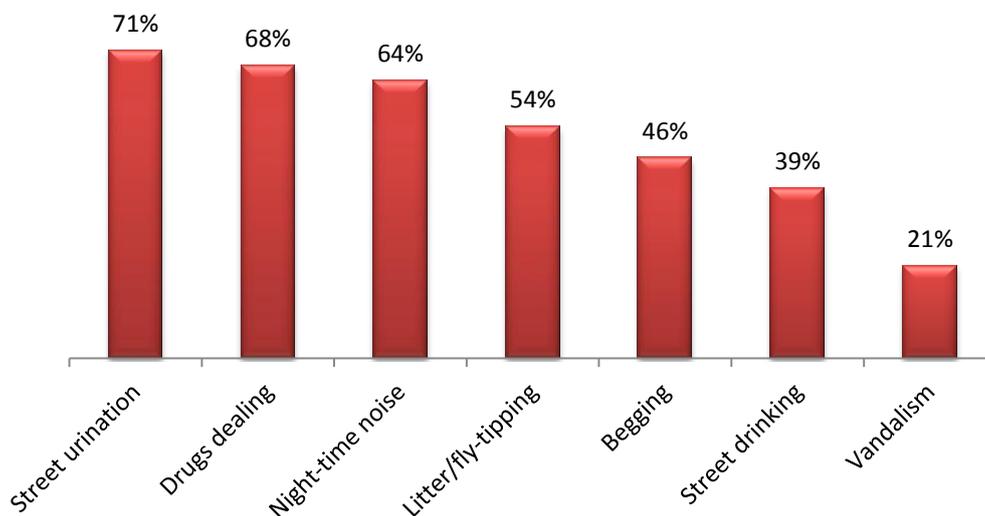


# SCG Community Survey 2016 – Summary of Results

## Quality of life and licensing:

- late-night noise drug-dealing and street urination are the biggest concern
- night-time economy still the major negative factor on life in Spitalfields

**Factors affecting respondents' quality of life**



## Selected comments:

- “Aggressive begging and drug dealing have become a more intrusive and intractable problem affecting residents' lives.”
- “As the days become warmer, noise levels increase quite considerably at any bar/restaurants within the Spitalfields area. This continues, certainly from Thursday to Saturday nights till well passed midnight with much loud shouting around Spital Square.”
- “Touting by the Brick Lane Restaurants also seems to be a major issue”

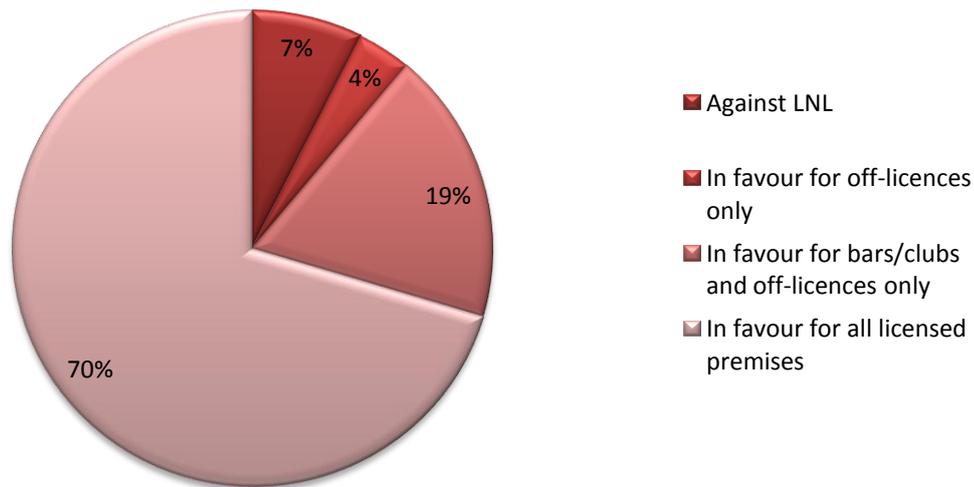
We asked whether there had been any change in any of these factors over the last 3 years, especially in light of the introduction of the Cumulative Impact Zone. There was a clear feeling that both night-time noise and street urination, while still a problem, had reduced since the previous survey in 2013. Begging, litter and fly-tipping, and drinking on the street were seen to be getting worse over the last 3 years. The other aspects were roughly unchanged.

- “The reduction is solely down to the forced closure of Public Life and 93 Feet East, and the voluntary closure of the Vibe Bar. Once they are back there will be trouble again!”
- “It is noticeable and worrying that litter from drinks containers and food packaging and leftover food waste is becoming more widespread, not being sufficiently quickly cleared, if at all. Fly tipping is also a persistent blight in the neighbourhood.”
- “I don't think Street drinking or noise should be our priorities any more. We risk damaging our long term interests if we make this area unwelcoming to relatively benign, normal young people. I do, however, think we must stop those nice young people being harassed constantly by beggars. These vagrants blight our neighbourhood and are driving visitors away.”

## Late Night Levies:

- The introduction of Late Night Levies has overwhelming support (93% in favour of some form of levy).
- By far the majority (70.4%) were in favour of Late Night Levies for all licensed premises open after midnight.

Are you in favour of the introduction of Late Night Levies in Spitalfields?



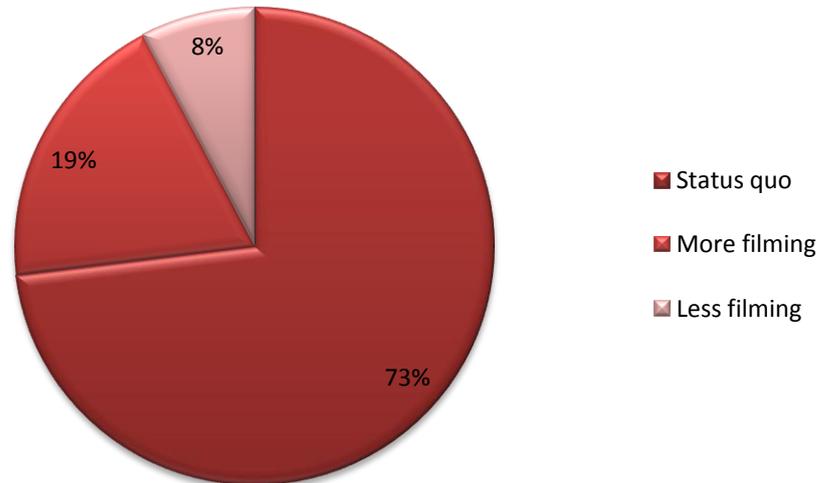
### Selected comments:

- “If they are going to give out licences and more police are needed then the premises should be paying for them and not the tax payer.”
- “The proposed levy fees seem too low to be effective.”
- “This is a no-brainer. All licensed premises should take responsibility for the behaviour of their customers.”
- “I would also advocate a more robust approach to applying the Saturation Policy. It is currently almost ineffectual.”
- “Will kill the area. Keep it lively. Police will misuse resource. “

## Filming:

- The majority of residents are happy with the current levels of filming.
- Other views are fairly balanced between those who want more filming in the area and those who want less with a slight bias in favour of greater levels.
- Some kind of return to the community is an important factor for many people.

Views on filming in Spitalfields

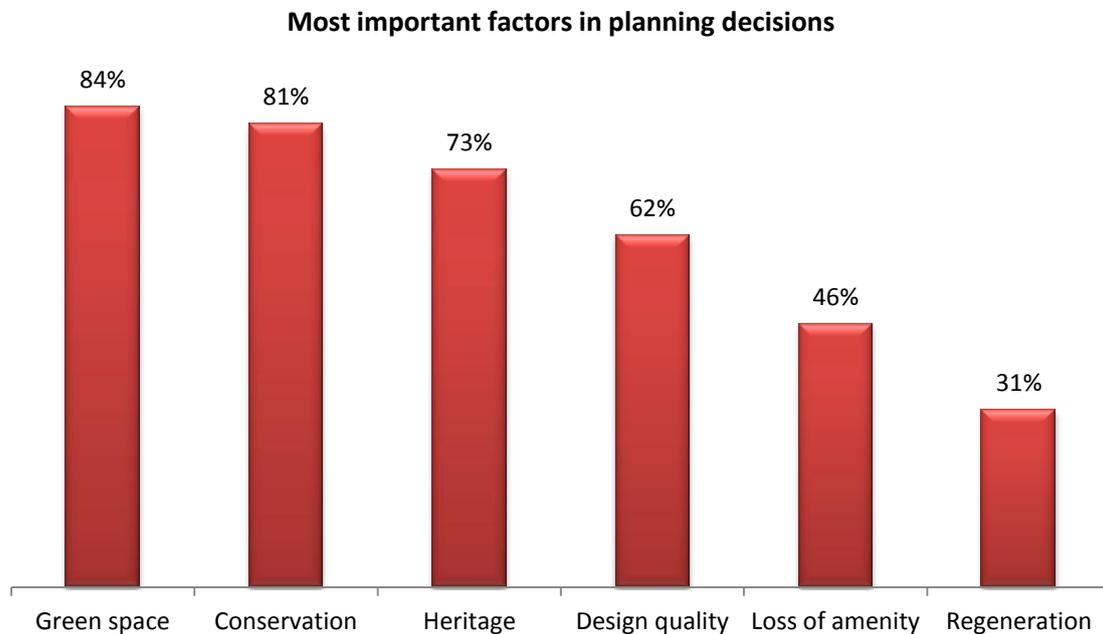


## Selected comments:

- “The outstanding problem remains unauthorised shoots which are disruptive and of no benefit.”
- “The efficient management of approved shoots is not the issue. The problem is unlicensed, random, pirate shoots by students, (above all), commercials and photographers, who as frequently rude, noisy and intrusive. Not a lot to be done about this, I suspect.”
- “Peter Boisseau is WONDERFUL”

## Planning:

We asked how members felt about SCG's attitude to planning matters. Should the group place a greater emphasis on planning than it current does, or concentrate on other matters. There was clear support for SCG's current position (61.5%). Only one respondent felt that SCG should take a less active role in planning issues in Spitalfields.



### Selected comments:

- “Preservation of historic buildings and local heritage is very important, but I feel in the debate often becomes an end in itself when the buildings in question have been vacant for many years - it would be more to the benefit of local residents to have active, thriving businesses than to have derelict but historical buildings (especially where developers have agreed to height limits and to preserve facades etc.)”
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- “Needs to be some consideration of utility to the area. New build may not always be attractive, but if it brings benefit to the community - and that includes the non-white, non-middle class people in the area - it should be considered for the merits of the project, too.”

## **SCG activities**

- respondents' views were inconclusive – they wanted more emphasis on everything
- there was a tendency towards requesting more “community” activities – social events, volunteering opportunities, charity fundraising,

## **SCG events**

- social events and public meetings to discuss local issues are likely to see the highest attendance
- historical talks would also be very popular.

Selected comments:

- “What about family activities where kids would be welcome? There's nothing at the moment.”

## **Communications**

- there is clear support (68%) for the current level of communication between the group and its members.

Selected comments:

- “Your emails are always helpful and informative - I particularly valued the email that let me know the cleaners in Middx St had moved. They are wonderful and have long been in Spitalfields - I was keen to continue to support them - so I was delighted to know via SCG that they had moved and where they were. They, equally, were delighted to see me. So, thank you for that. Otherwise I never would have known that they had moved, or where they were.”
- “Please don't use social media to replace email as I do not use them”
- “It would be nice for the emails not to go out late in the evening, when notifications can interfere with sleep.”