

Let's Clear the Air Consultation

Consultation started: 04 Sept 2018

Consultation ended: 08 Oct 2018

Extension: 08 Oct to 15 Oct 2018 due to popularity and increase in demand.

Introduction

There were 1120 respondents who took part in the online survey. Most respondents who took part lived in Fareham Borough and Gosport.

Analysis

Questions 1-11 asked the public to comment on individual measures. These are also viewable on the [Let's Clear the Air webpage](#) Questions 12-22 asked the public to comment on additional linked items.

'Neither Agree/Nor Disagree' refers to an answer whereby the respondent is not sure whether they support it or not, or they would support it if there were some alterations to the measure. Please note 'Not Clear' refers to responses where there is no clear opinion expressed about the measures.

Qu. 1: Measure 1 Make local buses and taxis greener

Agree	656
Disagree	76
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	33
Not Clear	77
Blank	278

Majority of people agreed with Measure 1. Many suggested there should be fines implemented by businesses who do not bring their vehicles to the required standards. There are concerns who will fund this measure, many comments suggested that bus companies should fund this measure themselves.

Qu. 2: Measure 2 Encourage more cycling and walking

Agree	676
Disagree	105
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	75
Not Clear	20
Blank	237

Majority of people agreed with Measure 2. Many people said that cycling was not practical for various reasons i.e. bike crime, distance of travel, families, poorly maintained cycle paths, storage facilities, weather, fear of cycling and unlinked bike-routes.

Qu.3: Measure 3 Employ an Air Quality Engagement Officer

Agree	294
Disagree	405
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	36
Not Clear	78
Blank	291

Over a third of comments disagreed. A substantial amount did not comment. Many who disagreed thought it was a waste of money to employ an air quality engagement officer. Other comments suggested alternative methods to educate people about air quality which didn't involve employing a member of staff. Some business owners were concerned how it might impact their day to day running.

Qu. 4: Measure 4 Review traffic lights in Fareham and Gosport

Agree	773
Disagree	46
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	42
Not Clear	36
Blank	220

A majority of people agreed with this measure, and thought it was something the Highways Agency should be doing already. Generally, people think it would help with traffic flow. There was a request to look at 'smart lighting' and another real-time traffic management system created by [ldox transport](#).

Qu. 5: Measure 5 Promote more bus and ferry use

Agree	642
Disagree	141
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	75
Not Clear	41
Blank	212

Most people agreed with Measure 5 and found current ticket fares too expensive. There were suggestions about more connected services from Gosport Ferry with operating bus routes nearby. The car parking charges at Gosport Ferry put people off using the ferry due to their rates. Other comments suggested that the E1 and E2 buses in Gosport to Fareham have too many buses, and could be reduced as they aren't always full.

Qu. 6: Measure 6 Increase the Bus Stops equipped with Real Time Information (RTI)

Agree	406
Disagree	310
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	93
Not Clear	30
Blank	281

Generally, there were mixed views about this measure. Many respondents state that in Fareham Borough many bus users may be older and may not know how to use a QR code. Also, people thought it was irrelevant because they would prefer to know the time before they left their house and not at the bus stop. Other comments were negative suggesting that a lot of people don't live on bus routes, it might get vandalised, people prefer to use their cars, and generally QR codes are disused in society.

Qu. 7: Measure 7 Create Travel Plans for popular destinations

Agree	421
Disagree	123
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	165
Not Clear	53
Blank	347

Most agree, though a high number of people didn't answer this question. Other people did not know what travel plans were so were not sure how to answer. Many people would like to see a school bus again running to and from Cams Mill School. Other travel plans suggested included school routes, routes to hospitals, business parks, industrial sites, Daedalus, and Fareham College.

Qu. 8: Measure 8 Encourage businesses to make their fleets greener

Agree	348
Disagree	164
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	184
Not Clear	76
Blank	348

A lot of people agreed with this comment, though a high number weren't clear whether this would work. People suggested more research needed to be carried out either locally or nationally.

Qu. 9: Measure 9 Install more electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs)

Agree	630
Disagree	94
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	36
Not Clear	29
Blank	280

Most people agreed with this measure, as comments suggested that modern infrastructure needed to be in place as the technology is developing. Many respondents state that the price of electric vehicles currently is too expensive for most people. There were concerns over how long the battery would last, and suggested that more than 10 charging points should be introduced. Many people had noticed that in supermarkets other non-electric cars had parked at the charging points because it was closer to the stores and it wasn't being monitored enough. There is some scepticism currently from electric car owners, suggesting that Tesla cars are charged differently and the nearest point currently is Havant or Fleet. Whilst an ex-driver of a Mitsubishi PHEW outlander said he changed cars because it would take too long to charge, and would give up if there was a queue of two cars in front at an EV point.

Qu. 10: Measure 10 Research whether some bus routes could be improved

Agree	620
Disagree	78
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	59
Not Clear	54
Blank	292

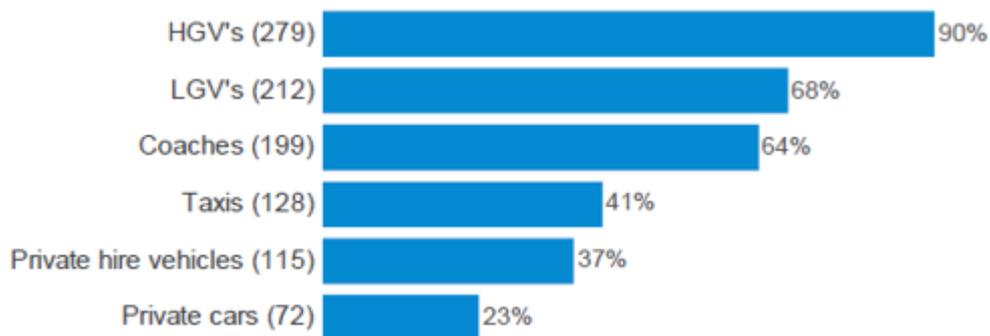
A high number of people agree with this measure. People said that more bus routes needed to be added to Segensworth and Whiteley due to the employment sites there. There was criticism that a lot of bus routes stop at peak time in the evening, making it difficult to rely on the service. There were requests for more express routes with buses that are more direct. A lot of people wanted more surveys carried out on routes to measure the demand, a few people said that smaller buses could be used for less frequent routes.

Qu. 11: Measure 11 Set up a charging clean air zone

Agree	44
Disagree	955
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree	16
Not Clear	26
Blank	77

A high proportion of people disagreed with this measure. Reasons for disagreement included the effect it would have on everyone financially. People said they would stop coming to Fareham, Gosport would be isolated. People felt it would prove a serious access problem which would affect ambulances, and fire services. There would be a considerable amount of negativity towards the Council if this measure were to go ahead.

Qu. 12 What vehicles do you think could be charged?



Qu. 13 If you drive a private diesel vehicle, or commercial LGV, or Euro V, what effect would a £12.50 charge per day have on you or your company?

Agree	0
Disagree	876
Not clear	15
Blank	230

Most people who answered scrutinised the fee amount, protesting that it was too expensive and per day would equate to a £375 per month charge. No-one who commented agreed.

Qu. 14 If you drive a HGV, what effect would a £100 charge per day have on your company?

Agree	0
Disagree	172
N/A	61
Not Clear	1

For those who drove a HGV they disagreed with the charge, contending that it would not be viable and businesses would face bankruptcy if it were to be imposed. Other people commented from local businesses said it would be damaging to Fareham Borough and businesses would move out of the area.

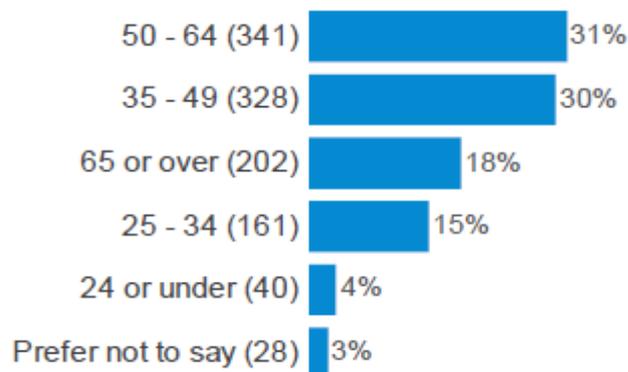
Qu. 15 Do you live in the Borough?

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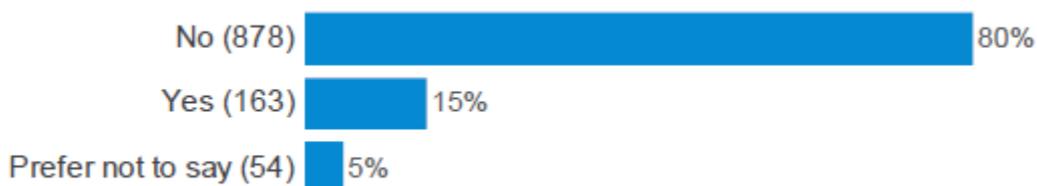


Out of the 1098 people who answered this question, 76 did not answer. There was increase in people taking part in the survey when it was shared on social media into a Voice of Gosport group and this is reflected in the postcodes from respondents wanting to sign up to the E-Panel.

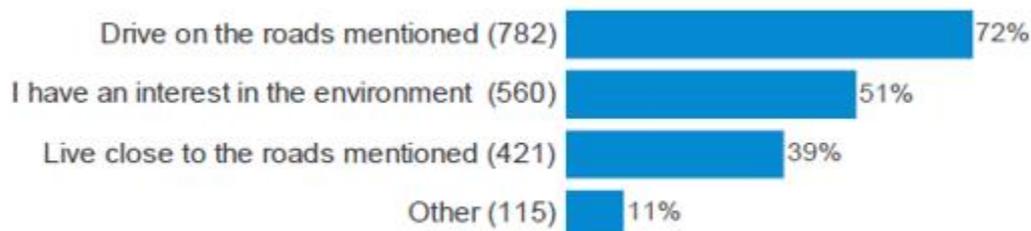
Qu. 16 What age bracket do you fall into (fit into)?



Qu. 17 Do you suffer a respiratory need?



Qu. 18 What's your interest in air quality?



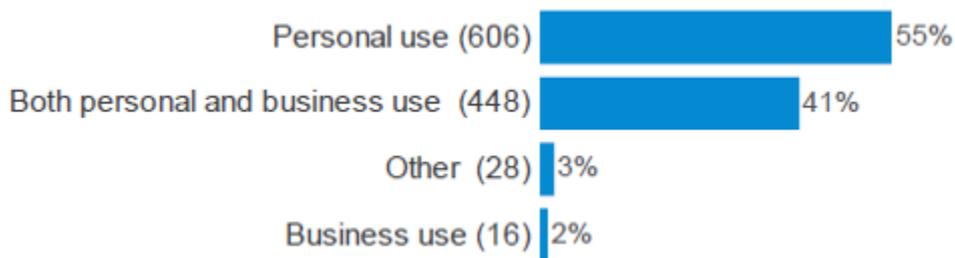
Qu. 19 If your response is other, please state your reason below,

Interest in air quality	Analysis
Business owner	2
Concerned about charges	5
Concerned about development in the area	7
Cyclist	16
Gosport resident	27
Health concerns including asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	31
'Hot air' / not concerned with the current air quality	5
Other factors of concern including planes, helicopters, smoke inhalation, road speeds.	4
Want Fareham to improve	2

Qu. 20 From reviewing the map below, which roads do you frequently drive on? Tick as many boxes as needed.



Qu. 21 In what capacity do you use the roads subject to air quality investigation?



Qu. 21 (a) If your response is other, please state the reason below,

Comments ranged in answer, most comments were generally commuting for both work and leisure. A few people cycle on the routes or were bus users. A few people worked at QA hospital or offered a voluntary pick up service to take people to hospital appointments.

Qu. 22 If you are representing a business, please let us know the name.

There were a range in answers for this, it was unclear from the question if people were truly representing their business i.e. respondents from Hampshire County Council, the NHS and Ministry of Defence. Other companies listed included CEGA group, based at Daedalus, and local bus company Lucketts Holdings Ltd t/a Lucketts

travel. The Road Haulage Association also took part in the survey. Two Plumbing and Heating companies also completed the survey. Altogether 40 businesses were listed in response to this question.

Other comments were received by email directly to the Consultation team from the following organisations/individuals:

- Fareham and Gosport Friends of the Earth;
Neither Agree/Nor Disagree to Measure 4 by offering alternative solutions. The organisation agrees with all other measures.
- Client Earth, UK Clean Air Law firm
Letter received is not directly in response to the consultation and instead requests to understand how the Council will be carrying out future assessments.
- Cycle Gosport group;
Agree with Measures 1, 2, 4-10. Disagree with Measures 3 and 11.
- Fareham Society;
Disagrees with Measure 11, and has concerned about housing developments in the area impacting on air quality. Discusses ways Government could offer grants to support air quality, or buses be retrofitted to reduce emissions.

Additional responses from members of the public:

Method of communication	Who from?	Response given at time of email	Resident of Fareham or wider area	Summary response
Email received 20.09.18	C. W	Yes	Gosport	Additional comments in relation to Measure 11 – against it.
Email received 17.09.18	P. C	Yes, received by Cllr Cartwright/ Cllr Bastable also aware	Fareham	10-year old commentary on a Quay Street Rdbt solution without traffic lights (evidence letter attached)
Email received 17.09.18	S. W	Yes	Lee-on-the-Solent part of Gosport Council boundary.	Additional comments in relation to Measure 11 – against it.
Email received on 12.09.18	A. B	Yes, Planning received it.	Unknown	Against any housing being built.
Email received on 09.09.18	O. A	Yes	Unknown	Suggested an additional measure – HGV vehicles to use the bus lane between Fareham

				and Gosport.
Email received on 05.10.18	B. M	Yes, Publicity received it.	Unknown	Discusses EV points and recommends using Pod Point to provide the service.
Email received on 03.10.18	R. O’N	Yes	Unknown	Additional comments – three further points.
Email received 12.09.18	P.G	Yes	Fareham	Additional comments – surprised reducing nitrogen dioxide levels isn’t an initiative already in place.
Email received on 05.09.18	P.J (Tree Officer FBC)	Yes	Fareham	Additional comments – lack of green infrastructure mentioned in proposals.
Letter received 28.09.18	A. G	Letter copied to Traffic Manager	Fareham	Discusses car parks. Not clear

The above responses in full are attached via a zip file to this briefing note.

Conclusion

Generally, most people who took part agree with Measures 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. There is distinct disagreement for Measures 3 and 11. Comments in relation to other questions about any charges to be implemented disagreed heavily and said that it would have damaging effects on the local economy.