

CONSULTATION ON BANGOR PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - 31.07.2019 – 06.09.2019

CONTACTS MADE

1	GENERAL
	Consultation was placed on Council website on the 30 th of July, a press release was issued on the 31 st of July
	Draft order, map of area covered by order, explanatory notes and response envelopes placed in Bangor Library, Storiol and the Healthy living centre
	Twitter and Facebook alerts were issued periodically during the consultation period
	The consultation was 'picked up' and publicised by the Daily Post and the Bangor Aye (webpage) on the first day of consultation
	The issue was reported on the BBC online news and on national television news
2	SPECIFIC
	The following were contacted directly, mainly by e mail at their request, some by letter. They were given the information and invited to respond to the consultation -
a	Police and Crime Commissioner for North wales
b	Chief Constable North wales Police
c	Bangor City Council
d	Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd
e	Bangor Cathedral
f	Fire and rescue Service
g	Transport for Wales
h	Bangor University
i	Pontio
j	Bangor Business Improvement District
k	Ysbyty Gwynedd
l	The 5 Local members for the areas within the proposed order
m	Certain services within the LA – Adult services, Environment, Economy, Highways and Municipal.

RESPONSES

A total of 156 responses were received, of these –

- 79 gave responses which explicitly supported the order.
- A further 66 gave information supporting the stance that there is a problem of anti-social behaviour in Bangor.
- 4 responded that they did not support the order.
- 5 responses were not relevant to the consultation on the order.
- 2 responders felt they did not have sufficient information to enable them to contribute.

The below summarises the main themes of the comments received. *Please note that some responses contained more than one, and in some cases a number, of the below issues*

Where pertinent to do so, we have shared these comments with relevant partners, such as Police, Public protection (licensing), legal department, etc.

ISSUES IDENTIFIED	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Had witnessed incidents of antisocial behaviour relating to drugs and or alcohol misuse	53
Had witnessed behaviour relating to aggressive, intimidating or threatening begging	35
Were concerned about the general demise of the High Street, as regards it no longer being a pleasant experience to visit	23
Requested that the geographical area of the order be widened to specific areas	22
Had witnessed antisocial behaviour relating to young people causing nuisance(s)	20
More Police needed on the streets	19
Mentioned general antisocial behaviour such as discarded needles/litter/urinating in public places/broken glass/seagulls	13

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Mentioned homelessness as a problem	13
No longer visited Bangor or parts of Bangor, or did not allow family members to do so because they think it unsafe	11
Raised concerns around there not being sufficient resources to support homeless people or people suffering from addition to drugs or alcohol	9
Begging near cash points a problem	8
Needs sufficient enforcement of the order by the Police	8
Need to tackle supply of drugs	8
More activities for young people	8
Thought that pubs and clubs in Bangor were open too long, and that there were too many late licences	6
Thought the order might just move the problem elsewhere	6
Noted that business rates and parking costs were detrimental to the High Street	4
Need more CCTV	4
Parents to take more parental responsibility	3
That buskers should not be targeted by the order	2
TOTAL	275

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The above information has been shared with the Police, and there have been discussions around the requests for adjusting the boundary of the order (22 suggestions), the conclusion being that the area contained within the order is now extended.

We have also discussed with the Police, how the early of implementing this order would be managed, including additional Police resources to be used for awareness raising and implementing, and multiagency engagement with individuals to ensure awareness of the implications of continued ASB, and opportunities to engage with support and advice for the more vulnerable.

This includes awareness leaflets to be circulated in the early stages of the order, ensuring that people are aware of the consequences of ASB under the order