

Non-motorised vehicles on the highway Public Consultation February/ March 2016

Background

Non-motorised vehicles (NMV's, e.g. trailers and caravans) parked on the public highway may cause a nuisance to nearby residents and businesses, especially where parking is at a premium. At the Environment Sustainability and Transport Committee on 13th October 2015 it was agreed that BHCC should consult the public as to whether they would support the council in preventing non-motorised vehicles being left on the highway for long durations.

Methodology

Highway Enforcement officers from BHCC and Civil Enforcement Officers from NSL carried out an audit on city streets where we have received complaints about concentrations of non-motorised vehicles being kept on the highway. A city-wide map was produced where concentrations of these vehicles were found, showing high and low levels of NMVs on-street see Appendix 4

A postcard inviting residents/ businesses to go online to complete a short questionnaire was sent to property addresses within the immediate vicinity of high levels of NMV instances (321 property addresses). Paper copies of the questionnaire were available on request. The survey was also publicised regularly on the council's Corporate and Transport Twitter feeds and also on the Council website. Anyone from across the city could complete the questionnaire.

Results

165 responses were received; 162 (98%) were received online and 3 (2%) were paper copies. 30 responses were removed as invalid: 4 duplicates and 26 invalid addresses¹, leaving 135 valid responses.

Respondents were asked: do you own, or look after, a non-motorised vehicle? 127 (95.5%) said No and only 6 (4.5%) said yes². The table below gives details of where the 6 people who own or look after an NMV(s) park or leave these³:

Type of NMV	Where parked	Comments
Trailers (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Private land (1)Driveway (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trailer hidden at side of house
Caravans (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Private land (3)Other (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I pay £500 a year to store thisPaying for storage on private landPublic land (parks, open areas etc) since I can't afford housing

¹ Respondents have not given a full address or any address at all.

² Two people did not answer this question

³ Some people own more than one NMV

Other (1)	• Private land (1)	
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109 (82%) respondents say they would support the council stopping the parking of non-motorised vehicles on streets, 20 (15%) said they would not support this and 4 (3%) said they were unsure.

The table below shows differences in levels of support for the council stopping the parking of NMVs on the highways between those who own, or look after, NMVs and those who don't⁴

	Support		Don't support		Don't know/ not sure	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Own or look after an NMV	2	33.3	4	66.7	0	0
Don't own or look after an NMV	105	84.0	16	12.8	4	3.2
Totals	107	81.7	20	15.3	4	3.1

⁴ Not everyone answered these questions, therefore the numbers in the table do not add up to the total number of respondents.

On a road by road basis, levels of support are as follows:

	Street	Yes		No		Don't know	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Own/look after an NMV							
By Area/ street							
Kingsway	Basin Road North	1	100	0	0	0	0
Other ⁵		1	20	4	80	0	0
Don't own/look after an NMV							
By Area/ street							
Carden:	Carden Hill	4	100	0	0	0	0
Hartington	Shanklin Road	2	50	2	50	0	0
Kingsway	Basin Road North	2	100	0	0	0	0
	Kingsway	6	100	0	0	0	0
Pankhurst and Freshfield	Pankhurst Avenue	2	40	3	60	0	0
	Freshfield Road	4	100	0	0	0	0
St Helens	Carisbrooke Road	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hartington Road	1	100	0	0	0	0
	St Helens Road	4	80	1	20	0	0
Surrenden	Gordon Road	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Herbert Road	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Preston Drove	2	100	0	0	0	0
	Surrenden Road	2	100	0	0	0	0
Surrenden North	Surrenden Holt	1	100	0	0	0	0
	Surrenden Road	7	87.5	0	0	1	12.5
Other ⁶		68	84	10	12.3	3	3.7

⁵ Not in an area with known high concentrations of on-street NMVs

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Respondents were also asked for comments about the parking of non-motorised vehicles on the highway. These have been themed and grouped as follows⁷:

Comment	Number of times mentioned
NMVs take up parking spaces that could be used by residents (cycles x1)	36
NMVs are an eyesore/ attract crime	25
Don't like long term parking of NMVs	14
NMVs block the line of vision for drivers and pedestrians	13
Want NMV parking to be charged as MVs	13
Don't like people living in NMVs	12
There needs to be time-limited parking for NMVs/ need to have a licence like skips	6
NMVs get displaced when new parking zones introduced	5
Want commercial vehicles and camper vans etc to be looked at	5
NMVs are not a problem	4
Some NMVs are used as storage/ sheds	3
Where can these park, need a parking facility for these	2

⁷ Only comments with more than one mention are listed.

Demographic Information

Gender

Gender	Number	%
Male	60	46.2
Female	69	53.1
Other	1	0.8
Total	130	100

Do you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth?	Number	%
Yes	116	95.1
No	6	4.9
Total	133	100

Age

Age	Number	%
U18	1	0.9
18-24	3	2.6
25-34	14	12.2
35-44	21	18.3
45-54	33	28.7
55-64	23	20.0
65-74	17	14.8
75+	3	2.6
Total	115	100

Disability

Disability	Number	%
Yes, a little	7	6
Yes, a lot	27	23.1
No	83	70.9
Total	117	100

Of those who answered “yes”, disabilities were as follows:

Please state the type of impairment which applies to you.	Number
Physical impairment	20
Sensory impairment	1
Learning disability/ difficulty	2
Long-standing illness	11
Mental health condition	3
Development condition	0
Other	1
Total	37

Ethnicity		Number	%
White	White English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	103	83.1
	White Irish	1	0.8
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	2	1.6
	Any other white background	7	5.6
Asian or Asian British	Bangladeshi	1	0.8
	Indian	0	0
	Pakistani	0	0
	Chinese	2	1.6
	Any other Asian background	2	1.6
Black or Black British	African	0	0
	Caribbean	1	0.8
	Any other Black background	0	0
Mixed	Asian & White	1	0.8
	Black African & White	1	0.8
	Black Caribbean & White	0	0
	Any other mixed background	1	0.8
Any other ethnic group	Arab	1	0.8
	Any other ethnic group	1	0.8
Total		124	100

Sexual Orientation	Number	%
Bisexual	10	9.3
Gay Man	4	3.7
Heterosexual/ straight	90	83.3
Lesbian/ Gay Woman	1	0.9
Other	3	2.8
Total	108	100

Religious Belief	Number	%
I have no particular religion or belief	49	43.8
Buddhist	3	2.7
Christian	39	34.8
Hindu	0	0
Jain	1	0.9
Jewish	1	0.9
Muslim	1	0.9
Pagan	1	0.9
Sikh	0	0
Agnostic	2	1.8
Atheist	11	9.8
Other	2	1.8
Other philosophical belief	2	1.8
Total	112	100

Are you a carer	Number	%
Yes	12	9.9
No	109	90.1
Total	121	100

If yes, do you care for a:	Number
Parent	8
Partner or Spouse	3
Child with special needs	1
Friend	1
Other family member	0
Other	1
Total	14

Armed Forces	Yes		No	
	Number	%	Number	%
Are you currently serving in the UK armed forces?	0	0	105	100
Have you ever served in the UK armed forces?	6	5.7	99	94.3
Are you a member of a current or former serviceman or woman's immediate family/ household?	6	5.5	103	94.5

