

Appendix Three: The eConsult consultation survey and results as at 31st March 2015

Closing date: 31st March 2015.

Topography of respondents

I live in Oxford city centre 35% (240)
I live in Oxford, but not the city centre 32% (215)
I live outside Oxford 6% (44)
I work in Oxford city centre 22% (146)
I am a visitor to Oxford 3% (22)
Other 2% (11)

Consultation topics

1 Persistent begging

Oxford City Council and Thames Valley Police are working together to tackle persistent begging, which is an offence under the Vagrancy Act 1824. Under the Public Spaces Protection Order people persistently begging will be identified by a multi-agency working group, warned about their behaviour and encouraged to access the support available to them. If their behaviour continues they could be in breach of the Order.

Have you seen people persistently begging in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 81% (444)
No 19% (102)

Has this got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 9% (48)
Worse 16% (88)
No change 53% (292)
Don't know 22% (119)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 40% (220)
No 60% (324)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 34% (187)
No 54% (294)
Don't Know 12% (67)

2 Sleeping in public toilets

Oxford City Council has identified that toilets are sometimes being used to sleep in and other associated behaviour. This can prevent access to the facilities by the public.

Have you seen people sleeping in public toilets in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 9% (47)

No 91% (501)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 1% (7)

Worse 4% (23)

No Change 15% (82)

Don't Know 79% (432)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 6% (31)

No 94% (514)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 33% (180)

No 48% (264)

Don't Know 19% (103)

3 Urinating or defecating in public places

The problem of people urinating or defecating in Oxford city centre has been identified by partners as an issue that affects the public, public services and traders alike.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 32% (172)

No 68% (373)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 1% (6)

Worse 10% (53)

No Change 26% (143)

Don't Know 63% (341)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 25% (136)

No 75% (408)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 58% (317)

No 29% (161)
Don't Know 13% (69)

4 Cycling prohibitions

Oxford City Council fully supports cycling throughout the city. However, for public safety reasons there are some roads with cycling prohibitions, and these prohibitions are sometimes being ignored.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 67% (365)
No 33% (180)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 3% (16)
Worse 19% (102)
No Change 48% (262)
Don't Know 31% (167)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 41% (222)
No 59% (321)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 40% (221)
No 44% (238)
Don't Know 16% (87)

5 Sleeping on the streets

Oxford City Council strongly supports agencies to help people who find themselves sleeping on the city streets due to difficult circumstances. However, a small number of people who have been provided with support and accommodation choose to continue to sleep on the streets, putting their health and well-being at risk. These people are identified by a multi-agency working group, are encouraged to access the support available to them and could be warned about their behaviour.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 80% (432)
No 20% (109)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 5% (25)
Worse 22% (120)
No Change 40% (219)
Don't Know 33% (181)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford City Centre in the last twelve months?

Yes 29% (160)
No 71% (383)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 28% (152)
No 60% (330)
Don't Know 12% (66)

6 Non-compliant busking and street entertainment

Oxford City Council encourages safe busking and street entertainment in Oxford city centre. A voluntary code of practice has been developed over a number of years to support this aim for the benefit of the public and the entertainers. The code of practice covers noise levels, length of time in one place, authorised locations, size of pitch area and the authorised period of entertainment. The code of practice is available on the City Council's [website](#). However, some entertainers do not comply with the code resulting in unfair and sometimes unsafe practices.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 54% (296)
No 46% (248)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 4% (21)
Worse 11% (60)
No Change 43% (234)
Don't Know 42% (227)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 26% (137)
No 74% (398)

Should the busking and street entertainment code of practice be regulated through the Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 32% (176)
No 53% (289)
Don't Know 14% (77)

Should the Public Spaces Protection Order regulate behaviour(s) that are not covered by the busking and street entertainment code of practice?

Yes (please comment) 13% (72)
No 51% (277)
Don't Know 36% (194)

7 Illegal peddling

Oxford City Council supports legal peddling in accordance with the Pedlars Act 1871. There is a code of practice available on the City Council's [website](#) that identifies what peddling is and how it should be conducted in order to comply with the law.

However, there are certain people who do not comply and therefore unfairly disadvantage others within the city centre.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 36% (193)

No 64% (349)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 2% (12)

Worse 8% (46)

No Change 31% (167)

Don't Know 58% (317)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 15% (83)

No 85% (455)

Should the peddling code of practice be regulated through the Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 37% (201)

No 34% (185)

Don't Know 28% (153)

Should the Public Spaces Protection Order regulate behaviour(s) that are not covered by the peddling code of practice?

Yes (please comment) 14% (74)

No 41% (221)

Don't Know 46% (248)

8 Street drinking

Oxford City Council currently has a Designated Public Protection Order in place for the whole city with regard to anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking. The order doesn't stop street drinking but does deal with the associated anti-social behaviour. The new Act requires current Designated Public Protection Orders to be replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders.

Have you seen anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol consumption in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 72% (393)

No 28% (150)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 4% (20)

Worse 17% (93)

No Change 52% (280)

Don't Know 27% (148)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 43% (235)

No 57% (307)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 52% (285)

No 36% (197)

Don't Know 12% (65)

9 Graffiti and pavement drawings

Graffiti is defined as a criminal damage offence. Drawing directly onto pavements is also an offence. Oxford City Council is working closely with its partners to clean up and prevent graffiti. However it encourages responsible street art that is not placed directly onto structures or highways.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 69% (374)

No 31% (171)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford City Centre in the last twelve months?

Better 5% (29)

Worse 16% (88)

No Change 49% (263)

Don't Know 30% (160)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 26% (143)

No 74% (399)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes 38% (210)

No 49% (268)

Don't Know 13% (69)

10 Pigeon feeding

Pigeon feeding is littering and encourages an overpopulation of pigeons within the city centre. The food not eaten encourages vermin such as rats and the pigeons cause significant damage to properties within the city. Certain areas of the city require the presence of a hawk to try and reduce the impact of the large population of pigeons in their area.

Have you seen pigeon feeding in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Yes 36% (196)

No 64% (347)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?

Better 3% (15)

Worse 8% (43)

No Change 39% (209)
Don't Know 50% (270)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?
Yes 21% (111)
No 79% (428)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?
Yes 43% (232)
No 39% (212)
Don't Know 19% (101)

11 Out of control dogs

Dog control orders are being phased out and where necessary are being replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders. Out of control dogs and dog mess are issues that Oxford City Council believes should be controlled within the City centre.

Have you seen this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?
Yes 39% (209)
No 61% (330)

Has the issue got better or worse in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?
Better 3% (18)
Worse 14% (76)
No Change 38% (205)
Don't Know 45% (241)

Have you been affected by this issue in Oxford city centre in the last 12 months?
Yes 28% (152)
No 72% (384)

Should Oxford City Council seek to prohibit this activity through a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order?
Yes 55% (292)
No 28% (150)
Don't Know 17% (91)

To what extent do you agree with the following proposals?

- All dogs to be on a lead – Majority Agree
- No more than 4 dogs to be walked by one person - Majority Agree
- Dog mess to be cleaned up by the person walking the dog – Majority Strongly agree
- No dogs allowed in indoor/covered areas of the City (medical exemptions - Majority Agree

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