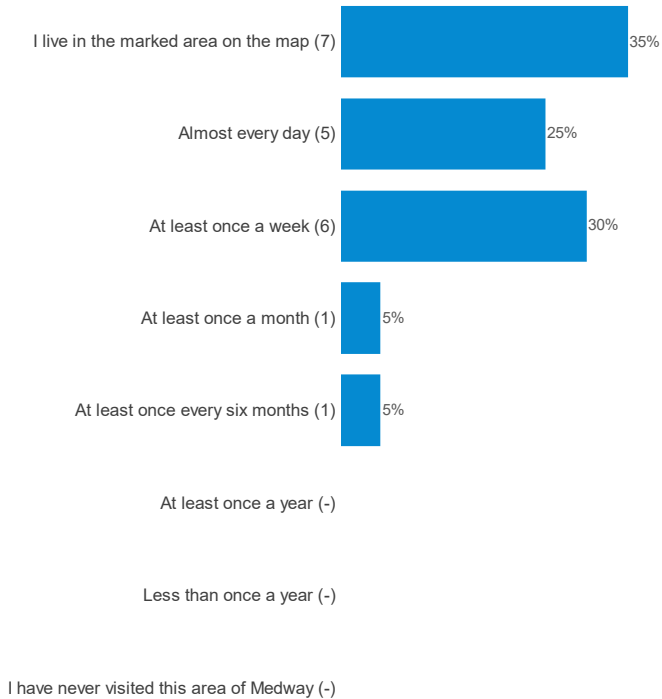


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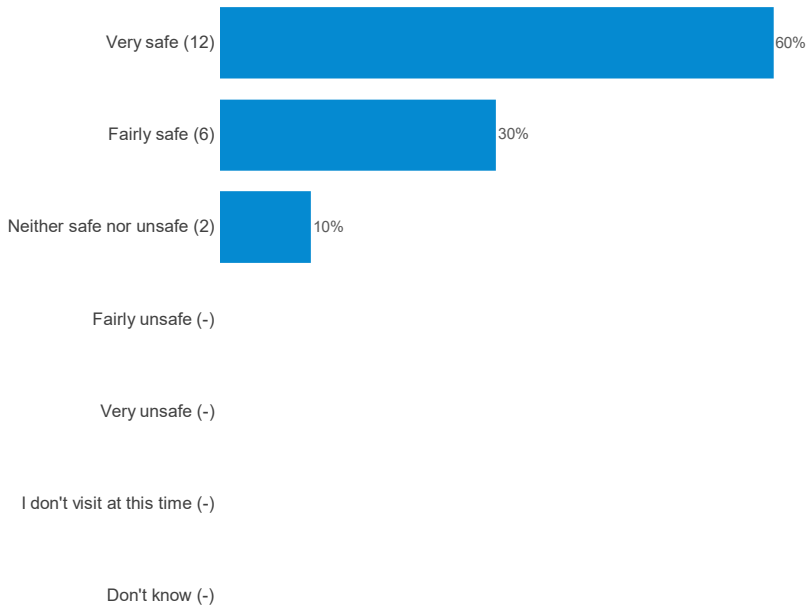
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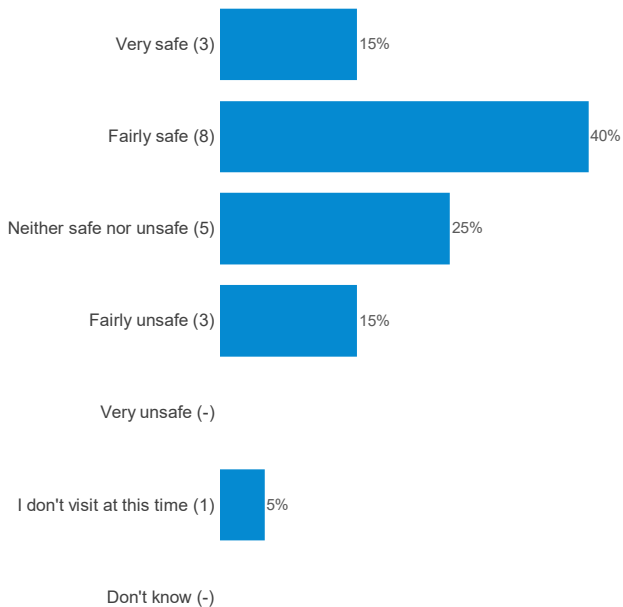


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How safe do you feel when outside in the proposed extension to the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone at the following times during the day: Please select one option per row (During the day)

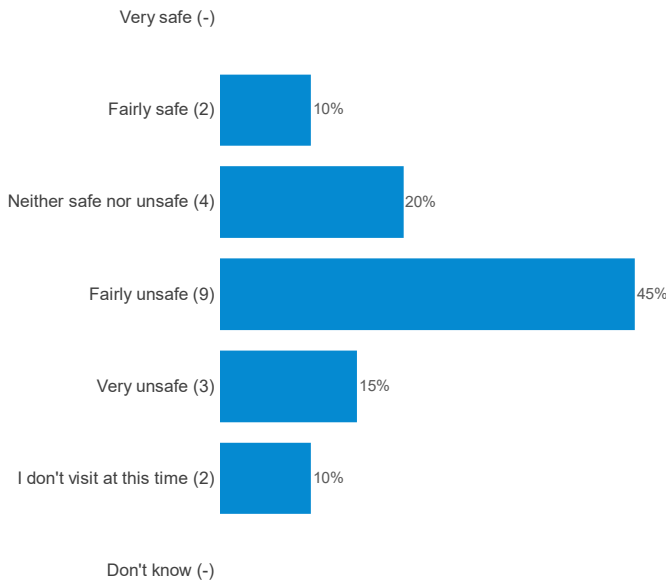


How safe do you feel when outside in the proposed extension to the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone at the following times during the day: Please select one option per row (Early evening (between 5pm - 8pm))



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How safe do you feel when outside in the proposed extension to the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone at the following times during the day: Please select one option per row (After dark)



Please tell us the reason why you felt unsafe during the early evening (between 5pm - 8pm)?

As a lone female I am often approached by people asking for money

People seen with beer cans in their hands

A lot of anti-social behaviour in and around the multi-storey car park

Please tell us the reason why you felt unsafe after dark

Within the extension area, there are many places in which someone of 'ill will' can hide and prey on unsuspecting passers by. The area consists of period housing which was never built with pedestrian safety in mind. It is also fairly quiet after dark, with few people on foot so anyone could be mugged or worse without any witnesses. In terms of alcohol, there is already an issue with people using the small public spaces as an open air pub lounge. This is often in full view of children who are resident.

Lots of street drinking and anti-social behaviour, especially at weekends

As a lone female walking home from the train station, some times as late as 11pm from working in London, I often encounter people a little worse for wear (to be polite) and the smell of Skunk is very overpowering and leaves me feeling very nauseous as I go by.

There is a lot of anti social behaviour in the Rochester High Street mainly down to alcohol areas plus beggars

Please tell us the reason why you felt unsafe after dark

There are often people especially (at weekends) who, often being tipsy or drunk, are loud, careless, incoherent, inconsiderate and sometimes mildly aggressive roaming the streets. because of the alcohol (which then sometimes holds in their hands), they are not in full control; which makes them unpredictable, which is not only a danger to themselves, but gives cause to give them a wide berth. When busy on a Friday or Saturday night, giving a wide berth is not always practical or possible! My main concern is actually their own well-being and safety, being drunk, they can come to significant harm as there is traffic and many hazards in the streets and pavements/cobbles which are now easily navigated when drunk. Also as a local resident, it has to be said that the noise of so many inebriated/uninhibited folk infiltrates our times late at night. And sometimes the foul language is rather distressing and a terrible example for our children, who are now routinely exposed to abusive and sexualised language as a matter of course, making it normative, which is a huge shame. Having moved here recently from London, this has come as a bit of a surprise, because it is worse here than we expected. Although not fair it does feel safer physically, but worse emotionally and linguistically.... Alcohol fuels bad language, so any way of reducing the inebriation would be welcomed - not easy I know!

More people with beer cans and some having consumed rather too much

There is often the same car parked from which drugs are being dealt. There are often groups of people (both youth and adult) who are very loud and often at least partially drunk wandering down the Esplanade from the bridge, on Churchfields and between the road and the river. Sleeping can sometimes be difficult. After dark, there are often also people sitting in the unlit alcoves down the Esplanade and this can be unnerving, they are drinking and smoking. .

Groups drinking or just being noisy in both Churchfields and Esplanade Gardens after dark. No lighting in the alcoves between Castle Hill and Baker's Walk.

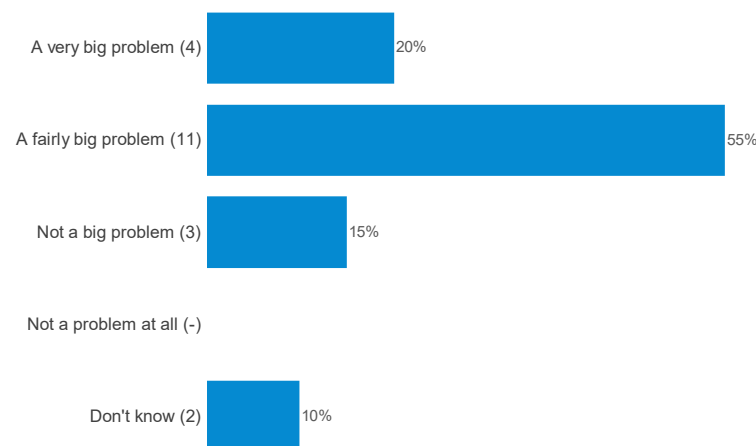
Same as above, anti-social behaviour in and around the multi-storey car park

Lot's of homeless and people loitering

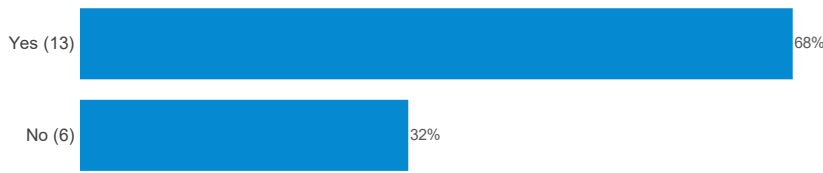
Anti social behaviour. Cat calling. Dodgy people some intoxicated some drugged some hiding knives. Last week I was doing lifts for my friends after they have been out and I witnessed a group of 20 young people ganging up and chasing young trans female to bully them. It is unacceptable and I just want to enjoy a nice walk outside with my dog in the evening but instead I'm too scared to leave the house after dark not just in Rochester but whole of the Medway - Gillingham and Chatham is even worse. Medway towns have been neglected and it shows with the rise of crime activity and anti social behaviour. I am considering moving away from the area and same goes to my family and friends if there is not gonna be any changes.

How much of a problem, if at all, do you think people being drunk or rowdy are to people living, working or visiting the proposed extension to the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone?

Please select one option only.



Have you been affected by people being drunk and rowdy in the proposed extension to the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone? Please select one option only. (Have you been affected by people being drunk and rowdy in the proposed Chatham Alcohol Control Zone?)



Please tell us how you've been affected by people being drunk and rowdy in the proposed extension to the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone:

- I work in the town centre. We sometimes have to deal with drunken and threatening anti-social behaviour

- same as my previous response

- I live near the Castle and every weekend there are people shouting into the early hours

- The continual late night noise at weekends. And the general feeling that one doesn't go into the High Street environs on weekend evenings. But we can hear it in our house....

- Being woken up in the early hours of the morning people leaving night club/bars and making excessive noise

- Living on the Esplanade itself, difficult to sleep with a window open when loud and drunk groups are wandering down the road.

- Frequently woken up by noisy groups in the Greenspace or walking home.

- Loud mouthed abusive language directed at me because I'm old.

- MSCP can attract unwanted attention and I sometimes feel nervous and unsafe

- They are loud and intimidating. I live on the new build development and live alone. As a single female I sometimes dont feel safe in the evenings.

- The area on Rochester Riverside has had problems with rough sleepers either under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This has had to me being accosted for money/begging leading me not not use the underpass to access the station and high street. There have been incidents in the Co-operative store involving the staff which is completely unacceptable. People should not be subjected to abuse whilst working or feel unsafe. The multi story car park is frequented by those causing issues of antisocial behavior.

- I work in the travelodge and have people drunk outside being rowdy often late at night wanting to use our toilets etc

Please click below if you would like to see the map and explanation of the order again



Do you support the extension of the area covered by the Public Space Protection Order? Prohibiting the drinking of alcohol in the area shown on the map outlined previously.

This would include streets, green areas and other public areas but not public houses, licensed premises or pavement cafes. (Please select one option only)



Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the extension of the area covered by the Public Space Protection Order to prohibit the drinking of alcohol?

The area of the extension is largely residential. It should not be necessary for anyone to be drinking on the street or other public areas. Something has to be done to control/limit/dissuade the consumption of alcohol in these areas.

as a long time resident in Rochester I have seen it deteriorate drastically. I encounter groups or people smoking skunk as I am going about my daily business. I also encounter several people worse for wear approaching me for money and when I refuse I receive verbal abuse on several occasions which increases my fear as I am trying to reach my home. I wake up every day to fly tipping, items stolen from my neighbours front gardens by drunken yobs going past at night.

See my previous answers. It is common knowledge that there are problems in Rochester due to people getting drunk...its been happening for years.

I think having restrictions may help to help some people to appreciate that their actions affect others, and therefore to have some awareness and consideration for that. it is not a basic human right to get drunk and noisy at the expense of others' wellbeing. Covid has made us more than aware that there simply are folk who do not care about others. Such a shame.

Anti-social behaviour of any sort is an issue especially if fuelled by alcohol and seems to take up an inordinate amount of police time. On this basis any action to reduce the incidence of this behaviour has got to be a benefit.

It is becoming more of a problem since living here 2017 and needs to be managed better

it is important to include areas on both sides of the Esplanade (e.g. Churchfields) and not just one side

Agree as it took a few years to see the absence of alcohol users in the Vines during daytime. We do not feel safe walking through the Vines at night. There is often a lot of rubbish in the vicinity of the Vines due to overflowing bins in Vines Lane. Similarly we do not use the High Street in the evenings due to the large number of people affected by their alcohol use to the detriment of society. In order to walk home we have to use the proposed extension area and would welcome the extension.

Trouble is less likely if officers have the authority to stop people drinking alcohol if they are behaving antisocially.

Really don't need youths drinking from bottles and cans, littering, using foul and abusive language and playing music at excessive volume into the early hours of the morning.

Where do you end? You could just keep going into Rochester.

Where the extension of the area ends I believe this could encourage anti-social behaviour just outside of the area, particularly along the river walk

Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the extension of the area covered by the Public Space Protection Order to prohibit the drinking of alcohol?

As it includes the station plaza in the new development, where in the evenings and weekends there is heavy drinking and anti social behavior. However as the extension stops at a certain point, there are still plenty of places to drink on the river walk that isn't included in this new extension. So I feel like this new extension would just push everyone to the river walk.

I think tighter controls need to be put in place to stop the anti social behaviour we often see or hear from the hotel

anything to help deal with ASB is a good thing

I support it because anti social behaviour is out of hand and we need to not only put prohibitions in place but also try to work with the public to try to change their mindset and re-wire their thinking and get them to want to be sober more often and to stay healthy and take care of their health and if they do that they might eventually also get a job and become a valuable member of society rather than just a bench drunk on benefits. These members of society need good examples and inspiration, new rules will not fix the problem in the root.

Do you have any other comments we should consider about the proposed extension of the Rochester Alcohol Control Zone before making a final decision?

There has been some improvement in the number of beggars but it is still a problem which needs addressing.

Good luck!

No!

What ever the outcome to ensure that it is properly implemented.

No

Security,safety, drug use in the Vines and surrounding area....we often see those small metal canisters 'nitrous oxide'? Discarded in the High Street, St Margarets Street, the Vines, Crow Lane etc.More lighting in the Vines could be considered and Foot Patrols day and night to discourage abuse of our areas especially given that children and young people frequent the Vines .

I think it would be sensible to extend the area up to the river walk in order to ensure anti-social behaviour isn't encouraged immediately outside of the proposed area

to extend it to the river walk on the countryside development

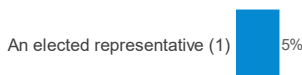
This area is the gateway to historic Rochester and first impression of the area for those visiting by train. Do we really want visitors to see the worst of Medway, especially when we have submitted a bid for City of Culture 2025. Rochester has many bars and restaurants and people should be encouraged to enjoy the area and drink responsibly. I appreciate this is the minority but 'good news travels fast, bad news faster'. The Rochester Riverside is used by their flagship development and this would be a way for the local authority to support the community.

no

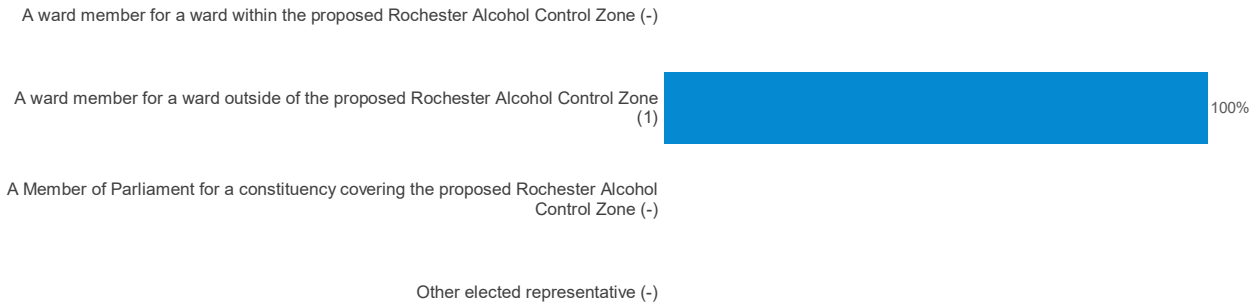
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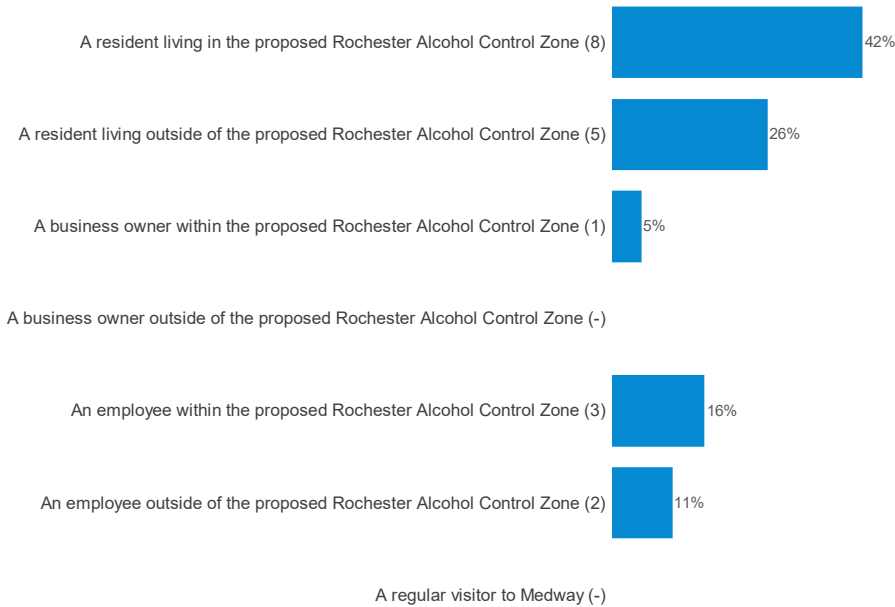
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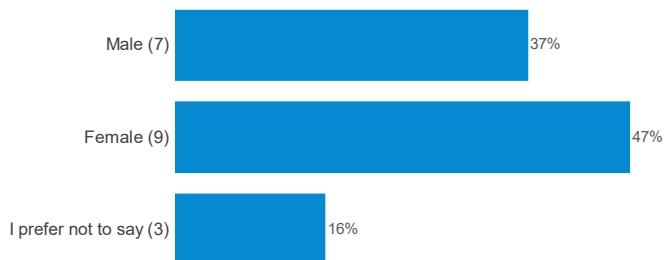
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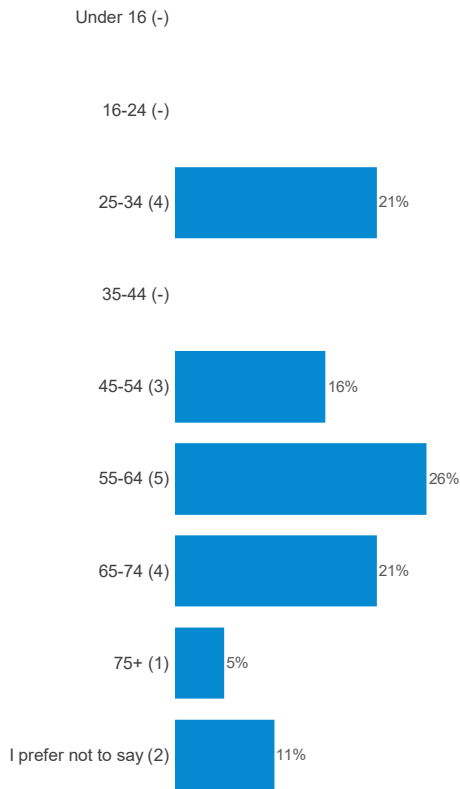


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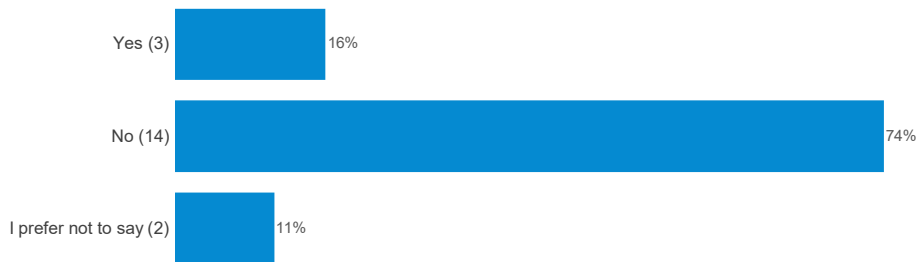


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In which of the following age bands do you fall? Please select one option only.



Do you have any long-standing health problem or disability? Long-standing means anything that has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months. Please select one option only.



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What is your ethnic group? Please select one option only.

