

# Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014- the new powers

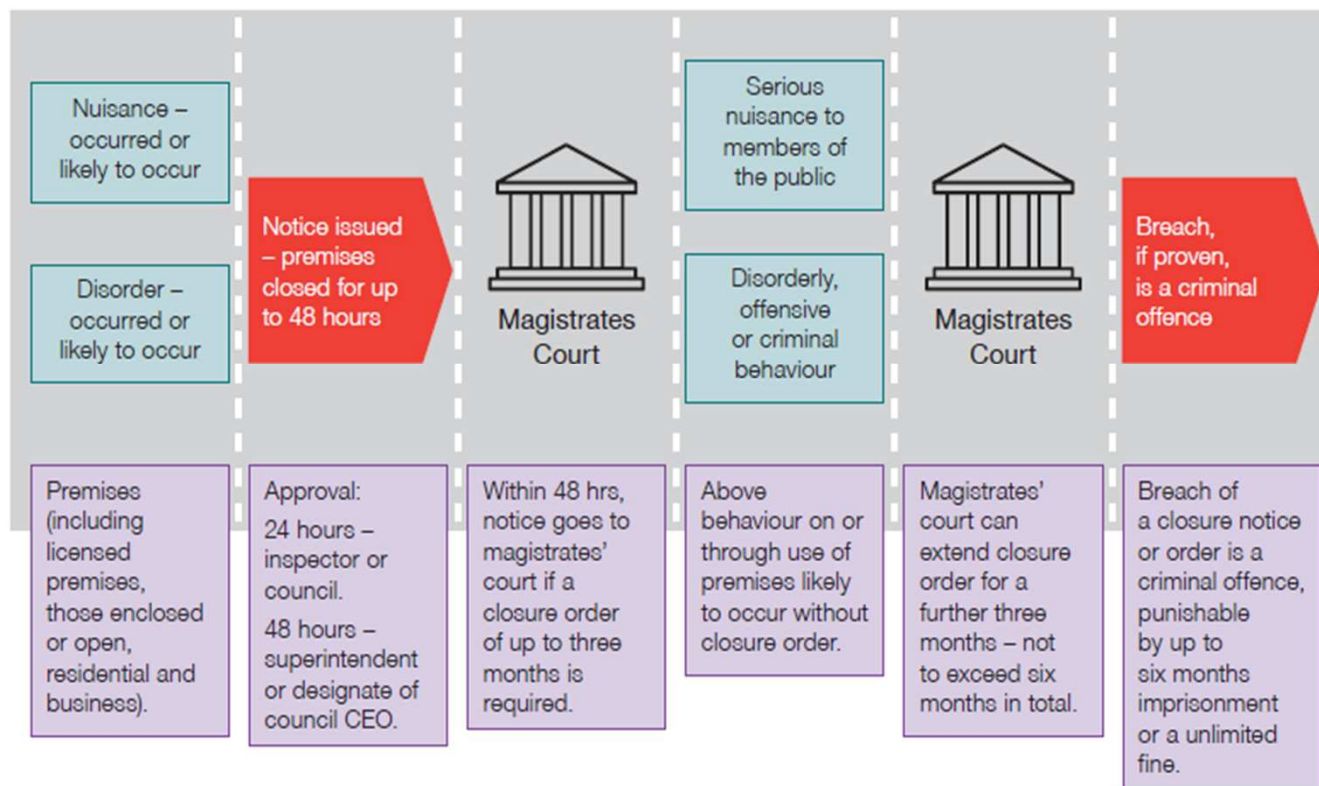
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## What's new about this Act?

- » Acknowledges that responsibility for ASB is shared between Councils, the Police and Registered Social Landlords
- » Focus is on effectively dealing with low level ASB which can still have a significant impact on quality of life

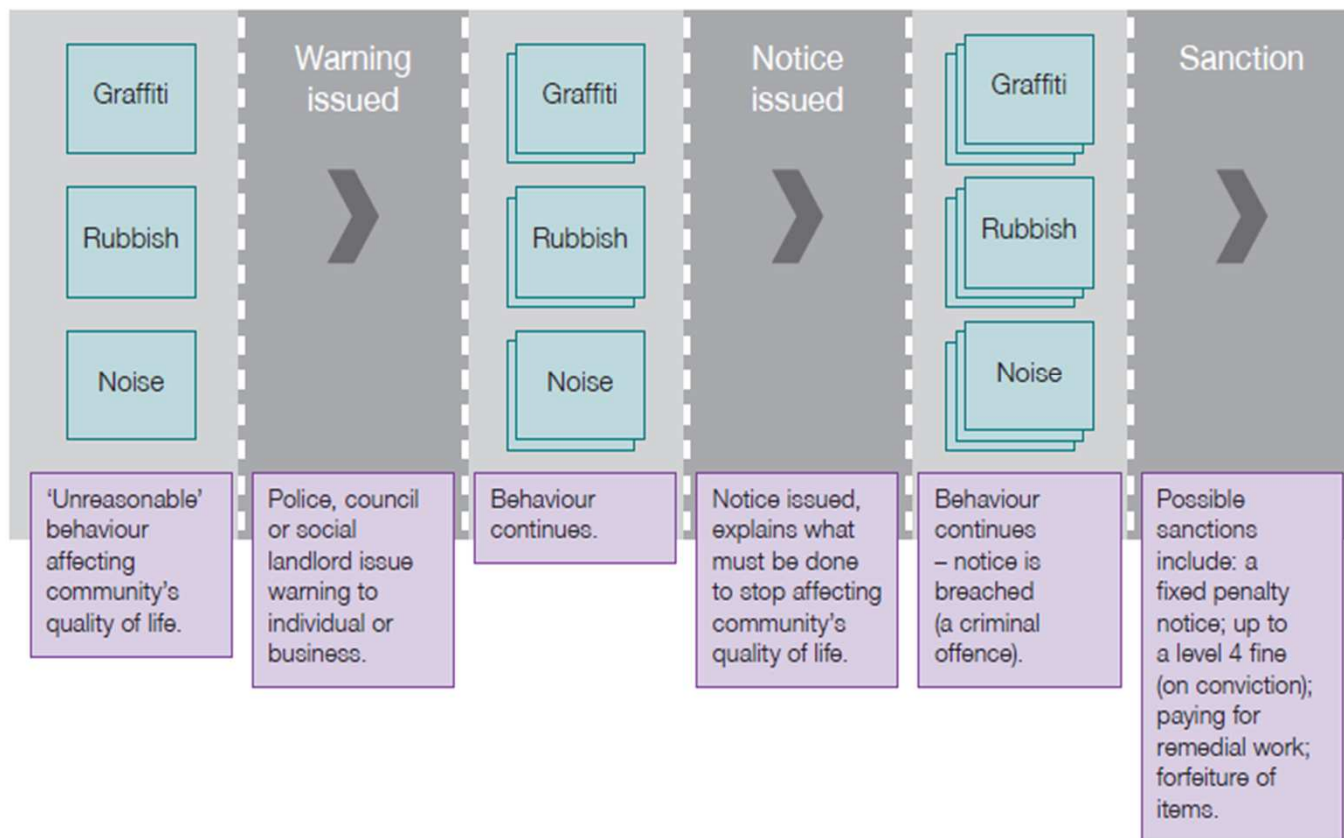
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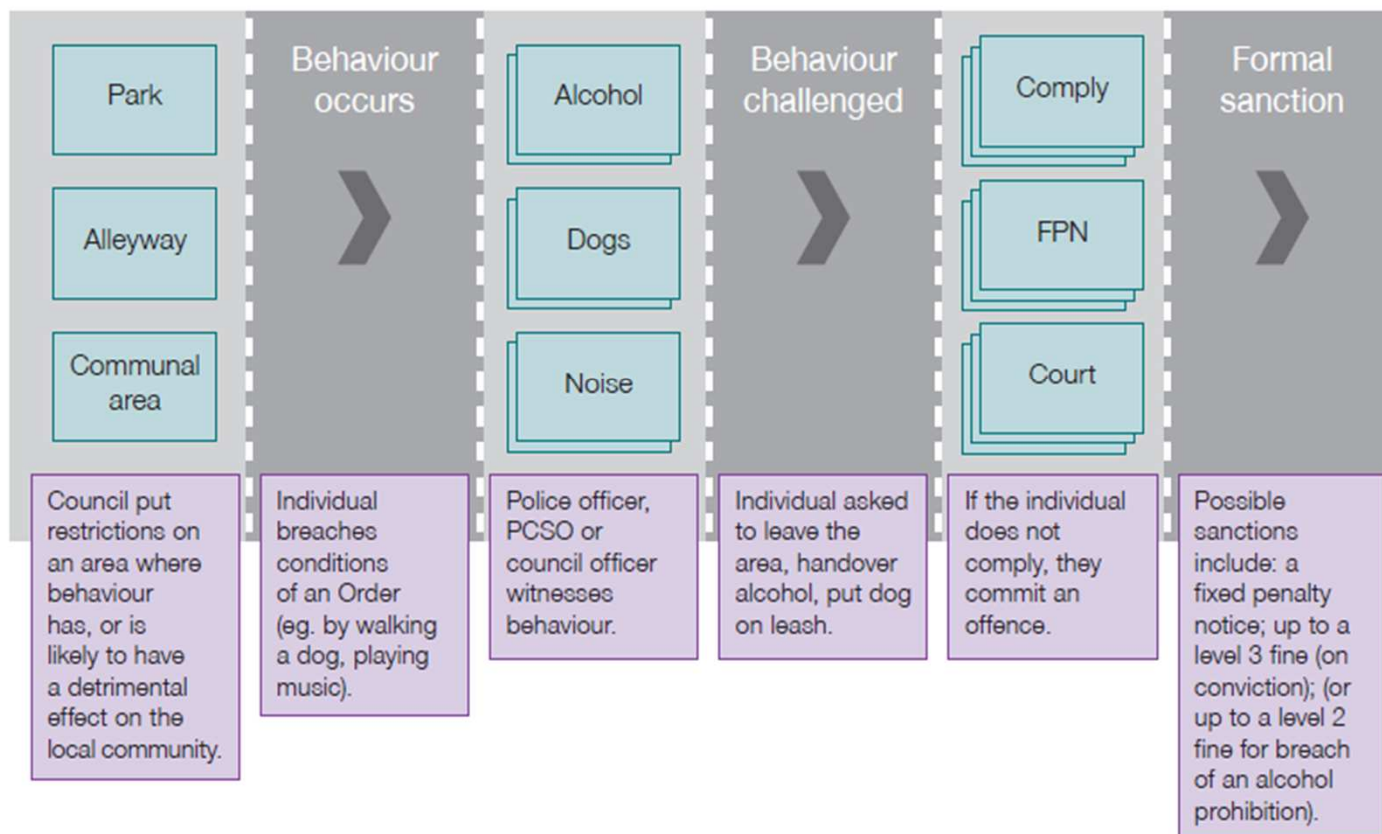
# Community Protection Notices

Community protection notice



# Public Space Protection Orders

Public spaces protection order



# Public Space Protection Order- proposal to ban amplification of busking in Bath



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## **Public Space Protection Order- consultation on banning amplification from busking**

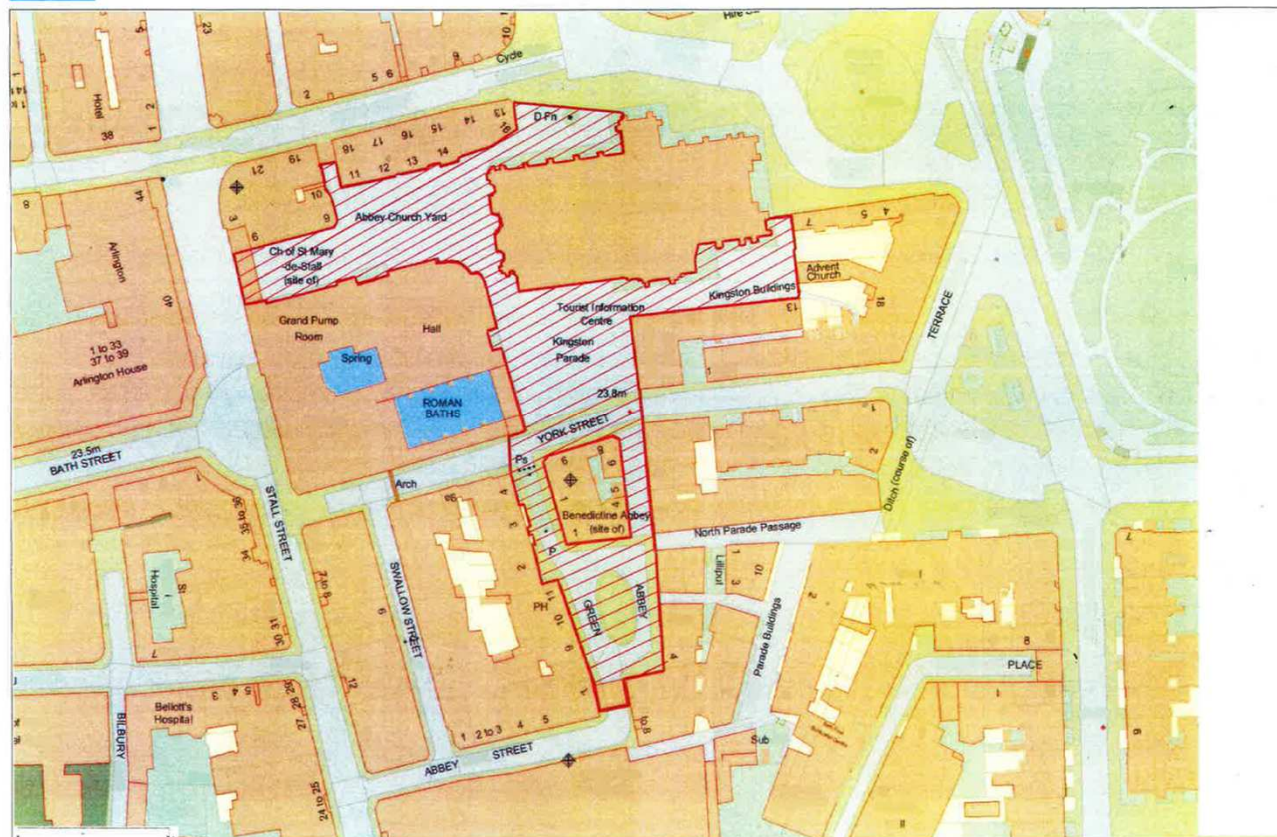
- » Since 2009, **279** complaints of amplified music from busking
- » Common challenge- unreasonable use of amplification by buskers
- » Environmental Protection Act 1990 is not best suited to deal with problem

## Public Space Protection Order- the consultation

- » **Proposal-** Ban amplification in Abbey Church Yard, Abbey Green and Kingston Parade
- » 12 week public consultation period from Jan-Mar 2015
- » Included an online questionnaire and public workshop event
- » **1429** responses received- the most ever received from an online consultation



# Area of proposed PSPO



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## Consultation Workshop

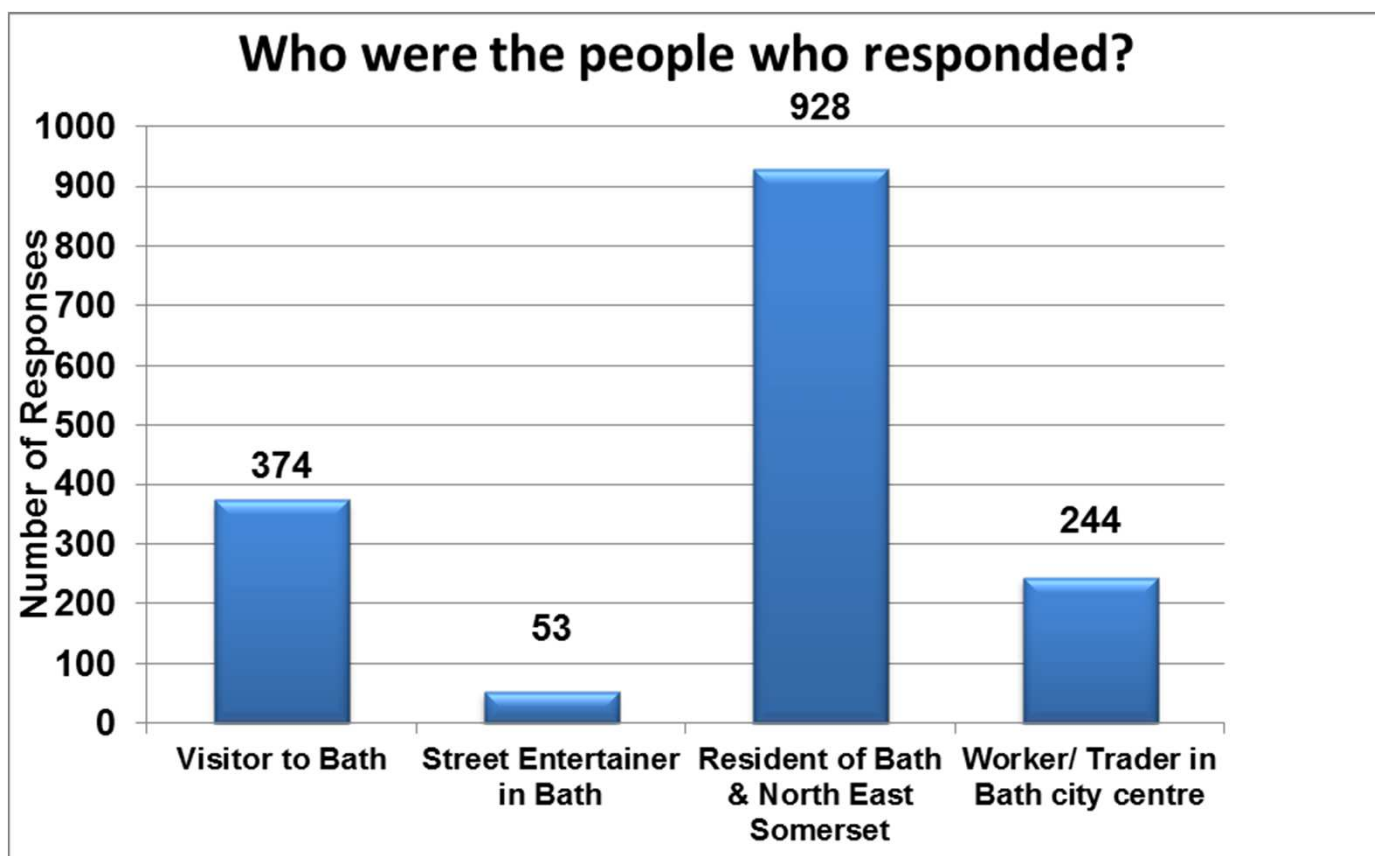
- » Stakeholders- Residents, Businesses, Buskers, Councillors, Musicians Union
- » Presentations gave perspective from all angles
- » Broad brush option of PSPO raised concerns
- » Offers of support from the Business Improvement District, Bath Abbey, Musicians Union and Buskers
- » Could we review the Buskers guide?
- » Could we have monthly forum for all stakeholders to raise issues?

# Consultation Workshop

Options for moving forward:

- » Could we review the Buskers Guide?
- » Could we have a monthly forum for all stakeholders to raise issues and agree actions and resolutions?

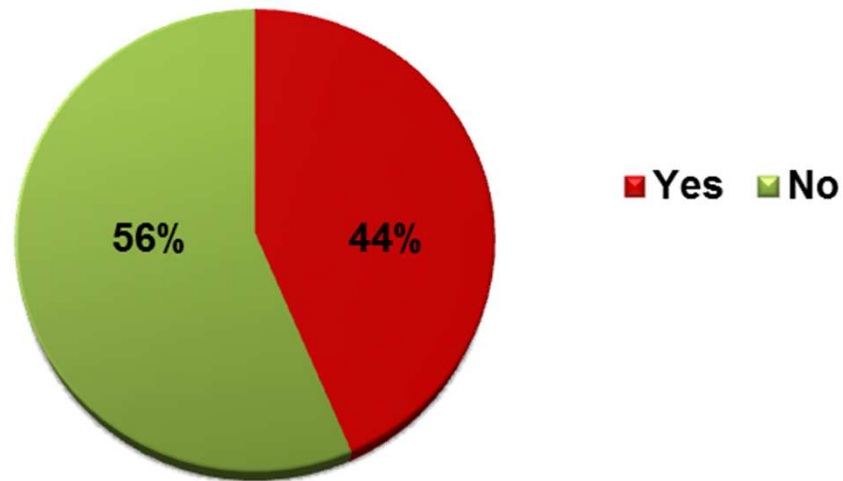
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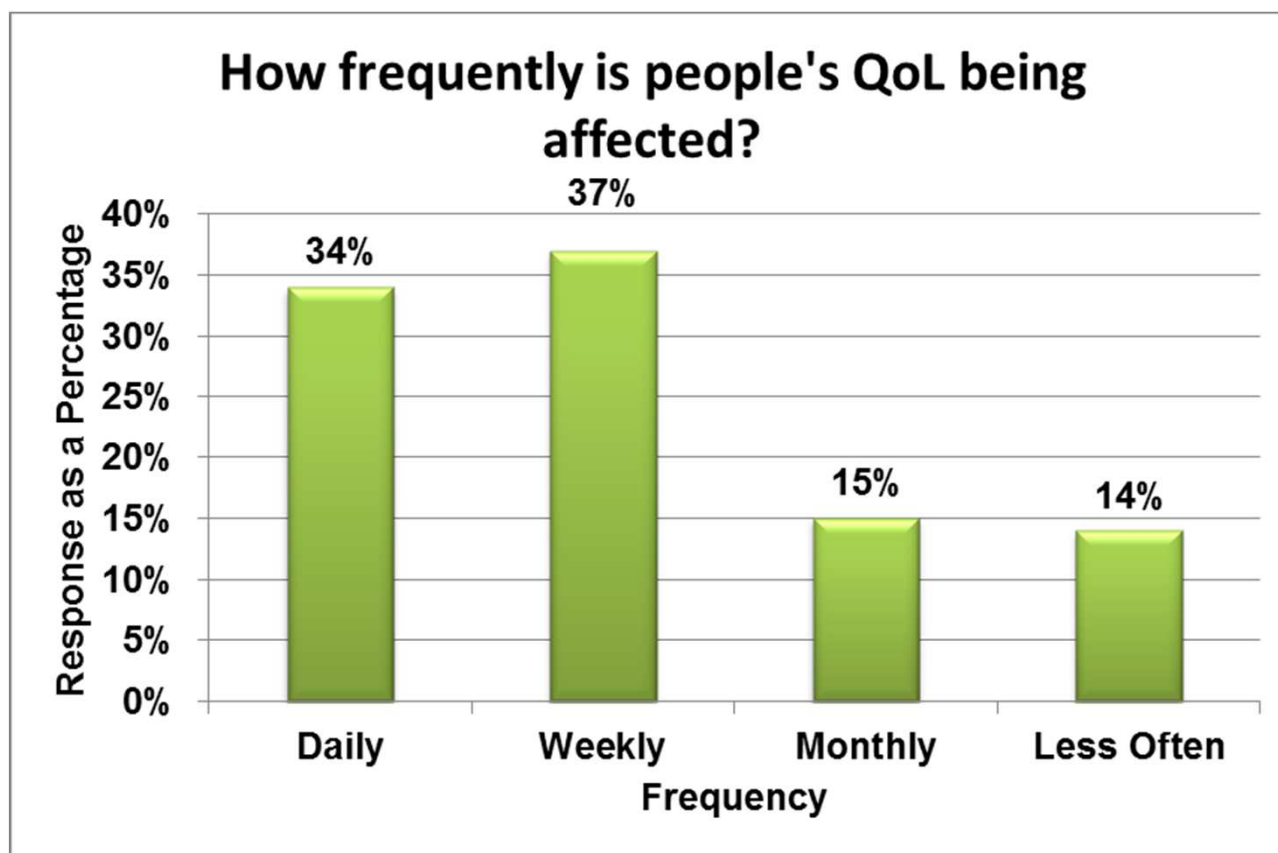
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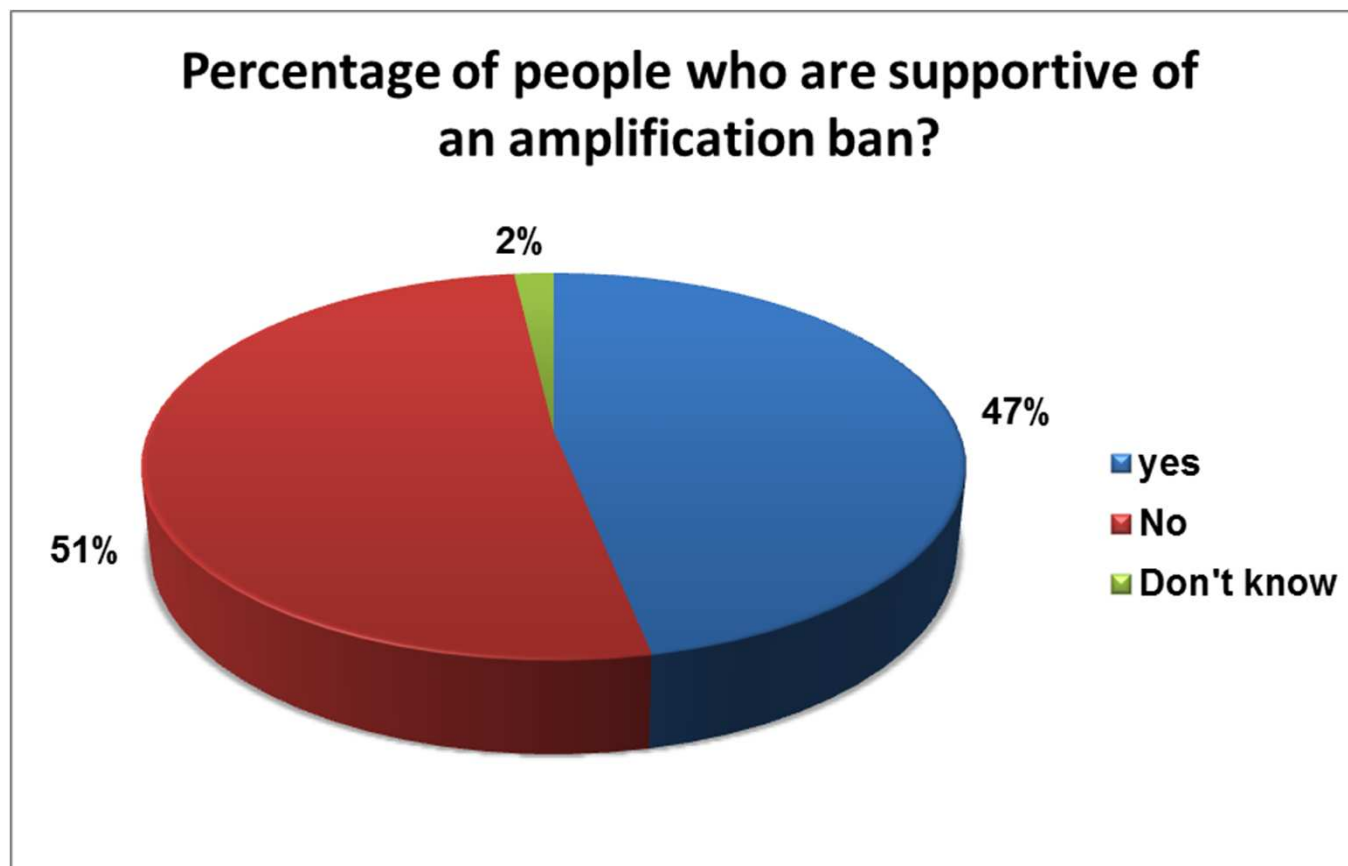
Percentage of people who said they were  
adversely affected by amplified music  
from busking



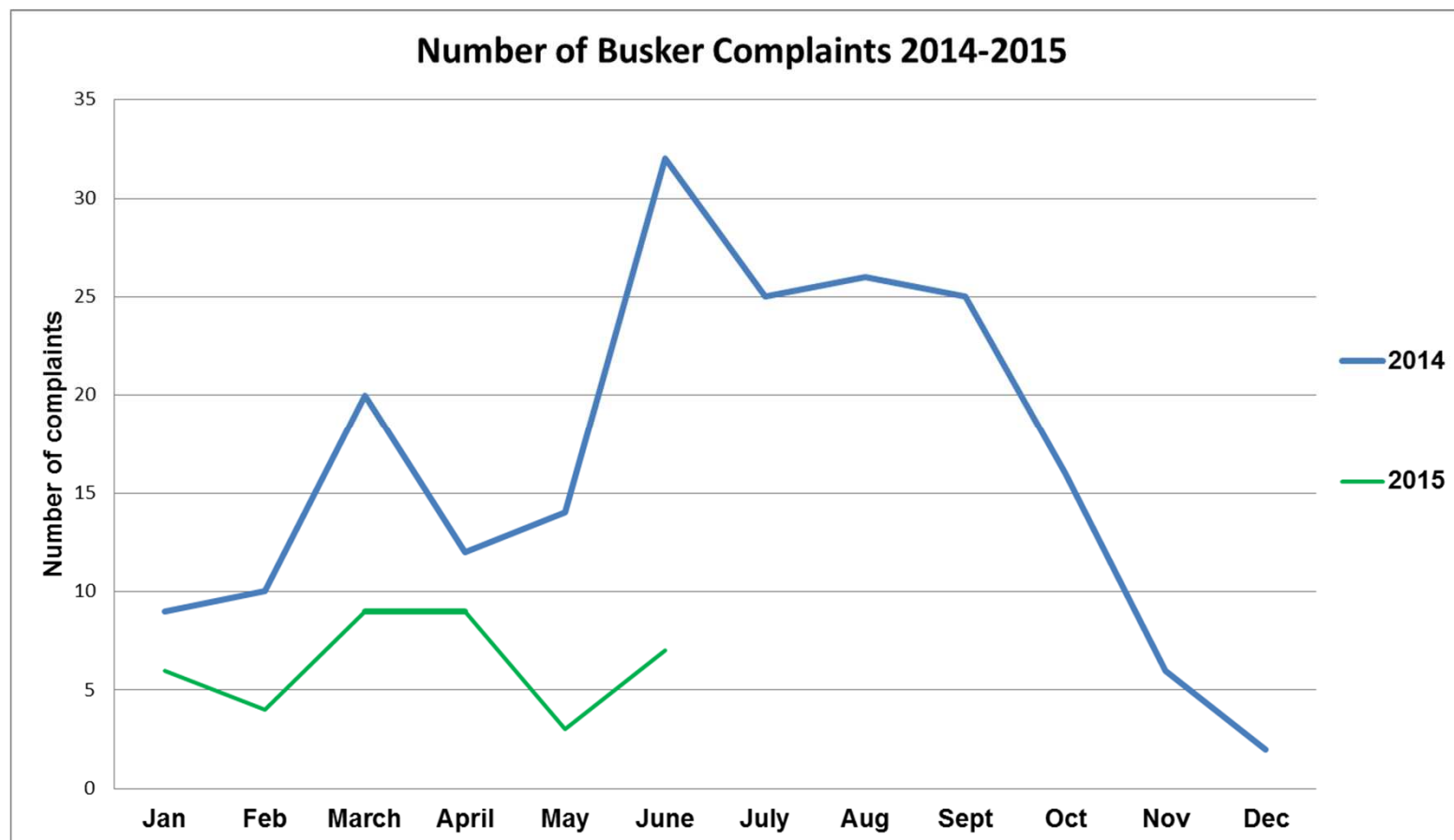
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# Busker complaints 2014-15



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## Public Space Protection Order- the current situation

- » **38** complaints since 01/01/15 compared to **97** at this point in 2014
- » **3** CPN warning letters issued; **1** CPN issued
- » Busker meetings have improved communication and helped to achieve compliance and understanding
- » All agree situation is much improved

## **Public Space Protection Order- the way forward**

- » Recommendation is to continue with the use of CPN's and engagement with Busker Group
- » Review again with Cabinet in 5 months

**» Any questions?**