

## ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION FINDINGS: CAR CRUISING PSPO

The survey consisted of 8 questions in total. Respondents were only asked to complete the questions that applied to them. The survey automatically skipped questions that were not applicable.

Method of Returns	Number	Notes
Online Questionnaire	<b>2647</b>	Some questionnaires were incomplete
SaferMK email Inbox	<b>14</b>	Individual comments received via email, including 3 from parish Councils supporting the proposed PSPO

	Number of online questionnaire responses	Notes
Total number of Respondents	2647	Some questionnaires were incomplete
MK Residents or businesses	*2189	2138 Stated where they lived or worked
Non MK residents	460	<b>437</b> Stated where they lived

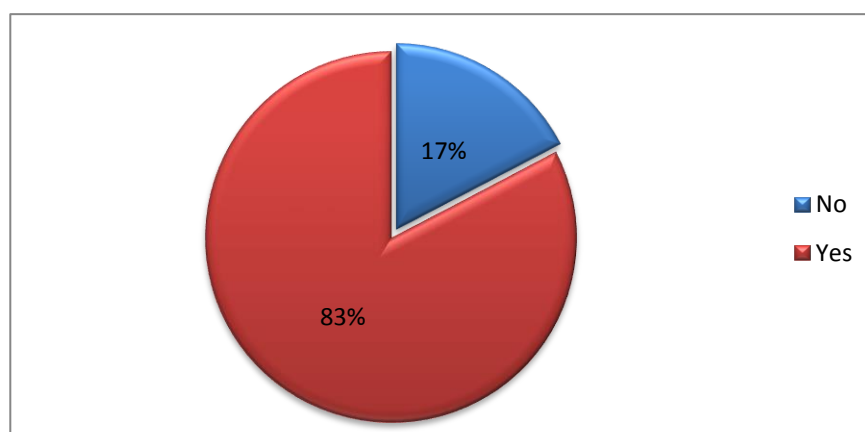
*\*includes 2 extra respondents not accounted for (anomalies on questionnaire) so these figures add up to 2649.*

### 1. Are you a Milton Keynes resident or business?

83% of respondents to the online survey are resident or work in Milton Keynes.

Location of Respondents	Number of responses
Milton Keynes Resident/Business	<b>2189</b>

Figure 1: number of responses received in response to the question: Are you a Milton Keynes resident or business?

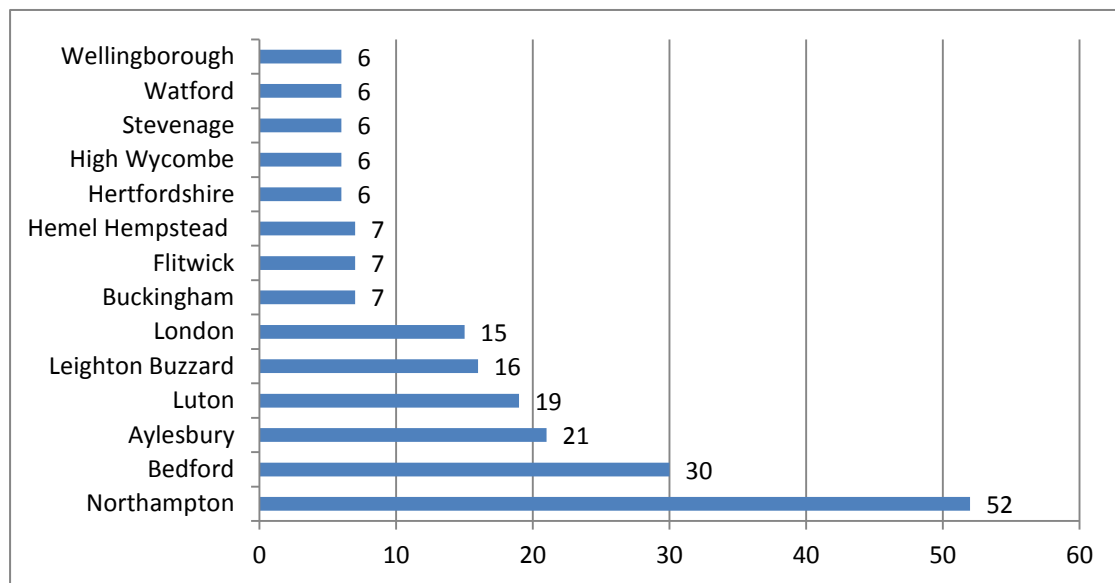


**2. If no, which town/city do you live in?**

In total responses were received from 132 different locations from around England and one from Wales. The highest number were received from Milton Keynes' surrounding areas. Six responses were received from Stevenage, both before and after the recent car-cruising accident.

Outside Milton Keynes	460	
Number of Non Milton Keynes residents who stated where they live	437	Various locations from around the UK. 38 of the 437 stated that they were from MK in this category.

Figure 2: Most common locations of non MK survey respondents

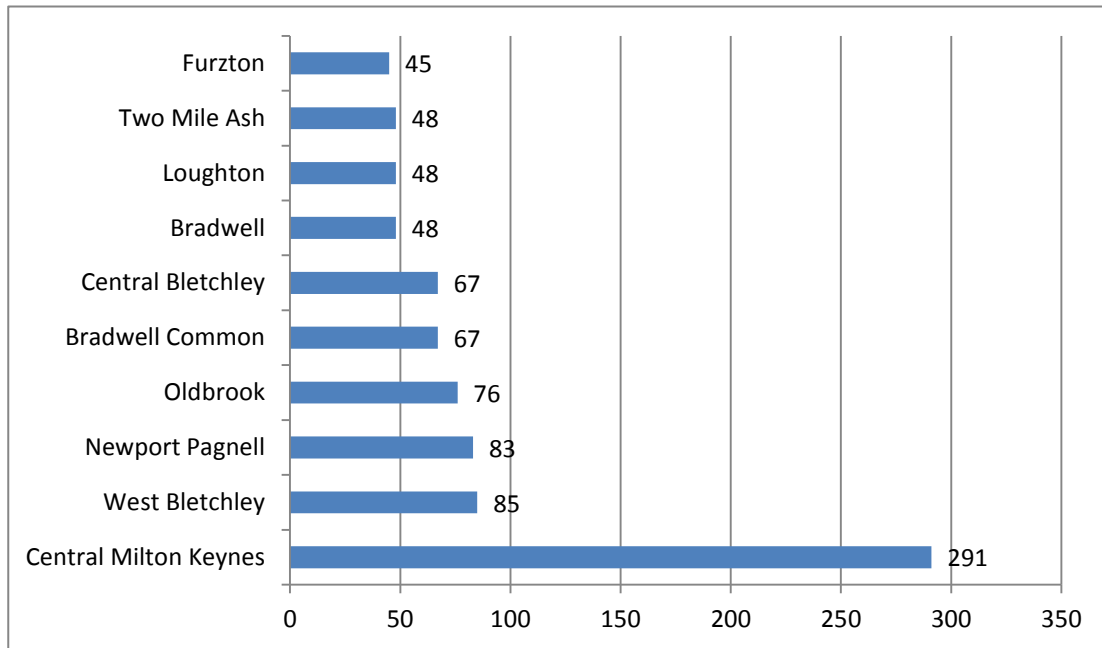


**3. If you answered yes, what estate/town or village do you live/work (If you live in Milton Keynes but also work there, please state in which area you live. If you work in Milton Keynes but live elsewhere, please state in which part of Milton Keynes your place of work is located.**

A large number of responses were received from people who live or work in Milton Keynes. Understandably, the highest numbers of responses are from people who live or work in the Central Milton Keynes area.

Letters were delivered to residents who lived in the Hub and Vizion apartments, to encourage them to complete the survey. Businesses in Central Milton Keynes were also asked to submit their views, these included; Network Rail and Sainsbury's. Central Milton Keynes (CMK) Council also expressed support for the PSPO.

Figure 3: Most common Milton Keynes locations



4. **Have you ever experienced or been affected by anti-social use of vehicles in Milton Keynes in the last 12 months?**

Whilst the figures show that 40% of respondents have not been affected by anti-social use of a vehicle. It also shows that over a 1000 people have been affected. Analysis shows that a higher proportion of respondents from Central Milton Keynes had been affected (57%).

Yes	40%	1007
No	60%	1530
Skipped question		110
Total number of responses		2537

Figure 4: Percentage of respondents who have been affected by anti-social use of vehicles in Milton Keynes in the last 12 months

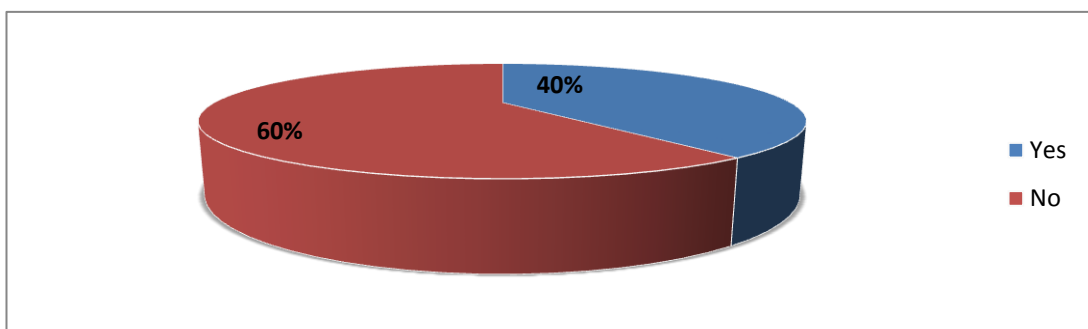
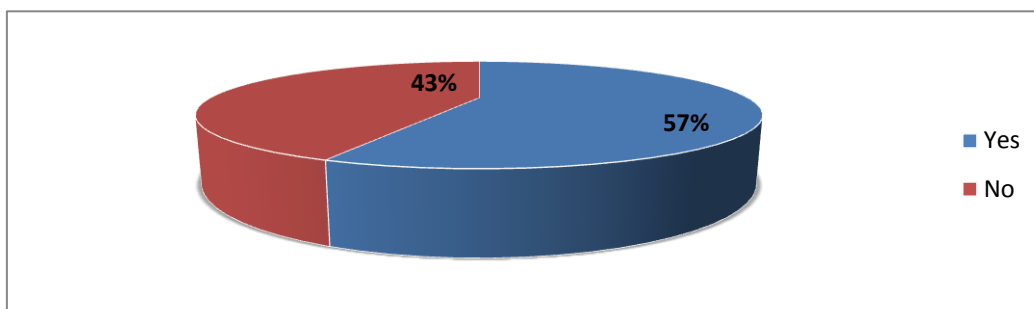


Figure 5: Percentage of residents Central Milton Keynes have been affected by the anti-social use of vehicles.



**5. Have you ever experienced or been affected by anti-social use of vehicles in Milton Keynes in the last 12 months?**

***If you answered yes to the last question, please explain how you have been affected.***

We have received responses from 931 respondents. Most of the responses can be categorised as the following: Noise, Safety Concerns, and general other comments. A number of locations from around Milton Keynes were also highlighted, with the predominant locations being Central Milton Keynes car parks and grid roads, as well as large retail shopping areas (Kingston, Westcroft and Stadium MK).

A summary of responses can be found on the table on page 6. Responses were received from people living, and/or working in these, and the surrounding areas and estates.

The following comments give a brief snapshot of the comments received:

- *'I live in the Vizion development overlooking the public car park opposite Argos. For the last 5 years I've had to put up with constant noise from racers late at night over the weekend and during the week. It's worse during the summer and bank holidays. I can't have the windows open at night even in the summer due to the horrendous noise.'*
- *'The Parish Council has a persistent problem in the car park of the sports Pavilion, Linceslade Grove, Loughton that is affecting the home life of residents nearby.'*
- *'Over the past year, CMK seems to have become a boy racer hotspot. Apart from the dangerous driving aspect, the noise these cars make is highly antisocial and disruptive to a peaceful life.'*
- *'Every evening (and worse at weekends) the noise coming from the car park in front of the old Toys R Us is ruining our quality of life. Sometimes in excess of 100 cars, racing, doing doughnuts, revving engines, tooting horns, playing music, and setting off fireworks - the list is endless. Sometimes goes on until 1am and the sound travels directly to our building (Vizion) and stops us sleeping. We are contemplating moving now as a last resort. I have communicated this with videos and pictures to the police, local councillor and MP in regularly in the year we have lived here. I am not exaggerating when I say it is every single day!'*

- *'Car cruisers regularly gather in the evening in the Sainsbury's car park in CMK where I shop. As a woman driver on my own at night, this make me feel insecure. Sometimes they block the lane in the last row of parking which is the exit lane, so I have to drive down another lane in the wrong direction.'*
- *'I am responding on behalf of CMK Town Council. Numerous residents have made approaches to us to complain about the noise and intimidation caused by these activities.'*
- *'I work for Network Rail at the Quadrant:MK and use the staff car park. If I return later than usual office hours the main public car park outside is used as a race track. There is no alternative exit from the staff car park and the main road. This can mean having to drive through a race between cars, which is scary and dangerous. Have reported this, but apparently the police let people race around this car park, as it stops them being elsewhere. This seems unfair on people who use the Network Rail car park.'*
- *'We are a serviced apartment company and constantly receive complaints from the traffic noise in the early hours of the morning. This affects us as we received bad reviews online and regular guests no longer wish to stay.'*
- *'There is constant racing down Witan Gate and surrounding Boulevards. The apartments we sell, some are road facing and the noise can become unbearable especially for our business travellers who need to be up early for work.'*
- *'Young car drivers, using the car park where I work to cruise and do donuts, leaving their rubbish and damaging cars that are parked in the car park.'*
- *'I parked at work. Network Rail. Then my car was surrounded by all of them and when I went to leave they would not let me out of the car park.'*

# Noise

Vehicle related noise

Loud music

People related noise

Excessive late night noise

# Safety

ASB

Cannabis Smoking

Speeding cars

Intimidation and violence

Feeling unsafe at night using  
car parks

Litter/broken glass

Donuts and wheel spins

# Other

Blocked Roads

Damage to Cars

Tyre Marks being left in areas

Drug Dealing

Loitering in car parks

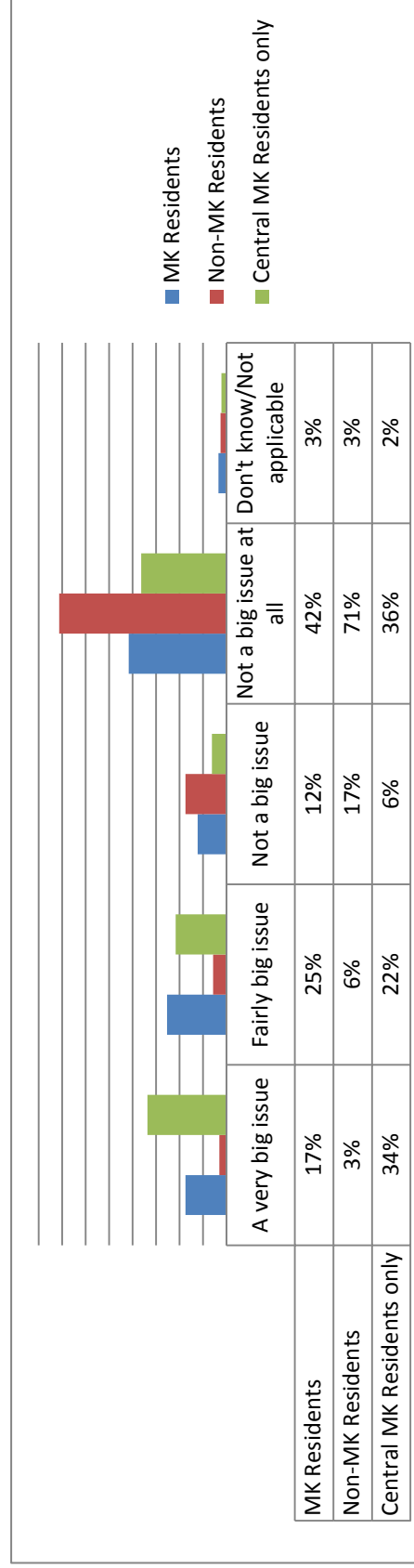
Car fumes and pollution

6. **How much of an issue do you think the anti-social use of vehicles is in Milton Keynes?**

Around a third of respondents feel that the anti-social use of vehicles is either 'a very big issue' or 'a fairly big issue' with a combined percentage rate of 37%. 55 per cent of respondents from Central Milton Keynes felt this was either 'a big issue' or 'a fairly big issue'

Response	Number of all respondents	Percentage of all respondents	Number of MK residents/businesses	Percentage of MK residents/businesses	Number of CMK residents/businesses	Percentage of CMK residents/businesses
A very big issue	366	15%	353	17%	92	34%
Fairly big issue	536	22%	512	25%	59	22%
Not a big issue	322	13%	248	12%	17	6%
Not a big issue at all	1146	47%	845	42%	99	36%
Don't know/not applicable	81	3.30%	70	3%	6	2%
Skipped question	196		196		18	
Total number	2451		2028		273	

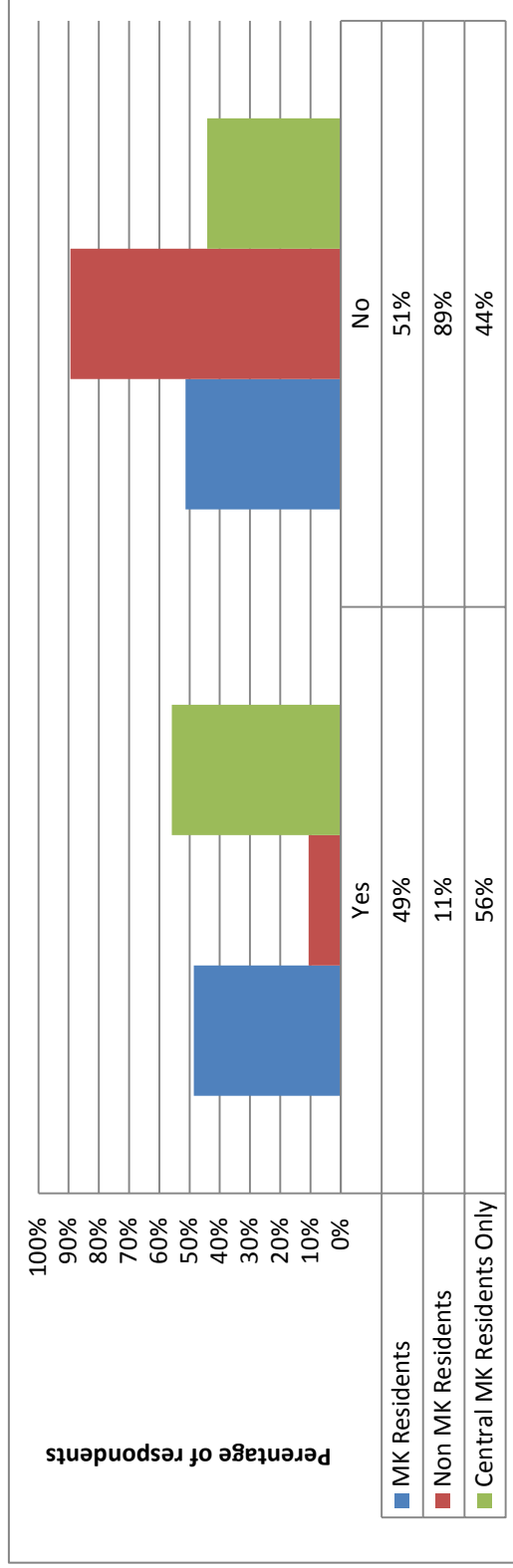
Figure 6: How much of an issue do you think the anti-social use of vehicles is in Milton Keynes?



7. **Do you support the implementation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to ban the anti-social use of vehicles in Milton Keynes?**

The final results show that there is a fairly even split between the results, with **49%** of Milton Keynes residents saying that they would be in favour of a PSPO. We have also included respondents from the most affected area in Milton Keynes, Central Milton Keynes, to reflect their responses. These figures show that **56%** of those respondents are in favour of the PSPO. The graph also shows that **89%** non-MK respondents are not in favour of the PSPO.

Figure 7: Support for the implementation of a PSPO.





8. \*If you answered No to the previous question, please state your reasons why.

Most of the comments received were centred on the following:

## People and cars

Harmless hobby

Passionate about their cars

Minority cause issues

please provide some land or a car-park area to car-cruisers

Its been going on for years

## Other

Waste of tax payers money

Other issues like knife crime should be a priority

The PSPO will send the problem elsewhere

It only happens occasionally

Here is a selection of some comments taken from the survey:

- *'This will just increase the amount of people on the roads racing compared to a group meet and this will increase the amount of road traffic accidents as a PSPO would remove the opportunity for cars to be parked up increasing the rate of what street races happen.'*
- *'This city was built for the car. Motoring should be enjoyable, and spirited. Not sanitised and draconian. How about you address issues of road rage, uninsured drivers, careless and reckless driving by family vehicles, rather than penalise car enthusiasts in the UK home to F1.'*
- *'How about spending police money on violence, car thefts, burglaries and myriad other issues - rather than penalising car enthusiasts?'*
- *'I might add I own a single car - a company Astra so am not a "car enthusiast" myself - but this proposal is preposterous.'*
- *'There are laws that already enforceable in place to deal with the minority that drive in an anti-social way. Why is there need to create another source of income because some oppose one person's hobby and passion? What is a more realistic and academic approach would be to coincide and work together with organisers to minimize the event. The same way you cohere with any other large event held in Milton Keynes.'*
- *'It seems that by anti-social you mean any gathering of vehicles. Many of those who meet simply do so to socialise and admire each other's vehicles.'*
- *'It is just a few idiots or spoil it for the majority who are not anti-social at all.'*
- *'I go to these car cruises and they are mostly well behaved and innocent.'*