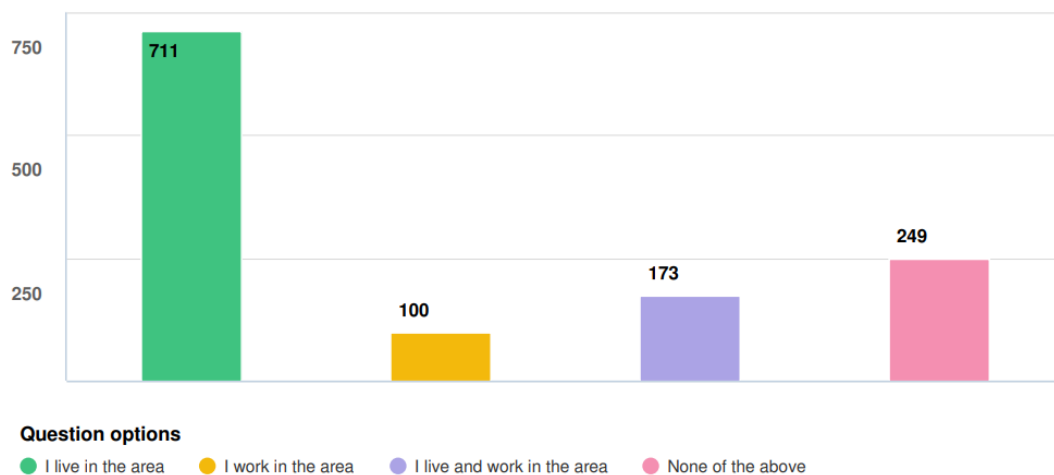
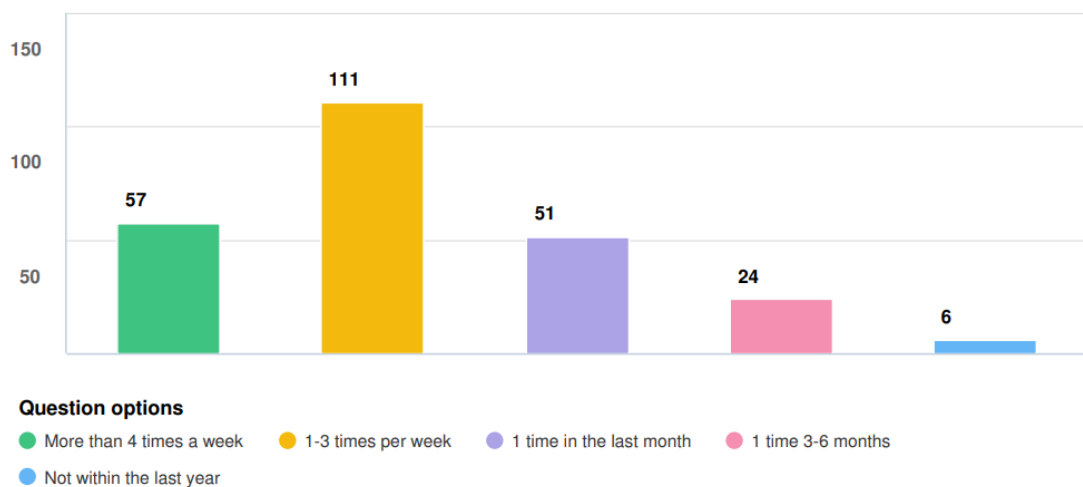


## **Appendix 4 – River Walk PSPO Consultation Findings**

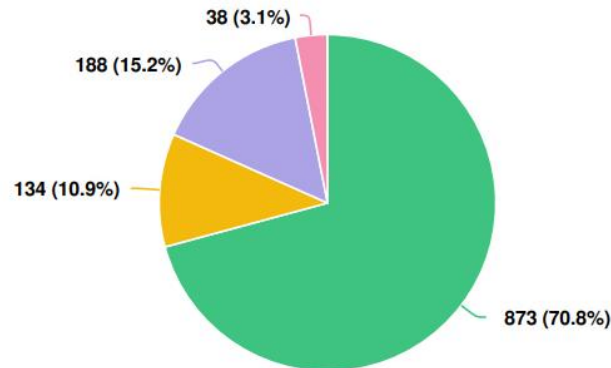
1. The public consultation took place for a period of 58 days, from the 9 December 2022 until 5 February 2023. The public consultation received 1,233 responses via the council’s official consultation platform ‘Have Your Say’. The council also received additional comments and feedback on the proposal email, which have been incorporated into the qualitative analysis presented below.
2. *Do you live or work in Hammersmith & Fulham?*



3. *If you neither work nor live in Hammersmith and Fulham, how often do you visit the borough?*



4. Do you believe that vehicles (including e-scooters and e-bikes) and other forms of transport being irresponsibly ridden reduces safety on the Thames Path?

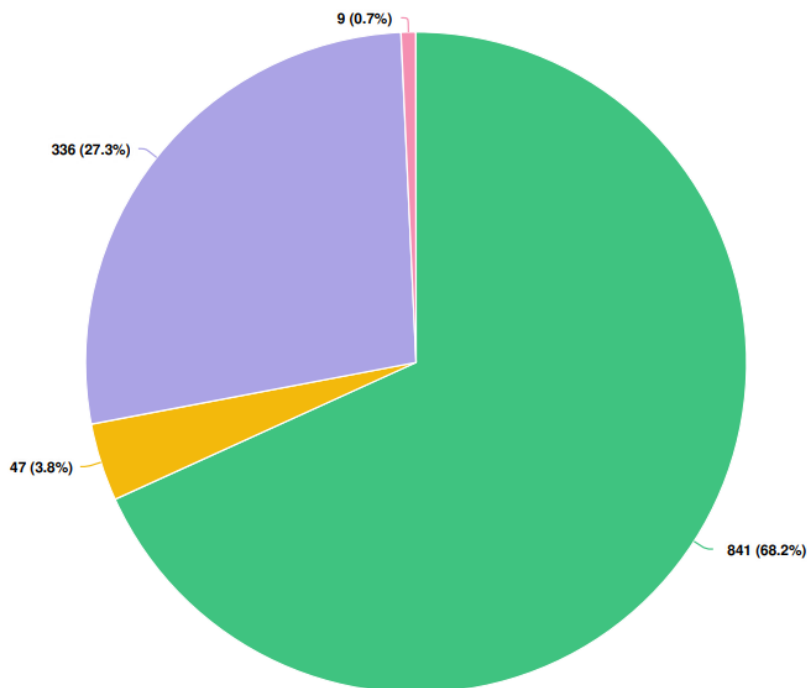


70.8% said yes, 15.2% said no, 10.9% maybe, 3.1% unsure.

**Question options**

● Yes ● Maybe ● No ● Unsure

5. Do you support the introduction of a PSPO prohibiting the use of E-scooters and E-bikes down the Thames Path?



68.2% said yes, 27.3% said no, 3.8% maybe, 0.7% unsure.

**Question options**

● Yes ● Maybe ● No ● Unsure

If no, why?

- 40 - I think only E-scooters should be included
- 8 - I think only E-bikes should be included
- 219 - I don't think a PSPO is needed
- 112 – other

If maybe, why?

- 13 - I think only E-scooters should be included
- 2 - I think only E-bikes should be included
- 11 - I don't think a PSPO is needed
- 23 – other

If unsure, why?

- 1 - I think only E-scooters should be included
- 0 - I think only E-bikes should be included
- 3 - I don't think a PSPO is needed
- 6 – other

Themes from the comments:

- Differences in powers of vehicles meaning different speeds
- Clear definition of reckless riding needed
- Some people ride responsibly
- Its an important form of transport and good for the environment
- Felt it was a leading survey
- Shouldn't be a blanket ban for all
- Legal e-bikes and e-scooters are speed limited and so no more problematic than normal bicycles
- Only delivery drivers should be banned

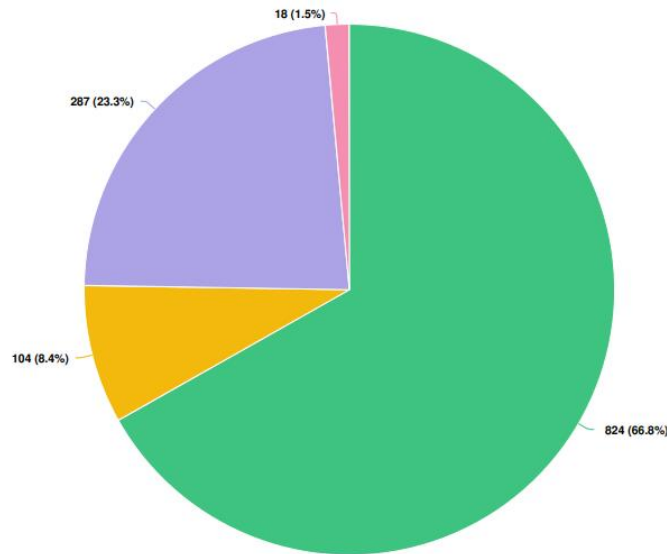
6. Do you feel any of the following should also be included in a possible PSPO?

- 800 – Segways
- 874 – Quad bikes
- 791- Hoverboards
- 268 – None
- 158 – Other

Comments:

- All pedal bikes (48)
- Delivery drivers (5)
- Mopeds (6)
- Skateboards (7)
- Any electric vehicle/All forms of transport (15)

7. Do you support the introduction of a PSPO prohibiting the reckless riding of pedal bikes in such a way that jeopardises safety along the Thames Path?



66.8% said yes,  
22.3% said no, 8.4%  
maybe, 1.5%  
unsure.

Question options  
● Yes ● Maybe ● No ● Unsure

8. If no, why? (287 responses)

Themes from comments:

- Don't/Can't see the issue
- Users should be penalised for the actions of a few
- Can't enforce it
- Don't support it
- Can't define what counts as reckless and what doesn't
- The council should be encouraging the use of cycling not criminalising it

9. If unsure, why? 18 responses

Themes from comments:

- Users should be penalised for the actions of a few
- Can't enforce it
- Can't define what counts as reckless and what doesn't

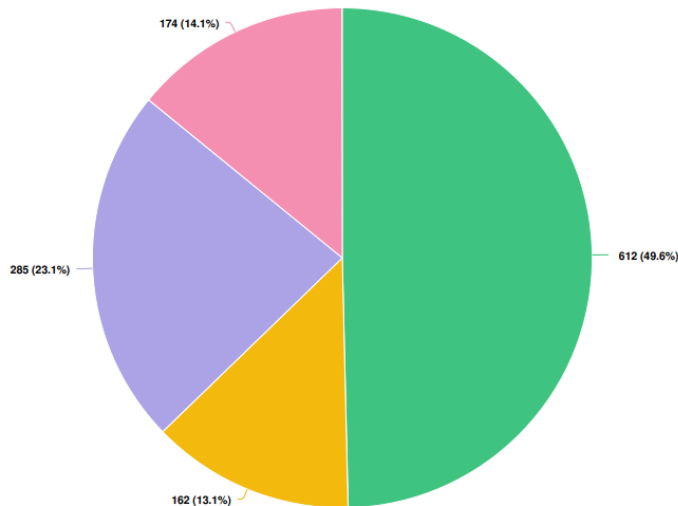
10. If maybe, why? 104 responses

Themes from comments:

- Users should be penalised for the actions of a few

- Don't/Can't see the issue
- Can't enforce it
- Can't define what counts as reckless and what doesn't
- Recklessness should be policed no matter the vehicle or form of transport

11. Do you believe the proposed exclusion areas are sufficient?



49.6% said yes, 23.1% said no, 13.1% maybe, 14.1% unsure.

Question options  
 ● Yes ● Maybe ● No ● Unsure

If no, why?

- 92 - I think the proposed rule is too strict and isn't proportionate to the issue
- 156 - I don't believe the proposed rule goes far enough to tackle this issue
- 50 - other

If maybe, why?

- 29 - I think the proposed rule is too strict and isn't proportionate to the issue
- 102 - I don't believe the proposed rule goes far enough to tackle this issue
- 33 - other

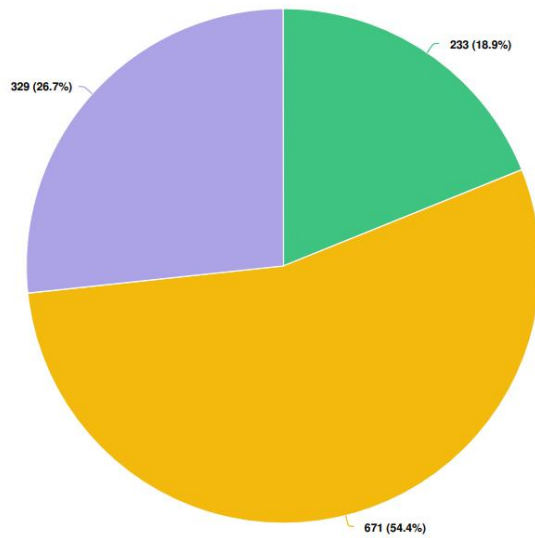
If unsure, why?

- 88 - I think the proposed rule is too strict and isn't proportionate to the issue
- 33 - I don't believe the proposed rule goes far enough to tackle this issue
- 54 - other

Themes from the comments:

- Should be implemented for all pavements
- Don't think it should happen, don't support the PSPO
- Should include Hammersmith Bridge
- Need speed limits not exclusion areas
- The area is too large
- It would need constant policing/Enforcement

12. When do you think any prohibitions should apply?



54.4% said 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 18.9% said between 8am-8pm, 7 days a week, 26.7% said other

Question options

- Between 8am-8pm, 7 days a week
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Other (please specify)

Other comments:

- Never, there should be no restriction
- Weekends only
- At the busiest times

13. Do you have any other comments?

Themes from the comments:

- Welcome the initiative
- Feels it discourages healthy behaviours
- It would need to be enforced
- Expressions of the dangers of certain vehicles/cyclists
- Concerns of how it would affect those with children and disability

14. Examples of comments:

- I really welcome this initiative. Walking along the path has become really stressful and unenjoyable with a lot of very inconsiderate and dangerous riding of bikes and e-scooters.
- Thank you for proposing this....much needed.
- If passed this needs to be enforced

- Cyclists have absolutely no respect for pedestrians. They need to be monitored. If they really want to travel at ludicrous speeds use the road. I am quite sure done of them exceed 20mph. Exceedingly dangerous
  - The use of e-bikes and scooters on the pathway is scary for pedestrians and very dangerous.
  - This is a really unfair suggestion which would affect a lot of people
  - The environmental and health benefits should be considered. The fact that the Thames path is a safe place for users to ride should be considered
  - I would not like to see a total cycling ban as I know children use the path to get to school, but delivery drivers on e-bikes are increasingly using the path and high speed adults are an absolute menace, with no care for path users
  - These electric bikes and scooters are ridden at speed and are dangerous in an area with a lot of pedestrians
  - The wording in this survey is not specific enough - people will interpret from their own pov and the results will be treated in the same way to push an agenda
  - Pedal cyclists are not really the problem, it's fast electric vehicles that cause issues. Some of these vehicles (like the scooters) are already illegal on public land IIRC.
  - Stop limiting cycling. The only non polluting means of transport. Limit motorised vehicles instead!
  - The prohibition is over the top, and will only result in older people not getting outside and exercising as much. I spend a lot of time cycling (on non e-bikes) and walking on the thames path and have never felt unsafe due to ebikes as they simply do not go any faster than normal bikes. It is a family friendly space that encourages people to get outside on a summers day and you are proposing telling an elderly person they are not allowed to use their ebike or risk a fine. It is preposterous and will solve nothing and to me shows the council do not understand how ebikes work.
  - It should also prohibit parking of these on the towpath
  - My e-Bike is my mobility aid - if you prohibit their use on the Thames path then I will not be able to get out into the fresh air (away from roads) for leisure. It is the minority who ride recklessly and do not give way to walkers. I would agree with banning rental e-bikes (lime, Santander etc)
  - Micro-mobility and e-assist cycles form a viable alternative to the motor car and as such their responsible use should be encouraged. Any PSPO introduced should be restricted to reckless usage rather than a total ban.
15. There were over 50 comments from the consultation highlighting how the PSPO could affect those who use electric vehicles for accessibility reasons.
16. There were over 40 comments from the consultation highlighting how the proposed PSPO could have a negative impact on the environment and current climate crisis.

17.15 further emails were sent to the designated email address from different partners and stakeholders who were expressing their views and had questions around the PSPO.