

<u>MEETING</u> COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> MONDAY 20TH JUNE, 2022 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BG

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

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Title	Proposal to consult on a borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order.
Report of	Community Leadership and Libraries Committee Chair.
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	Key
Enclosures	Appendix 1: Proposed Borough Wide PSPO 2022 Frequently Asked Questions factsheet Appendix 2: Proposed Borough Wide PSPO 2022 Consultation Questionnaire
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Summary	
This report provides the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee with a summary of the proposed public consultation in relation to a potential (3 year) borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Authority is sought in relation to consultation and potential implementation of the PSPO.	

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee note and comment on the 12 proposed prohibitions for this proposed PSPO.

2. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee give their approval to proceed to public consultation for this proposed PSPO
3. To delegate to the Executive Director of assurance in consultation with the Chair to finalise the wording of the consultation document
4. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee delegate authority to the Executive Director of Assurance in consultation with the Chair to consider the consultation, the EQIA and all necessary steps to make the order.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

BACKGROUND CONTEXT

- 1.1 Barnet Council has trialled the use of PSPOs to tackle behaviours such as poor dog control and street drinking through the period of 2018-2021. This report seeks the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee's support and approval to progress to a public consultation for a proposed Borough-wide PSPO for the maximum period allowed of 3 years.
- 1.2 The pilot PSPOs of 2018 and 2019 were initially implemented for a period of 2 years and extended for a period of 1 year during the Covid19 Pandemic.
- 1.3 At the present time there are no live PSPOs in Barnet.
- 1.4 A number of positive outcomes were achieved using PSPO powers in Barnet. Those outcomes can be measured by the reductions in those anti-social behaviours in the PSPO areas; the issuing of PSPO breach warnings and notices to offenders; and where deemed appropriate the imposition by the courts of Criminal Behaviour Orders upon those offenders who have persisted in their breach of the PSPO conditions.
- 1.5 The recorded impact and use of the PSPO powers in Barnet prior to the impact of Covid19 were as follows:
 - Use of PSPO power in Barnet - 149
 - Number of Community Protection Notices issued linked to PSPOs - 33
 - No of Criminal Behaviour Orders issued related to PSPOs – 6
 - A significant reduction in the number of alcohol related call outs for London Ambulance Service.
- 1.6 Following the lifting of Covid19 restrictions it is considered that there is an identified need to protect our communities in public space settings from reported/defined behaviours that are proven to have detrimental impact upon the law-abiding majority in Barnet.
- 1.7 A Borough-wide PSPO with the conditions being proposed is therefore key to the Council and Policing partners ability to identify, challenge and prosecute persons who behave anti-socially using this power as a primary intervention and deterrent tool across all areas of the borough.

1.8 The Proposed Borough Wide PSPO 2022 Frequently Asked Questions factsheet is attached to Appendix 1 of this report, and this includes a summary of the prohibitions that are proposed for the borough wide PSPO.

1.9 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

1.9.1 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides the power of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problems in a particular area that is detrimental to the local communities quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area. They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

1.10 Consultation, publicity and notification

Before making (or extending or varying or discharging) a PSPO, the Act requires that a local authority carries out the necessary consultation. This means consulting with the chief officer of police and the local policing body, as well as community representatives thought appropriate to consult with, and owner/occupiers of land in the restricted area.

The Council's intention for a proposed Borough-wide PSPO has been shared with the MPS Chief Superintendent of the Tri-Borough policing area (Barnet, Harrow and Brent) and, subject to our sharing with the police the findings of the public consultation, this proposed PSPO has the initial support of the police. They will be included in the formal consultation too.

1.11 In deciding to place restrictions on a particular public space, councils should consider the potential 'knock-on' effects of that decision. Introducing a blanket ban on a particular activity may simply displace the behaviour and create victims elsewhere.

1.12 As noted above, the council must also consult whatever community representatives they think appropriate. This could relate to a specific group, for instance the resident's association, an individual or group of individuals, for instance, regular users of a park or specific activities such as busking or other types of street entertainment.

1.13 Before a PSPO is made, the council has to publish the draft order in accordance with regulations published by the Secretary of State. The final order will not be drafted until after the public consultation and, subject to the recommendations in this report being agreed. The draft order shall be finalised once agreed by the Executive Director of Assurance in consultation with the Chair. Appendix 2 sets out the draft conditions for the order.

1.14 The council can make a PSPO on any public space within its own area. The definition of public space is wide and includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

1.15 Proposed prohibitions: The proposed prohibitions (or conditions) for the PSPO to be consulted upon are listed in Appendix 2 of this report in the document titled: Proposed Borough Wide PSPO 2022 Consultation Questionnaire.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 For reasons stated in section 1.1 to 1.7 of this of this report the Committee is asked to note and comment on the 12 proposed prohibitions in Appendix 2 of this report for this proposed PSPO in order that officers' can proceed to a public consultation for this proposed Borough-wide PSPO, and potential introduction of it.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Do nothing – this option is not recommended.

To not progress with the public consultation is not recommended as it is a statutory requirement in order to introduce a PSPO. It will also show what the public's perception of the need and support or opposition for such an order is. Without this, it will not be possible to consider the introduction of a PSPO and the council will only be able to rely on other powers which may not be as quick and effective.

3.2 Proceed to public consultation – **this option is recommended.**

By proceeding to a 10-week public consultation the Council can seek to establish a clear understanding of the levels of public support or opposition for such a PSPO and also the levels of public support or opposition for each of the restrictions/conditions proposed.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 If the Community Leadership and Library Committee agree the recommendations in this report the next steps will be for the Community Safety Team to finalise the 10-week public consultation. The findings of the consultation will inform the drafting for the potential final proposed PSPO to be reviewed and considered by the Executive Director of Assurance in consultation with the Chair before being authorised.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1. The result of the recent local election is that the Council has a new Labour administration. The new Administration has made several commitments, one of which 'safer streets across the Borough, with a strong focus on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour'. The proposal within this report supports the delivery of that commitment.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 There are no finance implications identified in this report.

5.2.2 There are no property implications identified in this report.

5.2.3 There are no staffing implications identified in this report.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Whilst there are no direct social value considerations for this report it is highlighted that the consultation undertaken with the public and the use by the police and council partnership to actively listen to resident, business and elected members concerns show that it remains a priority for the Council and Partnership to not only take action to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour but be seen to do it. By doing so this will help to improve the resident's and business' satisfaction in the services we deliver to tackle and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Barnet and improve their confidence in reporting such issues to us.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) provides the power and process for implementing a PSPO.

5.4.2 Certain conditions have to be met in order for the authority to make a PSPO. A PSPO sets a restricted area within which doing specified things are prohibited, or are required, or both.

Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 states that:

A local authority may make a public spaces protection order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met.

The first condition is that:

- Activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- It is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities:

- is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature
- is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable and
- justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice

5.4.3 Before making or extending an Order, the Council must consult with the chief officer of police, the local police, any representatives of the local community it considers appropriate, and owners or occupiers of land within the restricted area. Orders may last for a maximum of three years, after which they may be reconsidered for renewal or discontinued. There are also requirements to publicise, and notification requirements in relation to a proposed PSPO.

5.4.4 The authority also needs to have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly as set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The statutory guidance on the Anti-social behaviour posers under the Act states the following, in the section on PSPOs:

Homeless people and rough sleepers Public Spaces Protection Orders should not be used to target people based solely on the fact that they are homeless or rough sleeping, as this in itself is unlikely to mean that their behaviour is having an unreasonably detrimental effect on the community's quality of life which justifies imposing restrictions using a PSPO. Councils may receive complaints about homeless people, but they should consider whether the use of a Public Spaces Protection Order is the appropriate response. These Orders should be used only to address any specific behaviour that is causing a detrimental effect on the community's quality of life which is within the control of the person concerned. Councils should therefore consider carefully the nature of any potential Public Spaces Protection Order that may impact on homeless people and rough sleepers. It is recommended that any Order defines precisely the specific activity or behaviour that is having the detrimental impact on the community. Councils should also consider measures that tackle the root causes of the behaviour, such as the provision of public toilets. The council should also consider consulting with national or local homeless charities when considering restrictions or requirements which may impact on homeless people and rough sleepers.

5.4.5 Under the Act an interested party can challenge the making of a PSPO, or its variation, by application to the High Court. The grounds for such a challenge are that the local authority did not have the power to make or vary the order or to include certain prohibitions/requirements, or that a requirement under the Act was not complied with. There is a 6-week time limit to bring such a challenge from the date of the order or variation.

5.4.6 Where an Order has been made and has come into effect, it is an offence to fail to comply with its provisions. The Police are given additional powers in relation to the consumption of alcohol within the restricted area.

5.4.7 The case of *Summers v London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames* [2018] EWHC 782 (admin) concerned a challenge to a PSPO that included limits on the number of dogs that one person could be walk at any one time and also in

relation to persons having proper control over a dog when in charge of a dog(s). The court found in favour of the council in relation to these two aspects (Richmond imposed a 4 dog limit), although it did quash two parts of the PSPO in relation to persons in charge of dog being guilty of an offence if the dog 'caused annoyance to any other person or animal', or if it caused 'damage to any Council structure, equipment, tree, plant, turf or other Council property.'

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 Whilst the statutory process and guidance will be followed in the preparation of this proposed PSPO, there remains a possibility that the lawfulness of the PSPO could be challenged. It should be noted that the community will be consulted via the Council's website and Engage Barnet processes, all social media platforms available and that officers will take into account the public consultation responses when preparing a draft order for the Committee to consider.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 If the recommendations in this report are agreed, pursuant to the Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, a new Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) will be required to ensure the approach and proposed PSPO does not have a disproportionate adverse impact on persons, particularly those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

5.6.2 The public sector equality duty is set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have *due regard* to the need to:

(a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

(b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

(c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 The decision to proceed with the proposed PSPO is not considered to have a direct or indirect impact on children in care and care leavers

5.7.2 Should any person under 18 years old or care leavers be identified as being involved directly or indirectly with the contravention of any PSPO introduced, they will be referred to the MASH in accordance with standard protocols for vulnerable young people.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 In accordance with the council's process for community consultation all consultation responses will be considered, and any changes considered to the proposed PSPO conditions will be made and presented to the Executive Director of Assurance and the Chair for their review and endorsement.

5.8.2 In the case of R (Moseley) v Haringey London Borough Council [2015] 1 All ER 495, the court reasserted the principles set out in the earlier case of R (Gunning) v Brent London Borough Council [1985] 84 LGR 168 when undertaking a consultation:

- (i) consultation should take place when proposals are still at a formative stage,
- (ii) sufficient reasons should be given for any proposal to allow intelligent consideration and response,
- (iii) adequate time should be provided for consideration and response, and
- (iv) the outcome of the consultation has to be conscientiously taken into account in finalising any proposals.

Additionally, the degree of specificity with which the public authority should undertake the consultation might be dependent on the identity of those being consulted.

5.9 Insight data

5.9.1 Not relevant for this report

5.10 Environmental Impacts

5.10.1 There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations. Implementing the recommendations in the report will lead to a positive impact on the council's carbon and ecology impact, or at least it is neutral.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Recent papers to various committees on enforcement and some examples of web links to the council's service specific enforcement actions are listed below.

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

[Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/126)

Home Office Statutory Guidance for frontline professionals - Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

[\[Title\] \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/311111)

Borough-wide Public Space Protection Order consultation

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Anti-Social Behavior

1. What is a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)?

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is a power under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. It is intended to allow a council to deal with a particular nuisance or problem behaviour that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life in a particular area. It allows councils to impose either restrictions or requirements in that particular area, or across a wider area such as the whole borough. They are designed to ensure that people can use and enjoy public spaces safe from nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

2. Who can make a PSPO?

Councils can create a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) following a statutory process including consultation with the local Police, chief officer of Police, and other relevant bodies/persons.

3. Why do we need a PSPO in The London borough of Barnet?

The council and our partners have identified that there are several issues within the town centres, parks; and neighbouring areas that are having a negative impact on people who live, work or visit the London Borough of Barnet. There have been a significant number of complaints made to the council, Members of the council, Police, Registered Social Landlords and Housing Associations around the issues of public safety and nuisance, as well as the issues that the council and partners regularly witness. The proposed PSPO has been adapted in response to complaints about persistent nuisance behaviour. It clearly sets out the standards of behaviour acceptable in our city centres, and within the borough's public spaces, and challenges those who are causing a nuisance to people going about their normal daily lives.

4. What behaviour could be included in the PSPO and be restricted?

The behaviour restricted has to be having, or be likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and the behaviour believed to be of a persistent or continuing nature; and be unreasonable. A balance needs to be struck between what residents and businesses want in order to feel safe, secure, and be happy in their respective communities, whilst at the same time allowing people to enjoy what the public spaces have to offer. This is particularly relevant to the borough's 'on street' hospitality services (cafes), evening and/or night-time economy, and the public enjoyment of our parks and open green spaces. The Orders, which must be enforceable, will supplement and help address any gaps in the current rules and regulations that apply on a local and national level, e.g., police powers and local byelaws. The council is leading these proposals to help challenge anti-social behaviour at a local level and to complement the existing well established and outreach-led multi-agency approach for those who are vulnerable and need extra support. Anti-social behaviour identified must justify the restrictions imposed.

Intended conditions for the PSPO: The behaviours are related to anti-social behaviour and we are proposing the conditions below to seek to protect the public from the negative or detrimental impact of the behaviours.

- 1. Not to commit Alcohol Related Nuisance/Anti-Social Behaviour** (*Persons Drinking in Public Spaces and Parks*)
- 2. Not to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to any individual(s) by committing anti-social behaviour** (*Offensive Language, acting in an aggressive manner*)
- 3. You must pick up all dog fouling belonging to your dog - Prevention of fouling of Land by Dogs** (*Control of Dogs*)
- 4. Limit the maximum number of dogs to six that an individual may take onto Council owned land** (*Control of Dogs*)
- 5. Not to urinate/defecate; spit or litter in a public place** (*Persons not using toilets in public spaces appropriately, persons spitting in public places to cause alarm and health concerns and persons littering in public spaces*)
- 6. Not to beg in any public place in the London Borough of Barnet in a manner which is aggressive or intimidating or is likely to cause someone to feel harassed, alarmed or distressed**
- 7. Not to drive any vehicles on/in Green Spaces without prior written permission of the landowner**
- 8. To prohibit the lighting or use of fireworks in any public space in Barnet unless for an event authorised by the council in writing or licenced by the council**
- 9. Not to start or attempt to build any open fires or light any BBQs in the London Borough of Barnet Green Spaces** {unless council sponsored / pre-approved} (*The damage to land and smoke nuisance, and associated litter*) with the exemption of allotments
- 10. Not to organise, promote; encourage or support others to promote or to deliver any unauthorised music events** unless individually licensed by the council
- 11. Not camp in London Borough of Barnet green spaces without the landowners (the council's) written permission** (*The obstruction of land and leaving of waste*)
- 12. Not to misuse any Novel Psychoactive Substances e.g., spice, nitrous oxide gas canisters, and other substances known for legal highs**

5. What are the proposed areas that will be covered by a PSPO?

It is proposed that the London Borough of Barnet PSPO will be borough wide and will cover all of the streets, pavements, and public spaces within the London Borough of Barnet. The proposed creation of the PSPO we are consulting on is inclusive of covering all public spaces within the London Borough of Barnet. "The designated area" refers to any public space which the public or a part of the public has access (S 74(1) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014). This is regardless of whether access is on payment or not, or as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission. This can include businesses and communal areas of housing blocks but excludes residential premises.

6. How long is a PSPO in force for?

A PSPO when created can be in force for three years from the date it is implemented. Any changes to the PSPO area or additional restrictions will require further consultation.

7. Can I have further information about Alcohol Related Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour?

The conditions that will be included in the PSPO Alcohol Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour are outlined below:

Alcohol Related Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour (Existing Powers) Barnet PSPOs relating to Street Drinking replaced the former borough wide Designated Public Places Order, which lapsed on 20th October 2017. Those PSPOs were introduced under Section 75 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The selected areas where PSPOs for alcohol related nuisance and anti-social behaviour were only in the Burnt Oak, Childs Hill, Edgware Town Centre, and High Barnet areas in 2018 - 2021. Most residents, visitors and people who live and work in the borough choose to drink socially and behave responsibly. However, there are some people who do not drink alcohol responsibly and this can impact on the local community. Therefore, the proposal to use the powers borough-wide has been put forward based on wider spread nuisance being caused by this activity.

Alcohol Related Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour (Scenarios fitting of PSPO Enforcement)

The proposal is aimed at helping to deal with behaviour such as public intoxication, being rowdy and inconsiderate, swearing and shouting, urinating in the street or any other behaviour that is considered to be detrimental, such as discarding alcoholic beverages or gathering and loitering on public benches making other users of public spaces feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

Alcohol Related Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour - Prohibition Requirement

The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and / or requirements:

(i) In this area any person who without reasonable excuse continues consuming alcohol in the restricted area when asked to stop by a an authorised officer of the authority, Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer under Section 63 of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 or fails to surrender anything in his / her possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container (sealed or unsealed) containing alcohol in order to prevent public nuisance or disorder, unless they have a reasonable excuse is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level two on the standard scale or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice to a penalty of a maximum of £100.

8. Does this mean I can't drink alcohol outside?

No. The proposed order would restrict drinking in a public place if an officer believes that there is, or could be, anti-social behaviour in the area linked to drinking alcohol. The container can be removed whether open or not. This does not include areas covered by an alcohol premises licence.

9. Why introduce an alcohol related street drinking PSPO?

The majority of residents, visitors and people who live and work in the borough choose to drink socially and behave responsibly. However, there are some people who do not drink alcohol responsibly and this can impact on the local community.

Since the lapse of the Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) on the 20th October 2017 we have been monitoring incidents and reports of alcohol related nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the borough. The council and its partners have already tried a number of interventions to reduce alcohol and street drinking related nuisance and anti-social behaviour. These have included enforcement and engagement with those identified as acting this way. However, this has not completely reduced the problem sufficiently.

The council have shown that the new PSPO powers used to control street drinking since 2018 have worked by giving the Police and the council additional powers to tackle the individuals responsible.

10. Which areas are we going to apply the Alcohol Related Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour PSPO to?

As noted above, to address the growing concerns of residents, businesses, and visitors, we are proposing to introduce a PSPO for alcohol related street drinking nuisance in all green spaces and public owned land. This has been highlighted by the number of complaints of anti-social drinking in green spaces and on the outskirts of town centres.

11. How will you deal with anti-social behaviour under the PSPO?

Anyone witnessed by our officers to be acting in a manner which is causing or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress will be given advice and the appropriate action will be taken, such as directed to disperse from the area and/or issued with a fixed penalty notice. Additional or other legislative action may be used where more appropriate dependent upon context.

12. Why are we tackling aggressive begging?

Begging is illegal under the Vagrancy Act 1824, written nearly two hundred years ago. Presently only Police may enforce under the Act. Its interpretation in modern day law is seen as problematic. Many people, including vulnerable people, legitimately access our town centres and open spaces within London Borough of Barnet daily and they, nor any other person, should have to be exposed to any form of aggressive begging. Aggressive begging is characterised by repeated requests for money from a member of the public; following a person and making requests/demands; shouting and using abusive language; positioning themselves near to banks, post offices and cash withdrawal machines for the purpose of obtaining money from customers.

Enforcement partners in all cases will start with offering the person advice and referrals to support agencies. Partners' efforts will be made to steer people into the services they need as this is central to our approach.

13. How will you deal with begging?

We would seek to avoid issuing fines for begging to those who are genuinely homeless and instead authorised officers will offer support, working closely with the Housing Department, and street-based support services. Action will be taken against individuals found begging who are in accommodation and in receipt of benefits and in breach of the proposed PSPO.

14. What are Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS)? Why Should the PSPO address this?

Novel Psychoactive Substances used to be commonly known as 'legal highs' or 'designer drugs' often contain one or more chemical substances which produce similar effects to illegal drugs. Nitrous oxide, or

'laughing gas', is a well-known example of a Psychoactive Substance. The Psychoactive Substances (NPS) Act 2016 primarily deals with supply and possession with intent to supply psychoactive substances but does not afford protection from anti-social behaviour aspects. It does not make it an offence to be in possession of, or to misuse such substances in our Public Spaces. This means Police Officers and council officers have limited powers to stop such activity or behaviour without a PSPO. The linked anti-social behaviour aspects commonly seen are the associated littering linked to people in possession of, and the local environment effects of people using it, such as perceptions of crime and or smells, behaviours of persons under influence linked with NPS consumption.

15. Is busking prohibited in Barnet business areas?

The Answer is No. There have been minimal recorded nuisance buskers in business areas. This requirement is therefore excluded from this proposed PSPO relating to music events and projection.

16. Does this mean I can't walk my dogs in the business areas?

No. A PSPO would require that owners must clear up any dog mess and keep their dog(s) under control. The maximum number of dogs proposed to be walked at any one time by one person for this PSPO is six (6).

17. What would the changes be if we had PSPOs?

PSPOs allow the Local Authority and partners to directly address a broader range of anti-social behaviours rather than those just associated with the misuse of alcohol and Dog Control measures. The proposed conditions support our reduction in crime and Anti-social Behaviour goals and promoting safer neighbourhoods whilst setting boundaries of what are regarded as unacceptable behaviours for our London Borough of Barnet Area.

18. What enforcement action will be taken?

Our officers will investigate all incidents and advice will be given to the person and the relevant action taken. Officers who can enforce the PSPO are authorised council officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Police Constables. If an individual is found to breach any of the conditions an authorised officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty notice. However, if someone persistently breaches this order they could receive more formal action which could include either a Community Protection Notice, a Criminal Behaviour Order or a Civil Injunction - in some cases this could mean unlimited fines or even imprisonment. Failure to comply with the order if prosecuted is an offence carrying a maximum fine of £1000. Breaching a PSPO is a criminal offence. (Where applicable an authorised officer may give a Direction, being advice to follow or adhere or requirement to disperse from a given area where anti-social behaviour is being caused/reported).

19. Who will be able to enforce the order?

Orders can be enforced by an officer authorised by the Local Authority including PCSOs and a Police Constable

20. How will the PSPO be enforced?

If an individual is found to be engaging in any behaviour either prohibited or a condition of the PSPO, they may be warned initially depending on the circumstances.

Breach of a PSPO is a criminal offence. The penalty for breach of a PSPO can be a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100 and if appropriate: The court can impose a fine of (up to level 3) £1000. An application for a Criminal Behaviour Order can be made as a result of a PSPO breach.

21. I have been given a fixed penalty notice. Does this mean I have a criminal conviction?

No, you do not have a criminal conviction if you pay the fixed penalty issued to you.

22. Prosecution at the Magistrates Court

A decision may be made to prosecute a person for the offence of breach of the PSPO. This may occur as a result of non-payment of the Fixed Penalty Notice or where the individual is repeatedly in breach of the PSPO and it is decided that the Magistrates Court is best placed to determine the matter.

Depending on the circumstances, the court may decide to punish the defendant by use of a fine. The court must also impose the victim surcharge used to assist support agencies. Magistrates are able to require a person to engage in positive activities by granting a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), applied for by the prosecuting authority on conviction of a criminal offence. Such an order may include prohibitions to stop the behaviour reoccurring and/or include positive requirements. For example, there could be a requirement to engage with a support service relating to the reoccurrence of the offence.

23. I don't believe I committed an offence

If you believe you have not committed an offence, you have the choice of not paying the penalty notice and challenging our police partners, or authorised officers' evidence in court, and the court will decide.

24. I believe that the officer was rude to me

A complaint about the officer's conduct is not a reasonable defence and the penalty should still be paid. If you want to make a complaint about the officer's behaviour, then this should be made using our normal complaints procedure. Go to www.Barnet.gov.uk and submit your formal complaint to the council.

25. Is there already legislation to deal with some of these issues?

There may be some cross over with other legislation that helps to prevent such activities, but the PSPO tackles slightly different (albeit related) behaviours more specifically and enforce in a more efficient way.

The PSPO permits Police Officers, Community Support Officers, council officers and delegated agents to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to a value of £100 and seize alcohol from street drinkers. It will therefore provide for broader enforcement to complement existing powers in some circumstances and create new powers to deal with issues we are currently unable to enforce sufficiently as seen in the breadth of subject matter on the proposed 1-12 PSPO subject matter. For example, where bylaws exist and are by summary only offence, a PSPO is a more pragmatic alternative.

26. How is the PSPO going to be enforced? Is there a danger that you could be accused of picking on some of the most vulnerable people in our society?

There will be an enforcement protocol in place that will provide guidance to those authorised to enforce the PSPO, ensuring that the appropriate support is highlighted for the individual and relevant agencies are made aware.

27. If I get a Fixed Penalty Notice, how long do I get to pay?

A constable or authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty, failing which they may be prosecuted. The person issued with the penalty may appeal or make representation to the Issuing authority if they are struggling to pay or believe the offence did not occur.

28. Where do I go for more information?

Information about Public Spaces Protection Orders can be found in section 2.6 of the Home Office document Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Reform of anti-social behaviour powers. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/352562/ASB_Guidance_v8_July2014_final_2_.pdf (last updated January 2021 at the time of writing the FAQ)

29. How will the decision be made?

The consultation responses will be analysed, and the results reported to the council. There has already been a great deal of evidence gathered that has highlighted the impact on individuals and businesses of the types of incidents that the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is trying to address. The intention is that the Executive Director in consultation with the Chair of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee will consider the results and decide whether to implement a borough wide PSPO.

30. When is the consultation taking place?

The consultation will take place once approved by the Communities Leadership and Libraries Committee.

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Borough wide Public Space Protection Order consultation

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Consultation and Engagement

Borough wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation

Introduction:

The purpose of this questionnaire is to give people an opportunity to tell us their opinion on Barnet Council's proposal for a borough wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). These orders were introduced under the [Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014](#), to allow us to impose conditions in a particular area to help deal with a particular nuisance or problem that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

For more information on our detailed plans, please take the time to read our [consultation document](#) and then complete this questionnaire. It should only take about 20 minutes of your time.

To ensure personal information about you is secure, all your answers will be treated in the strictest of confidence and stored securely in an anonymous format. We never release information that in any way allows an individual to be identified and only report of aggregated groups of respondents.

Thank you for your time – your participation in this important consultation is greatly appreciated.

Please select 'Next' to continue to the next page.

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SurveyMonkey and data protection

Barnet Council uses SurveyMonkey to host questionnaires, and to store and analyse the data collected through these questionnaires. The council has investigated SurveyMonkey and is satisfied with its data assurance and legal framework.

The council does not collect personal information in this questionnaire, which means the information you provide is anonymous. We do not ask for your name, address, email address, telephone number, full post code or any other information that would allow us to identify you. The information you choose to give us in the equalities questions is also anonymous so we cannot identify you from it.

Since the data we collect is anonymous, it is not considered to be personal data under data protection legislation (such as the General Data Protection Regulation or the Data Protection Act 2018).

If you have any questions about this statement please email first.contact@barnet.gov.uk.

Instructions for completing questionnaire

We have tried to make the questionnaire as easy as possible to complete.

Many of the questions have a range of options for you to choose from. Please choose the option closest to your opinion and tick the relevant option or options.

Please select 'Next' to continue to the next page.

Section 1: Your experience

We would first like to ask you about your experience of anti-social behaviour in Barnet.

- In the last 12 months have you, or anyone you know, experienced the following types of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the borough? (Please tick all option on each row)**

	Yes, I experienced personally	Yes, I know someone who has experienced this type of ASB	No, I have not experienced this type of ASB

Alcohol Related Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour (Persons Drinking in Public Spaces and Parks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harassment, alarm, or distress in terms of anti-social behaviour, such as offensive language, acting in an aggressive manner in public.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fouling of land by Dogs – Dog walkers/owners not picking up dog fouling after their dog(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too many dogs or dogs being poorly controlled by their owners/walkers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People urinating/defecating and/or spitting and littering in public.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intimidating or aggressive begging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unauthorised persons driving vehicles on/in Barnet Green Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fireworks misuse in public spaces in Barnet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open fires or BBQs in Barnet Green Spaces causing damage to the land, smoke nuisance and associated litter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unlicensed music events which have caused you nuisance, upset or annoyance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unauthorised camping in Barnet's green spaces causing obstruction to the land, nuisance and associated litter/leaving of waste behind.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public misuse of psychoactive substances and use of spice, nitrous oxide gas canisters, including marijuana.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Please indicate where you have experienced this ASB in the London borough of Barnet? (Please tick all that apply)

	Yes, experienced personally
The road I live in	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other resident areas in Barnet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
School	<input type="checkbox"/>
College/University	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please tell us the area the acts of Anti-Social Behaviour occurred in: (Please type in your answer)

Section 2: Your views on our PSPO proposals

In our FAQ document

4. To what extent do you support or oppose each of the proposed borough wide PSPO items? (Please tick one option on each row)

	Strongly support this item	Tend to support this item	Neither support or oppose	Tend to oppose this item	Strongly oppose this item	Don't know/not sure
(Item 1) Not to commit Alcohol Related Nuisance/Anti-Social Behaviour (<i>Persons Drinking in Public Spaces and Parks</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Item 2) Not to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to any individual(s) by committing anti-social behaviour (<i>Offensive Language, acting in an aggressive manner</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Item 3) That you must pick up all dog fouling belonging to your dog - Prevention of fouling of Land by Dogs (<i>Control of Dogs</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Item 4) To limit the maximum number of dogs that an individual may take onto specified areas (<i>Control of Dogs</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Item 5) Not to urinate/defecate; spit or litter in a public place (<i>Persons not using toilets in public spaces appropriately, persons spitting in public places to cause alarm and health concerns and persons littering in public spaces</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>(Item 6) Not to beg in any public place in the London Borough of Barnet nor beg in an Intimidating or aggressive manner</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<p>(Item 7) Not to drive any vehicles on/in Green Spaces without prior written permission of the land owner</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<p>(Item 8) Not to be in possession of or misuse fireworks in any public space in Barnet unless individually licensed by the Council</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<p>(Item 9) Not to start or attempt to build any open fires or BBQs in the London Borough of Barnet Green Spaces (unless council sponsored / pre-approved)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<p>(Item 10) Not to promote; encourage other to promote or deliver any unlicensed music events (unless individually licensed by the Council)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<p>(Item 11) Not camp in London Borough of Barnet green spaces without the landowners (The Council's) written permission</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

<p>(Item 12) Not to misuse or share with others any psychoactive substances (spice, nitrous oxide gas canisters, and other substances known for legal highs) or marijuana/weed in a public space; nor be in possession in a public place of any drug paraphernalia (for example cannabis grinders or crack cocaine pipes)</p>					
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5. **If you disagree with any of the PSPO items being implemented, please say why you disagree: (Please type in your answer)**

6. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with implementing a borough wide PSPO in Barnet.**

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / not sure
Borough wide (all wards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. **If you disagree with any of the PSPO items being implemented in a particular ward, please say which ward and which item you disagree with being implemented: (Please type in your answer)**

8. Overall, do you think that the introduction of a borough wide PSPO will have a positive impact or negative impact in Barnet?

	Positive Impact	No Impact	Negative Impact	Don't know / not sure
Borough Wide (All wards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



9. If you feel there will be a negative impact from any of these PSPO items being implemented in a particular ward, please say which item, which ward and why. (Please type in your answer)

10. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will be a beneficial tool to support enforcement and control of anti-social behaviour across the borough? (Please tick one option only)

- Strongly support
- Tend to support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Tend to oppose.....
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know / not sure

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Section 3: About you

When consulting with our residents and service users Barnet Council needs to understand the views of our different communities.

So that we can analyse the findings by different locations in the borough, please can you provide the Barnet ward that you live in.

11. **Which ward do you live in? If you live outside Barnet please select other and specify**
(Please select one option only)

London Borough of Barnet - Wards	Please tick one only.
Barnet Vale - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brunswick Park - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnt Oak - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Childs Hill - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colindale North - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colindale South - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cricklewood - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Barnet - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Finchley - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Edgware - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Edgwarebury - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finchley Church End - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friern Barnet - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Suburb - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golders Green - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hendon - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Barnet - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mill Hill - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>

Totteridge & Woodside - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underhill - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Finchley - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Hendon - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whetstone - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodhouse - Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wards outside Barnet	
Other (PLEASE TICK BOX AND WRITE IN BELOW)	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Are you responding as: (Please tick one option only)

A Barnet resident	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barnet business	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person who works in the London Borough of Barnet area	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A Barnet business	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Representing a voluntary/community organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Representing a public-sector organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

13. Please specify the type of stakeholders or residents your community group or voluntary organisation represents: (Please type in your answer)

14. Please specify the type of public sector organisation you are representing: (Please type in your answer)



15. Are you currently employed, self-employed, retired or otherwise not in paid work?
(Please tick one option only)

- An employee in a full-time job (31 hours or more per week)
- An employee in a part time job (Less than 31 hours per week)
- Self- employed (full or part-time)
- On a Government supported training programme (e.g. Modern Apprenticeship or Training for Work)
- In full- time education at school, college, or university
- Unemployed and available for work
- Permanently sick or disabled
- Wholly retired from work
- Not in work and not available for work, e.g. in a carer role
- Doing something else (please specify)
- Prefer not to say

16. Does your household own or rent this accommodation?
(Please tick one option only)

- Own* - Owned with a mortgage or loan
- Own* - Owned outright
- Own* - Other owned – record word for word
- Rent* - Rented from Council
- Rent* - Rented from a Housing Association or another Registered Social Landlord
- Rent* - Rented from a private landlord
- Rent* - Other rented or living here rent free – record word for word
- Both* - Part rent and part mortgage (shared ownership)
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

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Section: Diversity Monitoring

The Equality Act 2010 identifies nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, and requires the council to pay due regard to equalities in eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between people from different groups. We ask questions about the groups so that we can assess any impact of our services and practices on different groups. The information we collect helps the council to check that our policies and services are fair and accessible.

Collecting this information will help us understand the needs of our different communities and we encourage you to complete the following questions.

All your answers will be treated in confidence and will be stored securely in an anonymous format. All information will be stored in accordance with our responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 2018.

For the purposes of this questionnaire, we are asking questions relating to the protected characteristics included in the Equality Act 2010.

17. In which age group do you fall? (Please tick one option only)

16-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	55-64	<input type="checkbox"/>
18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	65- 74	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>	75+	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>		

18. Are you: (Please tick one option only)

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to Q97	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If you prefer to use your own term, please provide it here: (Please type in your answer)

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Pregnant and on maternity leave

19. Are you pregnant and/or on maternity leave? (Please tick one option on each row)

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
I am pregnant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am currently on maternity leave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth? (Please tick one option only)

Yes, it's the same	No, it's different	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> Go to Q22	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to Q21	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to Q22

21. If you answered no, please enter your gender identity: (Please type in your answer)

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22. What is your ethnic group? (Please tick one option only)

Asian / Asian British		Other ethnic group		Disability The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as 'a physical or mental
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other ethnic group (✓ AND TYPE BELOW)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chinese		White		
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	British	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greek / Greek Cypriot	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any other Asian background (✓ AND TYPE BELOW)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British		Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	
African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turkish / Turkish Cypriot	<input type="checkbox"/>	
British	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other White background (✓ AND TYPE BELOW)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any other Black / African / Caribbean background (✓ AND TYPE BELOW)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups				
White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>			
White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>			
White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background (✓ AND TYPE BELOW)	<input type="checkbox"/>			

impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.

In this definition, long- term means more than 12 months and would cover long-term illness such as cancer and HIV or mental health problems.

23. Do you consider that you have a disability as outlined above? (Please tick one option only)

Yes No (Please go to Q25)

24. If you have answered 'yes', please select the definition(s) from the list below that best describes your disability/disabilities:

Hearing (such as deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduced Physical Capacity (such as inability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, debilitating pain and lack of strength, breath energy or stamina, asthma, angina or diabetes)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vision (such as blind or fractional/partial sight. Does not include people whose visual problems can be corrected by glasses/contact lenses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe Disfigurement	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Learning Difficulties (such as dyslexia)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speech (such as impairments that can cause communication problems)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness (substantial and lasting more than a year, such as severe depression or psychoses)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobility (such as wheelchair user, artificial lower limb(s), walking aids, rheumatism or arthritis)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Co-ordination (such as manual dexterity, muscular control, cerebral palsy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other disability, please specify			
Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/>			

25. What is your religion or belief? (Please tick one option only)

Baha'i	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Humanist	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other religion/belief (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. What is your sexual orientation? (Please tick one option only)

Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay or Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other sexual orientation (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Straight or heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/>		

27. What is your marital status? (Please tick one option only)

Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-habiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	In a same sex civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Married	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. End of the questionnaire

At the end of the questionnaire you should thank consultees for taking part and remind them how they can return their completed questionnaire.

5.1 Example 'thank you' for online questionnaire:

Thank you for taking part in our questionnaire. Once you press 'submit' your responses will automatically be submitted to Barnet Council.

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