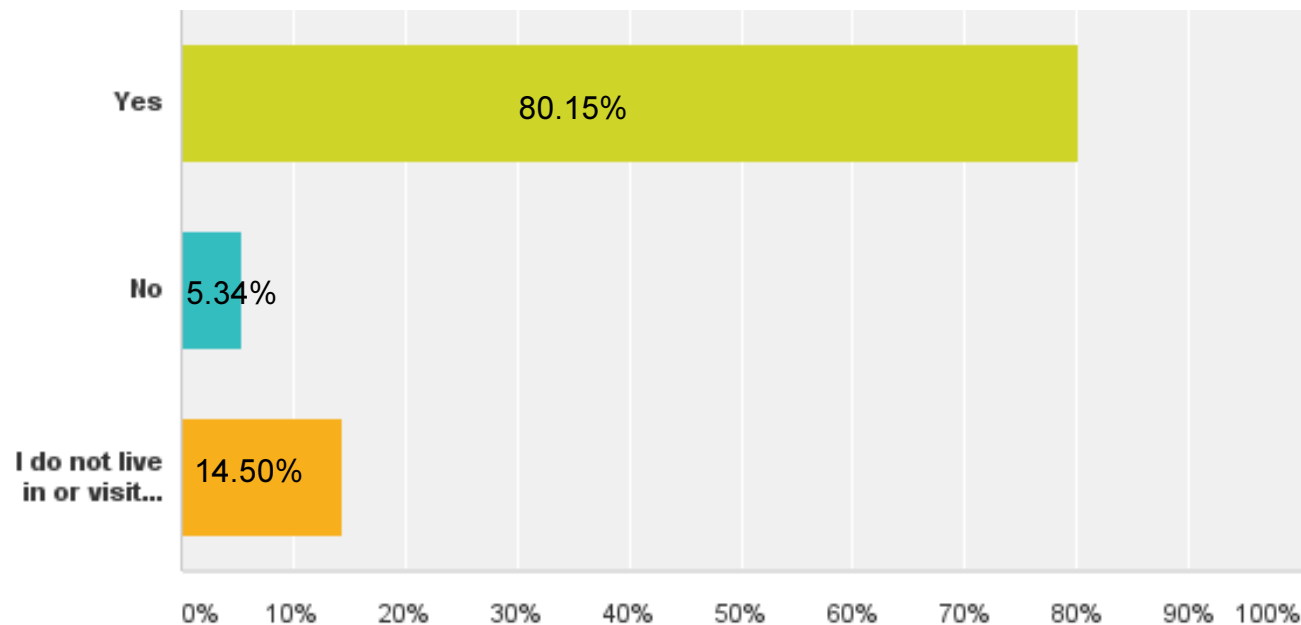
The PSPO would provide a continuation of existing city-wide discretionary powers held by the Police to request the surrender of alcohol where anti-social behaviour is occurring or is likely to occur as a result of alcohol consumption.

Would you be in support of Police retaining this discretionary power?



## Respondents were asked:

There is an opportunity for the PSPO to include an outright street drinking ban in St Peter's and Park wards. The selection of these locations has been informed by data on the existing use of Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) powers and reports of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in these locations. This would not affect the activity of legitimate licenced premises or organised events within these areas. If you live, work or visit these areas of the city would you support the introduction of a street drinking ban within these locations?



# Summary of comments from Scrutiny Panel :

## Scrutiny Panel - held on 31 January 2017

- Overall, views from Scrutiny Panel members was mixed. General support for continuing the Police powers to confiscate alcohol where ASB was encountered on a city-wide basis, but some concerns voiced about the proposals to introduce an outright street drinking ban in Whitmore Reans, Park and City Centre.
- Queried whether the Police would be able to effectively enforce an outright street drinking ban in these locations – Police response times are an issue at present.
- One councillor felt strongly that this was absolutely what was needed – it supports the views of local residents and is backed up in consultation responses to date, so outright street drinking ban would be fully supported.
- Encroaches on civil liberties of park users who may want to enjoy a drink with family (picnickers), so outright street drinking ban would not be supported. Wider views voiced that families can't make full use of parks anyway at present due to intimidation from nuisance drinkers.
- Need to ensure the wider support offer is made to enable access to treatment services.
- Root cause of these problems in St Peter's and Park is the concentration of HMOs and client base with support needs.
- Suggested the café in West Park is consulted.
- Concerns raised about possible displacement from areas where an outright street drinking ban was in place – wouldn't support because of this.
- Suggestion made to apply the outright street drinking ban on public streets only.
- Should a review of the Cumulative Impact Policy be undertaken to assess impact and geography?

# Summary of comments from Public Survey:

To date 48 respondents have left additional comments:

- Overwhelming support for an outright ban in St Peters and Park Wards
- A third of respondents would like to see an outright ban across the whole of Wolverhampton, with several people identifying areas they believe suffer from anti social drinking.
- A quarter of respondents wanted assurance that there would be enough officers available to enforce the ban if it were to go ahead
- Under 6 people have expressed concerns about the proposals:
  - Deeming it unnecessary for an outright ban as it will restrict 'anyone' from drinking even those doing so in a responsible manner (i.e. at a picnic in the park)
  - Concerns that it may push drinkers into parks / canal areas where they cannot be located
  - Request for evidence of issues which has informed the proposal for an out right ban in St Peters and Park Wards.