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MEASURE 1 - Control of alcohol consumption in a public place

Don't feel it is an issue here

I don't believe this is addressing the problem and I think particular people or behaviours are targeted. This may not be 'anti social' but maybe be outside of what is considered 'normal'. These measures further stigmatise & isolate people with complex mental health & addiction problems. I want these people to be part of my community & I want to continue to engage with them in the street - our shared social space.

I would be happy to support the anti-social alcohol consumption measures if the Council can also tell residents how it will be supporting addiction abuse in the area. Otherwise, this measure may actually serve to increase problem drinking, by keeping it away from the public eye and hiding it, and therefore making invisible the need for better social support and alcohol support in the area. If there are already plans to tie in this measure with preventative and restorative addictions treatment can these please be spelled out explicitly.

Inadequate explanation of your terms

It depends how antisocial it is and how provocative the person deeming it antisocial is...

It is too subjective. Who decides what is anti social. I dont mind young people socialising in public.

It's not your job to control people or their habits. Interesting also that you don't ask for a further explanation if I had of said yes!

No alcohol rehab or support, some people are very ill and desperate.

People should have the freedom to do as they please, and if that's enjoying a beer sitting on The Leas then so be it

MEASURE 2 – No use of intoxicating substances in a public place

Again this is too broad & would constitute a shocking interference with personal freedom. Surely a council should be concerning itself with encouraging venues & activities which encourage people to do more than consume intoxicating substances, or treatment centres or shelters if they have no option, NOT policing people due to the lack of these facilities in this town?

Be more specific. If you mean alcohol see answer above. If you mean legal highs i have never been affected by someone using these. If you mean illegal drugs then they are illegal so any use of them in public should be stopped.

Freedom of choice

I would be happy to support the anti-social alcohol consumption measures if the Council can also tell residents how it will be supporting addiction and substance abuse in the area. Otherwise, this measure may actually serve to increase problem substance use, by keeping it away from the public eye and hiding it, and therefore making invisible the need for better social support and substance misuse support in the area. If there are already plans to tie in this measure with preventative and restorative addictions treatment can these please be spelled out explicitly.

It is likely such control will be targeted towards already marginalised groups, such as the homeless. Resources would be better spent on drug and alcohol treatment programmes.

It means it will criminalise drinking at a beach bbq or at the coastal park. Not good

There are existing controls. If people are acting antisocially they should be dealt with regardless of whether intoxicated or not.

This has been in place since ASBOs were replaced by PSPOs. Nothing has changed as no officials to enforce them. I pointed this out to our MP Damian Collins at the hustings of 2015. Sort the drug and alcohol abuse in this town by providing adequate clinics etc for addicts.

This is the only place some people have to use such substances. Many people consuming drugs & alcohol in their home. Public space is public space and that should be open to the many people & ways of being that make up our public.

Measure 3 – No urinating, spitting or defecating in a public place

Again. Already covered. And the 3 activities (?) are all profoundly different.

Because homeless people may not have access to such facilities. Also parents with young children. Also wild areas where there are no public facilities for walkers or bathers.

Because there are insufficient toilet facilities for homeless people especially at night

because there are not enough public toilets open in an evening

Covered by existing legislation

For example a homeless person needs a shit or a piss and its after the public toilets shut and they find a place out of the way and discreet then no problem...but shitting or pissing in the town centre on a Saturday afternoon outside Debenhams is a no.It's common sense here chaps.

homeless people do not always have facilities they can use and without provision of housing /shelter they are the targetted group where we are criminalising them for our lack of social responsibility

I do not think spit should be put together with urination and defecation. Also, are there plans for public toiletst being made available alongside regulation?

I had a fly in my mouth once and had to spit. Also no public toilets open at night anymore!

In theory of course I object but in practice where there are homeless people on the streets - often through no fault of their own, where exactly are they supposed to go to the toilet if public conveniences are closed at night?

It would be helpful if the Council could spell out how it will tie up this measure with homelessness in the area, in which case I would consider supporting it.

It's very unpleasant for non smokers to inhale someone elses smoke. And may need to spit but I do support protection of urinating in public

Not enough public toiletsacciabale for the homeless

Sometimes people need somewhere to go to the toilet - let's not criminalise people, let's make public space better.

What is a very young child or a homeless person meant to do?

Whilst, in principle, this sounds perfectly reasonable, for many vulnerable members of our community (particularly those who are sleeping rough) this may cause them to unavoidably be under a PSPO. The introduction of this new measure can only be reasonable if public toilets are available for extended hours and months.

Measure 4 – No Begging

A desperate homeless person has no choice but to beg. They should be helped not arrested for begging.

A person begging is doing this because they have to. Sometimes it is not out of choice, the prior injunctions surround habits of choice. Also, if a fine is imposed on a person begging, how is that person to pay it without more begging?

Although this may be hard to see and make people feel uncomfortable, poverty should not be hidden

An alternative must be provided if someone has nothing

As an organisation supporting homeless people, Porchlight's whole approach is built on providing sustainable solutions to help people change their lives for the better.

Simply criminalising the behaviour of those people who are living at the very edge of society is unlikely to help them get past their problems and move on.

Because I don't think people beg for fun, they do it because they are desperate and who am i to stop them?

Because most of our beggars are genuine homeless who have very little or nothing!!

Because some people are desperate and if it's there only option then what else can they do?

Because some people are driven to this as a final, desperate resort to get enough money to afford the shelter, basic foods life essentials that YOU should be helping to provide them. You cannot resolve a huge problem like homelessness by trying to hide it.

Because we have a huge homelessness issue and extremely vulnerable people have little or no support. Until the govt sorts out the housing crisis, and mental health crisis and the failing universal credit then homelessness will continue. We should not criminalise the most vulnerable in our society.

Begging is harmless. People can ignore it and give no money. If Person asking for money is aggressive/violent than we are dealing with another matter, not begging itself.
invasive

Begging is obviously the only means of obtaining an income for homeless, out-of-work individuals. If we take even that away then there is no sufficient measure to replace homeless and their status.

Councils which try to stop begging are simply replicating the blame culture attached to beggars without trying to understand and support those who find themselves in such a dire situation

depends what you mean

I am helping a homeless woman who sits outside my flat. And not all money goes on drugs. In my street we give homeless people mugs of hot tea, clothes and food.

I believe that all users of public space should respect it. I also believe that it is the role of the council to provide adequate facilities to facilitate good use of space (well kept toilets etc) I would like to see positive reinforcement. Also the council should also see homelessness as their responsibility- not their problem

I do not agree that the behaviour of begging would have an unreasonably detrimental effect on the community's quality of life and would therefore justify the restrictions imposed by use of PSPOs.

I do not like the thought of people begging, but I am worried that this PSPO may be used now, or in the future, to unfairly target those who are vulnerable.

I do not support 'no begging' because there are many vulnerable people in our district including many homeless people. If they beg then a citizen can choose to give them

I don't like seeing begging especially pushy beggars but with increasing poverty and homelessness in Shepway I'd rather people begged than died.

I don't want our town cleansed of those in need, this ban just pushes the issue elsewhere and criminalises those in need

I think it's absolutely disgusting that you are penalising the poorest of the poor, desperate people that are often homeless. What a terrible council you are trying to make begging illegal instead of helping

May be someone's only option to survive

Most beggars are less forceful than chugger. Maybe make cashpoints an excluded area so vulnerable people won't feel intimidated. That's not to say that the beggar is intimidating in any way, but that doesn't stop people feeling that way.

Most people beg because they need to. I have spoken to many of the people begging in this town & they are mostly looking to change their situation.

Some are trying it on, but I simply ignore them, they do not infringe on my life in any way. I am lucky I have never been put in a position where I need to beg. How will criminalising desperate people make this town a better place???

Not really an issue

Our council is not doing enough to support either our homeless community or those in desperate need of assistance.

People are desperate, I don't mind them asking when I go out, support services are non exist ant so what else can they do?

People are very desperate, I support measure that would make it less necessary for someone to turn to begging

People beg because they are desperate and have no alternative. Until the council makes proper provision for the poor, destitute and desperate then begging stops these people from starving or freezing to death. It's life and death for these people.

People beg because they can't provide for themselves so by taking this away, you're taking food and drink away from them

People begging usually do so because they have no other way of buying food and/or shelter. It would be fine to ban this if a realistic solution was found to help the homeless into sustainable housing but there does not seem to be any will to do so.

People can't help their circumstances sometimes, while I never give them money I always offer to buy a meal if I see someone homeless

people have the right to ask for help - to criminalise this is frankly cruel

People in need are still human beings, if the only way to get a couple of quid is to beg in town they should be allowed to do it.. Human compassion!

People in need should be able to ask the general public for help. I don't like the question, if it is actually about clearing needy people out of the town centre.

People in need should have the right to ask for help

People need money. As a working person we "get by" what about everyone else????

People who are begging are in need to criminalise their need is inhuman

People who are begging need help

Please let us know how this measure proposes to line up with job seeking and housing support in the area; otherwise we are treating the symptom with no real support for people resorting to begging.

Poverty is not a crime.

Prohibition of all begging is discriminatory. Some people genuinely see no alternative. Unless support for vulnerable people is genuinely improved, they should have a right to beg.

Reasons for begging are many many varied and the majority of those begging are doing so because of the current financial situation throughout the country.

If local councils listened and actually helped those begging rather than criminalising them perhaps things would improve.

Sadly, some have no choice

Some people are homeless due to no fault of their own and there isn't enough help for genuine homeless people.

Some people are left with nothing, often through no fault of their own. To outlaw them asking the far more fortunate and privileged for some help is inhumane.

Some people have no option but to beg it's up to each individual if they give or not, no one has ever been rude to me when asking for anything and if you buy food or drinks I have found people are extremely grateful, not all people begging are drink and drug addicts

some people need to beg to stay alive

Some people that may have fallen on bad times may have no option but to call on the public's generosity.

Sometimes that is the only way that homeless people can get food or money to survive. Not all individuals feel they can access support services and as long as they are not being a nuisance or threatening then it doesn't hurt for them to be there

The beggars I have met have always been respectful, there's no harm in asking for money if done respectfully, ask nicely, don't threaten nor follow people around in an intimidating way I believe Folkestone & Hythe Council is bullying people who cannot defend themselves for various reasons including addiction, homelessness, desperation, mental health these people are easy targets for all .GOV departments including the police. Provide better help by being better than demonizing weaker people. These are people with needs and require help not get a public kicking.

The council and Government should do more to resolve the problems behind begging and work to get these people into accommodation, rather than give them a criminal record for trying to survive

The support is not there for some homeless people. Universal credit doesn't work for all, poor mental health and addiction support

The visual impact of someone begging reminds us all that we are not equal and some may require help.

There are a lot of people in this town and many others, who sadly have found themselves in a horrible situation and do not have much access to help.

There are many different reasons, as to why someone may be pushed into begging in public. The numbers of those who claim to be in poverty and yet, live off begging is minimal. So too far all of those in such situation, as being " professional beggars" is immoral and cruel.

There are more and more people in our society who are facing extreme poverty and who are vulnerable with support services and benefits having been cut.

Unfortunately due to welfare state being gradually dismantled and with people being refused benefit/sanctioned etc there are people with no income who have no choice but to beg. I would object to aggressive begging but if people ask politely then I have no problem with that. it would be my choice whether or not to give any money.

Until every homeless person is housed I think it would be an unfair ban

Visibility of this issue helps to draw attention to the key causes, hiding them away is not the solution

Vulnerable people shouldn't be punished for trying to survive. I believe a PSPO is disproportionate in isolation.

We are free to choose when and what to give people who we perceive as in need. Control aggressive begging not begging per SE.

We need to be making sure our community stops people needing to beg. If they do have to we need to see that it is happening, not just brush it away.

This behaviour, like homelessness, is increasing because of wider social pressures.

We should be trying to assist those who are homeless, not stopping them from possibly obtaining their only means of obtaining food and drink and potentially criminalising them in the process. If a provision is put in place and a person is fined, how do they pay that without making their finances worse? The outcome of such a provision is either to move the person into another area or place them in a cycle of begging to get food and paying fines, which will then simply add to their fines, so they beg and the cycle continues. This is not a humane way to deal with this issue.

where begging is essential to the person's survival then I support this for those homeless who have no other support. If asked for food/money the public do not have to donate it's their choice.

While some people are begging unnecessarily, sometimes for others, there are those to whom circumstances have reduced them to begging. Every homeless person does not fit into the same category.

MEASURE 5 Deterring inconsiderate buskers

Again, the term "anti-social" is far too vague a term to be anything but carte blanche to harass or criminalise anything that is out of the "ordinary".

This town needs more not less free entertainment, shopping is not enough..

Be more specific!!!! What do you mean by unauthorised street entertainment?

because it's an honest way to make a living and survive

Busking / free entertainment is often fantastic. Adds colour and vibrancy to the area don't be such humbugs

Busking adds colour to the town

Busking is good for the town how is it anti social

Busking or performance is part of our cultural identity

culture?!!!

Define antisocial street entertainment first

Depends on what is classed as anti social

Difficult to enforce. What would be considered anti social entertainment? Street entertainers contribute to a lively high street atmosphere.

Folkestone is meant to be the 'folkestone is an art school' I love seeing buskers, brightens up the town experience, wish there were more! Great when you have kids, always stopped and listened to buskers whenever we see them. Banning is like stopping art.

Freedom of expression. Many street entertainers earn a living in this way. What constitutes "antisocial" is subjective and businesses are likely to prevent people from earning a living. Variety and diversity is essential. Most people don't want a cleansed monoculture.

How is street entertainment anti social?

I don't consider street entertainment to be anti social in any form.

I don't know how entertainment could be deemed anti-social. It is essential to socialising and I fully support it being publicly accessible on the street.

I don't understand who is defining 'anti-social' and how?

I don't consider entertainment to be antisocial

I enjoy seeing entertainment in the streets, and I have never witnessed the so-called anti social aspect as suggested here.

I fear I would not agree with the definition of 'antisocial' and enjoy street entertainment

I find busking uplifting

I like a busker or street artist, it cheers the place up, even if they aren't good. Maybe have a few designated busking spots around town like they do on the Underground. Obviously places with good footfall!

I like buskers, they bring life and vibrancy to our town.

I quite like a bit of busking and this sounds too arbitrary

I think it is entertaining and it give poor musians an needed income

I think street musicians are not anti social and can be enjoyed by the public

I think you mean buskers. All you need do is learn the existing law which is quite adequate and implement it.

In fact I do but not with a PSPO. It should be done on a case by case basis.

It brings a bit of art to the streets

It's a fine line between a nuisance and entertainment with str

It's an honest job

I've never seen any anti-social street entertainment and generally people like buskers. How do you define 'anti-social' anyway? This is a loaded question!

Many street entertainers add to the ambiance in a town

My concern is who decides what is antisocial? Who's concept of 'social'?

Never experienced 'anti-social' street entertainment. All the busking has been good.

Totally depends on what you mean by anti social. You need to give a full definition to achieve a meaningful response

We could do with more street entertainment so whats the definition of anti social here? O e person's bit of livi ess is someone elses annoyance.

Folkestone is dead after 5pm and frankly threatening to walk around

We need music on the streets. Buskers are enjoyable to most people.

We should embrace street entertainment and use supportive action instead of enforcement.

What do you consider Anti-social Street Entertainment? Some people, move in next to a pub, then complain about the noise.

What do you mean by anti-social entertainment? It seems a strange question, and possibly personal taste will come into it. I support busking in all forms if this is what you are asking.

What is anti-social street entertainment? It may be very subjective. For eg I hate panpipers and bagpipes but some people love them.

Who defines anti-social? There is generally a right to busk, to entertain on the streets. I don't feel enough thought is given to the rights that are being restricted by preventing street entertainment. The question is biased by adding 'anti-social' before 'Street entertainment'. Let's not ban street entertainment and leave our streets a sterile environment.

who determines anti-social? art is an expression of freedom, of course this excluded harassment, bullying and assault- if that is antisocial then it should be charged as that, there are laws already in place for this. If it's unsociable hours and noise nuisance in Residential areas without the consent of neighbours then having a meeting and discussion with the persons involved would bring about better social cohesion rather than criminalization.

Measure 6 – Deterring inconsiderate chuggers – no comments but commented on in how affected section below.

MEASURE 7 – No unauthorised camping in open spaces

A blanket policy of this nature will exacerbate the issues faced by the homeless who have no other options.

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Adequate provision must be made for homeless people. This runs the risk of the homeless not being able to create protection from the elements and risks them freezing to death. This is life or death. This should not be used to "cleanse" the region

Again you are looking to criminalise the homeless who have no where else to go. Help not punishment is required.

Again, if you are homeless and in need to escape the elements, I have no problem with this.

Again, times are very hard, I'm seeing huge amounts of homeless people and I think these measures will be used against them.

As long as people remove rubbish and obey the rules not a problem

because the homeless have got to sleep somewhere and we need these reminders to deal with the lack of social housing

Because there is insufficient provision for homeless ppl already - a tent might keep them safe and warm

Because we have a lot of homeless people who sleep in tents

Because where else are they meant to go? How can someone deny someone the measliest bit of shelter they can get? Also camping is fun for people to do, so long as litter is cleared up and it's not intruding someone's own doorway, what's the problem? It's camping!

Camping in the countryside should be allowed but not in urban parks and open spaces

Discrimination against the homeless

Do not take away the only shelter some people have

Due to the current economic climate and the introduction of Universal Credit, many are being forced into Homelessness. Maybe more should be done to support people facing these issues before you start your 'ethnic cleansing' of our streets and other areas. Don't just move the problems out of the area.

Enforce against those who leave the place a mess or vandalise. Don't ban camping

Homeless people have to shelter somewhere

Homeless people need to sleep as safely and as much under cover as they can.

Homeless people should be given housing by the council. The Council in Folkestone has failed to care for the most vulnerable and desperate people in society.

Leave them alone or provide proper housing and support for them.

I am concerned that homeless people need help not reprimand. It isn't clear where and how the council would draw the line on camping for fun and camping for survival.

I do not agree that the behaviour of camping (whether authorised or not) and use of temporary structures would have an unreasonably detrimental effect on the community's quality of life and would therefore justify the restrictions imposed by use of PSPOs. I also view that the use of PSPOs in this manner might breach

Home Office guidelines of Dec 2017 as it could (whether intentionally or not) be used to target people based solely on the fact that they are homeless or rough sleeping.

I don't want more homeless people or travellers to die. Everyone has a right to shelter - it is a human right. Fix the problem instead of criminalising people

i don't think it does any harm if they don't leave litter

I don't think there's a problem with it, provided they still leave some room for kids to play on the grass, don't allow their dogs to run riot and tidy up before they head off

I don't think this is necessarily a nuisance

I strongly object to this proposal which will punish the most vulnerable in our community. By punishing homeless

I support wild camping for example along wear bay road, the warren or the lower Sandgate road but littering should be policed and heavily fined.

I would be happy to support this measure if the Council could ensure that this measure was tied to homelessness support in the area.

I would have no objection to asking holiday makers camping illegally to move on but I feel that this is targeted at the homeless who just don't have anywhere else to move on to.

I would only support this measure if there were a strong program of support for our homeless population

I'd rather some homeless people had a tent than froze

If it is antisocial it can already be dealt with. Due to the housing crisis many people live in tents or vans.

If it's an open space what's the harm?

If people are homeless the where else is there to go?

If people need to camp in an open space the reason is probably because they are homeless or vulnerable to criminalise these activities does not solve problems it just creates new one.

If the person camping isn't drunk or on drugs and keeps the area clean then why should we deny them shelter?

It has to be balanced by provision of space for recreational camping for families etc

It is often the best option for homeless people to get out of the wind and rain. Don't you dare make such a simple and basic means of survival illegal.

It is sometimes the only option for those with nothing or very little. To refuse them an option of (minimal) shelter is inhumane.

Many youth pitch a tent for the night as a group as long as they clean up when they leave to go home that's fine by me

No one has the right to deny someone a safe dry space to sleep... Even if it is only a tent.

Not really a problem

Open spaces is not specific term and could affect the homeless

Otherwise-homeless persons may need a space to be for the night that is not provided for by the council or community. They should be able to find a public space that suits their needs, particularly at night, without being turned out or harassed.

people have been camping at the warren & the hills around folkestone for yrs theres no harm in itthe hills ari

People have to sleep and so many towns and cities are making it illegal. Campsites are becoming prohibitively expensive so an alternative without being punished is needed.

Public space belongs to everyone. I do however think is individuals responsibility to clean after themselves. I would support enforcing this

See answer re begging

Should be free to camp if you want to I.e. beach

Signs need to be clearer about no camping

So long as no other antisocial Behaviours are being committed, I see no harm in anyone camping on the beach for one night or parking up for one night

Some people have to do this

Temporary camping in oranges acces and engagement fantastic landscape

Tents are often the only shelter homeless people have. We can't wish them away, though their need for shelter needs to be addressed.

The council are not supporting the homeless and suggesting places to pitch a tent. sfor homeless

The council's proposals state that PSPOs will not be used to target vulnerable groups- but I can't think of an instance of camping in an open space that would be done by anyone accept someone who is vulnerable.

The homeless who use tents require somewhere to pitch up and don't have the funds to pay for official camping areas. I understand the need to have this rule when we have the trouble making travellers in the area. However we have had non trouble causing travelers who visit the area and don't cause any issues.

The unauthorised campers i have encountered are friendly people clearly there because they need to be. Their presence also makes me feel safer about walking alone. It is hardly a big problem is it?

This amounts to persecution of homeless people

This generally leads to an increase in litter & anti social behaviour

This is a difficult issue, one which again is not solved simply by control measures and requires the local authorities to work with travellers to come up with better solutions. All the local authorities are doing with such orders is moving people from one spot to another. It does not solve the problem.

This is not the answer to homelessness. Community collaboration would assist in reducing the problem. No one wakes up wanting to live in a tent in the middle of a city.

This targets vulnerable people

Which open spaces?

Whilst littering, noise and antisocial behaviour can be a problem, innocent and considerate enjoyment of the natural environment is not.

HOW AFFECTED?

COMMENTS SENT IN ON HOW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE BEHAVIOURS BEING ADDRESSED BY THE PSPO

Approached by a woman on Sandgate High Street who was very intimidating. I told her I have no change and I do not smoke.

Beggars, mostly in doorways, muttering "any change" or something like that. "Chuggers", *possibly including authorised ones*, blocking or partially blocking open spaces so that one has to deviate considerably to avoid them.

Beggars in old high street and sandgate rd.

Alcohol consumed on sunny sand beach and cans and bottles left all over the beach.

Chuggers in sandgate rd.

Begging in Folkestone, near the Rainbow Centre is intrusive and sometimes offensive.

Begging outside Sainbury's in New Romney and also charity collectors at the same place

Being approached in the street and asked many times to give "something"

Being asked to give cash

Being elderly the constant asking for money either by chuggers or too many beggars in Sandgate Road is upsetting and annoying.

Being stopped multiple times in the street by Chuggers, afraid to go to certain areas because of travelling community making places inaccessible for locals

By the mess left by illegal campers, particularly at the Warren.

Campers leaving their rubbish in the Warren. I feel it intimidating to be shamed into giving to charity. Don't mind a public presence but it should be passive

Cannot freely walk through town without being called and disturbed by them

Chuggers coming to my door, as well as in larger public places such as Folkestone town centre.

People spitting is very common, dropping chewing gum (which bonds to assistance dog's fur!)

Last summer, travellers overtaking the green in New Romney for a long time meant I was unable to freely sniffly walk/toilet my assistance dog on way into work.

Chuggers , I have been polite answer their questions but that is a ruse to get you to sign up and unless you are really firm they have got you. Don't even stop anymore.

Chuggers are a pain in the arse! Should be able to walk down the street without being harassed. Beggars at least don't harass people, I'd rather give my spare money to a beggar in need than top up someone's corporate commission

Chuggers being forceful, and seeing individual spitting and urinating in the street is disgusting and not pleasant in front of my child, who hates going into Folkestone

Chuggers in Folkestone town centre persistent and following me to get me to interact with them.

Unauthorised camping areas in and around Hawkinge that have been chosen by travellers to use has caused danger to the public including children due to one access area

Couldn't get to the shops without being asked for money and street Hawkers interrupting my routine then having to put up with homeless urinating in our fire exit

Couldn't let my children go to their local park anymore because of the travellers. Feeling unsettled in my home because many burglaries suddenly started when the travellers arrived. Wouldn't allow my children to ride their bikes to school whilst they were opposite the school because bikes started going missing.

Difficult to get past them

European nationals appear to have a higher percentage of spitting in public, but British nationals do also do it.

Every time I leave work in the town centre I get the same guy shouting at me to give him money, at night when I'm on my own, this can be quite intimidating. The chuggers put me off going through the middle of town. And recently where I live there have been travellers camping on the green spaces, I stopped using the parks & feel under pressure by Chuggers.

gypsy encampment behind my home were using the sand dunes and the entrance to the RNLI station to defecate on a repeated daily basis.

Have been approached when with my children and they are very persistent and feel very comfortable when they won't take no for an answer

I feel intimidated by people approaching me when walking through the town centre trying to get me to sign up to something

I feel overwhelming guilt when walking past people begging in the street, more so when the people look like they are 'fresh' out on the street from perhaps a broken home.

I find the experience of walking past chuggers, particularly in Folkestone, to be quite intimidating.

I had an illegal encampment close to my house in Hawkinge. The travellers left mess and defecated and urinated around the area they camped including in the children's play park.

In Folkestone and in Hythe for busking and in Folkestone begging, chuggers. In Hythe unauthorised camping on RMC, Oakland's and Eaton Lands and in Folkestone beneath The Leas Cliff Hall.

In Hythe aggressive rough sleeper was aggressive about children concerning one of the benches which he said was bed. Fortunately they did not pick up on the nuances but I was concerned.

It is not the charity workers that are the problem but those wanting to sign you up for electric/gas, broadband etc. They often don't take no for an answer and have even followed me down the street continually asking. Also, there is someone there almost every day and it gets very wearing as they are all very persistent.

It's disgusting to see someone spitting on the ground and has the potential to also spread disease.

I've been pretty much chased up the street by a chugger and also been verbally abused when I didn't give a beggar money

I've been stopped in the street by chuggers who were blatantly not approved, they avoided mentioning that they were representatives of a church in Deal and trying to get me to attend by asking if Folkestone was child friendly and then asking if I've seen a particular building which happened to be their church.

Just a surprise finding men urinating in bushes when I'm walking the dog. But they have apologised. Really don't like being encountered by Chuggers. They make you feel inconsiderate if it's for charity and, if I want new broadband, Sky, etc I don't need people coming up to me and bugging me whilst I'm trying to make my way through town.

Just find it a constant nuisance to be approached or be witness to any of those circumstances

Just have people coming up to you asking to complete an answer sheet, or looking to get you to sign up to donations or services. Some are quite persistent

Local disruption with traveller encampments

Lunchbreak often chuggers in town which is annoying and sometimes intimidating.

Maybe not affected but in contact with

Mostly by threatening behaviour. In addition with unauthorised camping there is always aggression & mess, rubbish & worse left behind that has to be cleared up at the ratepayers expense.

My house over looks uphill play park where in July and September a local traveller family decided to illegally encamp on the park area. This means no local children can use play area, locals avoid walking the area. Also travellers damage area, went to toilet in bushes and shrubs lining park. Children ran around at all hours, throwing stones, banging windows, using the play park as a toilet. Also complete disregard for residents safety as travellers drove on and off play park area at great speed also doing donuts on the green and playing very loud music at anytime they feel they want to 2am, 5am etc. As residents we feel there is very little support for us and this was a very stressful time having to wait for them to be moved on so we can repair the damage done to property.

People being drunk and disorderly in public spaces. However I feel that the crime rate in the area is more important than these issues

People dedicating along the Royal Military Canal in Hythe.

People have been spitting in my proximity

People smoking weed around town absolutely stinks. It is illegal, it is harmful to them and the smoke affects everyone, including children like my 3 year old. I do not want him (or myself) breathing in intoxicating second-hand stinking smoke.

Persistent asking for money to pay for a space in a night shelter.

Pushy

Regular harrsment in the high street

saying what lovely shoes I have on and stupid other things.

Seeing the mess and noise they provide when they pull in somewhere to stay is awful. They have no concideration for people who actually live around them.

Several break ins and damage to cars, mine being one of them, just causes a lot of unnecessary upset and worry to local residents.

Spitting I find offensive, chuggers intimidating and unofficial camping threatening and a cost to the council in legal fees and clear up costs

Stopped in the street.

The amount of inconsiderate wild campers leave litter that dogs (other wildlife) eat. The warren is particularly affected. There has also been camping /bbqs on the green verges on wear bay road - which adds extra litter.

The employees of the companies you authorise to be outside Lloyds bank are the most irritating, especially if you work in the town. I have been stopped three times in one half hour lunch break. I've also seen young men blocking the path of young women, arms outstretched, physically impeding them. It needs to stop. However the import

the pavement on sandgate high street is filthy, chuggers often stop you near the nat west bank, if you are doing business banking this is very disconcerting

There are a lot of people asking for money on the street in the Sandgate Rd area but it concerns me that they are not getting the support they need - substance abuse, mental health. The PCSOs would need a very good relationship with support services. One chap that regularly 'begs' in Town Walk comes all the way from Dover.

There has been travellers camp on a field near my home.

You can not walk through Folkestone without being asked for money and many times without also being approached by chuggers

There has definitely been an increase of begging in Folkestone, this is upsetting to see and you can't give to everyone. However I would still oppose a ban

There is a man who sits outside Folkestone Central train station with his dog after work with his camping equipment.

Chuggers and beggars can be intimidating as they can become aggressive if you do not give them money

Travellers camped between my home and bus stop, making it unpleasant and distressing for my young daughter to get to her bus. Noise nuisance also.

Travellers camping in Hawkinge near Churchill school - it was intimidating walking the kids to nursery, and the state the green was left in after they left meant the kids couldn't play/walk that way home

Travellers causing ASB on land belonging to them

Travellers damaging council property & not being held to account. Us council tax-payers end up footing the repair bills!

Travellers in the children's play park in Heron Forstall, causing damage and anti social behaviour!!

Travellers on land near where I live causing ASB

Travellers on nearby public space urinating openly.

Beggars in Folkestone

Travellers parked and setup camp on the green next to Lidl and Churchill school (hawkinge) making you feel unsafe and threatened and also noise from the dogs and mess left behind made me feel upset and frustrated that a fence should have been erected to prevent future travellers from ruining the place I live

travellers parked up on our green in new Romney. they made a mess everywhere. we were unable to take our animals and/or children on the green. they were also threat

travellers pitching up where they want and destroying the green spaces and leaving waste.

Unauthorised camper vans and caravans on car park at littlestone enabling door knickers offering sub standard works

Unauthorised camping opposite the school where my children attend.

Unwanted approaches

Verbally abused by beggars in Folkestone high street. Travellers breaking into local bowls club and ruining local community life

Walking along with my grandkids, I have seen drunks shouting and pushing each other on the leas.daytrippers look scared when this happens and I have phoned the

police occasionally over this. Beggars in town centre every day with their duvets asking for money as I walk by making me feel uncomfortable but mysteriously gone at night intimidating.

A drunk young man was being very aggressive to two young women. I calmly approached him to help the women. He turned on me and threatened me with violence. He was not homeless, just drunk from being served too much.

A homeless guy washing in the fountain at Radnor park hit my 7 year old daughter. He was mentally unstable, I can only imagine we're there greater provisions for people in his position it could have been avoided

A camp has set up behind an advertising board on southern way roundabout for weeks. There's lot of waste... including poo... and they've been cutting down live trees to burn. Camping for extended periods should not be acceptable
aggressive begging and being sworn at when walked past. Chuggers not accepting when I have said no to them. had to walk round two people having an argument who were intoxicated on a number of occasions - very aggressive with each other.

Aggressive begging and high street saturated with chuggers

Alcohol - not walking through park area at the top of sandgate Rd.

Substances - constant and smell use of cannabis in the high street.

Beggars- every day when walking through the high street

Chuggers- Awful behaviour, intimidating locals and chasing people down the street

All of the above - intimidated with begging in the High Street, intoxicated and verbally abused on the Shellons Street/Grace Hill. Having to divert to avoid chuggers along with the amplified music from the likes of bagpipers/accordion players. The latter being a duo who regularly visit Folkestone and make a nuisance to both shoppers and he retailers in the immediate vicinity. Therefore the latter is by our definition 'anti-social street entertainment'

All of the above are regular occurrences in local, day to day life.

Annoyed by somebody drunk but not approached by them.

Approached in the street on many occasions. Annoyed by people sitting, often with dogs, and begging or standing and producing bad "music.

Unable to use The Bayle Pond Garden due to drinking/drug-taking youths, often boisterous, sometimes threatening.

approached in the town with my 3 children by a drunk asking for money

Around the town of Folkestone and community areas of hawkinge

Drinkers standing outside the Mexican restaurant and in the road in Sandgate late at night, made me feel uneasy walking along the High Street to get home.

Drunk patrons pouring out of Jolson's party bar at 3 am screaming, shouting and urinating in the street. Constant harrassment from beggars in Old High Street.

Drunk rowdy people shouting and swearing and mostly looking for an argument.

Accosted by people for surveys or donations, even if I say no

Drunks on the greens at Littlestone, chuggers in the High street & begging outside Sainsburys

Having to breathe in the smell of marjuna when people have smoked it in open spaces. Also, being unable to take my son to the children's park in Heron Forstal Avenue/Uphill junction in Hawkinge because travellers have been behaving in an intimidating manner. Living in fear about potential theft, vandalism and threats from traveller families following my neighbour suffering all three (witnessed first hand, not heresy or an assumption). Having to explain to my son why a grown man is urinating against said playground fence rather than use his caravans toilet.

I am intimidated by the street drinkers who congregate opposite Folkestone Library and am fed up with being harassed by beggars and chuggers every time I walk through the town

I am regularly approached by beggars in Folkestone town centre, many are aggressive and quite often high. They also affect my business in The Old High st as they

drive customers away from the street. It is very intimidating being approached and harassed by these people. Chuggars and buskers are making Folkestone town centre intolerable. I have been stopped by them 2 or 3 times in one day or more than 1 occasion. The chuggers target vulnerable people in particular, their tactics are appalling, they should be banned completely. Buskers outside shops must drive the poor staff mad, in particular the bagpiper. You cannot hear yourself think when he is about. I have often been in the town when there are 2 or 3 buskers at any one time!

I have had to navigate a number of "chuggers" through the town centre and when I declined they were rude about why I didn't want to talk and persisted in following me. I end up using my phone as a barrier and make a phone call so I don't have to speak to them.

My children go to St Eanswythe primary school and we often walk through the churchyard. There are often groups of people, some young like teenagers, some older smoking and drinking and behaving in an intimidating way (shouting obscenities and acting erratically). Also walking through town, particularly after dark (which in winter is as early as 4.15) there are a lot of people asking for money as I go past.

I have suffered instances of all the ticked boxes. I have witnessed drunk and rowdy behaviour during the day and evening. The regular beggars in the Town are known to be running a scam and I see tents up all around Town. Along under the Leas, by the memorial clock tower and most distressingly by my Fathers memorial bench in the Coastal Park. My Dads bench was being used as a baby changing station.

Seeing these people is distressing and embarrassing when showing visitors around our Town

I know longer go to Folkestone! It seems to be a haven for alcoholics/drug-takers and criminal elements making it feel unsafe. As such, I take myself and my business elsewhere. Not included in your survey is the young-people who gather, are loud, antisocial and when questioned/confronted are aggressive and intimidating. "Public Spaces" are for the public yes, but not if they don't act responsibly. Busking is fine when it's controlled, the music/show is not overly loud and is considerate. I live adjacent to the park on Heron Forstal Avenue in Hawkinge. The travellers that keep returning are intimidating, coming and going at all hours, loud music, leaving rubbish etc, faeces in the park making it unusable as well as washing hanging all over the park. Access is via a pedestrian footpath at speed with no consideration for any pedestrians.

I live in The Bayle and visit Folkestone town centre every day. I fully support all the proposed measures.

There has been a great deal of anti-social alcohol consumption in both the Bayle Pond Gardens and St Mary and St Eanswythe's churchyard. Groups of drunks (young and old) congregate in both these public spaces which intimidates passers by, discourages others from sitting in the peace of the the gardens and shows a complete lack of respect for the graves in the churchyard.

Regular reports are made to the police of drug dealing and consumption taking place in St Mary and St Eanswythe's churchyard, but this occurs far more often than is reported. Drug dealing / consumption is rife in the Garden of Remembrance corner of the churchyard, to such an extent that the families of those whose ashes are in the Garden of Remembrance do not dare to enter, which is distressing. Drug paraphernalia, particularly used needles can be found throughout the churchyard and present a health and safety risk to passers by and the children at St Eanswythe's primary school who walk through the churchyard every day. A consequence of this is the shopkeepers in Church Street being asked to provide change for drug dealers, which is understandably quite frightening. Drug taking/dealing has also been observed frequently in the Bayle Pond Gardens.

The lack of 24/7 public toilets in the town probably contributes to the reason why undesirables and drunks regularly use St Mary and St Eanswythe's churchyard as a toilet facility. The church bellringers frequently complain about human faeces being left at the entrance door to the bell tower. This is unpleasant and a health and safety risk. To a lesser extent this has been observed in the Bayle Pond Gardens, but these gardens are overlooked by housing and locked overnight.

Begging mainly occurs in the town centre and in the Old High Street. Naturally one feels sorry for the homeless and generally the begging is not intimidating, but nevertheless it should be discouraged. Occasionally beggars will come door to door and there is a risk that if they are driven away from public spaces that they will increase door to door 'collections' which may be more intimidating for people who find it difficult to refuse.

Most of the street entertainers in the town centre are OK and do not cause a nuisance - except when there are too many close together and the music clashes. I love the bagpipes, so please don't scare him off! However, there is a serious issue with the street music at the harbour (especially outside Gillespie's) and even on the harbour arm; this is because the sound is magnified as it rises up the cliff and causes serious disturbance to houses in The Bayle backing onto the cliff leading down the harbour. A number of complaints have been made to the council, but it occurs far more often than complaints are made. We have also had instances of

unacceptably loud music being played in St Mary and St Eanswythe's churchyard.

Some of the chuggers in the town centre in Folkestone are a real nuisance. They pursue passers by relentlessly attempting to engage them in conversation about satellite TV or banking services, and this can occur several times a day for a week or more from the same individuals. While I just ignore/glare at them, I am aware that elderly friends and neighbours find this very intimidating.

We have had several instances of overnight camping in St Mary and St Eanswythe's churchyard and also the Bayle Pond Gardens, which are locked overnight so the campers are first having to climb over the railings there. I have also seen tents pitched on the grass along The Leas and any public open space is at risk of Travellers setting up camp.

I live on The Old High Street. I am sick of drunken people at weekends who should be able to moderate their drinking. I can't sleep in my bedroom on a Friday or Saturday night due to drunks coming down our street to drink in the Party Bar for a further two hours. These people should be given PSPOs, not the people suffering from drug or alcohol addiction. I am tired of drunken behaviour at weekends which seems to be socially acceptable and the norm in this town. Also social drug use is the norm at weekends and these are the middle classes. I see them snorting cocaine behind my flat to carry on with their "night on the tiles."

I quite often see people begging or drunk in the town centre, although the majority look to have mental health problems. I don't see many issues with young people. We do need more powers to control buskers using amplifiers as it annoys people and we get lots of complaints. Most people don't mind acoustic music as long as it doesn't go on for too long in one place.

I've been affected by so much anti social behaviour as nothing seems to be done I hope this will change that!

I've felt threatened walking around Folkestone with intoxicated people around. I have also been verbally threatened and intimidated by, umm, certain groups, who set up temporary accommodation in places like car parks, and also disgusted by the mess they leave behind after they move to a new location.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR MONEY MANY TIMES NEAR THE RAINBOWCENTER AND NEAR ROCKSALT. I FEEL INTIMATED ALSO WHEN PEOPLE BEG BY CASH MACHINES.

Illegal traveller encampment in Cheriton Bowlsclub car park this has had a big impact on the local community due the car park being surrounded by good law abiding tax paying residents who are fed up of these law breakers abusing the system by committing crime, paying now taxes, children not at school etc etc. The council seem to look after the travellers but never have they been to speak to the local residents to ensure they are ok and not at risk.

In Folkestone Town Centre I have been approached by Chuggers and when I have declined they have then sworn at me. In addition, I don't think there is anywhere in the Folkestone area you can go without the smell of 'weed'. It seems to be everywhere!

Lower leas park - campers defecating and attracting rats. Alcohol in the lower Leas park - this is a Childrens area. Beggars in Folkestone - it seems that there is one every

Made to feel vulnerable and unsafe by individuals under the effects of alcohol. Approached continuously by chugger in the high street to the point that I avoid the area. My child's school couldn't use their field due to people camping unauthorised. We moved house due to lots of drunk people and drug dealing happening close to our old house.

Youths drinking in the street and on a playing field. Gypsies setting up camps several times in green areas - all of this in Hawkinge