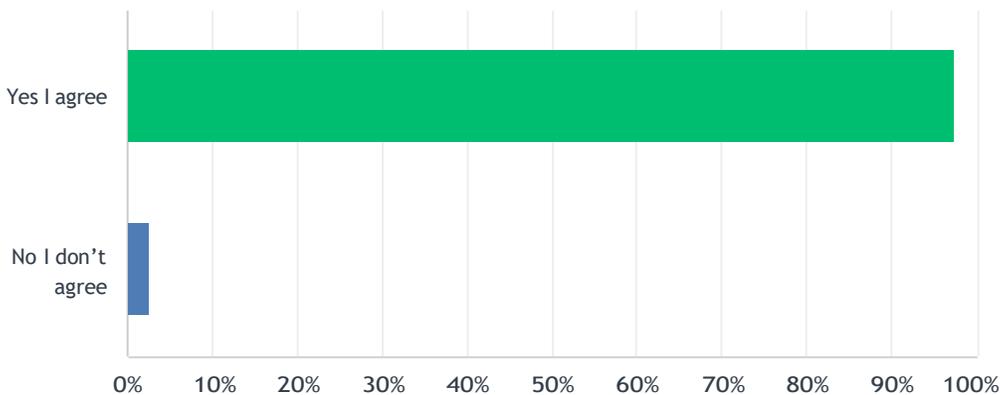


Q1 Do you agree or disagree with the continuation of the order that a person should not spit, urinate or defecate within the public areas defined by Plan 1 (page 5)? Please note that urinating and defecating in public toilets within the blue area in Plan 1 (page 5) are exempt.

Answered: 649 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes I agree	97.53%	633
No I don't agree	2.47%	16
TOTAL		649

Q2 If you do not agree, please tell us why in the box below.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 635

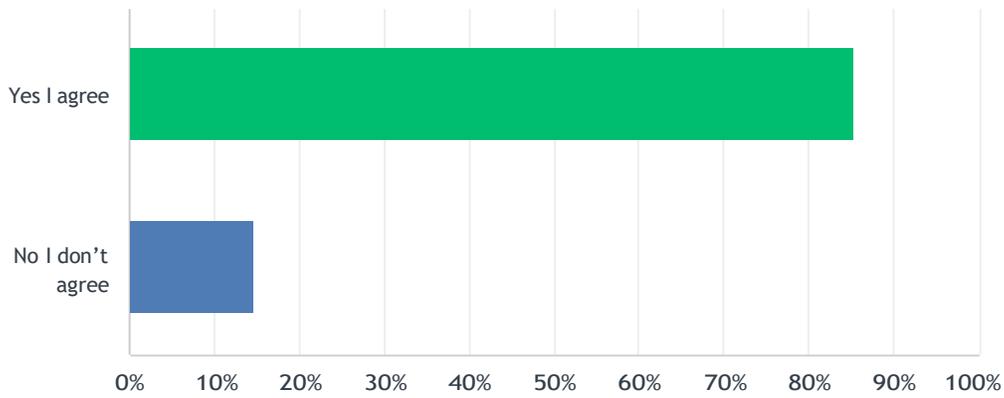
#	RESPONSES	Council Response
1	From what publicity I've heard the enforcement of this PSPO includes other issues such as littering, feeding birds. Whilst these things are perhaps not all good, the council appointed enforcement officers are over zealous targeting children and old people without any degree of common sense. It is better to have the occasional issue than turn Hemel hempstead into something resembling a police state.	The enforcement officers do not target children, and will issue on only 18 years and above. They may advise where necessary and educate. Performance is monitored and there are clear rights of representation should a person feel they have been treated unfairly. Ultimately all have a responsibility to keep their environment tidy and not litter
2	Skateboarding and cycling are not crimes. They give young people a healthy hobby away from bad influence. If you must do this permit skateboarding after peak times. The town centre needs life after dark. It's scary when nobody is about.	Understood but unfortunately they do cause a health and safety risk to pedestrians, with quite serious accidents being caused.
3	If this is to continue, there needs to be better provision of public toilets, particularly at night	Noted
4	People weeing and poeing in the street need help, not fines.	The Council will always look to see what support and help can be put in place with any such person if needed.
5	Should concentrate on more shops and getting rid of the 'homeless'	Noted
6	If you're urinating or defecating in a public place to hem it would already be covered by public indecency. As well as exposing yourself in public.	This would then be purely down to the Police as the Council are not authorised under this, so the PSPO aims to free up Police resource but still tackle the issue
7	Are you being sly here. Are you asking questions that divert away from the main issue of the wardens jumping on people that accidentally drop litter. Scary the elderly when they have been hiding and then jumping out on people.	The Officers are visible and will listen to any reasonable explanation. Additionally, there are checks in place and means to appeal if any fine is felt to be unjustified
8	What happens when toilets are not open. I have issues with bowels and waterworks so if I urgently need to go, I'm sorry but I will go, literally anywhere. With covid as an excuse we are not always able to use facilities even at the council offices, even in an emergency !	If there is a medical issue, ,this is taken into account
9	coz its vibes	Noted
10	I do not see why spitting is an issue.	Noted – most people disagree and it does have public health risks
11	Waste of money	Noted
12	It's disgusting.	Noted
13	Public toilets in the Hemel town centre always locked for some reason taxpayers money if they're just sitting there not 24/7	Noted – this will be looked at
14	I agree with the order but exemptions should be allowed	Noted – there are under “reasonable” so covers aspects such as medical conditions.
15	Please provide disabled toilets 24 hours as the bus service is terrible & some times jave to wait for over an an hour or two in the mornings or light time . It's not always possible to use a restaurant or pub for access .	Noted
16	Why do you even feel the need to ask the question?	Statutory Requirement

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17	There is no toilets and how many people have been find	Noted – we will look to publish this to help with education
18	Urinating & defecating yes but save the law enforcements for more serious things than gum or spit (unless spitting at a person)	Noted
19	Obviously all of the above are horrible but someone taken ill may have no choice	Noted – and will be taken into account

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the continuation of the order that a person should not cycle or skateboard within the public areas defined by Plan 2 (page 7)?

Answered: 635 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes I agree	85.20%	541
No I don't agree	14.80%	94
TOTAL		635

Q4 If you do not agree, please tell us why in the box below.

Answered: 88 Skipped: 566

#	RESPONSES	Council Response
1	This means that anyone who wants to lower their carbon footprint can no longer do so and there fore need to drive a deisel or petrol vehicle around the local area before they can finally park. The local skatepark wasn't built to an appropriate standard so a lot of the local community tend to use the town as a comfortable place to hangout meaning they need to use their boards/bike in order to get there	Not at all – it just means that a person would need to push their bike through this area or hold their skate board. It is only one distinct area and allows use to get to the town centre
2	Cycling should be encouraged throughout Dacorum, not subject to unnecessary restrictions.	Noted – it is only restricted in a set area due to being pedestrianised and a risk to safety
3	Again over zealous enforcement without common sense.	Noted
4	Kids need to be aloud to have fun, and also if we are trying to help the planet	Noted
5	As above skateboarding and cycling are healthy and harmless hobbies. Kids need things to do and Hemel seems to do little for them and this encourages them into other more harmful behaviours	Noted – there are parks and a skate park nearby
6	Although I agree they should be asked to come off then or slow down it's never really been a big problem but to fine someone when they do not no is ridiculous, especially up Riverside end where I've not noticed any signs to say you cant	Noted – there are signs at all entrances to the town centre
7	We should be encouraging sustainable transport. Who is going to use their bike scooter or skateboard to get around if they can't use it when they pass through the town? This rule makes sustainable transport a less convenient option and also discourages exercise. I would rather people skating or riding bikes around town enjoying themselves and exercising, than more people driving or worse just sitting at home doing nothing.	Noted – see above
8	The council could, as an idea, create a cycle/skateboard lane; those who utilise either form of transport would be able to access this route.	Noted – but this area is pedestrianised and would be difficult to ensure safety
9	As a skateboarder myself as long as they are being respectful and not charging into people I see no issues. Not only that it's a good mode of transport and with Gadebridge skatepark a lot of us skate into town to get drinks ect.	Noted – and can do that, but not use them when in the actual area
10	No harm, anything that gets people off the pc	Noted
11	In the context of a climate emergency, the town should be doing all it can to promote cycling as a form of transport. With some updated infrastructure a cycling link through the town centre will promote access to the town. The current ban on all cycling is outdated and counter productive. If anti social behaviour of individuals using bicycles is a concern there is already other provisions within the law to deal with this. Please take the first step towards making Hemel town centre more welcoming to people using bicycles.	Noted – see above
12	Skateboarding is not a crime!!	Noted – see above

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13	It's a public space cycling and sport should be encouraged especially since signage of current rules is missing and the people handing out fines are very selective. I get the whole being dangerous but if your being safe leave it be	Noted
14	Skateboarding and cycling is a great mode of transport and through the town is a safe area to ride through compared to roads. As long as people keep their distance from walkers which previously was common etiquette allowing this rule will be beneficial to many people.	Noted
15	As long as it done responsibly it should be allowed	Noted
16	people who skateboard or cycle in town will usually stay out of peoples way and are often just trying to get from A to B	Noted – but the risk remains as weaving in between people
17	This policy was created years ago before we had a skatepark as a means to deter skaters and BMXers from riding in town, it was a stupid rule then and still is a stupid rule. If the order is to stay it should be for ANY FORM OF WHEELEDD TRANSPORT including ROLLER SKATES, and SCOOTERS, otherwise this is classed as DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SKATEBOARDERS AND BIKERS.	Noted
18	if they have to be banned from town, there should at least be a warning system for them before they are fined. i dont skate or cycle, but i witnessed the aggressive way the wardens dealt with a skateboarder the other day and it didnt seem right.	Noted – there are clear signs and officers will ask people to dismount
19	They need to get somewhere just like everyone else	Noted
20	Encourages exercise	Noted
21	The area where the old market used to be is a big open space which is often not used. It poses an opportunity for kids to skate or ride bikes here where it is ratively safe and there are shops overlooking the area. There should perhaps be designated times. Marlowes and Riverside areas should remain skate and bike free.	Noted
22	If safely done it	Noted
23	I think there should be a cycling/skateboarding zone in the town centre. It just needs a designated and marked area. The pedestrian zine is large enough to accommodate this.	Noted
24	skateboarding, no. Cycling gets people from A to B. Maybe people who are doing it not just a means of transport then yeah	
25	I think cycling should be allowed as long as it is not in an antisocial manner and is at low speed	Noted
26	It's never the bike or the skateboard that's the issue but the user, most of which are don't cause a danger. The biggest issue I have personally faced moving through the town centre on something on wheels or foot is pedestrians straight up walking with the head down paying no heed to what is around them.	Noted
27	It's fun.	Noted
28	careful cycling should be allowed through the town (maybe adding cycle path). it is dangerous to cycle along Waterhouse Street as cars keep pulling out not looking almost hitting me. we also need a safe place to cross Leighton Buzzard Road	Noted – but these are covered in the main under other legislation
29	I think cyclists can safely share space with pedestrians given a suitable framework	Noted

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30	It's about time the council and police stepped up and actually reinforce this as kids are ridding and wheelieing towards us , there are No police down the town keeping a eye on things it's s free for all and Dacorum should be ashamed of their own actions that have been next to nothing trying to stop them	Noted – this is being enforced
31	There is nothing wrong with skateboarding or cycling in a public space.	Noted
32	Use of cycles, in particular, allow persons with disability to access shops. The ban is direct discrimination.	Noted
33	Have a rule of no groups, individuals can use a certain route to get a to b. Rather than assume everyone being a nuisance	Noted
34	From reports I have read, those who have been issued with a penalty notice were, in the main, not causing any nuisance. Those causing a nuisance were, again in the main, too young to be issued with a penalty notice. Furthermore, the signage is explaining the no cycling etc is either incorrect or not presence. eg the pathway alongside the water gardens does not have any signage but a friend of mine was issued with a penalty notice.	Noted – signage has been checked
35	how do you encourage cycling and activity if you ban people doing it. What about creating space for them to do so. Does it apply to children?	Noted – see above
36	Not enough through cycle ways which need to be encouraged	Noted – this will be fed back to County Highways
37	Cycling nor skateboarding never appeared a big problem in the town centre.	Noted
38	nah coz its like walking with wheels	Noted
39	People should be encouraged to cycle and skateboard in public areas. Dangerous cycling and skateboarding should be questioned however, we should be encouraging people to stay fit and healthy and not use cars.	Noted
40	We should be teaching and encouraging people to live with courtesy and respect together, not by banning and dining people. Allow people to skate/cycle but respectfully and educate pedestrians to also be courteous.	Noted
41	Cycling and skateboarding can be reasonable activities and a navigation route should be provided.	
42	People should be free to skate or cycle where they choose	Noted – unfortunately not if it causes a risk
43	It's a free use the paths (walking or on a bike) next to will be asking mums with a pram to pay. So no it's still a free counter	Noted – unlikely to get hit and cause serious injury from a pram
44	Marlowes is 40 yards wide - wider than most roads so we can probably blame HH kids and their parents for not cycling nicely. The law is a blanket ban discriminating against cyclists with zero tolerance, not just those who cause a nuisance and could be dealt with by other laws (Tory policy). People under 17 are not covered. The law was provoked by HH parents and kids who could have laws against them anyway. I was born in Kings Langley, passed my Cycling Proficiency Test in 1966 before starting Grammar School and went on to win the World Cup. Lovely lady from the council? It was a mercenary but they call them contractors. Zero tolerance.	Noted – Officers will use common sense but unfortunately must be consistent in approach
45	Some cyclists and skateboarders are not causing a nuisance if bthey are being respectful to pedestrians.	Noted – see above

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46	exercise. let ppl live	Noted
47	As well as electric scooters	Noted
48	To encourage people out of their cars, we have to make shared spaces. Including bicycles.	Noted
49	This is not enforced by the Council. Can a cycle lane be created instead?	Noted – see above
50	Because u let vehicles drive doenbherebsilly rule	Noted
51	Why do you even feel the need to ask the question?	Statutorily required
52	Because cycling is one of the green agenders and is being encouraged so why would it be banned when it's in the governments net zero plan when limited speed could be unforced	Noted – see above
53	There is no harm if a few skaters use the ramp , but cyclist should dismantle	Noted
54	just a mode of transport. There's little reason to stop people from doing this apart from the motive of "those bloody kids", the town centre should be for everybody. Are cyclists and skateboarders not part of the towns community? With all this talk of inclusivity, I think more effort should be made to let people commune in the town centre. Not fine then for possibly rolling a few meters on a skateboard.	Noted
55	Cycle lanes should be installed	Noted
56	This is not antisocial behaviour! And often a through way to get to the skate park, the assumption that skateboarders or cyclists are young and oblivious as to not take care where they are riding is offensive, it's a healthy activity, where people belong to a nice community. Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport as well as cycling, stop this outdated ordinance	Noted – unfortunately it can cause nuisance and annoyance
57	I see no problem with cycling or skateboarding of an evening when very few pedestrians are around, after all, there are many shared cycle, walkways in Hemel where walking, cycling and skateboarding has caused no problems.	Noted
58	People should be allowed to use the area for these persists but with careful consideration for pedestrians. Signs that it is a mixed) shared use space with a code of conduct could help	Understood but unfortunately this doesn't work at the moment
59	I think this should be amended to be prohibited during certain times e.g. between the hours of 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday. The restriction is not required when the public area is not busy.	Noted – but unfortunately this is not consistent as can be busy at any time, just as it can be quiet
60	It is a public area and for the use of all. Dangerous or otherwise inconsiderate should not be allowed but it is selfish to prohibit behaviour just because some people do not like it.	Noted
61	It seems unreasonable to allow driving but not skateboarding or cycling.	Noted
62	Children with parents should be able to cycle or skateboard taking care of people around them	Noted – Officers do use common sense in this case
63	I don't have a problem with sensible cycling/skating...	Noted
64	It's not something I feel strongly about, if they cycle or skateboard considerately	Noted
65	As long as these activities are carried out giving consideration to other people I do not think prohibiting these activities is useful and goes against campaign to increase this method of travel.	Noted

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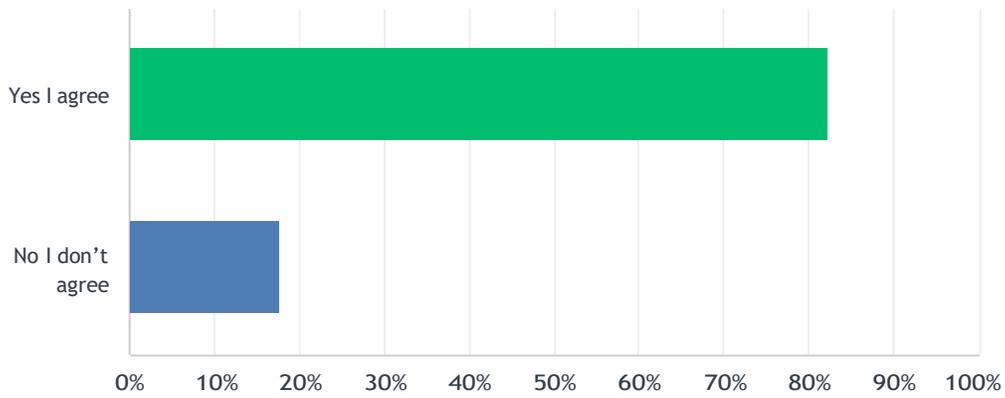
66	Mostly these riders are children, if not then it is a safer way for cyclists to travel as there are pitifully few cycling lanes anywhere	Noted
67	There are adequate existing laws against cycling on pavements and pedestrian areas. Skateboarding and other activities (roller-skating, non motorised scooters, etc) are not a significant anti-social activity and should not be banned.	Noted
68	Don't mind	Noted
69	Toddlers on bikes maybe permitted?	Noted – see above
70	Introduce a designated cycle lane. Seems an odd thing to outlaw if you want more people to use bikes then cars to travel around. Re: skateboards - promote the skate park in Gadebridge Park more	Noted
71	This is unduly unfair on children	Noted – see above
72	There is nothing anti-social about skateboarding or cycling.	Noted – see above
73	This order clearly hasn't worked. Teenagers cycle and skateboard through The Marlowes all weekend. So I question the sense in a rule continuing when it hasn't worked thus far	Noted – Enforcement started at the end of the year and feedback is that it has helped improve matters
74	Are we not supposed to be promoting exercise? This heavily penalises young people also. Build better cycle routes if you do not want people using the safety of town	Noted – see above
75	Kids with parents should be allowed to use bikes, scooters or skateboards thru the town as long as they are not teenagers / adults	Noted – see above
76	I just did	Noted
77	I agree with the plan to not cycle as the plan is but surely you need to look at allowing cycling in special marked lanes.	Noted
78	As lon GB as these activities are controlled properly, people should be allowed to cycle/skateboard through the Water Gardens, which is so much safer than using either the Leighton Buzzard Road or Waterhouse Street.	Noted
79	It is a very large area and asking people to remember not to cycle is too much, when they can do this around Sacorum normally.	Noted
80	I STRONGLY disagree. You are assuming that all people on cycles are a nuisance, this is simply not the case. How do you expect to have a green policy if you ban cyclists?	Noted – no, we are taking a consistent approach that removes a problem that is being experienced by pedestrians
81	I think we should be doing all we can to encourage people, particularly young people, to be active, and to avoid using private cars. Cycling and skateboarding should both be encouraged and supported, perhaps by redesignating parts of the pedestrian area. If there is still a feeling that cycling and skateboarding should be restriced, might thee be a way to allow these activities for under 16s or 18s, but not for adults?	Noted
82	Not to cycle aggressively. Cycling should be encouraged though	Noted
83	It does not cover the ramp on Bridge street.	Noted
84	I think that people should be encouraged into the town centre. Marlowes is a wide thoroughfare, without cars, and should be big enough to accommodate cyclists and skateboarders alongside pedestrians.	Noted

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85	Can we not allow children on cycles, people going slow and carefully in quiet hours, skateboarders going home ...	Noted – Officers will not patrol / actively enforce when the areas are quiet as reasonable
86	Agree but add electric scooters	Noted
87	But it should include scooters especially electric	Noted
88	It's a large area that can accommodate pedestrians and allocated areas for cycling / boarding.	Noted

Q5 Do you consider that there is also an issue with electric or manual scooters (excluding mobility scooters) within the public areas defined by in Plan 2 (page 7)?

Answered: 618 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes I agree	82.20%	508
No I don't agree	17.80%	110
TOTAL		618

Q6 Please tell us the reasons for your answer to Question 5.

Answered: 233 Skipped: 421

#	RESPONSES	
1	They are no more of an issue than mobility scooters. All scooter riders, including mobility scooters and bike riders should demonstrate consideration towards pedestrians	Noted
2	Never seen an issue	Noted
3	I'm partially sighted and I don't visit the town now because bikes scooters even for the disabled they are careless of people around them.	Noted
4	No there is no problem just a perceived problem with young people from loud voices.	Noted – but some of the comments do indicate there is
5	No there is no issue let people use whatever transport they want. Hemel town needs to modernise these rules	Noted – as above
6	I have not witnessed any such issues	Noted
7	Electric scooters are lethal. I have experienced many near-misses in the town centre. They cannot be heard and the ride them recklessly.	Noted
8	They can be dangerous in a crowded area	Noted
9	No issue	Noted
10	There's no agreed or sponsored scheme in place so its minimal impact	Noted
11	Focus of any law enforcement involving vehicles should be proportional to the risk of harm. If cycling infrastructure is improved scooters could use this too and reduce Hemel's reliance on the car. Again, if anti social behaviour is the problem, focus on the individual and their behaviour using other provisions in the law.	Noted
12	Against the law	Noted
13	My neighbour was struck by an electric scooter.	Noted
14	Same as before	Noted
15	They are again great modes of transport and shouldn't be banned.	Noted
16	If there is a problem with skateboards and bikes it should extend to ALL forms of wheeled transport or preferable none.	Noted
17	i have never experienced any issues, everyone has control	Noted
18	Children on scooters in town ate a constant problem. E-scooters are dangerous motorised transport which require no license or test to use.	Noted
19	Lots of kids use scooters irresponsibly & are a danger to others especially the vulnerable & elderly	Noted

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20	electric ones maybe, due to their speed, but not manual ones.	Noted
21	There is no issue that I have seen with Electric scooters	Noted – see other comments
22	Electric scooters are a hazard to pedestrians, far more dangerous than manual scooters.	Noted
23	Scooters whether electric or not are a hazard in pedestrian areas, particularly to those who are blind or inferm and can't get out of the way in time.	Noted
24	I haven't noticed too much issue with e-scooters but I have had to sharply get out of the way of mobility scooters a number of times. They should be permitted as they are needed but perhaps designated lanes for them would help.	Noted
25	These scooters are not legal. Laws and rules are made but not enforced. Why?	Noted
26	Electric scooters are becoming an increasing menace. It should be an area for pedestrians only. I have seen on differing occasions many teens through to adults nearly knock over pedestrian	Noted
27	There are not many used and they could use a designated cycle zone if one is implemented. They are no more dangerous tha a mobility scooter. Which I use myself due to disability.	Noted
28	Problem is most culprits are juveniles so legislation impotent	Noted
29	No one does anything to stop it so it just gets worse	Noted
30	I do not include the mobility scooter!	Noted
31	People don't pay attention - accident waiting to happen.	Noted
32	There are far too many people using illegal electric scooters in Hemel Hempstead causing danger to themselves and the public	Noted
33	The people who ride these have no respect, insurance , correct training so are a menace.	Noted
34	E-scooters and larger mobility scooters travelling too fast close to pedestrians and smallchildren	
35	I've seen electric scooters speeding through Marlowe's unhindered many times	Noted
36	Never really notice many down there, like pervious answer, most people don't cause a danger. A minority may you shouldn't be tarring everyone with the same brush.	Noted
37	Electric scooters are becoming a problem for pedestrians.	Noted
38	I've had problems with potentially hazardous use of mobility scooters in various places but never actually in the centre of town - as with cycling, it should be perfectly possible to share that space safely	Noted
39	It's a pedestrian area - they have no concern for pedestrians	Noted
40	Yes and you put up signs but do Nothing	Noted – enforcement is taking place
41	You can't allow 1 electric item & not the other.	Noted

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42	Have seen a few on electric scooter can be quite dangerous seen people have few near misses. Dont mind the small manual scooter for young children providing parents keep an eye on them	Noted
43	Even the manual scooters are too fast through there.	Noted
44	I have come across just a few electric/manual scooters. I have a mobility issue and in one instance I just stood still as a scooter was aiming for me. My husband had to intercept. It is a problem if you can't get out of their way quick enough.	Noted
45	I've had more problems with cyclists to be honest	Noted
46	No don't see a problem. Scooters should be permitted as well as cycling.	Noted
47	Serveral times I've experienced near-miss collisions	Noted
48	Children & young adults go wizzing around shoppers and terrorise old people	Noted
49	Supposed to be a pedestrian area	Noted
50	The odd scooter will be fine.	Noted
51	I have seen a few incidents of electric scooters travelling stvwuite high speed around busy areas with young children	Noted
52	Teenager riding scooters in the Marlowes. I don't hear them behind me then pass close and fast. Teenagers on bikes are a problem too.	Noted
53	Not personally experienced an issue	Noted
54	Not personally seen any of these	Noted
55	They are dangerous and ridden without care	Noted
56	I am unsure as I haven't experienced any	Noted
57	no issue there	Noted
58	Use of electric scooters in public areas is illegal! Manual scooters are usually used by young people, and create a similar hazard to cycles when used by them.	Noted
59	From observation, there seems to have been a significant increase in scooter & electric scooter ownership. From media reports (wich may not be unbiased) there seems to be an association with anti social behaviour and street crime. Local authorities are having to be reactive in the management of the rise in scooter ownership.	Noted
60	Need to embrace modern technology and far better than pollution and traffic	Noted
61	Please include mobility scooters that exceed 4mph as well as ebike/scooters	Noted
62	They move faster than a pedestrian can react upon seeing them. Humdrum may not see them or be seen by the riders of these scooters. Collisions can lead to serious injuries.	Noted
63	I have not been in that area recently and don't feel qualified to answer the question	Noted
64	a bit unfair on small children on their scooters but fully agree for anyone over the age of 10 and especially electric scooters for teens and above.	Noted

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65	These are the same as skateboards and bikes.	Noted
66	they are everywhere and it is a completely unlegislated matter right now, a risk for the rider and the general public	Noted
67	I have witnessed scooters being used inside shops which is dangerous	Noted
68	I've only ever seen one e-scooter in town.	Noted
69	These are often irresponsibility ridden and their speed and the random weaving in and out of areas where people are walking/shopping, is very disturbing and dangerous.	Noted
70	no coz their vibes	Noted
71	It's not the publics fault that licenses for those scooters aren't mandatory.	Noted
72	Escooter is dangerous for elderly people	Noted
73	I don't really see many of them but relating to my answer to q4 if people of all ages are encouraged to ride safely and with courtesy and respect I can't see an issue. Might help people to live amongst each other generally also	Unfortunately not the case at present
74	Scootering can be reasonable activities and a navigation route should be provided.	Noted
75	Electric scooters move far to fast ,it's speed that is the issue	Noted
76	Am disabled and I am terrified as have very nearly been hit by an electric scooter	Noted
77	Too many electric scooters being driven by in experience youths not caring for peoples safety	Noted
78	Not mobility but youth on scooters	Noted
79	I use mobility scooter. Full access where appropriate should be essential	Noted
80	Haven't seen any . . . YET.	Noted
81	It is purely dangerous especially when toddlers and elderlies are walking	Noted
82	Some scooters are more dangerous than a cyclist or skateboarder.	Noted
83	They're a hazard and the users are usually irresponsible.	Noted
84	They are dangerous	Noted
85	no difference between a cycle and a scooter	Noted
86	Too dangerous	Noted
87	You cant hear then coming, the speeds that some are capable of would inflict life changing injuries in the event of a collision, lack of regulation insurance and registration.	Noted
88	There is an issue as many users do not pay sufficient attention to what is going on around them. However, total exclusion seems hard to justify and people should be allowed to push them through.	Noted
89	haven't noticed worrying levels of nuisance	Noted
90	Shopmobility was set up to allow people who have difficulty walking access the Town Centre. As far as I know there is no issue or problems with scooters.	Noted

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91	Mobility scooters are a necessity for some, electric scooters are not yet legal, micro scooters are a harmless toy.	Noted
92	My suggestion is to create a cycle lane to make the town centre safe for all users.	Noted – will be fed into any future public realm works
93	They are fast, and unlicensed, a recipe for disaster and very gangerous, especially for old people.	Noted
94	Electric scooters are silent and can "creep" up on people making them jump. Generally people who use these scooters are sensible but there's always the odd person who thinks they are above everyone else.	Noted
95	It is important to differentiate between adults and older young people on electric/manual scooters moving at pace as opposed to a under 12 on a manual scooter travelling at low spec accompanied by an adult.	Noted
96	Children aged under 8 should be allowed to use scooters. Makes the school run so much quicker and easier.	Noted
97	Yes , I often see kids on scooters around town with little consideration for those around them	Noted
98	They hold no insurance and speed through with very little thought for members of the public.	Noted
99	There has been a real increase of the use of e scooters across Hemel Hempstead. They being used on pavements and within Marlowe's shopping centre. They should be totally banned. If anyone is caught using one illegallu, they should be fined and have the e scooter confiscated and destroyed.	Noted
100	They should not be used as kids and old persons can't hear them coming	Noted
101	How can you justify banning bicycles if you don't ban electric scooters which can travel as fast if not faster?	Noted and the reason the consultation is asking about them
102	They are a danger to pedestrians. Especially the elderly and small children who should be able to walk around the area safely.	Noted
103	Too fast and zip through people unaware.	Noted
104	I use a mobility aid a rollater & have actually been hit by an e- scooter rider & cyclist both wearing headphones . Luckily I didn't get hurt but they did coming off their bike / scooter going too fast .	Noted
105	Some mobility scooters are being used at speed and antisocially	Noted
106	Don't really see much	Noted
107	Youths on electric scooters are particularly dangerous, travelled Ng very fast and deliberately weaving between people walking.	Noted
108	Electric scooters are a far cleaner mode of transport than a car, bus, or motorbike	Noted
109	Iv personally never had this issue when in town	Noted
110	Electric scooters are illegal anyway and manual scooters are a hazard to pedestrians	Noted
111	The above are dangerous in public area's, with disregard for other people using the area	Noted
112	If people use them responsibly then fine, if not, take them off them. Simple.	Noted

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113	Dangerous as too fast	Noted
114	Some people go too fast and end up running into people	Noted
115	BOTH TYPES OF SCOOTER ARE AS DANGEROUS AS CYCLING.	Noted
116	They are illegal to use in a public environment.I see no enforcement of this law.There have been many near misses involving old people in particular who don't always have the agility to avoid collisions	Noted
117	The government wants electric vehicles so what's the problem with electric scooters surely better than petrol motorise bikes	Noted – but again it is where appropriate
118	Their use risks injury to less mobile people who cannot easily get out of the way of a speeding scooter.	Noted
119	Of course not. What's the problem with scooters? That they allow people to travel faster than if they were walking? Do you also plan on stopping people running through the centre?	Noted
120	It could knock vulnerable people over	Noted
121	See previous answer	Noted
122	Far as I'm concerned scooters as much a hazard as bikes.	Noted
123	Yes I have almost been knocked over several times and the speed at which they go at is sometimes faster than a bike . I have seen them used in ifevghe marlowes as well . Due to the being easy to use and speed they are a favourite form of transport for drug dealers as well . Also if left dumped o. The floor hazards for disabled people	Noted
124	Only electric scooters are an issue due to the speed and so much harder to stop	Noted
125	As long as these devices are used sensibly there should be no problem, don't ban the use of something just because of the few who can not behave.	Noted
126	They are silent and a danger to pedestrians.	Noted
127	Electric scooters are too fast and are often driven by inconsiderate people. Manual scooters are not a problem	Noted
128	They are So dangerous to the elderly.I'm fact everyone.older people can suffer life changing injuries.	Noted
129	I have not come across any reason to have an issue. Would zealous enforcement officers be ordering children off their manual scooters? Will there be exemptions?	Noted
130	There are teenagers riding electric scooters through the Marlowes and pedestrians can't hear them coming so anyone could get knocked down	Noted
131	The town centre is no place for electric scooters. People who use them in this area have a complete disregard for pedestrians or their safety	Noted
132	Danger to pedestrians	Noted
133	They are dangerous to use in pedestrianised areas, and are illegal to use in public places, so should be banned from being ridden.	Noted

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134	Scooter users often on the pavement and walkways	Noted
135	Too fast for pedestrianised area. Safety comes first.	Noted
136	There are a number of reckless scooter riders who do not appear to have control of their scooters	Noted
137	Electric scooters in the town centre are dangerous have been hit by a scooter they are too quiet and illegal	Noted
138	You cannot hear them. You can not identify them to complain. They are quite fast and drivers do not consider possible movements by pedestrians.	Noted
139	Kids whizzing about on them are dangerous	Noted
140	Many elderly use this area and they should feel safe to do so.	Noted
141	Manual Scooters are like skate boards but have handle bars and I thought electric where illegal except in trial areas.	Noted
142	No issues. Just busybodies wanting to impose their behaviour on to others.	Noted
143	Have seen too many on electric scooters going too fast plus as far as I know still illegal	Noted
144	I haven't had any issues	Noted
145	Riders are often going too quickly and are not fully in control	Noted
146	Having had an electric scooter driven directly at me by teenagers, although not in the town centre, greater need for law enforcement is needed.	Noted
147	They are a danger to people with mobility problems and the elderly	Noted
148	They go all over the place and you don't know they are coming up behind you as have no bell	Noted
149	Mobility scooters are no problem but electric scooters that people stand on need to be on the road . If in a place where they are not able to use the road I think they should walk through those areas and push the scooter.	Noted
150	Electric scooters should be banned but mobility and children with parents should be able to use their scooters	Noted
151	They tend to be moving fast, silent and can be below one's sight-lines	Noted
152	I have no personal experience of this issue.	Noted
153	there are too many electric scooters in use in Hemel Hempstead, the police are never to be seen, when this happens	Noted
154	they go too fast to be used in pedestrian areas	Noted
155	These scooters suddenly come up behind people, weave in & out of walkers & generally present as a danger	Noted
156	I don't know why you have included mobility scooters in this. They are definitely not the same issue as manual or electric scooters.	Noted
157	These vehicles are silent and fast, I worry about bag snatchers or being knocked over	Noted

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158	The use of them is disgraceful and extremely dangerous. Drug dealers are using them	Noted
159	I find e scooters go too fast and know someone who was knocked down by one on a pavement in London	Noted
160	They are dangerous to pedestrians , due to their speed and weaving through said pedestrians	Noted
161	Again I do not think there is an issue with there use , the issue is how they are used. Many people would use these scooters sensibly and responsibly . It seems draconian to ban all use to stop the minority of inconsiderate users.	Noted
162	I've never seen anyone using scooters in the town centre	Noted
163	They are used everywhere now and the law is usually ignored mainly because there is no police presence and the offenders know that pcsos are powerless and generally regarded as a joke	Noted
164	some users of mobility scooters do not take enough care and consideration to others too	Noted
165	The users often act as though they are entitled to priority and are aggressive towards pedestrians.	Noted
166	I do not know	Noted
167	I have nearly been knocked down by scooters on many occasions. Have reported to police	Noted
168	Going too fast and out of control a danger to pedestrians	Noted
169	I've never seen any	Noted
170	If cycles and skateboards are being included, so to should electric scooters.	Noted
171	There are existing laws prohibiting use of motorised scooters on public land. Manual scooters should not be banned as I don't believe their use is typically anti-social.	Noted and taken on board
172	Users (usually youths) ride them with no care for pedestrians	Noted
173	Mobility scooter riders feel they have right of way, and are often not looking out for pedestrians at all, they show no consideration and are often travelling too fast	Noted
174	Unruly children	Noted
175	They are dangerous to pedestrians	Noted
176	Butts end back alley way they zoom down and also the fields between Gadebridge and warners end no respect for anyone	Noted
177	I dont see many about	Noted
178	not controlled, problems for vulnerable pedestrian people not considered.	Noted
179	-	Blank
180	I haven't seen any along Marlowes	Noted
181	Any transport that isn't cars should be fully embraced. There are so many anti social cars and drivers on the roads	Noted

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182	The people ride them carelessly	Noted
183	manual scooters are essentially skateboards with handlebars, the same should apply. Electric scooters (excluding mobility) are already illegal are they not?	Noted
184	They are a menace in crowded public areas because of the speed of them, also they are illegal to use on the roads.	Noted
185	Disabled people need to use these and stopping them would be discrimination	Noted
186	I don't think there is an issue.	Noted
187	They don't go as fast I think	Noted
188	People ride them on pavements at speed which could lead to a serious accident	Noted
189	They are illegal to use on any public area so should not be allowed within the area.	Noted
190	They are a hazard to pedestrians, especially the elderly, deaf and those who use walking aids (crutches, walking stick). They are often ridden too fast by users who have little regard for pedestrians. Electric scooters are illegal.	Noted
191	People are riding electric scooters which are themselves illegal and the rider commits traffic offences. They are a danger to the public because they cannot be heard and travel quickly, occasionally used in an anti social manner. Scooters that are manual are also a hindrance. These are particularly dangerous for the elderly and disabled such those who have hearing or vision issues or are unsteady on their feet..	Noted
192	I haven't seen issues re this	Noted
193	Definitely electric scooter, no regard for pedestrians	Noted
194	Similar rules should apply to the electric scooters as the operators can be quite reckless at times. I don't believe manual scooters are an issue.	Noted
195	It's a general issue about their use but most dangerous in busy areas.	Noted
196	I dont agree that the above should be allowed on pavements	Noted
197	Yes they are a danger to people unsteady on their feet	Noted
198	Scooters of all sorts can go as fast as a bike	Noted
199	It would remove any inconsiderate actions by irresponsible scooter users and there is absolutely no reason for them to use scooters in this area.	Noted
200	A number of them are used to travel through the areas marked, better enforcement is needed an all fronts, the cycles are still an ongoing issue.	Noted
201	I have not seen a problem with scooters	Noted
202	You can't hear them coming and if you're going to ban bikes and skateboards then scooters should also be banned	Noted
203	Not a MAJOR issue but have witnessed an electric scooter being ridden in this area	Noted
204	They cannot be heard; they move so fast; weave in and out between all pedestrians, old people and children; and also come from all directions. Very dangerous.	Noted

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205	If properly managed these activities should not be a problem.	Noted
206	I see them being ridden around Hemel often, sometimes in the road and sometimes on pavements.	Noted
207	The scooters appear from no where very quickly causing the public to be frighten.	Noted
208	Manual scooters, lets give them a try. Electric scooters, its a no for now. I see the value of mobility scooters, however I have recently nearly been hit on a few occasions by people who treat them as a sort of snowplough to move around very quickly and intimidate people to get out of their way. Perhaps you could allow speed limited mobility scooters.	Noted – and taken on board
209	Electric scooters are often driven by selfish persons with little, if any, regard for others. They are a particular menace to small children, the elderly and the handicapped (mobility, sight or hearing).	Noted
210	I don't see them very often and when I do they are being ridden by small children	Noted
211	I don't see many scooters on the high street	Noted
212	I think they can be a valuable form of exercise and transport.	Noted
213	Mobility scooters must be allowed but they should only go at walking speed	Noted
214	Mobility scooters are also misused	Noted
215	They are dangerous especially for the elderly and people with limited mobility	Noted
216	Small kid's on manual scooter's should be exempt. Some mobility scooter's should have a speed restriction.	Noted
217	Electric scooters are virtually silent and give no warning of their approach. They are dangerous in areas where there are large numbers of pedestrians.	Noted
218	This is a difficult area as small children should be allowed to use manual scooters. Electric scooters are not legal anyway and should not be allowed anywhere.	Noted
219	I do not see this as an issue. Again, we need to encourage people to use the town centre.	Noted
220	I think they can be dangerous in pedestrian areas.	Noted
221	Electric scooters are fast and heavy, and should be excluded. Manual scooters, especially for children, require more consideration.	Noted
222	have seen more people on bikes than on scooters	Noted
223	Yes, the speed of electric scooters, but really they are not allowed anyway	Noted
224	They move silently and fast and are a public danger particularly on paved areas	Noted
225	Electric scooters you can not hear	Noted
226	They can injure pedestrians and possibly seriously when travelling at speed	Noted

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227	Not very many scooters	Noted
228	Not regulated - you can't hear them. Danger to pedestrians	Noted
229	Yes I think that this causes a danger to all shoppers and should be enforced more rigidity	Noted
230	Scooters on playfields, pavements are a hazard to people with children or hearing impaired or partially sighted as scooters are not expected to be on the pavement..this makes it unsafe for the above mentioned.	Noted
231	Scooters should be treated the same way as cycles. They are generally used with little consideration for other users of the space.	Noted
232	Electric scooters are too fast / dangerous	Noted
233	A pedestrian centre should be jus that. Both electric and manual scooter riders can sometimes be dangerous	Noted

Q7 Are there any other behaviours you would like to see included in the Public Space Protection Order that you feel are detrimental to the quality of life in Hemel Hempstead town centre?

Answered: 372 Skipped: 282

#	RESPONSES	Council Response
1	The frequent use of bicycles through the pedestrianised area of the town centre and the speed at which people use their mobility scooter at through same area and inside shopping centre.	Comments are not made against each of these, as they will all feed into a review of the PSPO as well as the overall Borough approach, to understand what (if any) other controls are needed, can be justified and are not covered under other legislation
2	The PSPO are rather forceful in their manner when it comes to the halting of people using personal transport, meaning I would rather drive my diesel vehicle around the local town instead of choosing greener options as it won't cost me £80 each time	
3	No, quality of life is also about protection from persecution by over zealous enforcement officers. I have not personally seen this but I am outraged by stories I have seen related on social media. If officers cannot be adequately trained to differentiate between those where perhaps a warning would be more appropriate instead of just doling out fines to create income for the council, then it is better to not create such an order. It's creating a police state environment and discouraging people from going into the area. If a child is feeding birds and does not realise this is against the local 'state control' rules, they should simply be asked to stop in the 1st instance. I've never noticed any signs to this effect so perhaps if there are some they are not obvious enough Also the wastage of police time when they are called if someone refuses to give details we are not part of Russia yet!	
4	People throwing rubbish on the floor even cigarettes being thrown on the floor. I also think if people are seen blowing smoke from a vape or cigarette into people's faces this should be an offence. Even if the smoke blows behind them. It's unhealthy and inconsiderate to non smokers and asthmatics or other health conditions.	
5	Noise overly loud bus service! Needing to get Electric bus services!!!	
6	No. The town centre needs more life at night not more people excluded from using it.	
7	Well I've looked at what you've mainly been fining people for which is cigarette butts, which is easily swept up with a sweeper in the mornings but my main concern with all of this, is the fact that your fining mother's for there children feeding pigeons which is absurd especially when theoretically it's not even littering when the pigeon eats it! Also the amount of people that have been fined because something has fell out there pocket without there knowledge and rather then being told about it to give them a chance to clear there own rubbish up there fined! These are people that can't afford such a hefty fine over something so absurd and it seems to me this has nothing to do with trying to keep the town centre clean but rather taking money from the poor and putting it in the pockets of the council!	
8	Yes poor paving very dangerous	
9	No	
10	Public arguments, excessive alcohol behaviour and aggressive begging	

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| 11 | Begging and rough sleeping should be stopped, particularly near cash machines. The rough sleepers really make the town centre look 'down at heel' with their tents, bedding and accumulated effects. |
| 12 | People feeding the pigeons. |
| 13 | I still see people doing the things that are supposedly banned as anti social behavior. May help if the ban is actually enforced. |
| 14 | Big groups of boys intimidating people. I think having an eye full watch of some sort or town monitor. A lot of underage teen vaping and smoking with multiple shops serving. People staying in large crowds in one place ext |
| 15 | Back off big brother. |
| 16 | Please consider the wider implications of this order. Cyclists already face prejudice from other road users and the inclusion of a ban on cycling only goes to reinforce this and demonise those who chose a sustainable method of transport. With foot traffic being quieter in the town centre than ever before surely there is an opportunity to revisit cycling infrastructure in the town and bring more people in. |
| 17 | Groups of teenagers gathering when it's dark |
| 18 | The people walking around giving fines out on the spot should learn some manners and give people a second chance |
| 19 | Many people (usually the same offenders) loitering in town consuming Alcohol/Drugs. Maybe a 3 strike policy to discourage them hanging around in town. |
| 20 | Intimidating behaviour from youths hanging around in the area. |
| 21 | it would be good if the marshalls didn't openly follow people that are smoking cigarettes in an intimidating fashion to see if they are going to dispose of the butts correctly. i have been followed twice in town now and have never littered in my life, and when i asked why, they said because seems pretty heavy-handed to me. i've also seen them give a fine to a man because his dog ran near the cafe on gadebridge park for about 2seconds as he was calling it back, again i think a warning should have sufficed as there was clearly no intent on his part. from the encounters i've seen and experienced at least two of the marshalls seem aggressive and somewhat power-hungry and dont seem to care whether anyone was aware of the rules or broke then on purpose or any kind of intent, and as people are struggling now, the fines seem a bit harsh, and there is an intimidating vibe from the marshalls that i've seen and spoken to. |
| 22 | The non-homeless beggars, that are begging. I am happy to give food or money to the homeless |
| 23 | No, but the recent introduction of Wardens to police this area has caused some problems with them being over-zealous and perhaps they should operate with more discretion? |
| 24 | I don't like the fake homeless people outside WHSmith. It has been well documented online that these people have homes, and pretend they don't. They are quite intimidating and should be fined. |
| 25 | Rough sleeping in doorways or begging. |
| 26 | Begging. Sale and exchange of illegal substances. |

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27	People pretending to be homeless begging for drugs and sat in daylight smoke a pipe of drugs why kids are there playing on the play area. Help the homeless and keep them away from town begging
28	Foul language and littering
29	Teens doing wheelies on their bikes, and becoming gobby when challenged!
30	Agression
31	No
32	I agree BUT - there is very little provision for disabled children such as a changing places toilets and there is no way I would change my child who is too large for a changing table on the floor. I also think that small children (under 6 say) should be able to ride their little baby bikes. It's a bit different from someone over the age of 12 doing it.
33	Laws, Rules, ASB.....what is the point if you are not enforcing them. Fine people, stop them littering, spitting and especially the bikes and skateboards.
34	Begging
35	I don't think a PSPO is required for the town centre. And if one simply keeps getting extended it just shows that it doesn't work. There are PCs, PCSOs and the town centre security that all patrol the area. As long as they are visible on regular patrols there won't be many problems.
36	Get rid of all the vagrants(most of whom have properties to stay in) FACT. Always swearing and fighting with each other over who has best begging rights outside Tesco express Marlowes. Complete eyesore running town down and whose behaviour terrifies the elderly
37	That wardens act in a kind gentle manner and give the benefit of doubt and warn if it happens again they will be fined.
38	People smoking drugs. People drinking alcohol outside.
39	Actually have people stop anyone on bikes - pedestrians are intimidated and getting hurt
40	Homeless people's,drunk use of weed and unleashed dogs!
41	Homeless people begging
42	Sleeping rough outside shops when we have Dens to help
43	Youngsters on bikes in the town also need to be included as they are the biggest issue
44	Drunk people shouting
45	People sitting outside the cafe's smoking. Smoking should be banned in the whole town centre - not fair on others. I constantly have to walk past people smoking with my baby.
46	Alas we still have begging and rough sleeping in town.
47	Attention should also be given to those cycling in the pedestrian subways at the Moor End side of town. It would also be good to rid the town of the fake homeless people. (They are never at their begging spots at nighttime)
48	spitting on floor, cycling/scooters not policed effectively - frequently seen

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49	When people accidently drop litter they should be given a chance to pick up their rubbish as a warning. The people issuing fines have been giving fines to people who accidently dropped something without giving anyone a chance to pick it up.
50	Yes ban groups of youngsters in school holidays
51	I think it's a pity that while the order exists, it is not enforced very well. There are often people cycling in the area under the PSPO, particularly at weekends and school holidays, with very little evidence of enforcement.
52	People rough sleeping inthe town and begging
53	Rough sleepers in doorways
54	Homeless people in the town centre
55	Yes we need a per name to police presence
56	Drunk and homeless people. As someone who works on the Hemel town market this doesn't help business
57	Littering
58	The contract with the "wardens" that bully & fine people should be terminated immediately. Their behaviour on numerous times is disgraceful.
59	Littering
60	Whatever is decided needs to be policed properly. All these activities are going on because they are not policed. What is the protocol for the homeless that sleep in the town?
61	Drinking of alcohol and drug abuse. The use of profound language especially in earshot of young children and speeding in vehicles on roads
62	Homelessness. There are multiple homeless people living outside shops. One especially is very abusive to the general public, even for just looking at him. This really is not good enough. He has been there a long time now.
63	Homeless camping outside or in doorways of shops. Also said people begging and passing rude or nasty comments if one does not give.
64	If people litter give them the opportunity to pick it up before a fine is issued!!!!
65	The people playing musical instruments in the street are noisy and it makes the high street a place where i do not want to stay for long periods. the music is bad and not to everyones taste.
66	Street begging.
67	I dislike the level of professional charity collectors being allowed. I have no issue with giving to charity, but object to the way these organised teams spread across the whole pedestrian area so as to 'catch' everyone. Id like to be able to walk the length without being harassed and say 'no thank you' multiple times.
68	I would like to see the banning of pigeon feeding in the town center. The pigeon mess is a disgrace. People should be dissuaded from this habitat and or fined. I think It should be in the class of anti social behaviour.

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| 69 | Closing Market square was a mistake we had so much vibrant life in the market. put the Market back were it should be in the square. There are not enough PCSO's in the town comming down hard on these out of control children and young adult's. A smack never did us any harm for being naughty so why can't parents chastise their children because some children only listen when they have a smack. A smack on the legs or the hand is not a beating and is not over doing the punishment. It's time parents and the authorities took back control of the children, young adults and the streets. |
| 70 | Begging Smoking by doorways |
| 71 | Drinking alcohol and smoking in the bus stops. |
| 72 | Groups congregating being a nuisance or threatening behaviour |
| 73 | No homeless encampments |
| 74 | Groups of men loitering in the evening |
| 75 | Persons in charge of children/child buggies or dogs, should not be permitted to walk with them, whilst looking at a mobile phones, therefore being not either in proper control or in genuine awareness of the said dependents |
| 76 | Stop the religious zealots, of any religion from broadcasting their beliefs. Make the whole area non smoking as you can't see for the fug of smoke surrounding all the cafes |
| 77 | Busking! They are often to loud and put me off spending time in town. They could add atmosphere but there should be rules about playing music or preaching above a certain level. It that can't be done ban them altogether. Also love the ticketing of litter bugs! People should know better. |
| 78 | Mainly bikes and scooters but also the litter sometimes left behind after they have their lunch in the old market square. Although our street cleaners do a very good job clearing up. We also have kids trespassing on the KD tower car park riding their bikes and coming into the building |
| 79 | The number of people living/ sleeping in shop doorways in the town center |
| 80 | If the scheme is trying to eliminate anti-social behaviour then good. However, from my experience it is only alienating good minded people who mistakenly cycled etc in the prohibited area because signage is poor or non-existent. E.g. someone from outside of Dacorum visits the town centre on their cycle. They could easily be issues with a penalty notice through no fault of their own. What impression would that give them of Dacorum? Furthermore, who are these Officers who issue the notices? What do they look like? I've never seen you showing us what uniforms they wear (I guess they wear uniforms?) and what id they have. In my view a poorly established scheme which has very limited chance of succeeding other than to alienate people. |
| 81 | District Enforcement officers not doing their job properly and just chasing the revenue and money rather than preventing. But this is what happens when a public body issues a contract o a private company where they can self regulate and only answer to themselves |
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82	Loitering in large groups, with anti-social behaviour is an issue, also consuming alcohol and smoking weed/ substances.
83	People disrespecting people in any form.
84	Control and regulation over e-scooters please! Currently, e-scooters are widely available to use, and are in regular use. I have seen many e-scooters used at speed, on pavements or on roads, and without much real regard to safety and consequences of their own actions (ie., dodge the silently fast e-scooter, wherever these might come from). I'm a regular cyclist and was recently an Approved Driving Instructor, so am well aware of how the actions of some road users may unknowingly lead to adverse effects on other vulnerable road users (pedestrians)
85	I find the presence of rough sleepers in the town centre personally unsettling. I will only visit Hemel Hempstead town centre at peak times, when I may otherwise have preferred an off peak time e.g. late afternoon. I find myself checking ahead and behind before I walk through Bank Court or other parallel paths from main shopping street back to Water Gardens parking. I feel on edge in the town centre.
86	Abusive language
87	Although to be green spaces should be included where it is secure to leaves bikes/scooters even though they should be walked to these spaces. As well as manual bikes and scooters
88	Dropping Litter. It encourages rats and foxes. People should use the bins provided.
89	These powers are useless unless there is someone present to implement them. I rarely see a police officer or community officer in the town centre. I spent an hour waiting for Arriva buses (which did not arrive) watching a youngster cycling backwards in circles at the junction on Marlowes and Bridge Street . At least it needs prominent notices as noone takes any noitce of the ones uo now.
90	I agree with all the above points and it is all very well putting signs around town to make people aware, but who is actually around to enforce this order? The police are stretched already and never around when you need them. I've never seen any other type of enforcement officer around town. I also believe there is an increasing problem with homeless people in the town centre, they position themselves near cash machines and I see how they can be intimidating. They also beg for money, surely this needs addressing.
91	Urinating in the carpark for example water gardens ..
92	The town NEEDs attention, make it more attractive to large brand shops to stay in the town. It's a disgrace that a large town like Hemel will soon not have a place to shop. Less coffee shops and run down places attract riffraff. More community support when incident do happen. I witnessed a young lad in the process of being robbed most people walked past only myself and another mother stopped to help. Call to 111 was fruitless as they were too busy to attend. It was an absolute joke. We had to sit in the bank to gain access to his parents phone number as phone had been robbed. For a very expensive place to live it's a disgrace and Dive someone from the local council needs to take responsibility!!! Angry local resident who has lived locally all my life.
93	group of people gathering and swearing during busy shopping times, a disgraceful behaviour to witness for family with children
94	Smoking in outside public seating areas.

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95	As well as electric scooters and bicycles, the use of all wheeled conveyances (except mobility devices) should be banned from all pedestrian areas.
96	Smoking! People seem to think it's okay to smoke around the areas where children play. Smoking should be banned in those areas. Homeless problem. It seems to be getting worse with multiple doorways occupied. Drug dealing! It's right under everyone's nose and seemingly ignored by local police. Far more important issues than kids on skateboards.
97	No.But i still see boys riding bikes fast through the town and boys doing wheelies.The speed they sometimes go could actually kill someone if they hit an old person.I ve seen them weaving in and out of people so this is not being controlled enough.!!
98	Rough sleeping in shopping centre. There must be a better way for these unfortunate people.
99	People who sing/perform in the centre (with or without permission) have microphones and amplifiers which are far too loud.
100	not enough weed
101	Drinking alcohol in public on the street
102	The pigeons causing such a mess should be culled and tge mess cleared up from shops and offices fronts and doorways everyday as part of regular street cleaning
103	No begging
104	Personally smoking and swearing but I know they are not realistic or achievable. We need people to live together and encourage people to come to the town not discourage them by fining and banning things everywhere. We are a free country.
105	There is not enough active transport and there is too much parking congestion across town. Cycling, skateboarding and scootering need to be encouraged, which means a navigation route should be allowed in the town centre, and wheels should be directed to use it.
106	Though cycling is not allowed this rule is disregarded
107	remove the video screen
108	No
109	No.
110	Yes the parking in town near K.F.C . You have used the take payers money to make a new layout for disabled cars an all the fast food company's use the spaces and the traffic wardens are never there to ticket cars. An when the wardens are there on rare occasions the ask for the cars to be moved!???. It clearly says disabled parking,these cars should be ticket at the first presence off a warden an not told to move there cars first it's a joke an the police should manage the spaces at night cause it's ever worse at night
111	Keeping dogs on a leash and making sure they are properly supervised with regards to fouling etc
112	Drinking and swearing I had two people one homeless and a women have a shouting match last week
113	Throwing chewing gum , rubbish, cigarette butts, dog fouling. Youths that spin around roundabout on both sides of the car doing wheelies.

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114	Large groups hanging around Need more greenary
115	Respect for others. The town is dying on its feet. The toilets outside should continue to be checked regularly so that they're not being used appropriately
116	Mercenaries that you call contractors should be banned as they enforce arbitrary laws with zero tolerance.
117	Cigarette buds.
118	You haven't included smoking in this. The enforcement officers you employ are awful. They are bullies and threatening. I am in complete support of making Dacorum a better place to live but why can't you issue someone a warning to start with and then escalate it if necessary? To see these enforcement officers intimidating pensioners who have dropped their cig butt on the floor makes me ashamed to live in Dacorum. Please do something about them, people don't come to town to be threatened and bullied.
119	I'm strongly in favour of this but it needs to be policed properly which I don't think it is at the moment. I always see young people cycling through the centre often swerving around doing wheelies. I don't have a problem with genuine cyclists, especially families with young children but these teenagers spoil it for the rest of the community and are rarely challenged. This isn't aimed at all teenagers, just those displaying anti social behaviour
120	Smoking, swearing, rude behaviour around/near the children's play areas.
121	Children play in the water fountain outside Vodafone which makes it smell of wee all summer, it's not pleasant!! The water fountain is for everyone to enjoy and is decorative. I totally avoid the area during summer it's looks and smells disgusting. Gadebridge park is a short walk from here why can't parents take their children to the designated place for water play
122	No
123	Littering
124	Men with their tops off. It's not a beach. They make the town look cheap.
125	Gangs of teenagers being disrespectful & unruly in & out of the marlowes centre.
126	General antisocial behaviour. I've seen drunk people being threatening and swearing during the day.
127	Sort out the town centre. It is a dump.
128	The amount of people openly walking on public areas smoking spliffs, the smell is appalling and I believe this is an entry level to serious hard drug taking with all the complications this causes. Break up of families. Neglect of child family members. Debt. Non payment violence by dealers. Shoplifting, theft, burglary, robbery, violence to non related members of public etc. to fund the habit.
129	I think control of dogs and dropping litter are already included by PSPO's.
130	I am not sure that authorised vehicle users always exercise sufficient caution when driving through the pedestrianised area though I assume that this is already covered.
131	Graffiti and flyposting could be added for anti social behavior. The officers I have seen in the town centre are foing a great job. I have noticed such a difference. Keep the PSPO in place

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132	People seem to think they can get away with the order and ignore the officer and not give their name and address. Can something be done about this to give them more powers to take a name and address, and to fail to do so, they can be fined further?
133	drunkenness
134	Cycling in particular is a problem. Youths and adult males frequently and deliberately ignore the ban and I have seen any attempts at enforcement, which is no doubt why the existing order is ignored. I have been the subject of several near misses by speeding cyclists in recent years
135	Persons Drinking alcohol / affected by drink or drugs banned in a public space at a time when vulnerable persons/children are in the area.
136	Chuggers and 'in your face, new best friend' street sales bother me a lot.
137	If you walk from Riverside to Marlowe's - as soon as you get close to Boots the whole atmosphere changes. There are vagrants, drug dealers, drug addicts, hooded teens and loiterers. That area always seems to attract kids who are looking for a fight or people who are out of work. We go from feeling relatively safe to uncomfortable.
138	Groups of kids causing a nuisance in town
139	Young people riding bikes down the Marlowes and in the Marlowes. Electric scooters totally banned. Any anti social behaviour that is unacceptable to the majority of the public.
140	No
141	Some beggars can be intimidating. We need to be helping the genuine homeless people in our area and taking steps to stop organised begging.
142	Stop drinking of alcohol also to reduce risk of associated antisocial behaviour.
143	Littering, drink and disorderly conduct such as shoplifting (which is rife and I've seen it most times when in town).
144	Bicycles are a pain. Litter.
145	Spiting is disgusting and very common in the town, please enforce and fine people doing this, Smoking and vaping is also disgusting when walking behind the person you get a face full of whatever they are smoking.
146	Being hassled by people that want you to sign up to give money or just want money
147	No
148	Yes, the amount of begging and people sleeping rough. This should not be allowed and those involved be given appropriate help and shelter. There is almost a permanent camp outside WH Smith's.
149	Well, the town needs more shops , but not coffee shops or pound shops. I feel I never find any clothes shops but the quality ones. Town centre is so empty and doesn't feel like a shopping centre. Definitely you need to do something about that. Always end up going London or Watford if I need to buy something.
150	Gangs of hoody teenagers shouting abuse for no reason, at the general public and elderly, while just hanging around the precinct and pedestrian areas with nothing to do.

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151	One way to discourage the behaviour exemplified in your survey is to encourage high end boutique and status retailers. Hemel is losing out to Watford and Berkhamsted. We have few if any independent retailers and little evidence of the higher end retailers that favour Watford. We need to encourage a better 'class' of shopper. Our town is losing out. We want top retailers to be beating down our doors. Why are we letting Hemel become so mediocre.
152	Vaping
153	Alcohol free zone. There is a tendency for people who have been in the pubs near the council offices to wander down the town during the day. It is very intimidating as they can get aggressive and very loud.
154	No
155	I haven't actually seen anyone in town monitoring. There doesn't seem to be anyone visible.
156	Littering
157	The whole town centre is an embarrassing mess to walk through these days. I only visit if I really have to. Much prefer Watford or St Albans. I don't see why anyone would choose to come here any more!
158	Begging, drinking alcohol, smoking weed, rough sleeping in doorways It is all very well having these laws but unless they are enforced then they are pointless
159	Zero tolerance to threatening behaviour and violence towards the general public and shop assistants/managers etc.
160	I have 2 small children age (4) we are in town every day and sometimes there are homeless people near Tesco area probably drunk and showing unacceptable behaviour such as (swearing , shouting and being aggressive . Now with the summer coming we do t want to avoid going out just because of them I think this is a major problem in Hemel Town for me also the pigeons poops are not really hygienic
161	Smoking in the town centre
162	Weed smoking in public areas. The stench is awful sometimes. Keeping dogs on leads as some people don't seem to be able to do that.
163	Homeless people sleeping on the floor next to the shops (e.g. Tesco) covered with rubbish all around. Plus full dirty bins and pigeons excrements (e.g. building with scaffolding in front of the bus area/roundabout) which in sum provide a general sense of degradation & unhealthy place. The public toilet at the park is very dirty (wc, floor, walls) and the sink is not working. Plus no toilet paper of course
164	Drinking cans and bottles of alcohol in the street. Riding bikes in pedestrian zones.
165	Dropping litter. Feeding the pigeons.
166	Drug dealers

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167	The people that try to get you to sign up for charity direct debits and take a % of what is given to the charity
168	Yes
169	Rough sleepers in doorways- off putting for the public
170	Too many people claiming to be homeless, also people still cycle through the town
171	Shouting by some people, drunken sometimes
172	Prohibit drinking alcohol in public areas other than in licensed premises etc.Prohibit spitting in public areas.
173	Littering is still an issue People using mobility scooters need to take more care they are moving far to fast around the shopping areas.
174	Cannot recall any at the moment
175	Problem is no one is around to stop the behaviours and children nearly get hit all the time
176	Rough sleeping on the streets: also begging..
177	Pigeon feeding
178	Yes I would like to see your public space protection staff act more like professional people What I mean is Advising people not to spit or litter in a polite professional manor and not like a person who thinks they are above any person because they have a uniform on This public space protection racket is nothing to do with keeping Hemel clean it's about making more money for private firms And make a very bad taste in manor of providing service as fining in all cases is rather harsh specially when representing local authorities YOU
179	Ban street drinking.
180	All I would like to see is a clean and tidy town centre. I don't care for any restrictions on what activities people should be allowed to do in the centre, such a cycling, skateboarding, etc. if you want it to be a happy atmosphere, encourage the community to do what they enjoy in a communal area. I don't mean let people treat the town as a skatepark, but it sounds a bit preposterous to say that riding a skateboard should reward a fine. I'm not sure "No Fun Here" signs around the town centre would be of any benefit.
181	Littering , swearing , and loitering .
182	The antisocial orders have stopped the town centre from being able to have a night life, which it so desperately needs. Hemel being a destination has simply died. No flagship shops want to be there, no one wants to come for the evening and the two feed each other, and therefore the economy. Make it easier for the town centre to include bars.
183	If there isn't already i believe mobility scooter users should be expected to keep to a low speed
184	Rough sleeping and begging plus all dogs on a lead
185	Speeding in built up areas and drinking of alcohol on pathways very near to peoples houses.
186	persons sitting or sleeping in empty shop doorways
187	Street drinking/drugs

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188	The use of cannabis is widespread through out the whole of Hemel Hempstead. It is not only the smell which is very pungent but also that the smell can be so strong that I have no doubt that I am passive smoking cannabis.
189	People smoking weed in the town centre.
190	Dogs without a leash in town centre or public areas
191	Alcohol and drugs being consumed in public areas or on benches. Loitering around public seating in the town centre making it unpleasant, such as the seating outside of Boots where many people seem to spend the day sitting around, drinking etc. Teenagers hanging around in groups in public areas and walkways, such as subways. I've witnessed this especially near Astley Cooper School. Littering
192	Homeless people should be receiving the care they need to not have to stray on the town centre.
193	Openly smoking cannabis around town
194	Homeless people camping out in town centre / begging.
195	Enforce the anti litter law. Get homeless people into safe hostels and off the streets
196	A space for you people to skateboard at one end of the high street would keep too many skateboards and scooters away from the shops. Calming measures such as seats, trees and raised beds dotted around would mean there was not a long stretch of high street for scooters and skateboards to build up speed.
197	I personally feel that when you get a large group of rowdy kids or even people it's very intimidating...I know elderly people who won't go into town for fear of being intimidated.. No one wants to see youngsters running riot....
198	Sleeping on the pavements by shop fronts and begging.
199	This PSPO should be enforced by PCs or PCSOs rather than Council Enforcement Officers. EOs do not always seem to have the training, empathy or awareness to see the "bigger picture" reason for an incident such as the recent incident when a teenager with Tourettes Syndrome was issued a fine for spitting.

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200	No
201	We have too many cyclist in the non-cycling area, sometimes it's difficult for young kids to walk free next their parents without the worries that will be run over by a bicycle.
202	i agree with all the above but i have never seen it enforced. I believe it should be extended to the whole of Marlowes including Old Town
203	Litter, people sitting in doorways begging.
204	Dacorum Council and the Police in Hemel have failed to address the anti social behaviour in Gadebridge Park. The cars revving up in the car park have been a feature for decades now and the police seem unable to deal with this. I didn't think 'policing by consent' meant keeping the consent of the offender..... So can you please include gadebridge park and excessive road noise
205	Playing of loud music.
206	Large groups of teenagers/young adults playing loud music, shouting, arguments, threatening violence towards people being intimidating to the public and the residents that live within the area having to hear and witness on a daily basic. The high street should have a curfew on it unless you live and can prove you live within the area.
207	There is lack of enforcement in the town centre. Not enough patrols
208	people not picking up after their dogs Not dogs fault Perhaps more/bigger bins if budget available ?
209	I'd just like to see more officers in the Marlowes enforcing the rules
210	Youngsters in the evening seem to find it amusing to ride around on their bikes and intimidate pedestrians in the town centre. It needs to be more closely monitored and offenders or their parents fined.
211	Charity workers pestering you to give them money, literally following you down the precinct should be stopped it's intimidating.
212	Motorcycles on playing fields
213	Children riding bikes on one back wheel, so dangerous and intimidating
214	Whilst you focus on spitting as a heath issue and bad habit, people are more likely to be impacted by the amount of pigeon crap on the pavements in both zones. It's difficult to convince people not to spit when there is worse mess already on the pavements.
215	Whilst agreeing with the aims of the order I strongly object to its enforcement being given over to a private company. Enforcing the law should be the responsibility of the police and the money used to pay this company should be used instead to employ more police, or at least PCSOs.
216	Large groups of intimidating people who have no respect for others.
217	drinking alcohol in pubic spaces

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218	Drugs being smoked/ dealt in town
219	it would be nice to have someone monitoring the parking around JFKennedy school both in the mornings and evenings. Parents bringing and collecting their children cause problems as well as the school buses.
220	Green grass areas with cars and vans parked on them, when they should not be, which then churn up the grass and mud and ruin the ground. They should be issued with parking tickets and the council would make a lot of revenue from this. Plus the green spaces would not be spoilt. Wake up council and sort this out. If you issued tickets for wrongful parking, people would think twice about where they park instead of ruining the spaces. It seems to be a free for in all in Hemel at the moment with no law and order!
221	I have a big bee in a big bonnet about littering anywhere. It is wrong on so many levels. Also swearing, putting chewing gum on the floor and aggressive behaviour. Also badly behaved dogs. I'm getting very Victor Meldrew.
222	People parking in the bus only part of marlowes
223	People setting up camp in public areas and shop deoorways , and or leaving their personal items there during the day should be removed
224	Dropping litter and cigarette ends. Sleeping in doorways. Roller skating.
225	No other behaviours but should include access to Town centre via the Magic roundabout where adults and children cycle dangerously.
226	Large groups of youngsters together
227	rough sleeping bedding etc let lying around.
228	Smoking
229	Begging and rough sleeping
230	The car parks in Gadebridge park that are used by joyriders in the evenings.
231	I think that no one should be allowed to use loudspeakers or amplifiers for religious reasons. Some of the preachers are so loud you can hear them indoors. That is wrong. Preach by all means but let people have a sit down or have a cup of tea in peace and quiet.Thank you. I think that you should enforce the no cycling more regularly.
232	Stop bullying our children and young people. Scrap the wardens.
233	The space between Wh Smith and Poundland used as toilets. Smell of strong urine plus,used as rubbish tip
234	Police presence is important as electric scooters and bicycles on back wheels riding through the town at speed are very frightening for everyone and for the elderly in particular. There needs to more emphasis on fining and confiscation of these items if the rules are not adhered to. Signage should be more prominent with larger signs at all entrances of the town stating what will happen if the rules are not taken seriously. I have seen instances in the past where people have been threatened with being stabbed by gangs of youths when confronted about riding bikes on back wheels at speed up and down the high street.
235	Although there are sufficient rubbish collection bins there is still major issues with littering.

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236	Dog mess, aggressive behaviour,
237	This should also apply to Berkhamsted as there is a serious problem of skate boarders skating down Lower Kings Roadin the road. I would also add drinking in public and chanting late at night as antisocial behaviour. Football "yobism".
238	The park at Cavendish to the cricket fields most days 1 to 2 lads use a motor bike dirt bike and race along field . Also done on Sunday when under 11 to under 18 use pitch . While match is on they ride through players . Needs to stop. Around Reynolds way park end also
239	A need for training for users of mobility scooters is needed. I am fed up with having to jump out of their way as they speed through the town centre and shopping area with no consideration of pedestrians.
240	Feeding of pigeons is creating huge problems. They are nesting above Bonmarche and creating an absolute mess in the Marlowes. Dogs apart from guide dogs should not be allowed in the Marlowes.
241	Littering.
242	People begging outside Tesco express and sleeping rough outside Smiths. Kids riding bikes through Marlowes. Provide a dedicated, segregated bike lane
243	smoking areas - could there be smoking areas so non-smokers can avoid gum dropped on the floor - bins at regular intervals
244	I think street beggars should be done for loitering. Street Beggars sitting quietly are not a problem, whatever the reason for needing the money, there are worse things they could be doing. But the people should be able to walk through public places without being harassed for money whatever the excuses are for needing it.
245	More people who can intervene at the weekend and after school. Giving community orders to people who do not follow the rules Fine parents of children who don't follow the rules and create chaos in town
246	Groups of people mainly interacting with each other and wandering without regard for other pedestrians.
247	I don't appreciate being ambushed by promoters of broadband, insurance etc whilst in the town.
248	The town is a disgrace it ever seems to be clean and nothing has been done about rough sleepers in shop doorways. Surely they should be banned.
249	begging, from rough sleepers
250	People camping in areas such as outside WH Smith, Whether homeless or not
251	Laughing too loudly
252	Move on rough sleepers who are often quite threatening & unpleasant. It is not conducive to shopping in Hemel to have to manoeuvre around their "homes" which are often not just unsightly but flthy.
253	Allowing vagrants to sleep in shop doorways.
254	A ban on alcohol

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255	If it is possible to include something to try and reduce/prevent littering that would be good.
256	Groups. Foreign groups and customs which are threatening. Drug use especially cannabis.
257	Rough Sleepers who beg , the encroachment of tables onto the paved area usually in the area of the bus stops.
258	I think smoking cigarettes and the E-vape at the bus stop and other public places are detrimental to the public. Even if the E-vape is considered safer than cigarettes, it causes lots of smokes and it makes people (adults and children) to cough and smoke the fumes. I am a COPD and disabled patient and I had to stand away under the rain from the bus stop while waiting because someone's E-vape was making me cough and caused an exacerbation to my COPD (Asthma) and I was very unwell.
259	Smoking in large groups which force others to passively inhale other peoples discharge while attempting to pass
260	Yes, Swearing. When shopping in town I constantly hear people especially school children If I'm in town at around 4pm using copious amounts of foul language, I don't use such language myself and find it very offensive if other people do so and I have to hear it. If they must swear they should lower the volume of their voice so that other people and young children do not have to put up with it.
261	Drinking alcohol and smoking drugs in public areas. Why is it that almost every time I go to the town centre I see people riding bikes in the pedestrian areas? It needs to be policed much better.
262	Litter.
263	Rough sleepers and beggars
264	Dropping of litter / animal fouling / groups of youths hanging about / mobility scooter awareness of others and speed
265	Tea leaves, other day when was in Tesco a group of lads came in and one of them stole something. Tesco say it is a regular occurrence now and they feel power less to do any thing. Wheel chairs and mobility scooters excluded but amount of times see people zoom down the Marlowes on bikes and scooters is scary considering this is a pedestrian area full of shoppers. Spitting and swearing.
266	Cannabis being smoked. Hemel Hempstead has a real drug problem. Dogs being left at houses all day.
267	Litter dropping, not picking up their dog fouling, spitting out chewing gum, dropping fag butts and smoking marijuana as if its normal in everyday life as it happens everywhere you go in the town, especially Gadebridge Park before the college starts.
268	Dog owners/walkers who are not able to control their animals are a real nuisance and should be added to the list of nuisances.
269	Large groups of men can be intimidating.
270	Smokers dumping their cigarette ends everywhere and litter droppers
271	Fireworks late at night and throughout the year.

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272	Yobbish behaviour and a complete disregard for other people. Upsetting and deters me from visiting
273	Drinking alcohol. Drug taking. Abusive behaviour.
274	Littering including cigarettes butt dumping
275	LITTER, SMOKING, GRAPHITTI, FLY TIPPING, SWEARING (AS IN f & c'S), ALCHOHOL CONSUMPTION.
276	People walking an excessive amount of dogs off the lead. In all pedestrianised areas dogs should be on a lead
277	Yes, A few years ago I witnessed police community officers trying to stop some young teenagers cycling in the pedestrian area around W.H.Smiths. The officers were trying to explain to them, cycling was not permitted. All they got in return was taunting and cycling close to the officers in a teasing manner, cycling away then returning to tease ant taunt them. How that can be stopped I am not sure. However what happened next was deplorable. An adult woman then harangued the officers for trying to perform their duty. Is there a solution to this in that perhaps the order can emphasize that penalties exist for adults supporting the anti social behaviour. I will be interested to hear any views on the above. Many Thanks A.G. Cameron
278	The pigeons are a nuisance
279	I am concerned for the welfare of people living in shop doorways in the town. However I am increcingly concern that their bedding, pets and mess cause issues. When the needs required it these people are known to the local community to steel and cause building entery damage. They need to be moved to somewhere far safer for their health and the people using the town centre.
280	Something that deals with beggars and rough sleepers in doorways, why don't the police use enforcement powers, such as town and police causes and vagrancy act?
281	I feel those on patrol do not help the situation as they seem to be lurking in the town, and are not approachable at all. They congregate together and make you feel uneasy... Continually watching everyone, it's horrible to be watched when you are doing nothing wrong
282	Dispersal of large group of younger people.
283	The rules have changed regarding cyclist and motorist Police should enforce cyclists nor riding on pavements anywhere I have to give way to them on the road I do not wish to avoid them when walking on pavements
284	Smoking/vaping
285	There should be more public toilets available in the town, not locked up like so many seem to be nowadays.
286	Littering, drinking alcohol on the streets,
287	CCTV cameras should be used more in public places and in flat communal buildings. This will protect the local community and can prevent crime.

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288	Homeless loitering around everywhere.. why are their tents allowed to stay middle of the high street? It gives such bad look for the town.. ☹️
289	Begging
290	Why focus on just the town centre
291	Gangs of teenagers, more security needs to step up and act when issues arise. The Riverside security are useless.
292	Not having a dog on a lead, allowing a dog to poo and not picking it up, filling dog poo bins or other bins with household rubbish, playing football in inappropriate area's, not allowing cold calling in sheltered housing areas, parking in disabled spaces when not being disabled, parking on pavements
293	Foul and abusive language
294	Roaming canvassers that just approach and pester people while they are walking about.
295	Main problem in the Marlowe area is cycling and the verbal abuse if you complain
296	Please do something about smokers throwing cigarettes on the ground as well as general littering everywhere.
297	There is a tension in the public drinking element. We are seeing a very welcome increase in the provision of outdoor dining from cafes and trucks, restaurants should be able to have outdoor service when the weather suits. This should be positively encouraged as it will bring a good atmosphere to the town centre and by encouraging legitimate use discourage ASB. There is a good case to prevent street drinking/drunkenness/ASB. The solution is to allow lawful and legitimate use of this shared space and encourage 'cafe society' which includes al fresco drinking in controlled circumstances while concentrating PCSO/Warden patrols to discourage ASB. Let's reclaim this space for lawful enjoyment even when the shops are shut.
298	Children congregating in car parks. It's unsafe.
299	Dropping of litter mostly cans, face masks and fast food detritus
300	Smoking
301	No
302	Not that I can think of at the moment.
303	Feeding of birds.litter dropping.
304	Stop drunk and drug abusing homeless people from threatening violence against others. More police in town centre that actually do their jobs and stop the bike riders.
305	Littering, modified vehicle exhausts creating a horrendously loud noise..
306	Religious preaching and Evangelism is very anti-social.
307	I regularly see people urinating up walls and even when I've called the police nothings gets done
308	No shouting/screaming or rough sleeping

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309	Smoking weed openly is also a huge problem with gangs of youngsters.
310	vehicles parking too near bus stops or even in clearly marked bus bays
311	Foul and abusive language
312	The removal of 'homeless' persons should be reviewed as they are harassing people by begging and sitting next to cash machines.
313	Sound amplification unless scheduled with DBC or BID for planned activities.
314	1. Electric scooters as stated 2. People seated on the floor in the town on bedding on cushions, purporting to be 'down on their luck' or homeless (who are often people with substance abuse issues). 3. Begging 4. Unlicensed musical entertainment of varying quality. 5. The littering of the town with general litter but also bedding materials.
315	Homeless and drug users causing a nuisance to public
316	Sadly, there are increasing numbers of homeless people sleeping in the town/shopping centre, or their bedding etc is left in doorways. These people need to be helped to find accommodation and should not be sleeping rough.
317	no more than what you have already mentioned
318	Smoking
319	No.
320	Men with nipples out
321	No
322	Fines for litter dropping should be enforced
323	I feel along strongly with others that cyclist should not be allowed on canal paths. Priority should be given to walkers and at present there are so many cyclist using the canal paths that walkers constantly have to move aside to let them pass. it is also dangerous if walkers have a dog with them as often one does not know a cyclist is behind and many cyclist do not slow down they just expect everyone to move out of there way. It spoils the walk for so many.Cyclist should only be allowed to cycle on roads

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324	Loitering in large gangs. What is large? I would say over 12 but others may know better.
325	The only issue I have is that people who accidentally drop litter are not given the chance to pick it up and aren't educated instead the wardens pounce on you and immediately issue a fine I also think more should be done to stop scammers fining people
326	Dropping of cigarette butts is as bad as chewing gum and should be banned in the main town.
327	Runners should give way to slower pedestrians
328	On the spot fines for littering including dropping cigarette butts and not cleaning up dog mess , no drinking alcohol .
329	Drinking alcohol / drug related foul mouthed behaviour
330	Homless persons placing themselves in or near shop entrances . I refuse to enter any premises that allow such persons to encamp on or near the entrance.
331	All I would say is that if the order is to work and be a deterrent to anti social behaviour there has to a will and means to enforce it. This will require adequate funding and resources, not just a token response.
332	Camping, begging
333	That this becomes enforceable I live in town centre and this anti social behaviour is rife. Skateboarding in the Old Town is non stop with the area under the Town Hall used as a congregation area during the day as well as early evening when I am in this area. It is irritating as well as dangerous for both boarders and pedestrians alike
334	No but better cycling lanes and electric scooter lanes are required especially through the Marlowes pedestrianised area or at the very least decent places to secure your bike in the town centre if your pushing it.
335	People busking or preaching religion and other items of make believe. Also the street sellers pushing for energy or broadband suppliers.
336	There does seem to be an increase in people making their beds in the street. I do have sympathy for those without a home and it is a shame that we cannot find a solution but it does make it uncomfortable to visit the shops around them.
337	BEGGING. SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS.
338	So called, homeless, sleeping in town and accumulating stacks of rubbish
339	Leaving litter!
340	Rough sleeping detracts from the ambience of the town centre. I appreciate the pressures affecting the homeless but there must be more suitable places for them to stay.
341	No
342	I am a little concerned about the number of rough sleepers in the Marlowes outdoors section. They seem to be turning into campsites. The town centre is really not the place for this.
343	If you have a protection order, it must be enforced or it is worthless.

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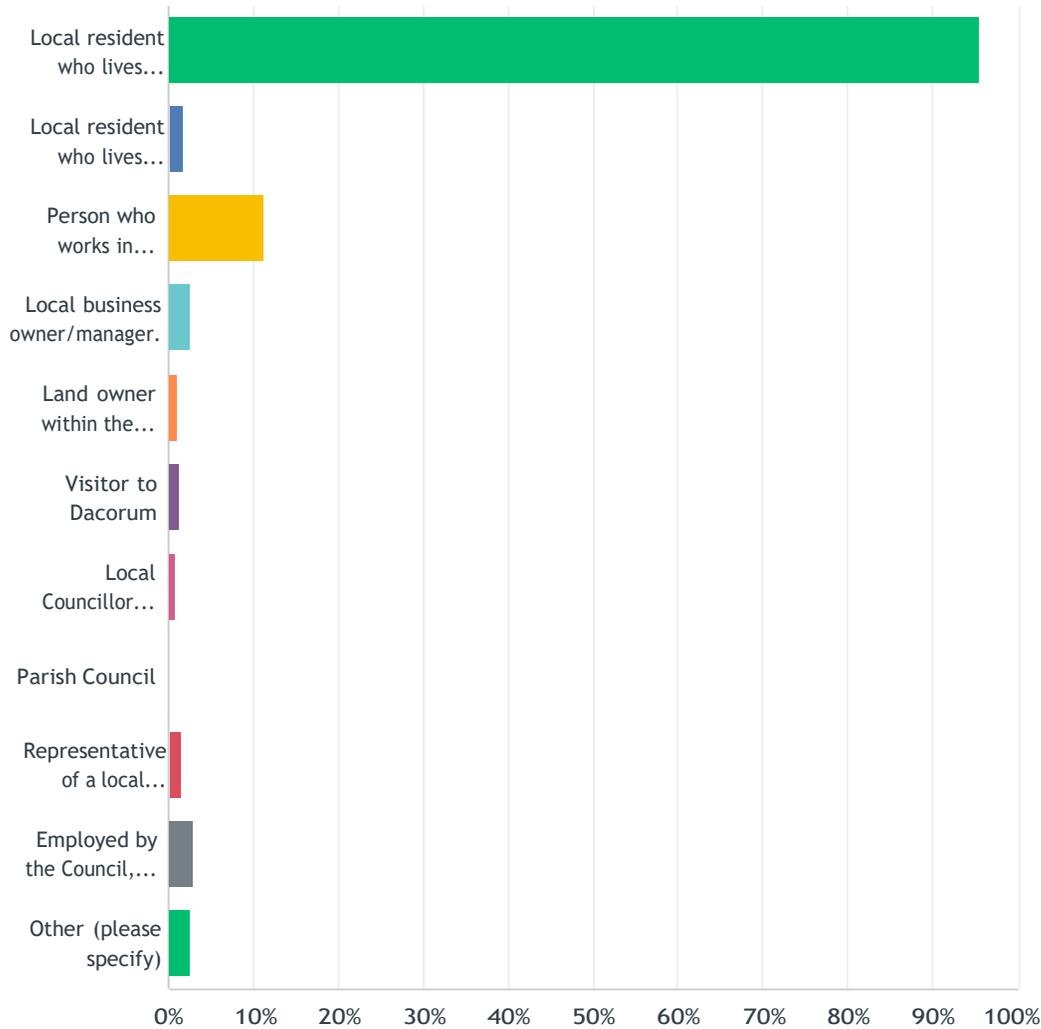
344	Litter, dog fouling.
345	1) Reduce the maximum speed of mobility scooters. Whilst I support the idea of the availability of mobility scooters in the town they should not be allowed to go faster than walking speed. Some of the people who ride them just expect everybody to jump out of their way. 2) Pigeons; you've done a good job with the Canada Geese. Please see if you can control the numbers of pigeons as well and stop them making such a mess everywhere.
346	drunk and disorderly conduct can be intimidating, particularly when I am with my young children
347	Rough sleeper & beggars
348	Not controlling dogs properly, allowing them to jump up at people and prams, even if they are on a lead.
349	No
350	No I think it is managed very well especially monitoring and fining people who drop litter
351	Drunken rowdy behaviour
352	Enormous mobility scooters which are driven at speed and with no consideration of pedestrians. Rough sleepers and daytime beggars are a threatening presence .
353	I think there is a problem with the level of people smoking at the tables of the coffee shop's. Also those who "vape" do not give a damn about other people in the town.
354	Littering.
355	I really wonder what you can be thinking of, bundling cyclists into a bylaw alongside people who urinate on the pavement. What sort of signal does that send about Dacorum being open to cyclists. The sight of enforcement officers stopping and issuing fixed penalties to cyclists is utterly ridiculous.
356	More to be done to stop cyclist/skaters etc riding through the town centre. It is not enforced enough
357	I trust that it is already an offence to drink alcohol in the town centre unless in licensed premises. If not that also needs to be banned. I do wonder whether it should be allowed for people to almost set up camp & sleep overnight in the town centre? Shouldn't people be encouraged to go into shelters? I appreciate the people sleeping rough have problems but the issue needs addressing.
358	No
359	sleeping rough in shop doorways-and accompanying mess - mattresses, duvets and litter
360	Gathering of teenagers sometimes they can be threatening and running around the town haphazardly b
361	No
362	Groups of people behaving in a rowdy or intimidating way. Although this should not be applied to groups of people participating in a legitimate demonstration. Poor repair/laying of pedestrian surfaces! Motorcycles prohibited from the pedestrian areas.

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363	Ban smoking
364	Littering I believe you are trying to sort this out.
365	Littering Drinking alcohol
366	Druggies..homeless...beggars.it makes our town look awful
367	I think especially kids on bikes in the town centre should be enforced. Everytime I visit town centre they are masses of kids on bikes. Especially at weekends and school holidays. I witnessed a old lady knocked down by a group.. Its illegal but they do not care..
368	People sleeping rough and leaving collections by their bedding they need to be moved
369	Yes all the homeless sleepers in the Marlows
370	Drinking
371	People walking their dogs off lead. Too many distraction for the dog, owner cannot watch the dog while shopping.
372	Work should be done to support the homeless people in not needing to live/beg in the PSPO area either by council support or using DENS. The PSPO should be actively monitored and breaches dealt with quickly and effectively.

Q8 Please tell us what your relationship is to Dacorum. Please select all that apply.

Answered: 519 Skipped: 135



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local resident who lives within Dacorum	95.57%	496
Local resident who lives outside Dacorum	1.73%	9
Person who works in Dacorum	11.37%	59
Local business owner/manager.	2.50%	13
Land owner within the proposed area	0.96%	5
Visitor to Dacorum	1.35%	7
Local Councillor (Town or County).	0.77%	4
Parish Council	0.19%	1
Representative of a local community or voluntary group	1.54%	8
Employed by the Council, Police or any other agency with an interest	3.08%	16
Other (please specify)	2.50%	13
Total Respondents: 519		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Horse stabled in Hemel therefore in Hemel tc a lot	4/6/2022 12:10 AM
2	HCC employee.	4/4/2022 10:20 PM
3	Observer	4/4/2022 9:31 PM
4	and I pay my council tax on time!!!	4/2/2022 2:48 PM

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5	I have lived in Dacorum all my 65 years 11 months and 3 weeks	4/2/2022 12:10 PM
6	mayor	3/30/2022 12:48 AM
7	Have lived in Dacorum most of life	3/19/2022 11:11 AM
8	Former resident who visits often	3/17/2022 7:57 PM
9	Retired	3/17/2022 6:26 PM
10	No	3/17/2022 3:35 PM
11	Council volunteer, conservation, litter picker, street champion.	3/17/2022 1:22 PM
12	Elderly and disabled.	3/17/2022 12:38 PM
13	Own and live in a property very close to Hemel town centre.	3/17/2022 12:00 PM