**Appendix 4 Consultation responses summary**

Source: A consultation survey conducted from 6th to 28th June 2021, asking the public their views on restrictions on lighting fires and BBQs in certain parks and green spaces in the city, and specifically bottle-digging in Port Meadow.

There were 205 responses in total. The results can be found at the end of this summary.

**Consultation summary**

Based on evidence from the police, fire and rescue service, and Oxford City Council, the parks with the highest prevalence of fire damage were:

* Port Meadow, Burgess Field and Wolvercote Common
* Angel and Greyhound Meadow
* Rivermead Nature Reserve
* South Park.

Bottle-digging is specific to Port Meadow.

Respondents were asked how big a problem these issues were in each area. There was a significant response rate for each are, although each area had a large of Don’t Know responses due to the very local nature of the parks.

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|  |  | Very or fairly big problem | Not a big problem or no problem | % of those who expressed a view considered it a problem. |
| Port Meadow, Wolvercote Common and Burgess Field | Burning logs | 157 | 10 | 94% |
| Ground BBQs | 163 | 9 | 94% |
| Standing BBQs | 99 | 41 | 59% |
| Bottle-digging | 119 | 15 | 87% |
| South Park | Burning logs | 107 | 18 | 83% |
| Ground BBQs | 113 | 12 | 89% |
| Standing BBQs | 70 | 35 | 50% |
| Angel and Greyhound Meadow | Burning logs | 46 | 8 | 83% |
| Ground BBQs | 51 | 7 | 86% |
| Standing BBQs | 37 | 17 | 54% |
| Rivermead Nature Reserve | Burning logs | 37 | 4 | 89% |
| Ground BBQs | 37 | 6 | 84% |
| Standing BBQs | 27 | 12 | 56% |

Respondents were asked if fire lighting had got better or worse in the last twelve months.

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|  | Better | Stayed the same | Worse | % of those who expressed a view thought it had worsened. |
| Port Meadow, Wolvercote Common and Burgess Field | 3 | 6 | 150 | 94% |
| South Park | 2 | 21 | 66 | 74% |
| Angel and Greyhound Meadow | 2 | 8 | 25 | 71% |
| Rivermead Nature Reserve | 2 | 5 | 19 | 73% |

Respondents were ask for their views on a number of statements.

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| Statements | Strongly or somewhat disagree | Neither | Strongly or somewhat agree | % of those who expressed a view strongly or somewhat agreed |
| Ban log fires | 8 | 0 | 197 | 96% |
| Ban ALL Bbqs | 23 | 4 | 178 | 87% |
| Ban damaging Bbqs | 96 | 16 | 93 | 45% |
| Ban bottle digging | 8 | 18 | 179 | 87% |

With regards to bottle-digging in Port Meadow, respondents were asked if the issue had got better or worse.

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|  | Port Meadow |
| Better | 4 |
| Stayed the same | 29 |
| Worse | 72 |
| % of those who expressed a view thought it had worsened.  | 69% |

All areas’ responses found that burning logs and ground BBQs were a big or fairly big problem. Just under half of respondents thought BBQs on a stand were less of problem.

Nearly three-quarters of respondents in South Park, Angel and Greyhound Meadow and Rivermead Nature Reserve felt the issues had got worse over the last 12 months. In Port Meadow, Wolvercote Common and Burgess Field, this rose to 94% of all respondents who expressed an opinion.

There was support for banning log fires and BBQs except those on stands. Only 45% of respondents who expressed an opinion on the issue supported banning BBQs on a stand.

Bottle digging was thought to be a big or fairly big problem in Port Meadow and had worsened in the last 12 months, with 87% of respondents supporting a ban.

Respondents were asked if there were any other areas they would like included. The area are listed below with the number of times they were mentioned.

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|  | Quantity |
| Trap Grounds | 19 |
| Adjacent to Port Meadow | 15 |
| All areas | 15 |
| Astons Eyot | 5 |
| None | 4 |
| Cutteslowe Park | 4 |
| Headington Hill Park | 4 |
| The Spinney | 3 |
| University Parks | 3 |
| Shotover | 2 |
| Cherwell | 1 |
| Fiddlers Island | 1 |
| Sunnymead park | 1 |
| The Kidneys | 1 |
| Total | 78 |