



BRIXTON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SURVEY Q1 2024

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WHAT IS ASB?

When we talk about anti-social behaviour (ASB) we mean behaviour of people you don't know **harassing** you, **distressing** you or causing you to be **afraid**



INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

An online survey was conducted in January – March (Q1) 2024 to explore the experience and impact of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime in Brixton on its residents, workers, and visitors.

The survey also sought to gather opinions on the current performance of authorities responsible for addressing these issues and to understand the community's perspectives on potential solutions.

Results will be used to raise awareness about the need to focus resources on improving safety in Brixton and will serve as a benchmark to measure the progress and effectiveness of interventions by the police, council and other agencies.

The survey was conducted by the campaign group, ACTION on ASB! (AoASB) to provide an overview of ASB in Brixton and will be repeated annually to establish baseline data.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The survey was undertaken by 452 respondents, made up of the following characteristics...

- 95 (21%) under the age of 35; 125 (28%) over the age of 55
- 169 (37%) have children living with them; 268 (59%) do not have children living with them, 15 (3%) prefer not to say
- 260 (58%) female, 177 (39%) male, 15 (3%) prefer not to say
- 305 (67%) white, 80 (18%) all other ethnic groups combined, 67 (15%) prefer not to say
- 423 (94%) live in Brixton; 135 (30%) work in Brixton
- There are no significant differences across ethnicity, age, or gender among respondents, except for all other ethnic groups combined, who are more likely to have children at home (43% compared to 35% for others)





EXPERIENCE OF ASB IN BRIXTON

75%

**THINK ASB IN BRIXTON IS
OUT OF CONTROL**

79%

**ASB IN BRIXTON MAKES ME
FEEL UNSAFE**





“PEOPLE NEED TO BE MOVED ON AND CHALLENGED”

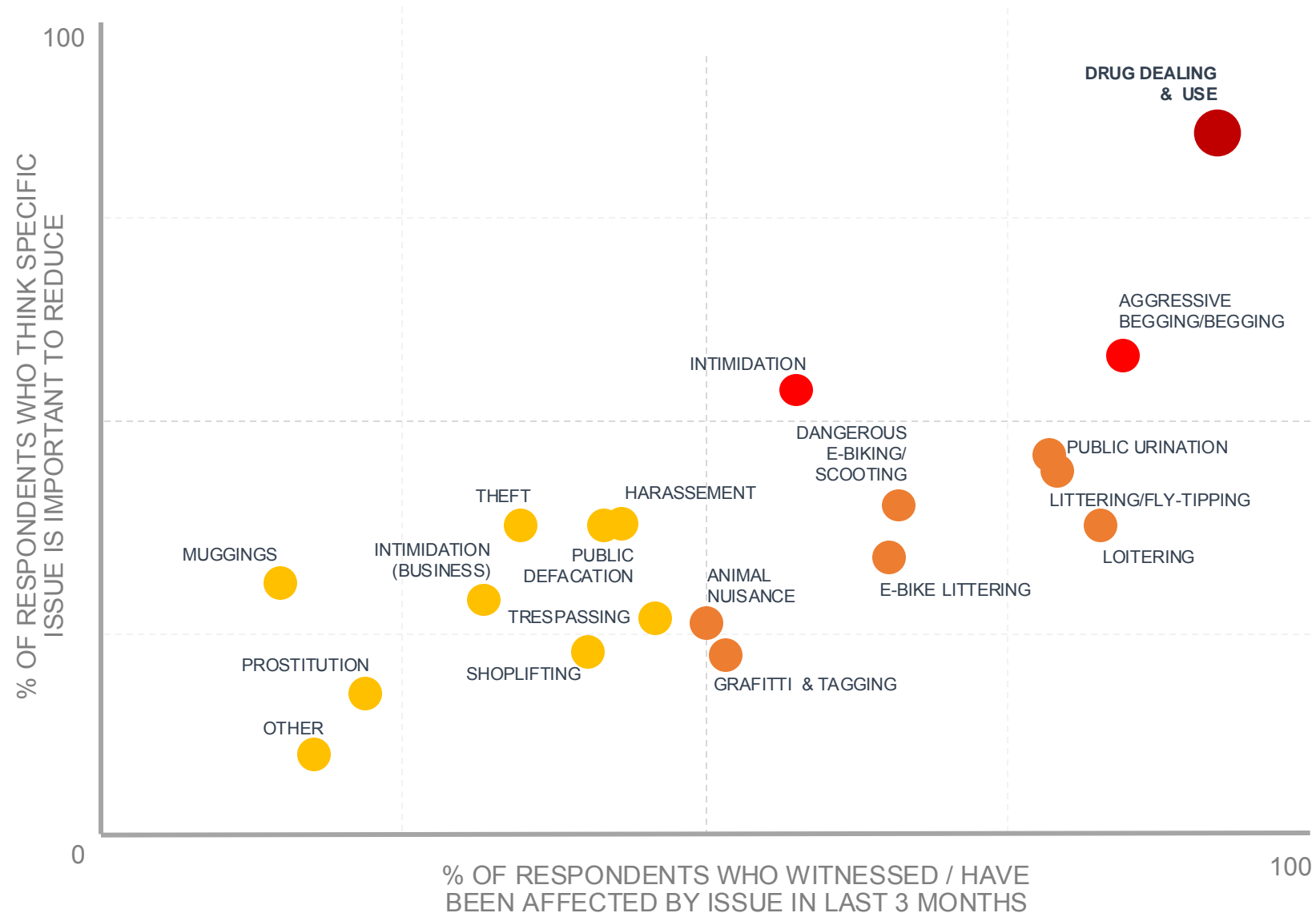
“People need to be moved on and challenged. The culture here in Brixton is that they can get away with anything.”

It’s almost a lawless society. They’ll do drugs on your doorstep, they’ll deal drugs in shops, they’ll pee and poo anywhere. The people dealing drugs need to be stopped and the people doing the drugs need more support to change their life around.”

(Consultee)



EXPERIENCES OF ASB IN BRIXTON & CHANGES WANTED



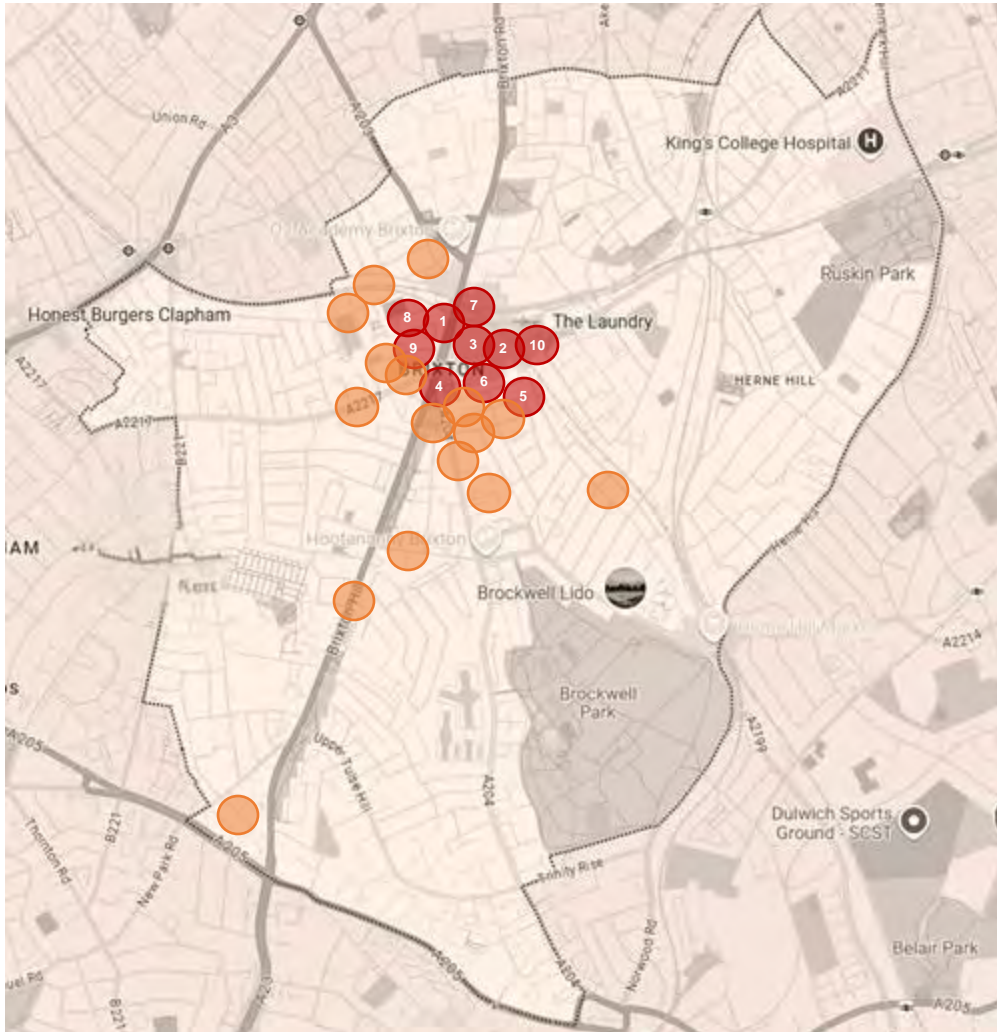
JAN-MAR (Q1) 2024

ANALYSIS

- Drug dealing and use is by far the most prevalent ASB experience reported by the Brixton community
- Drug dealing and use is the top priority respondents want addressed
- Aggressive begging, begging and intimidation are also highly prioritised
- Concerns about street cleanliness, including public urination and littering are significant
- These issues may be influencing one another, suggesting that a coordinated approach could be more effective than dealing with each issue in isolation



REPORTED HOTSPOTS IN BRIXTON



RANK	# OF MENTIONS	ROAD	COMMENT
1	89	Brixton Road/High Street (particularly around the tube station)	Main thoroughfare is consistently identified as a major hotspot, with the area around the tube station being particularly problematic
2	76	Atlantic Road	Frequently mentioned for issues under the railway arches, around the station entrance, and along the market area
3	58	Electric Avenue/ Electric Lane	Both streets are highlighted for drug-related activities, loitering, and ASB around shops
4	47	Windrush Square	Commonly cited for drug use, intimidating behaviour, and general ASB
5	45	Railton Road	Mentioned frequently, particularly the stretch from Brixton to Herne Hill
6	31	Rushcroft Road	Notable mentions for issues in building entrances, drug use, and ASB
7	30	Brixton Station Road	Particularly around the Brixton Rec
8	28	Nursery Road/ Behind M&S	Consistently mentioned for drug use and public urination/defecation
9	27	Tunstall Road	Frequently cited for various forms of ASB
10	25	Coldharbour Lane	Mentioned often in connection with drug dealing and ASB

Other locations mentioned (number of mentions in brackets): Acre Lane (24), Ferndale Road (23), Brighton Terrace (21), Bernays Grove (19), Poets Corner area (18), St Matthews Church/Peace Garden (18), Effra Road (17), Pulross Road (15), Saltoun Road (14), Morrish Road (14), Brixton Hill (14), Kellett Road (13), Mervan Road (12), Brixton Water Lane (12) & Stockwell Avenue (11)



PERCEPTIONS OF POLICE & COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

75%

THINK POLICE DOES NOT TAKE ASB IN BRIXTON SERIOUSLY

78%

THINK THE COUNCIL DOES NOT TAKE ASB IN BRIXTON SERIOUSLY

87%

THINK THE POLICE IS NOT EFFECTIVE AT DEALING WITH ASB IN BRIXTON

92%

THINK THE COUNCIL IS NOT EFFECTIVE AT DEALING WITH ASB IN BRIXTON

No material differences in scoring across ethnicity or gender





THE COMMUNITY'S CALL FOR ACTION

89%

THINK IT'S URGENT THAT THE COUNCIL **FOCUSES MORE ATTENTION AND RESOURCES** ON DEALING WITH ASB

87%

WOULD LIKE TO SEE A **VISIBLE & SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN UNIFORMED PATROLS** FROM POLICE & COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

No material differences in scoring across ethnicity or gender



THE COMMUNITY'S PRIORITIES

THEMES	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE POLICE, COUNCIL & OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO DO?	TOTAL RESPONSES
Police presence & action	Increase visible police presence and improve response times	219
Disrupt drug supply	Tackle drug dealing and public drug use, disrupt supply	185
Homelessness, mental health & addiction support	Better support for homeless individuals, users and those with mental health issues, including housing solutions and interventions	138
Public space cleanliness & maintenance	Improve cleanliness of public spaces, more frequent street cleaning	122
ASB enforcement	Stricter enforcement against various forms of ASB	107
Multi-agency cooperation	Better coordination between different agencies (police, council, health services, etc.) to address complex issues	91
Community engagement & support	More community-based solutions, youth programmes, and better engagement between authorities and residents	76
Environmental design & infrastructure	Improvements to physical environment, better street lighting, more CCTV	61
Transportation & traffic issues	Better regulation and enforcement of e-scooters, bicycles, and illegal parking	45
Business & economic development	Support local businesses and promote positive economic development	30

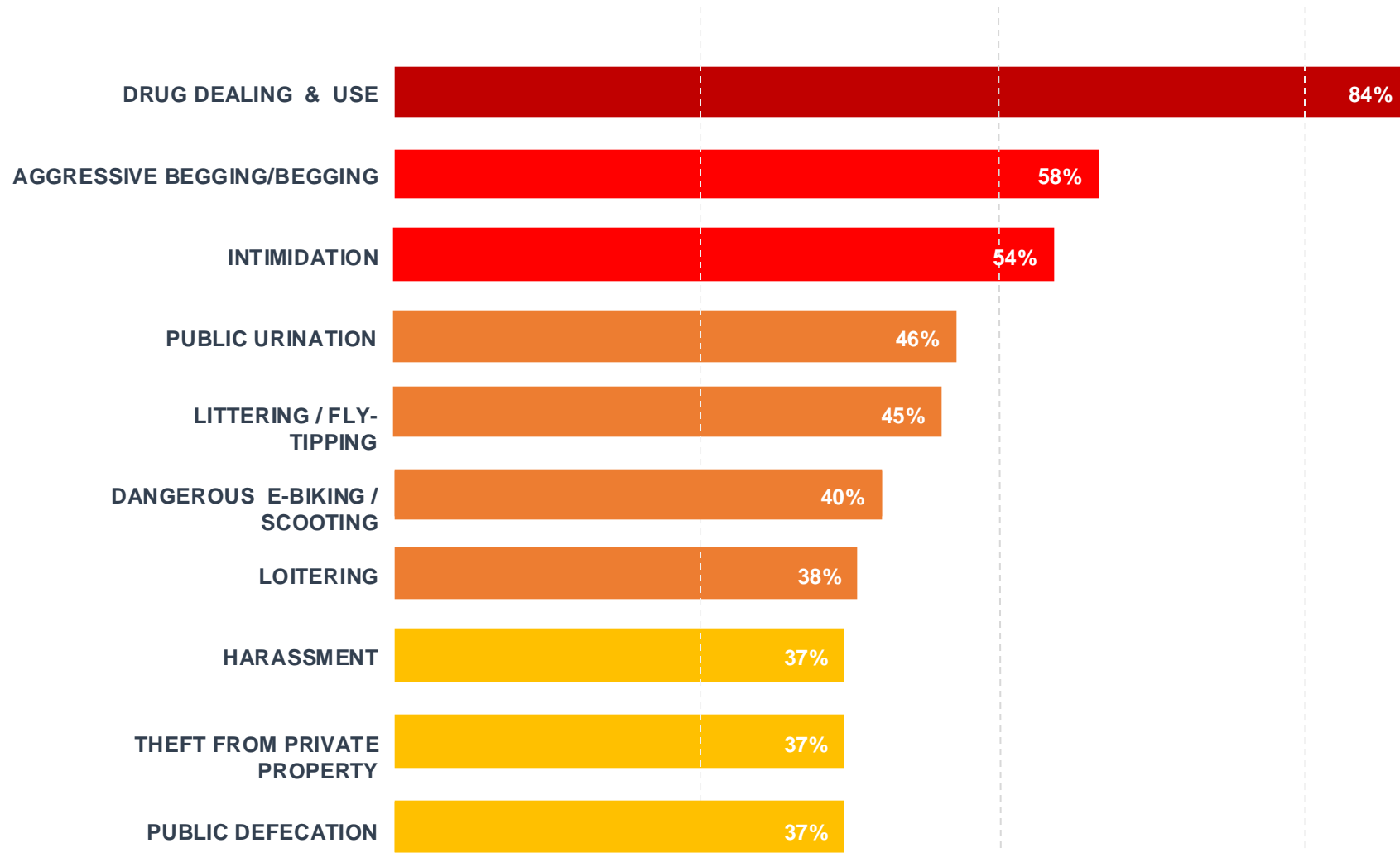




APPENDIX: ADDITIONAL DETAIL



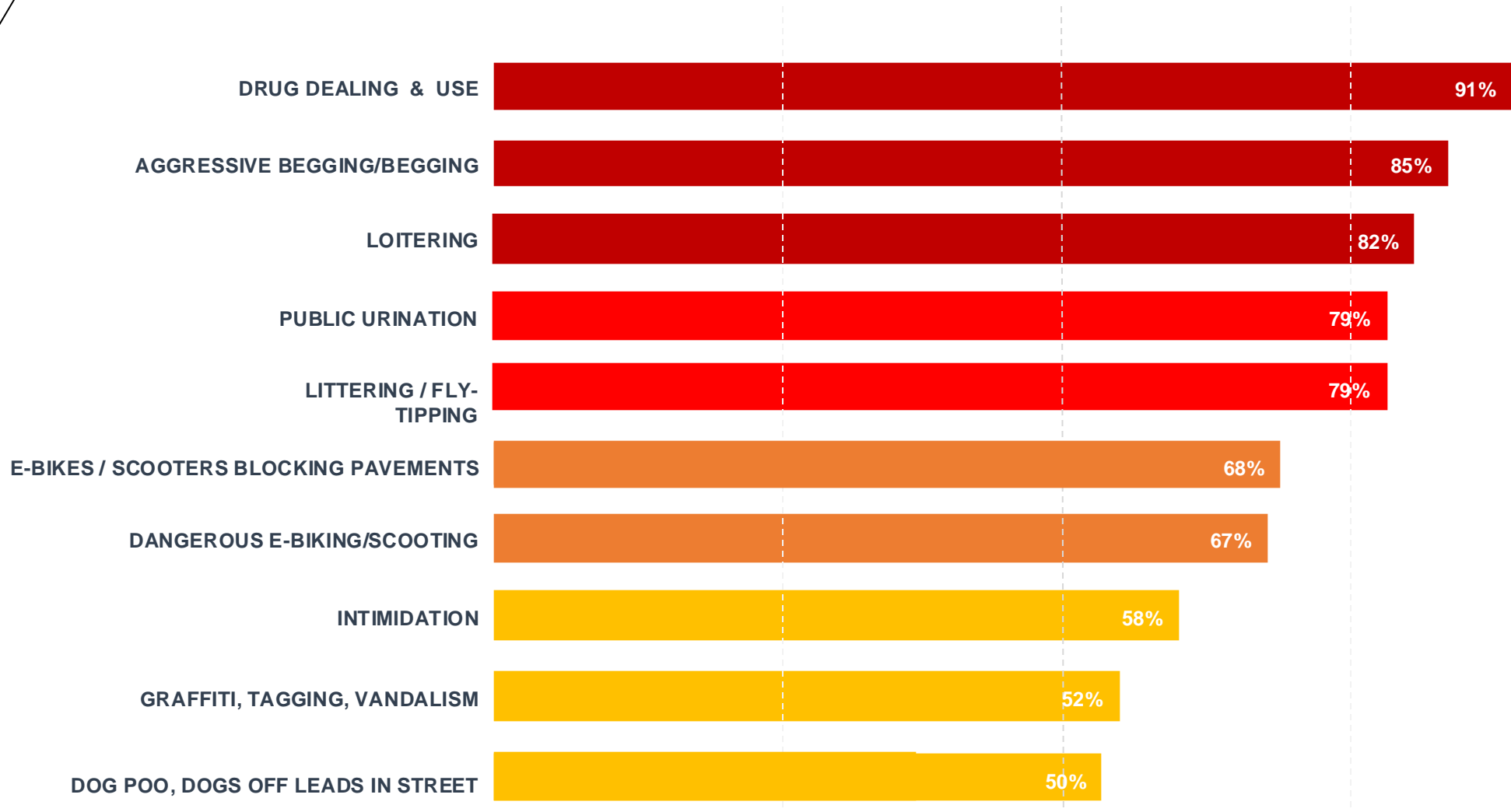
TOP 10 - THE COMMUNITY'S PRIORITIES



% OF RESPONDENTS WHO BELIEVE SPECIFIC ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO REDUCE



TOP 10 - THE COMMUNITY'S ASB EXPERIENCES



% OF RESPONDENTS WHO WITNESSED ASB BETWEEN JAN-MAR 2024



STRENGTH OF FEELINGS TOWARDS KEY TOPICS

% OF PEOPLE	STRENGTH OF FEELING (OUT OF 5)	QUESTION
75%	Scored 1 or 2	On a scale of 1-5, state how much you think the levels of ASB are under control in Brixton (1 = completely out of control / 5 = completely under control)
78%	Scored 1 or 2	On a scale of 1-5, how seriously do you think the council take ASB in Brixton? Please select one. (1 = not seriously at all / 5 = very seriously)
92%	Scored 1 or 2	On a scale of 1-5, how effective is the council in preventing ASB in Brixton? Please select one. (1 = not effective at all / 5 = very effective)
75%	Scored 1 or 2	On a scale of 1-5, how seriously do you think the police take ASB in Brixton? Please select one. (1 = not seriously at all / 5 = very seriously)
87%	Scored 1 or 2	On a scale of 1-5, how effective is the police in preventing ASB in Brixton? Please select one. (1 = Not effective at all / 5 = very effective)
89%	Scored 4 or 5	How urgent is it that Lambeth council focus more attention and resources on dealing with ASB? Please select one. (1 = not at all urgent / 5 = very urgent)
87%	Scored 4 or 5	Would you like to see a visible & significant increase in uniformed patrols from the police and council enforcement officers? Please select one. (1 = not at all / 5 = definitely)

Demographic differences:
There were no material differences in scoring across ethnicity or gender



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

THEMES	DESIRED ACTIONS	INSIGHTS (QUOTES FROM CONSULTATION)
Police Presence & Action	Increase visible police presence & improve response times	"Be visible and be available"; "Patrol the streets more, support local businesses"; "Greater identifiable presence especially after dark"
Disrupt Drug Supply	Tackle drug dealing & public drug use, disrupt supply	"Stop blatant drug dealing and taking next to the train station"; "Install security gates in worst affected doorways to discourage individual buildings becoming drug taking, dealing and meeting hot spots"
Homelessness, Mental Health & Addiction Support	Better support for homeless individuals, users and those with mental health issues, including housing solutions & interventions	"Drug addiction in Britain is a mental health problem. Mental health services should be present in these meetings"; "Social care is absolutely key - local government needs to provide places to stay for rough sleepers, along with urgent mental health care and social care for people who clearly are in serious distress"; "Bring social services and mental health workers in to help with the mental health problems, drug and alcohol problems "Proper drug user and homeless facilities"
Public Space Cleanliness & Maintenance	Improve cleanliness of public spaces, more frequent street cleaning	"Establishing dedicated sex and drug paraphernalia clearing service"; "More rigorous and frequent street cleaning"
ASB Enforcement	Stricter enforcement against various forms of ASB	"On the spot fines for urinating; reopen the public toilets"; "Confiscation of illegal items, dispersal orders, detention if appropriate"; "Signs, warnings and fines for ASB"
Community Engagement & Support	More community-based solutions, youth programmes, & better engagement between authorities & residents	"Work with the local community to find collaborative solutions"; "Talk to residents, business owners, children, young people through to older generation"
Environmental Design & Infrastructure	Improvements to physical environment, better street lighting, more CCTV	"Put much brighter and more extensive lighting round St Matthew's Church and in Windrush Square - the existing lighting in the second is tired out"; "More cameras/lights to stop congregating in dark places"
Transportation & Traffic Issues	Better regulation & enforcement of e-scooters, bicycles, & illegal parking	"Addressing the issues, with bikes left on pavements it's a simple action of finding out who the last user is and if they live on the street speaking to them. No fine necessary we pay too much for everything anyway in our council tax and parking" "Stop people cycling really fast on the pavements. It's so dangerous particularly for the elderly and young children"
Business & Economic Development	Support local businesses & promote positive economic development	"It's a complex problem with many bigger socio-economic issues behind it, but make sure we look after the positives that impact in Brixton, for example the law-abiding locals and businesses would be a start."; "Get a grip of the situation and deal with it. It is preventing people from coming to my business"
Multi-Agency Cooperation	Better coordination between different agencies (police, council, health services, etc.) to address complex issues	"Work together not independently"; "With all partners, including statutory agencies, NHS, third sector, transport police, TfL, etc., agree a vision and action plan, resource it, deliver it, review it, evaluate it and repeat. This needs action now, as well as medium to long term"; "Proper coordination of operations across not only council and police, but also housing and mental health services"; "Social reforms to get people off the street"





Brixton anti-social behaviour survey

ACTION ON ASB! is an independent community-led campaign representing local community groups, residents and businesses who want to do something about rising levels of anti-social behaviour in Brixton. For more information about the campaign [click here](#).

We would like to hear about your experiences of living with anti-social behaviour in Brixton. We will present this information to the police and council so that it can be used to shape their plans to address the issue. We will also share the results during our next community engagement meeting on 27 March which is open to all. If you would like more information about the campaign or to be added to the distribution list for the meeting, please send an email to AQASSB@outlook.com or call 07956 941 701.

Please complete the survey **before 25 March**.

For our privacy policy, please [click here](#).

When we talk about anti-social behaviour, we mean behaviour of people you don't know harassing you, distressing you or causing you to be afraid. It can include things like:

- Drug dealing and use of drugs in public
- People hanging around
- Public pooling and wading
- Intimidation (verbal abuse or threatening behaviour)
- Harassment
- Shoplifting
- Threatening behaviour to business owners/employees
- Trespassing
- Muggings
- Theft from private property
- Prostitution
- Begging/aggressive begging
- Littering and flytipping
- Graffiti/tagging/vandalism
- Animal nuisance (dogs fouling/dogs off leads in the streets)
- Dangerous riding of e-bikes/scooters
- e-bikes/scooters blocking pavements and roads

Section 1: Your connection to Brixton

1. Do you live in Brixton? Yes: No: Prefer not to say:
2. Do you work in Brixton? Yes: No: Prefer not to say:
3. Are you a business owner in Brixton? Yes: No: Prefer not to say:
4. Are you a visitor to Brixton? Yes: No: Prefer not to say:

Section 2: Your experience of anti-social behaviour

1. On a scale of 1-5, state how much you think levels of anti-social behaviour are under control in Brixton? Please tick one.

1 = completely out of control / 5 = completely under control

1 2 3 4 5

	2. Which of the following have you witnessed or been personally affected by in the last 3 months? Please tick all that apply.	3. Which of the following are the most important antisocial behaviour issues in Brixton that need reducing? Please tick all that apply.
Drug dealing / use of drugs in public:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People hanging around:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public pooling:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public wading:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intimidation (verbal abuse or threatening behaviour):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harassment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoplifting:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threatening behaviour to business owners/employees:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trespassing on private property:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muggings:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theft from private property:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prostitution:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Begging/aggressive begging:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Littering and flytipping:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graffiti/tagging/vandalism:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal nuisance (dogs fouling/ dogs off leads in the street):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dangerous riding of e-bikes/ scooters:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e-bikes/scooters blocking pavements and roads:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other not listed above (please specify):		





4. How are you impacted by the current levels of anti-social behaviour in Brixton? Please tick all that apply.

- Doesn't bother me Makes me feel unsafe
 Makes me upset Other (please state below)

5. So we can identify anti-social behaviour hotspots, please list streets or places in Brixton that you consider to be the worst affected.

Section 3: Council and police performance

1. On a scale of 1-5, how seriously do you think the council take antisocial behaviour in Brixton? Please tick one.

- 1 = not seriously at all / 5 = very seriously
 1 2 3 4 5

2. On a scale of 1-5, how effective is the council in preventing antisocial behaviour in Brixton? Please tick one.

- 1 = not effective at all / 5 = very effective
 1 2 3 4 5

3. On a scale of 1-5, how seriously do you think the police take antisocial behaviour in Brixton? Please tick one.

- 1 = not seriously at all / 5 = very seriously
 1 2 3 4 5

4. On a scale of 1-5, how effective are the police in preventing antisocial behaviour in Brixton? Please tick one.

- 1 = not effective at all / 5 = very effective
 1 2 3 4 5

Section 4: Solutions

1. How urgent is it that Lambeth Council focus more attention and resources on dealing with anti-social behaviour? Please tick one.

- 1 = not at all urgent / 5 = very urgent
 1 2 3 4 5

2. Would you like to see a visible and significant increase in uniformed patrols from the police and council enforcement officers? Please tick one.

- 1 = not at all / 5 = definitely
 1 2 3 4 5



3. What would you like the police, council and other organisations who are responsible for dealing with anti-social behaviour to do about the problem?

Section 5: Anything else?

If you have any other comments, please tell us here.

Section 5: About you

1. Age: Please tick one.

- Under 18: 18-24: 25-34: 35-44: 45-54: 55-64:
 65-74: 75-84: 85+: Prefer not to say:

2. Gender: Please tick one.

- Female: Male: Other: Prefer not to say:

3. Do children live with you (anyone under the age of 18 years old)? Please tick one.

- Yes: No: Prefer not to say:

4. Ethnicity: Please tick one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group – Arab or Arab British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group – Latin American / Latin American and British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> White – English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – African | <input type="checkbox"/> White – Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed or multiple ethnic background – Asian or Asian British and white | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic background not listed above (please specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed or multiple ethnic background – Black or Black British (African) and white | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed or multiple ethnic background – Black or Black British (Caribbean) and white | |

If you would like more information about the campaign, or if you would like kept informed about developments including when we have events, please send an email to: AQASB@outlook.com or call / text 07956 941 701.

Thank you!



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