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Executive summary

The consultation on Parks Byelaws was open from 18th January 2016 to 20th March 2016. 813 people responded to the Consultation.

The consultation information and response method was sent directly to Parks groups, equalities groups and some community sector organisations. The consultation was published on Consultation Hub, through the 'Our City' and 'Ask Bristol' email bulletins and promoted via posters in parks.

- A minimum of 75% of respondents use parks & green spaces in Bristol
- 15% of respondents lived adjacent to a park or green space.
- 85% of respondents were from the Bristol City Council Local Authority area. There was some interest in the consultation from people living outside of this area.
- The majority of respondents were regular Park users, visiting daily or weekly.
- The main Parks visited were:
 - Ashton Court Estate
 - Blaise Castle estate
 - Eastville Park
 - St George Park
 - Brandon Hill Park
 - Victoria Park
 - Castle Park
- Overall, 58% of respondents agreed that byelaws would help them to enjoy Bristol green spaces.
- 28% of respondents thought Byelaws would make them more likely to visit green spaces they currently avoid.
- 53% thought that byelaws would not stop them doing some of the things they currently do now. 39% thought they would.
- 58% thought that byelaws would not cost them money. A third of respondents thought they would cost them money. The main reasons for this, identified in the open comments, were due to a view that byelaws would increase enforcement and administration costs.
- Respondents were asked to give their own comments on any of the byelaws:
 - 23% of comments made related to the byelaw on 'Protection of structures and plants'. This is the byelaw that caused many responses on a misconception that berry picking and foraging would be prevented by this byelaw.
 - 10% of comments were about fires, and 9% about Cycling.
 - Full comments are listed in this report.
- Four proposed byelaws were identified in the consultation for further questions. These related to barbecues, horse riding, fishing and flying model aircraft (including drones). For each of these byelaws, respondents were asked if they agree or disagree.
 - Overall, 50% of respondents agreed with the proposal to permit barbecues on as many sites as possible within the byelaws schedule. 32% disagree. Of those who disagreed, the main themes from the comments were that barbecues should be allowed in designated areas only (75 comments), and concerns about damage to the ground (67 comments) and rubbish left

behind (53 comments). 36 people said barbecues should be banned at all sites. In total there were 297 comments on this proposal.

62% agreed with the proposal to permit horse riding only on sites above 4 hectares. 12% disagreed. In total there were 108 comments on this proposal.

There were a high proportion of respondents who neither agreed nor disagree with the proposal to prohibit fishing on St George Park Lake only. Of those who did express an opinion, 31% agreed and 21% disagreed. There were 177 comments about fishing generally generated by this proposal. The main theme of comments (40) said fishing should be allowed at St George Park. 35 comments said fishing should be allowed at all sites. 21 comments said fishing should be banned at all sites.

40% of respondents agreed with the proposal to permit flying of Model Aircraft at Hengrove Park only. 31% disagreed. There were high levels of neither agree or disagree on this topic (30%). There were 254 comments on the proposed byelaw on flying model aircraft. The main theme (81 comments) said flying model aircraft should be allowed in more areas. 29 comments said flying model aircraft should not be allowed in any areas. 25 comments said it should be allowed in large parks. 19 comments said flying model aircraft was not a problem.

- We asked 'Should we adopt conditions to regulate people carrying out some of the activities covered by the byelaws; for example those set out for flying model aircraft and barbecues?' 61% of respondents said yes. 19% said no.
- We asked 'Should we apply general consent to activities relevant to any of the byelaws? For example the use of gazebos erected temporarily to provide shade, act as a gathering point – when permanent installations are not permitted?' 63% said yes, 18% said no.

Results

At least 75% of respondents use parks and green spaces in Bristol.

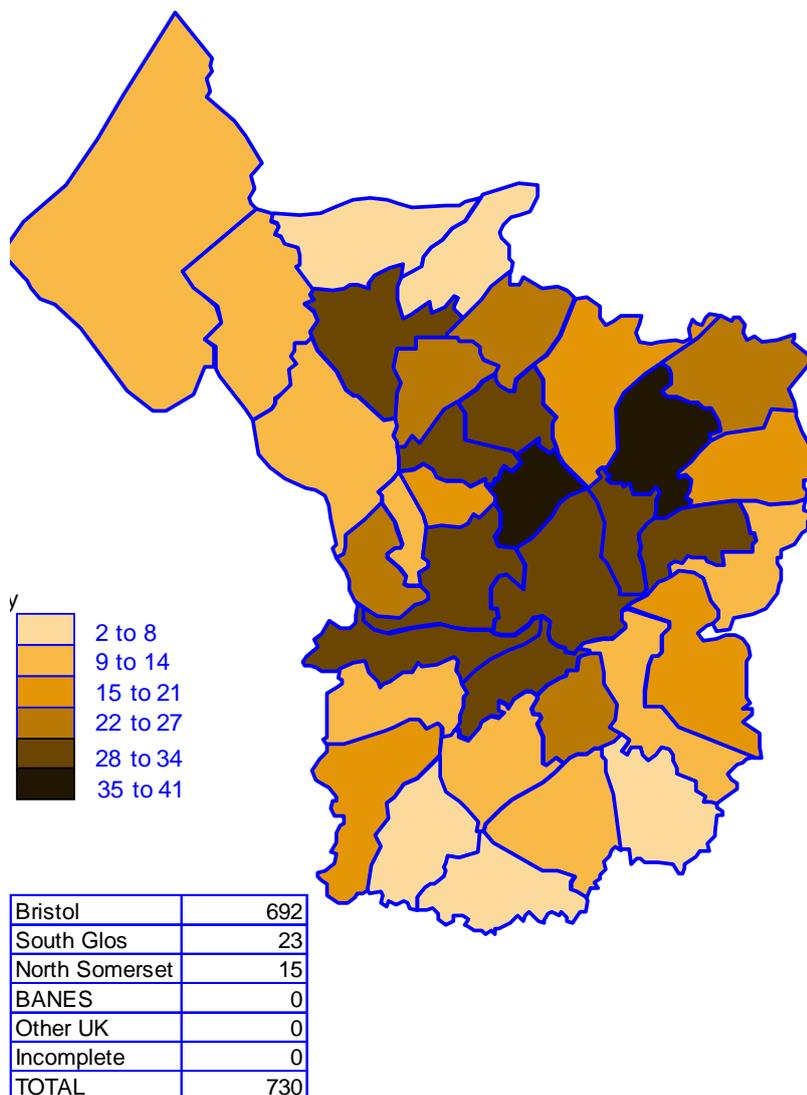
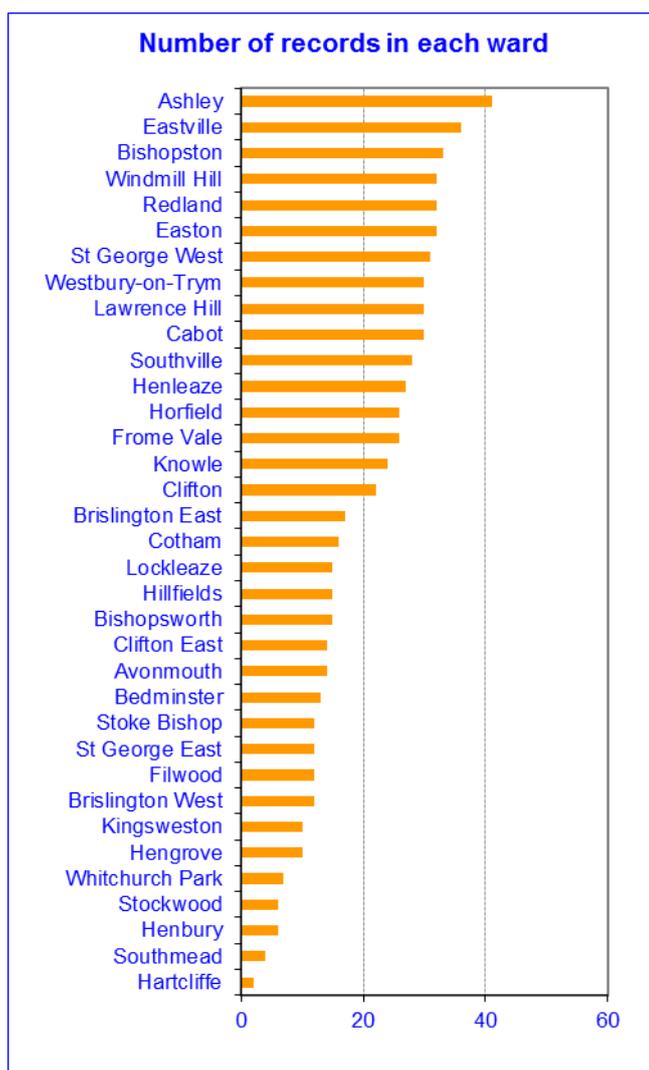
3: Are you responding as:	Frequency	Percent
Citizen who uses parks & green spaces in Bristol	613	75.40%
Citizen who lives adjacent to a park or green space	118	14.51%
A councillor	4	0.49%
A representative of an organisation	16	1.97%
Not Answered	62	7.63%

85% of respondents were from the Bristol City Council Local Authority area. There was some interest in the consultation from people living outside of this area.

4: Are you a resident of Bristol City Council local authority area?	Frequency	Percent
Yes	689	84.75%
No	62	7.63%
Not Answered	62	7.63%

What is your postcode?

Complete postcodes for Bristol were people responding from the following wards.



The majority of respondents were regular Park users, visiting daily or weekly.

5: How often do you visit Bristol's Parks and Green spaces?	Frequency	Percent
Daily	284	34.93%
Weekly	340	41.82%
Monthly	79	9.72%
Every few months	35	4.31%
Once or twice a year	11	1.35%
Not Answered	64	7.87%

6: Which of the green spaces in Schedule 1 have you used in the last 12 months?

The following were the most frequently stated places people had visited in the last 12 months. Other spaces from schedule 1 not on the list were visited in the last 12 months by less than 10 respondents.

Which spaces have you visited in the last 12 months?	Count
Ashton Court Estate	198
Blaise Castle estate	161
Eastville Park	141
St George Park	118
Brandon Hill Park	115
Victoria Park	112
Castle Park	104
St Andrews Park	91
The Downs	91
Oldbury Court Estate	87
Queen Square	70
College Green green space	64
Greville Smyth Park	62
Canford Park	55
Horfield Common Open Space	53
Snuff Mills Park	53
Clifton Downs	48
Stoke Park Estate	48
Redland Green	47
Badocks Wood	38
Perretts Park	37
Arnos Court Park	34
Troopers hill Nature Reserve	32
Bristol/Bath Railway Path	32
Kings Weston Estate	29
Netham Park	29
Hengrove Park	28
Mina Road Park	25
Redcatch Park	25
Purdown Open Space	24
Cotham Gardens Green Space	22

Dame Emily Park	22
Leigh Woods	21
Ashton Vale Playing Field	17
Narrowways Millennium Green	17
St Andrews Park	17
Bristol/Bath Railway Path (East)	17
Victoria Square Park	13
Victory Park	13
Bristol/Bath Railway Path (Central)	16
City docks	10
Dundridge Farm Playing Fields	10
Gores March Park	10
Riverside Park	10
St Annes Park	10

7: Does your home have a garden?	Frequency	Percent
Yes	623	76.63%
No	128	15.74%
Not Answered	62	7.63%

Overall, 58% of respondents agreed that byelaws would help them to enjoy Bristol green spaces. 23% disagreed. Only 28% of respondents thought Byelaws would make them more likely to visit green spaces they currently avoid.

8. Total agreement/disagreement excluding non-response	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Byelaws will help me to enjoy Bristol green spaces	194	144	104
	58%	19%	23%
Byelaws will make me more likely to use some green spaces that I currently avoid	92	265	159
	28%	35%	37%

9: Do you think byelaws should be limited only to sites where nuisance has been reported or should they cover all sites in Bristol where it is possible to have a byelaw?	Frequency	Percent
Only where nuisance reported previously	332	40.84%
Cover all possible sites in Bristol	405	49.82%
Not Answered	76	9.35%

A large proportion – 39% thought byelaws would stop them doing some of the things they currently do now. 53% thought they would not.

10: Do you think byelaws will stop you from doing some of the things you do now?	Frequency	Percent
Yes	318	39.11%
No	437	53.75%
Not Answered	58	7.13%

A third of respondents thought byelaws would cost them money. 58% thought they would not. The main reasons for this, identified in the open comments were due to enforcement costs, increase in council tax (probably also related to perceived enforcement costs) and not being able to forage. Media coverage of the Byelaws generated a misconception around the freedom to pick berries in Parks and Green spaces. This generated a lot of responses on this issue. In response to this, the council sent out a clear message that will continue to encourage families/individuals to pick blackberries for their own enjoyment.

11: Do you think byelaws will cost you money?	Frequency	Percent
Yes	275	33.83%
No	468	57.56%
Not Answered	70	8.61%

Do you think Byelaws will cost you money? - If yes, please describe:

There were 264 responses to this part of the question, grouped under the following themes.

Category	Count
Enforcement costs	120
Increase in council tax	48
Not being able to forage	48
Administrative costs	21
Signage costs	11
Fines	10
Cost of getting places for restricted activities	10
Publicising costs	8
Costs to fly model airplanes/drones	7
Monitoring costs	6
Legal costs	5
Maintenance costs	4
Impact to business	4
Travel for angling	3
Survey cost	3
Cost of providing designated BBQ areas	2
Cost of applying for permissions	2
Increase in rates	1
Claims made against the council	1
Charges for community events	1
Repair costs	1
Research costs	1
Cost of transporting horses	1
Having to use a motor vehicle to travel	1
Having to travel to use a mountain bike	1
Cost of railings	1
Finding alternative activities	1
Funding places for homeless to sleep	1
Parking meters	1

Respondents were asked to give their own comments on any of the byelaws. 23% of these comments were related to the byelaw on 'Protection of structures and plants'. This is the byelaws that caused many responses on berry picking and foraging.

10% of comments were about fires, and 9% about Cycling. Full comments are listed in this report.

12: Do you have any comments about any of the proposed byelaws? (in order of comment frequency)	Frequency	Percent
2. Protection of structures and plants	218	23
7. Fires	94	10
11. Cycling	87	9
19. Model aircraft	75	8
21. Excessive noise	58	6
17. Fishing	52	6
1. Opening times	50	5
22. Public shows and performance	45	5
6. Camping	43	5
12. Motor vehicles	42	4
5. Protection of wildlife	38	4
3. Unauthorised erection of structures	27	3
10. Horses	16	2
13. Overnight parking	16	2
4. Grazing	13	1
8. Missiles	13	1
15. Field sports	13	1
20. Provision of services	12	1
24. Obstruction	7	1
16. Golf	5	1
23. Aircraft hang gliders	5	1
14. Archery	4	0
18. Blocking of watercourses	3	0
9. Interference with life-saving equipment	2	0
Total	938	100

Your comments:

There were 520 responses to this part of the question

12: Do you have any comments about any of the proposed byelaws?
1. Opening times (50 Comments – 5%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hope you are not closing parks? • Parks should be open anytime. • I'd like to know how this could be policed which such large green spaces • Parks should be open at all times 24/7 • No need and will limit people's ability to cut through or walk dogs etc. • Having opening times wastes money • It's unrealistic to expect special opening times in many of the areas • I wish you would lock park gates at dusk every night • Not sure this is an issue for all parks • I'm not sure this is implemented. I have contacted the council about the security of the park on Trinity Road/ Lawfords Gate. The park is for resident use only and being able to close

the park off to the public completely would stop the antisocial behaviour we are currently experiencing.

- should have been in place long ago it's the cause of most problems
- the public are always public and own the space
- No comments, I support them all
- Why do you need opening hours? Troopers hill at midnight on NYE is a family experience. I also use it to cut across from Redfield to St Anne's when I'm on foot.
- WTF
- Should be open all hours in case people need shelter.
- No, this has no legitimacy.
- Depends on how 'opening times' are defined
- I do not know why an open space or park should have opening hours which might prevent use as a shortcut, for example.
- Please see comment above
- Could make it difficult for staff to carry out duties outside of opening hours
- This could affect people with early starts/dog walking
- I would strongly object to a blanket approach to applying opening times
- Not necessary for most spaces
- Unless there has been an issue with vagrancy or disruption in an area, I do not agree that access to them should be restricted to 'opening times'.
- A shame that this is necessary
- You state that all but one of the areas has 24hr access - a bylaw is not necessary if it is only to be applied in one exceptional case, in my view, it would be more to the point to differently designate parks with restricted opening hours.
- It is good to know that a park is closed at night to avoid vandalism.
- There is no information regarding opening times and if they would apply to parks ? I think people should be able to use open areas 24/7 but there be restrictions in terms of noise etc.
- Existing byelaws have opening hours for parks which are unenforceable
- There is no reference, as far as I can see, to dogs and the exercising and toileting of them. Fear of dogs is the number one reason so few people use the parks. There should be more 'dogs on leads area' where people can feel safe from dog attacks.
- Opening times should not be changed
- "1. Narroways Millennium Green is, we believe, in a unique position because, although the land itself is owned by Bristol City Council, it is leased to the Trustees of Narroways for 999years. Our existing Trust Deed gives us various powers already, often mirroring those now proposed in these new byelaws. In particular, we already have a "Specific power to make new regulations" so, for example, we do not allow camping or amplified music on the site. It is not uncommon for dogs to cause damage to plants by biting or digging, or to create an unwelcome level of noise. We believe that dog owners are responsible for the actions of their dogs as if those actions were committed by the owners themselves and we believe that the new byelaws should reflect this. "
- Police have shown a liking to have groups gather late at night in our local park rather than have them scattered around the area
- Mountain biking night rides at Ashton Court keep me fit - is this going to stop them? Why?
- All parks should be open 24hours
- public open spaces should not have "opening times"
- Sometimes people need a green space after a long day/evening of work to recharge in, it keeps people sane. The cost of hiring someone to lock the park. Is too high, for something

very unneeded.

- I'm not sure how exactly this would be implemented. Does the Council have the resource to enforce opening times?
- Unfair to restrict some areas
- No opening times - should be open 24 hours a day in my opinion. Some of us like astronomy for example.
- Again use common sense some areas don't need this and may discourage people from using the areas
- "2. Item 1 – “General interpretation”. For Narrowways, “the Council” has to mean “the Trustees of Narrowways”, insofar as the terms of our Trust Deed apply. Byelaw 1 – Opening times. We have the right to close Narrowways overnight, granted to us in our Trust Deed. We typically exercise this right once per year and will retain the option to do so in the future. Byelaw 2.(1) – Protection of structures and plants. We draw up our own Management Plan for Narrowways so we are independent of the Council with respect to the work our volunteers do. We do not therefore seek the Council's agreement for the work we do, though we do supply a copy of our Management Plan to the Council and would consider any comments made to us as a result. "
- Parks should be open 24x7 except for limited closures for works or special events
- I hope this isn't a sneaky way to save money by shutting more open spaces after dusk. I enjoy visiting and running through parks etc. after dark.
- what about access for night activities, e.g. night walks, night mountain biking or even looking at stars?
- A lot of green spaces don't have opening hours. It would be very sad if this was implemented as sometimes the best experience can be a moonlit / torch-lit walk surrounded by nature.
- "3. Byelaw 3. “Unauthorised erection of structures”. Our Trust Deed gives us the authority to carry out a range of works on Narrowways, providing we obtain any necessary planning consent in advance. We will retain this right. Byelaw 11. “Cycling”. We do not allow cycling on our site as it could easily cause significant damage to delicate flora. Byelaw 21.(1) – “Excessive noise”. The current wording will allow people to make as much noise as they like until they are asked to stop. Those being annoyed by loud noise may well feel intimidated by those making the noise and will not therefore ask them to stop. Inhabitants of properties neighbouring the grounds may also be annoyed by noise and would be required to visit the grounds to register their desire that the noise should cease. In the case of an otherwise deserted site being occupied by a noisy group in the middle of the night, this would require a local resident, awoken by the noise, to leave their bed to visit the site to request that they desist before the byelaw was infringed. Surely the making of the noise itself should infringe the byelaw. We would recommend that the phrase “after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground” be deleted and that the second use of “in the ground” be replaced by “locally”. We have had instances of trees or shrubs being planted on Narrowways without our consent. We have also had dead pets buried on Narrowways. If these activities are not forbidden by other legislation already in effect, then we would ask that new byelaws cover these activities. "

2. Protection of structures and plants

- Education groups should be allowed to access areas with plants in and under correct supervision collect sustainable amounts of leaves and petals.
- Also need protection from breakage - e.g. damage to trees may involve broken branches but not removal etc.
- Excellent
- Council should do what they can given the economic climate
- Should be for the positive enjoyment of all if provided. Vandalism is an upsetting waste of money.
- It is very important to do this.
- Why is there nothing in any of these byelaws to prevent dumping of household waste and other waste-dumping activities such as used nappies and party waste left behind after people have enjoyed the green space.
- I am concerned that this could be seen as forbidding the taking of edible parts of a plant, such as apples, blackberries and other fruits
- This byelaw would prevent public harvesting of vegetables grown for the purpose and would also prevent foraging of weeds, herbs etc. for educational, culinary and medicinal uses.
- A particularly ridiculous one - I think designed to protect planting from being destroyed, but plants are fine to take a little bit from without coming to any harm.
- This needs to be recorded so as not to outlaw foraging (blackberry picking)
- I would like to see a performance area for plays and music
- It is my belief that by restricting communities' right to engage with plants and structures in public spaces decreases knowledge and culture about good use of public resources and in the long run makes people dependant on regulation rather than educated in social use of public spaces.
- Structures and plants should be protected as should wildlife
- As written walking on the grass on any of the open spaces could be taken as being an offence. Walking on grassed areas ought to be an explicit exception.
- Foraging should not be stopped if the person is conscientious about how much is collected and the quality of the plants.
- Ridiculous to suggest picking berries is wrong.
- Please see my comment above - foraging on e.g. fruiting bodies, or herbs should be allowed provide the entire plant is not taken
- picking fruit should be exempt
- Agree full plants should not be removed but cuttings / fruit???
- See about re: blackberry picking or elderflower etc.
- Good for rare plants. Bad for everything else
- This needs to be made clear. I think a more sensitive approach to which areas are being damaged and WHY action needs to be taken. Perhaps a "legal" berry-harvesting rotation if plants are being needlessly harmed. Instead of banning - or as well as if it can't be helped, why not then propose a POSITIVE? Put something aside for people to grow food in that's open to the public?!
- Excessive in preventing blackberrying etc.
- Foraging should be allowed as I have detailed in Q10
- 4.1.b will stop the citizens of Bristol from foraging.
- I would have concerns that this will affect those who use the green spaces for foraging, something which increasingly brings people into the spaces and I believe does no harm to those spaces

- reasonable use should apply
- This proposal is ridiculous and will reduce the ability to enjoy Bristol's green spaces. It should be limited only to picking ornamental flowers or digging up trees (if these are a problem)
- This byelaw should be amended so it prevents activity which damages or removes plants, otherwise it stops people picking fruit, nuts etc.
- Banning people from picking blackberries or apples is short sighted
- As above, I want to be able to forage, and build dens with the kids
- Protecting the plants is fine. What is not fine is stopping people from being able to pick the fruits of plants which are available in abundance in the wild. This activity does not endanger anyone or anything as these plants grow happily every year and produce plenty of fruit e.g. blackberries, walnuts, dandelions, elderflower etc. in fact I believe people should be made more aware of these fruits of nature which surround us given that there are 7 billion of us on the planet and we are struggling to produce enough food commercially. I think some of these byelaws are the product of people who have no awareness of some of these issues. While some of these laws are a good idea, e.g. against fires etc. picking any part of a plant is excessive! What if a child picks a leaf?
- Remove the 'any part of' to make it a byelaw to remove a whole tree or plant
- Foraging should not be banned, children need to collect blackberries - maybe mushrooms should be protected.
- The bye law on protection of plants needs to be revised so that it allows: (a) the picking of edible produce (particularly from 'Incredible Edible beds): and (b) foraging (as long as the viability of the plants is not threatened by that picking).
- See above. Unnecessarily restrictive. Can protect plants without such restrictions.
- Understandable to protect trees and plants but where does it stop? If a child makes a daisy chain, are they breaking the law?
- Blackberry picking and other foraging should be allowed
- grass is a plant, this means no walking on the grass
- It seems unreasonable, extreme and rather pointless to ban blackberry picking. And it would be impossible to police!
- Criminal damage is covered by law. People shouldn't walk on flowers beds but making that law is draconian and unnecessary.
- Can you make it so that it isn't illegal to take edible parts of plants that do not damage the plant
- Picking berries and generally foraging shouldn't be prevented as it isn't detrimental to plants when done properly, which is the case now from what I can see around Westbury on Trym.
- Wild fruit or vegetables should be available for foraging by the public
- As above
- Please do not exclude the picking of ripe fruit
- Will not allow for foraging
- as above
- Picking fruit, flowers etc. should be explicitly permitted
- I understand it's important to protect the many wild plants to grow in green spaces around the city. People who forage often do so responsibly and I feel we are penalised unnecessarily
- As I described above in question 10.
- Needlessly draconian. Not green at all - people need to connect with nature
- Stopping people foraging for fruits, mushrooms etc. is too draconian - provided people are

only picking fruits etc. that would naturally fall off trees I don't see how this harms anyone and the fruits would only go to waste. We need to make the most of what nature provides which helps minimise waste elsewhere

- please protect structure and plants but allow some foraging
- This bylaw essentially makes foraging illegal.
- Needs clarification to protect responsible use of wild edibles
- the council should work for communities, rather than criminalised Hartcliffe the traditional family activity of blackberry picking
- I agree with protection of plants and trees and their non-removal, with the exception of blackberries. This is an age old tradition and pleasure and does. Not cause unnecessary damage. Foraging should also be allowed.
- Picking blackberries, apples and free food isn't a problem, it's a joy
- Too restrictive. Many people get a great deal of enjoyment from collecting berries and mushrooms. I would not want byelaws that prevent people from feeling a bond with nature.
- If I cannot take anything, I cannot blackberry pick or pick other wild fruit, or pick wild flowers daisies etc.
- Blackberry picking and other foraging shouldn't be disallowed
- foraging should be exempt
- See above comment in Question 10.
- see above
- Will we still be able to forage responsibly
- Restriction on picking blackberries for example is facile and unwarranted., with no benefit. Should be words to exclude such activities. Taking whole plants etc. should be included within this.
- See above comment regarding foraging
- I would like to continue picking wild mushrooms and blackberries as well as any other wild food
- Needs to allow for natural foraging and picking of fruit
- The enforcement of this rule will prevent people from blackberry picking and taking advantage of nature's natural bounty
- Is this where fruit picking would become illegal? If so, it would seem counterproductive to a Green City if food goes to waste.
- Picking of fruit e.g. blackberries, and leaves e.g. wild garlic should be allowed, not for commercial purposes
- It seems stupid to be making new byelaws for these. Surely there are already measures in place to prosecute anyone wilfully vandalising structures and plants?
- So its ok for the council to consent to destroy important agricultural land and a fair chunk of stoke park estate but no picking fruit?
- Any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree. This is not in the best interests of the public
- As per main comment re restriction on foraging
- Please can foraging (without damaging or removing plants) be protected?
- I think people should continue to have the right to harvest plants for their own use. It's a good way for children to interact with nature, both for bonding with parents and education as to where food originates from.
- I believe wild food and fair foraging of edible products in our city should be encouraged and this proposed byelaw would limit this important activity and way for people to connect to the natural environment

- I understand the need to protect certain plants, especially from vandalism, but the generic statement suggests that blackberries will also fall under this byelaw
- See above.
- Taking a botanical cutting is to become illegal. This is excessive and unnecessary
- Should be able to pick fruit/berries/mushrooms etc.
- As above, it would be an enormous shame to prohibit or criminalise people who enjoy foraging.
- My only objection with the proposed new bye laws is with Part 2) part 4.1.b. Please can you clarify the wording by removing "and any part of plant". I agree precaution is good to prevent people taking whole trees and shrubs, but to prevent the public from picking a slow berry/ elderflower/ blackberry/ etc. is ludicrous. These are traditions that span centuries and would be outrageous and draconian to try and stop residents from foraging now. It would be a huge contradiction to your reputation as Green Capital 2015!
- Unless you are concerned that plants are going to be ripped up wholesale, I cannot see what possible use further restrictions will be
- Picking blackberries - these come from brambles!! Why would you want to protect brambles?
- As above: Blackberry picking & foraging. What kind of council would put in a bye-law that would make this a criminal offence. It's ridiculous and you should be embarrassed that you've even suggested it
- See no 10
- as above, there needs to be an allowance for responsible foraging
- Remove 'any part of' from 4b
- Needs to be reworded to say where harm is caused or intended. Innocent blackberry picking and the like should be exempt to
- See above comments re elderflowers and blackberries
- crazy to prohibit blackberry picking
- This will stop blackberry picking
- The council and private developers will be doing an inordinate amount more to ruin plants than has ever been done by the public (even fly-tippers) - but they are excused because they pay. Don't make picking daisies against the law!
- This is overly heavy handed and prevents many productive and enjoyable pastimes from foraging to mushroom hunting to blackberry picking to salvaging let drop felled wood that would otherwise cost the council taxpayers funds to clear using contractors
- There should be no restrictions on removing plant parts that don't cause damage to wildlife
- This is not clear and there must be clarification.
- It is normal and natural for fruits to be picked, and good for the plant. Bristol was green Capital last year and some people rely on foraging; it is ludicrous to ban it
- I want to continue to pick berries, fruits and leaves
- This bylaw essentially bans foraging. Foraging allows people to reconnect with both food and the environment. For a city with a growing sustainable food culture, the proposed bylaws in Bristol are a far cry from what residents want to see in their city. The council should be creating spaces where a love for British plants can thrive and grow.
- AS above this would make brambling illegal.
- I love to forage for seasonal fruit and berries (elderflowers, blackberries, crab apples, rosehips etc.) and to restrict that would be a huge shame for Bristol where we should be encouraged to make sustainable use of these things. Please can you change the proposals to exclude foraging ingredients such as these!

- I feel that the foraging community are continuing a long-standing British tradition to connect with nature by harvesting (in moderation and with the utmost respect for the plant) local wild fruits, herbs and so on. I feel this byelaw should be rewritten to provide reasonable rights to forage where it is not for commercial gain. In the past Bristol City Council have encouraged, and even funded, foraging courses!
- Need to be more precise in words to be clear that foraging is allowed, relying on council common-sense in future implementation is unacceptable.
- Wording is completely inappropriate and unenforceable.
- Seems deliberately vague so as to be draconian. Berries and mushrooms should be exempt
- Please don't control blackberry picking
- Just the kind of outdated idea I would come to expect of Bristol Council
- There is concern that this section, particularly 4 (1) (b), will ban foraging. Adding "except ripe fruit" to the end will allow foraging without changing the intended purpose
- Too strict, explicitly exempt foraging
- Blackberrying! Nuff said.
- Please see comment at Q10
- On some walks and where supplies are plentiful I like to be able to pick fruit such as blackberries and sloes, and wild garlic, all for home use. The proposed byelaws as they stand would potentially prohibit this.
- Banning foraging will damage the public's quality of life and unfairly restrict their use of public spaces.
- Foraging is a human right and can easily be done sustainably and respecting nature. Cutting down a whole tree should not be seen equally to picking a few wild leaves or berries. Also, should not remove any stone!!! Children exploring nature will become impossible.
- people should be able to forage fruit etc. from the parks/roadside
- By Blackberry picking or elderflower/elderberry picking you are not harming the plant.... your proposals would not encourage the plants to flourish....
- Foraging is a legitimate activities - food should be freely available in parks
- Finer detail on removal of plants i.e. fruits etc.
- Think the expression "any part of the plant" may be a bit over the top. My dog might "displace" a stick and there is the blackberry issue. It also states that "no person shall walk on"....."any plant" - well grass is a plant and walking on plants is the whole point in visiting a green space as opposed to walking on the pavement.
- It has been reported that this may extend to prevent the picking of wild blackberries. If true, then I think that common sense will not have prevailed
- As mentioned above the byelaw is poorly worded and thus has raised concern.
- 4 (b) - this seems to prevent people from foraging for example for elderflower, blackberries etc.? I understand the Mayor has said this isn't the case, in which case the wording needs to be tightened up to be very clear that foraging is still allowed.
- People have always picked fruit and berries in Bristol's open spaces
- Please see answer to point 10
- It should be ok to pick a few plants and berries, but I agree that taking soil or whole plants is wrong.
- May I still pick blackberries, elderflowers with fear of prosecution, also I like to collect fallen leaves and pine cones in autumn. Will this be considered reasonable ?
- see above reservation blackberry picking
- This won't let people forage. Update it so there is provision for this.

- This will seriously on my family's quality of life and wellbeing - shame on you
- This needs to be much more tightly drawn so that people can continue to do perfectly normal things like pick blackberries or pick daisies and dandelions. It would be stupid to make something like that illegal.
- protection needed
- Disturbing stones. Really? Might you want to be specific about that?
- Foraging should be exempted
- See above. Picking fruit/nuts/berries seems to be forbidden
- Common sense over application
- Can't pick flowers or berries?
- Must not be used to interfere with activities such as berry picking which involve removing 'part of a plant', but clearly cause no harm or damage
- Children often collect foliage from parks
- This could stop people being able to pick blackberries for example
- Would like to see a stop to people taking all plants/fruits when foraging.
- I think it is totally unreasonable for the council to ban foraging as it should be everyone's right to pick food from shared spaces. I don't understand why this has been proposed and haven't seen any reasons given.
- Issues over blackberry picking or children making daisy chains/buttercup chains
- Do you intend to ban blackberry picking etc? Do not agree with this
- Good idea as we need more plants and structures
- Please specify foraging is allowed
- As above. Very concerned that I won't be able to forage any more
- People should be allowed to take a reasonable amount of fruit that they will eat. Also, grass is a plant - how will you prevent people from walking on that?
- See above
- 4. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground: (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree. This statement is preposterous. It prohibits any interaction with the natural environment. Simply walking through a park is going to displace stones, soil and fallen leaves. There is also the danger of them being removed accidentally by sticking to footwear. Are you going to provide cleaning facilities in every park to help the general public inadvertently breaking this by-law? It severely limits the use of the parks which should be recreational, educational and social resources where interaction with the geology and biology play a vital role.
- See above. No reason not to pick daisies/ fruit
- Not specific enough
- I don't think picking blackberries or any wild fruit, plant or herb does any harm. It should instead be encouraged in the framework of being a more sustainable city. Moreover I think these activities encourage both adults and kids to be more in contact with nature.
- I regularly visit Bristol parks picking blackberries, conkers and fallen autumn leaves. To be told I will no longer be able to do this would mean I wouldn't continue to use those parks affected by the restrictive bye-laws.
- See response to Q10
- I would love to see you fine the parent of a girl picking some little blackberries
- Protection of plants and wildlife is a good idea but use common sense and allow fruit and flower picking unless it is an endangered species.
- Byelaws too stringent with ref to conker, blackberry, autumn leaf collecting etc.
- please amend 4.1

- plants should be protected at all times and structures respected as for the common good
- In children's play areas it may be inevitable that there will be some disturbance of stones/plants/soil on occasion so perhaps here it would be better to emphasise safety and provide relatively "child proof" plants and structures.
- Again protection of plants etc. should be high on the list
- Why is there nothing in these byelaws to address the problem of dog waste either not being collected or bags of excrement hung from trees?
- Foraging and trimming bushes etc. (e.g. gathering holly for Xmas, picking leaves for kid's projects etc.) except where it damages the plants, within designated planted areas such as flower beds or where it could cause a nuisance.
- foraging is anti-waste - I regularly see fruit rotting on trees let people forage on common land - info on how to do safely might help if there are problems
- Removing fruits and parts of plants from publicly owned spaces has been a tradition as long as such spaces have existed! There should definitely be exceptions for non-commercial gathering of plants for consumption.
- Are we seriously considering stopping children and families picking blackberries. If it were not serious it would be laughable.
- foraging will be against by-laws; don't forget public spaces are for the public
- This rule is silly and penalises poor people who rely on it for a food source. In addition, natural fruits and berries will rot away on trees and be wasted.
- Whilst generally ok, I could see this one being used (unintentionally) to prevent and stifle interest in the natural world as well as cultivated plants.
- No, this has no legitimacy.
- Blackberrying, taking cuttings or seeds, will be illegal. Stupid.
- as above
- I frequently forage for berries and flowers, something that doesn't damage plants. This byelaw would mean I can no longer do this
- Could make it difficult for foragers and families enjoying the innocent pleasure of picking wild fruit (which also helps plants in their natural cycle)
- I think dog fouling is the worst problem in our parks and I would like to see more action to make dog owners clear up after their dogs, or only let dogs use restricted areas.
- **BLACKBERRYING!**
- This byelaw is essential for the protection of Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites (RIGS). Removing rocks from these sites will reduce their value in terms of education and be a loss to our geological heritage. This is also an essential protection to wildlife habitats where wildlife is dependent on one or only a few species of plants. Foraging without knowledge causes untold harm. Blackberries, apples and plums are all "reasonable" things to pick on many sites (there may be exceptions but visitors should find this out) but there are many species of plant that may flavour someone's salad or dye someone's clothes but just the removal of a few of those plants could stop them being available to the wildlife on that site and cause wildlife species to be lost from the area.
- Please see answer to point 10
- 4.1 (b) this implies that e.g. blackberry picking would be illegal. An exception should be stated that berry picking is permissible providing no damage is done to the parent plant/tree/bush
- Needs an allowance for foraging. Suggest use of "personal use" / not for commercial gain
- I disagree with some of this law as it prevents foraging which I believe is a harmless past time time honoured by generations, and would feel very sad if this was stopped.

- This is extremely badly drafted and prohibits e.g. walking on the grass or making daisy chains or picking up fallen leaves.
- The parks will be empty if people are not allowed to use them creatively and have some ownership over what happens.
- It needs to be clear how this will be applied
- It would be good if people are allowed to pick surplus fruit
- Again, how will this be enforced. Will we be prosecuted for making daisy chains for instance?
- See above comments
- These byelaws would protect important wildlife habitats on Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve and its geology for which it has been awarded RIGS status for the educational value of its geological formations.
- Too heavy handed, children inadvertently damage plants simply by enjoying outside spaces
- The area opposite the Lock Keeper's cottage which is at the bottom of the Netham is full of rubbish and is damaging to all of the natural habitat
- excellent
- essential
- Can this not be on some localised areas? To make it illegal to pick some blackberries or mushrooms is an exaggeration. Make more to take care of speeding , cleaning the streets, etc. before worrying about berries.
- no mention of how you will ensure accessibility
- This bans blackberry picking! I do not want this to stop.
- how does picking blackberries for one's own use break a by law
- have an exception to edible plants that are either there naturally or are meant to be eaten
- Again, I'm not sure how this would be enforced. And does this mean that dog walkers can't pick up sticks to throw?
- Oh dear.
- Please see answer to point 10
- allow blackberry picking and foraging
- I was an environmental educator (with the National Wildlife Federation in the USA) for ten years, I have worked for the Environment Agency, and I am currently an environmental lawyer (for a large firm in Bristol). I also volunteer on numerous boards and most locally am involved in the community effort to re-invigorate Coombe Brooke Nature reserve. I strongly caution against implementing proposed by-law 2/7 not taking or disturbing any animal, 2/9 no unauthorised fires, 5/22 no fishing, 2/5 no erecting any structure, and in particular 2/4(1)(b) no impact on any part of any plant or shrub or tree. These proposed blanket bans on ANY of these kinds of activity are disproportionate, unnecessary and of course unenforceable in practise. By-laws need to address specific acts causing material harm in consistently impacted areas, not rolled out across all green space managed by the local authorities, or otherwise set boundaries for reasonable interactions between people, wildlife and nature/green space. The proposed bye-laws could have the unintended consequence of prohibiting or criminalising activities that are vital for engaging young people with nature, allowing them to interact with nature and explore it and yes, 'use' it to some degree. 90% of young people, and higher for minorities, get their only regular experience of and connection with nature via urban green space such as parks and bike ways/urban reserves. As a society we cannot afford to alienate even further the future decision makers from nature. Urban parks cannot be turned into green museums - look but don't touch. Young people, indeed all people, must be encouraged not threatened, to touch and interact with nature.

This of course needs to come with education, about the balance of interaction not to cause undue or material harm. So where a bye-law is deemed genuinely necessary, and targeted in response to specific problems, it should not seek outright bans. The word 'inconsequential' or similar may be useful, such that for those who wish to forage, or dig for earth worms to go fishing, or make temporary 'dens' or 'shelters' out of sticks and branches in the small wood at the park, or pick a handful of wild flowers, or take some sticks for nature art work. These things must not be criminalised, and fear of interacting with nature, should not be the collateral consequence of unduly wide-ranging bye-laws. If the answer to this point is that where de-minimus no one will seek to prosecute, then the reply is to codify that intention by using tempered, balanced, proportionate wording, in bye-laws, where they really are necessary. It is also worth noting that the more widely drafted and all-encompassing the wording of a by-law is, the less likely it will achieve its purpose, the more likely it will be ignored and the less it will be enforceable. I caution unintentionally trampling over the ecological heritage and rights of people (especially those who are young, of minorities and others bound to the urban experience, with no easy access to the wider country-side) to touch and engage with the natural world around their homes and communities of Bristol. These proposed bye-laws are not fit for purpose as is.

3. Unauthorised erection of structures

- whilst having a picnic allowing erection of a gazebo would be useful due to the weather
- Due to stringent Social Security rules, there are many homeless people in Bristol: Forbearance is needed by the L.A instead of hounding homeless sleeps in tents
- People living in tents on green spaces are doing so as a last resort - further criminalising them helps no body.
- people should be able to keep warm and dry if they are homeless
- they are PUBLIC OPEN SPACES for use as members of the public see fit, NOT to limited by these restrictive byelaws
- Why not a small tent type structure during the day only
- Not temporary shade-giving shelters for and babies
- I think people should be able to put up a small gazebo for a party during the daytime
- Impromptu events in parks like fund raising will not be possible
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- Education groups should be allowed to create simple dens and structures in suitable spaces - guidance is needed on these being taken down after. Groups with suitable training and insurance should also be allowed to erect temporary swings.
- Anyone sleeping rough may sometimes be injured by this provision: if there is a problem perhaps some areas might be put aside (and cared for)
- to have no structures unless it relates to Bristol
- As above, I want to be able to build dens with the kids
- Does this include children's toys how far does it go?
- There should be an allowance for temporary structures such as gazebos/shelters etc.
- 5 and 8 - presumably no issues with people putting up temporary structures whilst in the park during opening hours e.g., sun shade tents for children?
- Children with tents and wigwams
- This would mean you couldn't put up a gazebo on a hot/sunny day
- Is this aimed at homeless people? I don't have issue with people wild camping or setting up somewhere dry if they are homeless
- Agree with this
- Excellent. There are not enough columns to make all the comments. Some of the proposals should be able to be provided in larger parks but not in smaller parks. Some activities mentioned could be run with the help of local clubs / enthusiasts
- In Castle Park and several others people set up tents amongst the trees for days on end, no-one should be allowed to camp overnight.
- Any unauthorised structure should be removed immediately
- Duchess Pond - 2 access points have been blocked
- This will prevent children and adolescents enjoying the outdoors at a time when we should be encouraging them
- Ditto

4. Grazing

- Absolutely not
- Why not be able to allow your rabbit/goat/horse to safely graze?
- As above - 4.1.b seems to restrict picking blackberries, and this seems crazy
- States no removal of “the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree” – Would this stop the community herb gardens and veg plots from happening? These are a wonderful thing that should be encouraged rather than removed.
- I feel more should be done to prevent this happening
- Foraging - so great for getting in touch with nature, appreciating the natural world and teaching young people about ecosystems etc.
- You may need to specifically mention horses in case we get problems like other areas of the country where people keep their horses on public ground.
- Perhaps grazing would be a good idea for Bristol parks since no one appears to consider cutting the grass a priority these days.
- why can't an animal graze , it's good to see sits possible to accommodate something and not ban them to make life easier something alive in our parks and the grass just goes to waste .
- WTF
- Yes let's all plastic wrap these areas of nature in case we mess them up!!! Yeah, sensible way to look at this sort of problem!
- What the problem with grazing animals on council land. how is it a health and safety issue

5. Protection of wildlife

- Think it's vital that we protect our open spaces and the wildlife that live there
- There is very little on the carrying of guns in open spaces.
- The Countryside and Wildlife Act has been ignored and no prosecutions made as there has been no protection for wildlife in St George and Eastville Parks. Many birds have been very cruelly treated by criminals mainly situated around park lakes but also along riverbanks close to the Netham
- The protection of wildlife is paramount to me...we have lots of it in Filwood park.
- essential
- Schools, youth groups and other educational establishments should be able to use the areas to sample wildlife (invertebrates etc.) for educational purposes, with the requirement that no wildlife is harmed.
- Foraging is an important and necessary activity which helps people see the value in the environment around them
- to protect our wildlife as much as possible
- See above
- Protection of trees and plants is understandable but this shouldn't apply to every wild flower and fruit out there. It takes some of the fun and the beauty of spending time in green spaces away.
- I will be emailing you my full response.
- Should not include edible food.
- I'm very pro picking wildlife but am concerned this may over step common sense if applied to strictly e.g. blackberry picking
- It will prevent legitimate foraging for food plants such as blackberries.
- See above re. picking wild berries
- See point 10 & 11

- strongly agree with this
- There should be a bylaw prohibiting scattering edible materials such as would attract vermin, when requested to desist by a council officer.
- Prohibition of littering as damaging to wildlife
- Will BCC commit to never allowing badger culling on any of its grounds? At the same time, you are allowing the culling of fish. Even if you have granted yourself permission to do so, this would not fit under the heading of 'undertaking of pest control and deer culling'. So you look to be about to break your own new bye-laws. This is bad, very bad.
- Should be fundamental to a civilised society
- It is very important to do this.
- the 'aesthetic' of a nice green lawn should not be more important than getting citizens out there enjoying nature
- As above
- By stopping anybody from taking an apple or cherry?
- see above - I am fully in favour of protecting wildlife, but not in the draconian, over-zealous and hypocritical way this law intends
- Grey squirrels are an invasive and pervasive pest that need controlling providing wild and sustainable food
- The safety of the ducks and swans and other wildlife should be paramount. A lot of fishermen are irresponsible and extremely rude to other park users. I do not see why they fish there when the river is so close. I much prefer to see the water fowl.
- totally agree with protection of wildlife
- So long as the picking of fruits and berries is allowed!
- fireworks away from zoo and residential areas
- protection needed
- This is very important as without it we could seriously affect our surroundings
- This should be a priority.
- Plant for wildlife: birds, frogs etc.
- If you think you are going to ban foraging, think again. The people of Bristol will ignore you.

6. Camping

- Poorly drafted- does it ban 'erecting of any tents' or just for camping? What about play/sun protection tents?
- Will this impinge on the right to peaceful protest such as the Occupy Bristol camp on College Green?
- given today's social inequalities (situations refugees and homelessness in particular) I would hope that some space in our parks would be given over to people who need to live in tents because they may have nowhere else they feel safe to sleep
- Green Public Spaces are not Camp sites
- I wouldn't like to see this by-law used to penalise homeless camping - where this is the best alternative to sleeping rough.
- Presumably this does not prohibit people putting up a tent to air it out, rather than for camping
- This must not be used to move on homeless people who have no other housing option
- Create overnight camping areas and associated facilities in large parks and instigate profitable charges. In conjunction with overnight parking areas
- Temporary camping should not be prohibited in public space. Many People, especially young people, do not have an outside space to enjoy. Camping and all outdoor activity

should be encouraged

- In view of the appalling shortage of overnight emergency accommodation, camping should be permitted near public conveniences
- I am concerned about homeless persons who camp discretely in parks
- makes it EVEN harder for homeless people in Bristol
- solve the housing crisis first
- Concerned for rough sleepers who have nowhere else to go.
- For protests/holidays then I believe camping is okay - short term camping.
- should be banned from all parks
- More needs to be done for homelessness in order for this byelaw to be enforced
- If no noise or nuisance is associated with camping and it is in a discreet location it is not a problem.
- stop persecuting the homeless
- Many gardens locally are not large enough for people returning from camping holidays to dry out tents if needed. This is another example where people may pitch tents if needed.
- Spending a night outside is in my view and essential human cultural activity.
- sleeping rough is not a choice, in most cases
- I don't object to those who need to camp in my local parks
- No law needed - homelessness needs a different approach - not criminalising people
- How will this work? Currently there are tents all over and no one gets rid of them?
- 'camping' is an inapplicable term: temporary accommodation under canvas is utilised for refugees without permanent abode, as it is being utilised here by the homeless in Bristol: the definition & location need clarification to prevent the penalising of those defined as homeless.
- Obviously being due to homeless people in the centre, isn't their life hard enough already?
- Sleeping rough is a problem on Brandon Hill from time to time. Presumably the solutions are difficult but maybe the provision of more overnight accommodation for the homeless if a priority. I contribute regularly to St. Mungos
- this does not solve the homeless problem in Bristol, it is merely a way of legally bullying the less fortunate who are sleeping on the streets
- A lot of homeless people camp in the green spots, where will they go?
- What is wrong with maximising the use of the area.
- Camping and rough sleeping is occasionally a problem on Brandon Hill but presumably the solution lies in the provision of more overnight accommodation for those unfortunate enough to be without a home.
- Surely kids should be able to play at camping in the day?
- In summer time people camp on The Downs & leave rubbish
- I want to be able for my kids to put a tent up in summer.
- No, this has no legitimacy. AS there are only 4 spaces for comment on a 34 part proposal, I will state here that I disagree with the entire idea.
- I think maybe there should be places where people can camp but not for more than say 3 days at a time.
- Regarding bbqs, it has always been one of the great things about Bristol parks that bbqs can be used quite flexibly. I'm not aware of any dedicated bbq areas, so will these be created as part of the bye laws being introduced? Personally I can't see the argument for not continuing as is, having never seen a bbq related health and safety incident.
- Should be banned, as leads to loud unruly behaviour late into night
- People occasionally staying in their camper vans outside friends' houses. What's wrong

with that?

- this might prevent homeless people from putting up a tent, if the council can't find them a home then you should at least allow them to put up a tent
- This is needed to prevent inappropriate use of some spaces
- People only camp in the park because you need to build more social housing

7. Fires

- What happens if parks don't have barbecue areas. Would this be classed as a fire?
- More regulation of barbecues at St Andrews Park
- No BBQ
- BBQ rules are overly stringent, suitable BBQs should be allowed anywhere unless specifically excluded provided they don't do damage to plants / infrastructure
- Too often BBQs and fires are used in parks destroying the grass and leaving bald patches, plus of course the BB itself as litter (plus smell and smoke while being used). Stop all fires.
- Make it explicit that "properly constructed" does not cover disposable barbecues
- I don't see any problem with BBQs, every open space in Australia has a BBQ area, why can't we have that
- BBQ are a fantastic part of park life
- Definitely ban BBQs on the grass
- This should be clarified in relation to BBQs
- Could there be rules specifying how/where these could be made
- BBQs are a way of life so have more facilities to have them
- Would this ever be enforced by the council
- Should not be allowed
- This is too weak. Barbecues should be banned.
- In 30 years of living in Bristol and bringing up a family, I have used the parks a lot, as have my now grown up kids. I have never had a hot day where I have not been fascinated and enthused by the public response to get out of the house light a BBQ and have some fun. I have always been encouraged by the tolerance and diversity of those enjoying this great British tradition, which is incidentally found to be of fascination by all my European students when they visit. The instant BBQ should be embraced as a sociable activity which encourages family and community interaction and therefor positive relationships. To lump all BBQ people in one designated area is unnecessary and missing the point. I don't want to be BBQ'ing next to a bunch of 25 year olds who are having fun; I want to be BBQ'ing with my older friends in a quiet spot away from view.
- Include BBQs, no foil pan bbqs, only hibachi types
- good to stop barbeques on troopers hill
- Properly made barbecues which don't damage grass should be allowed freely as long as rubbish is taken home
- Designated area for barbecues should be located away from any houses bordering any of the Parks listed to avoid any disturbance to the residence.
- Should be limited to campfires and not include circus fire equipment.
- ridiculous unless causing permanent damage which is a crime within itself anyway
- Barbecues on Brandon Hill destroy the grass. Since many people nearby do not have access to outside space I think that the most practical solution would be to provide specific areas for barbecues
- This will mean we are not allowed to have bbqs in the park without permission or in a designated area which is likely to not be very nice, missing the point of having a bbq in said

park!

- bbq destroy grass and encourage noisy gatherings with alcohol
- Portable barbecues should be acceptable
- As above - question 10
- Barbeques should be banned everywhere as they result in residual litter and damage to grass and flora and encourage drinking and unruly partying.
- Bbqs should only be allowed in small, designated areas with special bins & fire extinguishers
- Please could no play area be considered an area where the use of BBQs can be permitted. The risk of play equipment being damaged, including surfacing and the possibility of children falling on BBQs make this too high a risk as an option. I strongly support the introduction of byelaws and in particular the byelaw on fires. BBQs are a source of damage across the city. Being able to specify the structure of BBQs in places that they can be used is excellent. I am assuming although I can't see this in the consultation that only BBQs with stands will be permitted. I do hope so. I will be particularly pleased to have BBQs prevented from being used on Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve where they have been a cause of fires and damage.
- If you ban more and more places for BBQs
- No problem with BBQs, but there should be an enforcement on removal of the disposable bbq and litter, this does not happen at the moment
- Stop barbeques being used
- It is unclear what a 'properly constructed barbecue' would be. Is, for example, a disposable barbecue properly constructed if used as intended?
- There should be no barbeques in public spaces. They are a health hazard to vulnerable people, and a fire risk.
- That barbecues should not be placed directly on the ground - the grass takes several years to grow back
- This does not address the smoke and smell from barbecues in relatively small parks like Canford.
- see comment in 10
- This is needed to protect areas at risk of fires
- The use of fires and barbecues should be restricted because of the danger to wildlife, dogs and young children
- BBQs should be allowed anywhere within reason
- Many people in Bristol do not have a garden, and there are hardly a lot of designated BBQ areas in parks in any case. Such a measure seems draconian.
- Following our AGM we canvassed the views of our membership about barbecues on Brandon Hill. About 1/3 of our members replied. Out of a total of 22, 14 people would vote to allow barbecues in a designated area provided that it was regularly maintained and 8 people would vote to ban fires and barbecues altogether. No one wants barbecues to be allowed throughout the park. The reasons for this are as follows. Portable barbecues destroy the grass. The smoke and fumes are unpleasant for other users. There is a fire risk if people put the used and still hot barbecue trays in the waste bins. The barbecues damage the benches if placed on them.
- Following our AGM, we canvassed the views of our members of whom 22 responded (about 1/3 of the membership). Of these 14 people voted for barbecues to be restricted to a regularly maintained designated area and 8 for a total ban. No-one wished to allow barbecues throughout the park. The reasons for this were as follows 1 Portable barbecues burn holes in the grass which persist for a long time 2 They are a fire hazard since people

put the used barbecues in the litter bins and leave them on wooden seats and benches 3
The smoke and fumes are unpleasant for other park users and this could be diminished if barbecues were confined to a designated area.'

- Fires are dangerous and extremely detrimental to the health of all, especially the young and elderly
- It is essential that Troopers Hill Local Nature reserve is protected from fires
- There ought to be specific fire-pits / BBQ areas - any other part of the open space ought to be protected, for everyone's enjoyment
- People should be able to have a BBQ. Why not provide stones for them to stand on so that it doesn't damage the grass?
- Does this exclude barbecues? People need spaces to meet outside and enjoy barbecues in the summer. Not everyone has a garden
- Barbecues should be restricted to specific sites only in large park areas and restrictions MUST be enforced more.
- Barbecues should not be allowed. I feel very strongly that sitting in smoke ruins the enjoyability of the park. It really upsets me and it happens a lot.
- There needs to be stricter laws on litter from bbqs
- NO FIRES SHOULD BE ALLOWED ---BARBEQUES ONLY IN DESIGNATED PLACES AWAY FROM THE PERIMITOR WHERE HOUSES EXIST
- BBQs - okay
- No one pays attention and branches pulled down to create fires
- Presumably this does not prohibit forest schools or scout groups etc. starting fires.
- set up designated areas for disposable barbecues i.e. hard standing areas small but effective to stop grass burning
- BBQs - again a good idea.
- Not where private houses form the park boundary
- Can you be clearer about disposable BBQ's
- I'm worried that "designated areas" is too restrictive - or are there such areas in every park? In the larger parks, it's really nice to have a BBQ in the summer time (especially not having a garden) and I am also careful to use a proper, raised BBQ so as not to damage anything. Will I still be able to do that in some of the small parks around me?
- There should be, ASAP, designated barbecue areas in all city parks above a certain area
- Provision of more BBQ sites would manage situation in more appropriate way.
- obviously fires are a bad idea
- As long as BBQs are still permitted off the ground, that's fine
- I think people should be allowed to use barbecues wherever they like, but encouraged to use them responsibly e.g. provision of hard structures for disposable BBQ's, sand/ water, and bins for rubbish
- the wording does not prevent the destruction of grass from portable barbecues
- Provision of designated BBQ sites?
- Blaise Castle has a problem in the Summer with 'disposable' BBQs
- Can't have a BBQ?
- This should be stopped or strongly regulated. It has led to severe scorching of grass and breaking of tree branches
- Bbqs are not dangerous if managed and used correctly. Disposable ones are the worst and need to be prohibited from sale locally to eradicate. We use a small portable one with legs that leaves no trace of use on the ground and that should be encouraged.
- IT would be good to have more areas where barbecues are permitted (and publicise them)

- A bbq in the summer in an outdoor greenspace is pretty much British tradition and part of the British way of life. Why would anybody want to stop this? The joys of free outdoor activities are surreptitiously being removed until everybody is just in their house staring at their TV / phone.
- BBQs - I have no garden, if I have a BBQ in a park I'm always make sure I leave it as I found it. Just because a few people leave rubbish afterwards, doesn't make it ok to ban for all.
- Unless this has been reported in park as problematic I don't see the problem
- At any entrance of a park there should be a sign clearly saying if and where you can have a barbecue, you shouldn't expect people to know which parks are designated areas and which are not.
- no BBQ as they always leave mess behind
- Barbecues should be allowed
- barbecues that damage grass should be banned
- NOT for Bar B Q's
- Would it be suitable for some parks to have designated areas for lighting barbecues? We enjoy the Victoria park bonfire and hope this can continue.
- BBQs in designated places only.
- If the council are concerned about improper fire making it would be better to place information about proper fire use in public spaces as well as safety equipment (buckets of sand etc.) than to restrict and regulate fire making, this increases public knowledge and healthy culture around fire use making it more safe.
- Please, examine thoroughly the use of Barbeques in green spaces.
- the council should provide places for people to light fires for bbq safely as they do in other parks
- people should be allowed to have disposable bbqs or light fires as long as it causes no damage to the ground it is on
- I do not agree with fires and so bbqs, they are a nuisance and the debris that is left by bbqs is potentially dangerous to dogs. If there was a designated area for bbqs that would be better
- Sorry no... Too much ignorance and danger!
- Would this mean that barbecues would not be allowed?
- BBQs should be permitted in all parks. Perhaps some parks need designated areas with concrete areas for BBQs.
- Ban on barbeques is draconian, I say this as someone who doesn't even like bbqs!

8. Missiles

- This is a bit vague, and could easily cover rugby balls and frisbees (for example)
- Fireworks are not specifically mentioned. almost every year I have seen people using green spaces for this a couple of times extremely dangerously
- Should include unorganised fireworks on bonfire night as these can be a danger
- This law could be used to prevent ball games
- Please ban all fireworks
- Exemptions should be made for e.g. cricket balls
- Any object is liable to cause injury to a person if used incorrectly. It is not the object that should be restricted but the manner in which it is used.
- Recreational items such as balls or frisbees should be allowed
- Many people throw sticks and balls for dogs. Others use frisbees or throw American

footballs and so on. Responsible people don't endanger others, but there should not be a blanket prohibition. It is the nature of the behaviour, not the behaviour itself that could perhaps be regulated.

- Anything thrown could potentially cause injury. That doesn't mean all ball games should be banned. Couldn't the wording be more like section 14: "in such a manner as to cause danger or reasonable fear of injury to any other person"
- States "No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person", which means no throwing of anything? Don't be daft people should be able to use the parks to do what they want as long as they don't harm other people or damage the park.
- Nowhere to fire water rockets.
- Kids throwing stones etc. can be a nuisance

9. Interference with life-saving equipment

- This should be more than a Byelaw and made a criminal offence
- should not be allowed or possible to do

10. Horses

- Signs prohibiting would be preferable to none
- On occasion I see in Vassals Park single horses being ridden. These are not always obvious because the rider sometimes position their horse within the trees. As a dog owner my dog is not used to horses. My concern in this park is there is no designated area I am aware of that I might avoid. My concerns are 1. I don't want my dog injured . 2. The same applies to the horse rider
- see comment above
- Riding should be allowed where safe
- one size fits all policy does not work
- We ask dog owners to pick up their mess, more difficult with horses but still a health risk
- All of the green spaces you list as potential areas for establishing designated areas for horse-riding that I have any personal experience of are much too small to be able to accommodate such a change to their use. It also seems unlikely that any area under 4hectares would be big enough.
- Prohibition on horse trailers needs to be included.
- Have You Consulted horse riders? Surely a horse will only go where practical.
- I am surprised that no areas in the Frome Valley parks are identified in Schedule 2. Oldbury Court and Snuff Mills in particular are regularly used by a small number of riders.
- Horses can be inappropriate amongst children. Horses can sassily cut up grassed areas.
- Please do not limit where horse riders can ride when being responsible
- Horse riders are not made to pick up after their animals like dog owners do, could this not be added to the byelaw?
- There is no reference, as far as I can see, to dogs and the exercising and toileting of them. Fear of dogs is the number one reason so few people use the parks. There should be more 'dogs on leads area' where people can feel safe from dog attacks.
- Horse riding not likely to be a major problem in most green spaces, so why not just apply it to Clifton downs area.
- The nearest I could to find to something conspicuous by its absence: dogs. They should be kept under close control at all times e.g. no damaging or urinating on other people's property; no intimidating behaviour e.g. bounding up to people; and all mess should be

removed by the owner.

11. Cycling

- Should not be allowed in Blaise estate
- Cyclists should be required to dismount through smaller parks and gardens
- cycling should be curtailed to aid the walking public to walk without worry
- Cycling through the parks in Bristol provides numerous safe, traffic free routes. Barriers introduced to protect access from motor vehicles should not restrict cycles, trailers or mobility chairs
- I'd like to see a commitment to cycle route through and around green spaces, especially the Downs.
- I don't see the harm of cycling in parks
- Could have designated cycle routes through parks to help people keep safe (both cyclists and pedestrians)
- Too many cyclists using "NO Cycling" paths
- driving too fast and not a consideration for walkers
- THERE NEEDS TO BE CYCLING PATHS TO ENSURE THE GRASS IS NOT CHURNED UP BY SKIDDING ECT
- Cycling should be restricted to pathways and there should be a speed limit
- I think cycling on The Downs should be encouraged. It is a safe space and there is enough room to accommodation bikes.
- I think cycling should be banned in all parks. Cyclists are an unacceptable hazard to pedestrians, dog walkers and small children.
- The wording is very weak. Many cyclists appear to regard the footpaths through the parks as cycle paths and expect pedestrians to move out of their way
- Cycling should be encouraged and facilitated in all public spaces. I disagree with any laws that might impinge on cycling or discourage it.
- Council should make it clear that they welcome the use of parks to help children learn to ride.
- I, and Bristol Disability Equality Forum, are strongly of the opinion that there does need to be a speed limit in these areas relating to cycles, skateboards etc. It is not necessary for a speed limit on wheelchairs and scooters just because the law limits them to slow speeds already. We believe it would be sensible for all "transport" permitted in open spaces to be restricted to the same speed, namely 8miles an hour. I/We see this as a safety issue with regard to the risk higher speeds pose to young children running around freely, older 'infirm' people and those with impairments.
- Cyclists a real hazard for walkers in some Bristol parks. The new byelaw will need to be implemented, but who will do this on a daily basis? I have stopped using Ashton Court for pleasure since so many cyclists use it, it is not relaxing to have to dodge cyclists who seem to think they have a right to speed around.
- I have been hit by bikes on a no cycling path. No one is paying any attention to byelaws.
- cyclists are a menace
- On shared paths cyclists should be reminded that pedestrians, especially children, and dogs are unpredictable. This particularly related to Stoke Park
- Where shared paths exist within public open space(e.g. Stoke Park cycle path) priority should always be to pedestrians.
- "Reasonable fear of injury to any other person" seems vague.
- Cycles are banned by sign on some paths on the Downs These signs should be removed and the proposed by law enforced

- I think this could increase disputes between cyclists and non-cyclists about whether a cyclist is being sufficiently considerate, without necessarily leading to any meaningful 'better' behaviour.
- I think the definition of prohibited vehicles would preclude parents / carers from pulling small children along on toy carts, tractors, etc!
- Parks should not be used for commuter cycling
- Needs to be made clearer which paths are suitable for cycling and which are not by using cycle lane and no cycling signs
- I'd prefer to see cycling banned on footpaths in parks.
- In general the byelaw is good, however the devil is in the detail, if for example the byelaw makes commuting to work difficult or changes somehow the nature of the route then it effectively closes the route to commuting.
- Someone is having a laugh. We live in Bristol. Cycling city 2015. How about a bit of common sense?
- Please don't make safe cycling impossible in public spaces. These are tiny refuges away from angry drivers, stinking cars, dopey pedestrians and erratic dogs.
- I have had several near misses with irresponsible cyclists, and in the past have had one dog hit and injured by a cyclist, I do not agree with them being allowed to ride in parks where children are, many use St George park going to and from school. Many people, myself included walk their dogs there. we need to feel safe not have constant battles with bikes
- The wording here is far too subjective. We should be encouraging (well mannered) cycling and this will not achieve it.
- should be encouraged
- Even on designated cycle routes, pedestrians are often surprised to see cyclists. Clearer signage is needed so pedestrians can exercise appropriate vigilance in these areas, rather than putting all responsibility on cyclists.
- More access across Downs etc. please & around wsge of Ashton Court for non- mountain bikes so we can avoid Beggars Bush seath road!
- As above
- How will you stop cyclists travelling at speed on paths?
- Stupid applying part 3 rule 14 (cycling) to all green spaces. Makes sense for standard parks, but not the linear commuting route that is the Bristol to Bath Railway Path. Needs rephrasing to make it less subjective. Suggest define in terms of inappropriate speed and without due care and attention. Current wording far too ambiguous.
- There could be some allotted space and times allocated to this
- Ban it in all public parks, as is presently the case, and enforce the ban.
- Blaise Castle has a severe problem with speeding / reckless cyclists
- Cycling needs to have designated areas and be banned from the rest of the park area. The poor level of cycling skill and care and attention makes co-occupation of parks unsafe for non-cyclists.
- Strict signs should be visible for cyclists where the cycle paths are in conjunction with pedestrian users.
- to make sure that only dangerous cycling will be penalised
- Riding a cycle should be prohibited in parks like it used to be giving young children freedom to run about a park without being run down and also for the safety of disabled/elderly people
- Ridiculous, how will this possibly be enforced
- No cycling along foot paths
- How about reining in cyclists for the benefit of pedestrians [especially young children] who

are compromised by these idiots.

- I do not think cycling is a problem in parks, cars are the problem
- There should be no restrictions on cycling in parks
- Enforce cycling rules
- Long overdue, nearly get run down every time I go to city centre. Partly due to them not braking, and else indifferent lane swap overs.
- Would this ever be enforced by the council
- This must not be used to unnecessarily ban safe and considerate bicycle riding, especially by children
- Should be restricted to marked paths for the safety of children and animals
- I have no objection to children cycling but I am concerned with adults who often ride through the parks using the paths as roadways as shortcuts and often at quite high speed. Often I don't hear cyclists coming from behind.
- Many people love cycling in Ashton Court. Please ensure that you don't take strict measures in one of the best areas of Bristol for cycling. It will be such a shame.
- We need to promote cycling not restrict it
- Cycle paths should be allowed through all parks and be clearly designated.
- Cycling should always be encouraged but obviously with people on foot taking priority
- Leave people alone will you tax cycling next
- how do you intend to ensure the safety of other users, cyclists feel they have a right to ride fast and you have to get out of the way
- Clarification will be needed at a time when cycling is being strongly promoted. It is important that cyclists should be made aware of an obligation (they should have) irrespective of the status of a path, that they should slow down and stop to avoid pedestrians, and particularly children who may be running across a path without looking. Enforcement of a code - cyclists to give way to other park users (equivalent to the maritime 'steam gives way to sail'.
- Seems to get the balance right. Outright ban would be silly.
- Appropriate speed limits should be introduced and enforced in public spaces.
- Not to get tough on cyclists who don't enough routes anyway
- Needs to be clear that the Council welcomes cycling in all Parks. Signage saying otherwise should be removed.
- shouldn't be anywhere but on the road
- Cycling should be restricted to areas of certain areas of parks so that young children can be safe, and people who exercise dogs would be excluded from that area
- should not be allowed in the parks
- Can be a nuisance
- Thanks you!!! You are finally acknowledging that some people on bicycle are courteous and we will finally be able to cycle with our children in the beautiful and safe surroundings of Bristol parks? Even on the Downs? That would be SO AWESOME!!!!
- Definition is too vague, think this is draconian
- Why are cyclists allowed to ruin it for walkers specifically in Ashton Court. Vast amounts have been spent yet they still use other areas spoiling it for walkers and dog owners.
- As a tri-cyclist I am happy that I can now carefully ride my cycle through parks
- Oh come on really!
- Seems a sensible approach - not an outright ban
- Responsible use of bicycles in off road public spaces should be encouraged.
- really pleased to see that cycling must be done safely, I have experienced bad cycling

- As stated above
- to have registration plates
- I'd like it made plainly visible that pedestrians have right of way at all times, some cyclists are aggressive and abusive and pay no regard to the high way code
- they should be taxed and pass a road awareness test
- Cycling - some of the roads are unsafe for cyclists, better cycling provisions should be in place across e.g. the downs rather than just banning a sustainable method of transport that is so popular in Bristol.
- Some cyclists believe they have a right to ride on the footpaths through parks with no concern for others using said path, so many near misses with them.

12. Motor vehicles

- Making people aware that this is not acceptable behaviour.
- should be banned from all parks
- This needs to include quad bikes, motorbikes, mopeds which often seem to be used at Hengrove Park which I live by.
- How will the youths be deterred from riding motor bicycles at night or at Weekends
- Use of kids motorbikes in a public place serious H&S hazard
- Too many diesel vehicles just sit with engines running on the downs
- How will you stop motor cycles from entering the parks
- Motorcycles are regularly ridden in Hengrove Park
- Council motor vehicles should be restricted too
- This is highly needed.
- Can it be made clearer that cars should not be parked on the grass?
- Motor vehicles (except appropriate services and special events) should be completely banned from green spaces. Negative example: in St George Park newly created disabled parking spaces inside the park created a mood of consent for driving into the park and parking on the grass not only by disabled badge holders but by everyone else. Totally unnecessary as there is big public parking nearby.
- Fishing people driving cars along a footpath and cycle path in Stoke Park.
- Highridge Common is plagued with people racing across parts of the common on Motorcycles and other vehicles which is not only very dangerous and is destroying the open space that is very well used by children, adults and dog walkers. Can you please ensure that the new byelaws make this an offence. Can you also make sure that the byelaws cover not only mechanical vehicles (petrol driven) but also vehicles and motorcycles propelled by electric (battery).
- Car parking charges
- much needed bylaw, especially Willmott Park is a nightmare
- The byelaw is important, as I have encountered many people driving motorbikes through parks, sometimes at dangerous speeds - so thoughts on how this would be enforced would also be welcome
- The roads are for motor vehicles NOT parks!!!
- motor cycle riding should carry a penalty as can be dangerous in a confined area
- Wherever possible, we should encourage people to use other means of transport than motor vehicles to get to parks and green spaces. I'm in favour of higher parking charges, with the revenue being used to provide additional cycling infrastructure.
- should be prohibited
- Clamp down on the motor bikers whizzing around the parks

- Absolutely not
- shouldn't be allowed in our parks especially near areas where children play
- Why should we pay to park to enjoy the open spaces that I have already paid for with my council tax?
- The Muller House Open Space has had a particular issue with people driving mopeds over the footpaths in this space. Please consider this space for inclusion in schedule one (please note Muller House Open Space is also known as Ashley down Green).
- These should not be in any park
- Motor vehicles should not be permitted except in designated parking areas
- Green spaces should be safe places for people to enjoy, to walk and for children to play without the threats and dangers of motor vehicles
- Endless cars left by commuters parked on the Downs disfigure the downs. Should be limited to 3 hrs parking to get rid of the all-day commuters.
- NO VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED WITHOUT PERMISSION AND DEFINATLY NO FORM OF MOTOR CYCLE
- Ban quad bikes and mini motorbikes
- This definition of motor vehicle would include electrically assisted push bikes. "Trailers" needs clarifying so as not to include bicycle trailers
- Ban them. There are enough roads out there
- Fully in favour of motor vehicles being banned from parks (and anywhere else for that matter)
- Should exclude public roads
- Provision needs to be made for appropriate consultation and notification where motor vehicles are allowed in to parks. Neighbours and park users need to know where they might expect to encounter vehicles!
- Removal of any vehicles quicker.
- Motor bikes in Stoke Park.
- As far I can see, no mention is made of remote control type model motor vehicles. these should be banned
- What charge them to do something that's free already

13. Overnight parking

- The byelaw involves people parking in parks but what about all the vans parking around parks - in St Andrews Park, sometimes we have 15 or more large vans/caravans parked around the circumference of the park so it's more like a motor park than a park. Often they're parked on the pavement (because they're so wide) and block exits, making it dangerous for people to cross the road to park safely because they can't see traffic coming. Is there an existing byelaw covering overnight camping in vans? If not, can you introduce one? Overnight camping is now a severe problem in areas that don't have the new street parking scheme as all overnight campers are now staying in the few remaining central areas without street parking. This is a severe problem in areas without
- Must not be allowed
- I don't think byelaw should apply everywhere; where there is parking it could have individual regs but banning all overnight parking is unnecessarily restrictive. It should prohibit leaving vehicles there for more than 3 days though.
- one area for this free of charge is welcoming people into the city
- Should not be allowed
- Vans should be prevented from providing sleeping accommodation around St Andrews Park
- This is common because of ignorance especially by camper vans in the summer. Who will

enforce

- Create overnight parking areas and associated facilities in large parks and instigate profitable charges. In conjunction with camping areas
- Should be an earlier time, 9pm - 7 am.
- people should be able to park their cars as long as they aren't causing problems for local homeowners, some areas of the city are overpopulated and not everyone can find a space right outside their homes
- this should be forbidden in roads adjacent to park too
- Happens all the time at Horfield Common but who do we contact to enforce it?
- Absolutely not
- Can there not be a time limit of 1 night to not totally exclude people being able to enjoy a night in nature
- Nothing on daytime parking and the cars that insensitively park on the Downs, especially on a hot summer's day when busy. This rarely seems to be enforced.
- Needlessly adding extra parking restrictions

14. Archery

- I have practised Archery safely on common ground
- You might want to add in crossbow and catapult to cover this more generally.
- Will the council be able to handle the increased number of requests for all manner of activities and will law abiding 'safe' citizens be allowed to continue in hobbies and sporting activities safely?
- Some people are unable to use their archery sets if they don't have a garden. Not all archery sets are dangerous. You could modify the rule to say something like, no person shall fire an arrow within a park or green space at another person/tree or bush or anything unless they are an archery target. Furthermore, pointed arrows are not being fired at all in a park or green space.

15. Field sports

- Sec 17 defines "self-propelled vehicle", but I can't see any reference to this term - are there relevant restrictions? In particular I wouldn't want to outlaw e.g. skateboarding or use of a child's scooter
- Should be appropriate to the space - more liberal on wider spaces.
- Need to be sure these are only for the exact sports listed.
- My favourite memory as a child is of playing rounders in a local park - I'd hate to see all field sports and family fun banned simply because of small holes that the posts could make
- This seems like an extreme measure, please continue to allow children and families to play a few field sports on their days out in the summer, it is healthy and not a nuisance.
- Field sports encourage teamwork and raise awareness of local teams. We want people to be healthy and work together. Instead they will be forced to pay for private hire of private land. This is wrong. Why should they be banned?
- Is this not what some of the green spaces are for?
- Fields sports should be limited to the larger Parks to avoid and disturbance to residence that live adjacent/bordering any of the listed parks. Restricting the number of parks made available for organised sport would also be more cost effective as fewer parks would then require maintenance over the winter period.
- Incredibly ambiguous and can be used as the council wants.
- I presume you can still throw a frisbee?!

- The same goes for archery or model aircrafts- what about toys?
- Would this ever be enforced by the council
- Not near private houses which form the park boundary

16. Golf

- You should be able to practice in large parks
- Dangerous and damaging to the park.
- ban it
- Playing golf is a legitimate activity and provides exercise which might not otherwise be available.
- This should apply to cricket balls as well i.e. in designated areas only

17. Fishing

- Should not be allowed in any Bristol park
- See my comments in section10
- Fishing should be banned in all parks because of the damage and harm it does to wild animals and the wider environment (discarded line, hooks).
- It shouldn't be illegal for children to use a small net for fishing for minnows. I think the size of the net is key and should be allowable in rivers
- In the local park fishing causes injuries to other wildlife, and needs to be better "policed"
- Should be ban on all fishing on water not isolated from other uses.
- use the pastime of fishing to enhance and engage young people not alienate it with bad policy
- There should be provision to allow children to responsibly go 'pond dipping', with the understanding all water life is returned promptly to the water course
- It should be banned in public parks, it causes too much damage and suffering from misuse because it cannot be regulated 24/7
- it needs to be stopped in our parks, there are enough purpose built places to fish without our parks being taken over as well
- Fishing should be banned in parks. It destroys birdlife and makes it awkward to walk dogs.
- Keep open parks available to responsible fishermen/women and have more people patrolling, i.e. Bailiffs or VBS for the EA and Angling Trust to see if they have a valid rod licence and fishing responsibly, or poaching
- Banning fishing in St George's Park lake will not reduce anti-social behaviour. On the contrary, the presence of fishermen may well reduce anti- social behaviour. The availability of a peaceful pastime like fishing in an urban environment such as St George has positive social benefits.
- Fishing should continue to be allowed in currently designated areas and, if possible, more should be created.
- It should be allowed where fishing currently exists and needs to be managed properly with neighbourhood partnership.
- I think open fishing should be made possible where possible
- Do not prohibit, involve angling trust to make angling a safe past time and teach kids the right way to fish
- Recreational fishing should be allowed anywhere on council owned land
- please see my comment on fishing
- Continue to allow fishing for the benefits it brings to the community

- What are going to be the designated areas for fishing?
- to maintain fishing in all Bristol City Park areas
- This activity should not be banned/restricted
- fishing on all parks should be free and all the lake available for fishing without restricted areas
- don't ban fishing in Bristol as many people use it
- Will stop fishing where permitted in Parks currently
- dangerous to wildlife
- This should be a peaceful inoffensive activity and encouraged.
- As stated previously anything that would implead my-own or my friend's access to Fishing would most certainly be detrimental.
- It is common to see people fishing the river Frome between Snuff Mills and Oldbury court. This is a pleasurable hobby for many and encourages people to be outdoors. Fishing is something that has been done for many, many years and should not be prohibited. People will not like to be controlled, it is depressing for the human spirit.
- Fishing should not be permitted in any park.
- This activity should be supported & not banned
- You brought in a licence to fish but as a council you have failed to check and implement the rules set out on the licence
- The UK's largest participation sport and best solution to get kids into wildlife, and interested in protecting their greenspaces.
- ban fishing in all parks
- This should be banned within the city as it has caused numerous injuries and death to wildlife in city parks and along riverbanks
- I'm not sure how this by-law relates to the privatization of waterways e.g. in areas such as Conham River Park fishing is a popular activity for those who may not be able to avoid private fishing grounds.
- Duchess Pond - recently the fishing syndicate has become too proprietorial
- Fishing is incompatible with the safety of swans and other birds in St George Park.
- Properly regulated this should help maintain healthy fish in the ponds.
- more young people should be out doing this sport and not stuck at home in front of a screen
- More odnit. Anglers are quiet and nice to see around they also show if the waterways are clean and I've seen them clean up the lakes and R Frome before... Encourage then!!
- Ban in St George and Easton lake to promote wildlife
- Fishing should be banned in all locations. It gives the wrong message to children about treatment of wildlife.
- Fishing shouldn't be banned from parks, this is where children can learn to fish
- To lose this central location for angling for all would deny young & old of this valuable activity.
- is the council going stump up the cash when the environmental agency loses the revenue from the fishing license
- I was an environmental educator (with the National Wildlife Federation in the USA) for ten years, I have worked for the Environment Agency, and I am currently an environmental lawyer (for a large firm in Bristol). I also volunteer on numerous boards and most locally am involved in the community effort to re-invigorate Coombe Brooke Nature reserve. I strongly caution against implementing proposed by-law 2/7 not taking or disturbing any animal, 2/9 no unauthorised fires, 5/22 no fishing, 2/5 no erecting any structure, and in particular 2/4(1)(b) no impact on any part of any plant or shrub or tree. These proposed blanket bans

on ANY of these kinds of activity are disproportionate, unnecessary and of course unenforceable in practise. By-laws need to address specific acts causing material harm in consistently impacted areas, not rolled out across all green space managed by the local authorities, or otherwise set boundaries for reasonable interactions between people, wildlife and nature/green space. The proposed bye-laws could have the unintended consequence of prohibiting or criminalising activities that are vital for engaging young people with nature, allowing them to interact with nature and explore it and yes, 'use' it to some degree. 90% of young people, and higher for minorities, get their only regular experience of and connection with nature via urban green space such as parks and bike ways/urban reserves. As a society we cannot afford to alienate even further the future decision makers from nature. Urban parks cannot be turned into green museums - look but don't touch. Young people, indeed all people, must be encouraged not threatened, to touch and interact with nature. This of course needs to come with education, about the balance of interaction not to cause undue or material harm. So where a bye-law is deemed genuinely necessary, and targeted in response to specific problems, it should not seek outright bans. The word 'inconsequential' or similar may be useful, such that for those who wish to forage, or dig for earth worms to go fishing, or make temporary 'dens' or 'shelters' out of sticks and branches in the small wood at the park, or pick a handful of wild flowers, or take some sticks for nature art work. These things must not be criminalised, and fear of interacting with nature, should not be the collateral consequence of unduly wide-ranging bye-laws. If the answer to this point is that where de-minimus no one will seek to prosecute, then the reply is to codify that intention by using tempered, balanced, proportionate wording, in bye-laws, where they really are necessary. It is also worth noting that the more widely drafted and all-encompassing the wording of a by-law is, the less likely it will achieve its purpose, the more likely it will be ignored and the less it will be enforceable. I caution unintentionally trampling over the ecological heritage and rights of people (especially those who are young, of minorities and others bound to the urban experience, with no easy access to the wider country-side) to touch and engage with the natural world around their homes and communities of Bristol. These proposed bye-laws are not fit for purpose as is.

- Why do you want to stop fishing?

18. Blocking of watercourses

- Children enjoy making dams in the stream at Blaise. Within reason, I wouldn't want to stop them
- The filth I see needs cleaning out and should be done by anyone found so polluting!
- monitor effectively all watercourses not just the large ones

19. Model aircraft

- Not clear if this applies to hovering remote control drones. I don't think they should be banned entirely but would expect other bylaws relating to anti-social behaviour and noise generation to offer suitable protection if they become a nuisance.
- I agree with the byelaw, but would like for acceptable places to be made available
- drones seem pretty innocuous and are prohibited by this byelaw
- "Power driven" will include use of drones (electric). I'm not aware of areas for parks with designated areas.
- The intent of the byelaw is recognised. However, many children (including mine when they were younger) fly model aircraft without any undue hazard to anyone else. This should continue to be permitted.

- You need a policy for drones. Immediately.
- Should include drones >7kg in this
- As an inventor, this means I cannot just pop out and try an idea when required to carry it further.
- Maybe you should specifically mention these new hover aircraft with cameras and maybe tie it in with the new regulations in this area.
- If this is enforced rigorously it could unduly restrict use of the Downs for model makers
- Should be clear to include "drones" etc.
- I assume this includes drones. What about remote control cars and other noise/dangerous models?
- Silent electric model aircraft should be allowed.
- Allow model flying on at least one site as long as member of BMFA wardens should check at random anyone flying and those who are not BMFA members should be prosecuted
- If you can't do this in the parks then where can you?
- It will stop people enjoying their favourite hobby
- Should continue in a clearly defined area at Hengrove and other users should be made aware of potential dangers
- Model aircraft should not be included unless the aircraft is deemed to be flown recklessly or as a nuisance, if they are flying peacefully and carry all relevant insurance, leave them be?
- Designated areas to be retained.
- Hengrove is the only Park available at present what will happen when that green space is built upon
- specify drones explicitly please
- Can make it difficult to fly safely anywhere
- We need designated space so many can enjoy this hobby safely
- This seems a bit excessive to include small "drones" as well.
- My comments on this bylaw are featured in section 10.
- drones are becoming an increasing problem and should be included
- Why ban them all? The vast majority are electric, small and are silent. Perhaps a sensible limit on size or noise level would be suitable but not a blanket ban.
- Leave people alone to have fun you're a disgraceful council
- I have been flying in the park for over 30 years without incident
- This is much too restrictive, I recognise that not all parks are suitable for flying, but to restrict it to one park that is quite far south of Bristol is absurd.
- this is already controlled by BMFA you don't need to do anything
- This definition needs to be expanded to include drones/unmanned aircraft.
- Does this apply to drones?
- Last time I took my children to the Downs I felt a bit worried about model aircraft flying overhead. I would be pleased if these were limited to certain areas.
- Should be "reasonable care" rather than outright ban
- There is currently only one designated area proposed for model flying. Much provision is made for skateboarding and other sports, if the ban is brought in then more provision should be made for model flying especially as it is becoming more popular with drones becoming more accessible.
- : Model aircraft come in many shapes and sizes, and can be flown by people of all skill levels. By banning the flying of model aircraft in all but one space, you will be preventing everyone, including young children with harmless toys, and safe, responsible hobbyists from flying, whilst those who are irresponsible are likely to ignore the bylaws, which I

imagine would be difficult to police. On top of this, Hengrove Park could also become crowded with people wanting to fly and therefore become more dangerous. I think a better way would be to promote responsible flying, including specific requirements based on the type of aircraft. Those over a certain weight could require insurance and membership of the BMFA, for example. Perhaps people could fly with a permit obtained through a short online course on the council website. Those who fly responsibly are keen to promote safe flying and would be happy to adhere to rules if it benefits everyone.

- RC pilots are competent and responsible in almost 99% of cases. Minimal accidents/reports are made for RC aircraft problems - a byelaw is not necessary.
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- I have seen irresponsible use of model aircraft numerous times in both Victoria Park and Ashton Court, with individuals flying their aircraft close to other members of the public in questionable states of control. Designated zones for model aircraft flying are a commendable idea, and may serve as a focal point from which further information about responsible use of model aircraft could be disseminated (maybe a sign with guidance on joining a suitable organisation or society?).
- Section c stops nanotechnology drone with battery motors. This is a bit of a blanket ban. I.e. Under 500g should be OK.
- I think that part of Hengrove Park could be designated for this activity
- Prohibiting some people exercising their hobbies
- This law is extremely prohibitive of all aircraft despite there being clear laws in place to prohibit dangerous flights. Expelling all drone flights in green areas will have a long term negative impact on the city as people as myself are using them for training/research purposes to develop technologies which will inevitably be present in the UK in the future. Please reconsider how you frame no use of such craft; I suggest only banning between time periods or in heavily congested areas where nuisance reports have been made recently.
- Should have a lower weight limit of 500gm, then you do not prevent children playing with small toys
- Parks are not the best place to fly model planes
- Suggest electric models of under 1 kg should be allowed provided the operator has BMFA insurance and is not flying via FPV equipment
- This law seems to be limited to powered aircraft. Slope soaring gliders below 7Kg can reach some pretty serious speeds and cause injury, without being powered
- This should be allowed in most of the larger parks
- People need somewhere to do this
- Will there be designated areas in many parks?
- This is a good one. Drones do my head in.
- If this activity is to be restricted, clearly marked areas for this activity should be provided and advertised. Otherwise perfectly legitimate activities are going to be unnecessarily

restricted.

- the onus is already on the operator to use model aircraft safely, no requirement for byelaw
- Should be allowed except where has proved to be a nuisance.
- Seems a bit draconian as there's unlikely to be a major nuisance from levels of this activity in most green spaces.
- I suspect that many of the new drones may not be covered by this or any other bye law and they can be a right nuisance - would be good to have them covered
- There could be some space and or times allocated to this activity
- A blanket ban on using model aircraft seems excessive - restrictions should only come into effect if nuisance is caused. Some spaces are big enough to allow for model aircraft use while others are clearly too small, busy or otherwise inappropriate.
- Good!
- Model aircraft come in many shapes and sizes, and can be flown by people of all skill levels. By banning the flying of model aircraft in all but one space, you will be preventing everyone, including young children with harmless toys, and safe, responsible hobbyists from flying, whilst those who are irresponsible are likely to ignore the bylaws, which I imagine would be difficult to police. On top of this, Hengrove Park could also become crowded with people wanting to fly and therefore become more dangerous. I think a better way would be to promote responsible flying, including specific requirements based on the type of aircraft. Those over a certain weight could require insurance and membership of the BMFA, for example. Perhaps people could fly with a permit obtained through a short online course on the council website. Those who fly responsibly are keen to promote safe flying and would be happy to adhere to rules if it benefits everyone.
- As for Archery.
- This must be extended to drones which should be banned
- Same as banning public performances and shows and music in green spaces. If any sort of joyous activity is banned outdoors, what is left to do? Walk the designated paths and comment about the weather?
- modal aircraft flying is a fun family activity, which should not be hampered by law
- For heaven's sake, parks are public spaces to be enjoyed by the public!
- good for spectators as well as enthusiast
- People have been flying model aircraft for years
- This is an un-necessarily heavy-handed and broad restriction, which, again because of extremely poor drafting, does not even prohibit some of the more dangerous types of model aircraft. The existing national law, and CAA regulations and guidelines, should be sufficient, but if you must try to improve on existing properly drafted laws, you should do so in consultation with the BMFA, who have worked with many councils to frame considerably more sensible bylaws than those proposed.
- This should include large remote controlled model cars.
- I can see no reason to ban these, people enjoy flying them and as long as they aren't causing a nuisance (which should be dealt with like any other antisocial behaviour) then I don't see the problem.
- In Bristol there are some huge parks and in some occasions flying a small model aircraft can be perfectly safe. I flew model planes as a child, it started me off on my career path to becoming an engineer by teaching me about structures and aerodynamics as well as instilling my love for all things mechanical. I was not born to a well off family and this was a relatively cheap way for me to build, experiment and play, and I couldn't have done it with the use of my local parks. Don't take that away from people, the government already does fuck all to help low income families, don't remove all the fun from them as well.

- This is a pastime enjoyed by many families in the summer, please do not ban it.

20. Provision of services

- I'm concerned that this may inhibit / add red tape to certain enjoyable community activities. For example, a foraging walk, which participants have to pay for, goes along the cycle path. A face painter visits Owen Square in the summer and charges a fee. I don't understand what negative activity this section is trying to prohibit. I would object to this section of the proposed byelaws.
- A good idea! Why shouldn't people making money by activities such as Boot Camp not pay for it.
- The Council should be able to prevent these fee paying private exercise classes that are causing damage to park furniture and grass and preventing other lawful use of the space
- Will dog-walking services be allowed? (They shouldn't be). Will keep-fit classes be allowed? E.g. the army style classes that are charged for (on the Downs). (they shouldn't be)
- Bring back uniformed Rangers and Wardens, so that people know who they are and must respect their uniform and authority.
- Many fitness providers use parks - should they have to register or pay?
- I know of camera and art clubs that run courses that take people to parks to put what they learn into practice, and as there is a charge made for this service, presumably this will be banned too. I do not agree with this as this would not cause nuisance to anyone
- Waste recycling bins should be installed in all parks
- You should be able to sell services without consent, e.g. double glazing
- Services of a profitable nature should be allowed under licence to increase usage and help pay for park upkeep. Money ring-fenced
- You don't provide services you just take money
- What services are provided? Are services able for members of public? Is information regarding services readily available?

21. Excessive noise

- You mention 'tape recorders' - no-one has used these for over 20 years! Seriously though, perhaps more relevant (modern) language should be used, and outdated references be omitted.
- Must be stopped
- Some people may find noise to be a disturbance but not wish to approach those making the noise to ask them to desist, if they seem intimidating. What options are then available to them?
- see above
- Amplified music should not be allowed as it affects a wide area.
- I use St Andrew's park most days. I enjoy the music - mostly in the summer! I think the music byelaw should specify the decibels and permit use of acoustic instruments before sunset otherwise the tone and atmosphere of the park will be dictated by killjoys and limit the enjoyment of (mostly) younger people. I am in my 60s so seek to represent those older people who prefer not to limit the enjoyment of others.
- Parks should be used for recreation and relaxation. The once peaceful Balloon Fiesta has been ruined by loud music and a funfair atmosphere
- I think in some green spaces a bit of music etc. is pleasant in the summer
- This (and Public Shows) seems like a recipe for people to black others from enjoying themselves. Would, for example, cub scouts no longer be able to enjoy wide games on

Horfield Common. This law allows anyone to stop such activities.

- I ban would all radios and amplified music except at licenced events
- Essential
- this can be a nuisance to those living nearby as well as park users
- How will this be reinforced? The current system is useless to say the least! The complaint lines don't work, no one picks up the phone, and no one shows up. Always understaffed. Sort it out. It should be illegal to make excessive noise after 7.30pm.
- The music noise , (even though I myself never play or listen in public spaces), I believe is too restrictive. If one other person does not like the music they have the power of the public by-law on their side. Bristol is known as a creative city we should be encouraging people to use our public spaces for making and listening to music not banning it.
- everyone has a different tolerance to what they consider 'reasonable' with noise/music/singing
- I think that people should be able to sing, shout, listen to music etc. If there is antisocial behaviour, that is covered by the law already and dealt with on a case by case basis. Stopping everyone listening to a radio is totally over the top
- people should be allowed to play music, musical instruments and sing in a public space as long as they are respectful of those around them
- This must include fireworks that are set off for about a month around Bonfire night.
- Hard to define excessive - no objections to people playing a guitar in the park, or having a radio on if it's not super annoying
- Should be no noise after a certain time, either close or 10pm
- Include fireworks, I have experienced scary situations where fireworks let off even when people and kids are around
- This is key to St Andrews Park being enjoyed by more people and respected better.
- There have been very bad problems with St Andrews park in the past
- I'm a bit wary of this. I wouldn't like to be enforced too hard, music that might annoy some people might be enjoyable to others (apart from the person making it). I speak as someone who never takes music to the park, but sometimes enjoy hearing musical instruments or people playing stereos.
- Just hate radios blasting from cars parked on the Downs
- Often gatherings and groups bring loud music systems with them and then vie with each other to be the loudest. Stop music being played
- I would hope that a small group of people singing in a park would be supported by other park users;
- Tighten down!
- I can't find a general comments box so I'd like to say: ban alcohol as it is leading to anti-social behaviour. Ban drugs,
- Not good for other people
- I get that some singing can be annoying. But I think this bye law could be abused by self-righteous kill joys to stop others enjoying a friendly gathering. People's subjective view on what singing is annoying is massively variable. My son gets annoyed if I even sing in the shower.
- Festivals are what make this city great!
- 27.1 is draconian, ambiguous, and open to abuse.
- Re-word ban on 'loud singing' and music to be specific about excessive volume in +db. As it stands this would ban any kind of music and singing if one person found it objectionable!
- should not have to ask someone not to make excessive noise as in 27(1) - many people

may be reluctant to approach others making a loud noise

- The bye law seems to infer that no one will be allowed to make music on council property, there must be a balance between any noise and excessive (amplified) noise.
- non amplified musical instruments and singing should not form part of this byelaw
- Don't sing if it annoys people. Presume this applies to nurseries, Christian groups as well as young people with sound systems.
- part c, amplified music, should be completely banned
- prompt action responding to complaints would be necessary as members of the public usually are just ignored
- Is a selfish pollutant for which there should be zero tolerance.
- It is very important to prevent excessive noise.
- Bye laws should control this - but I'm not sure how practicable this is!
- a park should be free of noise and to enjoy its pleasure
- Define Excessive, excessive to some quiet to others
- No impromptu public shows and performance. The wording of this does not discriminate between an innocuous small gathering / entertainment, and a public nuisance or hazard - suggest re-wording
- This will be very difficult to police, causing overzealous officers to shut down groups of friends just having fun!
- excessive noise should apply 24 hours a day as it is not just about having a good night's sleep it includes enjoyment of the outdoors peacefully at anytime
- Do not like the idea that a person has to be asked to desist by another person in the ground - it can be quite clear that noise is a nuisance and that many of us would not want to ask the perpetrators to stop. I would prefer if there was a total ban on individuals/groups playing music unless it is as part of an organised performance - e.g. carols in the park or a summer party. People playing an instrument or music for their own use are almost certainly going to annoy others - they should use headphones.
- needed as are others - not enough space to comment on all
- The Muller House Open Space (also known as Ashley Down Green) has had a particular issue with this and related anti-social behaviour. It would be helpful if the bylaw could be enacted for this space in order to give additional protection to residents living nearby, including those in the listed building Muller House.
- Fireworks are not confined to 5th Nov. and can be troubling to people living around the parks
- Please expand this to include shouting football coaches.
- Definitely agree with this
- This law is too vague as it relies on personal opinion not measurable facts
- Living next to a park, excessive noise can effect living conditions and quality of life

22. Public shows and performance

- Bye laws are made to prevent not encourage
- Is this going to be used to stop people playing musical instruments in parks when there are other people present? If so then I think that this is excessive and unnecessary
- Depends what it is - how many people attend etc.
- Many parks become unusable during events
- Bit of a shame for small arts groups
- Why has this been included?
- block off half the downs

- Definition is too vague, think this is draconian
- Open air festival events need amplification. This should be granted with consent of local residents if it is not excessive.
- You should also stop allowing events at Eastville & Castle park, we pay for these spaces for us, not for you to make money out of private events
- Impact on the area by such activities like fireworks events blocking surrounding areas
- Stop them to noise
- Public arts and spaces for these should always be encouraged for a vibrant successful community.
- Imagine you're walking through a park in the evening and a local performer is simply adding a little magic to the night by doing their thing. Should this be illegal?
- While I understand the need to prohibit large scale events, I am concerned that this will prevent people using spaces for smaller performances that would not cause disruption/nuisance to other users of the spaces
- Stop the performers and Bristol becomes a crappy place to live. (See above comment.)
- Preventing people from singing or playing instruments outdoors is a recipe for a sad and sterile community.
- People should be able to take part and enjoy public performance in public areas without being overly policed by the council
- These disrupt my use of the parks, and are charging people to go on public land, the cash from these events does not go to the local community disrupted.
- This goes against Bristol's creative spirit!
- That events approved by BCC should not be permitted to last for more than a week. Queen Square and Castle Park are regularly damaged by events which last longer than that
- this makes me wonder how difficult and time consuming it would be to obtain permission
- This law is not inappropriate for large events and performances, but for local musicians who sometimes play a few songs on acoustic guitars in a park and some 'fans' go along to listen this seems unnecessary. Could this only be applied to audiences of over 50?
- Public spaces are not used enough for public shows!
- I love hearing music in the park
- This needs further clarification - what constitutes a 'performance' if it is not fee-paying?
- The Balloon festival needs to be stopped.
- Public performances should be permitted only in spaces designated for such purposes.
- Pleasant in the summer
- This needs qualifying - it would be sad to lose Bristol's welcoming and supportive attitude to musicians etc. by banning busking and other informal/small scale performances from parks.
- nothing wrong with a public show in a public space
- It is important that we do not become a nanny state that cannot think for themselves and is controlled by people who aren't out there experiencing it. Improvised performances and shows can be an exciting part of Bristol's creative culture and you should be careful not to harm that.
- Public shows or performances should not be regulated.
- There are too few spaces for public performance as it is
- We have occasional shows/performances and they are fun
- This is vague - people should be allowed to gather and enjoy open spaces - needs to be better defined - would agree if it's a performance where money was requested
- Are groups or individuals not to be allowed to go to a park with friends and have a sing? (Thinking of my young sons after exams enjoying relaxing in St Andrews park with friends

and disturbing no one...

- yeah ban all fun
- Why would you stop free entertainment? Bristol is brilliant because of excellent entertainment in public spaces
- Small shows should be allowed without bureaucracy
- Need to be very careful what the byelaws actually cover and not interfere with informal activities and social gatherings.
- If an event is permitted, there should still be a public right of way through the area for walkers not taking part in the event
- Should be regulated
- These create a sense of pride in the community. Sheffield holds loads of public shows in parks and public spaces, they are well attended and would be a great addition to Bristol.

23. Aircraft hang gliders

- Should you perhaps include landing by parachute [cannot easily take off under one], except in an emergency? Do 'hang glider' or 'parachute' legally cover other similar devices, e.g. people who are parascending
- Can't believe that it is easy to pick a landing site with a hot air balloon. As this particular form of transport makes the city unique should blanket permission be given to registered pilots.
- Delete the words "hot air" - I presume you wish to include all types of man-carrying balloons (gas, Rosiere, smoke)
- I am a qualified paramotor and paraglider pilot and we often use public areas from which we take-off and land. Our activities are harmless, we are responsible pilots and observe the CAA laws concerning people in vicinity before doing so. In addition, we do not harm the ground or area as we are foot-launch.

24. Obstruction

- St Andrews Park now has tightropes regularly attached to trees in warmer months
- I feel like it should cover the "passive-aggressive" behaviour of groups who drink/smoke/intimidate, but not necessarily in a directly abusive way. This is a real cause of people not going to parks and is not really covered in these by-laws
- A limit to the huge crowds of stoners in St Andrews Park - cannabis is off putting to families and it stops dogs from playing.
- Quicker use of any byelaws to remove travellers.
- This Could be used to prevent legitimate, legal and peaceful protest

13-16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposals?

Four proposed byelaws were identified in the consultation for further questions. These related to Barbecues, horse riding, Fishing and flying model aircraft (including drones).

For each of these byelaws, respondents were asked if they agree or disagree.

Overall, 50% of respondents agreed with the proposal to permit barbecues on all sites within the byelaws schedule. 32% disagree. Of those who disagreed, the main themes from the comments were that

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barbecues should be allowed in designated areas only (75 comments), and concerns about damage to the ground (67 comments) and rubbish left behind (53 comments). 36 people said barbecues should be banned at all sites. In total there were 297 comments on this proposal.

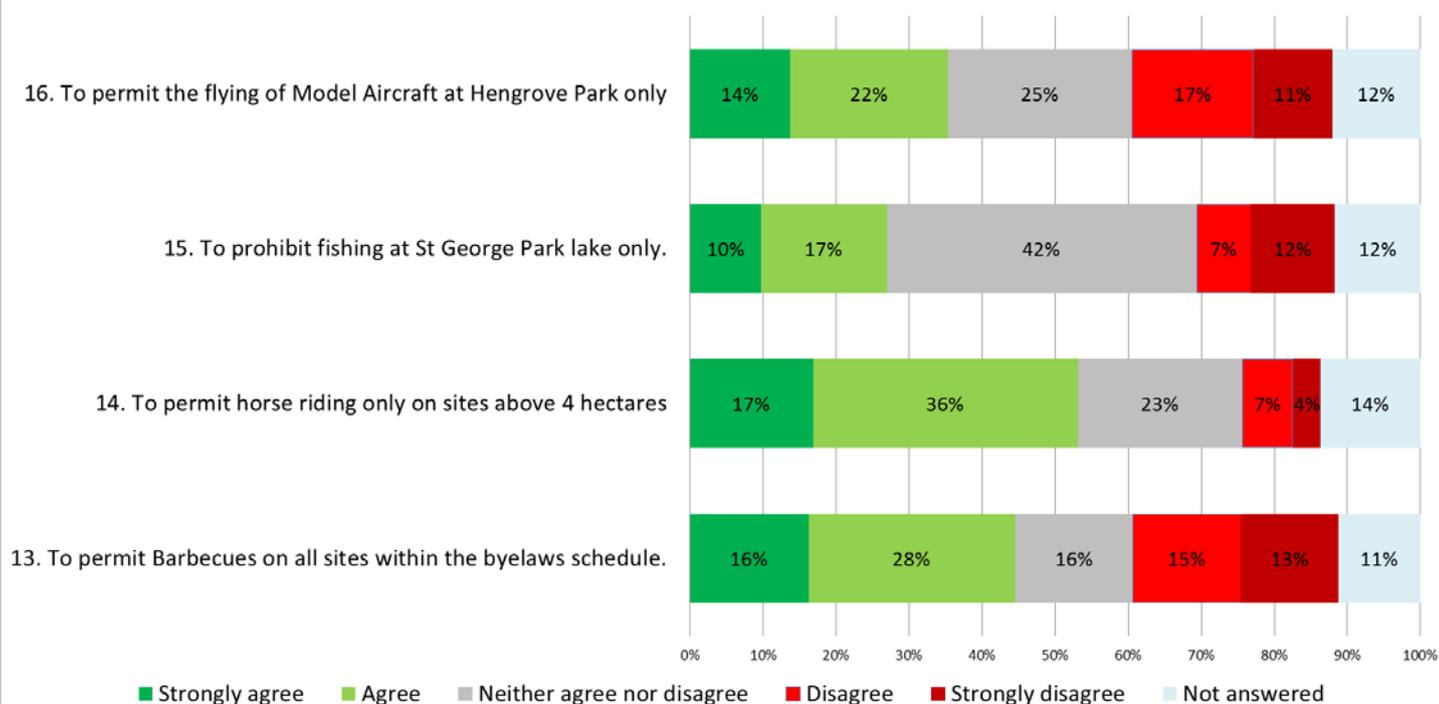
62% agreed with the proposal to permit horse riding only on sites above 4 hectares. 12% disagreed. Of those that disagreed with this proposal, the main themes from the comments were that horse riding was not a problem (20 comments), that horse riding should be allowed in all green spaces (16 comments), concerns that horse manure needs cleaning up (12 comments) and that horse riders should stick to prescribed routes (12 comments). In total there were 108 comments on this proposal.

There were a high proportion of respondents who neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal to prohibit fishing on St George Park Lake only. Of those who did express an opinion, 31% agreed and 21% disagreed. For those that disagreed, respondents were asked 'Would you like to see fishing prohibited in more areas or no areas?' and to identify specific areas they are referring to and why. Please see the full list of comment categories for further information on things that were raised. There were 177 comments about prohibiting fishing at St George Park. The main theme of comments (40) said fishing should be allowed at St George Park. 35 comments said fishing should be allowed at all sites. 21 comments said fishing should be banned at all sites.

40% of respondents agreed with the proposal to permit flying of Model Aircraft at Hengrove Park only. 31% disagreed. Again there were high levels of neither agree or disagree on this topic (30%). Of those that disagreed, respondents were asked to say whether they would like to see model aircraft flying permitted in more areas or no areas. They were asked to identify the specific place they were referring to and why. Please see the full list of categories for further information on things that were raised. There were 254 comments on the proposed byelaw on flying model aircraft. The main theme (81 comments) said flying model aircraft should be allowed in more areas. 29 comments said flying model aircraft should not be allowed in any areas. 25 comments said it should be allowed in large parks. 19 comments said flying model aircraft was not a problem.

Total agreement / disagreement, excluding non-respondents.	Total Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Total Disagree
13: Proposal: To permit Barbecues on all sites within the byelaws schedule.	362	131	229
	50%	18%	32%
14: Proposal: to permit horse riding only on sites above 4 hectares (following advice from the relevant government department) as well as lawfully permitted routes e.g. bridleways.	432	183	87
	62%	26%	12%
15: Proposal: to prohibit fishing at St George Park lake only.	219	345	154
	31%	48%	21%
16: Proposal: to permit the flying of Model Aircraft at Hengrove Park only (note: the byelaw would apply to drones).	287	205	223
	40%	29%	31%

Do you agree or disagree with the following proposals?



To permit BBQs on all sites within the Byelaws schedule.
Do you agree or disagree with this proposal? - If you disagree, what sites within Schedule 1 would you like to see the use of Barbecues restricted or prohibited and why?
297 responses, grouped under the following themes.

Theme	Number of comments
Designated areas for BBQ	75
Ground damage	67
Rubbish left	53
Should be banned at all sites	36
Smell	30
Anti-social behaviour	26
Build brick BBQs	24
Need bins	21
Air pollution	20
Should be allowed in all Bristol sites	18
No disposable BBQs	16
Littering should be strongly discouraged	15
Fire risk	13
Need stands	12
Safety	12
Not allowed in small parks	9
Should not be allowed in conservation areas	8
Hazard to wildlife	7

Should be banned on nature reserves	7
Only if used responsibly	6
Should be allowed on largest sites	6
BBQs shouldn't be allowed near houses	5
Cannot be left unattended	5
Need to be raised from ground	5
Care in droughts or dry weather	4
Should be kept away from children's play areas	4
Add designated areas and times of year/day.	3
Allowed in large parks	3
Drinking should be prohibited	3
Needs monitoring	3
Organisers to be responsible for cost of clearing up	3
Provide information about safe use and socially responsible behaviours	3
Should be banned at Brandon Hill	3
Should be guidance on BBQ usage in wildlife spaces	3
Fire extinguishing equipment	2
Hard to police	2
Need to have safe disposal place for BBQs	2
Should be allowed for special organised events	2
Should be banned on College Green	2
Should be restricted	2
Shouldn't be allowed in areas frequently used for sports	2
Stop them in Queens Square	2
A code is not a byelaw. Decide which you want to introduce. .	1
Access to water	1
Ban from Blaise Castle Estate	1
Ban from Canford Park	1
Ban from Cotham Gardens	1
Ban from Redland Green	1
Ban from St Andrew's Park	1
Clause for the hours in which you can have one lit	1
Discouraged in droughts.	1
Fire spinning should be allowed	1
Have wardens	1
If it's being destructive or is dangerous to anyone it will have to be extinguished .	1
Imposing restrictions for the sake of saying something has been done seems inefficient	1
In busy parks consideration should be given to prohibiting barbecues in part of the park	1
Interaction with outdoor sites will be good for people's well-being	1
Need approval of neighbours	1
Need water	1
Pointless putting byelaws on these things	1
Proposed 'code' appears draconian	1
Provide metal holders for disposable BBQ's	1
Restriction on types used	1
Restriction only in dry conditions	1
Safe barbecues on all sites	1

Seating	1
Should be banned at Ashton Court	1
Should be banned at Berkeley Square	1
Should be banned at small central sites	1
Should be banned at Victoria Park	1
Should be banned from Redlands green	1
Should be banned in St Andrews Park	1
Should be banned on Horfield Common	1
Should be consulted on in full	1
Should be limited in parks where lots of dogs are walked	1
Should be managed	1
Should be prohibited on the Downs	1
Shouldn't be allowed in smaller parks	1
These sites restrictions should apply are all the nature reserves and meadows	1
This is not clear what sites are allowed and what sites are not..	1
Youth groups doing survival courses should be allowed	1

Proposal: to permit horse riding only on sites above 4 hectares (following advice from the relevant government department) as well as lawfully permitted routes e.g. bridleways.

If you disagree, what sites within Schedule 2 would you like to see horse riding permitted and why? 108 responses grouped under the following themes

Theme	Number of comments
This is not a problem	20
Should be allowed in all	16
Horse manure needs cleaning up	12
Providing they stick to the prescribed routes	12
Should be allowed more	9
Shouldn't be allowed in all	6
Only allowed where other park users will be safe	5
Not where children play	4
Riders need to be considerate and responsible	4
Should only be allowed in the countryside	4
Damage to ground	3
Give a clear indication of where horses are permitted	3
Horse riding should be restricted to bridleways	3
Minimal impact	3
Risk for children in high-density inner city parks	3
Horses spoil the ground	2
Public safety	2
Shouldn't be an arbitrary size restriction if it's an established route	2
Control the bad cyclists	1
Could victimise traveller community	1
Horse riding should not be permitted on the Bristol element of the Bristol-Bath railway path	1

Only allowed at Blaise	1
Riders need education for that cycle specific tracks are not bridleways	1
Riders need to control their horses	1
Should be allowed on any open spaces deemed suitable around Withywood, Hartcliffe, Dundry and Stockwood where there are numbers of ponies ridden by children	1
Should be allowed on Avon towpath	1
Should be allowed on Bristol-Bath railway path	1
Should be allowed on Lawrence Weston open space behind Henacre Road	1
Should be allowed on Whitchurch railway path	1
Should be banned on Horfield Common	1
Should be limited due to ground damage	1
Should be site specific	1
We should encourage this form of low carbon transport	1
What is the relevant government department and what is the advice?	1
Which sites are larger than 4 hectares?	1

Proposal: to prohibit fishing at St George Park lake only.
If you disagree, would you like to see fishing prohibited in more areas or no areas? Please tell us why and refer to places in Schedule 1. 177 responses grouped under the following themes.

Theme	Number of comments
Fishing should be allowed at St George Park	40
Fishing should be allowed at all sites	35
Fishing should be banned at all sites	21
Should be banned at St George	9
Hazard to wildlife	7
Should be banned at Eastville Park	7
Only be allowed in designated area	6
OK if done responsibly	5
Why prohibit fishing?	5
Fishing should be allowed at more sites	4
Should be managed	4
Allow under license only	3
Could an angling club look after the lake?	3
Only take action if there is a problem with angling behaviour	3
Should be prohibited if it is a threat to wildlife & fish stock	3
Should educate on how to avoid damaging wildlife	3
Children should be allowed to fish with nets	2
Children should be engaged & educated about the environment	2
Environment Agency should survey the lake	2
Need supporting information to backup this suggestion	2
Needs to be managed 24/7	2
Should keep the fish	2
A rod scheme needs to be put in place rather than a full ban	1
At Stoke Park driving along the cycle path is a danger to other park users	1
Banning at St George could impact nearby parks	1

Clear indication of fishing and non-fishing areas	1
Fish must be thrown back into lake	1
Fishermen often obstruct the path around the lake.	1
Fishermen protect and improving fish habitats	1
Fishing in Oldbury Court Estate (River Frome) should be controlled as fishermen are badly eroding the river bank	1
Fishing should be prohibited in more areas	1
Fishing should be supervised	1
How will you control fish numbers at St George?	1
In other parks fishing should only be permitted from specially constructed fishing platforms or where fishing rights are leased to angling clubs	1
Need to provide alternatives	1
Needs to be a wider consultation	1
NP should decide	1
Permit system	1
Ponds should be allowed to return to their natural habitat	1
Query	1
Should be allowed at Stoke Park	1
Should be banned at Stoke Park	1
Should be made to take away any fishing lines that break	1
Specific temporary exceptions	1
Why does this location need a ban?	1

Proposal: to permit the flying of Model Aircraft at Hengrove Park only (note: the byelaw would apply to drones).
If you disagree, would you like to see model aircraft flying permitted in more areas or no areas? Please tell us why and refer to spaces in Schedule 1. 254 responses grouped under the following themes.

Theme	Number of comments
Should be allowed in more areas	81
Shouldn't be allowed in any areas	29
Should be allowed in large parks	25
This is not a problem	19
Should be done responsibly and safely	16
Model aircraft should be allowed in all areas	11
Dependant on size - small is ok	10
Dangerous	9
Should be allowed on the Downs	9
Designated areas	8
Drones should not be allowed	8
Should be allowed at Ashton Court	8
Safety	6
Drones can be used for spying and voyeurism	5
Dogs cause more complaints	4
Drones should be subject to separate byelaws	4
Drones shouldn't be permitted to fly near residential area	4

Noise	4
Should be allowed at Blaise Castle	4
Allowed under license only	3
Drones not allowed in all areas	3
Drones should be allowed	3
License specified organisations to fly drones	3
Small drones should be allowed in all areas	3
Allow smaller, slower models	2
BMFA membership should be encouraged but not mandatory	2
Certain exceptions should be allowed	2
Drones shouldn't be permitted to fly near airports	2
Licences for larger models	2
Limitations around noise	2
Need a distinction between model aircraft and drones	2
Not allowed in smaller areas	2
Query	2
Require permits/licences	2
Should be allowed in Eastville park	2
Should be allowed in Netham Park	2
What are the exceptions	2
Why should people be members of a club?	2
AMARC Drone fliers to the proposed exemption for model aircraft	1
Consult users of the park	1
Depends upon the future use(s) of this site	1
Disturbs wildlife	1
How will this be enforced	1
Minimal impact	1
Model boats should also be prohibited	1
Need different rules for different models	1
No flying to be permitted within 100m of any path or bordering residential property.	1
Only for users with valid up-to-date insurance..	1
Penalties for dangerous flying	1
Provision should also cover other model vehicles	1
Restrict to licensed events	1
Separate byelaws for drones	1
Should be allowed around Somerset House	1
Should be allowed at Castle Park	1
Should be allowed at Oldbury Court / Vassall Park	1
Should be allowed in Dundry park	1
Should be banned on streets	1
Should be flying in restricted airspace only.	1
Should not be permitted in busy parks/during busy times..	1
This is already controlled by BMFA and CAA regulations	1
Wait for central legislating	1
Why should this only apply to one park?	1

17: Should we adopt conditions to regulate people carrying out some of the activities covered by the byelaws; for example those set out for flying model aircraft and barbecues? Please refer to our guide – “Answers to questions on specific byelaws” for the Council’s view on each byelaw.	Frequency	Percent
Yes	492	60.52%
No	165	20.30%
Not Answered	156	19.19%

Should we adopt conditions to regulate people carrying out some of the activities covered by the byelaws; for example those set out for flying model aircraft and barbecues? If you have any further comments please write here:	
145 responses grouped under the following themes.	
Theme	Number of Comments
Only regulate where there is a serious problem/inform rather than regulate	37
Needs monitoring/enforcing	11
Be considerate to other park users	9
Laws for dogs	6
BBQs	5
BBQs should be banned	5
Build brick BBQs/designated area	5
Clean up after yourself	4
BBQs - users should not damage park	4
Should be more specific	5
Model aircraft byelaw is too restrictive	4
Clear communication of byelaws/signage outlining byelaws should be put up	4
Clear and complete byelaws	3
Cycling - law should emphasize that both parties should take reasonable care	3
Guidelines for responsible behaviour	3
Insurance should be required for aircraft & horses	3
Safety	3
Raised BBQs	3
Reduce rubbish	3
Type of model aircraft should be taken into account	3
Foraging should be allowed	2
Important to balance amenity for all park users	2
Shouldn't be strict - more like guidelines	3
Yes, put regulations in place	2
Littering	2
Model aircraft can be dangerous	2
All model fliers to belong to a recognised BMFA affiliated club	1
All parks with play equipment should have equipment for disabled children and a sensory garden for blind children/adults.	1

Allow circus fire performance practice	1
Barbecue conditions should include the requirement to supervise the fire and dispose of it appropriately	1
BBQs - designated areas	1
Curfew on BBQs in evenings	1
Curfew on model airplanes in evenings	1
Designated areas for these activities	1
Encourage families to make use of local parks	1
Fishing should be prohibited at all sites	1
Handstanding	1
Leave long hours for pastimes	1
Minimise how much is banned	1
Model aircraft should be allowed	1
Need a number to call to report issues	1
People not complying should be prosecuted	1
People should be allowed to play music	1
People should be encouraged to use the parks sensibly.	1
Respect private property at boundaries of parks	1
Review after 18 months	1
Those flying model aircraft should be competent	1

18: Should we apply general consent to activities relevant to any of the byelaws? For example the use of gazebos erected temporarily to provide shade, act as a gathering point – when permanent installations are not permitted? Please refer to our guide – “Answers to questions on specific byelaws” for the Council’s view on each byelaw.	Frequency	Percent
Yes	514	63.22%
No	143	17.59%
Not Answered	156	19.19%

Should we apply general consent to activities relevant to any of the byelaws? For example the use of gazebos erected temporarily to provide shade, act as a gathering point – when permanent installations are not permitted? If yes, do you want to suggest any general consents for any of the 24 byelaws? 141 responses grouped under the following themes.	
Theme	Number of Comments
Gazebo/tent/shelter should be allowed	49
People should be allowed to forage for food	12
Shouldn't have these byelaws	10
Gazebos/tents must be removed at end of day	6
Should be done responsibly and safely	5
Needs monitoring	4
General consent for BBQs	3
Max size for gazebos	3
Rubbish must be removed	3

Time & duration	3
Apply general consents to everything unless it becomes an issue	4
Sports equipment should be permitted	4
Define temporary	2
Gazebos should be prohibited	2
Restrict use to non-motorised model aircraft only	2
Music/singing should be allowed	2
Needs to be flexibility	2
Byelaw 11 should be more flexible	1
Byelaw that drivers must not drive through public spaces so as to cause injury to cyclists and pedestrians	1
Byelaws should be brought up to date and written in plain English for all to understand	1
Clear complete byelaws	1
Confirm role of Bristol to Bath Railway Path	1
Consent for normal uses that might be deemed to fall within a bye-law should also be clarified	1
Consideration for other park users and local residents	1
Designated areas for gazebos	1
Dog fouling should be prohibited	1
Fast-track general consent process	1
General consent for overnight parking in designated areas	1
General consent to fly model aircraft within weight and noise constraints	1
General consents need to include conditions. e.g. adequate tethering of gazebos	1
General rules are open to abuse	1
Limit the public performance law to audiences over 50	1
Mountain bikers ride unofficial paths and must ride over plants and flowers contrary to 4(2)a	1
Not left unattended	1
Park runs should be allowed	1
Permanent structures should be provided	1
Person putting up shelter responsible for safety	1
Picnic chairs should be permitted	1
Restricting legitimate activities	1
Should be allowed with organised events	1
Should be done on a park-by-park basis	1
Slack lines should be permitted	1
Think in terms of individual responsibility instead of rules	1
Written consent only	1

Demographics of respondents

Age group	Frequency	Percent
15 or under	1	0.12%
16 to 24	14	1.72%
25 to 49	292	35.92%
50 to 64	216	26.57%
65 to 74	103	12.67%
75 and over	19	2.34%
Prefer not to say	47	5.78%
Not Answered	121	14.88%

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Female	291	35.79%
Male	338	41.57%
Prefer not to say	57	7.01%
Not Answered	127	15.62%

Are you transgender	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	0.49%
No	595	73.19%
Prefer not to say	81	9.96%
Not Answered	133	16.36%

What is your ethnic origin	Frequency	Percent
White British	539	66.30%
Other White background	51	6.27%
Black or minority ethnic background	17	2.09%
Prefer not to say	79	9.72%
Not Answered	127	15.62%

Do you have a religion or belief?	Frequency	Percent
Yes	198	24.35%
No	363	44.65%
Prefer not to say	118	14.51%
Not Answered	134	16.48%

Are you disabled	Frequency	Percent
Yes	72	8.86%
No	540	66.42%
Prefer not to say	74	9.10%
Not Answered	127	15.62%