

Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Consultation

We have been consulting on a Draft Anti-social Behaviour Policy (ASB) which sets out our approach to tackling ASB within the Borough.

We conducted a public survey asking for residents' feedback on the policy document and our proposed approach to tackling anti-social behaviour.

The consultation ran from **15 July – 19 August 2024**

The survey has received **136** responses. We have received **8** comments on our Let's Talk Fareham Facebook page.

Summary

Overall respondents are agreeing with our proposed approach to dealing with anti-social behaviour however there are concerns emerging over the length of time it will take from reporting incidents of ASB to action being taken suggesting 4 weeks is too long. There are also concerns around vulnerable victims of ASB and how vulnerable victims will be protected.

Confusion was also identified amongst respondents around whether the policy was just directed at tackling ASB involving Council Tenants or whether this was a policy centred around tackling ASB across the whole borough.

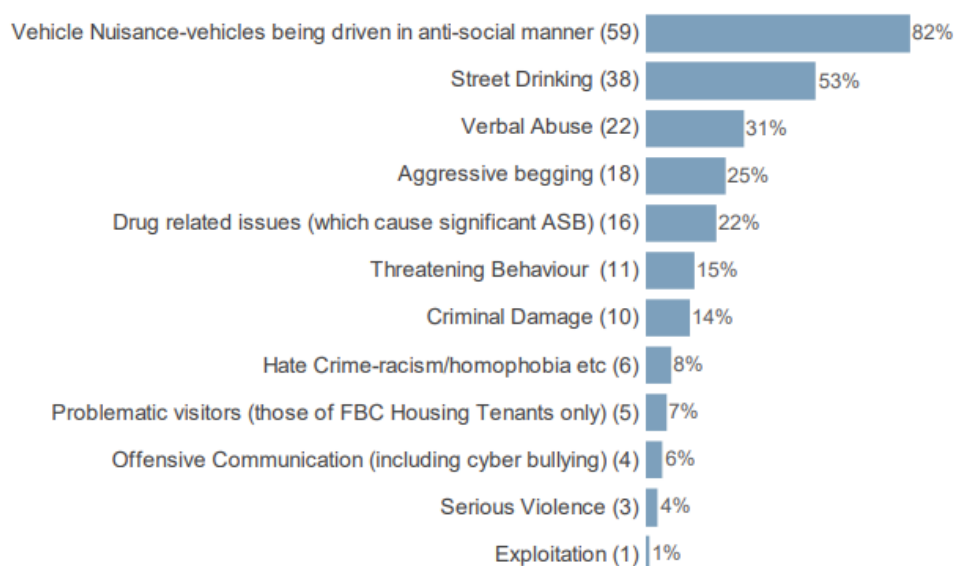
Here is an overview of the feedback we have received.

What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

Q1. When asked if participants had experienced any of the ASB categories listed in the policy a high proportion selected **vehicle nuisance** and **street drinking** as something they have experienced within the borough in the last 12 months.

82% selected vehicle Nuisance as ASB they have experienced.

Please see a breakdown below:



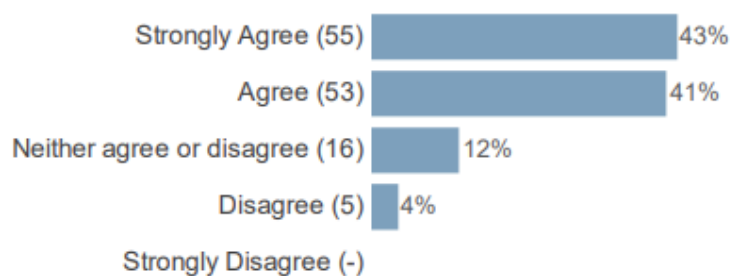
When asked if anything should be included on the list of ASB categories the common theme that has emerged is **excessive speed of vehicles/scooters** on the road.

Below is a summary of the types of comments received around this question.

Comment Themes	Responses
Excessive speed of vehicles /scooters	13
Littering/ Fly tipping/graffiti	9
Loitering in groups/intimidating behaviour/drug use	5
Uncontrolled animals	5
Noise	4
Street urination	4
Nuisance neighbours	3
Protests and Rioting	3

Overall approach to Anti-Social Behaviour

Q2. When asked how much respondents agreed with our proposed overall approach to tackling anti-social behaviour **84%** either Agreed or Strongly Agreed.

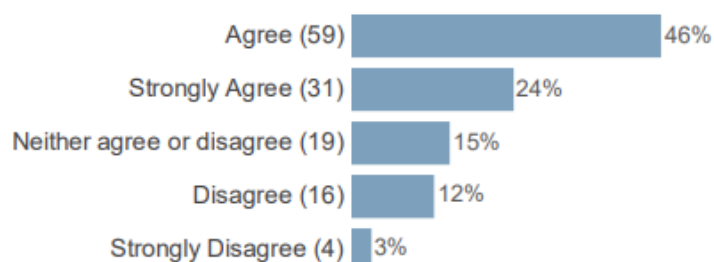


Below is a summary of the types of comments received around this question.

Comment Themes	Responses
Speed of intervention / early intervention	4
More long-term solutions needed	2
Identify repeat offenders and reasons behind ASB	3
Cost/staffing	3
Victim support of vulnerable	1
Equal support for perpetrators and victims	1

Proposed Procedure

Q3. Participants were shown the proposed 6 stage procedure to manage anti-social behaviour. **70%** of respondents either **Agreed or Strongly Agreed** with this procedure to manage ASB.



A common theme that has emerged so far from the comments on this question is that 4 weeks is too long between reporting the ASB and arranging an action plan.

Below is a summary of the types of comments received around this question.

Comment Themes	Responses
Process to slow	29
Easy to understand	4
Better CCTV	3
Need proactive patrols	3
Solutions not long term	1
Not enough staff to implement	1
Complicated	1

Interventions

Q4. Respondents were asked whether they agree with several types of interventions to tackle ASB.

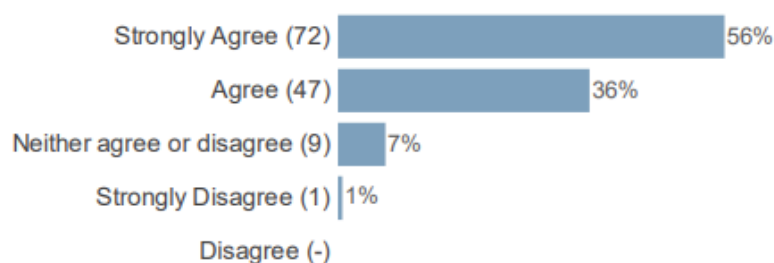
The majority of respondents either **Agreed or Strongly Agreed** with the proposed interventions.

Intervention	Strongly Agreed/Agreed	Strongly Disagreed/Disagreed
Verbal Warning letters	82%	11%
Warning letters	83%	9%
Mediation	70%	12%
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts	64%	17%
Good Neighbourhood Agreements	66%	9%
Legal warning letters/Letters before action	91%	5%
Civil Injunctions	91%	4%
Closure Orders	90%	4%
Community Protection Notices	91%	3%
Criminal Behaviour Orders	93%	3%
Undertaking	71%	8%

Demotion of tenancy	86%	6%
Notice of seeking Possession	86%	4%
Possession Orders	91%	3%

Victim and Witness Support

Q5. When asked about our proposed approach to support victims and witnesses of ASB, **92%** of respondents either Agree or Strongly Agree.



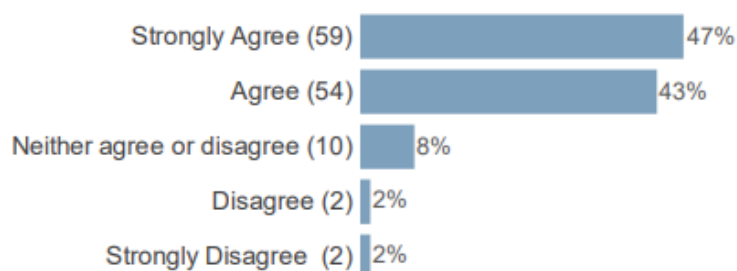
Overall, the comments suggest agreement with the proposed approach to support victims of ASB. A common theme that has emerged so far is that updates for victims could be more frequent.

An overview of the comment themes can be seen below.

Comment Themes	Responses
More frequent updates	4
Satisfactory level of support in place	4
Quick Action	2
Support for everyone not just victims	1
Clear use of powers	1

Vulnerable Residents

Q6. When asked about our proposed approach to dealing with ASB by vulnerable residents, **90%** of respondents either Agree or Strongly Agree.



An overview of the types of comments received surrounding the proposed approach to tackling ASB by vulnerable residents can be seen below.

Comment Themes
Just moving problem elsewhere/relocation not the answer
Too many agencies involved
Are funds available for this?
Cause/source of ASB needs to be tackled.

Further comments on the policy

Q7. Respondents were asked if they had any further comments on the draft ASB policy.

An overview of the comment themes can be seen below.

Comment Themes
ASB in wider community should be tackled by the Police if a violence or serious abuse involved.
It will be interesting to see if this is enforced
There needs to be room to act on each case individually. Historically ASB case drag on for months and years and other tenants are left in distress and put at risk.
I would like to see an increase in CCTV in local areas
Funding?
The ASB policy seems sound, but time scales can take a long time to achieve meaningful output.
Staff and training? Overloading staff with too many cases? Things get mislaid, forgotten, not done
Is the policy just for Fareham Housing tenants or for the whole borough
More needs to be done to tackle ASB from bad driving
Use easy to read summary or flow chart.
What about riots and protests?
Should read –all people regardless of race, sexuality, or gender.
What about domestic abuse/violence?

Demographics

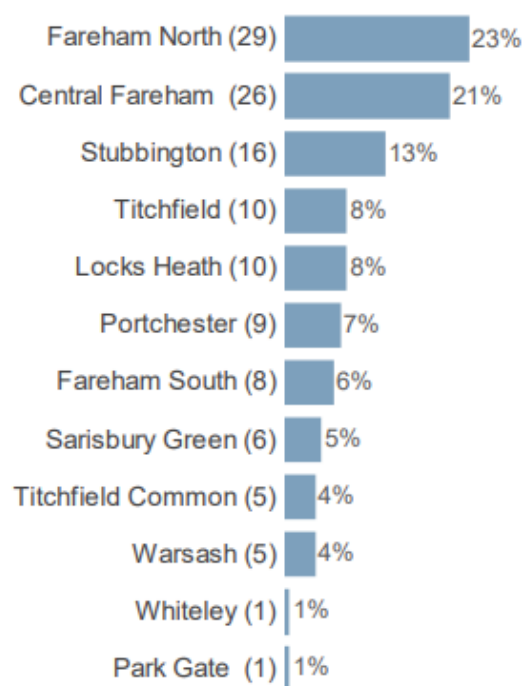
Respondents to the survey have describe themselves as follows:



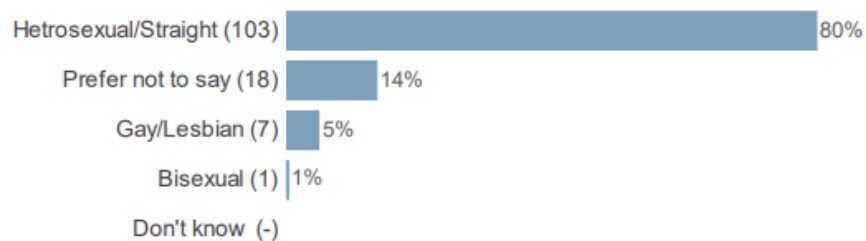
Other organisations include:

Organisation Name
Substance Misuse
HIWFRS
Police
Mental Health organisation
DV support charity
Inclusion
Probation
Motiv8
Childrens Services HCC
FBC Staff Member

Respondents to the survey are mapped below:



Respondents have identified their sexual orientation as follows:



The age demographic of respondents is outlined below:

