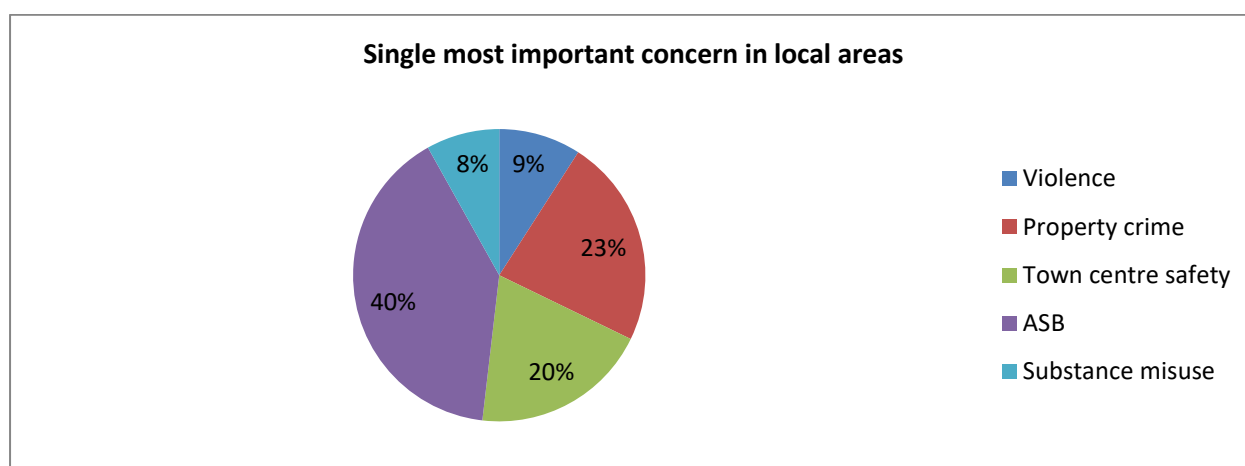


Community Safety Survey 2019 – Key Findings

A public opinion survey was conducted between 18 February and 3 March 2019 which was made available on both the Gravesham and Dartford Borough Council websites and via each Borough’s social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. People who either live or work in Dartford or Gravesham were invited to complete the survey which asked them to identify those community safety issues that, in their experience, were of the greatest concern in their neighbourhood. A total of 420 people responded – 299 (71.19%) of these either lived or worked in Gravesham and 121 (28.81%) of respondents either lived or worked in Dartford.

Respondents were asked to select **the single MOST important issue** in their local area. 407 people answered this question and the vast majority stated that ASB was their main concern – 163 (40.05% of all respondents).



Once people had identified what they felt was the most important issue in their area, they were also asked to choose their top 3 concerns within that category with the following results:

Most Important Issue	Top 3 issues within this category
ASB 163 respondents (40% of total)	<u>Of 154 respondents to this question:</u> Fly-tipping 65 (42%) Using/dealing drugs 62 (40%) Noisy/rowdy behaviour 61 (39%)
Property crime 94 respondents (23%)	<u>Of 85 respondents to this question:</u> Residential burglary 81 (95%) Shed/garage breaks 63 (74%) Theft of motor vehicles 49 (57%)
Town centre safety 80 respondents (20%)	<u>Of 71 respondents to this question:</u> Groups gathering on the street 45 (63%) Violence in the evening/NTE 43 (60%) Public place violence 27 (38%)
Violence 37 (10%)	<u>Of 34 respondents to this question:</u> Youth violence 22 (65%) Gun/knife crime 19 (56%) Robbery 16 (47%)
Substance misuse 33 (8%)	<u>Of 29 respondents to this question:</u> Drug dealing 24 (83%) Class A drug use 17 (59%) Cannabis use (45%)

Breakdown of respondents who completed the survey

Age from 342 responses %		Ethnicity from 342 responses %		Gender from 342 responses %	
18-24	3.5%	White British	88.0%	Male	30.5%
25-34	9.0%	White Irish	2.5%	Female	66.5%
35-44	14.5%	White Other	3.0%	Transgender	0.25%
45-54	27.0%	White and Black African	1.0%	Not provided	2.75%
55-64	27.0%	Any other mixed background	0.25%		