

Appendix 2 – Have Your Say Consultation Responses

The public consultation took place for a period of 37 days, from the 24 February 2023 to the 2 April 2023. The consultation received 184 responses. From the respondents, 135 live in the area (73.4%), 11 work in the area (6.0%), 41 live and work in the area (22.3%) and 5 neither work nor live in the area (2.7%).

90.8% of respondents are in support of renewing the Consumption of Alcohol PSPO, 6.0% are against the renewal and 4.3% were unsure.

Questions 1-4 collected personal data on the respondents to support data analysis.

Question 5:

Do you believe that the consumption of alcohol in public places reduces public safety in Hammersmith & Fulham?

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	145	78.8%
No	41	22.3%

Question 6:

Have you witnessed someone consume alcohol (street-drinking) that has directly resulted in anti-social behaviour in Hammersmith & Fulham in the last year?

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	122	66.3%
No	62	33.7%

Question 6a:

If you answered yes to question 6, how often have you witnessed this in the last year?

Option	Total	Percent
1-2 times	26	21.3%
3-5 times	30	24.6%
5-10 times	19	15.6%
More than 10 times	48	39.3%

Question 7:

Are you in support of renewing the Consumption of Alcohol PSPO?

(Where officers believe a person's behaviour is resulting in, or is likely to result in, anti-social behaviour they will have powers to:

- ask people to stop drinking alcohol
- ask people to dispose of or surrender any alcohol in their possession
- issue fines to people who do not comply)

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	167	90.8%
No	8	4.3%
Not sure	11	6.0%

Q7a:

If you answered no or not sure to question 7, why?

A selection of the comments received:
Although street drinking can certainly lead to anti-social behaviour I also believe that

alcohol can be enjoyed in public spaces responsibly
Will be a waste of police time, diverting resources away from real needs
Worry that this will be applied to anyone enjoying a drink outside. Law abiding tax payers are much easier to fine than aggressive, un-employed thugs. Also, I haven't experienced an anti-social behaviour as a result of street drinking. Drinking is legal in this country and very much part of our culture.
When there is antisocial behaviour asking someone to behave or stop drinking is fine. However outlawing drinking in all public places is overtly controlling. A responsible glass of wine with a picnic is not the same as downing special brew and starting a fight. The statement "likely to result in antisocial behaviour" is particularly concerning, having thought police is not a great idea, and I very much doubt that a team with doctorates in psychology is waiting to make an educated judgement around what someone will do next.

Question 8:

Do you have any further comments?

There was a total of 78 text responses to this question.

Some grouped examples of the comments received are provided below:

In Support:

- I fully support people being able to enjoy a social outing in H&F public spaces (eg Bishops Park, Parsons Green etc) with alcohol - my friends and I will happily enjoy a picnic and bottle of Prosecco etc during our Spring and Summer days/evenings However, I also fully support the extension of our borough's Consumption of Alcohol PSPO. My response to Q7 ("more than 10 times") is directed related to the fact I live on (redacted) and every weekend we witness people openly drinking (staggering) along the footpaths (with bottle / can of alcohol in hand), kicking over rubbish bins, urinating against property fences, screaming loud voices, dropping their bottles etc - we overlook licensed venues, and would deduce most people exit with (last) drinks (hidden under coats etc) and already intoxicated. Not sure what anyone can do about this to be honest but it is a late night problem on our main streets (which might constitute public spaces). Thank you for listening to residents and keep up the great work in leading our borough.
- As a long term resident we cannot allow drinking alcohol in public spaces, this is extremely detrimental to our community and especially kids and elders.
- I'd really like it to go further in some places to deal with low level harassment. So basically no drinking in public places
- Drinking in parks should be permitted. Drinking on streets should not.
- Over the last few years I have found that I avoid walking across the green now, even in the daytime, due to the increasing groups of people gathering to drink alcohol there. It is the anti social behaviour that goes with it. I have witnessed drunken fights, indecent exposure, harassment of young girls and all during the daytime. Also, I feel I can no longer take my nieces to the playground there, as it isn't a suitable environment for families anymore. So, I am in full support of measures that will reclaim the Shepherd's Bush Green for the whole community, to picnic, play or just rest awhile on a sunny day.

Suggestions/ Comments on the PSPO measures and enforcement:

- Please look into the onward support for people that need it as often alcohol related ASB is not the only causal factor but a result of other causal factors i.e. substance

misuse/ addictions, therefore referral for support should be evidenced as part of measures, and not just enforcement

- I believe the growing drug problems in the area is affecting the public much more than alcohol consumption. Due to the nature of addict's this attracts a lot more anti-social behaviour like theft and aggressive begging.
- I think the current PSPO has reduced anti-social behaviours in the marked areas but what it has also done is pushed out the boundaries of where people drink on the street (specifically further along Uxbridge road westbound). Naturally these are more residential roads which means these issues are more pronounce.
- The Council should implement a blanket ban/limit on new alcohol licences around Shepherds Bush Green and NO licences should be granted to sell alcohol after 11pm. There needs to be some joined up thinking in the Council, departments do not appear to consult/speak with each other.
- In over 10 years, I have only witnessed local enforcement officers taking action against public drinkers on one occasion. Definitely this control needs to be extended, but ultimately, this extension needs to be matched with more (visible!) enforcement officers who are proactive in targeting the groups and individuals who I see continually flouting this order.
- There are known places where it is prevalent so need more patrols in those areas

Against:

- I would not want to ban drinking in public completely. For many flat dwellers, SB Green is their back garden. Enjoying a picnic on the green with a bottle of wine on a summer day does not disturb others and there is no reason why anyone doing this - or otherwise drinking in a peaceable and non-disturbing manner - should not be allowed to continue to do so
- Issuing fines to those without the means to pay e.g., the homeless is pointless. There are also people who would benefit from a different intervention.
- I don't believe that "street drinking" causes any more problems than drinking in licensed establishments. With pub prices being so high and the borough having such pleasant outdoor spaces (especially the riverside) I think it would be a mistake to ban people from drinking outside.

Summary of Findings from Consultation with Drug and Alcohol Service Users

1. This consultation focus group took place on Friday 24th March 2023.
2. 12 service users along with one staff member were in attendance.
3. The group were broadly in support of the PSPO but had some comments that are summarised below.

Comments from the Service User Focus Group

By giving warnings or dispersing individuals in parks, the problem is just moved somewhere else.
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Enforcement officers need to know how to handle situations with vulnerable people, are they signposting and promoting the right services?

Enforcement depends on who it is and what the situation is.

There needs to be more provision for those struggling with substance abuse not just enforcement.
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What is the solution for those being moved on? Can we have a recovery café for those people to get directed to?

One size fits all approach is not suitable.

Enforcement officers can sometimes make the problem worse.
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