

Public Space Protection Order Consultation – St Peter’s Passage – Results Summary

The maximum number of respondents per question was 180.

It is important to note that for those questions where respondents were asked to select all that apply, the percentages are based on the total number of responses received.

Additionally, for those comments based questions, in some cases the comments provided cover more than one topic. In these instances, each comment has been placed under the topic with the greatest weighting.

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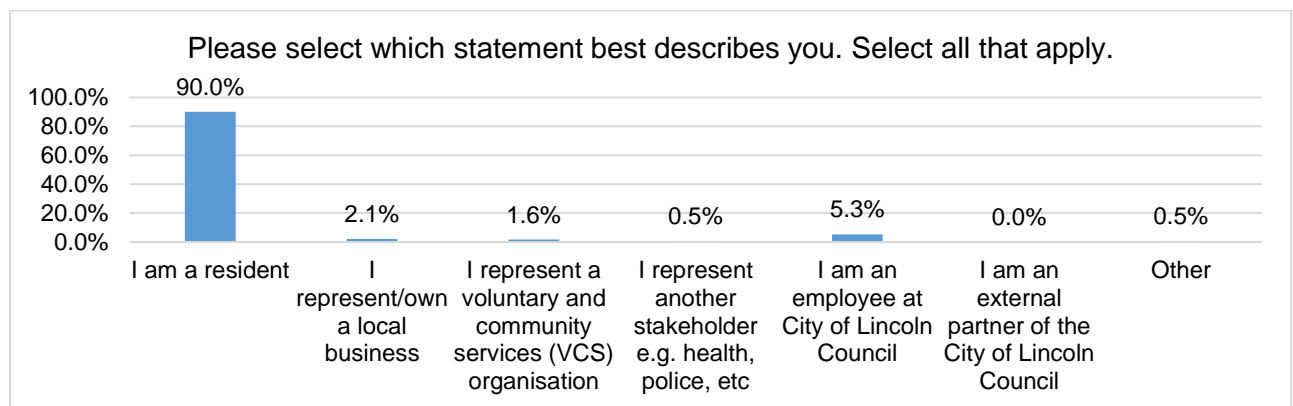


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows that out of those that responded to the consultation, the majority selected ‘I am a resident’ with a figure of 90.0% (171 respondents). 5.3% (10 respondents) selected ‘I am an employee at City of Lincoln Council’.

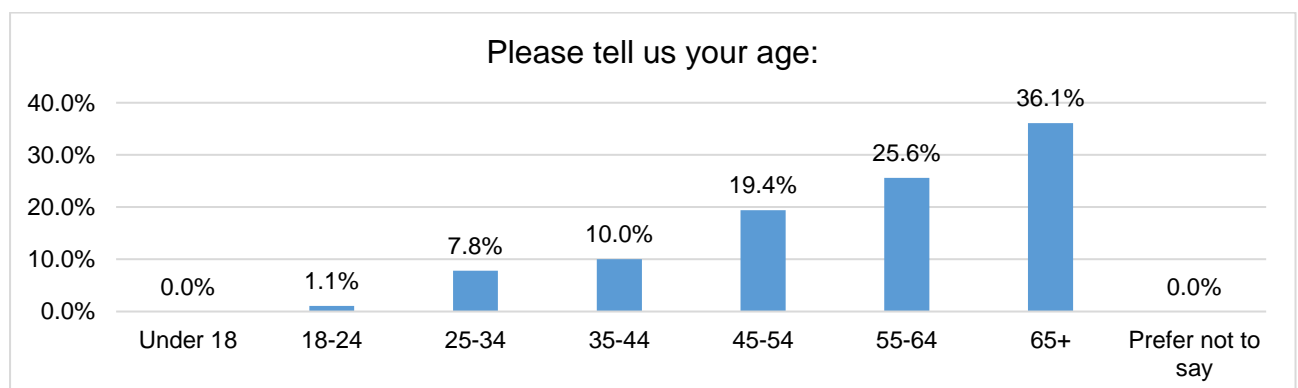


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows that out of those that responded to the consultation, the majority selected ‘65+’ with a figure of 36.1% (65 respondents). 25.6% (46 respondents) selected the next age bracket below this which was ‘55-64’.

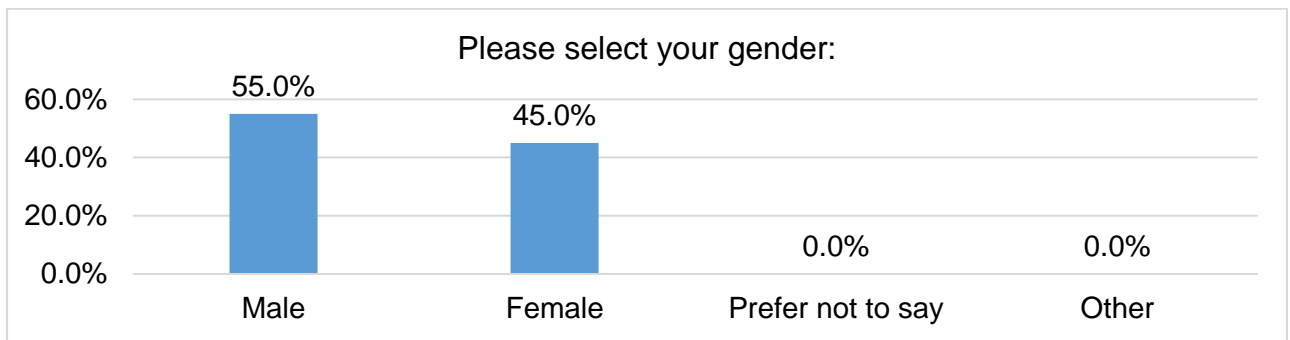


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows that out of those that responded to the consultation, the majority were 'Male' with a figure of 55.0% (99 respondents). 45.0% (81 respondents) were 'Female'.

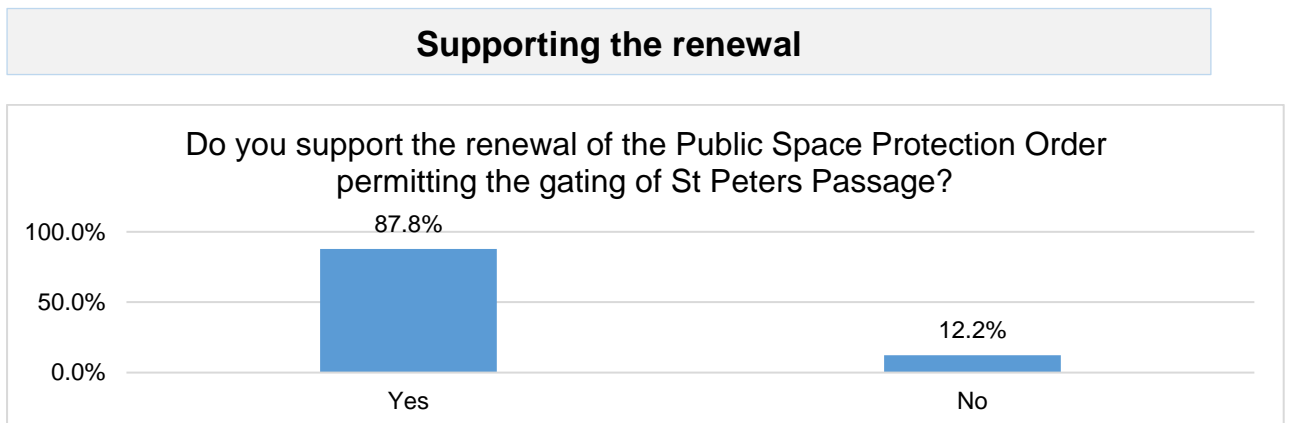


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows that out of those that responded to the consultation, the majority supported the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order permitting the gating of St Peters Passage with a figure of 87.8% (158 respondents) compared to only 12.2% (22 respondents) who were not in favour of this approach.

The question below was a comments-based question. Figure 5 is an overview of the comments received with a more detailed breakdown shown underneath.

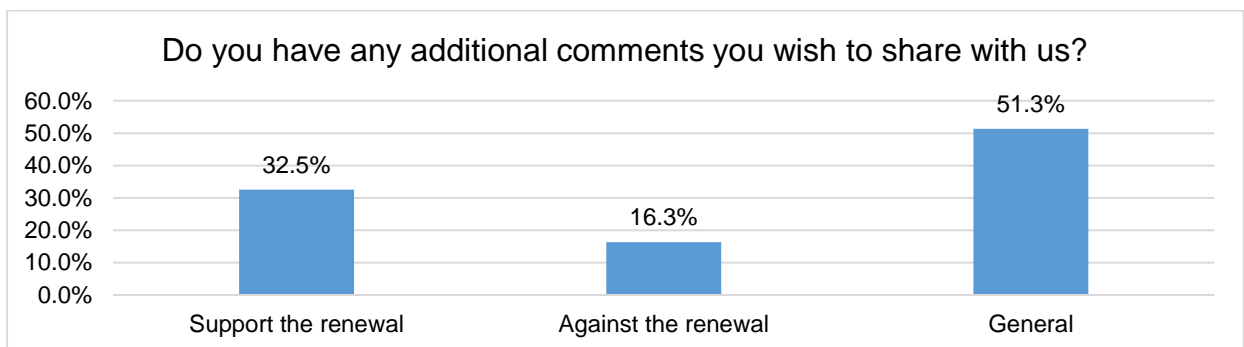


Figure 5

Support the renewal – 26 comments
Would be handy to use the passage but there are other means of accessing the two streets and the benefits from reducing ASB outweigh the need to use the passage
It is a shame that this has to be done, but on health grounds alone it needs to be done. Walked through in the past and never again.
This gate stops the misuse of the passageway from the mentioned in the statement. A gate would also be useful for the passageway leading to Tentercroft street carpark, as the same is happening there.

Fully support this
I think this kind of initiatives are very useful and I support them. The open spaces of our city should be available for all of us to enjoy and not just become ulcers that you don't want to be around.
I would look at completely closing if possible
It has worked. If the pathway cannot be kept safe for people, any other way it should be gated.
It is essential for public safety and hygiene.
It was truly awful before being blocked off and has been much better since.
Re-opening of the passage would be an invitation to anti-social behaviour and public order offences. This would be injurious to individuals and unacceptable to other members of the public.
It is right that hidden places such as the Passage should be closed to prevent fouling and other forms of nuisance, but there clearly is a need for those "living on the streets" to have access to appropriate toileting / hand washing facilities
The whole area is increasingly being used by drunks and drug users and it is becoming more intimidating to walk there after dark. I welcome any steps to prevent misuse of these areas
Needs to be done as it's a disgusting thing people are doing
Gating the passage is a result, to some extent, of the lack of public toilet facilities. The passage should be well lit during the evening, and if gated the protection order should allow for it to be opened during the day to ensure right of access.
Fully support this as this will detract drug use and other activities from this area
The area still has its issues with homelessness and drug abuse. Opening the pathway would only result in previous problems occurring again. Stronger police presence in the area is required.
I do believe and hope that in due course it will be possible to reopen this pathway, however, I am not sure that the time is right yet.
It is helping to keep drug users and people using it as a toilet out of the city
Any measures that stop/prevent anti-social behaviour are good
It is good that this remains gated off.
This is a reasonable step under the circumstances.
The level of antisocial behaviour dropped dramatically after the installation of the gates and as such I support the renewal
If the order were not continued the previous problems with the alley way would recur immediately
As a city council you are protecting residents, the majority of whom wouldn't probably come into town if they were being confronted with such an awful place, misused by the few.
We support the continuation of the PSPO for St Peters Passage as it heavily reduces the level of ASB in the area. If the gates were to be removed there would be an immediate increase in crime and ASB in this area which will negatively impact the businesses in the area. This was seen when the locks on the gate were recently changed.
As long as it's gated only at night

Against the renewal – 13 comments	
Cutting off this passage is a hinderance to residents who could use it as a shortcut, there are several other passages all of which have remained open, including one directly opposite St Peters Passage. While I acknowledge drug use is a problem, it is also a problem down the other passages and measures can be put in place such as adequate lighting to make it less favourable for people to use this location.	
Fundamentally I am against the closure of any public right of way as it goes against the principle of the right to access. However I agree to the PSPO and, I hope the Council have taken due diligence in respect to the cost of cleaning against the loss of the right of access.	
A right of way lost because of the lack of monitoring and cleaning. The actions of a few anti-social people should not dictate a policy of closing off public pathways	
I am fed up with inept council officials stopping people from doing things or going places or even having gatherings. Let people be free to do what they want.	

The anti-social behaviour should be addressed by the police, instead of blocking the passage and removing the access way for all.
Needs to open for cut through
The main reason for the misuse of the area is because of the lack of legitimate facilities of a good standard throughout the city centre. The passage way was used by disabled people to get from disabled bays to the high street gating the passage stopped this.
I would like for the passage to be unrestricted, may be this could be in the day time with night time lockup, similar to what happens at Dawber Gardens
Where will it end closing public rights of way. You need to find a solution to the problem not just close things. Put up lights along there or cameras.
It should be open to the public
Surely the passage should only be closed after say 8pm. As it is a public right of way perhaps cctv and bright lighting may be a better deterrent. For people with mobility issues need these cut through to minimise the length of their journeys.
Closing amenities due to ASB isn't the way forward. Other solutions need to be found.
Why are you gating Lincoln's history, you should leave it open!

General – 41 comments
N/A
The gate appears to be open or accessible from Mint Lane as I've witnessed a rough sleeper leaving their belongings down the passage.
No
Like all things in life spoilt by a minority, the rest of us have to suffer. I'm a great believer in naming and shaming.
No
Make sure the passage is kept clean and fresh
Provide more public toilets
Several passages in the vicinity are also being used as toilets and i sometimes catch couples engaged in "sexual activity" (This includes the bridge under the Council offices).
The people who were using the passage for ant-social behaviour need help and support.
Viewed recently - in shocking state of dirtiness with much rubbish about.
No
The provision of toilets at night in Lincoln is poor. Given that there are homeless people on the streets, this is an issue which needs to be addressed. Apparently the lifts in the bridge over the level crossing on St Mary's Street are also being used as a toilet.
More police etc in high street people openly exchanging small packets
Yeah. Use the EXTRA surplus money from your off street car parking, gained since 1 September 2023 that is not ring fenced to reinstate ALL male and female toilets across town. Making them free for people to use and abuse.
Not sure the name or brand the German DE people use some special paint as it's urinated on, it somehow sprays back. Invest in some.
Sadly you don't use dummy cctv cameras otherwise stick one up, or can you fix a mirror on opposite buildings to use other cameras!
I would wish to know if shutting the passage has stopped the problem completely. It's unfortunate that any rights of way have to be closed but if they are being misused, I see no alternative.
A better provision of public conveniences in town centre might help to prevent similar problems in such passageways
None at present
To prevent use as a toilet and drug taking space
Offer more support for the homeless and maybe employ staff to clean the areas more often. The city centre is so dirty. Put additional lighting down the passage, it is a useful cut through.
Bring the gate forward, cover it so you can't see down it and pour a load of bleach to remove the smell

Similar passages should also be closed off for public access
Putting a gate up is like mending a hole in a ship, sure it stops the leak, did anyone stop to wonder what caused the leak to begin with? I suspect not, we've all got our bills to pay so why bother eh
It isn't a passageway I would use.
The area should be policed and cleaned. What makes this area any different to the glory hole or the arches at the Stonebow
Keys should be easily available to security, police, ambulance staff (medics) and fire-brigade for emergencies.
It was always smelly and made me feel nervous, came to avoid it.
A comprehensive survey of locations similar to St. Peter's Passage should be taken in order to enhance the High Street environment and deter anti-social behaviour to a greater extent.
It was always a smelly and dimly lit area, often used as a urinal rather than a cut through. There are 2 other ways to Mint Lane, either through Park Street or Mint Street, adding barley a minute or so to walking time.
Ideally there needs to be some history on display
Safety and security should be paramount.
Keep the area clean
No additional comments
No
It would seem that Park St. and Mint St. allow plenty of access between High St. and Mint Ln. without the need of St. Peters Passage.
I would go down there more but I find the smell and stuff down there intimidating as a female.
It might be better to electrify the gates.
Will the gating of St Peters Passage prevent people going in there.
The mess left by pigeons should be cleaned regularly.
I do think that the issue described is still present and that places this passage simply support this, unfortunately. Saying this - it bears another question how we get the issue of unsocial behaviour and drug misuse under control?
I believe that it should be bricked up.
Public toilets should be provided.

Total number of comments received = 80 comments