

Antisocial Behaviour in Durham City

Antisocial behaviour is behaviour which causes nuisance or distress, or is damaging to the city's welcoming and safe reputation.

Begging in Durham City

The act of begging is deemed as either approaching people for money, or being stationary and directly asking for money, or positioned on the floor to invite the offer of money or goods. In particular and including:

- begging by a cash point, in a shop doorway or on public transport;
- approaching persons in the street in order to beg for money;
- any activity in the street that is linked to begging that is causing a public nuisance such as obstruction of doorways or pavements, or unreasonable behaviour whilst intoxicated, or acting in a threatening, abusive or insulting manner;
- sitting or loitering whilst in possession of signage or other items for the purposes of begging or soliciting money.

Q1 On how many occasions have you witnessed begging in Durham City within the past two years?

- None
 Once

Go to Q4

- 2-5 times
 More than five times

Q2 In which locations have you witnessed begging within the past two years?

Q3 Has witnessing begging in Durham City has had a positive or negative effect upon the quality of life of you and/or those in the locality?

Extremely
positive

Positive

Neither positive
nor negative

Negative

Extremely
negative

Which elements of begging have had this effect on your quality of life and why?

Q4 Do you support or oppose the introduction of a PSPO to prohibit begging in Durham City?

Strongly support

Support

Neither support nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for this support or opposition, including anything you think should be added or removed from our definition of begging.

Q5 Do you consider that there are alternative ways in which begging could be addressed?

Yes

No

What are these alternative ways of addressing begging?

Public urination or defecation in Durham City

Urinating or defecating in any public place other than by use of a lavatory.

Q6 On how many occasions have you witnessed public urination or defecation in Durham City within the past two years?

None
 Once

Go to Q9

2-5 times
 More than five times

Q7 In which locations have you witnessed public urination or defecation within the past two years?

Q8 Has witnessing public urination or defecation in Durham City has had a positive or negative effect upon the quality of life of you and/or those in the locality?

Extremely
positive

Positive

Neither positive
nor negative

Negative

Extremely
negative

Which elements of public urination or defecation have had this effect on your quality of life and why?

Q9 Do you support or oppose the introduction of a PSPO to prohibit public urination or defecation in Durham City?

Strongly
support

Support

Neither support
nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly
oppose

Please provide your reasons for this support or opposition, including anything you think should be added or removed from our definition of public urination or defecation

Q10 Do you consider that there are alternative ways in which public urination or defecation could be addressed?

Yes

No

What are these alternative ways of addressing public urination or defecation?

Use of intoxicating substances in Durham City

The action of ingestion, inhalation, injection, smoking or other use of psychoactive substances without a reasonable excuse.

A reasonable excuse can be:

- substances which are for a medicinal or therapeutic purpose;
- a food product that is regulated and not prohibited by food, health and safety legislation.

It does not apply to:

- a standard cigarette, pipe or vape used for smoking tobacco or nicotine products only;
- consumption of alcohol in a public space as there is already a PSPO in place for this.

Q11 On how many occasions have you witnessed use of intoxicating substances in Durham City within the past two years?

- None
 Once

Go to Q14

- 2-5 times
 More than five times

Q12 In which locations have you witnessed use of intoxicating substances within the past two years?

Q13 Has witnessing use of intoxicating substances in Durham City has had a positive or negative effect upon the quality of life of you and/or those in the locality?

Extremely
positive

Positive

Neither positive
nor negative

Negative

Extremely
negative

Which elements of use of intoxicating substances have had this effect on your quality of life and why?

Q14 Do you support or oppose the introduction of a PSPO to prohibit use of intoxicating substances in Durham City?

Strongly support

Support

Neither support nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for this support or opposition, including anything you think should be added or removed from our definition of use of intoxicating substances.

Q15 Do you consider that there are alternative ways in which the use of intoxicating substances could be addressed?

Yes

No

What are these alternative ways of addressing the use of intoxicating substances?

About antisocial behaviour in Durham City

Q16 Do you have any further comments to make about antisocial behaviour or any other behaviours and activities which you feel should also be considered by us in Durham City?

About you

Q17 Are you responding to this proposal as:

A local resident

A visitor to Durham City centre

A local employee

A business, club or organisation

Other

If a club, business or organisation, please provide the name of the club, business or organisation.

If other, please specify.

If you are responding as a club, business or organisation, the survey is now complete.

Our aim is to involve as many people as possible in local decision making and, as such, we would like to make sure everyone has the opportunity to become involved. If you could answer a few questions about yourself it will help us to monitor our performance.

These questions are entirely optional.

Q18 Are you:

Male

Female

Prefer to self-describe

If prefer to self-describe, please specify.

Q19 What is your age?

Under 18

25-34

45-54

65-74

18-24

35-44

55-64

75+

Q20 Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

(This may include any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity which has a substantial effect on your day-to-day life. Long standing means it has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least a year).

Yes

No

Q21 What is your religion or belief?

Christian

Buddhist

Jewish

None

Sikh

Muslim

Hindu

Other

If other, please specify.

Q22 What is your ethnicity?

White British

Black or Black British

Travelling Community

White Non-British

Arab or Middle Eastern

Other

Asian or Asian British

Mixed Race

If other, please specify.

Q23 How would you describe your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual/straight

Bisexual

Gay or lesbian

Other

If other, please specify.

Thank you for completing the survey. Please return it to:

Consultation and Engagement Team, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL

by Sunday 23rd June 2024.