



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) consultation responses

In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Resident of East Cambridgeshire	177	87.6%
Parish Council	6	3%
District or County Councillor	2	1%
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	2	1%
A business or organisation in East Cambridgeshire	9	4.5%
A land owner in East Cambridgeshire	1	0.5%
Other	5	2.5%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Do you drive?	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	179	97.3%
No	5	2.7%

Total responses for this question, **184**.

Response data for the question ‘Have any of the following vehicle-related offences or behaviours caused, or been likely to cause, a nuisance and/or danger within the proposed PSPO area?’

Driving at very high speed in a way that created, or could have created, a nuisance or danger	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	172	85.1%
No	30	14.9%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Sudden, repeated speeding up and slowing down of a vehicle	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	131	64.9%
No	71	35.1%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Racing between vehicles	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	138	68.3%
No	64	31.7%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Vehicle stunts such as doughnuts, drifting, handbrake turns, or wheel spins	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	121	59.9%
No	81	40.1%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Motor vehicle horn use that was unnecessary or disruptive	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	84	41.6%
No	81	58.4%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Very loud music coming from a vehicle	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	112	55.4%
No	90	44.6%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Hard braking or skidding	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	122	60.4%
No	80	39.6%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Excessive engine revving	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	150	74.3%
No	52	25.7%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Groups of three or more people gathering around two or more parked vehicles in a way that caused a nuisance or a disturbance	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	121	59.9%
No	81	40.1%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

To what extent do you support the council introducing a Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour Public Spaces Protection Order?	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Strongly support	158	78.2%
Support	20	9.9%
Neither support nor oppose	10	5%
Oppose	3	1.5%
Strongly oppose	11	5.4%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Do you feel that any of the prohibitions included in the draft Order need to be removed or changed, or are there any other vehicle related prohibitions you would like considered for inclusion in the PSPO?	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Yes	35	17.3%
No	167	82.7%

Total responses for this question, **202**.

Below is a summary of responses to the question “Do you feel that any of the prohibitions included in the draft Order need to be removed or changed, or are there any other vehicle related prohibitions you would like considered for inclusion in the PSPO?”:

- modified, aftermarket exhaust systems causing excessive noise
- vehicles driving in convoy leading to ‘showing off’, peer pressure and overtaking
- unnecessary idling whilst parked
- PSPO needs to cover driveways too as vehicles can excessively rev on their drive
- bigger fines and custodial sentences for repeat offenders
- confiscation of vehicles and licences for reoffenders
- parking on pavements either partially or fully, including in already prohibited zones (as per highway code) and dropped kerbs, in and around Littleport and Ely in particular
- parking on green spaces
- stationary vehicles with engine left running causing noise and fumes
- remove the prohibition around three or more vehicles gathering causing a nuisance

Below is a summary of responses to the question “Do you have any other comments regarding this proposal?”:

- many respondents provided examples of offences and behaviours they have witnessed or experienced including loud engines and exhausts, speeding, overtaking on bends, and racing
- respondents identified that vehicle related anti-social driving had caused them or their families sleep disruption; it was mentioned that people were having to close their windows in hot weather due to the noise, as the noise can be heard within homes, and the issue is unbearable for residents
- concerns expressed around property shaking and vibrating, especially caused by passing HGVs and buses
- the activity had made some people feel unsafe, including the safety of children going to and from school, someone stated that it is putting lives at risks
- concerns about driving on the A142 as dangerous/ASB driving is experienced there
- extra time added to journeys
- reports that such behaviour is intimidating for other road users
- there was a report that someone had experienced abusive and threatening behaviour related to the activity
- sports groups can’t hear each other talk when training due to noise and activity causing disrupting classes and training
- a local non-profit charitable organisation stated that they were concerned about the financial impacts of having to resurface a carpark after damage caused by ASB driving and stunts; having resurfaced the car park, they now worry about the longevity if nothing is done to stop this behaviour (other comments were received about physical damage to sites)
- illegal gatherings are ruining the reputation of legal organised car events
- concerns that out of area vehicles are travelling to the area to carry out anti-social driving
- inappropriate parking
- smell of drug use from vehicles
- spend more on physical deterrents instead such as speed bumps and gates

End of document.