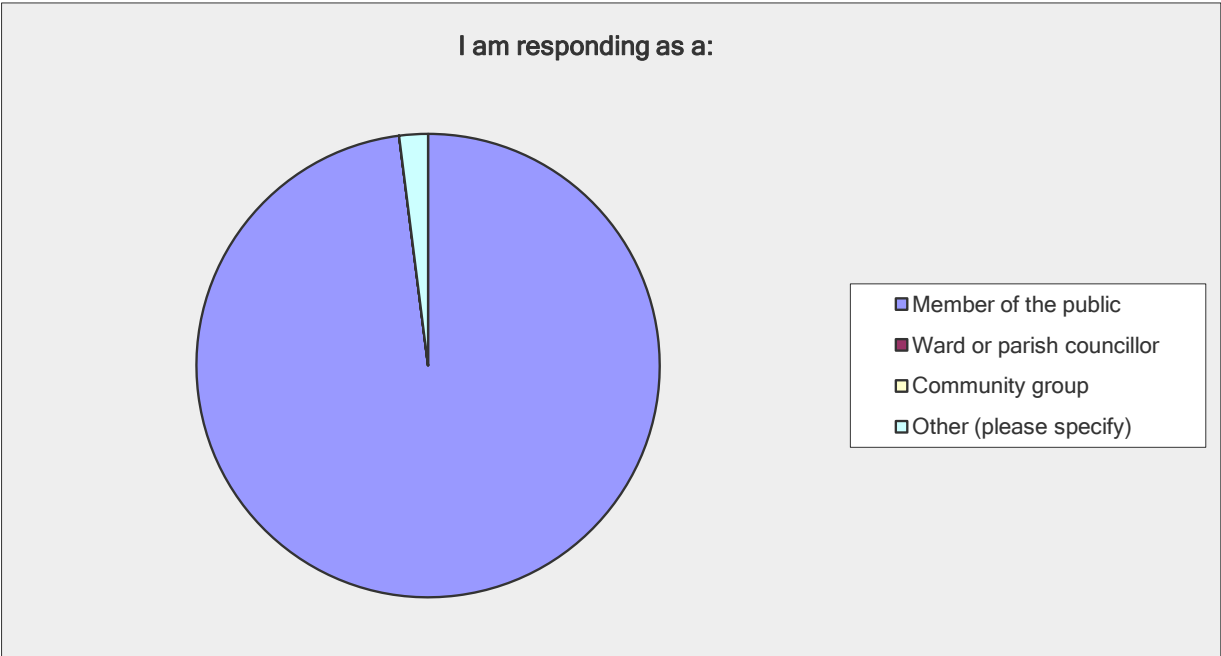


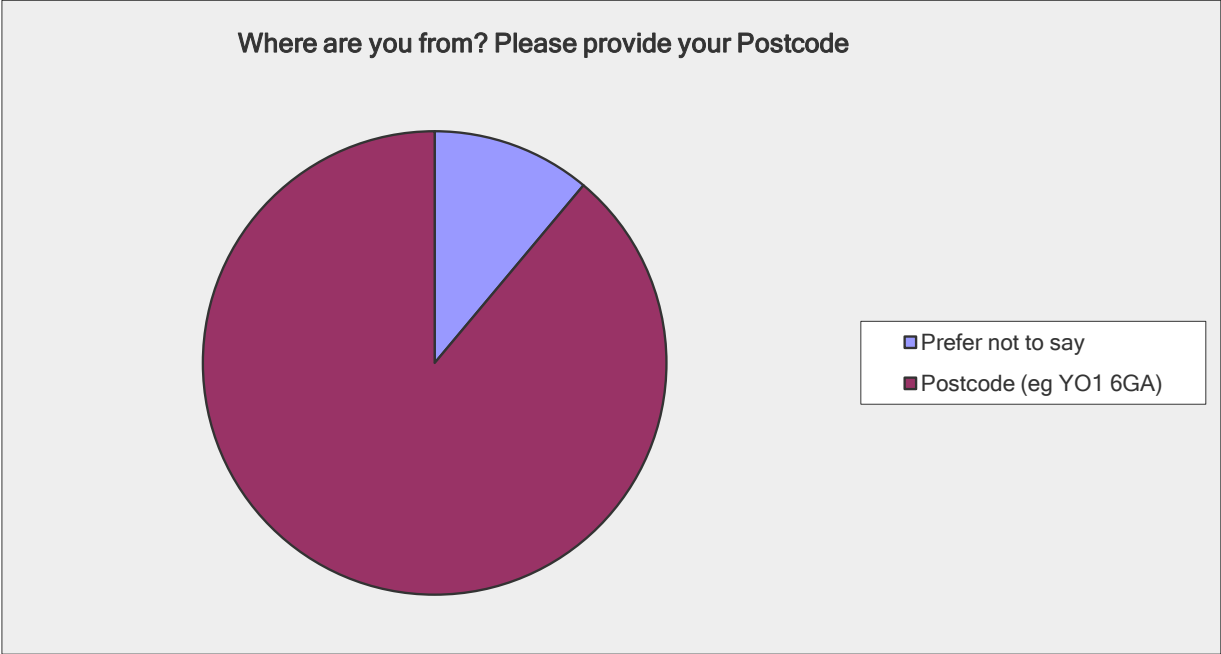
# Public Space Protection Order

I am responding as a:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Member of the public	98.0%	150
Ward or parish councillor	0.0%	0
Community group	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	2.0%	3
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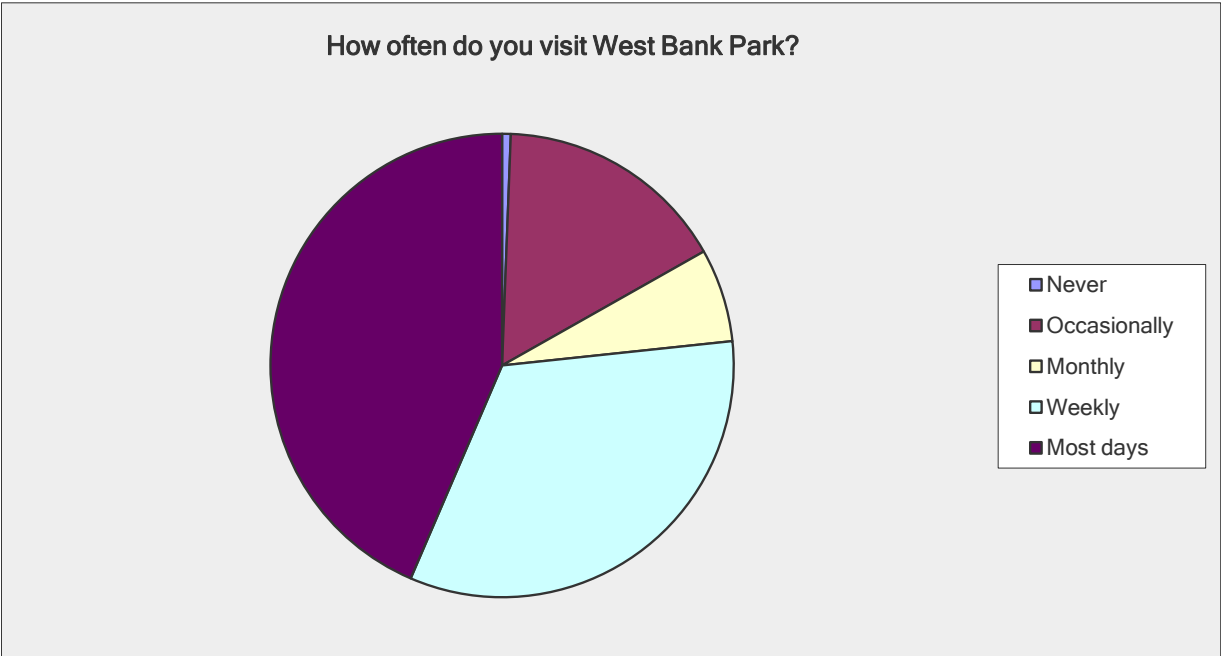
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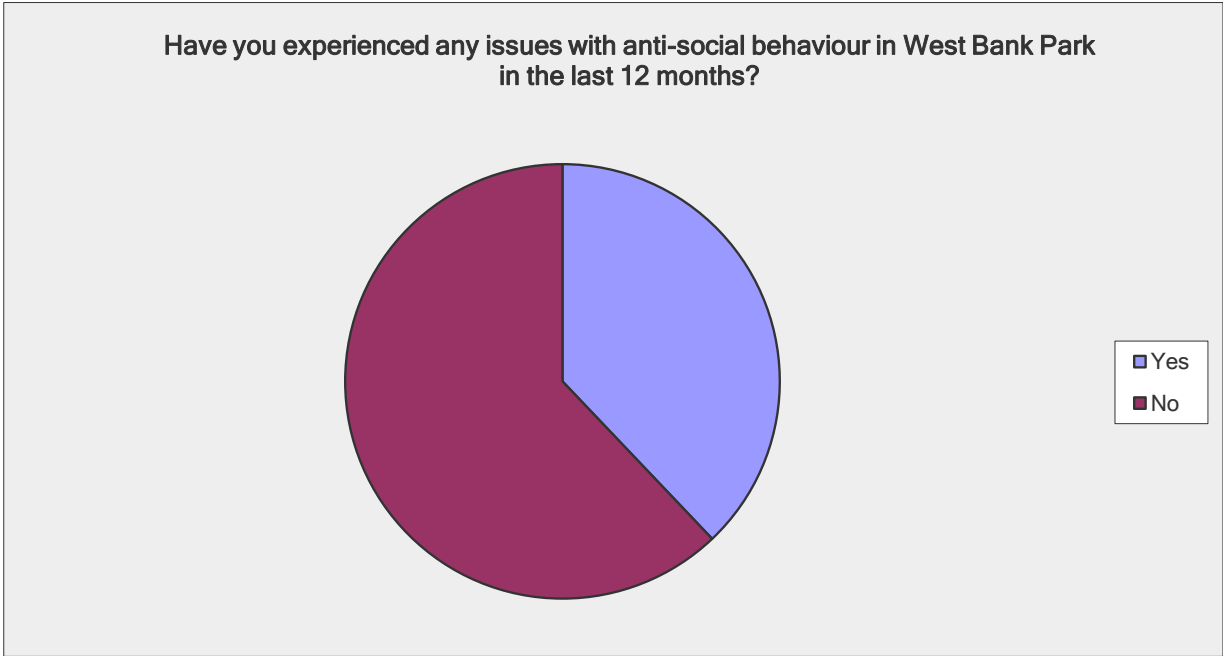
How often do you visit West Bank Park?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	0.6%	1
Occasionally	16.2%	25
Monthly	6.5%	10
Weekly	33.1%	51
Most days	43.5%	67
<i>answered question</i>		<b>154</b>
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Have you experienced any issues with anti-social behaviour in West Bank Park in the last 12 months?

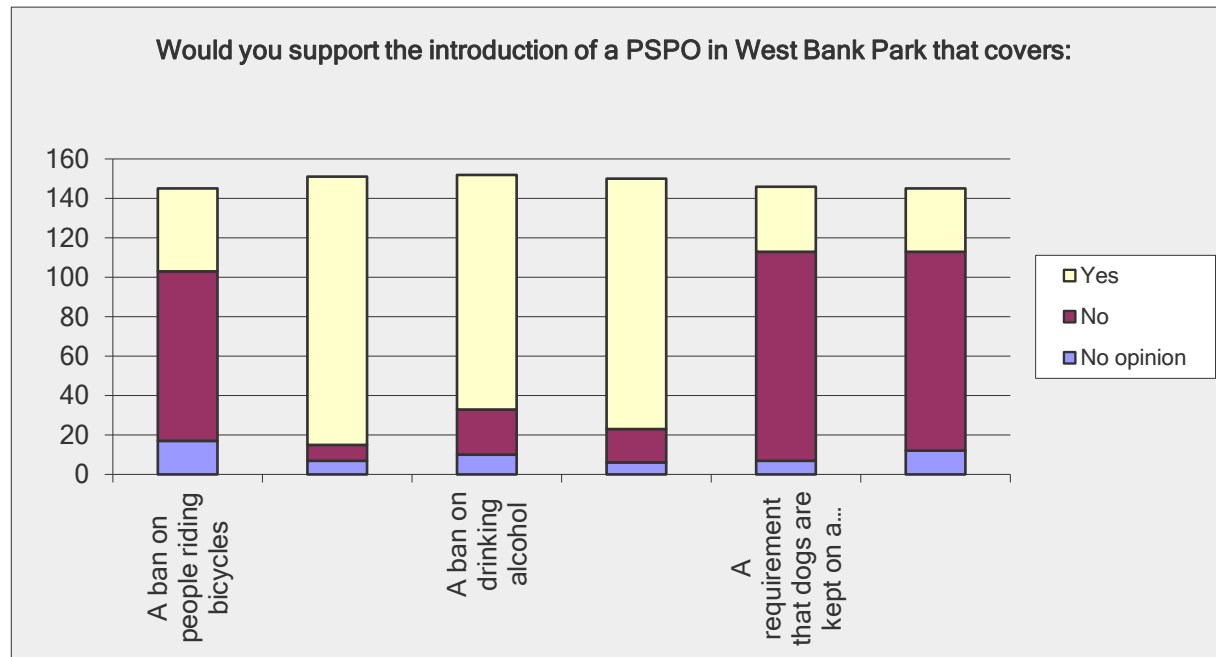
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## Public Space Protection Order

Would you support the introduction of a PSPO in West Bank Park that covers:

Answer Options	Yes	No	No opinion	Response Count
A ban on people riding bicycles	42	86	17	145
A ban on people riding motorised bikes	136	8	7	151
A ban on drinking alcohol	119	23	10	152
The ability to remove large groups of 3 or more people	127	17	6	150
A requirement that dogs are kept on a lead at all times	33	106	7	146
A requirement that dogs are kept on a lead between 8am	32	101	12	145
<i>answered question</i>				<b>152</b>
<i>skipped question</i>				<b>3</b>



### Public Space Protection Order

Is there anything else you would like to say about the potential PSPO at West Bank Park?

Answer Options	Response Count
	88
<i>answered question</i>	<b>88</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>67</b>

**Is there anything else you would like to say about the potential PSPO at West Bank Park?**

I am a dog owner and I consider myself responsible, like the vast majority I meet when walking my dog in the park. I always pick up after my dog and so do the vast majority of other owners. I let my dog off the lead as I know that he is safe, with other dogs and with members of the public, particularly children. Over the past year I have picked up litter, reported one fire and put out another. Speaking to other responsible dog walkers, they have also picked up litter and our presence, whether early or late in the day or during the day, means that we can keep an unofficial eye on what's going on. If I had to keep my dog on a lead I would not use the park.

I have lived in the area for over 12 years. When my son was small we would use the play area frequently of Westbank park. In the last 2 years I have used the park all most daily as I have a small dog and walk her in the wooded area. Depending on whether there are children playing in that particular area is whether I let her off the lead or not. There is a huge problem with a particular man who sits in the park all day at the picnic tables drinking alcohol, urinating openly for all to see and litters terribly even though there is a litter bin right next to where he sits!! I have complained numerous times to the police about this gentleman I should not, nor anyone else particularly small children have to encounter a drunk man exposing himself openly to urinate!! I have found drug abuse parafamailar (syringes) empty alcohol containers and used condoms discarded on the ground of the wooded area of the park !!!! I have even come across a man sleeping over night in the park when I walked my dog early one morning!!!! I believe that since the gates of the park are not locked over night allows unsavory behaviour to happen! I also have only ever seen police presence twice in the park even though Acomb police department know that there is a problem with anti social behaviour occurring regular in

It is bizarre that dogs and dog walkers are being assumed to be as anti social as those riding cycles, motorbikes, alcohol drinks and groups causing anti social behaviour. Of course they are not. I have been walking my dog at least twice a week in West Bank Park for six years and have never, repeat never, encountered any trouble with any other dog walker.

This is a park for the public to enjoy and promotes health & wellbeing. Don't use a sledge hammer to crack a nut by making the park sterile i.e. deal with the problem of ASB which largely takes place from dusk and mainly in the summer months. As usual a small element of society prevents the rest from living a normal life - Don't let them spoil it!!

I am a responsible dog walker who attends West Bank Park three times a day come rain or shine and have done so every day over the last 45 years as a child and an adult. I love West Bank Park, it feels like an extended back garden to me and my dog. I clean up after him and keep him under control Over the years I have tended to sick animals from the park, carried water to the pond when it empties, fed the animals in winter time. I have brought my nieces and nephews up through life explaining about respecting nature and showing them trees and plants in the park throughout the seasons. During all of this time I have looked out for anti social (which is mainly from youths) reports it to the authorities or put a stop to it myself. The litter currently left in the park is terrible, including mothers who leave dirty nappies on the grass or in the woods. Bags, empty food items, copious amounts of alcohol cans laying around, also used condoms. I get so much enjoyment from this park, which again I have always done with my dogs but currently I feel that dog walkers and their dogs are being victimised by a select few who probably only attend the park when the sun shines or are frightened of dogs and instil this fear into their children. We never had any problems with dog walkers and their dogs in I think that on the whole a PSPO in this case would be divisive and make younger people in our community feel alienated. The use of the park by teenagers should be promoted and encouraged, they are as much a part of the community as anyone else but have very few places they can go.

I have seen little evidence of anti-social behaviour during the two years that I have lived next to West Bank Park. I frequently enter the park during the day or evening and have never seen anyone causing problems.

I regularly walk my dog in the park and he is put on the lead if I see frail-looking elderly people or children in the vicinity, he is under my control at all times. I and my friends all clear up after our dogs although not all dog walkers do. I live alone and have made several friends through dog walking the park and life would be very lonely without them. There is nowhere else locally where I can walk the dog - Hob Moor, although near enough, has cows on in the summer, and the dog loves to roll in the cow pats - not pleasant! I suffered from clinical depression a few years ago and without my friends I worry that loneliness may see a recurrence.

Banning the free walking of dogs in our local park will have a detrimental effect on my enjoyment of my local area. I am a member of the local community who uses the park daily with my family and dog and would be devastated to be forced out of the park. What is it for if families cannot use it? I am already a responsible owner and it is already the law that I must have my dog under control at all times in a public space. I am offended to think walking my dog has been lumped together with groups of drunken people being abusive and littering our beautiful park!

There aren't many places locally where people can walk dogs off the lead, so I would not support any requirement to keep dogs on a lead. As long as park users are aware of this then I think dogs should still be allowed off lead. They should, however, be kept out of the playground area.

I would be particularly anxious for dogs to be allowed to run free in the wooded area while accompanied by an Adult. A requirement to pick up faeces should of course be enforced. My particular interest is as a puppy-walker for Guide Dogs and the Park presently provides a good venue in which the puppies can socialise with other dogs. Three seems a low threshold to qualify as a large group. If the proposed Order comes about then I would suggest a higher figure (7?) be used. It is not clear how and by whom any such order is to be enforced.

Anti-social behaviour has been a problem in West Park for as long as I've been using it (circa 15 years). Mainly due to alcohol but also due to, mainly, younger people seeking refuge from cold/wet in the toilets and near the bowls club pavillion. It's putting two very opposed groups of people next to each other in a potentially combustible position. The bowlers who tend to be older are worried and disapproving about the way the younger people behave and the younger people do not understand the older people's concerns and enjoy winding them up. I would suggest that any physical presence in terms of a PCSO etc could be based in or near the Bowls pavillion to be on hand to disperse such incidents which are now all too common. A side point, I believe all dogs should be on leads in built up areas and this goes for every park in the city. To release a dog off the lead in West Park or Clarence Gardens (which I have most experience of) is to let loose an animal which is constantly only seconds away from an exit leading to busy roads. It's an accident waiting to happen. There is no need for animals to be off the lead.

I believe a PSPO could be avoided altogether, if the park gates were locked between dusk and daylight.



I am a local resident who uses the park every day of the year. I have a dog who I walk off the lead regularly. I wish to point out that it is the dog walkers who frequent the park most regularly and are the eyes of the park, they pick up rubbish, they report areas of concern and people misbehaving; they ask children to come off the bowling greens when they are playing football. Dog walkers are unlike any other user group in that they use the park at all different times of the day, every day and come rain or shine. We are a considerate group of local residents who would happily put our dogs on leads if asked to do so but these are domesticated well trained animals who need exercising so off lead time is appropriate too. Many thanks

The biggest issue at the park when I go there is dog owners not taking any responsibility for their dogs, which they allow to run around completely unchecked off their leads. Often there are dogs racing around with no sign of the owners. There are parts of the park (for instance, the wooded area) where dogs charge about and you don't see them coming until they virtually bump into you, and now my very young son is scared of dogs after several unwanted encounters. When and if the dog owners appear, they've generally muttered something about the dog being friendly, not offered an apology, and sped off after the dog who has usually run off. As a result, my son no longer feels safe in parts of the park. Groups of dogs and dog owners appear to regularly meet throughout the park, which means there are regular no-go areas as they are occupied with many dogs, all off their leads. It's a shame, as it's a lovely park and it's steadily being taken over by dog owners who have no regard for other park users.

We need a definition of the phrase 'anti-social behaviour'. What one person considers to be anti-social may not be deemed so by someone else. Groups of young people, socializing in the park, maybe listening to music, eating snacks and enjoying soft drinks, do not, in my opinion come under the umbrella of anti social behaviour. Noisy, maybe, but not anti-social. Clamping down on these sorts of groups will only succeed in alienating them from authority and probably pushing them to other places which are not as safe as the local park. We were all young once and we need to be more sympathetic to the needs of the young people in the area. Letting your dog run around off its lead, regardless of whether there are children playing or less confident dogs being walked on leads, is irresponsible ownership as well as anti social behaviour, especially when the dogs leave their 'calling cards' while out of view of their owners. An owner on a mobile phone with a dog or dogs chasing around ignoring commands to 'come here' is in no way in control of those dogs. No matter how friendly they are, those dogs are a nuisance and pose a threat to the cleanliness of the park, properly controlled dogs and to children. In short, irresponsible dog owners are far more anti-social as the park says it is closed for normal use between dusk and dawn. In winter months dog owners would be encouraged to use the park against these rules when it is more risky. I feel that discouraging the use of the park as some of these might would only increase antisocial behaviour as a less busy park is no park, if we encourage activities people will respect it more and the anti social behaviour will go somewhere else as they don't want to be spotted or given problems. I personally have removed footballers from the bowling green many times and reported incidents. Use the park responsibly and stop the people who are not don't create rules that can't be enforced

Please lock the park at dusk. It is absolutely not cost saving to keep the park unlocked as the money which is saved by not locking the park is then spent twice over when youths break into the sheds and bowling club, drop litter, smoke cannabis and harass members of the public

I live across from Holgate Dock where a PSPO has also been announced as a possibility to ban dogs and/or keep dogs on leads, which stemmed from an issue that had little to do with dogs being off leads (it is ultimately down to the behaviour of one member of the community who was rude and set off a very similar response as this one!) - I think it is an underhanded way to go about blaming dogs when other altercations unrelated are taking place. Some people in the community just don't like dogs and any excuse that arises to involve dogs will be used and that's a shame. I use West Bank Park to meet one friend who has a dog also and neither of us have ever come across an unruly dog owner. We are aware a dog walk takes place in the forest area in the morning, as well, and it is unfair to stop them using the area when they use it very regularly and have always been responsible.

I am disappointed that the original issue of anti social behaviour and vandalism, as reported upon in the local media, has somehow turned into a hate campaign against dog owners. The original issue can be addressed by the park gates being locked again during the evenings, this will obviously prevent groups of youths causing vandalism and has only been an issue since the gates have been left open overnight. The issue with regard to keeping dogs on leads at all times/dog fouling etc seems to be the most prominent issue according to certain groups of parents and dog haters in York, a similar case being Holgate Dock. A group of dog owners meet regularly in the mornings at the back of the wooded area away from the main sections of the park. All dogs are friendly and well behaved and the owners are responsible. There are a number of areas in the park which are strictly for children/young adults only and dogs are not allowed on these areas which is not a problem at all. Unfortunately there are no areas where dogs and children are allowed to play together safely in a fenced off area nor is there anywhere specifically for dogs to be exercised off lead, hence why most owners use the back of the wood which is well away from the childrens areas. I take my dog to the park on a

I do feel dogs should be on leads in this small park. Hob Moor is close by if owners want to let them run free (when the cows are not grazing). I have a disabled children in a pushchair and so many dogs come bounding over and stick their heads in. She can't move away and is often alarmed. Dog owners tend to apologise while simultaneously laughing over their cute dog. I love dogs but I value the safety of my child more.

We are responsible owners of a dog who we walk at least three times a day, we let her off the lead in the woodland as she loves to chase ball! we also believe that when the park was locked on an evening there was a lot less trouble, would it not be more prudent to do this again rather than leave it open to bored youths and wasting police time who often patrol the area? surely by doing so it would cut down on repairs and damage to the park be it the bowling greens, play equipment, toilets and facilities in general. Why should we be penalized because of the few?!

The anti-social behaviour is a direct result of the park being unlocked all night. This provides a haven for local 'youths' (I presume) to drink, use drugs and deface benches, tables and trees. I do not use the park during the evening but I have a dog and walk him in the park two or three times a week. This is usually between 9.30 am and 11 am. During that time, the vast majority of people in the park are dog walkers. Occasionally, a member of the public is seen walking through the park. If dogs were banned, there would hardly be anyone using the park at all. Dogs are off lead and play together. I have never witnessed a worrying incident involving any of the dogs. I do understand that adults with very young children may be concerned about the dogs running around but in my experience they are happy for their child to talk to, and stroke, my dog. Every dog owner is a responsible adult. Dog poo is always picked up and we are very aware of people without dogs using the park. We tend to avoid the grass areas, preferring to stay in the wood. I genuinely believe that we have the right to be in the park with our dogs and a compromise may be that dogs are allowed off lead during certain times of the day. An outright ban would be awful.

I believe that keeping dogs on a lead will not solve out the problems that the park is facing. In fact the dogs that are kept on a lead are the most likely to show a more aggressive behaviour (hence kept on a lead). The problem appears when people don't pick up after their dog (as a responsible dog owner I've had to pick up other dogs' poo), or the amount of rubbish, food, cans and dirt in general that is thrown on a daily basis. By keeping the park without supervision, anti social behaviour thrives: children playing in the bowling green, motorbikes parked in the picnic areas, etc. I really hope that these issues get addressed soon as we are very lucky to have a park in the community.

Our family has used this wonderful park for many years both to walk our dog and use the play areas for the children. It is a great space which should be protected. However, issues around the use of the park only started when the council stopped locking it on an evening. Previously there were no issues of large groups of young people, rubbish and young kids using the bowling green as an extended football pitch. I object to dog walkers taking the brunt of this issue. The dog walkers in the park are responsible in picking up dog waste and I have never witnessed any dog being aggressive to children/adults nor causing a nuisance. If you ask any regular user the main complaint is kids smoking, drinking and dropping rubbish late on in the evening and staying in the park till the early hours of the morning and causing damage to the local properties. How many dog walkers have broken the windows of the park keepers hut or tried to remove slates from the roof or set fireworks off across the bowling green, or damaged the bowlers hut? The cost of vandalism to the council must out way the cost of someone locking the park. Please be sensible if you remove dog walkers you will remove a massive percentage of people who use the park and want to keep the park as a public space. I have Any trouble that I am aware of has been after dusk and only occurred after it was decided not to lock the gates on an evening. Dog walkers are not an issue - whether they are on or off the lead. I walk my dog twice a day in the park and have not seen an issue with dogs. In winter months, dog owners are very much the majority of users to the park. A very small majority of people seem to have led to the possible exclusion of many people who use the park every day. A simple answer to any anti social behaviour is to lock the gates at dusk as they were before.

I don't believe that a PSPO is a fair and democratic tool to use to control public spaces so I object to this plan

I am very concerned about this proposal. I think it is important that the park remains a place for all people. I am really concerned about stopping people congregate in groups of over 3. Presumably the Local Authority would not be seeking to prevent the very young friends group meeting (typically 2 year olds) and yet I can imagine how it would be used to prevent those same young people congregating ten or twelve years later. I can't see how this is not discrimination, and if we start discriminating young people how can we expect them to play a positive role in the community? Also is it likely that you will start to put off the more law abiding people from going to the park, thus making the park a place that only rule breakers go to. By reducing the number of people going to the park and using facilities, don't you just reduce the amount of natural, community surveillance happening in the park? It's important that the park is a welcoming and the people are encouraged to come to the park for picnics and parties etc. I'm also not sure how the Local Authority would enforce the order? If these problems have got worse since the gates have been unlocked, it would seem that the best Main issue that I am aware of is vandalism, which could be reduced by locking the park gates outside of opening hours

The anti social behaviour that has effected the park has happened since the park has not been locked at night. To stop any anti social behaviour and vandalism the park needs to be locked at night.

I have neither seen nor heard of persistent anti-social behaviour in West Bank Park. Not even with it being letter open at night and I walk through it after midnight a few times a week.

The problem with West Bank Park isn't dogs or bicycles, it's that the park is OPEN ALL NIGHT, because the park gates are NOT LOCKED . The park is plagued in summer evenings with gangs of youths taking drugs, vandalising the park, etc and WASTING POLICE TIME. Someone needs to count the money the Council has saved by not locking the Park versus the cost to the police in patrolling and policing the evenings and night in the Park. There have always been signs saying dogs should be on leads and preventing cycling in the Park and in any case these are not problems. The Park being OPEN AT NIGHT IS THE PROBLEM.

This park is a valuable public amenity in our area, serving a diverse group of people, including toddlers, older people, youths and dog walkers. Having lived close by and used the park for the past 15 years, I have appreciated it as a place to take my children, learn about local history and nature and to walk our dog. Ideally, all the groups who use the park should get along and accommodate their behaviour to other people's presence and safety, and I believe that this generally happens. Given the spending cuts both to the Council and the police, I find it difficult to see how a PSPO could be enforced, even if it were to be enacted. It needs to be locked up on a night. It is scary having it open and I don't feel safe walking past it at night

Needs locking at night to stop large groups of people gathering and climbing on buildings

As a daily dog walker, there is a great community of responsible dog walkers ,who like to see their dogs off the lead playing together. The park is well patrolled by these people as they get to know who is causing problems and what is happening and can call the appropriate authority. If it came to a point of dogs being kept on their leads could there not be a designated area ie:the woods being the only place they can be loose.

I don't think there is any hard evidence on a real issue in the Park at present (apart from the need to lock it at night to prevent vandalism). Moreover, I don't think any of the orders are practically enforceable. I would rather propose a positive approach of putting up signs (nice boards) of what things to do in the park and how to behave and suggest of what not to do and what is seen as inappropriate. It is vital that the Park offers a refuge for children and youngsters to play in and to meet up - there are so few places now to do so. There might be the occasional issue, but to put a ban in force seems disproportionate.

The park splits into 2 areas - suggest dogs on lead in lower area (with playground and bowling green) but allowed off-lead in woods at top. Surely anyone causing anti-social behaviour should be removed, whether in a group of 3+ or not?

Walking dogs off lead is not an anti social problem. Dog fouling not an issue and vast majority of dog owners are responsible with well behaved dogs who like to socialise with other dogs on daily walk

I have lived Opposite West bank park for 16 years and the only anti social behaviour I have encountered is after 10pm on a evening and only since the council have stopped locking the park up on a evening.the anti social behaviour as only been happening since the council in its wisdom decided to not lock West Bank park on a evening.also as a frequent visitor to West Bank park and dog walker and parent I believe stopping youths in groups is a step backwards everybody should have the right to use the park as long as they behave, it is after all a community park.

It is a good idea however is only going to work if someone ensures it is kept to.

Whilst a good idea in principle, the PSPO won't achieve the desired effect as some section of the community will use the "against the law" as a taunt. Groups of youths causing anti social behaviour will not be prevented by this order, without rigorous enforcement. There is simply not the police resources to enforce such an order effectively.

dogs not the problem, groups of youths can be intimidating kids climbing on the trellising is destructive and there excessive amount of litter in the mornings. the bowling greens take a hit every now and again

As a resident of New Lane and a Mum of teenage children who use the park and a dog owner whom we walk in there I would not want a order on the park. The only time there is anti social behaviour is after 10pm at night and this is now only a problem as the park is now not locked and I believe this order is not required just for the park to be locked again on a night. Why punish everyone for a minority. This is a special park that I have used since I was a child and I want to carry on taking my dog in there and for my children to meet friends without been moved on as it is deemed anti social. The money that has been spent policing the park late at night is s joke in comparison to just locking it! Please don't spoil this park by putting a order in place it is a community park for all that EVERYONE should be able to enjoy

Why on earth are dog walkers lumped in with anti social behaviour?

I think that locking the gates would help reduce issues. They seem to happen more in the evening/nights, so I am not sure how a PSPO will be controlled/enforced/policed.

We live opposite and the amount of youths vandalising and causing a nuisance has gone up massively since the gates stopped getting locked

Stop anti social behaviour but don't let our dogs suffer

I live across the road from there park entrance and have not witnessed any issues. There are occasionally teenagers gathered in the evening but they don't seem to be causing trouble. All dogs are on leads due to the current rules which I always found disappointing as it would be such a lovely space for them to run around with the children. Any dogs I've seen have been well behaved and we haven't seen any fouling. Given the plans to open cafe in the park, a ban on dogs would seriously reduce the number of visitors to the park.

I live on James back house place, I visit the park everyday with my children and my dog, I've never came across a bad behaved dog once, I always ring regarding incidents involving the teenagers causing problems it's not the dogs you want to ban it's the teenagers on a night time, lock the park again.

Dogs aren't the problem at all, it's the kids who go in on an evening and destroy the park!  
I walk my dog in there daily. Pick up his mess and bin it. I used to walk my dog on the moor but find it difficult as it's widely used by cyclists now so can not keep my dog off his lead.  
Granted some dogs may not be of a friendly nature which is why it's up to the owners to keep them under control. Police it as the streets should be policed.

All the details on what is being considered are not available in this survey - which should be - So I assume the previous question (no. 5) are items that are being considered for becoming banned under a PSPO. I don't agree that limiting dogs or bicycles would be beneficial as these are both associated with leisure activities in themselves, and any problems which arise can be dealt with via fines of dog owners, etc. However, I was surprised that motorised bikes were not already banned, as motorised vehicles such as segways are not allowed on public footpaths. I also thought that anyone causing anti-social behaviour could already be removed, irrelevant of the size of the group. I would be concerned on what 'anti-social' behaviour would be defined as - if it would be a group of young people gathering and talking, as sometimes intimidating as this can be, I think it should be allowed - where else are the young people going to go? As for alcohol drinking, it would ban someone having a picnic with a bottle of wine as much as a ban on someone with a can of lager, so I wouldn't support a ban on this. A ban on glass being brought to the park - whether a bottle of wine or otherwise, would be more beneficial, preventing anti-social glass-smashing.

It is a community space used by many, I believe in such a space dogs should be kept on a lead with young children been present in the grounds, hobmoor is only a short distance if someone wanted there dog not to be on a lead.

I walk my dog almost daily in the park and I have never encountered anyone who has had any problems with dogs, on or off leads. Generally people with dogs off leads stay in the woods area and would not let them off if they were likely to cause any trouble to anyone else. I have to say that I have at times taken my dog there after dark with a torch and even when there have been groups of teens there they have not done or said anything anti social to me. I would like to know where is an alternative local place both for people to let their dogs off the lead (especially now there are cows on hob Moor) or indeed groups of teens to go. I'm unaware of either provision.

my granddad has worked on, in and with that park for over 40 years now and he loves nothing more than people enjoying themselves and people walking their dogs there!! (So long as they clean up after them) he stops to talk to them!! What he can't stand and as an 80 year old man who walks through that park every day without fail is the litter and rubbish that teens leave behind after being in there!! They've stopped locking it on a night and so this has got worse and worse and he's the one to clean it up!! **KEEP IT LOCKED AT NIGHT AND TAKE ACTION ON ANTISOCIAL TEENS**

There is a large need to keep vandals out of the park on evenings

Living next to tedder road park I am used to the effects of anti social behaviour. The current PCSO options for dispersal help a lot plus regular patrols. Locking the park at night may help but could also make it more of a hidden ghetto

I don't believe dogs are a problem at the park. I have been in on several occasions and told groups of kids not to ride bikes on the bowling greens and flower beds and just get abuse hurled at me. I believe the gates need locking again

I would be very unhappy if any of the above restrictions were put in place, apart from the ban on motorised bikes. I would possibly support restrictions on where dogs can be off lead but a full ban would be cruel. If alcohol was banned I would be very angry

This is a well and respectfully used resource for local dog walkers, and in the summer for family get togethers. Please don't restrict it.

Don't bad dogs or bikes - this will affect the community Anti social behaviour, groups of imposing kids, yes ban them Keep the park locked up at night and encourage a happier environment. It's such a lovely park, we are lucky to have it. Also, we need a cafe...

Let people enjoy the park, alcohol is not an issue among genuine picnic goers who want to relax. Look at the parks in London. Dogs are not a problem. Its a park... Let it be a park!

I have never experienced any dog related issues including dog mess and feel it would be unfair to restrict responsible dog owners from enjoying this space with their pets. There is already a petition for a potential dog restriction in Holgate Dock. There will be limited places to go in the area for dogs and their families to enjoy together where we can all benefit mentally and physically.

I find it annoying trying to walk through the park with my dog on a lead and constantly being acosted by off lead badly behaved dogs.

EVERY WHERE IN PUBLIC A MINORITY BEHAVING BADLY WILL SPOIL THINGS FOR OTHERS WHO BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY ,AS USUAL THOSE BEHAVING IN A REASONABLE WAY ARE PENALISED BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF OTHERS

I feel that I use the park on a daily basis and sometimes twice a day to walk my dog. I have never experienced a problem with anti-social behaviour. The people who walk their dogs provide an opportunity to monitor the park more often then any other intervention. The vast majority of dog walkers are very mindful of other users of the park and clear up after their dogs. Teenagers do use the park, but why not it is a public place for everyone after all. By moving them on when there are more then 3 is unacceptable, I would expect any group regardless of number of be challenged if behaviour is anti-social (this needs clarification of what would be regarded anti-social). Large groups of teenagers often just sit and chat in the park like the people who play bowls... why they get moved on?.....

There is a large wooded area at the back, I see no reason to keep dogs on the lead in that area, during the day 90% of people who make use of the park have dogs, I can't see the far side of the park getting much use if not from dog walkers. It is vital to provide dog owners a safe space away from roads in a residential area, and I don't see why they have been lumped in with other anti-social that is occurring.

Need locking at night

it's not dogs that are causing any problems just groups of yobs

Lovely space for families, dog owners. We exercise our dogs in the wooded area at rear of park and walk them on lead in other park areas. We clean up after them. We have never witnessed any problems with dogs or owners in the park. We feel it would be sensible to lock the park at night to prevent vandalism, and alcohol abuse in a public place which are unacceptable. We value the park as a community resource and treat it with respect.

I think it would be better to put railings around the kids play area and then dogs would be okay to be off lead without parents worrying.

It's a lovely place to go for a walk and a picnic, we always go as a family including children and dogs, our dogs are usually on leads in public places anyway, but it would be a shame to lose another lovely day out if we couldn't go out there as a family anymore, we would stop going

West Bank Park is an 'urban wooded area', I have 2 dogs myself, I don't drive, so putting a PSPO on West Bank Park, where dogs are concerned, is going to 'highlight' dogs as being a nuisance. Just because a group 'meet up' most mornings, does not class them as a 'nuisance'. Maybe someone from the Council could 'meet up' with these people..if they can be bothered to see this 'problem' from our side..or do we just keep our dogs inside & away from others?

It is not the dogs or owners that are causing the problem but drunks and people on bikes. I think that dogs should be allowed in this open area to be exercised

The antisocial behaviour I have witnessed takes place in the early evening (between 5.30pm and 6.30pm). IT WOULD NOT OCCUR IF THE PARK WAS LOCKED AT NIGHT AS IT USED TO BE. PLEASE LOCK THE PARK AT NIGHT AGAIN. How does the cost of locking/unlocking the park compare to that of enforcing a PSBO? Or I know, how about a PSBO that says no one is to use the park between 8am and 6pm (ha ha). Is a notice with a list of things people will be fined for really going to deter ASB? I think not. The ASB I have witnessed (5.30-6.30) includes: 'groups of 3 or more people' a) dangerously letting off fireworks at dusk (in November) - b) sitting on the steps of the bowls club chatting and drinking (not that anti-social so long as others are not reporting that they are noisy), c) running, skidding and playing football on the bowling greens. I have also seen evidence of vandalism (but not the perpetrators - o yes, I expect they got to work after dark, when the park used to be locked) including damage to climbing roses and broken window in bowls club. Please don't let our park and the work of volunteers in our community be ruined when it can so easily be prevented. Ok there are funding cuts but for the 'big society' to work (or is that so yesterday)

All the anti social behaviour I have witnessed is caused by groups of older children and 17-20 year olds causing damage or being drunk and abusive. I have not witnessed any problems with dog owners or dogs. With regards to the riding of bicycles I would have voted yes if the question specifically referred to adults and teenagers but would not to ban children under 10 from being able to cycle in the park. I think this question could have been age specific or clarified that this would not apply to a 4 year old on their bike.

I think there needs to be a priority made to the scale of anti social behaviour i.e. what is the impact of youths drinking and smoking drugs, vandalism versus dogs off lead....there is no comparison. Most dog owners are responsible owners, has there been any incidents involving dogs off the lead in the park? Whereas the youths that gather make the park a hostile environment as well as littering, vandalism and break ins. I do believe the youths' behaviour needs to be addressed not the dog owners.

West Bank park is a vital resource for dog walkers and is used by a lot of responsible and community minded dog walkers. It would in my opinion be a tragedy and have a really negative impact on the local community if dogs were restricted. Most dog walkers stick largely to the wooded area which is not much used by other people. I fully support dealing with antisocial behaviour but I don't think that it is the dog walkers that cause any issues.

Please do not assume all dog owners are like those who vandalise facilities and abuse other users of the park. A ban on dogs would punish the vast majority that are responsible and careful owners.



The park would be very empty without the dog walkers the vast majority of us are responsible and clean up after our dogs, there are very few places within easy walking distance for me to socialise my dog with others, and I feel we are easy targets while the people that do cause a lot of problems, mostly at night get away with it.

the majority of people using the park daily are dog walkers and most are very responsible about their dogs behaviour it would be unfair to penalise the majority for the bad behaviour of the few. While walking their dogs most people pick up litter or report any problems so acting as another watching eye to prevent further trouble. If dogs were not welcome in the park it would be under used and without security, problems would escalate to an unacceptable level. This would increase the cost of maintaining the park and it would become infeasible.

We need to keep our parks for our children and dogs to have somewhere to play and enjoy themselves. Please keep the park. Thank you!

If a pspo does get issued on the park where dogs do have to be kept on lead, I think you will find the park deserted, as the vast majority of people that do use it are the dog walkers who wish to exercise their dogs off lead & enjoy the beautiful park at the same time.

This should not be about the dogs. We stay in the wood. Very little activity there. Dogs should have allocated off the leash space as agreed by Jackie Armitage and police when I spoke to them.

There are signs up saying dogs must be on leads. Ours always are but most others are not. One of our dogs was attacked by one not on a lead - bitten and required stitches, antibiotics etc. Rules are rules and people should abide but not sure how you'd police it!!

I know local residents are concerned about groups of young people in the park in the evening. I hope the issue of locking the park at night can be considered as part of the PSPO debate. There have been cases of vandalism to children's playground equipment. The park is extensively used by families and it is inappropriate to have dogs off their leads.