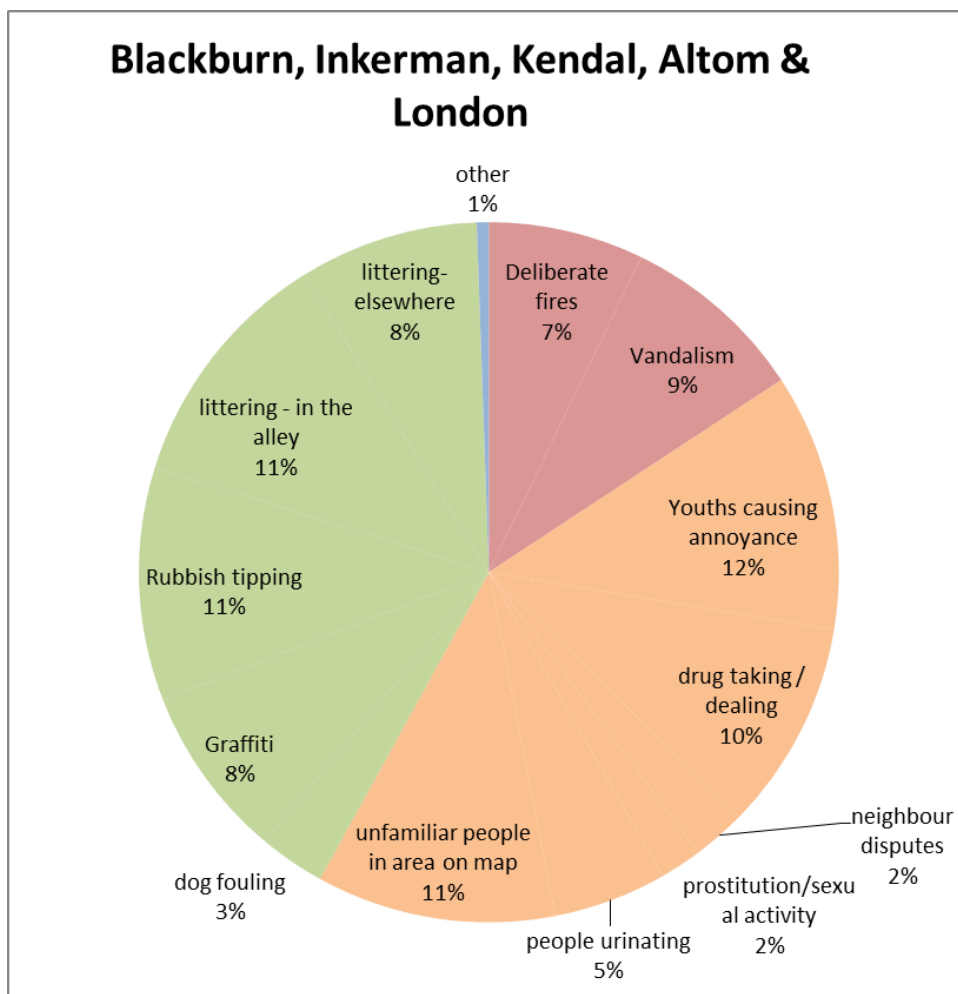


**Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council –
Blackburn Street, Inkerman Street, Kendal Street, Altom Street & London Road, Blackburn
(Scheme 142)
Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) 2017 Supporting Evidence**

A PSPO can be sought if the council are satisfied that the activities being carried out are seen to be or are likely to be detrimental to local community life. The alleyways in this proposed location has suffered from activity causing alarm, harassment and distress to the residents with reports of suspected drug dealing, vandalism as well as youths and unfamiliar people seen and causing annoyance in the alleyway.

In the 12 months prior to the application for the installation of the gates the area concerned experienced crime and anti-social behaviour at a rate of 9%. Consideration must be given to the fact that not all crimes or anti-social behaviour activity will be reported as some residents may feel it could cause repercussions or are unsure of who to report incidents to.

A preliminary consultation was in October 2017 with the residents and businesses affected 65% have supported proposals for the installation of the alley gates with residents providing additional details of the crime and anti-social behaviour incidents experienced. All responses are to be retained and recorded.



Supporting Evidence

Additional requests for the installation of alley gates have been received from local Councillors and residents. This area has been subject to a request for a number of years.

Comments received from residents include:

“The back alleys are unsafe for young people”