

Annex B PSPO consultation results

Response Overview

Consultation timeframe – October 10th to November 21st, 2025

Total Respondents to survey = 194

88% of respondents said that they either live, work or run a business within West Oxfordshire

84% of respondents said that they were aware before the survey taking place of racing incidences taking place on the A40 specifically between Downs Road Bridge and Asthall roundabout in Witney.

97% of all respondents were in favour of a PSPO to prevent use of pony and trap carriages on this specific stretch of the A40.

Five people said they would not be in favour of the order, and these were their comments:

1. I haven't seen any evidence in the public domain that makes me believe that these events are persistent, a requirement of the legislation. I am only aware of recent events which have appeared in social media. Do the police do not have legislation that already covers this type of event under road traffic law?
2. Traditions will be lost, but I worry about the care of the horses
3. I support the right of other cultures to express themselves even when I don't agree eg Pride, Halal slaughter, veganism.
4. Depends on if they're responsibly using the road and the ponies are healthy, and tack and carriages are in good order. Bicycles and horse carriage drivers still have road use rights.
5. I think we should embrace traditions within our communities and help them to carry this out safely, namely a road closure for a specific time.

If the respondent to the survey said that they were not in favour of the order – they were asked a further question about whether they feel an exemption should apply to the order when it came to use of a pony and trap for a wedding or funeral. These same people said yes to this option.

A full copy of the survey results can be made available for review.