

## Parks Byelaws Consultation Report

### Methodology

The Parks byelaw consultation ran for 12 weeks from 7 June to 13 September 2013. The consultation was promoted on the council's website through a home page promotion and on the Council's consultation hub database. The consultation was promoted on the council's twitter account and was sent to 10,000 residents in the 'Ask Bristol' email bulletin. Posters were distributed to parks and the consultation was promoted in the local press. Paper copies of the consultation documents and the survey were available on request.

### Summary

967 people responded to the consultation, although not all respondents answered every question.

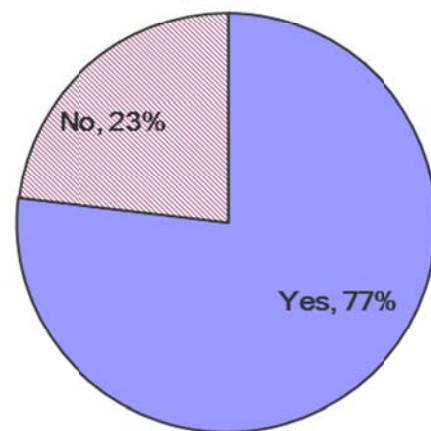
- The majority of respondents, 77% said they were in favour of new byelaws for parks and green spaces.
- Nearly a quarter, 23% were against new byelaws.
- Many who were in favour agreed with a lot of the reasons listed from introducing byelaw. The most popular one being that it will make parks and green spaces better for everyone (85%). In addition, 79% thought byelaws would make parks safer. 8% listed their own reasons.
- People who disagreed with new byelaws mainly had their own reasons (45%). Reasons included being too restrictive, being difficult to enforce and being a waste of time and money.
- 43% were not aware of problems with parks and green spaces, and 40% thought they would put people off using parks.
- We asked, if we introduced byelaws, what things should be covered by them? People were least in favour of byelaws related to sports, exercise and games. People were most in favour of byelaws related to driving motor vehicles, harming animals, moving or damaging structures, throwing missiles, polluting rivers and loud noise. This was reflected in open comments in the consultation where people were in favour of byelaws that could improve the safety and enjoyment of everyone without being overly restrictive or stopping people having fun, taking exercise or allowing children and young people adventurous play.
- 61% of respondents had experienced some of the behaviours listed in the byelaws consultation. The areas most commented on where people had experienced behaviours on the list were big or popular parks – Brandon Hill, The Downs, Eastville Park, St Andrews Park and St Georges Park. The main behaviours experienced were Fires and Barbeques, driving motorised vehicles, fishing, making loud noise, playing loud music and cycling.

- Other areas where respondents had experienced several anti-social behaviours were Albany Green, Barton Fields, Highridge Common, Mina Park, Narrowways, Mowbray Road Open Space, Redcatch Park, St Annes Park, Troopers Hill and Wilmott Park.
- We asked if there were things not on the list of model byelaws that people would like included in byelaws. The most popular ones were dog fouling (78%) Dangerous dogs (69%) and people using drugs and illegal substances (69%)
- 67% had experienced behaviours on this list of things (not included in model byelaws) as being a problem – slightly more than the proportion who had experienced things on the byelaws list. The main problems experienced were related to dogs, alcohol or drugs. Again, St Andrews Park was the location cited most for these problems being experienced. Followed by St George Park, Eastville Park, and Blaise Castle Estate.
- When asked whether people had any other comments about the introduction of Parks and Green spaces in Bristol, comments could be split into those for, those against, those in favour of a light touch approach, those who had concerns or doubts about the enforcement of byelaws, those who thought the existing laws were adequate in controlling most of the problematic behaviours listed, and other. Other comments tended to be identifying specific behaviours that people found problematic, or ones on the list that did not cause concern.

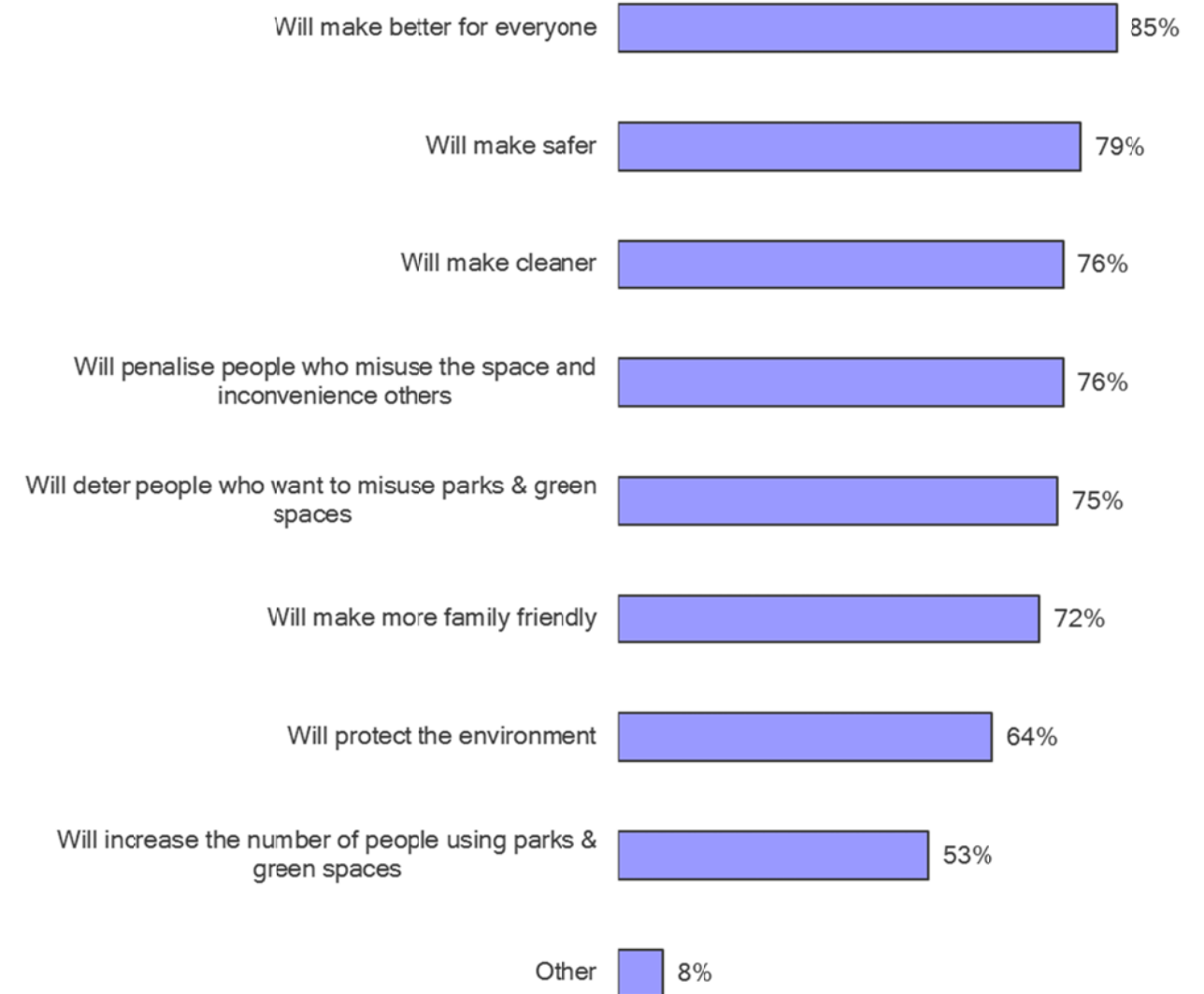


Do you think we should introduce new byelaws to tackle anti-social behaviour in parks and green spaces? (Base= 927)		
	Per cent	Count
Yes	77%	727
No	23%	221

Do you think we should introduce new byelaws to tackle anti-social behaviour in parks and green spaces?



If yes, why? (tick all that apply)



### If other, please specify:

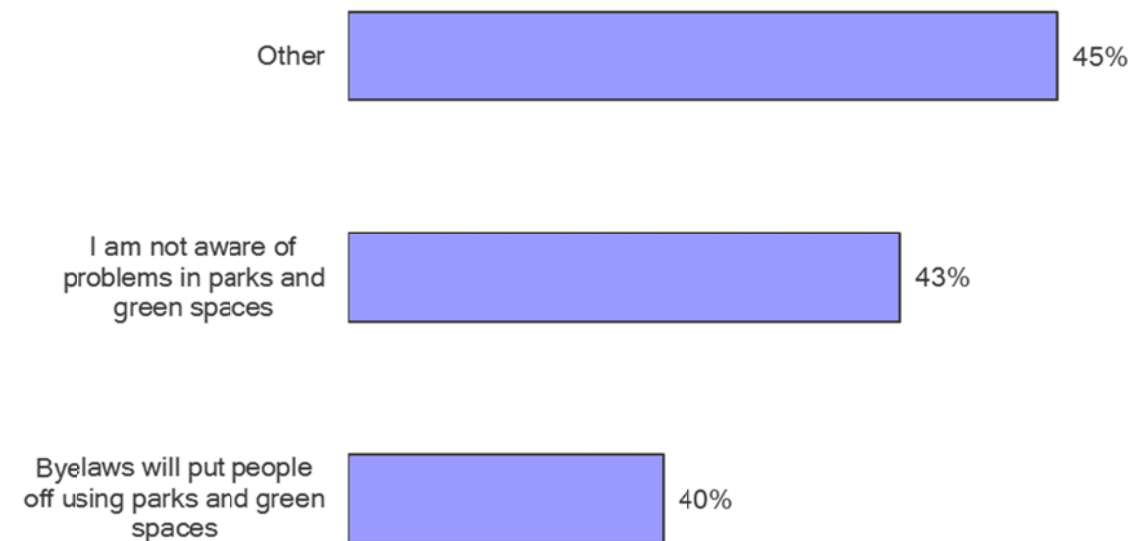
- Byelaws must be uniform across all Bristol parks and reserves. Currently camping is prohibited in parks north of the River (Frome?) but not in parks south of the river - for example not in Callington Road local nature reserve. Police Inspector Salmon (recently retired) had been trying for approx 8 years to get these byelaws unified.
- Could discourage anti-social behaviour by pedestrians and better legitimise considerate cycling.
- Parks and green spaces should be for everyone to enjoy. It should not be taken over by footballers and football clubs which is extremely anti-social for the people that so near. They bring every type of trouble to an area.
- The danger is that problems
- The danger is that problems are spread to some areas and are not eliminated.
- Clear up any confusion as to what should and shouldn't be allowed!
- Speeding cyclists are endangering the lives of others, especially the old and young in parks, i.e. St George's Park.
- Stop football taking over any green space.
- we welcome having consistent and coherent set of byelaws that apply across all parks and green spaces including the Downs if possible
- Potential to increase well-being etc.
- will reduce noise that people staying late in the park cause which disturbs surrounding housing occupants
- The new Bye Laws need to be very carefully phrased "People fishing responsibly would be able to continue. The byelaws would only be used where people are causing annoyance or damage." This is too blanket in coverage It needs to be phrased "the byelaws CAN only be used where ..."
- I cannot say that it definitely will make green spaces safer and definitely will penalise those who abuse green spaces, since that depends on offences being reported and then the police actually acting on reports (and not deciding it isn't worth their while). I can only say that it offers the prospect of abuse of public areas being penalised, and, where the abuse is serious, that prospect is a good thing.
- provide a common set of bylaws for all parks
- ban cyclists from riding in parks
- will deter offenders polluting the environment i.e. motor cycles
- Each one of us old as well as young need to understand that when we misuse these lovely spaces we destroy something which is a part of ourselves
- Depends on the bye law
- We should lock parks up at night like they do on the continent
- Will stop damage occurring to the parks and green spaces (e.g. from fires and barbecues).
- Will clarify what is not allowed so users know what is allowed and residents can expect enforcement of rules
- Parks should be safe routes to pedestrians and cyclists - including official cycle routes through parks is essential.
- The Police and council staff need to know that they have proper legal powers to use if really needed
- Hopefully Disabled and vulnerable adults and children will feel more confident using the parks
- Hopefully reduce levels of dog poo

- keep dogs on leads
- Laws are very delicate and need to be decided extremely cautiously as not to punish everyone.
- Will give the police and council officers more to make others' lives a misery
- May encourage the authorities to protect the parks as they used to.
- Will actively discourage the use of substance abuse and such spaces being used for their sale
- Will enable neighbours to sleep at night!
- Provided that there is some form of policing or method by which the antisocial behaviour can be penalised
- Ashton Court, have been told that seating around Court for elderly not practical due to possible vandalism
- I guess that there are new nuisances that did not exist when the current bye-laws were written and are not adequately covered. However, the existing bye-laws should be scrutinised to see what they already cover before adding new bye-laws.
- Will support people in neighbouring houses who are affected by anti-social behaviour.
- The process of introducing bye-laws will highlight what great parks we have
- To stop fishing on St George and Eastville lakes
- Will encourage exercise for health.
- Will give clear guidance on what is expected.
- Make residents living adjoining park feel safer and stop noise in evening from music, shouting etc..
- Will make living near the park less distressing for local residents
- Will make life more pleasant for residents who live in close proximity to parks etc.
- Will reduce costs of cleaning up
- will help law enforcement- encourage police to attend disturbances knowing they can act against ASB
- Will protect local residents from unwelcome noise and criminal activity
- It entirely depends on what you mean by "antisocial behaviour". I am all for using public spaces for protest, action, and civil disobedience, because we live in a sick society that doesn't value human life and wellbeing. That said, when actual crime is involved, for example theft, violence, threats, and public drunkenness, measures need to be taken.
- Will reduce disturbance and anxiety to those people who are fortunate to live around Parks and Green spaces
- Will give authority to Police or Local Authority employees to intervene when complaints have been raised (or to not intervene when complaint is unjustified)
- Will potentially eliminate drug and alcohol abuse - if not, it's failed
- Will protect habitats, wildlife and plant species which are threatened by such anti-social behaviour as fire setting. Will save money as few repairs will be needed. Park keepers and volunteers will be able to do more constructive work than litter pickings. All this only applies as long as a means of enforcement comes with these byelaws.
- Will penalise just the people who misuse the space.
- Will protect nature and woodlands
- Will support what is normal behaviour for most people. Sadly it is only the minority that cause problems
- will protect and conserve wild animals and their habitats
- Please put a stop to scramblers, motor bikes in parks



- Protect the wildlife - a particular problem in Eastville Park which has an incredible range of wildlife including otters, kingfishers, herons, nesting woodpeckers
- Increase potential income sources for council
- If appropriate, would like to see an end to all night fishing.
- Might arrest the steady decline of behaviour by otherwise responsible people in parks.
- Without enforcement powers, the current levels of abuse of parks and green spaces is unlikely to decrease so there is a clear rationale for introducing new byelaws.
- It will make it easier to stop activities that damage parks.
- will keep late evening and night noise down
- It will make it more pleasant for local residents
- To allow people to enjoy themselves but not unduly spoil the place for others
- Will protect wildlife from harm.

If no, why? (tick all that apply)



### If other, please specify:

A large number of comments relate to the fact that there are already laws in place to deal with anti-social behaviour. Those byelaws won't be enforced. And that byelaws might harass young people who need somewhere to let off steam..

- Government is considering revised legislation to come into force in 2014 that will provide the necessary tools and powers to address all ASB in open spaces, negating the need to apply for new/additional byelaws
- We have far too many laws/bye laws. The only effective way is to have park keepers.
- Every park is different and would need different bye-laws.
- Must be in moderation and specific to an area.
- It's a place of expression and freedom.
- There is already enough legislation to manage anti-social behaviour. People do not need to be micro managed. Also the new by laws may stop others enjoyment for the sake of managing a few.
- I don't think no is a good answer, we need protection always
- You have not specified what new byelaws you wish to impose so I cannot say I am in favour of them
- From your own evidence the incidence of problems across Bristol is very low, with the worst being driving cars etc. So in other words most people behave themselves and more rules are not needed.
- There is already legislation covering things like criminal damage, and I think people should have freedoms without too many rules. Their behaviour should be curbed by public disapproval if it is minor rather than more laws.
- Byelaws will give us the message that parks and green spaces have to be looked after and paid for in our taxes and it is a privilege to use them not misuse them
- Depends on the byelaw
- Waste of money - there are MUCH more important things to spend the money on
- I am concerned that overly strict enforcement of byelaws could stop fun activity that is not harming anyone or thing.
- Concerned about unnecessary prohibitions,, and not convinced that this is the best way to deal with problems where they do exist.
- People will just ignore them and who would police it?
- There's too much Big Brother as it is.
- I cannot think of a negative because the majority of people will benefit
- Use existing Laws, and get dogs on leads in public places, it is the law.
- Would prefer to have paid 'parkie'
- unsure as to whether there are byelaws in place and if these are just not being enforced as there are laws regarding anti-social behaviour
- I am worried about intolerance of young people using open spaces
- There are already laws available to deal with the more serious issues (driving across parks etc.) so they should be fully applied rather than create additional bylaws
- the decline in the use of park wardens mean that with no effective means of policing, introducing more bye laws is a waste of time and money.
- Even if it is a problem,, is it worth the effort to bring in bye laws? Enforcement is





expensive. Why aren't existing laws enough? Are current laws enforced?

- Some current rules seem out-dated - spontaneous events in parks should be encouraged - all large parks should have areas for skate boarding and BMX bikes.
- There are enough laws to prohibit anti-social behaviour they just need enforcing by our police
- green space are provided for the enjoyment of all, one person's way of enjoying themselves will be very personal to that person what we need to do is start to learn to share what green spaces we have and not self-cantered
- children should be encouraged to climb, play together (even if different ages) and enjoy music outdoors, it will harm the majority users not stop unsocial
- Enough bye-laws or public order offences already exist to cover the behaviours listed; but they are not enforced.
- Existing laws already cover any offences committed in a park or elsewhere
- What is the point of new bye laws ? The existing laws and Bye laws are not enforced by anyone
- Not easily enforceable
- It is not a question of new laws, rather enforcing existing. Anti-social behaviour, criminal damage etc. are all already in place. More bobbies on the beat to enforce them is all that's needed. Anything that is not covered by an existing law is not going to be worth enforcing.
- Want to be careful not to put people of using parks and sports etc.
- not sure how much effect they will have
- Use ASBos and dispersal orders for problem gatherings. Bye laws will strain relationship between Police and young people and the homeless
- Young people need places to let off steam
- Why do we need more laws? Surely if someone behaves badly there is already a law to sort this out.
- There are laws in place that cover anti-social behaviour issues
- I don't agree with the byelaws and there are enough restrictions on our behaviour already
- Waste of council's and police's time. Criminalising 'offences' that are not serious crimes.
- It's unnecessary
- I think there is a very real danger that any new bye-laws will be applied over-zealously.
- It depends on the council's definition of what is anti-social behaviour. It hasn't been stated in this survey.
- causing a public nuisance should cover the worst issues- other laws probably already exist to cover that which is wholly unacceptable- no need for petty additions
- Existing laws cover antisocial behaviour. The issue is enforcement, not legislation. Unnecessary, + unforeseen consequences.
- I do not agree that most people would stop anti-social behaviour would stop because a byelaw exists and without enforcement (as with so much anti-social behaviour) then it's a pointless exercise.
- There are enough laws already
- failure to enforce existing byelaws no staff to do it
- If there are no police/community officers around to enforce them what is the point? There is a park ranger in Victoria Park but I have never seen him/her.

- I think there should be some laws as people are so selfish nowadays that it deters wrong doing. However I do think that sometimes it can seem very overbearing when there are lots of signs etc. saying what you can/can't do particularly in nature reserves. open spaces, not so much urban parks
- Anti-nuisance laws exist. It could be that issues often arise due to non-enforcement of existing regulations
- too much control, in the hands of those that shout the loudest marginalizing the many
- People don't read byelaws before using parks and green spaces - only used for enforcement later
- I have said yes but Wonder how new byelaws would be enforced?
- I think there is a very real danger that any new bye-laws will be applied over-zealously.
- Current laws and by laws are NOT enforced due to a lack of enforcers.
- Byelaws are not the way to deal with these issues, people should take responsibility and show disapproval
- The council is not in a position to implement new byelaws, it does not have the man power or financial resources
- We already have enough restrictions in the world. Please don't tie us down with more unnecessary restrictions
- The people who commit acts deemed by others to be "anti-social" are often the very people who benefit most from having somewhere to let off steam.
- If by laws are unreasonable or too strict it will stop enjoyment of the green spaces.
- Seating provision in all parks/open spaces is a necessary requirement for elderly users.
- They will be used as an excuse for one group to dominate how parks should be used, when Bristol's parks should be there for all to use equally. If people are committing crimes in parks, there are already laws to deal with that. Introducing bye laws to regulate behaviour that isn't illegal is just an excuse for one group to keep the parks for their own usage.
- i am aware of problems
- Nanny state continues if people are antis social the police can act currently - therefore unnecessary
- Make use of existing powers.
- Reasonable behaviours should not be restricted.
- I would have thought that any anti-social behaviour could be dealt with by enforcing current legislation.
- We already have laws that cover asb
- Your definition of anti-social might be different to mine. Unfortunately, I can't elaborate because we no longer enjoy freedom of speech in this Country.
- I fear this is going to be used to harass certain groups i.e. young people. How is it going to be enforced?
- parks should be free spaces for people and bylaws will restrict choice
- Parks are for everyone. Even poor people.
- Will new Byelaws encourage people to act responsibly?
- Existing legislation covers all of the alleged offences
- You haven't told me what byelaws you want to create.
- Byelaws will not change anti-social behaviour as there are more than enough laws already to deal with this. Adding yet more laws adds cost to policing and enforcement. Let's use cheaper methods such as the Community Support Officers to address the behaviour and then use our Section 27 orders and other laws to if this fails. Do not add more laws that require more consultation and add cost to local government.



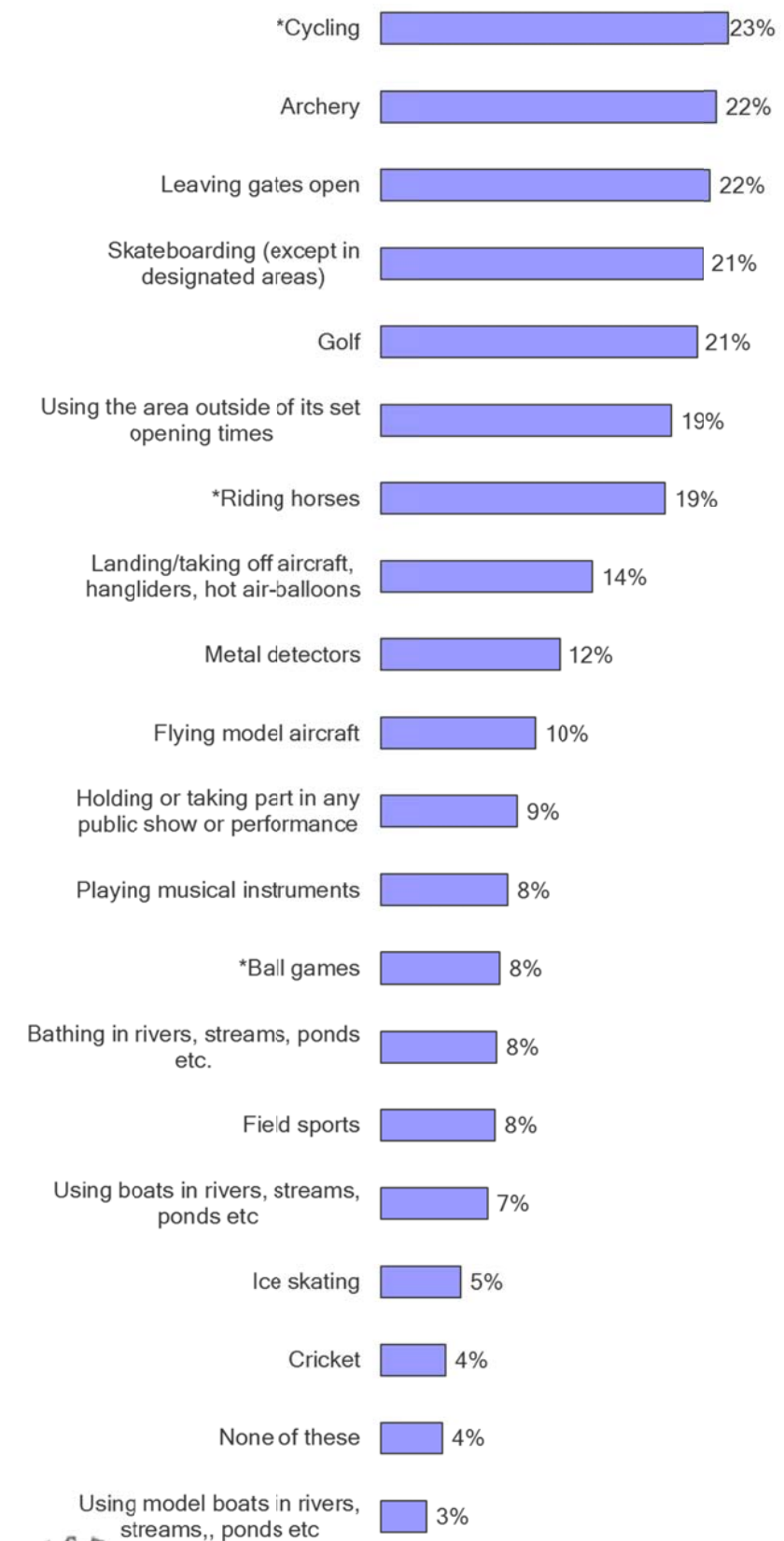
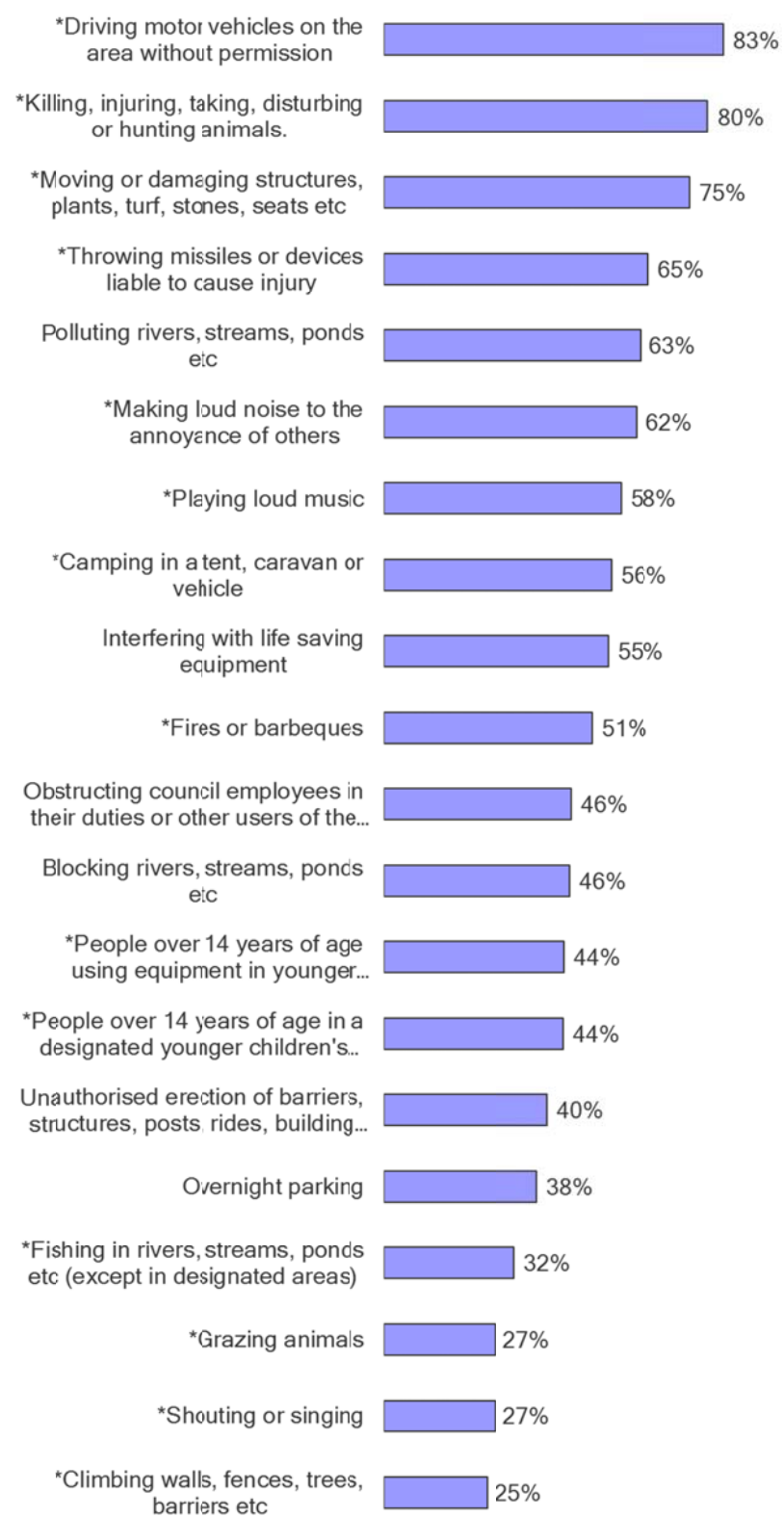
- Use current anti-social laws
- Simply displace a 'problem' which needs underlying causes tackling
- What's the point there plenty of laws to do with activity which is illegal
- Although I agree that there is some significant anti-social behaviour in Bristol parks, in my recent experience the greatest threat to the green space near to me came from the Council! The council wanted to build a structure that was totally out of keeping with the green space in question. It would have been highly damaging to the environment and to the green space generally. Despite this, the Council only backed down after their persistent attempts were resisted by local residents. I would be in favour of additional byelaws if this type of behaviour by the council could be controlled somehow.
- Complaints are by a VERY small number of people, we should not make laws based on a tiny minority. It is their choice to live next to the park, it is not their personal garden.
- The enforcement of existing laws can deal with behaviour that warrants legal action
- Byelaws are only to prevent the minority doing an activity that other people do not like. I do not like the mess the BBQs on the Downs, the kites scare my dogs, the mountain bikers have taken over Ashton Court, but equally some people do not like dogs and will blame every dog owner for any mess. Byelaws are for societies that are full of people with no common sense or consideration for others. Public spaces are for the public and this is everybody co-existing. If you bring in byelaws this means that society will not self-regulate and this is really important. Do you want everyone running to the police and criminalising everyone for something that might just be a tad annoying for someone else. Because everyone has someone or something they do not like but we have to be tolerant. If this annoyance becomes a long term problem in a park, say drug use or excessive noise then it can be dealt with under another law.
- More legislation is not the answer - make the place nice so people are less inclined to do actually harmful stuff, rather than outlawing e.g. ball games.
- I only think these should be used in extreme circumstances
- I'm not convinced anti-social behaviour in parks is different from anywhere else
- Byelaws need to be enforced if brought into use and the question is, who by?
- They will be misused to stop children and young people from having fun and leisure, possibly by residents associations who generally don't like the noise created, I've seen it happen time and time again. Community is not built by laws and restriction on behaviour, it's built by meeting your neighbours, talking, having events in parks, street parties. Anti-social behaviour happens because young people don't feel a connection with their community, a focus on new restrictive laws will only reinforce that lack of association and sense of community.
- Some of the things that byelaws are being proposed against are things I think park users should be allowed to do
- There are already too many byelaws
- Existing laws cover antisocial behaviour. The issue is enforcement, not legislation. Unnecessary, + unforeseen consequences.
- Restriction for bicycles using parks
- Anti-Social Behaviour is a very flexible concept - how will you ensure this is a shared view?
- Restriction of public freedom
- Covered by other laws already.

- Where and how do you draw the line?
- There are sufficient regulations already and these should be enforced. You cite fishing...Fishing license held??? You cite overnight camping...vagrancy???
- The current ones if given sufficient funding .e.g. dog wardens would work
- Could it be an excuse to criminalise young people?
- I find it hard to believe that there aren't plenty of byelaws already in place. They just need to be used.
- existing laws should be enforced
- we need more freedom not more laws, it's just another way to police our free time control of the masses
- I think there are other ways of dealing with issues, that involve people rather than just legislation
- I have some reservations as cycling & ball games are mentioned & surely these are fine generally in a park, unless causing nuisance to others.
- The relatively very small number of issues in parks and green spaces can be controlled using other means that are cheaper, easier and more flexible to implement. Creating a byelaw essentially places one park user, or group above another often with very little genuine justification (other than historic use). As society and park use changes these byelaws will be out of date rapidly and biased against certain users.
- Who decides what is legitimate use and what is antisocial??
- Sledgehammer to crack a nut - this criminalises minor issues
- Rather than control anti-social behaviour, BCC should promote social behaviour
- Also feel there are enough laws covering antisocial behaviour and noise to be sufficient to deal with any problem or nuisance if treated properly.
- There are already laws in place which cover anti-social behaviour
- they are a blunt instrument, and another way of the council policing it's tax payers
- am worried things we can do now will be banned
- Byelaws have unintended consequences: Where there are a lot of byelaws in place, if there is not a specific byelaw for each abuse, people or their legal reps then assert their right to carry out abuses not specifically named in the byelaws. This means authority is weakened: it cannot assert itself to require good behaviour per se in parks but must instead rely on the police being called and acting to enforce. In the past a uniformed presence was enough to deter bad behaviour in the first place which was much better for everyone: young people didn't get a criminal record and behaviour was better overall. It was cheaper and less bureaucratic. Unintended consequence 2) what is the point of adding byelaws if no-one is there to see they are adhered to? The legal process is expensive and theoretical. Better to have uniformed presence there instead.
- It won't make a difference to anti-social behaviour but will stop normal people having fun.
- there are enough laws in society - they do not stop anti-social behaviour they just highlight laws being broken
- Most of the problems you have cited a)are highly infrequent and b)do not seem to cause harm, and therefore shouldn't be prevented.
- There are already laws to deal with anti-social behaviour. They are called "laws".
- People need to communicate not outlaw other peoples uses of public space
- No need to over legislate as most people are respectful
- Putting more byelaws in place is a waste of council officer's time and our money.



- I think focusing on what we CAN do in parks is more positive. For example a music event might be staged in a park; so you can't have a bye-law that stops people using a musical instrument in a park
- If a behaviour is antisocial enough to need dealing with it should be covered by other legislation already - just need a degree of enforcement. If not anti-social enough to already be covered they are not really serious enough to need action, you'll always get a few complaints.
- I think that all people have different views on what is anti-social and what is not. The majority of people that this survey reaches and who actually fill it in will be the people that don't like other people having fun.
- Anti-social behaviour that is most problematic is that which is illegal and should be tackled by the police. Bye Laws are never enforced and just lead to further conflict. Cycling in Eastville Park is an example. The Byelaw is redundant and the vast majority of cyclists use the park in a proper manner however because the byelaw states that 'wheeled vehicles' are banned some people take huge umbrage to cyclists using the park.
- This should already be covered by existing police legislation
- Danger of laws vilifying young people who have nowhere else to gather and spend time.
- There are plenty of existing laws to cover offences/antisocial behaviour. Byelaws are not likely to be properly policed.

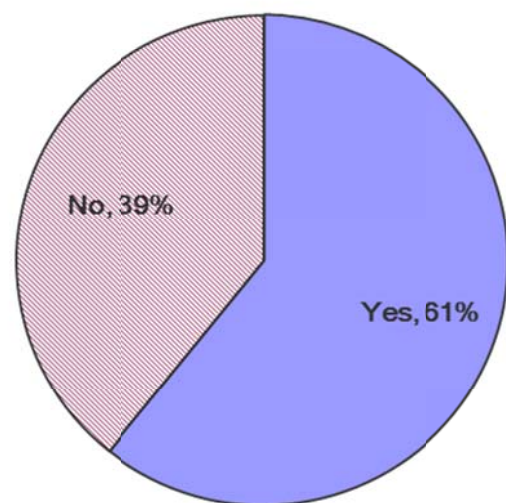






Have you experienced anything on the list as being a problem, endangering people, harming the environment or persisting to cause a nuisance? (Base = 817)		
	Per cent	Count
Yes	61%	510
No	39%	325

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	Arnos vale	Ashton Court	Begbrook Green	Blaise Castle	Brandon Hill	Canford Park	Castle Park	College Green	Cotham Gardens	Dame Emily	The Downs	Eastville Park	Greville Smyth	Hengrove Park	Horfield common	Kingsweston Estate	Netham Park	Oldbury Court	Queen Square	Redland Green	St Agnes Park	St Andrews	St George Park	Stoke Park	St Paul's Park	Victoria Park	Other	Total
Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.				1	8	2			1	1	4	4	1	2	2	1	3	3		1			3			5	20	62
Unauthorised erection of barriers, structures, posts, rides, building or other structure		1		1		1	1	1			1	1		1				1				2					2	13
Climbing wall, fences, trees, barriers etc.		1				1			1									1			1						4	9
Killing, injuring, taking, disturbing or hunting animals.				1	1						1	4			1								9			1	2	20
Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle				1	1	1	1	1			4	5		1								3	7	2		3	11	41
Fires or barbeques		1		5	18	1	1	1	1		36	3	6	1	1	1	2	4	5	1		35	9	1		4	24	161
Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury				3		1	1	1					1	1			1	2	1				5			1	7	25
Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission	1		1	3	2	3					16	12	1	1	5	2	1	5		1	1	1	3	3		7	38	107
People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area				2	4	2	1					3	4	1	1			2		4		1	2		1	2	12	42
People over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play area				1	3	1			1	1		1		3	1	1		1				1	2		1	6	7	31
Ball games					1														3			1				1	2	8
Fishing in watercourses, ponds etc. (except in designated areas)												9											1					24
Making loud noise to the annoyance of others		3			5	9	4		1		1	4	5	1	2			1	1	2	1	29	3			1	21	94
Shouting or singing								1	2				1									6				2	3	15
Playing musical instruments																						3						3
Playing loud music		6		1	1	4	2		2		7	4			1						1	36	2				12	79
Using the area outside of its set opening times				1																		1	1				1	4
Overnight parking												1										1					3	5
Grazing animals																											4	4
Leaving gates open																						1						1
Interfering with lifesaving equipment						1	1					1																3
Riding horses		1		2								1															6	10
Cycling	1	5		2		6	6				4	13	4		2				2	1			3	3		2	6	60
Skateboarding (except in designated areas)								10							1								1				1	13
Field Sports																										1	1	2
Golf												2																2
Bathing in rivers, streams, ponds etc.																											1	1
Polluting rivers, streams, ponds etc.												2										1	3				4	10
Flying model aircraft													2											2			1	5
Metal Detectors								1			1																1	3
Obstructing council employees in their duties or other users of the site																	1										1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>195</b>	

The following activities were not experienced in the parks so are not included in the table: Holding or taking part in any public show or performance, Landing/taking off aircraft, hanggliders, hot air-balloons, Flying kites, Cricket, Archery, Using model boats in rivers, streams, ponds etc., Using boats in rivers, streams, ponds etc., Blocking rivers, streams, ponds etc., Ice skating



<b>Behaviours experienced in 'Other' areas</b>	
<b>Albany Green</b>	Overnight parking
	Playing loud music
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Shouting or singing
	Playing loud music
<b>All parks.</b>	Cycling. I don't mind people cycling through them but they need to do it slowly. There are dogs and children lose in parks and cycling at speed could kill them and the cyclist.
<b>Alongside Abingdon Road in Fishponds - not sure what this green area is called.</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Area near Kingweston Lane</b>	Polluting rivers, streams, ponds etc.
	Fires or barbeques
<b>Arnall Drive Open Space</b>	Field sports
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Arnos Court Park, Dundry</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Arnos Court Park, Victory Park, St Anne's Park</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>Avonmouth park</b>	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	People over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play area
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Barrs court</b>	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	Using the area outside of its set opening times
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Barton Fields Fishponds/Speedwell</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	People over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play area
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Climbing wall, fences, trees, barriers etc.
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Barton Hill</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Both Shirehampton's Springfield Park and Mancroft Avenue Park</b>	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
<b>Bristol to bath railway path (cycle path)</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Brook Street Park, Redfield</b>	People over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play area

<b>By create centre</b>	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>council vehicles causing problems to the visually impaired</b>	
<b>Downs</b>	Fires or barbeques
<b>Dundry Playing field</b>	Flying model aircraft
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Playing loud music
<b>Elderberry walk and Okebourne open space</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Falldon Way Park</b>	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Fires or barbeques
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Festival Way alongside White City allotments</b>	Skateboarding (except in designated areas)
<b>Field running alongside the river in Shirehampton</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Frome Valley walk</b>	Cycling
<b>Frome Valley weirs</b>	Playing loud music
<b>Gaunts Ham Park</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Ball games
<b>Hartcliffe play area</b>	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Headley Park</b>	Riding horses
	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	Fires or barbeques
<b>Highridge common</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Riding horses
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Overnight parking
<b>Highridge Common and Lakemead Sports Ground</b>	Riding horses
<b>Hillfields Park</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>In Victoria Park, Greville Smythe, Ashton Court, Redcatch Park &amp; Perretts Park - vandalism</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>Kings Square</b>	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
<b>Kingsdown flats</b>	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
<b>Leigh Woods, Nightingale Valley</b>	Cycling
<b>Lion Park, Argyle Place, Cliftonwood</b>	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>litter bottles drink cans</b>	
<b>Okebourne green space</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Malago park</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Fires or barbeques
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission



<b>Manor park, Bishopsworth</b>	Polluting rivers, streams, ponds etc.
<b>Marksbury Road park. And, indeed, the whole of the Malago river.</b>	Polluting rivers, streams, ponds etc.
<b>Mina Park</b>	Fires or barbeques
	Fires or barbeques
	Playing loud music
	Fires or barbeques
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Montpelier park</b>	People over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play area
<b>Mowbray Road Open Space</b>	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>Narrowways</b>	Playing loud music
	Playing loud music
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Playing loud music
	Fires or barbeques
Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle	
<b>Small park at the junction of Clark St and Goodhind St-Easton</b>	Climbing wall, fences, trees, barriers etc.
	Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>Okebourne open space</b>	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>On so many pedestrian pavements I can't recall them all, and mostly by adults old enough to know better</b>	Cycling
<b>Perretts Park</b>	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
	Fires or barbeques
<b>Owen Square, BS5</b>	Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury - kids throwing bark chips/stones near swings when young children were around
<b>Parent climbing a gate to a children's` enclosure with their children when a notice clearly states `use the gate`</b>	Climbing wall, fences, trees, barriers etc.
<b>park gates not being unlocked- especially on weekends</b>	
<b>Priory gardens bs7 0xe</b>	Ball games
<b>Quarry Park</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones,

	seats etc.
<b>Queens Square</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>Redcatch park</b>	Climbing wall, fences, trees, barriers etc.
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
	Riding horses
<b>Residential streets and flats off Whiteladies Road (students?)</b>	Shouting or singing
<b>Ridgeway Field</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Rosemary Green, BS5 - new bench vandalised, fly tipping</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>Sneed park nature reserve</b>	Grazing animals
	Playing loud music
<b>Snuff Mills</b>	Unauthorised erection of barriers, structures, posts, rides, building or other structure
<b>Kings Square</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc. Someone removed the bark off of some of the trees killing the trees so sad
<b>South Street Park BS3</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>Southmead</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>St Annes Park</b>	People over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play area
	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
<b>St Philips Ind Est</b>	Polluting rivers, streams, ponds etc.
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
<b>St Werburghs park</b>	People over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Fires or barbeques
<b>Stockwood Green Area off of Sturminster Road</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Teenagers drinking alcohol</b>	Shouting or singing
<b>The Northern Slopes</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
<b>The playing fields by methanol lock</b>	Playing loud music
<b>Throughout the City of Bristol</b>	Cycling
<b>Troopers Hill</b>	Fires or barbeques
	Fires or barbeques



	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
<b>Troopers Hill</b>	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
	Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury
	Fires or barbeques
	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
	Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury
	Fires or barbeques
	Fires or barbeques. - A number of fires have been reported to police and the fire brigade over the last 10 years by my volunteer group at this site. Fire brigade have been excellent at turning but the police have explained to me they have no powers. Crime number 1311 on 13/4/2010 was where I felt most exposed, as I was on my own dealing with a dozen youths and a fire. Police did not attend and closed the call while I was out there dealing with it. I persuaded the youths to put out the fire.
	Fires or barbeques. During the last two years we have had at least 5 cases where wheelie bins have been brought on site and set alight.
	Fires or barbeques. . We have a number of people using barbecues on site. These burn holes in the turf (this is an area designated as a Local Nature Reserve partly because of its important acid grass and heathland) and are left burning which is a fire risk. Just over 15 years ago there was a serious fire on the Hill where residents were worried about it leaping Troopers Hill Rd and setting light to property. After this fire the grayling butterfly was not seen on the site again..In some case lit barbeques are put in bins and the Park Keeper has to deal with the result.
	Metal detectors
Fires or barbeques	
<b>Trymside Open Space</b>	Grazing animals
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Grazing animals
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Overnight parking
<b>Various - can't remember exact</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Cycling
<b>Victory Park, Brislington</b>	Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury
	Making loud noise to the annoyance of others
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
<b>Victory Park, Eastwood Nature Reserve</b>	Camping in a tent, caravan or vehicle
<b>Whitchurch Green</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission

	Fires or barbeques
<b>Whitchurch Green</b>	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission (Quad Bikes being driven erratically by both children and adults)
<b>Willmott Park Hartcliffe</b>	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Riding horses
	Riding horses
	Driving motor vehicles on the area without permission
	Moving or damaging structures, plants, turf, stones, seats etc.
	Playing loud music

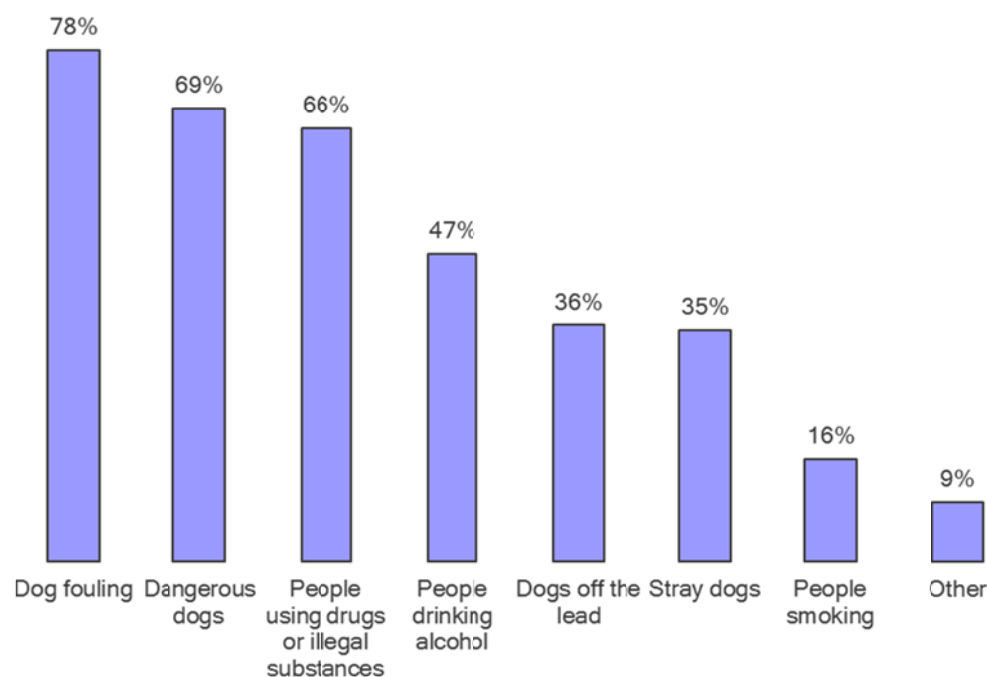




Are there other things not covered by the byelaws that you would like us to restrict in parks and green spaces? If no, please leave blank.  
(Base = 755)

	Per cent	Count
Dog fouling	78%	590
Stray dogs	35%	266
Dangerous dogs	69%	522
Dogs off the lead	36%	275
People drinking alcohol	47%	355
People using drugs or illegal substances	66%	499
People smoking	16%	118
Other	9%	70

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### If other, please specify

- Alcohol i.e. there needs to be controls to stop daily abuse by the same people in the same parks.
- alcohol within limits
- all of these are much more of a concern to me, especially smoking in children's play areas which I find appalling
- All these things should be restricted. Existing laws apply. No new byelaws necessary
- Although I am not opposed to drinking alcohol I am where it leads to drunken behaviour, shouting, harassing passers-by etc. as I have experienced in Castle Park
- Anti-social behaviour by pedestrians.
- Approved dumping of contaminated waste in a park by the Local authority(Bristol)
- Are motor cycles covered?
- Aren't most of those already restricted? Why do they need specific byelaws?
- Begging
- Bicycles, scooters, skate boarders and skaters.
- Cats shitting in children's playgrounds and burying their mess in sand.
- Cruising by the male gay community
- Cycling
- Defecating and urinating in the Park
- Dog fouling in areas immediately adjacent to parks and green spaces, where owners feel that they are not obliged to remove the mess
- Dogs are a big problem. Could we have dog-free areas?
- Dogs attacking other dogs, have dogs muzzled
- Dogs not being controlled by owner.
- Dogs which cause problems off the lead
- dogs without a muzzle-being told by owners don't worry they won't bite you would become a given rather than worry or upset for people who have a genuine fear of or are potential victims of this .Parks were never created for people to let their dogs run free in with / without a muzzle and I don't recall ever being consulted .This happens all the time now and is upsetting for people who want to use the park without being disturbed
- drinking alcohol is ok but drunken and threatening behaviour is unacceptable
- Driving at speed on roads in/near park - e.g. ladies' mile on downs, etc.
- drug dealing
- Drug litter
- FIREWORKS (outside of planned, public displays)
- Fireworks and Chinese Lanterns
- Fly tipping
- Football
- Gay men using the parks to meet up at night
- General night noise. Very selfish as there are so many people working shifts who desperately need sleep



- Graffiti
- Grey Squirrels
- Groups of children drinking alcohol.
- Groups of youths early evenings being verbally abusive
- having a late night party and leaving a lot of litter behind
- Having certain parks closed to public at night to help reduce incidence of antisocial behaviour and assaults etc.
- Holding music concerts
- I don't feel that alcohol should be banned except where it is excessive. Equally would not want to see BBQs banned, only open fires. Litter is a huge problem in St Andrew's park due partly to inadequate recycling facilities
- I hope that being drunk and aggressive to other park users should be covered by other laws and hope that no blanket ban on alcohol will be introduced to the detriment of enjoying a picnic in the park.
- I would like parks to be places of freedom not restriction so don't ban everything
- I would like to see additional checks and reviews of any proposal to substantially alter, build or otherwise change any green space. By this I would exclude obvious activities such as repairs, maintenance etc.
- Just lock up certain parks and save yourself a lot of money
- Large groups of young adults often smoking, drinking and swearing. I find this both annoying and intimidating
- Late night events
- Leaving drug litter. That's the big one for me. Needles and NO2 canisters - off putting for families.
- leaving litter
- Letting off fireworks at all hours: noisy and dangerous. Chinese lanterns are a growing worry, but a lesser annoyance.
- Litter x 17
- Making noise late at night when neighbours are trying to sleep.
- More strategic bins needed for dog waste
- motor bike riding
- Motorbikes or mini mopeds
- No new laws needed!!! This is unnecessary, and curmudgeonly.
- No one wants dangerous dogs in the park but how do you define this and how do you know they're dangerous? Stupid thing to add. Dogs off leads? Are you serious? Where would we walk our dogs then?
- NO. You fascists!
- none
- Not controlling dogs - this is the main thing that puts me off using my local park. Irresponsible dog owners & dogs all over the place, running up to you & jumping up at you. Why can't people train/control their dogs, or keep them on a lead? And realise not everyone wants to be bothered by someone else's pet (I do like dogs generally but not in these circumstances)
- Our parks are in a good state. I think there are enough rules in place e.g. for police to move people on who are causing disturbance in a public place or for people fishing without a license. I'm very worried that new rules for a tiny number of people will restrict the full use of park spaces for the vast majority.

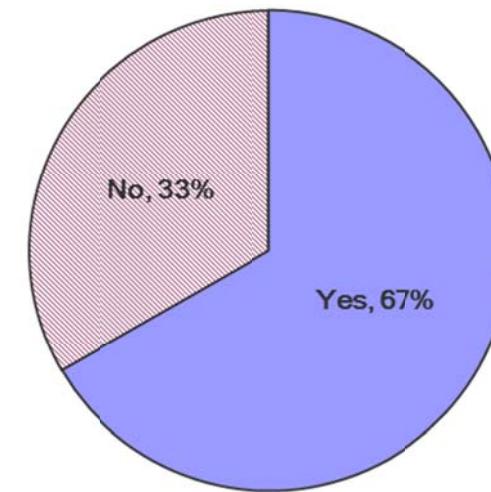
- Overnight camping, playing with radios, lighting fires.
- People (usually men) urinating in the bushes!
- People bringing dogs into the dog free zones - Children's play area
- People drinking alcohol AND behaving anti-socially
- People drinking excessively (alcohol)
- People fly tipping
- People fouling
- people having druggy parties with legal drugs such as the massive laughing gas issue in st andrews park
- people interfering with planned activities, such as sporting or social events
- People running commercial enterprises such as tennis coaching, keep fit using council facilities without paying. e.g. Canford Lane tennis courts
- people should not be allowed to smoke close to children's play areas
- people should not smoke in children's playgrounds and dog owners should be more responsible
- People taking Noss , and dogs are supposed to be off the lead in a park if they are not dangerous so for god's sake lay off that. Or put children on leads as well
- People urinating in public spaces
- People using drugs where needles and other items are left for others to deal with, this happens a lot in the Cemetery Gardens
- People using foul language; littering
- Perhaps designate areas for smokers even though I hate it! They have a right to enjoy the parks if considerate of non-smokers definitely ban drugs of any kind especially smoked ones. They are all dangerous.
- Petrol driven toy cars. Victoria Park has a big problem with this near to St Lukes Road. They stink and are really noisy
- Police harassing people enjoying the park. Miserable people stopping others enjoying themselves.
- Problems with dogs are caused by a very small minority in a small no of areas & the overly sensitised public - the majority of dog owners should not be restricted because of them
- riding motor bikes fast in St Georges park risking children's lives walking on path
- smoking around children's play areas due to the proven damage from cigarette litter and because it influences small children to see smoking as normal desirable adult behaviour
- Smoking in children's play areas
- Smoking should be banned in these areas specifically for small children (i.e. John Deasy play area in St George Park)
- Something generic like "not impacting on the ability of others to enjoy the park"
- Spitting
- Sport Court use - times, etiquette - allowing others to share or use the space/court. Not hogging a court for hours etc.!
- sports that exclude others access (e.g. pitch sports , football)
- Surely these are covered by other laws. Re: dog fouling - the majority take every measure to pick up but will often get missed but despite the signs I have told others to pick up and have been told to pick up when I have missed one = self-regulating



- taking legal "highs" such as Nitrous Oxide bombs and filling balloons with the gas; people urinating around St Andrews Park and in front gardens
- Teenagers partying and also fighting
- There is a problem in Redland Green, where there is a shared cycle path. People walk their dogs there, off the lead. One day, there is going to be a serious accident caused by a collision between a cyclist and a dog, especially where the hill is steep. We also have a problem with children skateboarding down the hill. This is a public thoroughfare, not a skateboarding area, and toddlers, mothers with prams and cyclists are all at risk by this behaviour.
- There needs to be specific areas where dogs are allowed off their leads - a dog play area
- There really really aren't. Who on earth even thought this needed a consultation? Restricting people from smoking in open unenclosed public spaces? Madness.
- There should be a byelaw requiring dog walkers to have something with them to pick up dog mess
- These are all covered by existing legislation/by-laws. There is no point in passing new ones.
- Threatening behaviour
- Throwing litter on the ground (plastic bottles, food etc.,)
- Time limit for parties at night
- unauthorised traveller camping
- Urinating and defecating in public
- Urinating in public x 4
- use of green spaces for sexual activities - at all times of day
- We have had empty canisters thrown from park into our garden after young people used them for inhaling the contents
- You will not enforce them it is pointless
- young children riding dangerously fast on scooters
- Youngsters sniffing gas.

Have you experienced any of the things on the previous list as being a problem, endangering people, harming the environment or persisting to cause a nuisance?		
	Per cent	Count
Yes	67%	552
No	33%	271

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## Behaviours experienced by location

	Dog fouling	People drinking alcohol	People using drugs or illegal substances	Dogs off the lead	Dangerous dogs	People smoking	Stray dogs	Other	Total
Arnos Vale Cemetery	1	1		3	2				7
Ashton Court Estate	13			9	1	1	1	1	26
Begbrook Green								1	1
Blaise Castle Estate	19	1	2	13	8	5		2	50
Brandon Hill	9	7	4	2	7	3			32
Canford Park	5	6	6	1	1	1		1	21
Castle Park	5	5	7	2	1	2		3	25
College Green	1	7	2			1		5	16
Cotham Gardens	0	2	3	1		1	1	1	9
Dame Emily Park	1	1	1	1	1			1	6
Eastville Park	15	13	9	5	14	1	3	2	62
Greville Smyth Park	13	3	3	8	4			3	34
Hengrove Park	5	1	3	1	2	1		3	16
Horfield Common	9	1	1	1	3		2		17
Kings Weston Estate	3		2						5
Netham Park and Pavilion	3	4	1	3	1				12
Oldbury Court Estate	9		2	4	6	2		1	24
Queen Square	1	4	4	1	1	1		1	13
Redland Green	6	2	2	2		1	1	1	15
St Agnes Park	1	2	2	1	1				7
St Andrews Park	20	28	25	11	7	1		4	96
St George Park	23	12	5	8	12		2	3	65
St Paul's Park		2	2			1			5
Stoke Park Estate	3			1	3	0		1	8
The Downs	15	7	2	7	7	3	1	4	46
Victoria Park	18	6	2	8	7		2	1	44
Other	95	45	51	32	23	10	2	11	269
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>	

## Behaviours experienced in 'other' areas

<b>Albany Green</b>	Dog fouling
	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	Dogs off the lead
	People drinking alcohol
	Dog fouling
<b>alcohol/ drug equipment is found usually Monday mornings left over from the weekends</b>	People using drugs or illegal substances
	People using drugs or illegal substances
<b>All over the city! In parks, and out of them. Dog owners are really irresponsible.</b>	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
<b>All / most parks</b>	On streets around various parks. Also poo bags left on trees.
	People drinking alcohol
	Dog fouling
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	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling - Multiple, Why not provide bag dispensers in parks, to encourage dog owners to clean up
<b>Along the river path by Conham Vale car park.</b>	Dog fouling
<b>Arnall Drive Open Space</b>	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
<b>Arno's Park</b>	Dog fouling
	Dogs off the lead
	People using drugs or illegal substances
<b>Avonmouth Park</b>	Dangerous dogs
	Dogs off the lead
	People drinking alcohol
	People drinking alcohol
<b>Back lane behind Langton Court Road, adjacent to St Annes Park, Wick Road, Brislington</b>	Other
<b>Barton Fields Fishponds/speedwell</b>	Dangerous dogs
	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol



Bitten by dog	Dogs off the lead
Bristol to Bath path	Dogs off the lead
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Brunswick Square Cemetery Gardens	People using drugs or illegal substances
Children driving motorised quad bikes and mini motorcycles in Whitchurch Green	Other
Children's play park on School Road, Totterdown (near to Hillcrest Primary School)	Dog fouling
City Centre, Staffordshire bull terrier not on a lead	Dangerous dogs
concern that smoking will start a grass fire	People smoking
Constant stream of men urinating in the bushes when the weather is good	
Cottle Road Park, Stockwood	People using drugs or illegal substances
Destroying newly planted and existing big trees, the police don't seem to care at various sites across the city	Dangerous dogs
Dogs off the lead in Owen Square Park Easton. Ongoing frequent problem.	
dogs out of control in several parks and dogs off leads on streets	Dogs off the lead
Drug litter	Other
Dundridge playing fields	People using drugs or illegal substances
	Dog fouling
	Other
every park I've e been to	Dog fouling
Falldon Way Park	Dog fouling
	Other - Youths laughing and making lots of noise late at night.
Filwood Broadway	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
Filwood Park	Dog fouling
Fishponds Park.	Dogs off the lead
	People drinking alcohol
Fly tipping on the Northern Slopes	Other
Fox Park	People using drugs or illegal substances
Frome Valley walk.	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol
Gaunts Ham Park	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Gaunts Ham Park, St George's Park and the Netham.	Dog fouling
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Green space between Charlton Road and Primrose Lane, BS15	Dog fouling

Hartcliffe play area	Dog fouling
Highridge common	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol
	Dog fouling
Hillfields Park	Dangerous dogs
in several children's playgrounds - even though its outdoors it's still really unfair on children	People smoking
In the woods by the river opposite Beeses.	Dangerous dogs
King's Head Lane Park	Dog fouling
Kings Square	People using drugs or illegal substances
	Dangerous dogs
Kingsdown Flats, using children's play area and not the dog fouling area	Dog fouling
Kingweston Lane greenland area	People drinking alcohol
	Dogs off the lead
Lamplighters Marsh	People smoking
lots of parks & green spaces in Bristol	Dog fouling
Manor park, Bishopsworth	Dog fouling
Many locations	Dog fouling
Marksbury Road park	Dog fouling
Mina Rd Park	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Montpelier park	People using drugs or illegal substances
	Dog fouling
Most parks in Bristol.	Dogs off the lead
Mowbray Park	Dog fouling
	People using drugs or illegal substances
	People drinking alcohol
Narrowways	People using drugs or illegal substances
	Dog fouling
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	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Needles and popper canisters are often found in the park. I've seen them at Brandon Hill, the Downs, Horfield Common, Dame Emily Park	People using drugs or illegal substances





Small park at the junction of Clark St and Goodhind St- Easton	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Northville playing fields	Dog fouling
okebourne green space	Dog fouling
	People using drugs or illegal substances
open space near sea mills harbour drug dealing and urinating in public	Other
Outside spaces	People smoking
Perrets Park	Dog fouling
	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
Portland Square	Dangerous dogs
	Dogs off the lead
portway area, traveller camp led to increased crime	Other
priory gardens bs7 Oxe	Dogs off the lead
Redcatch Park	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol
	People drinking alcohol
	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	Urinating in public
resident exercising dog by throwing ball	Dogs off the lead
Riverside (off Pennywell Road, Easton)	Dog fouling
Rosemary green Eastville/greenbank	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
Several locations	People smoking
Shirehampton Lamplighters	Dogs off the lead
small parks around Horfield	People using drugs or illegal substances
Smoking in children's play area	People smoking
South street park BS3	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
Spark Evens Park St Philips	Dog fouling
	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
	Dogs off the lead
St Anne's park	Dog fouling

	People using drugs or illegal substances
	Dog fouling
St James Barton	People using drugs or illegal substances
St James's priory gardens adjacent to Bus Station.	Other
St. Werburghs	People drinking alcohol
The Bearpit, Turbo island	People drinking alcohol
The Dings St. Philips	Dog fouling
	Dogs off the lead
	Dangerous dogs
The Tumps, S Glos	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
These people do not in themselves pose problems - it is when it is getting late and they congregate in a group	People using drugs or illegal substances
This is an issue EVERYWHERE and the city centre should also be included in this as it is a public open space maintained by the council.	People drinking alcohol
Troopers Hill	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
	Dog fouling
	Dogs off the lead
	Dogs off the lead
	Dogs off the lead
	Dangerous dogs. A pit bull type dog went for me. Events like this happen to me every couple of months.
	Dogs off the lead. Dogs out of control on a regular basis. See Friends Of Troopers Hill FB page for examples.
	Dog fouling. There is always a dog fouling problem.
	People drinking alcohol
	People smoking
	People using drugs or illegal substances



	Dangerous dogs - - at a public event, with posters on every approach warning dog owners that an event was taking place a dog bounded into a little girl, licked her face and terrified her. The dog was larger than she was. At the same event, same little girl, a smaller dog came up and jumped up at her. Same event, small dog came straight to the helpers supplied of picnic food and helped itself. The remaining food had to be disposed of. At no point did the dog owners apologise, when they were found. Those dogs were "out of control" as defined in law. This was a case where dogs were off the lead but I have categorised it as dangerous dogs.
<b>Troopers Hill</b>	Dogs off the lead - - we have had dogs dash straight through a walking group of elderly people to get at another dog. We have had dogs with muddy paws jump up at people. I have had a dog's tooth pierce the skin of my hand. I have had a dog's claws pierce my trousers and scratch my legs when it jumped up at me. I have had a dog jump up at me while I had my back turned at was putting up a poster in a noticeboard. This dog then hung from my right arm with its jaws. The owner said it must have been because I was wearing dark clothing. Fortunately the clothing was sufficient to protect my arm from injury. I did not have the presence of mind to ask if her dog regularly attacked police officers. Dog fouling - Prior to school visits and events we clear dog faeces from the area where the event is due to take place. I have removed 104 piles of dog faeces in one session.
	Dog fouling
<b>unrestrained dogs are a problem to guide dog</b>	Dogs off the lead
<b>Victory Park Brislington</b>	Dogs off the lead
	People drinking alcohol
	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
<b>Victory Park, Arnos Park, Cycle track alongside river at Arnos Vale</b>	Dog fouling
<b>Whitchurch Green</b>	Dangerous dogs
	Dog fouling
<b>Whitchurch Green &amp; St Augustine's park</b>	People drinking alcohol

<b>Willmott Park hartcliffe</b>	Dog fouling
	People drinking alcohol
	People using drugs or illegal substances
	Dog fouling
	Dogs off the lead
	People using drugs or illegal substances

### Do you have any other comments about the development of new byelaws for parks and green spaces in Bristol?

#### For

- About time this was considered
- All night parties, graffiti, tree damage, dog fouling and off road motorbikes main issues locally
- An offence to remove notices or damage notice boards
- Any proposed byelaw should be framed in such a way as to reduce drastically the unacceptable incidence of birds, in particular swans becoming snared or otherwise tangled in fishing line.
- Anything that can help visiting a park a better experience is welcome. I really love Netham Park, it is a lovely open space and really well looked after. Litter is a problem though, I often take a carrier bag with me when I walk my dog and pick up rubbish or at least pick up anything that I think is a hazard such as broken glass or shredded tin cans that could be sharp. There are some things that should be allowed within reason but it is working out at what point an activity becomes unreasonable which is difficult and we all have different expectations. Good luck - how about producing some 'I love (heart shape) Netham Park' stickers?!!! Or maybe they are already available.....
- "Barbecues are a total pain---they are dangerous to people (especially children) running about, can provoke asthma attacks and are a problem to people with breathing disorders, can be offensive to vegetarians, are (mildly) carcinogenic, produce pollution, and the hideous reek can wreck the enjoyment of park-users over a wide area---especially if you've gone there for fresh air, and to get away from a neighbour's smoking or barbecue!
- Additionally, dogs running wild have certainly prevented me taking exercise on The Downs (and scared the living daylights out of me, with some owners finding people's terror amusing and greeting polite requests for restraint of their animal with swearing and abuse)."
- Bristol's green spaces are very important and there to be enjoyed. Hopefully new byelaws will help to make them a safe, non-threatening environment, especially the city parks. Anti-social behaviour is a problem and does not encourage people, especially elderly and disabled, to make good use of



the parks as they do not feel safe.

- Bye laws restricting use of alcohol/ drugs will discourage large gatherings which have the potential to become noisy and in turn allow disinhibited behaviour which is largely antisocial....e.g. urinating playing loud amplified music and shouting in the early hours of the morning.
- Definitely something needs doing re dogs off leads and fouling in almost every green space
- Dog Fouling should be a top priority, especially in green spaces used by young children.
- Emphasis on making parks safe and enjoyable for the majority; to moderate / reduce on anti-social behaviours; may have missed the opportunity now but I do remember finding needles and broken glass in Redland Green Park.
- Fly tipping. fires
- Good idea. At the moment the police appear very ineffectual in being able to stop the excessive noise and other anti-social behaviour of a small number of people who disturb and spoil the enjoyment of the rest.
- How about spreading it to the city's streets as well?
- I am all in favour of bye laws being reintroduced in Bristol City. It will hopefully give police the powers and the resolve to take action against people who commit ASB and thus protect the other users of the area involved. In my case St Andrews Park.
- I am really pleased about this. I love Eastville park, I played there as a child, and now I take my children there, but people drinking in the daytime on the benches is very antisocial, lots of cyclists going fast on the paths, and nearly running my kids over is infuriating! And I hate smokers in the play areas.
- I approve as St Andrews park is becoming a no go area in evenings and weekends due to the anti-social behaviour of hordes of young people and out of control ball games, especially football, threatening passers by
- I believe that they are necessary to make a civilised society as we now appear to live in a 'me' society where many don't even realise others' needs. They discovered that in Ancient Rome at its best so why not reintroduce some of these laws
- I do believe we need the bylaws so that we can all enjoy our open spaces but I also believe in zero tolerance and if people continue to behave in a dangerous/destructive and or anti-social ways they need to be punished.
- I have lived on Leopold road for thirteen years. In the past seven years we have had to put up with loud music, drunken shouting, bongo playing, public urinating (basically we are exposed to as they urinate facing out of the park and right in front of our house) rubbish, and drunken screaming every single sunny day. The council has to take responsibility for this, if it was a private piece of land the owner would have been prosecuted years ago.
- I hope the byelaws will stop unacceptable behaviour and make the parks a safer place for the Bristol citizens

- I think anything that helps educate people to understand the laws and social etiquette of this country is a very good thing.
- I think anything you do to stop anti-social behaviour is a good thing the quicker you have new bye laws the better.
- I think if applied sensibly they are a good idea
- "I think it is a good idea. In my opinion the real problem is education, learning respect for other people and learning some good
- Good manners."
- I think it is an excellent idea, but it should incorporate dog fouling too.
- I think it would be good to include motor bike riding as it then becomes 'enforceable' which would help several areas who have a problem..
- I think that the developing of safer (both environmental and security) parks would be better for the health and wellbeing of the citizens and visitors to Bristol, which is an amazing city and has so much to offer.
- I think this is a good idea.
- i use lots of the parks in Bristol and the two that i see posing the biggest safety issues for children are the small park on darymple rd, st pauls which is almost always in use by drug addicts and alcoholics who are chaotic and aggressive. the other is the hill in st andrews park used by heavy recreational drug users, this area is famously horrible and littered with small gas cartridges, beer cans, broken glass, vomit, fag butts etc. it is a major issue for the people who have to live near that corner of the park as the noise can go on all night and it makes that area quite frightening for many people.
- Important to provide comprehensive list of powers in case they are needed at some future time
- In principle a good idea but sensible cycling should be encouraged in parks and green spaces
- Introducing and enforcing byelaws is a very good and probably overdue development - many parks in East Bristol are frequently subject to unpleasant behaviour rendering them effectively unusable.
- It is good that the bye laws are being updated. Whose responsibility will it be to enforce the new bye laws the council or the police?
- It wouldn't come a Minute too soon
- Just do it. It is pretty obvious what is anti-social behaviour that needs to be stopped.
- "More needs to be done to stop motorbikes being used in local parks.
- If you are going to implement bylaws then you should provide bins for people to put dog mess in throughout Stoke Park Estate and provide rubbish bins as well."
- Please adopt byelaws to help reduce selfish actions by dog owners and cyclists who put off other people using Bristol's parks and gardens.
- Please enforce them. If not for the city's health, then as a revenue stream for the city.
- Thank you for this sensible and helpful initiative!



- The greenland area near Kingsweston Lane particularly suffers from a lot of the issues listed here, so I think it is a big piece of land that needs attention by byelaws.
- The sooner the better.
- These are well overdue - how bad does it have to get before they are introduced?
- This response is on behalf of Friends of Troopers Hill. There were at least four fires on the during this summer that needed the fire service to attend. It is likely that these were caused by BBQs. We also frequently have burnt patches from BBQs. We are not against BBQs in appropriate places and would consider installing facilities in Troopers Hill Field to allow the use of BBQs without causing damage. However, it is vital that the Council have the power to prevent the use of BBQs on the Nature Reserve to help reduce the risk of major fires that will cause significant damage to the wildlife and potentially adjacent property.
- Use bye laws to ensure that no park or part of can be a no go area
- "Yes, the byelaws are totally out of date and need revising. They must also cover all parks, green spaces and nature reserves (not just those north of the river Frome as at present. It raised these issues with Richard Stranson and Richard Gwyn during, I think, 2011, when they visited my house to investigate our long running problem. I suspect that this current survey is a result of this. (I had previously discussed this with our two local councillors and BCC legal department. I have various photographs illustrating many of the above posts. Please let me know if you want to see them (Address supplied).
- Additional paragraph:
- Callington Road local nature reserve: Since approximately 2003, each summer youths and girls assemble in the evenings (mostly Thursday, Friday and Saturdays when the weather is fine) and camp on the reserve. They bring large amounts of alcoholic drinks (purchased from the nearby Tesco) and drugs and they frequently shout, sing and play music well into the early hours of the morning. This disturbs neighbouring properties as well as the nocturnal animals on the reserve. The litter which they discard is unsightly and dangerous to wildlife. Fires damage the grass and branches are broken off to fuel the fires. The litter creates extra work for the park keeper. Seats have been stolen from the Talbot Road allotments, some have been burnt."

### Against

- Absolutely not the way to deal with the small instances of negative behaviour - Bristol is a beautiful city with beautiful people and the parks represent that.
- Another waste of taxpayers' money! If you cannot find more important things to spend money on then perhaps you should reduce council tax!
- Banning people from playing music or musical instruments would be a massive shame!
- Cycling, playing ball games, kite flying, playing acoustic instruments, singing and other forms of enjoyment should not be prevented through byelaws.

- Don't do it Bristol is already safe, pleasant and over surveillanced. We need no more maybe bring back parkies or community patrols BUT NO MORE BY LAWS OR BLOODY ANNOYING SIGNAGE or restrictions to living a life.
- Don't do too much. People can regulate themselves. Parking (tho' less) and dog mess on the downs is horrible. What have you got for adolescents in central areas? Needs attention.
- Don't over legislate as it spoils social interaction and makes the council look like authoritarian fools....
- For heaven's sake leave people alone! Provide a space where children can learn to fall over, get up and dust themselves off. Let people have a drink and smoke some dope if they want to and what's wrong with putting up a tent? Soon we won't be able to do ANYTHING!
- I am a wheelchair using, housebound pensioner so regretfully have not been able to access a park for several years. My responses are based on my experiences (largely favourable) of using different city parks more than 5 years ago, since when I am very conscious that the nature of society has changed substantially. In a time of recession the availability of a safe place for families and young people to safely socialise and enjoy the open air is an important part of building community spirit which is more important in a recession than in times of plenty. My concern would be, since any byelaw is only as good as the systems in place to ensure they are complied with, "What will have to be sacrificed from the council's budget in order to pay for the implementation and enforcement of these new byelaws?"
- I am not keen on some of the more general byelaws, as they look like public control, there must be an element of being a nuisance to the public at the time, not just annoying a PCO
- I do not think there is a need. Extra rules can lead to unnecessary restriction for all. Some people are too intolerant of noise and young people generally. I am against new bye laws
- I don't generally think we should legislate for how people use park spaces but the protection of wildlife and domestic animals from the actions of irresponsible fishing is very important to avoid further suffering
- "I feel new bye laws are totally unnecessary. All of the items mentioned previously can be covered by existing laws if needs be. Antisocial behaviour is already cover, as is drinking alcohol and drug use in public space, noise pollution, trespass, etc. New legislation is not needed.
- Better and more training for police, however, may be needed if they cannot enforce the laws we already have properly!"
- I have not had a problem with the things on the list and as for BBQ, singing, throwing balls, playing an instrument and playing with toy boats, I have done all these things myself and want to continue to do so.
- I live next to St Andrews Park. It attracts a lot of people and I particularly love it for this reason. If people were unable to play music, throw balls, have BBQs and stay out late in the warm weather then I fear it would become empty. When parks are unused by the public who fear breaking the law they become sheltered areas only used by those who don't care about breaking





the law. Any approach that can be perceived as heavy can only drive people indoors whereas the aim of the council should be to encourage people to spend time outside.

- I think it's best if we leave things be as much as possible.
- I think parks should stay as they are. Parks are one of the reasons I love Bristol - it's a communal area. Without communal areas where young people, such as myself, relax and have fun, the same activities would be carried out elsewhere - causing more problems.
- I think the byelaw approach is flawed. I would prefer to see an approach which focused on prevention and mitigation rather than on the threat of punishment after the fact. Also, I would like to see more effort put into working out how people can enjoy a wide range of activities within the parks without upsetting each other, rather than coming up with a rather crude list of "what Mr Grumpy says is allowed" and forcing everyone to comply with that.
- I think things are fine as they are really. One of the great things about Bristol is how lively the parks are in the summertime.
- I wouldn't like to see draconian laws passed which end up punishing those who wish to enjoy the space but just to encourage thoughtfulness so as we all might benefit
- It may be true that some of these "problems" need solving. However, creating more laws will not do this. Laws are already in place which if enforced would allow the safe and pleasant use of parks and green spaces for all. It is the lack of enforcement which causes problems. Some of these proposed "problems" are ridiculous. It needs to be thought about who the parks and green spaces are to serve. If there is a clash of demands maybe the different groups need to be catered for differently, not just shutting one group down (i.e. a father and son not being able to play catch as they would be labelled as throwing missiles?!) )
- It seems that the complaints are about noisy young people. (That's a tautology - young people are noisy). At a time when work is difficult to get for young people, when opportunities for being outside the home become more and more restricted, when town centres become more and more privatised - it beggars belief that you are seeking to further demonize the young. Shame on you.
- Leave alone and let those who act within the law continue to do so
- Less is better! Too many restrictions take the freedom of open spaces away.
- My experience of bye-laws is that they are used to privilege some groups of people at the expense of other groups of people. The people who lose out tend to be young people, black people, and poor people. The way bye-laws for change power-relations have more impact than any contribution they make to improving conditions for all. They only \*seem\* reasonable; actually they are for empowering self-righteous Nazis, giving them more ammunition to throw at groups of people they don't like.
- No more regulation than needed, we already have more laws than any other country.
- no new ones please or the least possible

- One of the best things about Bristol is its open spaces, and the way they are widely used by all in the community for a wide range of interests. It would be a crying shame if byelaws were introduced which stopped people from legitimately enjoying the open space around them.
- Parks and green spaces should be there for everyone to enjoy, young and old. Any activities should not be restricted - whether that's walking, cycling, fishing, dog walking and so on. The last thing I would like to see is to have pretty parks that you can walk around, but that's it - everything else is restricted. Some people are the first to complain about people taking part in activities, for example cycling, but are happy to have their screaming kids run wild in the park and think it to be no nuisance. Everyone needs to tolerate any reasonable activity that others want to take part in - killing animals or defacing park property is certainly not reasonable, but activities such as cycling, fishing and kite flying should all be allowed.
- Parks are open spaces in which everyone can relax. There are always a few intolerant people with pet hates. Don't truss up our parks just to keep them happy. That makes it miserable for everyone.
- Parks are spaces for everyone - we all have different needs - if these needs are not met - problems may arise from misuse of the spaces provided. Let's look at how other cultures use spaces safely before changing our own green spaces.
- Parks are the only place people of all ages and backgrounds can freely gather. And this serves to improve the standard of living especially for those without access to open spaces as they may not have a garden .i feel it is of benefit to have places where large groups can gather and safely enjoy each other's company - with St. Andrews park as an example having enjoyed spending time there for over 14yrs I have only ever seen one fight that was provoked and which dispersed itself. I have seen no genuine harmful behaviour amongst the vast cross section of people that I know that enjoy relaxing there. Allowing people to gather in groups should not be discouraged.
- Parks need to be people friendly - places where people can explore and have their own little adventures. Young people need spaces where they can do the things young people like to do. We need to break down barriers rather than create more restrictions.... Our world is stressful enough without creating more red tape.
- People especially the young need places that are free that they can gather and have fun, it's better to have a sing song on the downs than in crowded housing. People should be encouraged to cycle, climb and explore to maintain health.
- People should be able to enjoy outdoor space and be encouraged to care for the environment but we do not live in a police state. Let's have a sensible approach to the law. If you live next to a park expect some noise from people enjoying themselves!
- Please abandon this idea that new local laws will change behaviour. If people do not have common sense to respect others and respect our public green space, byelaws will not change this fact. Addressing this behaviour with punitive measures means that more cost to us, the Rate Payers, will go up. It would be better to empower or local wards to create volunteer groups with Community Officer Support to be located in our green spaces at specific times. The





Council has the information as to when this is likely to occur and people can approach offenders and kindly educate them as to appropriate decorum. Personally, I could not see adding more cost and more fines for the items for which people have complained. We know that most complaints come from 1% of the population and making laws based on these complaints would be a waste of time and money. Let's use the laws we have and the support personnel we have to address these issues instead of creating laws which will not modify behaviour with any more effectiveness than existing laws.

- Please do not be too heavy handed or restrictive as this will ruin the freedom of the park and green space for most people. the majority of people are not anti-social and do not indulge in such behaviour so it is reactionary to ban everything and focus on petty things which will upset more people and drive them away from the parks. Dogs are the worst offenders and people who let their dogs wander off the lead.
- Please do not persist in restricting enjoyment of Bristol's public spaces by members of the public. Some of the warmest memories I have of this city involve having picnics and joining friends and enjoying some of the finest areas of the city. Imposing typically obstructive bylaws to 'improve' the experience enjoyed seems terribly exclusive. It is not for you to decide how people enjoy the parks.
- "Please do not waste the 18-24 month period required to bring in petty bylaws that restrict actions.
- Encourage and promote social behaviour; e.g.
- providing poop scoop bags at regular intervals for dog owners
- provide more assistance for smokers to quit, even incentives
- encourage street art as a part of Bristol's cultural heritage and space for it to be practiced
- re-introduce beat patrols of community focused police officers that make personal links with individuals and families in each neighbourhood"
- Please don't be heavy-handed. The parks should be for everyone, not just for families. Groups of lads SHOULD be able to go to the park without the fear that some busy-body is going to come over to them quoting bye-laws and getting the police to chase them off. It should be about everyone being able to use the park, but with respect for others.
- Please don't do it. There is no significant problem
- Please don't restrict the use of parks - they are an excellent space for all sorts of users and more laws will only put people off using these spaces.
- Please don't restrict things that kids do that are normal like building dens and climbing trees, this might be complained about by older people but i bet they did this when they were young and it is a healthy thing for children to be doing and exploring instead of being stuck inside on computer games or watching TV.
- Please, please use our green space to allow kids, young people and families a place where than be active, play, let of steam. For families living in flats, or houses with little or no space this is so important for their health and wellbeing. I would like to see more skateboarding, cycling, fishing, swimming, tree climbing etc.

- Some things are annoying to some people, but to legislate is going too far in my opinion. A number of problems listed in the survey are covered by existing legislation - drug taking, wild dogs etc. This is scare-mongering.
- That they involve too much red tape and appear to prohibit perfectly lawful activity which do not adversely affect the wellbeing of others/the environment.
- "The parks are for people to enjoy
- However they like. The criminal law provides enough regulations.
- Why not spend the time and money on improving- expanding the facilities such as the toilets at St Andrews park."
- "The whole scheme should be scrapped. It's diversity that makes this city great, and if the council starts to pander to the desires of one group of people not to be offended by another group, then it's working to reduce that diversity.
- As Stephen Fry said "It's now very common to hear people say, 'I'm rather offended by that.' As if that gives them certain rights. It's actually nothing more... than a whine. 'I find that offensive.' It has no meaning; it has no purpose; it has no reason to be respected as a phrase. 'I am offended by that.' Well, so f\*\*\*\*\*g what.""
- These proposals demonstrate why Bristol City Council is held in such low regard by a large proportion of the city's population. So many of the City Council's staff feel that their job is to 'rule' rather than 'serve' and these proposals highlight that very well. The vast majority of Bristol's citizens are perfectly able to act responsibly themselves, and those who can't or won't are not going to be dissuaded by bylaws. The city council should concentrate on improving the economic prospects and educational attainment levels of its citizens so that those who currently carry out antisocial activities think for themselves more and come to the conclusion that they should change their behaviour themselves. Byelaws are a short-sighted and ineffective measure that will only serve to salve the consciences of some city council staff by making them think they are doing something worthwhile.
- Too many by laws will drive people away.
- We all know who this survey is aimed at. It's aimed at the younger generation having a BBQ in the park perhaps with an ipod and some drinks. Maybe they get a bit loud but are they fighting are they really causing a massive issue? If they aren't in the parks then where do you think they'll be? The streets on the roads, in the town centres. I am in my mid 30's so I am sticking up for the young people of Bristol. Let people have some fun!
- We don't need more laws, we just need to have more respect for each other, and more occasional presence of wardens etc. to ask people to pick up litter etc., e.g. at lunchtime on College Green
- We need more freedom not less.
- Yes. Most items on the list of "nuisance" are things that SHOULD be done in public spaces, because they are our spaces. Our tax money pays for them. I don't see how using a metal detector, fishing,



or doing circus tricks or whatever, is a public nuisance. Who gets to decide this, and how far removed are they from people who actually use parks and green spaces?

- You should be removing bye-laws. Parks are there to be enjoyed. Flying a Kite / Cycling and even having a few beers on a nice day should not be considered "anti-social"! Parks are there to be used. Anti-social behaviour /loud noise are covered by other laws. Do not listen a grumpy vocal minority. Parks are for everyone.

### Light touch

- A lot of the items on your list of potential problems I think are not necessarily problems unless being conducted in an antisocial way. For example, people having one glass of wine with a picnic lunch whilst remaining relatively sober and quiet is a world away from a group of people drinking vast quantities and becoming troublesome. I would like any new byelaws to only be used to stop genuine problem behaviour and not to be used to stop people who are quietly and sensibly enjoying the space. To take another example, whilst I have raised the issue of dog fouling, I am quite happy for people to exercise animals such as dogs, horses etc. if they are being responsible and mindful of others and the animal is under control.
- A wider discussion on what should be allowed and what should not be allowed would be useful before you decide which of the rules warrant legal backing. There's a few things on the list above which I think shouldn't even be against the rules let alone against the law.
- As few as possible.
- Byelaws should not further encourage a 'risk-averse' society. It's important that parks and green spaces are places for play and adventure, so things like tree climbing, rope swings, and paddling/swimming in streams should be encouraged, not discouraged. Bristol is a cycling city - more should be done to encourage cycling in parks too - especially across the Downs. It is scandalous that there are 'no cycling' signs still painted on some paths. All these paths and all parks and green spaces should be officially and publicly re-designated as 'shared spaces' as has happened so successfully in Broadmead, around College Green, etc.
- Cycling should be actively encouraged in all green spaces, especially on the paths across The Downs in Clifton. Dog fouling is probably the most widespread and regular inconvenience. Care should be taken when introducing these byelaws not to limit adventurous play - things like tree-climbing, rope-swings and messing about in rivers/streams should be encouraged.
- "Different parks cater to different needs so what may apply to one park may not apply to another. I don't see a problem with children climbing trees in a big park, in fact having attended many council run play training courses it is clear from the evidence that children benefit from such activities, especially in nature rather than in a manmade environment. Sometimes teenagers hang

around Eastville Park at night. It is a big park and they don't really disturb anyone. As they have so few places to go I think this is perfectly reasonable. In small parks these things may be an issue.

- I do think dangerous dogs should be addressed. I have a well behaved, friendly border collie who never snaps at any dog, He has been attacked and injured by other dogs in Eastville Park who were not muzzled. This is not so much of a problem when he is with me but my 10 year old son takes him out sometimes and he could end up getting bitten as he wouldn't really be able to cope. He is at the age where he needs to start being independent but I prefer him to have the dog with him as this makes him safer from other people. I think if a dog attacks other dogs they should have to wear a muzzle when out."
- Do keep a sense of perspective and do not give the police too much trivia to follow up. Also perhaps useful to make it clear to residents what they / others can do.
- "General principle is allowing enjoyment but not spoiling too much for others.
- Acrid smoke, burn marks and hot or sharp remains from barbecues do seriously spoil the place for others, and the smoke spreads so even designated areas in smaller central parks like Brandon Hill should not be allowed. Food and drink are fine as long as people don't get excessively drunk but littering should be penalised more to remind people it us unacceptable - currently it is very commonplace."
- I agree with having a consistent set of byelaws for all parks, but strongly oppose any byelaws banning activities like cycling, ball games, singing (which is different from shouting) which are good for health and wellbeing and should be supported by the council - not banned.
- I am of the opinion that any byelaws should be kept to a minimum, and concentrate on protecting people and the environment. Where appropriate, alternatives should be looked at - e.g. no barbecues on the grass, but provide plinths or safe areas for barbies. I have seen this in Maer Park, Exmouth, and around Cyprus.
- I am particularly concern about issues that risk safety e.g. drug taking in small children's play areas and dog fouling. I would not want to see by laws preventing older children and teenagers from enjoying parks.
- I can no longer visit parks so I can't say I have experienced antisocial behaviour but all the things you want to curtail if left uncontrolled would eventually make parks no go areas for ordinary folk. The Downs are a classic point, you have designated an area for barbecues which is a great idea. Many of the things you mention are legitimate activities but perhaps they have to be regulated to certain areas or provision made for them elsewhere like all the sports you mention. We do want to encourage outdoor activity and to minimise the time young people spend looking at a screen, but a public space must be just that a place for all to enjoy without the fear of bad behaviour. Even twenty years ago you wouldn't have been asking these questions so unless the byelaws are updated it will only get worse. Good luck.
- I don't think new bye-laws should stop people doing sports or having a good time as parks are made for everyone. If people are getting annoyed by others playing sport



then there should be a designated sports area or times when you can play sport. I think the only things that bye-laws should stop is graffiti, vandalism, drug use and intimidating behaviour as these stop everyone else from enjoying their parks.

- I favour 'light touch'
- I think that it would be a good idea to not implement all of the possible restrictions because that will limit park use but a limited list will deter anti-social behaviour.
- I think there needs to be a sensible line between people enjoying themselves and respecting the environment and others and those who go across that line. Young people especially need space where they can hang out and relax and should not be punished for this.
- I would not like to see the byelaws being used to stop people enjoying the park & using it legitimately, e.g. cycling, playing games, kite & model aircraft flying, so long as it is not done in an anti-social way. I would like to see the dominance of all parks by uncontrolled dogs & dog walkers changed, so that children can safely use the park & everyone can use them without the possibility of being bothered by other people pets/attacked/ dog fouling (particular risk to children). Although there are fenced off areas for young children, they should be able to walk through and play in all areas of the park.
- If byelaws are developed, please ensure that the green spaces of the city can still be enjoyed by the majority of people. Do not make it illegal to have a barbecue in the park with some friends and a couple of beers. People will still do it, and it will make a mockery and laughing stock of the council.
- "It is very important not to make new laws too strict. If all the proposals above were enacted, there would be no point having the parks open to the public.
- In particular, we are a cycling city, and the parks strategy should take this into account - the first step should be to help cyclists stay on the right paths as signage is very poor.
- People should be able to enjoy the parks, barbecues, party-like picnics etc., giving a dog a good run around, are one of the reasons we have parks, and the majority must not lose out because a minority are antisocial. Any new byelaws need to be written very carefully to penalise actual anti-social behaviour, and not the context of such behaviour."
- It seems byelaws are needed. But they should not be draconian or heavy-handed. For example, it might be helpful to give the power to prohibit alcohol consumption after a certain time (e.g. 7.00pm). That would give a power to prevent the typical pattern of alcohol fuelled, anti-social behaviour building up through the evening without preventing a responsible enjoyment of alcohol on a summer day
- Keep the lightest possible hand- as a 60 year old woman I may not enjoy the same things as some of the students, toddlers or others, but I do not believe that I should in any way discourage them from feeling that the park is theirs to use and enjoy. Do not let the moaners spoil the glorious diversity of activities that you find in local parks.
- Most important thing is not to overdo the extent or negative message put out from these. The text here is clear that parks should encourage cycling, children playing, ball games, people socialising

outdoors etc. - need to make sure that the byelaws are not used by others in order to restrict access to parks for families and young people who may naturally be more energetic than certain other park users.

- Most people use the Park properly and responsibly and bye-laws should be the minimum needed to ensure "proper and responsible " use continues. also to give park staff and other officials the back up to act if needed
- New Laws should be restricted and only used as a last result, I believe in human faith and nature that even without new laws we can generally share our city in peace, and for the few who spoil this then they should be dealt with firmly by the police.
- Parks should be enjoyed - banning climbing trees, cycling or playing sports isn't going to help people wanting to take care of them. Make by-laws that cover actually damaging the place, not ones that can be used by grumpy people to stop others doing things they personally disapprove of but don't cause any harm.
- Please don't bring anything in that will limit people's opportunity to be active and enjoy their parks. Also make sure any changes are communicated clearly so that people using the parks for things like cycling and dog walking are not penalised by others who just don't like "Cyclists" "dogs" etc. Also, look at infrastructure solutions to some of these issues e.g. separate cycle lanes, fenced play areas. Several cycle routes run through parks and I often tell adults returning to cycling to practice in their local park. Please do not take these freedoms away from us!
- Please keep activities that encourage healthy living off the list of restrictions covered by the new by-laws. If any of these activities are causing upset then ways should be found to allow them to continue to everyone's satisfaction.
- Should not restrict acceptable family behaviour in parks by being too restrictive.
- "Some of these activities have a reasonable level that is acceptable e.g. practising erecting a tent, using small fishing shelter, children playing with a small tent, teaching your child to cycle, over 14's looking after younger children, flying a model aircraft where noise & the aircraft isn't a nuisance. It's the nuisance level that needs to be stopped e.g. cycling at speed among pedestrians.
- If people are camping because they have nowhere to live then no camping bylaws are not dealing with the underlying problem."
- The fewer bye-laws the better, although we do need to have some.
- The Government's model byelaws are unnecessarily restrictive on cycling. There should be moves to ensure fair use and promote shared spaces in parks. Byelaws should only cover aggressive or wantonly careless behaviour, not just the simple act of cycling in a park. That's one of the best places to do it given Bristol's roads are so terrible.
- "There is increasing tendency for 'yobbish' behaviour , which has not previously had controlled by legislation. It is difficult to categorise, but the examples I ticked previously are often observed. Damaging trees and shrubs , and seats often evident.
- However , I do not wish to see a kill-joy attitude. Physical activities, ball games,





cycling skateboarding are all to be encouraged. So too is genuine acoustic music and singing, but not using electric amplification. A tolerant attitude to some alcohol, provided this does not lead to anti-social behaviour.

- I would even permit commercially run fitness and boot-camp activities, provided no damage was done and they didn't prevent other people's enjoyment. A small fitness group doesn't take much space."
- These should not be used as a way of stopping teenagers and children from using the parks, especially in areas where there is nowhere else for them to go i.e. Redlands and Cotham
- They should be introduced with care, so as not to restrict the legitimate enjoyment of spaces.
- They should not be too restrictive, parks are for people to enjoy. With the noise problems perhaps a curfew time rather than "no noise ever".
- We believe byelaws should be minimal, providing a basic core and used as a last resort. They should only be related to genuine problem activities, and not to activities like singing, cycling, ballgames which are health promoting activities. They should specifically only target the problem e.g. cycling without due care and attention might be a problem activity, 'cycling' is not a problem activity, excessive noise in unsocial hours might be a problem, music and singing are not in themselves a problem.
- We need to balance people's freedom to enjoy themselves and relax/play sport etc. with the needs of all park users. In an urban area with, in many areas, a high density of population, this is not easy. Remembering that one person's freedom ends where another person's begins I think acting against people and activities which detract from other people's reasonable enjoyment of precious open space is the line to take. Without being too prescriptive we need to balance the reasonable needs of the majority.
- Where else can the young play impromptu ball games? Many of these offenses cannot really be very harmful or disturbing. Noise at night yes.
- Yes - please govern but don't spoil the pleasure we have in using our parks for recreation & dog walking. Dogs need exercise & as long as they are well behaved, & the owner is responsible they should be allowed off-lead. Drinking alcohol is not an issue in itself, it's the litter left behind which causes problems
- You need to anticipate future developments in some way because society will change and new conflicts will arise. On the other hand I would like people to have more freedom - banning climbing trees is the opposite of what we should be doing for example - we would want adventurous people who climb things! Open spaces are where people of all ages explore, enjoy, have fun and learn - so the byelaws are only needed to constrain people who exploit parks and have no consideration for other people.
- you need to be careful and not go too far with this, why would you ban games that children and adults play in these open and green areas of the city, you will alienate the actual users to satisfy the

few who quite frankly do not have enough to do with their days and filing complaints to the council is the only way they feel validated!

## Enforcement

- "1. Whatever the bye-laws, they have to be policed to be effective. A bye-law in itself is not going to stop people drinking/smashing glass in the children's area or driving their cars onto the downs.
- 2. The age limit for children's play area needs consideration (what is it trying to achieve?) - I have a 14 yr. old and a 2 yr. old and I would like them both to be able to play at the park. However I don't want groups of 16yr olds hogging the play equipment - they need somewhere else that they can hang out."
- A more vigorous enforcement of existing byelaws would probably reduce infringements, as would a more frequent police presence. This is a separate problem of course given the constraints on the police budget, and staffing level.
- "a) If the bye laws are made are there enough officers to track down those who infringe the law? I am thinking here of fires to cook on, on the Downs.
- b) Please have as few laws as possible! Some are required in some parks but not necessarily in all green spaces. They must be specific for an area and restricted to essentials and enforceable."
- Actually put wardens into parks and stop people allowing their dogs to foul without picking it up! Also banning people having BBQs in the park as they never clean up their mess or take it home. Come the following morning there is rubbish and mess everywhere
- All depends on ease of monitoring and policing
- Any byelaws need to be clearly communicated. Stoke Park has a set of rules on an A4 sheet of paper at the entrances to the park. Anybody who is likely to break those rules is not going to stop to read a tiny notice. Rules and laws need to be enforced. Stoke Park has suffered from illegal motocross riders for 3 years and yet they are still allowed to continue. I have complained to Bristol Parks about liquid fuelled, high speed model jet aircraft which are flown in Stoke Park early on weekend mornings, again nothing is done. Further byelaws are pointless if no-one is going to apply them.
- As a resident of a house next to a park I have experienced nuisance noise from both petrol-driven remote control cars and mini-motos. Whilst annoying, this is, thankfully, relatively infrequent here. If the council has limited resources I would rather energies were directed at enforcing dog-fouling and dangerous dog laws as there seem to be almost daily issues with this.
- As I said earlier, you can have all the bye laws you like but the only way to ensure that people behave properly is to have park keepers or similar people to look after the park/green spaces.
- Bring back onsite park wardens as bye laws are pointless if they are not enforced.
- Bye laws need to be enforceable



- Byelaws are no good without enforcement.
- Byelaws are not entirely necessary as policing them will require too many resources, but will hopefully allow complaints to be taken more seriously and may act as a deterrent to those behaving antisocially.
- Byelaws are only effective if enforced rigorously and in a manner that gives people the confidence that if they report a breach prompt action will result. These things often happen outside office hours and there needs to be an effective procedure at these times. Bring back resident Park Keepers?
- Byelaws are only going to be successful if they are seen to be enforced. Those who wish to abuse public facilities, in whatever way, often have the (perhaps well-merited) attitude that they can get away with anything, and, even if caught, a gentle slap on the wrist is all they can expect. It is no use at all having laws if they have no teeth. This means the police have to act - and act promptly - on information in order to apprehend wrong-doers. It is no use at all if this doesn't happen, and all it succeeds in doing is proving to those who have a mind to cause a nuisance that the rest of us can be held in contempt.
- Byelaws are only useful if enforced. I don't believe the existing rules are enforced and having appropriate park keepers patrolling would act as a deterrent to bad behaviour - the Byelaws would then not be required.
- Byelaws are the substructure, but need enforcement. I think park officials are necessary to monitor activity and potentially bring income into parks. Some parks use non council individuals to manage facilities (e.g. public tennis courts) and these people can be at risk from disgruntled members of the public.
- Byelaws by themselves will achieve nothing in our current cultural environment unless they are enforced and this needs manpower. In my youth the "Parkie" soon sorted things out.
- Bye-laws can only be successful if the applicable areas are suitably monitored. Most of the problems occurring are due to the areas not being monitored. Uniformed Park Keepers are an excellent deterrent to anti-social behaviour, whether they are allocated to an individual Park or mobile covering a group of Parks. Other areas, such as Queens Square etc. can be monitored by Community Police Officers with the authority to issue fixed penalty notices. Parking Wardens can be used as additional observers when patrolling these areas. Use of existing resources, such as Council Security Officers, should also be considered to make the application of the bye-laws economically viable.
- Byelaws are one thing but are you going to have the resources to see they are implemented? The lasting solution is for people to act responsibly and that takes a change in society and that takes more than passing byelaws.
- byelaws need enforcement
- Byelaws need to be ones that are enforceable otherwise they bring the system into disrepute
- Byelaws will only be of any use if they can be enforced, think police are far too busy, a ready laws & penalties for dog fouling, but still plenty of bad dog owners fail to pick it up. Maybe you need a team of park rangers with powers to fine people who repeatedly offend?
- City Council will need to have budget to control this and execute
- Completely pointless because it will not be enforced. Who do we ring on a Saturday evening when we see a car parked on the Downs and a big blazing barbecue going on?
- "Creating new byelaws is one thing
- The ability to enforce them in this economic climate may mean that fines have to be imposed"
- Difficult to enforce. Encouraging a positive attitude towards a more 'community' spirit and responsibility would make more of a difference
- Even if new bye laws are introduced for parks and green spaces without adequate enforcement of these laws then the problems will continue to exist.
- For byelaws to be effective they need to be seen to be enforced
- Go for it but they will need to be enforced and is that affordable?
- good luck enforcing them
- How are any Bye Laws to be policed? All are useless unless we see the return of the Park Ranger - and on a push bike not a motor bike which can be heard, and with similar powers or better of a PCO and ability to record photographically with sound the misdemeanour.
- How are they going to be enforced
- How will these be enforced? Lack of enforcement is why dog fouling and littering is an issue in parks etc.
- How will they be enforced?
- How will they be enforced? We have laws already and it still doesn't stop- those who just don't care.
- How will you enforce them in the light of the cuts in funding??
- I am concerned at the demoralised authorities who seem to think they have no powers to require good behaviour in parks. How many prosecutions, enforcements, or requests to comply have there been under existing byelaws? Prevention is always better and cheaper and a whole lot easier than prosecution. Preventive patrols by police or park keepers in the evenings should be brought back, especially on Brandon Hill which is a sitting duck in the heart of the drinking quarter and has a lot of students using it.
- I do not see how these Byelaws are to be enforced. Police have limited capacity to enforce existing regulations like observing speed limits, parking on pavements. It brings the law into disrepute to have laws that are not enforced. The only solution may be to reinstate the Park keepers of yesteryear!!
- I don't think they are much use. There are no longer attendants in parks to see them respected.
- I feel new byelaws are important to make everyone feel safe in parks/green





spaces. However, they can only be upheld if there is a constant police/council presence or CCTV recorded evidence. Any fines etc. could only be given out if they offence/nuisance is witnessed.

- I hope that there will be sufficient police to ensure that any new byelaws are enforced
- I hope there will be officials of some sort around to enforce them
- I reiterate my previous comment / if you bring in new byelaws you must be able to enforce them otherwise the whole operation becomes a farce not unlike our speeding laws.
- I repeat the point I made earlier. No effective policing makes this debate nonsense.
- I think that if they were put in place, it might be difficult for them to be enforced - there isn't usually any staff on duty in most parks. Maybe educating the public in some way would help people be more considerate
- I would welcome any byelaws that help keep the parks safe for everyone to enjoy and feel safe in but they are only as good as the people who enforce them so I hope the number of park wardens would increase as well
- If any byelaws are developed, and easy and meaningful way to report anti-social behaviour is needed - possibly a text message service/phone line with answerphone message system to people can leave details out of normal hours. Also - posters/signs giving details of why the new byelaws have been put in place - to enable all park users to use the open spaces, play parks and areas without feeling scared or intimidated.
- If developed then resources must be put in place to enforce them otherwise don't bother. Enforcement capability is a prerequisite.
- If introduced, they need to be enforced
- If new byelaws are passed, they can only be effective if there is staff to ensure they are observed
- If there are new laws, they must be accompanied by the powers to enforce them - i.e.. New rangers/parkies.
- If there is a problem lets introduce the byelaw let's not do it just because we can - if this happens it needs to be enforced, don't rely on the public to do the enforcement.
- If they are introduced they would need a robust structure of enforcement, there is no point in having them if the police/council do not have the resources to deal with it. In areas where kids are causing the problem work needs to be done with youth clubs/local schools to discourage the behaviour. I would rather the money was put into more PCSO's to police the parks & education in schools than bylaws which may not be listened to. I think putting too many restrictions on parks/open spaces will discourage people from using them, which is not a good idea when kids need to get out& get fresh air. In regard to dogs I'd like to see monitoring from dog wardens and a ban on walking more than a certain number of dogs at once in a park. People are running dog walking services and using our parks for free to run their businesses. In the main the dogs are off lead and not easily controlled by the dog walkers. I choose to avoid my local open space during the prime dog walking times to avoid being intimidated by them.

- If you are going to have new byelaws, how about raising the profile of the council staff for implementing them? I frequently visit Eastville Park and have never seen any council staff there ever! I have lived in the area for 25 years so unless you intend to "police" the areas, there is little point in generating the byelaws.
- If you intend to create byelaws pertaining to Eastville Park I firmly believe that you must put in place a structure of supervision to ensure that the byelaws are adhered to. Byelaws must also be placed in full view of all visitors to the Park and unlike at present with the opening and closing times of the car park gate the notice board carrying the information must be high enough to avoid defacement, strong enough withstand vandalism and must show penalties for abuse of byelaws.
- If you're going to have byelaws then you've got to have punishments with teeth - or petty thieving will rise to pay for petty fines
- Introducing byelaws is irrelevant unless there are plans to enforce them, including at the times most people are using parks (weekends, early evenings). Queen Square becomes an unofficial sports pitch and pub, with a lot of cannabis smoking, for most of the summer, which makes it unpleasant/unusable by anyone else. But that won't stop because of a byelaw - it can only stop if there is a park ranger or other officer with power to stop/sanction the activity.
- It has to be enforceable therefore there needs to be evidence gathered by those called on to produce it, i.e. council officials.
- It is pointless to introduce byelaws when they cannot be enforced.
- It is vital that they are easy to enforce and that resources are allocated to enforce them. There are model byelaws specific for Local Nature Reserves (LNRs). These models can be seen on <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130123162956/http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/documents/protected/lnr-byelaw.pdf>. There are 8 LNRs in Bristol, it is important they have relevant protection.
- It will be all well and good having new byelaws but will there be rangers/wardens enough to patrol/police the said areas.
- It will need staff or police services to enforce it.
- It would be good to have communication with "Friends of" groups about plans/issues with the parks and allowing a level of responsibility to the members to enforce some of the laws where possible or have a direct contact in the park and council to discuss any issues relating to the park.
- It's alright introducing these bye laws but who is going to police them?
- It's ok to have the laws in place but then these byelaws need to be policed too.
- Later on in the day more of an official presence to put off any bad behaviour i.e. drinking/abusive.
- Laws and rules are no good if they are not policed and the offenders punished
- Liaise with Police about which ones would be priorities. Unenforced bye laws are a waste of time and reduce the respect in which the law and authority is held.
- more regular patrols by park rangers



- Must be consistent across all Bristol Parks and be able to be enforced and backed up with the resources to do so, otherwise it is a waste of time and money trying to write new ones?
- My concern is that the laws we already have are not upheld due to lack of law enforcement or interest, therefore, will new laws being created also be ignored??????? E.g. there are already laws for dog fouling and littering, however it isn't enforced and so Bristol, in my opinion, is a dirty place to live.
- New byelaws should not be able to be ignored, but have "teeth" i.e. fines and suitable enforcement such as patrols at such times as Nov.5th ensuring fires are not placed in public areas with consequent fly tipping that invariably occurs as a result and dangerous residues in ash etc. afterward not to mention the environmental damage to grass etc. that occurs
- New byelaws will need clear communication to all, and consistent enforcement (by random checks as well as residents reporting concerns) otherwise they'll have little deterrent effect.
- New byelaws won't change anything unless there's someone to actually enforce them. Dog fouling is a big problem everywhere and you can get fine for littering, yet I have never heard anyone being fined for any of above.
- no other than how will the enforcement be funded and by whom
- No point in introducing new byelaws if they cannot be enforced. Existing byelaws are widely flouted with no one fearful of being held to account. Where/who are the enforcement officers. Make penalties large enough to be able to employ more if necessary.
- Long run and much more constructive.
- People need to know that when they go out for a day out that they are going to go to somewhere safe. If people break the law then there must be something in place to stop them. My only concern is who is going to enforce the law. Are there going to be people like the special constables around to go to?
- Please, please, please enforce these once you have approved them. There is little to no use of having by-laws if no one is going to act on them. Especially around dangerous dogs, barbeques and \*hopefully\* smoking - especially by the play areas.
- Police officer persuasion before fines
- regular checks to remove the drug addicts and alcoholics, and youngsters late at night threatening older people
- Removal of aggressive beggars
- That they enforced fairly, firmly and comprehensively where necessary but that the enforcers also use common sense and integrity when enforcing them.
- The bye laws need to be displayed or who is to know about them?
- The byelaws must be enforced e.g. we have the ridiculous situation where cycling is prohibited in Greville Smyth Park yet a national cycle route goes through the park.
- The new byelaws will only be any good if they are properly enforced

- Not much point in them if they are not enforceable and that means more people on the ground
- Only create new byelaws that reduce anti-social and dangerous behaviour. The police and PCSO's are already stretched, without having to patrol and enforce even more legislation. We used to have park rangers, but financially this service will not be introduced, so we have to be realistic about what is achievable.
- only introduce something that can be enforced - enforce them with care and kindness
- Only that staff would be needed to enforce them. This will cost money.
- Only useful if enforced, please don't do anything to deter cycling e.g. often parks are the safest place for folks to learn how to cycle and build up their confidence. Fed up with folks driving in their cars to walk their dogs, off the lead, and moaning at cyclist who use their bells to alert them they are trying to pass - especially when walker and dog are firmly in cycling lane!
- Only worth doing if they will be enforced - if not why bother? There are existing laws which can already deal with some of the behaviours but these are rarely enforced.
- Park keepers are needed.
- Park wardens and play rangers are a more constructive way forward. They can provide surveillance and constructive use of the parks, improving public health and wellbeing and minimising the criminalisation of yet more people for relatively minor misdemeanours. Existing legislation sparingly enforced covers most of the 'crimes' listed and where it does not then a civic rather than a legal approach is cheaper in the
- The police need to take great caution when applying these laws. They must not encourage any foul behaviour and they must accept that enforcing these laws requires force to be used only as a final defence.
- "There is a worryingly vague tone to many of the suggestions in the previous list. Do we need to outlaw people throwing sticks for their dogs, balls, Frisbees etc.? Does erection of items such as sun shades or wind breakers fall victim to these rules? How are they to be policed or enforced?"
- Late night loud music or antisocial behaviour is an activity that could be curtailed under existing legislation or normal police work.
- Do we need more rules or is this symptomatic of a less considerate society. If so I don't think a new bylaw will help."
- There is no point having byelaws if nobody knows they exist and more importantly, nobody actually polices them. Essentially it is all down to being considerate of other park users. Promoting that is probably a better message. Also, older kids in play areas are a nuisance, but I guess they don't really have anywhere else to go - solve the problem, not the symptom.
- There is no point in having byelaws unless there is someone to enforce them. The non-emergency police number is a waste of time. Ranger/s or person/s , who have the power to enforce laws need to be on site 24/7.
- There needs to be a clear presence by the people enforcing the Byelaws.



- They should give the police power to protect the park and also residents who live adjacent who can be disturbed
- They will have to be enforced! At the moment, dog fouling and loud, drunken and aggressive behaviour is almost daily in Somerset Square and yet nothing ever seems to be done.
- They would only be of value to the public and the environment if they are supported by policing the parks
- Unnecessary extension of bureaucracy, get more council employees out from behind desks and make them patrol parks.
- We need a visible policing of the parks
- We need prompt re-enforcement it currently takes too long in getting through to the council or police and in them making a response
- We need tighter controls on fishing in St George Park Lake. Fishermen frequently ignore the 'no fishing' areas and leave old line & rubbish when they leave. They can be abusive when approached.
- While byelaws to restrict the consumption of alcohol and lighting fires and barbecues would be most welcome on Brandon Hill where barbecues cause constant damage to grass, benches etc., it is vital that action is taken when the byelaws are contravened .
- Who and how and when without resources and cut backs can new and current laws be enforced?
- Who will ensure that the byelaws are obeyed? How often? Will a reporting telephone number, to contact when there is a problem, be prominently displayed in the parks and open spaces? Will the phone line be manned 24 hours? This needs to happen so that persistent offenders are caught. I cannot see the busy police having time to follow up complaints.
- Won't mean anything to the offenders unless enforced
- "Yes... Don't just have a byelaw; have a means to enforce them.....But before that go to town with publicity; a launch / new signs at each site / different languages...Otherwise, people will ignore them.
- It would be nice if everyone could simply enjoy the open spaces responsibly, alas some think it is ok to disturb the peace & tranquillity without regard for anyone else... So, why should there be any regard for their 'Human Rights' - TAKE ACTION and enforce the byelaws (not for beating carpets after 6.01pm) for people who show scant regard for others...
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- By the way, I use St George's Park a lot so although I have listed 4 incidents, in the scheme of things, it is insignificant and it needs to be said that the park is a jewel..... Thank you"
- you say other laws exist to deal with dog fouling but it's not working dog mess is everywhere in parks and open spaces and I pass many everyday on cycle into work, clearing it's not working so why would introducing bye laws be any different? Also graffiti is a problem on the pathways and burning of bins and trees, especially in manor woods, bishopsworth! Littering also, laws already exist nothing changes!

### Use existing laws

- "Additional legislation is not needed.
- Existing laws can be enforced when necessary, but with a gentle touch.
- How do you define 'too loud?'. I hate being compelled to listen to other people's 'music' regardless of volume, but I don't want them pursued by the law, especially in places of recreation. And I might be described as a grumpy old bloke.
- What on earth have we come to."
- Anything that should be regulated is already illegal.
- As already stated we there are laws covering ASB and some of the options Byelaws would cover such as leaving open a gate I do not see as ASB
- "Bristol parks should not be subjected to a raft of new legislation. Most of the offences described
- are already covered under current laws and any anti-social behaviour should be dealt with by the
- Police or other relevant authorities. Over regulation of park space will result in less use of the parks,
- which in turn will lead to more anti-social elements occupying those spaces and further reduce their
- Use by members of the general public. Those parks that have become popular hangouts for large
- gatherings of young people are presumably causing some complaints - Bristol is a large vibrant city,
- if people do not like living near a popular park, they should move out to the country where they can
- Enjoy the peace and quiet!"
- Enforce current laws via Park Wardens/Grounds men and there would be no need for additional 'Red Tape'
- Enforce existing laws before creating new byelaws.
- Enforce those available already
- Enforce what already exists as a body of law, local and statutory; and resist the impulse just to 'ban' what the Council decides anew what it does not like.
- I am aware that there are laws to enforce anti-social behaviour such as urinating in bushes, loud music, drug use and excessive drunken behaviour and keen to see these enforced as it doesn't make a pleasant atmosphere when visiting the park, especially with children. I am concerned that if you banned the consumption of alcohol, flat dwellers such as myself who visit the park to celebrate a summer birthday with a picnic and a glass of wine are being penalised, especially for those who live close to the park without a back garden and it takes the place of one for us. I would add that parents who complain about dogs entering the dog-free zone are often the ones responsible for not closing gates behind them when they leave.





- I do not think new byelaws are necessary. I hope BCC are instead channelling their energy on developing implementation plans for the new powers in the Police, Crime and ASB Bill.
- I may be showing ignorance, but do you really need a byelaw to act against most of these: Dog fouling can already be dealt with by fining, people using illegal substances are already breaking the law by definition, damaging structures and plants is vandalism, etc. How would a byelaw make any difference?
- I wasn't aware of some of the existing byelaws and perhaps others aren't either. Perhaps a board listing them in each green space would be useful.
- I would be saddened if increased restrictions were passed against cyclists in green spaces. I've never seen a problem personally, but believe that if an incident occurs, then those cases should be dealt with under existing laws (assault, public nuisance laws) In a city which actively promotes cycling, it would be a shame to ostracise cyclists who can enjoy a leisurely ride without the fear of being hurt by motor vehicles, and can let the wind flow through their hair (as the helmet can be removed for that short time)
- I would rather have a more regular police presence at relevant times than more bye laws that aren't enforced.
- "Inform folks about laws, enforce laws, but only add legislation when truly necessary.
- Do not limit ball games and cycling in city parks..... But discourage \_antisocial\_ ball games, cycling etc. The same could go for any activity. I can think of few where there is no antisocial variant."
- Litter laws should be more rigorously enforced. Glass drinking vessels and bottles cause problems where children are likely to play
- Littering is illegal yet legislation is not enforced. Hopefully this will be improved upon or else there is little point in bye laws.
- Littering is terrible can you fine and enforce
- Perhaps enforcing the existing drink or dog laws would be more useful.
- please exercise your existing authority and monitor your performance
- Replace the fences/ railings around St George Park, lock the gates 30 mins before sunset. Employ a park keeper. Bring back the boats to allow families to enjoy the lake and not have it as a no go area due to people fishing. Stamp out the drug taking. Use existing laws and courts, talk to the police and courts and bring in zero tolerance for drugs and anti-social behaviour, threatening behaviour etc. to make the parks safe for all especially families. Stop pussy footing around and take effective action. Zero tolerance works.
- Should only be used when offenders are causing physical harm to people or the environment. Otherwise they should be covered by existing police powers e.g. against anti-social behaviour.
- Small children ride bicycles at speed. Dogs run about. People play their music loudly and late the council van drives slightly fast through the park. These things are one off accidents that happen. If you strictly enforced the law on activities which are already illegal like drug taking, creating a public nuisance etc. changes to byelaws would not be necessary

- There are existing laws covering almost all of the common complaints to which you refer. Introducing new byelaws would criminalise behaviour which some may find aggravating but, for the most part, is ultimately harmless and would disproportionately and unjustly effect young people. Parks are public spaces designed for the use and enjoyment of everybody, they are not simply ornamentation, and enforcement of existing laws would solve many of these issues without wasting council time.
- "Why are they needed? Most things are already restricted so why are byelaws needed on top of laws?
- I'm particularly annoyed that cycling was starred as an activity. Bristol is supposed to be a cycling city, why are you seeking to target those that want to escape our unfriendly and horrible road system? Perhaps those who want to target bicycles should try it themselves."
- You have not made clear which of the issues you list are covered by other laws or rules. Some parks already have no drinking zones. Presumably harming wildlife is also covered. Before consulting, I think you should have listed what other remedies are in place. You also have not stated what the consequences would be for breaking new byelaws. Are you intending that someone playing a guitar at 10.30pm should get a large fine or a criminal record? Where I live in Knowles, between two parks, most noise comes from council-organised events in the centre, which I do not mind at all, but this fact should be set against any minor summer noises from youngsters in a park. Your two examples seem annoying, but the fishing one is surely already covered by the lack of licence. - I imagine the problem there is inability to do enforcement, not lack of byelaws. And honestly, how difference will new byelaws make to small parties in the parks? Which of those parks do not already have additional no drinking or grouping regulations in place?

### Other

- All perimeter fences, walls etc. have to be maintained
- Although not a cyclist myself, bicycles should definitely be allowed, as long as ridden considerately. Where better to learn to ride or exercise?. And so much safer than the roads.
- "Although it is nice to live close to a field, i am constantly looking out for people beak into my or the neighbours gardens. A security fence between the homes and park in necessary.
- Older children and unruly people cause a lot of noise at night and there is often brakeage of the play area involved.
- If some dog poo is left on the grass, some is pushed into the entrance of our back gate. We often stepped out the back gate and into dog faeces. Also dog poo is scooped into bags and then flung into surrounding trees.
- Any improvements would much improve everyone's life around here."
- Any way of encouraging those who could plant new growth (and advising them against inappropriate plantings)? The aim should be to care for the green space, not just





to prevent everything that makes a difference. New planting needn't always be council led!

- As a cyclist and a runner myself, I can understand that some park users don't like runners or cyclists sharing their space because they feel threatened by people moving faster than themselves. I think that measures should be taken to enable everyone to use parks and green spaces. E.g. Shared use paths through parks so that pedestrians shouldn't be so surprised when cyclists and runners come up behind them. Either that or ban pedestrians and cyclists from using earphones so that they can hear one another approaching.
- As usual a few individuals who cannot self-control their need to 'recreate' at other peoples expense.
- Barbecues - your survey is flawed. Barbecues are fine in designated places, but not on the grass. Horses are fine in many places, but not all. Cycling is fine, but antisocial cycling is not. Your survey does not cater for these distinctions.
- "BBQ's are not the problem - disposable ones should be banned!"
- We need fire-pits and designated cooking/eating areas in larger parks - like in EU and USA"
- Can the park be left 'free' at designated times? So often ordinary residents can't use it as there is football, running, other events
- Clearly the actions of a few spoil the great facilities in Bristol for the majority (who pay for these facilities). It only takes a short stroll in our city parks to see this first hand.
- "Climbing trees is great for kids and they should not be liable for prosecution, nor any adults in charge climbing with them.
- People over 14 using play equipment with accompanied children, e.g.. swinging together, should not be barred"
- "Comment on questionnaire
- Some of the answers which I have given are general others are place specific e.g. Ball games, fine in a park but not in a flower meadow. There are many examples and it is unclear from highlighting on the list whether everyone highlighted and responded to is recorded or does a later one cancel the former. I have monitored Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve regularly for 18 years. Notable reduction in dog fouling since we had a bin. On the whole there is very little trouble at Old Sneed Park. Bathing is a problem when it is hot both from a safety angle and disturbance of wildlife, likewise dogs swimming, this has reduced since notices were put up stating that dogs should be on a lead in the lake vicinity (which is fenced). Pollution occurs due to wrong plumbing in some houses as some washing machines are plumbed into the storm water drains, also all run off from car washing and drive cleaning. I find many people do not know the difference between storm water drains and foul sewers."
- Could there be a way to encourage people to clear up after themselves, especially after summer barbeques/picnics/end of exam parties on the downs
- Council should take grounds maintenance for parks back in-house from their current useless contractors.

- Cycling has become a real problem is eastville park, with less walkers now after bcc 'encouraging' cycling (a breach of the bye laws). Is now 'bleeding' out to all surrounding footpaths
- Cycling should be encouraged in parks, not discouraged.
- Cycling should be protected and encouraged in all Bristol parks - to see this on the list at all is alarming. Perhaps further info regarding the nature of complaints on this subject could be included in the survey.
- Cycling: on its own, it is fine. But there are too many irresponsible cyclists - too fast, no consideration for other park users, esp. older people and children.
- Cyclists and pedestrians MUST be kept apart. Dogs should be kept on leads in all parks, streets and all areas of the city.
- Development of new bye laws needs to be based on both sound evidence there is a problem, and a clear understanding on future requirements of parks by all citizens. There are very few parks enquiries, complaints or (relevant) police reports for the last two years indicating there is a problem, let alone an increasing problem. The complaints / enquiries in themselves are not valid enough evidence of a need for byelaws as they come from a very small, marginal group of citizens, and the incidents themselves have not been validated in any way by council officers. Before byelaws can be created there needs to be a full public debate on how parks can / should / might be used, including all sections of Bristol society, rather than just banning certain activities. For example Dogs and Football are two highly detrimental activities in parks effecting many users, turf damage, noise, injury risk, exclusion from large sections of the park, pollution. But they are also perfectly acceptable to another group. Due to historical use (which is not the only factor to consider) it's unlikely there will be a byelaw created (and only used if someone complains about them)....
- "Different locations will have different problems, and so will need different byelaws.
- Are the existing byelaws to be repealed?"
- Do not introduce anti-cycling bye-laws. Parks are often the only spaces available to cycling without the stress of mixing with heavy traffic. By introducing bye-laws to restrict cycling you will decrease the number of people who use this to exercise. We often hear in the news that people, especially children, do not get enough exercise, such bye-laws would be part of the problem.
- Dog owners have been trained to 'pick-up' after their dogs - well done. Now we need to train them to always have their dog on a lead when in public spaces - loose dogs frighten people. They also need to learn that dogs do not understand/obey the human language. Why is all right for a dog to smell strangers private parts but humans are likely to end up in prison for the same act!
- Dog walking is a very important means of encouraging exercise - especially in the elderly as well as providing them with essential companionship. It also allows children etc. to interact with animals - which should be encouraged not discouraged. I am all in favour of increasing penalties for BAD behaviour but this needs to be balanced against the less easily measured beneficial impact of dog ownership/presence in the community. Paranoia in the general public should not be encouraged - a simple dog bite(of which I have been on the receiving end in a public park is a



nuisance/minor pain but should not be confused/classed together with a serious attack/be a cause of litigation - my child might bite me in the same way that a puppy might but it is not a cause for alarm. I am dismayed by the number of parents who instil in their children an inordinate fear of dogs - to the extent they literally recoil in fear at the mere sight of any dog & will not allow their children anywhere near to them - children need to learn to differentiate not be taught blind prejudice towards a class of society

- Dogs and bad, naïve, owners cause most problems. Calling here boy or heel AFTER the dog has spun past me and frightened my granddaughter really does no good.
- Dogs off the lead are a problem for parents of young children and a source of anxiety when using a park- particularly staffy/ pitbull type dogs
- Don't penalise cyclists
- Don't stop responsible dog owners walking their dogs outside children's play areas if the dog is well behaved off the lead and the owner picks up the mess.
- Fire pits and tree swings add a community owned dimension to parks and Bristol is notable for its tolerance of these activities, please do what you can to protect this element of Bristol life. (Albany green community fires are a great example)
- Fishing has been allowed for many years and should be allowed to continue within designated areas
- Fishing should be banned completely from all public parks as it endangers wildlife(including the fish!) small children and dogs.
- Fishing should not be permanently banned from the parks but should be regulated to certain times within the year and within designated areas
- "Hi,
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- Please consider creating bigger dog free or dogs-on-leads area in each park, not just one small corner. It is a shame that many parks are spoiled by very large dogs running around - frightening for children and also destroys the grass and bad for biodiversity.
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- Difficult balance as generally want to ensure all residents of Bristol are able to enjoy the parks, so don't want to be too restrictive, but need to be reasonable.
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- thanks"
- I agree that dog fouling is a problem and that some dogs off lead are out of control and a nuisance. (So also are a lot of people's children!). However as a responsible dog owner and walker I pick up mess and keep my dogs under control. My dogs are not a nuisance to other people or animals, and that how it should be, if all people made sure their dogs, children and selves were not a nuisance to others we would not need all these laws, so please don't penalise and over legislate against all the

good people for what a small amount of bad are doing. Education about how to behave and how ones actions affect other people/the environment is also a factor which should be considered. One place that may be affected by the new legislation is Sneed Park Nature Reserve where I have walked with my dogs for many years which have recently changed beyond recognition, as it is rapidly being taken over by the Council.. What used to be a tranquil oasis for people and wildlife is turning into an urban park, attracting far more people than it used to which creates problems as these new visitors leave litter, feed the wildfowl the wrong things encourage their dogs to jump in the lake and play football on the flower meadow, and don't shut gates. However to counter this there is a proliferation of officious signs, (and maybe actually encouraging the wrong kind of use) there is over cutting back of vegetation, gravelling of paths so evermore maintenance vehicles (with incidentally booming music) can access the area with more and more heavy duty power tools which are shaving back any vestige of the glorious banks of wild flowers we used to have. So please don't over urbanise/legislate all the open areas, there are plenty of parks and the Downs, keep the other green spaces more green and to be enjoyed in a quieter way!

- I am a resident of a flat next to St. Andrews Park in Bristol. I have not seen anything occur in this place that byelaws would improve. The vibrant atmosphere of the park with drumming, music, performance artists, circus skill practitioners, etc. Allows the park to be a truly wonderful reflection of culture in this part of Bristol. More than that however it creates a space that users feel safe to walk through even at night. Byelaws may reduce the usage of the parks by these users but would undoubtedly reduce usage of the park leading to usage by those who do not care about the law. Drug users, drug dealers, muggers, etc. Before any byelaws are considered. At the very least for this park. I think a survey of the park on a busy Saturday could well show that everyone is happy with its current state.
- I don't feel like I have been provided with enough context to comment, despite the fact that public spaces, green areas and parks are very important to me. As yet I am unsure about introducing new by-laws and how they would be implemented / enforced - and whether conversely more laws about a space might have a negative effect. I would rather see positive improvements to spaces and see how they might increase people's sense of 'ownership' of our public spaces and their own desire to respect and look after the spaces and be considerate of other people in them. i.e. there was a public park in Leicester with high PERCEIVED crime rate, people feeling vulnerable - thus people not going there - feeding into vicious circle of it being empty / 'desolate'.. But police knew that there were in reality very few reported crimes - rather than an expensive community consultation project they engaged with a local community group who made colourful wool pom poms and hung them up all around the park. It sounds ridiculous but these were a human intervention, ice breaker 'socialising' object that helped people passing each other by to smile and talk to each other and feel like the space was a friendly and cared for space - and it had a real effect on the use and PERCEPTION of the space - and thus again the USE. So, I'd feel rather cautious introducing new laws and whether that's the most effective way of 'improving'



OUR shared spaces and empowering us to feel a sense of ownership, leisure and enjoyment.

- I don't object to barbecues as such, but people don't take their rubbish home with them and also put disposable barbecues on the grass, thereby destroying the turf. They also put them in the rubbish bins and regularly cause fires. I think the sale of disposable barbecues should be banned.
- I don't think council workers should be allowed to drive vehicles in small parks. They churn up the ground and it is unnecessary. I am a dog owner, I use the park 365 days a year and I object to any byelaws involving dogs on leads etc. wanted by people who only use parks a few sunny weekends a year.
- I have been complaining about the petrol toy cars for years. Nothing is done about this
- I live near Canford Park, and object to the regular football matches now being held every week. The players swear and shout and this is not conducive to a family park.
- I look forward to mixed use (bicycles mixed with pedestrians etc.) whilst curtailing dog and adult use of designated and fenced off children's play areas.
- I seriously feel that there are far more important issues that the Council should be dealing with - like traffic congestion - but making our parks a safe place is OK and less expensive than other problems
- I think it's hard to balance things so that everyone can enjoy the park. One issue I would like to see clarified is the status of people who run boot camps etc. in parks. Some instructors seem to think that they have greater rights to the space than other park users, whereas I think we should all try to accommodate one another.
- I think the football club and the football is completely wrong in this very very congested area at the end of Arnall Drive. It is far too near to our homes and the noise is only going to get worse and bring more anti-social people here, and trouble. As if we haven't had enough already. What with the council flats facing us and our bedrooms looking down on this dreadful club and car park, making sleeping difficult, when they are having parties and drinking here. Something is very wrong here.
- I think the most important issue to tackle in our parks is the control of litter, many people of different ages use the parks for different activities & i have no problem if they're not causing harm to others. However the litter left behind by some people is atrocious. The park users are almost always to blame for this but providing extra bins in some parks could help the problem somewhat. A byelaw controlling the dropping of litter or simply leaving a days' worth of picnic residue would be great & would improve environments & prevent harm to animals.
- I think the parks should be safe areas for all, however, I think some of the issues are linked with the current lack of youth centres
- I want to be able to have a BBQ and a drink once in a while. It's when it becomes over bearing and is associated with litter that this is too much.
- I worry that instead of making things better it will stop people from enjoying themselves. The reason that I worry is that in England we tend to make blanket policies (let's ban something!). But I

do agree that there is a small minority of people that cause issues. Perhaps instead of fining the offenders we can get them to redeem themselves in a more creative way? For example: if you let your dog poo in a park you will have to clean poo out of the parks for 10 hrs. community service. If you are playing loud music you will be made to 'police' parks for 10 nights community service to prevent this. We can make these people go on community work placements with those people who already do this work. I.e.: police or council workers. I think perhaps if people can see how annoying they are it will be a greater deterrent and it can turn the offence into a benefit (poo littering to poo cleaning).

- "I would be disappointed if the new byelaws restricted cycling to designated routes/paths and would suggest that instead they dealt with nuisance, dangerous and/or aggressive behaviour.
- Cycling by children is to be encouraged not discouraged and considerate cycling by adults in the cycling city is surely to be encouraged not discouraged.
- Parks and Green Spaces are to be enjoyed not fossilised and that includes many activities such as ball games, cycling, etc. that could (if done recklessly) threaten other users. Don't ban the safe majority to prevent the unsafe minority!"
- I would imagine that some of the complaints that you've received about behaviour in parks is due to those complaining thinking that everyone should use the park as they do and don't want accept that different people have different ways of enjoying park spaces.
- I would like to see cycling encouraged - we should be more like Holland in this respect.
- I would like to see more events in the parks to attract people into the parks. Things like wildlife walks and health walks and just community picnics. These do not have to include lots of hot food wagons - people should be encouraged to bring picnics and take home their own rubbish, or at the very least put it in a bin.
- I would like to see tighter controls of dogs in public spaces. Many people complain of being chased or frightened by loose dogs - especially cyclists and runners in Leigh Woods. People should be made aware that letting your dog frighten someone is just as much a criminal offence as if it actually attacked them. The problem is getting worse now, because the number of dogs is increasing along with the human population.
- I write on behalf of Swan Rescue South Wales. We have become regular visitors to both St. George and Eastville Parks specifically to deal with swans and other waterfowl which have become snared/entangled in fishing line; sometimes the outcome is a fatality. The 'tick box' approach you have adopted does not allow us say this is simply an on-going problem.
- I'd be keen for the council to recognise that for young people aged 13 + parks are one of the few free social spaces available to them. Especially considering cuts to youth services. Please ensure that they are not demonised within these new bylaws. There really are not a lot of options for them especially those on a tight budget.
- I'd like park users to learn to share/take turns, & respect people with different interests.
- Ideally stop all fishing at Bristol City Council lakes. Every year it accounts for





many bird casualties and deaths and puts off other park users from lake areas because of drunken anti-social behaviour.

- If dogs were licensed, it would be much easier for byelaws regarding them to be upheld.
- If some of these things do become prohibited, e.g. playing a musical instrument, playing loud music, having a barbeque, camping, then I would like to see some designated areas in parks where they are allowed to be carried out.
- If someone is causing you annoyance in a park then simply go to another part of the park.
- If there are so many issues related to fishing, surely it makes sense therefore, to ban fishing in parks completely!! It is my experience that many anglers ignore the 'designated fishing area' signs anyway!
- I'm concerned to see issues with "dog walking" being identified as something to be covered by new byelaws. Many responsible dog owners use park facilities throughout the year (not just good weather) and take their responsibilities seriously. I would be opposed to restrictions on dogs off lead as many will be affected by this.
- I'm not against smoking in parks but there seem to be a large amount of cigarette ends in parks, especially Queen Square
- In my opinion one of the real big problems in Bristol is the filthy streets and parks - refuse collection is very inefficient - streets are now looking like those in countries which we used to visit on holiday and criticize - I have made positive suggestions to the Council to improve matters but have been made to feel a nuisance - so for the moment I have given up - but the situation is getting worse - we have a filthy City.
- Interfering with other people's enjoyment. Asking young men playing football to put their shirts on, because it may offend someone's wife.
- It is a shame they are necessary for the few anti-social park users. All parks have different problems. ALSO. It would be good to see more varied activities (healthy!) for those 14-94 years who do not want to skate board, i.e. fly kites, keep fit circuit, a slide on a hill for all ages, more frequent weekend events, market stalls, entertainers, art in the park (on canvas), wildlife and nature walks and talks, etc., if enough room.
- It is not clear who "authorises" some of these activities. The top field at Oldbury Court is now being used for parking but there does not seem to have been any consultation on this. Bye Laws also need to identify where activities are allowed - this was the Kite Flying Field last year, which is obviously not compatible with parking. I would love to see more active use of the parks for cycling and ball games as well as kite flying. The issue is making sure the appropriate areas are identified and monitored.
- It is the excessive use of alcohol or drugs that needs tackling more clearly
- It should balance the safety and wellbeing of people who are citizens alongside the wishes of people who choose to have animals as pets and then let them run freely in the same area. Dogs should either be kept on a lead ideally or at least have muzzles in public areas as I believe is the

case in most of mainland Europe. These are animals and by definition are not aware of the laws of our society so understandably we as citizens need maximum protection which at least their "owner" may understand. Bring in muzzles and dogs on a lead plus greater fines for dog fouling and or /publicity campaigns

- It should be remembered that the problems are often caused by a small number of persistent offenders e.g. dog fouling, or that many can drink alcohol in parks and cause no problem/offence, but a small minority who drink alcohol then do so to excess causing problems. Therefore these byelaws need to be applied sensibly e.g. not stopping parents having a glass of wine at their children's party in the park, but having a word with a large group of drunk students.
- It should be very clear, the differences between people who are drinking as in picnics etc. and people drinking large quantities of alcohol and making a nuisance of themselves. Similarly, children climbing trees as part of adventurous play and those damaging trees.
- Keep them open for everyone to use for general enjoyment and with safety in mind.
- Main problem with barbecues - which is obviously a common one from your survey- is not having them in open spaces, but the use of portable ones without legs put flat on the ground that damage the turf by burning rectangular holes. This covers two separate categories in your list. I think only this sort of barbecue use and open fires should be restricted, not the use of barbecues per se, and this should be accurately covered in the bye laws. E.g. damaging barbecues could come under the 'damage to turf, structures etc.' or to the environment rather than directly banned, which would mean that safe ones on legs or hard standing would also be restricted.
- Many of Bristol's parks or green spaces offer a route for cycling that is shorter, safer or more pleasant than the road alternatives. Whilst I appreciate that there are a small number of cyclists who persist in cycling at an inappropriate speed, I hope that these will not cause bye-laws to be introduced that forbid considerate cycling.
- Many of the events in these spaces leave a considerable amount of litter that local taxpayers incur. The mess in Castle Park post the Pride event must have cost the Council a fortune to put right.
- May be sign at the entrance of all parks and green space advising people that they must show consideration to all other users whilst being in park.
- More bins or bigger bins for rubbish through summer months when parks more used
- More lighting will help reduce some elements. Also bbq pits/ areas will help stop people burning 'anywhere' destroying grass.
- "Most anti-social behaviour seems to occur in the evenings/at night. During the day, there is very little actual anti-social behaviour (just the evidence from the night before usually).
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- As mentioned previously, I would like to see additional controls on major building projects that may be proposed by the council in parks and green spaces."
- Motorcycles seem to be a persistent threat in Oldbury Court, very dangerous for children, the





elderly and animals.

- Moving people off parks for some of the offences listed may just move some groups nearer to places where they cause even more disturbance.
- Much of the problems in Greville Smyth Park are generated by Ashton Road on the perimeter. The unmonitored night time economy attracts young people from pre-teens and upwards who occupy the side of the park closest to Ashton Road, making a noise and often in possession of illegally bought drink. Noise nuisance is bad particularly coupled with noise from the pub. Attending to these problems and its impact on quality of life generally has been negligent on the part of all authorities concerned.
- My answers are from over a year ago as we moved house then. Before that had walked dogs daily in Eastville Park for 5 years. Big problems with alcohol/drugs, litter, people riding motorbikes on paths and fields even when busy with families. Lovely Park just few antisocial activities detracted from it and made it feel unsafe sometimes. One of reasons why we moved house as didn't want son growing up near dodgy characters in local park and area
- My comments relating to cycling relate to reckless cycling - such things as weaving in and out of pedestrians at excessive speed. However, many cyclists are sensible and the use of paths shared with pedestrians is reasonable
- Myself and my 2 small children live on abbey road directly adjacent to Canford Park. Over the time we have lived here (2years) we are frequently disturbed at night by noisy groups of people shouting, drunk, playing music etc. I find this very threatening. There is obvious alcohol and drug usage going on at night. The park should be shut after 10 pm. I have needed on 3 occasions to call the non-emergency police (who have been excellent) in order to ask them to move the offending people on as they disturb the peace and often wake our babies.
- Newly planted trees need stronger protection from vandals
- Not listed is the use of remote-controlled vehicles, large enough to travel at speed and heavy enough to cause injury. These should only be used in remote areas, or on designated tracks with insurance. They should be regarded as a danger similar to motor cycles. They have been used in St George Park in the last year.
- On the whole people seem pretty well behaved and considerate of others . There is a very small minority who have noisy late night parties ( no objection to late night parties but these people make too much noise and do not take their litter home)
- "One of the main problems for me is litter, this is particularly bad in Whitchurch Green and most of it seems to be from the local Asda store. Far worse in the summer.
- I've never seen a park ranger there."
- Only loud amplified music should be discouraged. Most musical instruments are inoffensive. Only amplified recorded music and loud drums should be discouraged. Littering is a HUGE problem in St Andrews Park, as is the lack of toilet facilities for the demand of the park. This MUST be addressed for ALL park-goers.

- Over the past 12 years I have witnessed many (over 50) wildlife deaths and injuries caused by fishing in both St George and Eastville parks. I have also suffered verbal and physical abuse by fishermen. I am involved in wildlife rescue weekly sometimes daily. I witness daily abuse of the fishing code of conduct and voluntary guides. I have severe doubts that a byelaw will have any effect as it still has to be policed in some way. The fishermen know when the police or environment agency are coming or have been and avoid the lake at these times, they reappear within minutes. A simple answer is to remove the fish and ban fishing. The majority of local people do not want these upsetting events to continue.
- Parks and green spaces should be safe, clean and respected by all
- Parks should have access to nearby toilets to prevent park goers urinating behind garages in close neighbourhoods. Plenty of places to leave litter - including recycling bins.
- Pedestrians "straying en-masse" onto NCN4 National Cycle Network cycle track. There were more pedestrians on the cycle track than on the adjacent pedestrian portion nearest the river. Mostly due to ignorance. Pedestrians hogging the entire width of a shared-use path. Mostly due to ignorance but a minority being deliberately obstructive to legitimate considerate cyclists despite polite ringing of bell or cheerful call of "ring ring". Last 6-12 months in Eastville Park. Can't see the advantage of rationalising disparate arcane byelaws for different parks but must be done sensitively so that the risk of over-zealous enforcement is avoided.
- Pedestrians, especially older pedestrians need to be especially vigilant with regard to pavement users on bicycles, scooters, skates and skate boarders who do not slow down, stop or even adjust their speed especially on slopes as in the Bear Pit. P.S. THE BEAR PIT IS A REMARKABLE PLACE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY and Well used and Well-liked by everyone plus a junction i.e.. Getting one place to another safely.
- People on live in vehicles are not a problem and should be allowed to park around parks, I am worried this will be used to restrict public freedom
- people should not be allowed to drink or take drugs in public spaces, it is not nice to come across hypodermic needles, nitrous oxide canisters, beer cans, bottles, broken glass, bottle tops, take away wrappers, chicken bones etc. etc. - all everyone seems to go on about is dog mess, and not really care about the HUMAN mess
- People urinate on the pavement outside our house and opposite the park. This happens frequently.
- People with good intentions scatter bread on the lake and the grass for birds. It is now known that this is detrimental to bird health, increases pollution in the lake, and increases the growing problem from seagulls (which cause property damage, and attack other wildlife including ducklings). This is an offence under environmental law (fly tipping) but is understandably not prosecuted. Perhaps a more specific park byelaw could start changing people's behaviour?
- "Perhaps BBQ grills could be provided to stop people damaging the grass with disposable BBQs.
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- Maybe an 11pm (or earlier) curfew in St Andrews park?"
- "Please act, St Andrews Park is being ruined. Massive litter problem, too.
- I think stopping consumption of alcohol, drug taking, music and fires would improve things massively."
- Please can we have more dog-free parks?
- Please can you stop use of Cotham Gardens late at night by people drinking, using drugs and shouting. It causes severe disruption to the neighbouring residents.
- Please consider closing and securing selected parks on the evening. This used to happen when they had railings. They just become places for anti-social behaviour and get vandalised.
- "Please don't ban cycling thru parks. The vast majority of cyclists are very considerate to other people. Don't let a few inconsiderate ones illegalise the rest of us.
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- The other question you should ask, is how enforceable the new byelaws are and exactly what difference will they make on the rest of us who enjoy our parks responsibly."
- Politeness and consideration for others. For me, I like a quiet coffee and do a crossword, undisturbed-especially by out-of-control young children
- Proposed wording uses words like "without reasonable excuse", which suggests that the activity itself is not a problem, but the consequence of some individual(s) doing it in an anti-social way might lead to complaint. This problem could be resolved by having notes published that gave examples of what might be overlooked and what might be acted on. For example, large numbers of infractions of a specific clause might all be reasonably excusable, inoffensive and cause no harm in themselves, while the sheer numbers of occurrences might make the park unusable for other purposes. Tricky.
- provide separate cycle lanes in parks where their use by cyclists eliminates cyclists having to use public roads
- Public consumption of alcohol should be banned everywhere, parks and streets alike.
- Re: walking dogs on leads. This is an animal welfare issue, dogs need to roam, migrate daily and should be allowed to do this. People need to be socialised with animals and educated on how deal with them in, Jack and Jill Pre School Nursery teaches the children during their Forest School outing what to do when they see an individual or a pack of dogs approaching. A walker with dogs off the lead will pass by. If you restrict dogs walking off the lead then you must restrict children from running around and cycling in front of me when I am trying to walk round the park!!!! This is ridiculous. However, restricted times and areas where dogs can run free are acceptable to me as I understand that it should be possible for everyone should be able to enjoy the parks and avoid causing upset if this is an issue that a large percentage of the population free strongly about. Remember, some people cannot have kids so their animals are their kids and demand the same freedom.
- Repair band stands
- Requiring all dogs to be on leads would be a ridiculous & unworkable restriction & deeply unpopular with residents of St. George
- Restrict the speed of cycling
- Shared walkways with cyclists in parks, and on pavements, is dangerous for older people, particularly those with mobility or sensory impairments. Some of the paths in Eastville parks are marked on signs as cycle routes which only means that they go even faster and have even less concern for pedestrians. Even the paths which are not designated for cyclists they still use. What will it take for you to take notice, an older person being forced off the path and drowning in the lake ? Please act now and make walkways just that.
- should be shut after 10 pm
- Should not be a blanket ban on people drinking in public parks. There is a world of difference between a families or group of friends have a picnic with a bottle of wine than a group of drunks off their heads with six cans of special brew.
- Shouldn't be limits on noise apart from 11pm - 7am
- Some activities such as kite flying, ball games, etc., are acceptable in large parks. In small parks such as St. Andrews Park there is not enough space for these things. Many people enjoy a drink whilst sitting in a park, drunken rowdy behaviour is not acceptable. It will be hard to have one set of byelaws covering all parks.
- Some of the proposed laws will stop kids having fun "climbing trees" for example. Drinking alcohol? Again done for years in parks shame no recycling facilities available!
- "Some of the things that are causing a nuisance, could be incorporated into park activities by managing them.... e.g. having BBQ areas (to manage use of fires)
- Or noisy areas (for singing, music etc... which is a great activity for peoples wellbeing & should be encouraged)"
- Something must be done about dogs being given priority over people in parks. My children do not feel safe with numerous dogs coming up close to them and even taking a sandwich when we were having a picnic. It is a huge issue in Ashton Court in my opinion and puts me off visiting the park. Owners are mostly unapologetic and consider their dogs needs as paramount. I believe all dogs should be on a lead except for some special dedicated areas. CF Holland Park in London.
- "St George's Park is the park I use. I am a dog owner but always clean up after my dog, I get angry when other dog owners don't. I don't mind dogs being off their lead, they need to be use up their energy and run around for a while, but not if it is an aggressive or unsociable dog.
- I do think there should Park Rangers/Keepers if these byelaws are brought in."
- Stopping cycling would be wrong as cyclists should respect others by going round people/cycling on grass. Bar-b-qs are fine, but council should provide areas/bricks to stop disposable wrecking grass. Australia has free communal gas bar-b-qs in parks, this would work.
- The Bristol to Bath Railway Park is designated as a linear park yet it doesn't appear on the drop



down list of parks. Why? It is one of, if not the, busiest 'park' in the city.

- The main issue I'm aware of is from out of control dogs and their owners.
- "The main problem I see with fires / barbecues is that they are set directly onto the grass. If people knew to cut out the turf to place a barbecue tray into or make into a fire pit and replaced the turf afterwards- or just used something to raise the tray off the ground, the unsightly scars after a sunny Sunday would be avoided.
- With regard to dog fouling - in some places in France, I saw areas about 5m sq. set near to entrances of parks / common grounds, fenced around to stop kids wandering in and filled with sand or bark chips for the dogs to use. A rake was available for the owner to rake off the soiled sand, faeces etc. to a collection area which was emptied by the council. Obviously, the owners had been educated into training their dogs to use these facilities. Some of the dog toilets had scented roses and shrubs growing around them to help with any smells. Those parks didn't have any problems of owners not clearing up after their dogs."
- The most worrying and persistent problem I encounter as a parent of 2 children under 8 is the cavalier and sometimes downright arrogant attitude of dog owners in allowing their dogs to run free in the immediate vicinity to, or within children's play areas. I am most definitely not 'anti-dog', but I do not think it would be unreasonable to for a bylaw to state that dogs must be kept of a leash at all time and in all areas of a park. Perhaps dog-friendly areas could be created in largest parks, well away from young children. This would make it clear to all park users, avoid potential conflict and embolden park users who are genuinely concerned or distressed by dogs running free to challenge dog owners, especially when in close proximity to easily frightened young children.
- "The problem of dog fouling and dangerous dogs is not taken seriously by the council as they only have one dog officer who is virtually 100% unavailable due to massive demand for their services. It's clearly not a priority at all - and there is no co-ordinated policy across the city. I see signs up in some parks and open spaces warning dog owners - but none in St Andrews Park, despite repeated complaints made to the council. Why is there no city-wide policy ??? At present it's a mish mash. I would like to run round the park more often but I am not the only person who is put off by fresh daily deposits of dog poo and dogs off lead which attack people. This happens repeatedly. Surely the council should be encouraging people to use the parks for health purposes i.e. to engage in exercise like running - and make it possible to do it safely? Is there anyone in the council thinking of ways to encourage a greater use of parks etc. for health? Is this not a priority ? I feel it should be a no. 1 priority.
- There also needs to be co-ordination and agreement between the police and the council on who is actually responsible for dealing with problems such as loud music and noise in St Andrews Park. For years I have found been told by the police that it is not their responsibility but the council's environmental dept. But when you contact this dept. they tell you they have no powers in a public park and it is a police responsibility. So we - i.e. me and my neighbours are sent round in circles by two official organizations ""passing the buck"" back and forth - and failing to take any action. If you

do bring in byelaws let's make it clear who will actually enforce them. Moreover, they will be useless if there are no resources available to enforce them. Is this going to be given a priority - byelaw enforcement officers???"

- The process is too long, and too general
- The use of Nitrous Oxide is another problem in St Andrews Park, with people becoming "stoned" and leaving the canisters behind on the grass.
- There are several people using parks, probably through no fault of their own, i.e. homeless, drink problems, drug problems that shouldn't be there. Although I would like by laws to eliminate some of the problems it just takes the problem elsewhere I would like to see now so many people with power to stop burying the head in the sand.
- There are some very irresponsible cyclists and fishermen using permitted cycle paths and fishing areas in Eastville Park. How will these be controlled ? So far all contacts with cyclists have been very frightening 'near misses ' but one day there will be a very serious accident unless something is done to control them. There was no proper consultation about this path and no risk assessment specific to this park - There are no markings to indicate shared path rules or to indicate which path is the official route consequently cyclists use all paths in the park. There is currently a byelaw forbidding cycling which has been ignored so what good will any more byelaws do us?
- There is a tendency to over manage both Purdown (Stoke Park) and Clifton (Durdham Down). Leigh Woods is also suffering from this. People go to these places to be free and a little wild. Parks such as Brandon Hill manage a good balance between being wild and civilised.
- There is an anti-cycling movement who object to the cycle paths (e.g. St Georges Park) that run through some parks. If Bristol is a "cycling city" then we do not want to restrict cycling though parks .
- there should be designated areas for activities/social groups children's areas just for children and parents, maybe some dog walking areas where dogs can run free no drinking or drugs, closed in the evening after 8pm
- They HAVE TO BE REASONABLE AND REALISTIC. There IS A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIGHTING FIRES AND HAVING A WELL PIREPARED BBQ FOR EXAMPLE. IF OVER 14S NOT ALLOWED IN CHILDRENS AREAS, IS THERE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GO IN THE PARK, SEATING AREA ETC. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO MAKING PARK GOING BETTER EXPERIENCE BY CUTTING THE GRASS REGULARLY.
- They must be based on evidence of need
- This is a fishing expedition. You are asking for powers to interfere in people's lives that you admit you do not need.
- This is the second time I have filled out a survey about byelaws for parks and green spaces. Why is Victory Park not listed. I brought this to your attention in the last survey. The same byelaws should apply to allotments as well.
- this seems like all t he other "consultations " in Bristol including the one you are



not having on parking zones are just going through the motions

- To be able to report nuisance noise and for the perpetrators to be dealt with quickly. Young people like to intimidate and seem to know they will remain unchallenged. They really like to make annoying noises near more mature people using the park to get attention. If I read a book in the park this is like a trouble magnet!!
- To make them meaningful staff would need to be employed to enforce. With regard to dogs off the lead and cyclists maybe some parks could allow dogs off the lead and others not, and some allow cycling and others not. Bristol has some brilliant parks and it would be nice if different parks had different rules to help cater for all users - for example if dogs off the lead were banned in some parks that would help make parks accessible to those afraid of dogs and excluding cyclists from some parks would help alleviate fears of being run over for slow moving people or those with mobility issues.
- To prevent so much litter we need to have litter bins in all parks. There are no bins in Ashton Court which is crazy for that big a space. As a parent of small kids my biggest issue is with older kids either messing around in the children's park when the little kids are there or worse still, burning it (as in Greville Smyth park a year or so ago). There probably needs to be more for older teenagers so they don't get bored and start burning things!
- Uncontrolled and inconsiderate cycling is by far the most regular, peace destroying, dangerous and environmentally damaging activity which needs better regulation and control.
- Upon reading the information it becomes clear there is a desire to waste as much time and money doing as little as possible. There has been extensive abuse of wildlife also destruction and pollution
- You haven't mentioned fireworks which are a growing menace on Brandon Hill: they keep local people awake at night and intimidate people from visiting in the evenings. Rubbish is also a major problem you haven't mentioned. People no longer take responsibility for their picnic rubbish but have become infantilised and expect the council to deal with it, even if there is no evidence of the council coming along any time soon. Mountains of rubbish builds up beside litter bins and gets strewn around by wildlife, yet still people add to it. Unless the council is prepared to empty bins in peak hours and fine weather there shouldn't be litter bins as they make the problem so much worse. Littering should be clamped down on but rarely is. Dumping large amounts of rubbish in parks should not be tolerated. As there are already byelaws against littering and fly tipping, it doesn't bode well for any new byelaws. Who will enforce them?
- You should encourage cycling, parks provide a safe route for commuters away from the traffic and a safe space for new cyclists and kids to gain confidence. Make cycling acceptable by default in

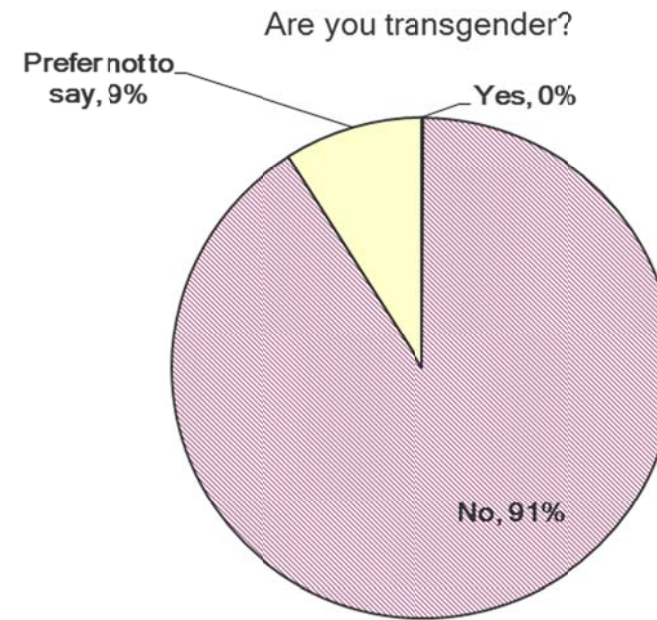
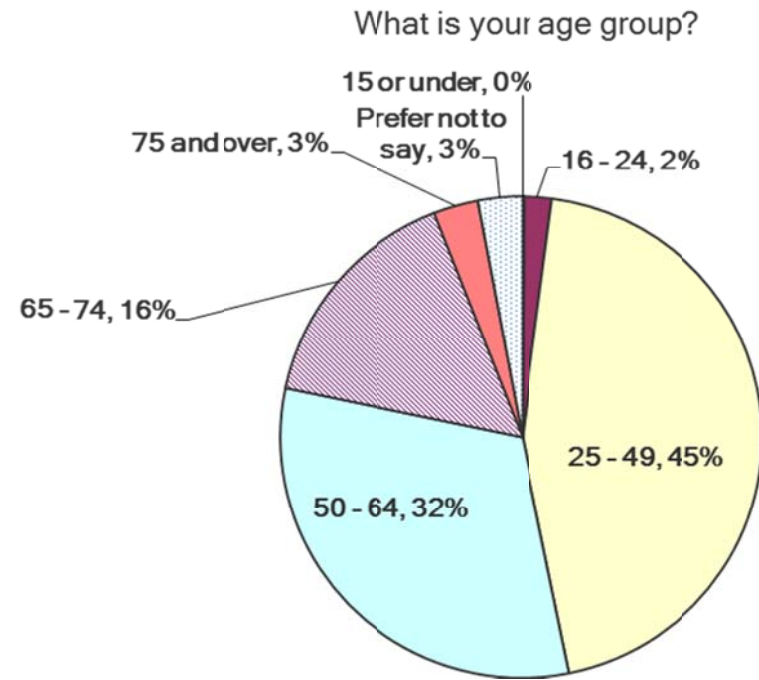
of environment by so called fishing people in park areas owned by the council with no visible intention to correct the problem and prosecute the offenders. It seems there is a culture of protecting the criminal while creatures, the environment and law abiding individuals suffer due to consistent and continuous negligence

- Use of powered mini-bikes.
  - We really need to address littering - it's a big problem citywide
  - Why not just ban kids from parks altogether !
  - Wilmott Park, Hartcliffe (off Fulford Road and Stillingfleet Road) is used as a racing track for scrambler bikes on a daily basis. It would be also helpful for the police to have an easy access to it. Now it is surrounded by an iron fence, which means that it is easy for the bikers to spot police cars and escape through one of the gates long before the officers are able to get to the scene. For the same reason a CCTV camera would work wonders.
  - "Would request more dog and rubbish bins.
  - grit bins for bad weather"
  - "Yes stop the parks dept. lying when asked about their actions in Hengrove Park.
  - Yes make the parks dept. answer questions when asked about actions in Hengrove park"
  - Yes, please remember that avonmouth park is part of Bristol and is the main accessible green area for our youngsters
  - you are going to use this as a way of banning dogs from cotham gardens, the behaviour of a few will be used by you to prevent the main users of the park from having somewhere to exercise our dogs locally and safely.
- parks, if there's specific areas where it's not okay then signpost these. Don't disallow cycling by default.

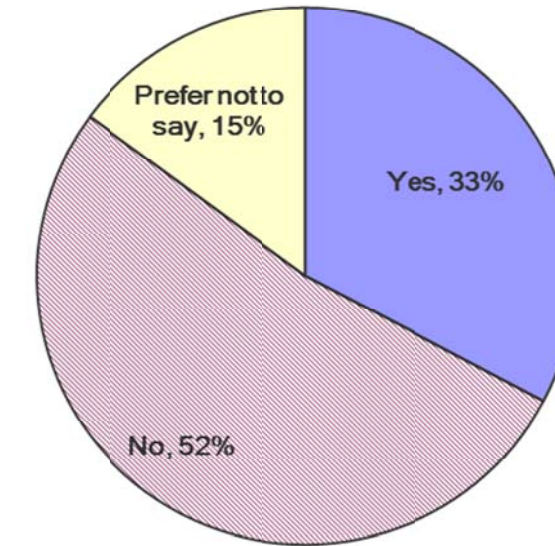




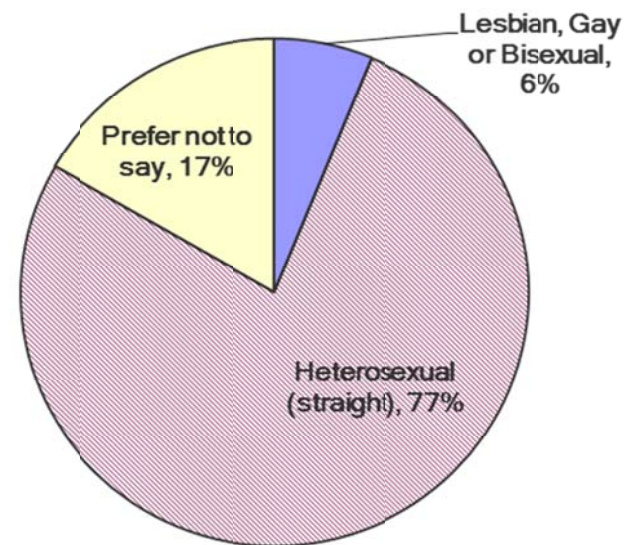
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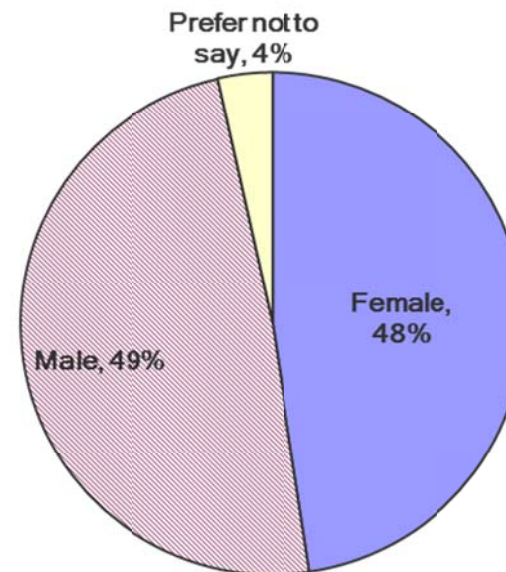
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What is your sexual orientation?



What is your gender?



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