



Public Space Protection Order Public (PSPO) Consultation (part two) 2022

Background

- From 18 November to 26 December 2022 there were 33 online responses submitted, but not all respondents answered every question
 - 32 from residents of Newcastle-under-Lyme borough
 - Nine from people employed in Newcastle-under-Lyme borough
 - Two from local business owners/managers
 - One from a visitor to Newcastle-under-Lyme
 - None from representatives of organisations or from councillors.

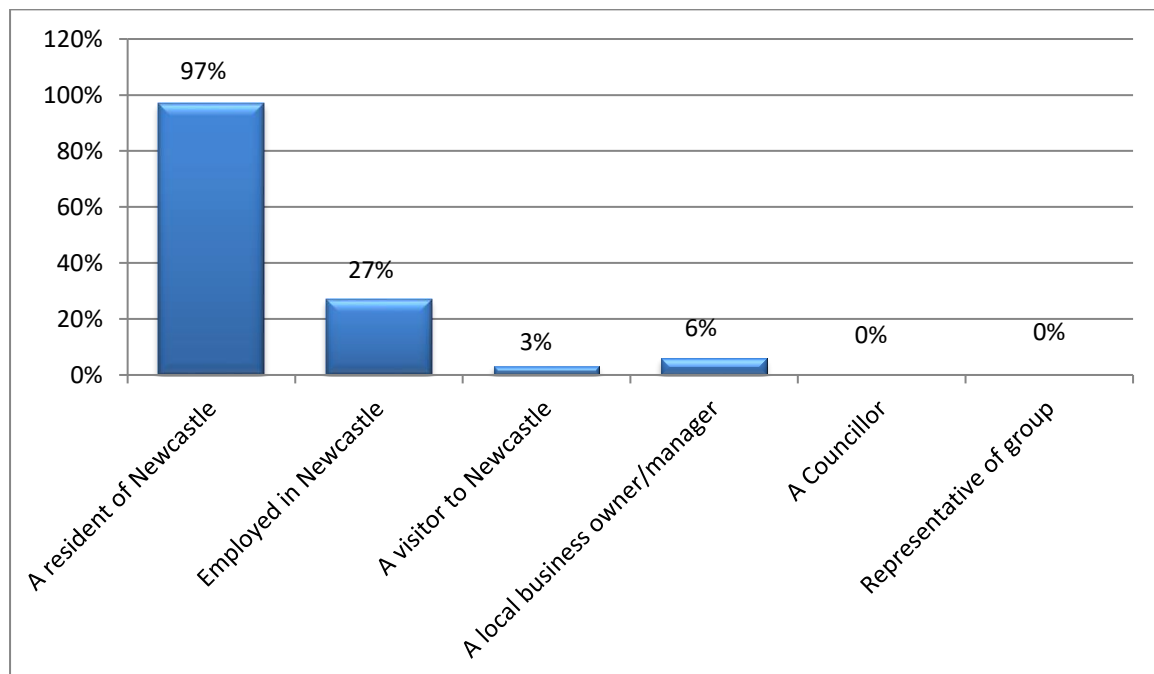
Headline findings

- Clear support for all the proposed new conditions. At least 91 per cent agreed with each of them:
 - Lowest support for the condition around occupying a tent or other temporary structure etc. (91 per cent)
 - Highest support for the conditions on urinating/defecating in public and disposing of hypodermic needles (100 per cent)

Are you...?

Respondents were asked about their links to Newcastle-under-Lyme. Note that as they could choose more than one answer, totals will add up to considerably more than 100 per cent.

Figure 1: Are you...? 33 respondents



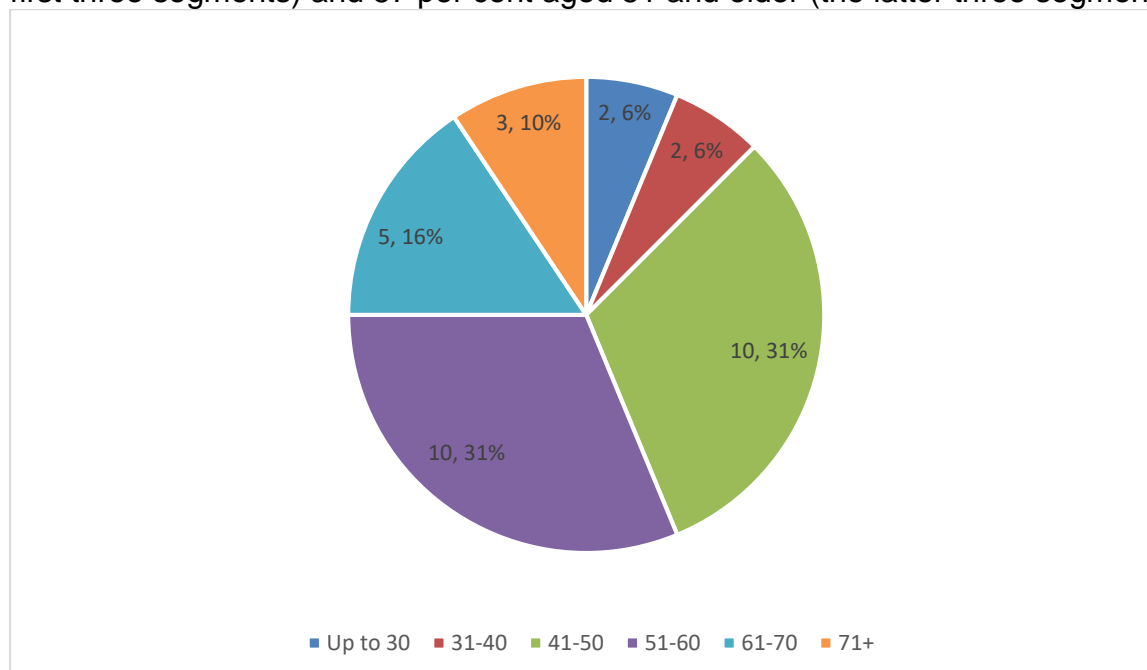
A large majority (97 per cent) of the respondents said that they lived in Newcastle-under-Lyme borough. 29 of them provided at least part of their home postcodes, enabling us to see which wards / non-borough areas they were from. There were four from each of Silverdale and Thistleberry, with three from Knutton.

Table 1: Location of respondents based on 29 respondents

Ward / area	Respondents
Audley	1
Bradwell	1
Clayton	0
Crackley and Red Street	2
Cross Heath	1
Holditch and Chesterton	0
Keele	1
Kidsgrove and Ravenscliffe	0
Knutton	3
Loggerheads	0
Madeley and Betley	1
Maer & Whitmore	0
May Bank	0
Newchapel and Mow Cop	0
Silverdale	4
Talke and Butt Lane	0
Thistleberry	4
Town	1
Westbury Park and Northwood	2
Westlands	2
Wolstanton	2
Unknown ST5	3
Unknown ST7	1

Age of respondents

As the following chart shows, 43 per cent of respondents were aged up to 50 (the first three segments) and 57 per cent aged 51 and older (the latter three segments).



Analysis

Q1) Do you agree with the new conditions? (8 - Not to urinate / defecate in public view)?

All 33 respondents to the survey answered this question, and all agreed with the condition.

Q2) Do you agree with the new conditions? (9 - Not to discard hypodermic needles or syringes in a public space (except in an appropriate sharps container)?

Again, all 33 respondents answered and all were in agreement.

Q3) Do you agree with the new conditions? (10 - Not to occupy a tent or other temporary structure in a manner likely to create a health and safety risk for other people).

Of the 33 respondents, 30 (91 per cent) agreed. No respondent actually disagreed, but three (nine per cent) answered 'don't know'.

Q4) Do you agree with the new conditions? (11 - Not to obstruct a building or exit, stairwell or highway after being asked to move by an authorised officer.)

30 respondents answered this question – again a clear majority were in support of the new condition. 29 out of the 30 (97 per cent) agreed, with one respondent (three per cent) disagreeing.

Q5) Do you agree with the prohibition zone for this order?

All 33 respondents did answer this question and once more a clear majority were in support. 31 (94 per cent) agreed with the prohibition zone, with the other two respondents (six per cent) disagreeing.

Q6) Overall, do you agree with this order?

There were 32 responses here, and again with almost complete agreement. 31 (97 per cent) agreed with the order, with the remaining one respondent saying that they did not know – no one actually disagreed.