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Have your say on amplified music / noise from street entertainers in Bath

On-street entertainers and performers - buskers - are an important part of the culture of Bath, bringing vibrancy and character to the city. Some use amplifiers to enhance the volume of their performance.

Currently, Bath & North East Somerset Council does not have a formal policy on busking and/or street entertainment in Bath city centre, as there is a [voluntary code of practice](#) used by the busking community.

Following concerns raised by the public, the Council is considering a ban on the use of amplifiers in the following locations: Abbey Church Yard, Kingston Parade and Abbey Green. This would be done by putting in place a Public Space Protection Order Notice.

The criteria for issuing a Public Space Protection Order Notice are:

- That the activities have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
- The activities are persistent or continuing
- The activities are unreasonable

We would like your views on these proposals.

You can respond to the [consultation online](#)

It is intended to use the authority's Online Consultation tool, in addition to other accessible formats, to capture consultation responses. If you would prefer to respond on paper, the consultation questions are given below and you can either email your responses to: Public Protection, or send them by post to: Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, Bath and North East Somerset Council, BA1 1JG.

The consultation is open until Sunday 5th May 2015, 00:00.

All views will be considered after the consultation period has ended, and the responses will be collated and analysed, and then a report will be produced. This will be presented to Cabinet and then to Full Council when the final decision is made on the policy.

Which of the following best describes you (tick one)

- Visitor to Bath
- Street entertainer in Bath
- Resident of Bath
- Worker in Bath
- Trader in Bath
- None of the above; please write in:

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? If so, what is the name of the organisation:

Have you ever been adversely affected by amplified music / sound from street entertainers in Abbey Church Yard, Kingston Parade or Abbey Green? (Please tick one)

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'yes' to this question, how frequently were you affected by amplified music/ sound in these locations? (Please tick one)

- Daily
- One a week
- Once a month
- Less often; please write in:

If you were affected, please explain in the space provided, telling us how this altered your quality of life:

Do you think that the noise level from amplification in the areas specified above is unreasonable at present? (Please tick one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Would you support a ban on the use of amplifiers by street entertainers in Abbey Church Yard, Kingston Parade, and Abbey Green? (Please tick one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

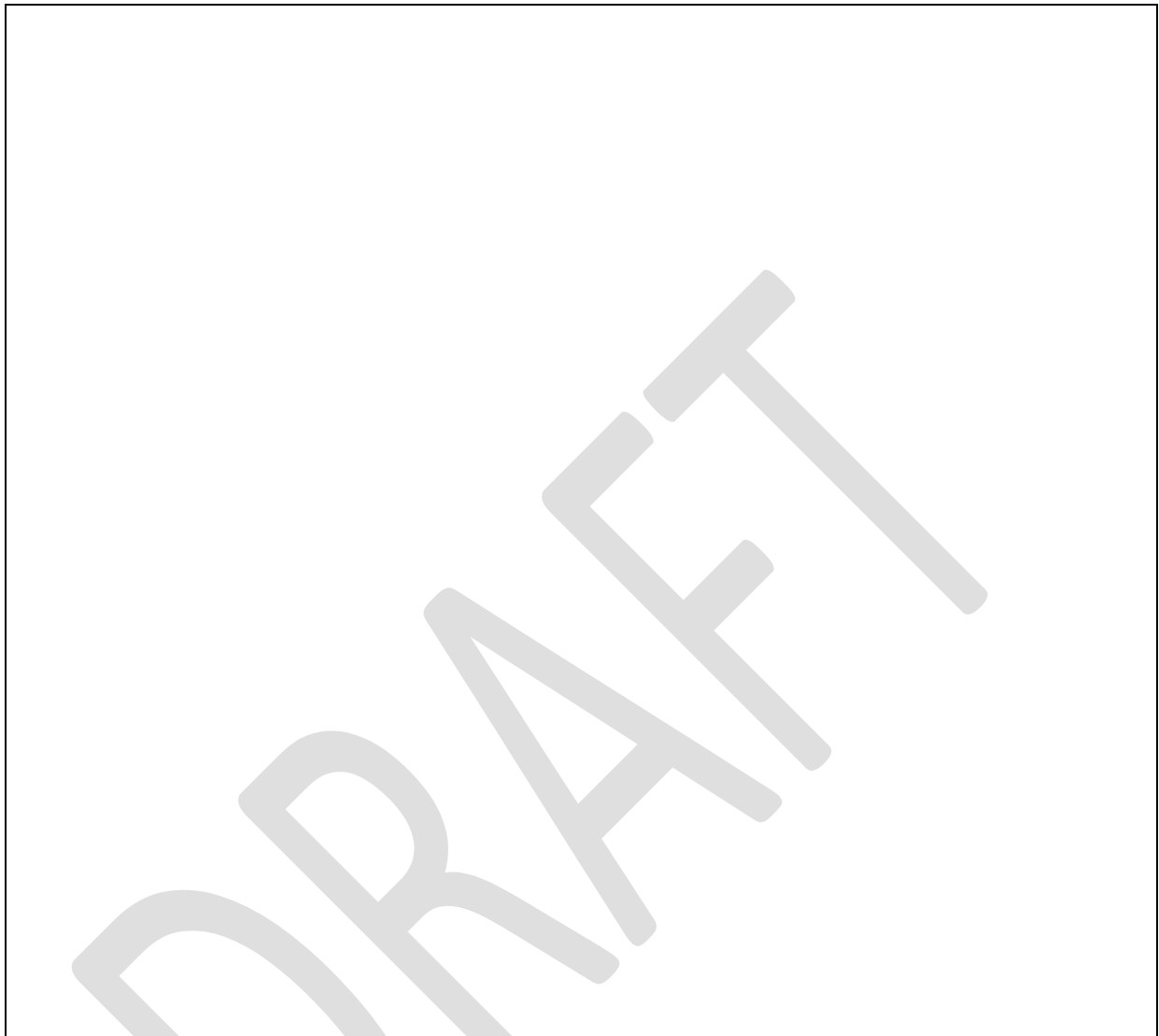
You can use this space to expand on your answer, if required.

Should Bath & North East Somerset Council consider extending this ban to any other areas of the city or district? (Please tick one)

- Yes, the Council should consider banning amplification in other areas
- No, the Council should not consider banning amplification in other areas

If you answered 'yes' to this question, please state which areas and why:

Please use this space to list any benefits or drawbacks you see from proposals to ban amplification in the three areas of Bath city centre mentioned above, or to add any other comments:



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The following questions are optional but will help us to check if our consultation has reached people from different backgrounds, and if opinions and experiences differ between groups.

About you

What is your age? (Please tick one)

- Under 16
- 16 to 18
- 19 to 24
- 25 to 29
- 30 to 49
- 50 to 65
- Over 65
- Prefer not to say

What is your gender (Please tick one)

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

Disability:

Do you consider yourself to be a Disabled person

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

(I.e. do you have physical or mental impairment which has a substantial long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out day to day activities?)

Ethnicity:

A. White

- British
- Irish
- Eastern European
- Any other White Background (please write in)

B. Dual Heritage (tick all that apply)

- Black Caribbean
- Black African
- Asian
- Chinese
- White
- Any other Mixed Background (Please write in)

C. Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian Background (Please write in)

D. Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black (Please write in)

E. Chinese or other ethnic group

- Chinese
- South East Asian
- Any other back ground (please write in)

F. Prefer not to say

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Religion/ Belief

- No religion
- Christian
- Buddhist
- Muslim/ Hindu
- Jewish
- Sikh
- Other (Please write in)
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please return this completed form to: Public Protection, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, Bath and North East Somerset Council, BA1 1JG by Sunday 5th May 2015, 00:00.