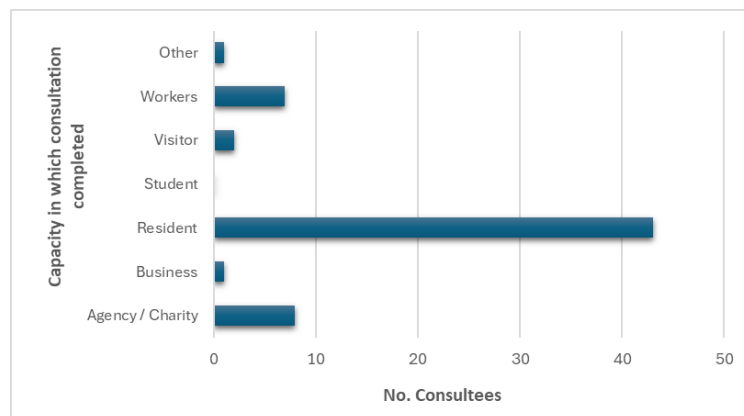


## Appendix 1

### Summary of Consultation Feedback

1. This appendix provides a summary of the key evidence gathered, analysed through the process of the review.

1.1 Appendix 7 of this report provides the full feedback received in relation to this consultation. The consultation was run between 14 to 25 February 2025 and there was a total of sixty-two respondents. The breakdown of respondents is outlined in Table 1 below.



**Table 1. PSPO Consultation Respondents**

## 2. Proposal to extend the PSPO geographical boundary

2.1. The consultation sought feedback on the proposal to include Footpath 17, also known as Black Cat Alley, to the PSPO geographical boundary.

- 73% of respondents were in favour;
- 18% not in favour; and
- 9% didn't know. [OBJ]

Whilst crime statistics do not justify this alleyway presenting a significant risk to members of the public, there is a perception that the area is not safe. It is

proposed to include this within the boundary of the PSPO due to its proximity to the current boundary and to respond to public perception. [OBJ]

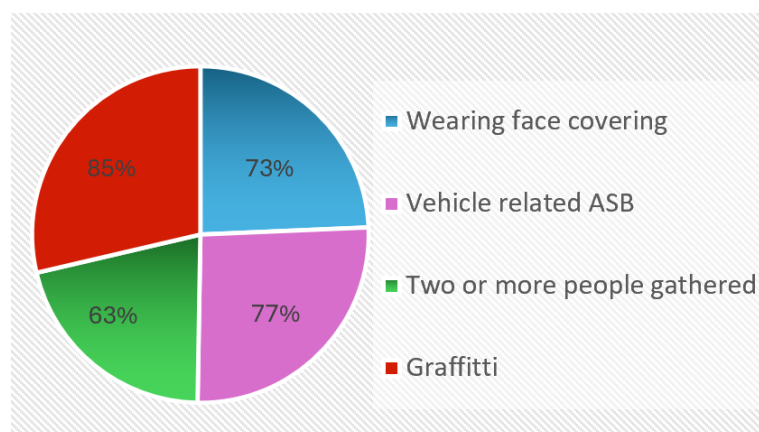
### 3. Proposal to extend behaviours restricted by the PSPO

3.1. [OBJ] The review of the PSPO was seen as an opportunity to consider other issues that GBC, the police and partners are aware of to determine whether there was justification to include them in Guildford Town PSPO.

3.2. Views were sought on the following additional restrictions:

- Joining or remaining in a group of two or more groups which is acting in a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to any person.
- Wearing a piece of clothing with the intent to obscure or hide his/her identity for the purpose of committing crime and/or anti-social behaviour;
- Dangerous or anti-social use of vehicles, including bicycles, skateboards, or scooters in pedestrianised areas;
- Marking, or likely to mark, any surface with any form of unauthorised graffiti.

3.3. Table 2 below outlines the percentage of respondents who were in favour of including each proposed restriction.



**Table 2. Percentage of respondents in favour of each proposed restriction.**

**3.4. Joining or remaining in a group of two or more groups which is acting in a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to any person.**

There was 63% support in favour of adding this restriction to the PSPO as it was feared that this would not leave scope for lawful protests and young people gathering with friends but not causing any problems being dispersed. Whilst this was not the intention of the proposal, it is felt that the other restrictions relating to rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour sufficiently cover the intention of this restriction. It is, therefore, not proposed to include this in the PSPO.

**3.5. Wearing a piece of clothing with the intent to obscure or hide his/her identity for the purpose of committing crime and/or anti-social behaviour**

Whilst 73% of respondents were in favour of including this restriction, concern was raised by an organisation regarding cultural and religious beliefs, which is a valid concern.

The police have indicated that they have powers to deal with this matter, so it is not necessary to include within the PSPO.

**3.6. Dangerous or anti-social use of vehicles, including bicycles, skateboards or scooters in pedestrianised areas**

3.6.1 77% of respondents were in favour of this additional restriction. Issues relating to delivery motorcycles and e-bikes mounting pavements and riding on the wrong side of the road and without lights in the dark were raised. Others have raised concerns about individuals flouting parking restrictions. These are enforced by Surrey County Council; therefore, these concerns will be raised with that service.

3.6.2. Other users felt that this proposal was excessive and that a person's perception may be that a bike in the high street would be seen to be anti-social. We do not wish to deter active travel in the Borough, quite the opposite. Only authorised personnel would determine what was dangerous and/or anti-social.

3.6.3. The wording of this proposed restriction has been amended to reflect this feedback as follows:

**“Use of vehicle or wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy which an authorised person believes to be dangerous or anti-social”**

The rationale of this wording is to take into consideration “vehicle”, which include cars, buses, vans, motorbikes, bicycles, scooters, prams etc. and “wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy”, which includes skateboards, rollerblades, and roller skates.

**3.7. Marking, or likely to mark, any surface with any form of unauthorised graffiti**

- 3.7.1 85% of respondents were in favour of adding this restriction. Some respondents reflected that graffiti is criminal damage and there is provision to deal with this. This is true; however, it can be difficult to trace the source of graffiti after it has happened. The rationale for the proposed restriction is to attempt to deal with individuals who may be intending to graffiti.

**4. Response to the existing PSPO**

- 4.1 To assess the need for an additional or amended PSPO we reviewed the current town centre PSPO. The impact and perception of the current PSPO has been discussed with Surrey Police and they have formally responded to the consultation, which is presented in Appendix 8.
- 4.2 Police and Crime Commissioner funding through Operation Colt has enabled Surrey Police and the partners within the Safer Guildford Partnership to provide additional resources to redress youth ASB at the weekends. The funding has enabled the partnership to run a communication campaign and to appoint 4 Town Centre Marshalls to enforce the PSPO at the weekends. Operation Colt has been demonstrably successful in reducing youth and general ASB in Guildford town centre. The funding for this project expires at end of March 2025.
- 4.3 It is acknowledged that further improvements can be made to improve the effectiveness of our approach to enforcing the PSPO. Please see the Action Plan in Appendix 3 designed to redress this.

