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**Proposed Consultation on a Public Spaces Protection Order for  
Shrewsbury Town Centre**

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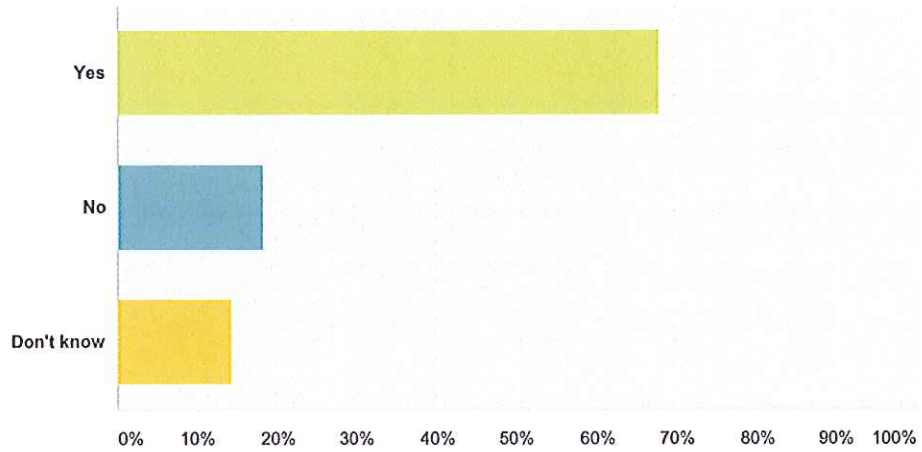
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**Appendix F – Online consultation results for questions 7-11  
concerning alcohol and stopping people drinking prohibition  
including the effects this behaviour has had on respondents.**

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**Q7 Do you consider excessive alcohol consumption in public areas to be a problem within the area defined by the map?**

Answered: 99 Skipped: 9

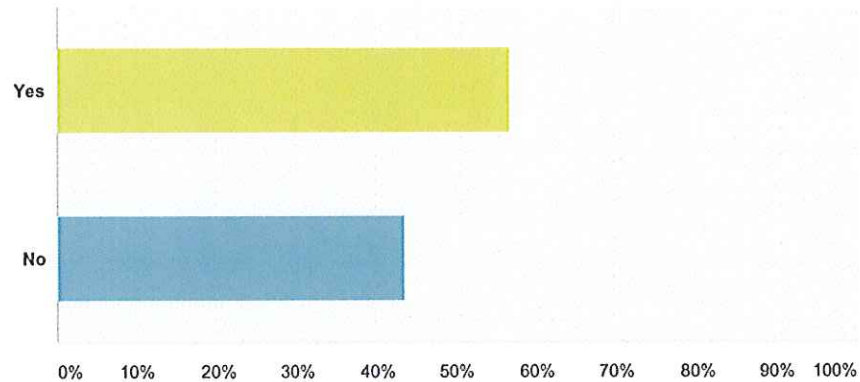


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	67.68%	67
No	18.18%	18
Don't know	14.14%	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>99</b>

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**Q8 Has this type of behaviour had an impact on your enjoyment of the public areas defined by the map?**

Answered: 99 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	56.57%	56
No	43.43%	43
<b>Total</b>		<b>99</b>

#	If you answered yes, please use this space to provide details of the impact and effect it had on you:	Date
1	When you young children point saying that they are drinking and being loud	3/8/2017 3:40 PM
2	Intoxicated people leaving the night clubs/bars in Abbey Foregate come into town over the English Bridge and scream and shout up to around 0400 hours, mainly Friday-Sunday nights. I am continually being woken up.	3/6/2017 8:04 PM
3	people shouting at one another and using foul language makes me want to head to Telford to do my shopping	3/3/2017 12:03 PM
4	I won't go as much to the town.	3/3/2017 9:03 AM
5	Late night and early morning noise from drunken individuals. Vomit and litter on footpaths in the town centre. The increase in crimes in the violence and sexual offences category and the growth in anti social behaviour mean that the town centre is not a safe environment from the late evening onwards. In spite of the statistical evidence to the contrary, local police officers claim that crime is falling, which serves to encourage the Council to believe that late night drinking is a beneficial activity.	3/2/2017 9:13 AM
6	If anything I enjoy a beverage out on the grass. Why would this be an offence? It is the anti-social behaviour that could be a problem but alcohol is legal.	2/20/2017 11:20 AM
7	The area is dirty ,littered with their belongings and cardboard who is responsible for cleaning where they sit e.g outside Boots .It does not encourage any visitors to come back to SHREWSBURY I have seen 7 of them together one of them is a drug addict because I know him not a good advert for Shrewsbury	2/1/2017 7:03 PM
8	homeless drunk people with unruly dogs on pride hill and Mardol A dog escaped from them one and I had to swerve to avoid it and scuffed my wheel on a kerb near Café Nero in town Beggars all over town -quite agressive near Greyfriars Bridge	1/25/2017 4:15 PM
9	Had to divert with my young daughter as she thought someone was really ill	1/24/2017 7:22 PM
10	Feel intimidated around the town on occasions.	1/24/2017 4:20 PM
11	I have seen various people consuming alcohol on Pride Hill & it makes me fearful to pass them with my young son & elderly mother. It really isn't very pleasant when they congregate & are under the influence of alcohol & drugs. They are quite intimidating.	1/20/2017 7:03 PM

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12	Aggressive behaviour	1/19/2017 4:59 PM
13	Vagrants drinking in public in view of young children in the daytime. Nighttime revellers drinking home bought alcohol in the streets and being a nuisance shouting and swearing. Both types of behaviour are intimidating to people who visit the town centre.	1/19/2017 1:24 PM
14	This type of behaviour can easily spoil a visit to the town	1/19/2017 11:09 AM
15	Underage and rough sleepers drinking and taking drugs on green by old St Chads and being abusive and loud.	1/17/2017 8:31 PM
16	it is not only alcohol - drug taking is an issue as well	1/17/2017 8:25 PM
17	On the odd occasion that I have joined friends to eat in this area, I have felt intimidated, so avoid going into town during the evening.	1/16/2017 9:10 PM
18	I walk through the town centre on most days and there are often people walking about drinking alcohol or sitting down drinking alcohol. It does lead to issues that can alarm and are anti-social - unpredictable behaviour, arguments, urinating in public, litter. Personally I don't feel comfortable doing my shopping amongst people who are occupying doorways or benches necking cans of lager. The lack of concern or consideration from these people when they are behaving like this is what can create a sense of nervousness.	1/16/2017 5:29 PM
19	It brings the town down. It's embarrassing sometimes when there's 'urchins' on Pride Hill say, if we have family visiting, it's not pleasant.	1/16/2017 3:35 PM
20	I have been asked for money by street beggars which I find unacceptable. I hear Shrewsbury is considered an 'easy touch' for money. There seem to be considerably more people on bridges & in shop doorways with dogs than previously. It makes the town look poor & unloved which is so sad because it is a beautiful town.	1/14/2017 7:33 PM
21	My Grandson age 11 has been approached by drunks and asked for money. They are loud and intimidating when drunk.	1/14/2017 6:22 PM
22	You see it every weekend-people intoxicated in the town. More Police presence needed.	1/14/2017 12:39 PM
23	I was in the town centre early last Friday morning and was stopped from going about my business by two people arguing and fighting outside Boots on Pride Hill. I had to wait for the Police to come before I could continue	1/14/2017 9:16 AM
24	I find sometimes it can be threatening and uncomfortable in this situation, but back again to the homeless, I have not seen any homeless intoxicated on the streets, granted I have seen them in possession of alcohol, but discreetly.	1/13/2017 8:26 PM
25	The issue of pre drinking on the way into venues and drinking between venues is worrying, as it the presence of glass containers in the street. This leads to ASB, littering and the containers can be used as weapons.	1/13/2017 1:44 PM
26	Area where consumption has occurred littered with empty bottles and cans. Broken glass a hazard.	1/13/2017 11:01 AM
27	We have seen people drinking in the morning, being drunk and displaying behaviour associated with intoxication, it's very unpleasant.	1/13/2017 8:35 AM
28	People drinking on the streets where it is not part of a licensed premises encourages anti-social behaviour and litter. It damages the image of Shrewsbury as a historic market town where people come to work and visit. People pay council tax and business rates which should ensure that the town is well managed, safe and a pleasure to be associated with.	1/12/2017 4:13 PM
29	excessive drinking by individuals has been concerning as you don't know how they are going to behave towards you. Unpredictable behaviour. Some are absolutely fine, others are verbally aggressive and make you feel unsafe.	1/12/2017 12:14 PM
30	Vomit on the footpaths and roads. Bottles and food containers left on roads, footpaths, and in public spaces. Violent and anti social behaviour has increased in this area according to data published by West Mercia Police. The town centre is unwelcoming to those who are sober late at night. Drunken noise in the early hours is commonplace.	1/12/2017 9:08 AM
31	Find that drunken loutish behaviour is unacceptable.	1/11/2017 12:41 PM
32	Have been harassed by rough sleepers at night when returning home. Late night revellers continuing to drink sat on benches outside Little Waitrose at 4am disturbs our sleep.	1/11/2017 9:23 AM

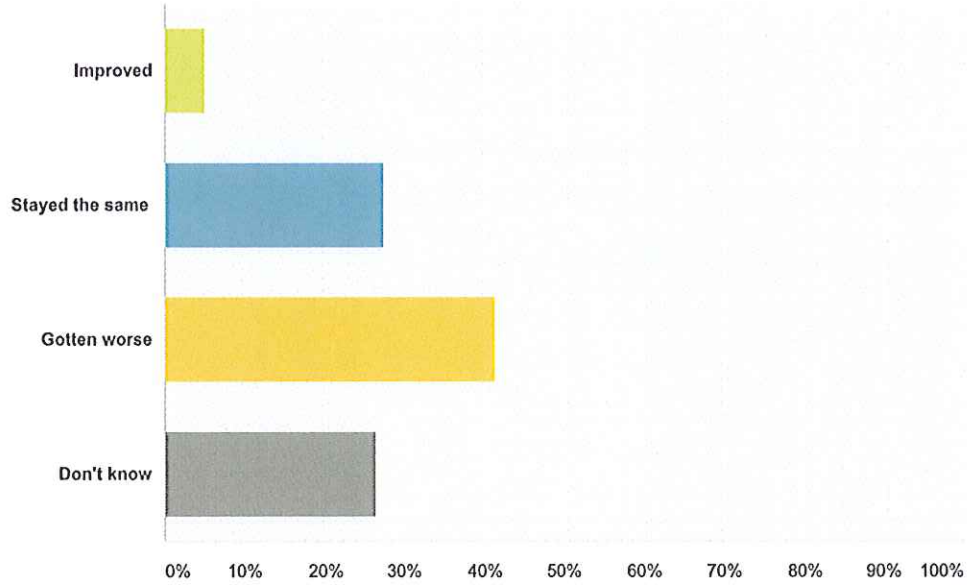
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33	<p>Owing to the number of reported incidents which have occurred in the area on the town-side of the Welsh Bridge, where the clubs are located, I am now unfortunately wary of walking through that area at night. After having been at a performance at Theatre Severn we need to cross the Welsh Bridge and pass through the town in order to reach SY2: on several occasions we have been frightened by intoxicated young people coming towards us on the very narrow pavements on the sides of the Welsh Bridge. There has been much nonsense in local papers about late-night clubs being necessary in Shrewsbury so as to provide something for young people to do. This view implies that young people cannot be better engaged in life than in drinking late at night. It also implies that providing youngsters with "something to do" means they have to be provided with places at which they may drink alcohol, and, of course, take drugs, as is common today. Let those who make their money out of selling alcohol to young people in late-night clubs set those clubs up in an out-of-town area, such as a designated area at Battlefield or Meole Brace. Shrewsbury has justifiably a fine reputation as a well-preserved medieval town and town-centre hotels accommodate many travellers who come to Shrewsbury to enjoy its architecture, as well as its restaurants and pubs. Travel websites are carrying more and more reviews posted by visitors saying that their stay in Shrewsbury was marred by drunken behaviour on the streets which frightened and intimidated them while they were out and about and which disturbed their sleep at night.</p>	1/10/2017 2:29 PM
34	Feeling of concern for my children.	1/10/2017 1:58 PM
35	Too often to specify, kids swigging cider all the way through to the homeless on meths, all on the green space of old st Chads when I pass through or park beside it	1/10/2017 12:52 PM
36	Offenders often become loud and intimidating to the public, myself included. The disturbance often affects our customers and doesn't evoke the feeling of a safe shopping environment, there litter and appearance is often itself unsightly.	1/10/2017 10:45 AM
37	Do not feel safe in town particularly when leaving work after 6pm. I find the behaviour intimidating.	1/9/2017 9:41 PM
38	Drunken fights and brawls feel scared as s female	1/9/2017 5:30 PM
39	Often drunks laying about scrounging and often abusive when given. A polite NO	1/9/2017 5:13 PM
40	Drunken people are unpredictable and intimidating I have been verbally abused when refusing to given them money.	1/9/2017 12:31 PM
41	the impact it makes when showing members of family around nice town oilty about all the rough lot on the streets is what I got back	1/9/2017 11:10 AM
42	As the official destination marketing body for Shropshire we have received complaints from visitors about such behavior and this has put them off visiting Shrewsbury again.	1/9/2017 11:09 AM

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**Q9 Do you think this type of behaviour has improved or worsened over the last 12 months?**

Answered: 99 Skipped: 9

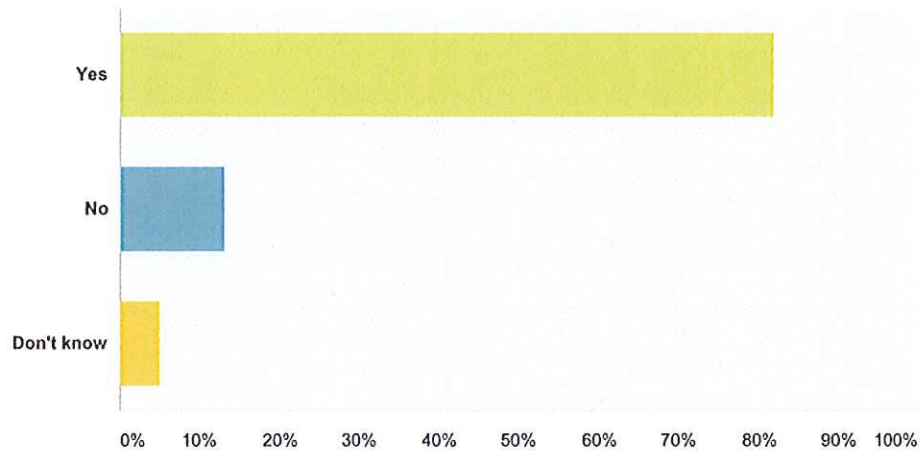


Answer Choices	Responses	
Improved	5.05%	5
Stayed the same	27.27%	27
Gotten worse	41.41%	41
Don't know	26.26%	26
<b>Total</b>		<b>99</b>

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**Q10 Do you think this proposal should remain within the PSPO?**

Answered: 99 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	81.82%	81
No	13.13%	13
Don't know	5.05%	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>99</b>

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### Q11 Please use this space to make any additional comments about the proposal to prohibit this behaviour through the proposed PSPO.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 85

#	Responses	Date
1	Unless this problem is tackled head on, I think less tourists will come to Shrewsbury.	3/3/2017 9:03 AM
2	There should be more scrupulous control of establishments that serve alcohol to be consumed at tables on the footpath. Overspill by standing drinkers onto the footpath should result in formal warnings and withdrawal of the licence if warnings are ignored.	3/2/2017 9:13 AM
3	This is a matter for the West Mercia Constabulary.	1/19/2017 5:58 PM
4	Containers (sealed or unsealed) - does this mean unopened as in "new" - if so, seems a bit harsh?	1/19/2017 4:59 PM
5	They need help and if you are too proactive they will just move on to somewhere else. What about the use of the prison as suggested for others and of course there is the barracks. These could be used for refugees as well with the local residents being involved and the street pastors and the food bank etc etc. and dogs should be allowed as well. Supermarkets and any waste food from parties etc. We just need to know where to take everything.	1/17/2017 8:25 PM
6	Whilst collecting passengers from Shrewsbury Station, I have observed extreme drunkenness, urination and some violence early in the evening. This area definitely requires the proposal.	1/16/2017 9:10 PM
7	As previously stated the police should if required enforce the law.	1/16/2017 4:23 PM
8	Originally Shrewsbury was a market town with a mix of residents, its economy is now well off middle class or wealthy retired and original council housing estates have been undermined and left. Police and community groups need to have precepts and sociable methods to eradicate the drug problems on such estates as Harlescote and Meole.	1/14/2017 10:42 AM
9	Before the ban comes in place the reason these people are on the streets needs to be addressed & interim places for them to go provided.	1/14/2017 7:33 PM
10	It is important that our tourist trade thrives. A bad experience can be shared on social media and ruin the prospects of hard working businesses and restaurants within the town. Antisocial behaviour/alcohol abuse can be intimidating for residents and our visitors.	1/14/2017 6:22 PM
11	Tackle the issue with rough sleepers and their tendency to congregate	1/14/2017 11:29 AM
12	Use if discretion in certain circumstances.	1/13/2017 8:26 PM
13	Doorways and bridge areas seem to be worse affected and it can be scary to pass by these areas.	1/12/2017 12:36 PM
14	One concern might be that drinkers could be pushed to the edge of the boundary instead causing problems for the surrounding areas.	1/12/2017 12:14 PM
15	Erratic and noisy vehicle driving should be incorporated. Vehicles are often driven around the town during the night and evening with windows open, noisy music being played, and exhaust systems tuned for maximum noise. The town centre police Sergeant has told local residents that the police are effectively powerless, in spite of such behaviour being unlawful. Incorporating appropriate strictures might encourage the police to take more responsibility, and might result in putting a few drunken drivers off the road.	1/12/2017 9:08 AM
16	Police presence in Shrewsbury wouldn't go a miss!	1/11/2017 12:41 PM
17	The recent reduction in rough sleepers indicates concerted effort does work but needs to be an all year round initiative	1/11/2017 9:23 AM
18	I note that the proposal refers to people being required to hand over containers "believed to contain alcohol" only. This should be amended to include containers believed to contain drugs, as drug-taking and drug-selling in Shrewsbury occurs regularly. (On many occasions I have noted drugs being sold in Abbey Garden - beside the English Bridge - and on the steps between the riverside path and the Dana.)	1/10/2017 2:29 PM
19	Due to the commonality that we find this happening I believe it's imperative that this proposal stay, this will in turn help reduce other behaviours that cause us issues in the town, which I believe to be alcohol related.	1/10/2017 10:45 AM
20	I thought it was already illegal to drink in public.	1/9/2017 9:41 PM



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21	Should be a complete alcohol ban on the streets as it is often deterring from tourists returning to our once beautiful town centre and indeed us salopains	1/9/2017 5:13 PM
22	As long as it is only used as needed to prevent antisocial or harrasing behaviour and not to prevent all alcohol from being enjoyed in public spaces such as picnics in the public parks etc.	1/9/2017 1:56 PM
23	I think only Police Officers and PCSO's should be authorised officers. The phrase "or is likely" is open to abuse and interpretation. This should not be in the Order	1/9/2017 10:28 AM