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## **Introduction**

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are powers introduced by local authorities (Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) to help deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is damaging to the local community's quality of life. The power to make a Public Spaces Protection Order was given to District Councils by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Before making an order, the council must consult with the local chief officer of police, and the local policing body, community representatives and the owner or occupier of land within the restricted area. The Council must also notify the County Council and Parish (Town) Council of the proposed order.

The PSPO can prohibit people from doing certain things in an area, requires specified things to be done by persons carrying out specified activities in an area, or do both of those things. A PSPO can last for up to three years, but this time period can be extended if necessary.

This consultation concerns introducing this PSPO across North East Derbyshire District in order to tackle the anti-social use of vehicles for the next 3 years.

## **Methodology**

A consultation survey was created, and this was made available to all relevant stakeholders with options to complete online, via the NEDDC website and through survey links via a social media campaign (paper copies of the survey were available upon request). The survey was open for 6 weeks with a closing date of Sunday 3rd September.

## **Response Summary**

In total 69 responses to the survey were received prior to the return deadline, all of which were completed online.

The percentages throughout the report may not always add exactly to 100% due to rounding.

## **Executive Summary**

- Of the 69 responses received, these were spread over 16 North East Derbyshire wards, with the most responses from Wingerworth with 10 responses (14.5%), North Wingfield Central with 7 responses (10.1%), Clay Cross South, Dronfield Woodhouse and Holmewood and Heath with 6 responses each (8.7%).
- Of the 69 respondents, 60 (87%) said that in the past 12 months they have experienced or been affected by anti-social use of vehicles within North East Derbyshire.
- 65 of the 69 responses received (94%) were from people in support of the implementation of the PSPO to ban the anti-social use of vehicles in North East Derbyshire District, with 4 responses (6%) from people opposed to the PSPO implementation.
- When asked for additional comments, respondents referenced several subjects, the most popular being concerns with vehicle excessive speeds, concerns with vehicle excessive noise and concerns/queries with how the PSPO will be effectively enforced and policed.

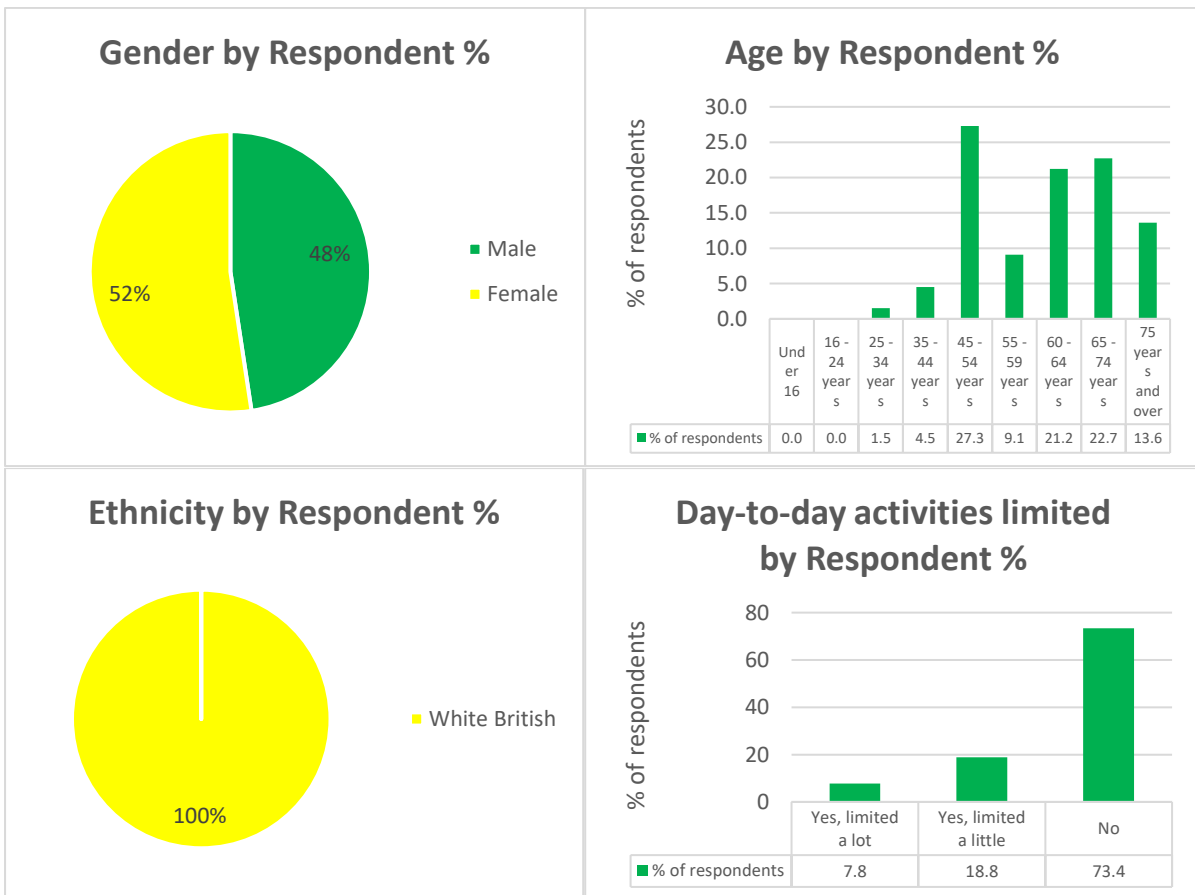
## **Respondent Profiling Information**

Key demographic information was captured in the survey to help build a respondent profile and assist with equalities monitoring. A table of results is included below together with the summary of key points below which compares this information to the district's profile taken from the 2021 Population Census.

<b>Respondent Characteristic</b>	<b>Overall Respondent Profile %</b>	<b>% Population Figures (2021 Census)</b>
<b><i>Gender</i></b>		
Male	48	49
Female	52	51
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<b><i>Age Group</i></b>		
		(age % as proportion of 2021 population aged 16+)
16-24 years	0	10
25-34	2	13
35-44	5	13
45-54	27	17
55-59	9	9
60-64	21	8
65-74	23	16
75 & over	14	14

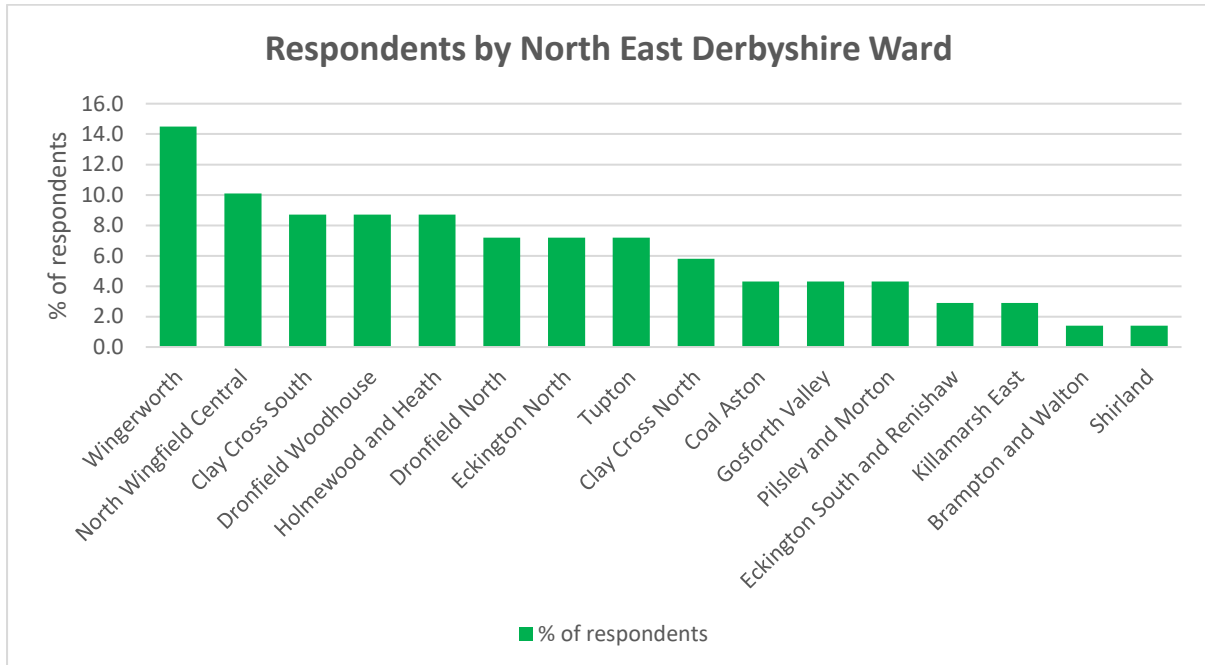
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
White British or Irish	100	96
Ethnic Minority (including white-other)	0	4
<b>Disability</b>		
Yes, limited a lot	8	11
Yes, limited a little	19	11
No	73	78

The profile of respondents was representative of the gender profile when comparing to % population 2021 census figures. The survey was over representative of age categories 45-54 years, 60-64 and 65-74 and under representative of age categories under 24 years, 25-34 and 35-44. Ethnic minorities are underrepresented within the survey, whilst people who stated they had disability limitations to a lesser extent are over represented and no disabilities under represented when benchmarked against the 2021 census.

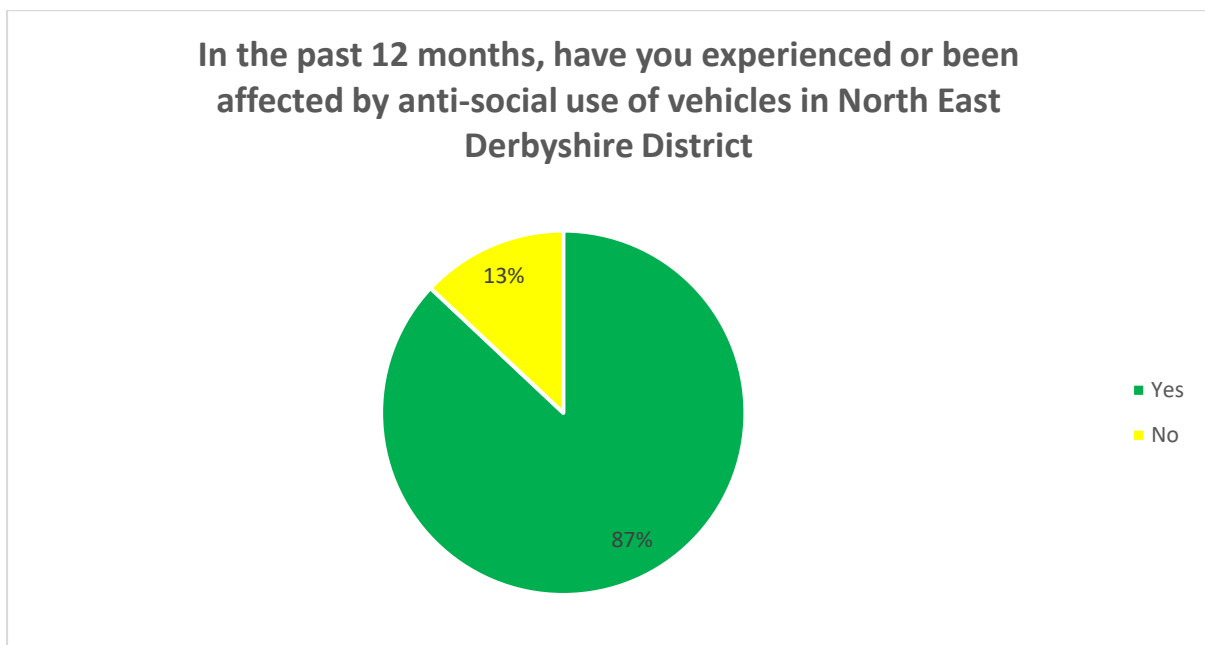


## Survey Response Detail

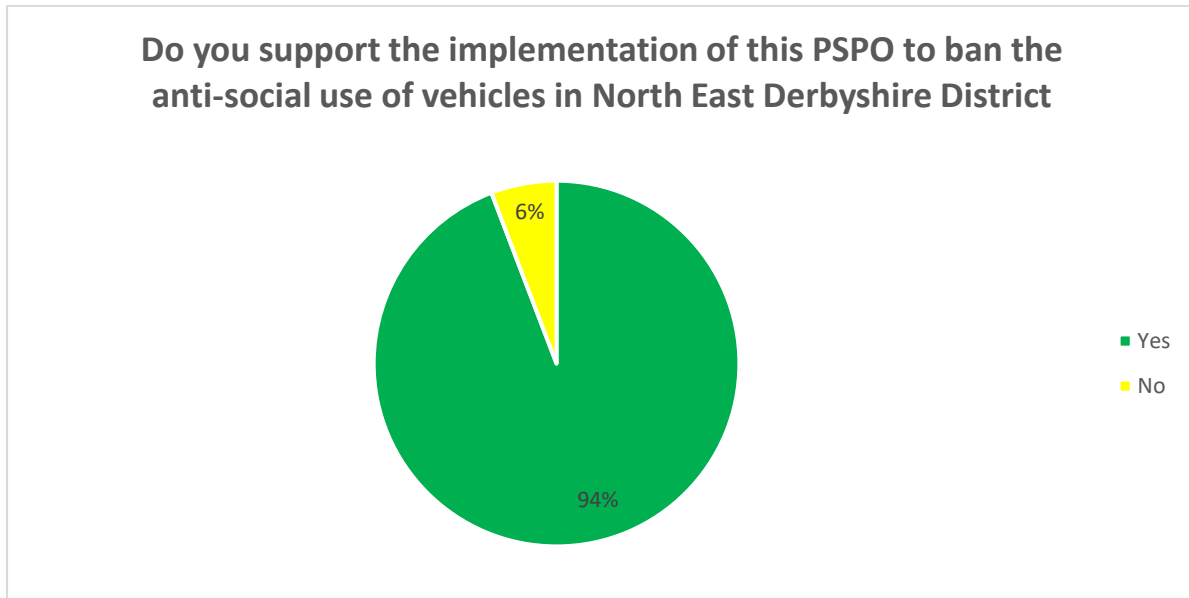
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When asked if they had experienced or been affected by anti-social use of vehicles within North East Derbyshire in the past 12 months, 87% of respondents said they had been.



65 of the 69 respondents (94.2%) said that they supported the implementation of the PSPO to ban the anti-social use of vehicles in North East Derbyshire District, with 4 of the 69 respondents (5.8%) stating they were against the PSPO.



Of the 4 respondents who were opposed to the PSPO, the following reasons were given for their decision: -

*The PSPO is a hammer to crack a nut. More visible policing and roadside "education" should be used before this.*

*I don't have an issue with any anti-social driving/car related issue problems, there are bigger issues in the local area than that.*

*Anti-social is open to interpretation. People that don't like or know anything about cars often if not always get it wrong. When driving through the village in my supercar I get disapproving looks whilst doing less than 30 mph. The old guy in his small car doing 40 in a 30 is ignored.*

*Too much council interference in people's lives.*

The consultation asked if respondents had any further information that they felt may be relevant to this PSPO, comments regarding 'concerns with vehicle excessive speeds', 'concerns with vehicle excessive noise' and 'concerns/queries with how the PSPO will be effectively enforced and policed' being the most frequently cited: -

Consultation response category	No. of comments
Concerns with vehicle excessive speeds	18
Concerns with vehicle excessive noise	18
Concerns as to how PSPO will be effectively enforced/policed	11
Concerns with vehicle illegal parking / vehicle obstruction	4
Issues with vehicles 'off-roading'	3
General support for PSPO	3
Issues with irresponsible / dangerous riding	2
Issues with littering from vehicles	1

Comments opposing PSPO	1
Concerns about electric cars lack of noise	1

See Appendix 1 for comment details.

## Appendices

### **Appendix 1 – Any further information that you feel may be relevant to this PSPO.**

#### Concerns with vehicle excessive speeds

Speeding cars coming off Holmewood roundabout towards Clay Cross.

Williamthorpe Road main thoroughfare through the village has speeding cars and motorbikes throughout the day, but specifically during the evening through to early hours.

Speeding vehicles and Quad bikes on Green Lane are a constant issue, and more so in the evenings.

Station New Road being used as race track. It happens numerous times a day, particularly early evening. New electronic speed sign seems to encourage the idiots to see how fast actually going.

Speeding through Wingerworth, limit is 30mph, some drivers driving vastly in excess of these speeds. Speed bumps have little to no impact.

Cars late evening speeding & motor bikes speeding with noisy exhausts.

Speeding at night time on New Road (30 limit) and Birkin Lane (Strangely derestricted and no footpaths).

There is a big problem with boy racers leaving McDonalds and racing up the hill to the A61 roundabout. Can we have some speed bumps on the new road between the A61 roundabout and the North Wingfield Road before it opens for through traffic please?

As a driver, I fail to understand the need to accelerate (i.e., floor the accelerator), from the top of Chestnut Avenue to the give way at the bottom.

Speeding should be a key focus and I feel a better police presence will deter this.

Thanet St, Penncroft & Cemetery Road, even near the Danesmoor police station in an 20-30 mph zone. Can't believe somebody hasn't been run over yet. Must be sheer dumb luck. Also, high speed motor bikes on A61 through Clay Cross are a menace. If not enough police, then make sure CCTV works, fine them, and install more speed calming if possible. Get the motorbike shops in Clay Cross onside. Pity their vehicles can't be confiscated especially for repeat offenders.

General speeding is a constant nuisance for all members of the community

Living on the A61 within the 50-mph zone means that cars and motorcycles think it's ok to speed in excess of that speed.

I live on the junction of 2 busy roads - Market Street Clay Cross and Coney Green Road. Traffic is constantly speeding up and down Coney Green illegal.

Excess speeding on Chesterfield Road is an everyday occurrence. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

Speeding on Chesterfield Road is Dangerous.

At 11pm last Saturday a car came behind me at great speed and overtook me on the bend at the bus turning circle on Langer Lane. Unfortunately, with the speed



and darkness I was unable to see his car number plate. I presume, if I had been able to get his number, this would be covered by the PSPO.

I'm appalled at the speed some vehicles go past Millfield Park Old Tupton. There should be an extra 30 mph sign at the end of Coup Lane on Mill Lane, to remind idiots it's still 30 mph. Or even a speed camera outside Bateman's hotels.

### Concerns with vehicle excessive noise

Over revving motorcycles, back firing cars.

I think the PSPO should be extended to cover the nuisance caused by excessively noisy motorbikes and cars

Noise from "Boy Racers" and other vehicles using local car parks as "racetracks" is detrimental to health and enjoyment by preventing use of garden. Even indoors windows have to be closed at times, to enable us to hear the TV and the noises cause considerable distress to our dog.

There are a number of motor vehicles, cars and motor cycles being driven actually quite reasonably, but have loud exhaust noises coming from them. One in particular can be heard as the rider travels around Dronfield. Will the order deal with such issues.

Exhausts that pop and make really loud bangs. Frightening enough to go walk but petrifies our dog, even in the garden he flies into the house and hides then doesn't want to go out again.

Would the order allow for the enforcement of excessively loud exhaust noise.

There are a number of vehicles that drive around the area whose exhaust is extremely loud and distressing when passing you in the street. They can also be heard as they travel around. Cars and motor cycles, the latter in particular.

Back firing sounds & motor bikes speeding with noisy exhausts.

Excessive exhaust noise should also be included in the order.

Can you also include emergency service vehicles that use the siren inappropriately through the night, there is very little traffic on the road, but they don't care that they disturb residents sleep, they are just as much a nuisance as the cars with the very loud exhausts!

There is a lot of car and motor bike noise, and I would like to see more convictions, particularly as much of it is deliberate and intended to scare or annoy residents. People of my age, who are hearing impaired, often can't detect where the noise is coming from.

Police must be more proactive with people racing about in noisy old cars and bikes and scooters and the noise produced by these idiots.

Please include noisy cars and motorcycles, cars modified to produce backfire and small motorcycles without proper exhaust.

General speeding and noise are a constant nuisance for all members of the community.

People revving their vehicles very loudly and playing loud music.

One of the things you have failed to mention in this antisocial behaviour problem that really needs looking at is the motorists who modify their exhaust systems to make them sound like gunfire or such like. This usually happens on the way out of Clay Cross towards North Wingfield where they seem to test their systems as it is a bit of a no man's area. The noise they make is really out of control and should be

made illegal. It is a constant problem and is quite alarming to listen to. It is noise pollution at its very worst and is really bad.

I would ask that the use of motor vehicles with non-standard exhausts, so emitting loud noise be included in the order. There are a number of vehicles driving around Dronfield with such exhausts. These are annoying and disturb the peace.

Yes, there are cars with very noisy exhausts which can be alarming to us oldies.

I would like to include the enforcement of noisy motor cars and motorcycles. The use of such machines seems to be increasing. There are several motor vehicles that drive in and around Dronfield whose exhaust noise is excessive. They must have been modified to increase the noises emitted as a choice. They cause unnecessary noise and disturb the peace.

### Concerns as to how PSPO will be effectively enforced / policed.

I support the implementation of the PSPO but it's the enforcement that will need resources to stop the speeding and noise of racing cars in the night.

I do feel that ASB issues in general also need to be attacked in order to prevent the general degradation of life in the area that is already happening. My concern is how will this be policed? If there was sufficient policing in the area perhaps this wouldn't be such an issue in the first place?

It's a very good idea but hope there will be officers available to operate the scheme.

Fully support for as long as possible and make sure it is enforced.

Unfortunately, it is not that easy to report speeding vehicles in my area. It appears to be an area where there is little focus for incidents of this type even though vehicles speeding on Hague Lane is constant.

More Police presence required in Dronfield. Vehicle thefts happening far too frequently, ditto house break-ins, ditto vandalism.

Speeding should be a key focus and I feel a better police presence will deter this.

Police must be more proactive with people racing about in noisy old cars and bikes and scooters and the noise produced by these idiots.

In order to be effective, the PSPO needs to be policed effectively and the public's information should be seen to be acted on.

I support it but doesn't Section 59 of the Road Traffic Act which covers the use of a car in an Antisocial manner cover the issues that are listed. The issues listed need policing as we only ever have a PCSO in Dronfield and rarely see an actual police officer so maybe our PCC needs to do her job and get more officers.

Also please ensure the order is enforced. There is no point having the order then not enforcing it. I would personally like to read how many incidents have been actioned.

### Concerns with vehicle illegal parking / vehicle obstruction

I feel including causing an obstruction could be unnecessarily punitive when it is adequately covered by existing offences.

Station Road parking on pavements and at road junction outside News for You. Witnessed near misses for motor bikes and pedestrians.

Parents parking outside schools making roads impassable at pick up and drop off times, including parents being abusive to other road users, including pulling out in

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front of oncoming traffic and shouting obscenities at other road users. Emergency vehicles also unable to pass due to careless and downright idiotic parking. Visibility on junctions also obscured or resulting in no visibility due to careless and arrogant parking.

Parking on pavements should also be seen as a nuisance when it inconveniences people wishing to enter or exit properties safely.

#### Issues with vehicles 'off-roading'

Persistent off-road motorbikes using the woods in the Moss Valley.

Motor bikes and 4x4 vehicles driving over farm fields and footpaths in Moss Valley and woods.

This is a common occurrence in the car park behind Coal Aston Community Centre at night.

#### General support for PSPO

I'm fully in support of this plan as this has a huge effect on people's mental health and quality of life.

It's a very good idea.

Fully support for as long as possible.

#### Issues with irresponsible / dangerous riding

Motorbikes/dirt bikes riding up & down road and pavement, some with no helmet or numberplate doing wheelies.

Motorcyclists riding without a helmet on is another thing to be aware of.

#### Issues with littering from vehicles

The other issue is the amount of litter being thrown out of car windows, every week I collect it up.

#### Concerns about electric cars lack of noise

Electric cars not taking into consideration that the public can't hear them approaching.

#### Comment opposing the PSPO.

If a car passes a MOT, it is not and should not be classed as antisocial. Dangerous and reckless driving are already law, antisocial driving will effectively give the village busy bodies a platform to whinge.