# Section 2 Fleetwood Nature Reserve

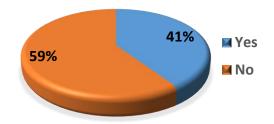
Following numerous complaints of dogs out of control on Fleetwood Nature Park, Jameson Road, and due to the negative effect on wildlife, Lancashire County Council requested the following questions to be added to the consultation. Please see Section 1 for methodology and background.

### Respondents were asked...

### That dogs will be excluded from the lagoons and areas marked on the map 001 at all times. Do you agree with the proposed dog control measure at the nature park?

59.46 % (n=110) of respondents did not agree with the proposed measure. All respondents were invited to comment on the proposal and 119 people did (61.03%).

The responses that supported the proposal were mainly based around the protection of wildlife, with some referring to issues pertaining to dog walkers.



The majority of comments were generally against the proposal to exclude dogs from the area, suggesting that

responsible owners would be penalised due to a minority of those with no control over their dogs. There were comments around the lack of open spaces that dogs have to run, and how the health and wellbeing of dogs and their owners would be affected if this were to be an exclusion area. Some suggested that if evidence was generated that wildlife has been affected by dogs then, for example, would an 'on lead' or seasonal order be an option. The lagoons were often referred to as a place that dogs can cool off. The full list of comments can be found in appendix 11.

- As a major dog walking area- especially during summer months when beaches are not permitted, where else do you expect people to go? The ponds can be used for dogs to cool off. Completely unnecessary. We should be dog friendly.
- Why should they be excluded from the water? I have never been to Fleetwood and observed any out of control dog, the only thing I have seen is lots of people and dogs having a nice time at a beautiful place. It will be really sad if I can't take my dogs as they love it there and so do I.
- It's completely unfair to responsible dog owners. The areas we can walk our dogs are getter fewer and fewer. Why don't you do something about the out of control dogs instead. Address the problem, don't penalise everyone else instead.
- This imposes restrictions on people with reduced mobility. Rather make this an on leads area
- No the owners I have seen are responsible. They are no more of a danger to other wildlife than the foxes that are seen on the site of an evening
- I understand the need to protect wildlife but how about the lagoon to the left of the bridge being dog free and the right side have a date restriction.
- Wildlife is under increasing pressure from housing and pollution. Any measures to assist it this is, after all, primarily a nature reserve, not a dog-exercise park is to be desired.
- Except the area should be expanded to include the entire site. Skylarks formerly nested in the long grass in the north and east sections but now they cannot owing to relentless

distance from dogs. The eastern pool is badly disturbed by dogs, today (27-07-20) a dog owner was throwing sticks and balls into the water for two dogs causing serious disturbance to the birds on there. At the very least dogs should be excluded from all the ponds and their banks. Flightless waterbird young are at serious risk from dogs. Ground nesting birds cannot breed where dogs run free

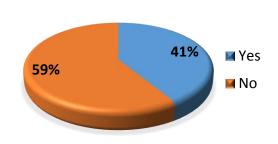
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- I am not sure from the description whether dog owners would be able to utilise the curved North Eastern path which leads to the bridge. If this bridge and path is in the exclusion zone I do not agree. Alternatively, I am happy if it is exclusion is within the boundary as these areas should be able to be safe for nesting birds, but the path still available to dog walkers.
- If it causing damage to the wild life, it is a good idea to exclude dogs from some areas

### Respondents were asked...

## That dogs must be on a lead in certain areas (referred to Map 002). <u>Do you agree with the</u> proposed dog control measure at the nature park?

Similar to the previous question, there was a higher percentage of respondents (n=107, 58.79%) that were against the proposal to have dogs on leads in the areas marked on the map.

96 respondents went on to leave comments. Just under half of these respondents were against the proposal and, as is a common thread running across a number of responses, the responsible dog owners found it restrictive and unfair to them. A number of



comments questioned how it would be enforced, and especially if dogs had crossed the boundary by mistake. Around a third of the comments were in support of the proposal and there were a number of those that suggested various options, for example a seasonal order, or having a fenced off areas for dogs off lead to go.

The full list of comments can be viewed in appendix 12.

- This is one of the very few places in Fleetwood where dogs can run off lead. Obviously dogs should be well behaved and under control like they should be everywhere.
- As in my previous comments I do not think there is a need to put all dogs on a lead all the time. If the guidance is clearly posted about keeping dogs under control and disposing of all poo and there is an enforcement officer doing spot checks and a clear complaints procedure for the public, then leave it as it is.
- The little bit near the bridge is the only accessible bit to the pond for dogs where they can swim and cool down, forcing owners to walk past the pond with the dog on the lead is torture for a warm dog that's just been on a walk and just wants a drink and cool down but thinks it's being punished by being pulled away on a lead.
- At least some of the grassland in the northern and eastern sections should be fenced to exclude dogs to allow skylarks to nest here again.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead through the entire reserve during breeding seasons for birds that live on the reserve.

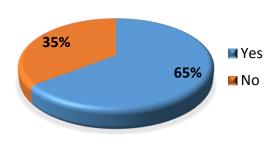
- The council should have the courage to make the whole of Fleetwood Marsh a dog exclusion zone.
- I have no problem with dogs being on lead on the bridge across the pond/lagoon but don't understand why they would be on lead on the path which goes round.
- If they are on a lead they will not disturb the wildlife
- Should there be an issue over safety to the dog or owner then I would have no objection to being asked to put dogs on a lead.
- This area of the site suffers disproportionately from dog issues, especially "mess" and dogs interfering with other visitors (jumping up, aggressive behaviour etc) and being on a lead would help resolve this.

### Respondents were asked...

That a maximum of 4 dogs be walked / under the control of one person is applied across the whole site (see Map 003). Do you agree with the proposed dog control measure at the nature park?

The majority of respondents (n=120, 64.52%) agreed that there should be a maximum of 4 dogs under the control of one person across the whole site.

Of the 79 people that left a comment, more than half of them were in support of having a maximum of 4 dogs per person, and in most cases they indicated four was too many. Two was a popular number, where a number was stated. Some of those that



agreed with the maximum of 4 or suggested less than 4 also made reference to dog walker businesses, and the observation that some dog walkers have a lack of ability to control the number of dogs they take out.

Of those that commented and were against the measure, many of them were professional dog walkers explaining their commitment to their responsibilities and their ability to walk four or more dogs. Others that suggested it was about control and not the numbers of dogs that was the issue.

A full list of the comments can be viewed in appendix 13.

- This still allows professional dog walkers to access Fleetwood Marsh; it is impossible to pick up after dogs if attempting at the same time to control up to four of them.
- I agree too many dog walkers just letting numerous dogs run riot. You can't possibly keep an eye on that many dogs at once. I had two dogs and found it difficult when they went different ways.
- This should be reduced to 2 dogs, not only so that they can keep track of where their dogs are fouling but also from a social point of view. I have frequently had out of control dogs jumping up, with owners too far away to control. I would say that since lockdown it has improved with the worst behaved dogs no longer coming to the reserve.
- In the main I think a maximum of 4 is fine. However there are some dog walkers who have excellent control over 5 or 6 small dogs and some who don't. Perhaps individuals could apply for a licence to take out more and if they can justify how they will keep control and pick up poo then in exceptional cases this might be granted.
- Professional Dog walkers earn a living off taking dogs for a walk at this reserve, most

professional dog walkers know the behaviours of each dog they walk and are sensible and responsible enough to look after them and make sure they behave. It isn't fair to limit somebodies business just because the minority of people are poor at their job and cannot control the dogs.

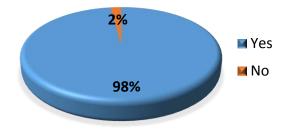
• As long as all dogs are under control, the number of dogs should not matter.

### Respondents were asked...

That there will be a requirement to pick up dog foul, and have the means to pick foul across that whole site (map 004 /005). Do you agree with the proposed dog control measures at the nature park?

Almost all (n=183, 97.86%) of the respondents agreed that people should pick up, and have the means to pick up dog foul across the site.

39 people left comments on this proposal. Many of these corroborated the need to have such a measure and many suggested that this should apply everywhere not just on the Nature Reserve.



People also mentioned the need for more bins in the area, and the potential to have bags provided on site, for example, via a vending machine. Also the need to ensure enforcement was raised.

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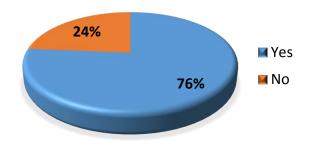
- Disgusting that people do not pick up poo. Not fair on sensible dog owners who get the blame.
- But install a dog poo bag vending machine and a dog loo area. Give people a chance 1st before banning or fining
- This is the control that is key. Support it without reservation.
- This should be compulsary anywhere!
- Please enforce. You can have as many deterrents as you want, but if you don't enforce, they are worthless.

Respondents were asked...

### That an authorised officer can instruct a dog to be put on a lead (see Map 006). <u>Do you agree with</u> the proposed dog control measure at the nature park?

76.34% (n=142) respondents agreed with the proposed measure for a dog to be put on a lead when instructed to do so, by an authorised officer in the identified area.

66 comments were generated regarding this measure. The majority were in support and for a variety of reasons. The main agreement supporting this measure is that there must be a valid reason for the request e.g. due to an aggressive dog, or out of control dog.



Other respondents that supported the measure, did so on the premise that some of the other restrictions were not actioned across the site. Whereas others supported it in entirety or further supported it alongside other measures such as dogs on leads in all areas.

A number of comments alluded to respondents never having seen enforcement, or a visible authorised officer on the site.

There were very few comments that were against this measure mostly those that were spoke of freedom to roam off lead or called for off lead designated and fenced areas.

- I think an authorised officer could have the right to instruct any badly behaved dog to be put on a lead anywhere as long as the request was reasonable.
- I agree if said dog is being aggressive or causing a nuisance
- Dog on lead instruction should cover the entire area
- Certainly if dogs/a dog is out of control or disturbing wild life
- I believe dogs should be allowed off the lead on the whole area but that this rule should also apply.
- Maybe instead of completing banning dogs from around the lagoons and having dogs on leads in certain areas make the whole reserve as "instruct a dog to be put on a lead"
- I agree but I have never seen an authorised officer on the site and I doubt if a number of dog owners will obey the signs unless officers are present on the site.
- Seems totally pointless and irrevelant to have a small area of the marsh under this 'control' and it is the area of the marsh where dogs can wander safely.
- Dogs should be allowed to walk as they are now and the and not be penalised because of a few careless owners.

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1.	This would seem to be punishing all for the sins of the few.
2.	I have a friend that lives close by to this area and I've walked there with her. Out of control dogs are a menace and my friend has definitely noticed the effect on wildlife in the area-and definitely spoil our walks frequently.
3.	The wildlife live there and it is an important ecosystem. They have a right to live in peace!
4.	Wildlife is under increasing pressure from housing and pollution. Any measures to assist it - this is, after all, primarily a nature reserve, not a dog-exercise park - is to be desired.
5.	Responsible owners are being penalised.
6.	I live on Harbour Village and the way to control this is to have a smaller limit on how many dogs a person can walk at any one time or they are to be kept on a lead. It's a lovely area for dog walking and from experience the dogs who are not controlled are majority owned by people who do not live on the Harbour Village estate!
7.	Dogs don't have to be excluded they can be on a lead, why punish all the responsible owners because of a few idiots.
8.	It shouldn't be an exclusion zone but rather an enforced dogs on leads area. Humans visiting have more of a negative impact on wildlife there. We have only recently discovered this place and it would be a real shame to lose it for responsible dog owners who keep their dogs on a lead.
9.	It is a sad fact that dog owners seem unable to understand that someone like me does not share their affection for their particular pet.
10.	Dogs enjoy running and with sensible owners, dogs can be exercised in a sensible manner.
11.	During peak months in the summer this is understandable, but no need for it to be all year.
12.	There is very little places to walk our dogs, all our fields are being dug up and turned into housing estates. Maybe make the reserve on-lead only but not ban dogs completely from there? Madness. There are lots of responsible owners who use this reserve to exercise their dogs and it will be a shame if they can't anymore.
13.	If wildlife it's serious being affected by dogs and shit owners then yes.
14.	How many complainants have there been?
15.	This seems like a rather automatic reaction to solve a problem, and in my opinion it will not always be adhered to. This is a direct result of walkers not acting responsibly, and in such cases they should receive fines. Why should other owners and their dogs have to suffer?
16.	We the dog owning rate payers of Wyre are as entitled to enjoy the facilities of the reserve I personally go there every day winter and summer rain or shine I am 72 this is not only for my dog but for my personal health and wellbeing.
17.	Don't understand why they need to be excluded.
18.	I could understand making it on lead, but not an exclusion zone.
19.	This would be very beneficial to wild life and would be an excellent move.

	Please provide comments
20.	Too restrictive.
21.	I agree dogs be kept away from the water, but the area is to wide & should it go ahead then you may as well ban dogs altogether.
22.	Most dogs love the water and need access to it. Especially during the hot months. Taking this right away is not only selfish but also purring dogs health /lives at risk!!
23.	They are not sufficiently extensive.
24.	As a major dog walking area- especially during summer months when beaches are not permitted, where else do you expect people to go? The ponds can be used for dogs to cool off. Completely unnecessary. We should be dog friendly.
25.	My dog walker does an amazing job with all of the dogs in her care. With these restrictions put into place, her business would be put in jeopardy (at a time when people are struggling financially and we should be doing everything possible to support small businesses). Without a dog walker, my dogs would be alone in the house for hours on end whilst I go to work, again is neglectful and unfair- if you put this into place, it will hugely impact on dogs like my own being cared for by dog walkers.
26.	I think people disturbing wildlife and causing pollution is more of an issue than some dogs in a man made 'wildlife' area.
27.	Dogs are part of nature and should be allowed to exercise.
28.	The reserve is for all. Dogs enjoy playing in the water. Also it will put dogs at risk of they are not allowed to cool off on a hot day.
29.	Completely unnecessary control which will impact badly on the many responsible dog owners. As a minimum, the boundary on the Harbour Village side should be moved to the other side of the fence so that the path can also be used by dog walkers.
30.	Until Wyre council provides an alternate freshwater place for dogs to swim in hot weather, I strongly oppose this. This lagoon is like catnip to dogs, so will be difficult to stop dogs running in unless it's fenced off. Instead of constantly banning dogs to solve problems, why not be proactive in providing fenced areas for dogs under control to socialise.
31.	If under control fine maybe should a maximum amount of dogs in lagoons at once?
32.	Badly behaved dogs and owners mean that well behaved dogs and owners lose out!
33.	I've been there today with my dog and I see no reason why this would be restricted.
34.	No shouldn't penalise all. Use other orders to penalise guilty parties. If we as a society start punishing entire groups for the actions of a few then very soon there will little that we are allowed to do.
35.	I've seen more people doing damage to the wildlife throwing stones at the ducks etc than I ever have dogs so why not ban people!?
36.	Dogs need to swim for exercise and to keep cool.
37.	The map above doesn't include the pebbled approach pond to the right of the bridge as entered from the car park so yes. That's reasonable.

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38.	Dogs should be allowed to walk as they are now and the and not be penalised because of a few careless owners.
39.	In 10 years of visiting this area I have never found an out of control dog. I have in fact found many out of control children who could easily be taken to the beach where there is already a dog ban in place. We pay our council tax just the same as those who do not own dogs and they do not get to prioritise every piece of land where dogs currently enjoy their walks for themselves and their own fear or prejudice.
40.	There are very few places to walk dogs off lead especially in the summer months, as fa as I can see there are as many birds as usual so I can't see why that cannot continue. It an area with few to no bikes to traverse round and especially in the week few or no children just people and dogs.
41.	Except the area should be expanded to include the entire site. Skylarks formerly nested in the long grass in the north and east sections but now they cannot owing to relentles distance from dogs. The eastern pool is badly disturbed by dogs, today (27-07-20) a do owner was throwing sticks and balls into the water for two dogs causing serious disturbance to the birds on there. At the very least dogs should be excluded from all the ponds and their banks. Flightless waterbird young are at serious risk from dogs. Ground nesting birds cannot breed where dogs run free.
42.	No dogs should be allowed in the water but signage regarding the reasons why and information about the bird species will be required to explain why.
43.	I would like the authority to consider having seasonal lead orders, for example like the beach at Cleveleys this could be applied to Fleetwood Marsh which would protect the newly hatched birds and those adults/children who are brought by parents/ carers to feed the ducklings etc if they are nervous of dogs.
44.	Why should they be excluded from the water? I have never been to Fleetwood and observed any out of control dog, the only thing I have seen is lots of people and dogs having a nice time at a beautiful place. It will be really sad if I can't take my dogs as the love it there and so do I.
45.	I am not sure from the description whether dog owners would be able to utilise the curved North Eastern path which leads to the bridge. If this bridge and path is in the exclusion zone I do not agree. Alternatively, I am happy if it is exclusion is within the boundary as these areas should be able to be safe for nesting birds, but the path still available to dog walkers.
46.	In addition to the marked area I think that dogs should be excluded from the other half of the lagoon and also from the marsh at the side of the river.
	It's a nature reserve no explanation needed
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49.	I think it' s unfair that because a small number of people can't control their dogs that other people are being punished
50.	Dogs should perhaps be on lead around the lagoons as it will stop families with dogs being able to see and feed the wildlife if they are banned completely. Again punishing al owners due to some bad ones. We have already stopped our dog from going in the ponds due to the current signage.
51.	to restrictive not practicable to enforce. the path from leading in from Windward ave is nowhere near any ponds, most people that visit the area are dog walkers very few ornithologist are to be seen please don't spoil the enjoyment for many to satisfy a few twitchers
52.	this will provide a safe area for children to play
53.	Especially if there has been complaints
54.	Dogs need to be able to have the chance to cool off, particularly on hot days.
55.	I often walk at Fleetwood Marsh with our sons dogs and I have never seen dogs in the marked exclusion area.
56.	I think dogs should be excluded from the whole of the Nature Reserve as they are a threat to ground nesting birds and water fowl.
57.	There are a tiny minority of dogs who are out of control and this should not affect the ability to those whose dogs are well behaved enjoying a walk with them. If any dog upsets the wildlife then action should be taken against their owners obviously.
58.	I can't say I agree with this as I have visited this area lots of times and witnessed more well behaved dogs than not. Dogs love a swim, especially in warm weather and with the exclusion of beaches, this is a good alternative. This is not a place to take young children to play and therefore is a suitable place for a dog to be.
59.	If it causing damage to the wild life, it is a good idea to exclude dogs from some areas
60.	There is simply no need and where do you want responsible dog owners to exercise the dogs? I am firmly against dog exclusion areas as this prevents them from playing, socialising and learning how to behave with other dogs and new people. There is no justification for having dog exclusion areas just like there would be no excuse for having child exclusion areas. We do not live in an authoritarian state so please let people enjoy our open spaces with their dogs and stop this big brother nonsense. Don't forget for some people a dog may be their best friend and only company so why prohibit them from an open area for no real reason.

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61.	I have been walking my dogs here for years and can honestly say I have never come across an out of control dog. What exactly does that mean? It is aggressive? It's recall is rubbish? There was an incident where a dog walker was injured by her friend's dog running into her but this was an accident. I walk at this place once a day, seven days a week. The area has obviously become busier since the houses were built and since COVID lockdown allowed you to exercise 1 hour per day only. Since then lots more cyclists and non dog owners now use the reserve. It used to be nigh on deserted apart from dog walkers.
62.	people should take responsibility for their dogs, however the dogs like to swim and have freedom
63.	It's completely unfair to responsible dog owners. The areas we can walk our dogs are getter fewer and fewer. Why don't you do something about the out of control dogs instead. Address the problem, don't penalise everyone else instead.
64.	This is a great place for families to visit including their dogs. Most owners responsible and respect what the Nature Reserve has to offer and all those visiting. Perhaps spot visits by warden control as an extension of those controlling the beach area.
65.	Currently the nature reserve is off limits because of the number of dogs left to run free there. This control is therefore a good one
66.	The nature park works well as it currently operates although I am not opposed to having an enforcement officer doing spot checks ensuring that the current regulations work especially at weekends and at the times there have been complaints. Many dog walkers use the marsh regularly and keep their dogs under control and dispose of poo properly. You only have to look at the full poo bins to see that. I come twice a day because it is a safe area to let my dogs off the lead. It is a social place too as the regular dog walkers say hello to each other and the dogs enjoy playing. I try to go at quiet times but I always put my dogs on a lead if they might cause a problem. For instance if there are families enjoying a picnic. However many families bring their dogs with them too. I don't find that the dogs interfere with the wildlife. The ducks, geese and swans have all been producing offspring year on year and swim quite happily on the 3 various ponds. I feel very strongly that Fleetwood Marsh should remain as it is because a large proportion of Wyre residents are dog owners and I believe are the main users of the area. Some consideration to their needs should be given. I don't think more non dog walkers would visit if you restricted the dog walking because there are no toilet or catering facilities.
67.	That's fine as long as it's properly marked and there is an alternative walk for dogs

	Please provide comments
68.	Dogs love to swim in the ponds and it is also a cooking method as dogs struggle to cool down due to not being able to sweat like us. Like I say dogs have limited lives as it is why should we limit it even more and take the one thing away from them that they look forward to and make them feel like they're being punished.
69.	As previously mentioned I believe that the nature reserve is saturated due to the rest of wyre having a 4 dog limit. The nature reserve is not somewhere I frequent as a dog walker, however I do take my own dog there outside of work times and not at any point have I witnessed any issues with dogs causing distress to the wildlife in the lagoons. I would say given the fact the wildlife remains and returns there, this would be sufficient evidence to corroborate this. The dogs often paddle by the edges, the edges are not where the birds are. I do agree that throwing balls into the water for dogs to fetch would not be appropriate as this encourages them to be further into the lagoon however I do not see what issue dogs paddling at the edges is causing anybody. It is an enjoyable sight to see and something many families enjoy with their dogs on a warm day.
70.	Dogs have been walked on this area for yearslong before the houses were built. They have gone in the pond without disturbing the wild life there. You should place a ban on people going there and leaving their rubbish and gas canisters.
71.	I'm lucky to have a well behaved dog and purposely like to go to Fleetwood Marsh so he can have a good run around off lead.
72.	Dogs need somewhere that they can have a run, most people who walk their dogs at the Reserve are responsible dog owners who have gone out of their way and taken the trouble to an area where they can do this without troubling other people. If necessary to restrict then restrict the number of dogs per person to two and or sell an annual pass to allow people to exercise their dogs off lead there
73.	There will be hardly any space left to walk your dog! And it further reduces the spaces in the Fleetwood area where dogs and can walked.
74.	Dogs frequently disturb waterfowl
75.	Dogs should be on leads at all times
76.	This is our resource, that is local people. My dogs love a dip in the lagoon and do not interfere with the birds in any way. I've never seen any dogs chasing birds or acting badly. If you did introduce this then sensible people like us would be penalised as thoughtless people who allow their dogs to run riot would still do it anyway. The area is a well-used resource for responsible dog walkers. If you withdraw this facility it'll potentially end up not being used and that's a waste.
77.	I regularly take my dogs here to exercise as it's one of the few places safe for both my dogs and children to run and play.

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78.	I agree with dogs being controlled better on a nature reserve, however I don't think dogs should be excluded entirely, there is few green spaces in the area for dogs to be walked.
79.	Dogs should not be allowed full stop at Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park. Professional dog walkers are a big part of the problem.
80.	If the nature park is to remain a nature park then these areas must be protected at all costs from dogs running wild. The threat to ground nesting birds is a serious one and should not be taken lightly. The same applies to the waterfowl that are present there which are no doubt put under stress when the dogs swim about in the 'new' lagoon.
81.	I have been involved in monitoring bird populations at Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park since the Nature Park was formally created in 2005, and on the site since 1984, when it was the site of the former Fleetwood Power Station. Since the official formation of the Nature Park in 2005 the existing two larger lagoons, within the red dotted line, have always been designated as no access areas because of the breeding and wintering birds that are found in these areas, and the need to protect them from disturbance. The two larger lagoons are fenced to prevent access, with a padlocked gated access to the eastern most of these two lagoons. This is to allow access for myself, and other members of Fylde Ringing Group, to carry out monitoring and surveying under the auspices of the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) ringing scheme. It is imperative that dogs remain excluded from this fenced area surrounding the two larger lagoons, to protect the birds that utilise these areas. These two lagoons are important breeding areas on a County basis for Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) red-listed species such as Grasshopper Warbler, Song Thrush and Linnet, and also BoCC amber-listed species such as Mute Swan, Mallard, Shoveler, Willow Warbler, Dunnock and Reed Bunting. In addition to this a number of other wetland/willow scrub species nest in these areas and include Cetti's Warbler (Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981), Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Garden Warbler. The lagoons are also important as a feeding area for migrant species regularly wintering in these areas from these two lage of the set wo areas if need be and my name and email address are provided on the second page of the survey. The smaller of the three lagoons, and the newest as it was created just before the opening of the Nature Park, is divided by the proposed dog exclusion zone, with the northern half within the zone and the southern half outside it. I would like to see the whole of this lagoon included in the proposed dog

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	used to regularly record Common Sandpiper (BoCC amber list) foraging around this lagoon during spring and autumn migration as the habitat is perfectly suited for them, but due to disturbance I no longer record them here. This lagoon was also very important on a County basis for two species of Ordonata; Black-tailed Skimmer and Red- veined Darter. Black-tailed skimmer, which after first colonising the site is now rarely seen. A friend and colleague of mine who monitors invertebrates at the site has only seen 4 in the last eight years, and the constant daytime disturbance from dogs is clearly something they cannot tolerate. The same applies equally to the rare migrant Red- veined Darter which occasionally turns up but does not stay to breed. The presence of dogs using the lagoon as a play area must also have a damaging effect on some of the aquatic larvae.
82.	Offenders should be dealt with
83.	In the summer months dogs need somewhere to cool off
84.	Only if they are prepared to ban people also, plus to stop dogs cooling off in the summer a fence would have to be erected.
85.	I agree, provided it is possible to go across the bridge.
86.	This imposes restrictions on people with reduced mobility. Rather make this an on leads area
87.	Live and let livethis area is enjoyed by people and animals
88.	I don't think dogs should be excluded from the lagoon area as this excludes the owner who if they are like me and have a walking difficulty would walk round the path rather than the uneven grassed area. This is therefore more discriminatory to the disabled/semi-disabled. I would prefer this order to be on lead rather than exclusion for this reason.
89.	If as I stated earlier these changes are not sufficiently communicated and there are no notices up at the nature reserve for instance, people could come out owing several hundred pounds in fines through no fault of their own. Owning a dog is not cheap anyway with food, vets and insurance. People are used to bringing their dogs so just putting up a notice on the board would not be sufficient. There needs to be large notices throughout advising these changes so that people cannot miss them
90.	To exclude dogs would be to exclude responsible dog owners too and would take away a beautiful area which can be enjoyed by owners and their dogs to exercise safely
91.	My only concern here is large number of dog walkers and large number of dogs running around out of control. For this reason I rarely go.
92.	Again absolutely ridiculous. If a dog gets hot from running they are obviously going to head for the water. If anything it's the wildlife that are a threat to the dogs

	Please provide comments
93.	I believe a dog warden should be on duty to encourage compliance with current rules. Maybe a coffee/tea van could be provided also which could finance a dog warden in the area whilst also keeping an eye on activities and ban only those with dangerous dogs and people disregarding current regulations.
94.	Why should responsible owners be punished because of a few or one selfish person ( who is actually using the area for her business)
95.	This is one of the few areas locally where dogs can run free.
96.	Due to the level of out of control dogs there - dog walkers just turn up and open van doors and flood the place with off lead dogs running around - I personally don't walk there anymore as I feel so unsafe there. So for me it should be dogs on leads at all times there.
97.	I understand the need to protect wildlife but how about the lagoon to the left of the bridge being dog free and the right side have a date restriction.
98.	I feel that there is not enough lagoon area which dogs may access. Perhaps half and half would be fairer. I feel that dog owners are being unfairly targeted what about families and children? There should be rules regarding the leaving of litter and endangering wildlife (children have been seen throwing rocks at the birdlife.) Also what efforts are being made to control the increasing number of cyclists in the reserve? A speed limit would be useful and a method of warning of approach, something I believe is a legal requirement. Cyclists should also be restricted to the areas which they may access.
99.	These areas are designated as wildlife refuges and should be kept that way.
100.	The area above is already inaccessible to dogs and therefore makes an ideal habitat for wildlife
101.	currently there is just one half a lagoon for dogs to bath and play in. Surely that will stay like that?
102.	from my personal experiences the dogs tend to play amongst themselves and choose to leave the wildlife alone. There is no harm to the wildlife the bird species and other wildlife are still thriving in the area. In one visit you can see various species which is enjoyable for not only the public but also dog owners. It is clear the dogs cause no harm to the Wildlife and it is absurd that the council would suggest this.
103.	Presumably the causeway, and the line marked "path", which are red dotted on the map, would not be included in the exclusion area. It would be impractical otherwise.
104.	It will be much safer if dogs are excluded from this part of the nature park.
105.	They will not disturb the wildlife if the dogs are banned and as people will not clean up will be a cleaner area

	Please provide comments
106.	Dog exclusion zone should go around all the lagoons.
107.	I am shocked to read these proposalsall these years I have walked my dogs in this area and all I have seen is the increase in sensible caring owners with happy dogs not on their leads. So many of them have said how glad they are to have found a place to feel comfortable with their dogsto be honest I feel I found this
108.	Is that not how it is at the moment?
109.	No the owners I have seen are responsible. They are no more of a danger to other wildlife than the foxes that are seen on the site of an evening
110.	Area not suitable for dogs. Just pleasing the owners.
111.	However, I feel the exclusion should encompass the whole area of the 3 bodies of water that way there can be no argument about boundaries.
112.	As a professional dog walker I am insured to walk six dogs at one time. From years of experience I know I can control six dogs a lot better than one person walking just one dog as I have seen many times that person is too busy on the phone or talking to someone else while their dog is running off into the distance and fouling without the owner either noticing or refusing to walk over and pick up after it. These are the people that should be given fines, especially the weekend walkers. The head ranger from Lancashire county council has seen me at Fleetwood nature reserve several times in charge of six dogs and every time they have been under control and I have picked up after each and every one of them. This is very easy to do because they are kept under control. When one dog fouls I'll pick up and allow it off the lead and so on until all six are off lead - you know your dogs and which ones first so to say it's impossible to pick up after 6 simply isn't true. I have offered for a council member to join me on a walk to see exactly how this is done and how under control the dogs are. If insurance companies deem it safe for one person to walk six dogs how can a council or one man decide it isn't? Many of the dogs I walk belong to elderly or disabled people who physically cannot walk their dogs. If this new rule of four dogs is brought in there is a very strong possibility that I may have to close my business because there isn't enough hours in the day to fit in another walk. The thought of having to tell my clients that I cannot walk their dog anymore after years of doing so it's unthinkable. If this were to happen then more people wold start opening up dog walking business thinking it's an easy job which it isn't and as I have witnessed especially since lockdown these people are not insured so any dog fights or accidents that may happen on the walks will not be covered. Also there are people wolo wn five dogs are left at home this will create psychological problems for the dogs and could lead to lots of rehoming

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113.	The proposed exclusion area is large chunk of the reserve. Realistically how are you going to enforce this regularly. To me the issue is too many "dog walking companies" meeting up and letting the dogs run riot. Only go occasionally but have witnessed these walkers standing chatting with packs of dogs all running riot. Again you are proposing to penalise the majority of responsible people.
114.	Yes in principle but suggest that all the water bodies are exclusion zones for the safety of the dogs and wildlife using them. So include the area to the right.

	Please provide comments
1.	They should be on a lead at all times.
2.	Yet once more-it has to be enforced to be successful.
3.	The wildlife live there and it is an important ecosystem. They have a right to live in peace!
4.	Dogs should be excluded from these areas
5.	Responsible owners being penalised.
6.	This is excluding a vast majority of users. Dogs running free is in their nature. This park is perfect for it. Be interesting to hear how many actual factual complaints there have been and why. Proof please.
7.	If this is the only way to allow dogs to continue to have access with their owners
8.	Dogs need to be able to be exercised in a safe manner. Walking through this area with the dogs safely being off lead gives pleasure to many dogs walkers.
9.	Dogs need to run and exercise properly otherwise it causes many other problems such as behavioural which can result in aggression in dogs. Dogs on leads tend to be more aggressive as they feel trapped. The health and well-being of the animal has to be thought of in these consultations because as it stands they canâ€ <sup>™</sup> t be let off lead anywhere
10	How would this be monitored? What would happen if a dog was spooked and ran into this zone?
11	This is the only practicable close area for me and my dog to exercise in safety
12	Responsible dog owner do not need to have their dogs on leads
13	Too restrictive, dogs should be able to run free if under control of dog walker or responsible owner
14	I agree that near the water dogs should be on a lead to protect the wildlife
15	If dogs are under control then I see no need for this to be in place.
16	They are not sufficiently extensive.
17	On the path yes, by the pond no.
	This is one of the only areas that is safe to take dogs in the local area where they can get the required amount of exercise and are not at threat or danger from cars on the roads. I have two springers and keeping them on a lead is detrimental to their health as they need to run for miles and this isn't possible whilst on a lead.
19	Where there may be a larger number of the public I agree to keep dogs on a lead.

	Please provide comments
20	I absolutely do not agree with this. I think this would be unwholly unfair to responsible dog owners. Unfortunately this area is prime for professional dog walkers and this is the area that requires restricting. They should not be allowed to exercise dogs on this area and should be banned. Families who wish to take a family walk with their pet would be penalised for this. Unfortunately it is the minority that will spoil this for the majority. This area is popular in spring and summer but is definitely not used in Autumn and winter. Maybe consider restricting in peak season/breeding season to protect the wildlife, but in Autumn/winter to allow off the lead walking then.
21	If dogs as under control I see no need for this
22	Unnecessary. Defeats the object of the marsh area for dog walkers who are far and away the major users.
23	You will need to fence off the different areas or dogs will just run between the two areas.
24	My dog is well controlled off lead. Perhaps restrict times or seasons?
25	No makes no sense, why would they need to be on leads in those areas?, what happens when just slightly out of those areas and the dog runs back to cool off on the lagoon shore? Will you get fined, makes no sense
26	It will mean that dogs cannot swim in that part of the pond where there is often no birds. In summer it is good to have somewhere for dogs to cool down.
27	Why? How can the dogs be allowed in the lagoon but must be on a lead? No need for a dogs on lead area
28	The water provides comfort cooling for dogs who paddle round the edge. There is no evidence of adverse effects to wildlife from this (in this side of the bridge). There is anecdotal chatter that dogs may contribute to the pond being dirty. This is not the case. I believe this stems from a consultation that took place when Fleetwood council canvassed the visitors. The minutes from the resulting meeting included One comment about the water being dirty. Somebody suggested that stopping dogs swimming may help with that. That there was no substance to the reason why. The comment about the water being dirty was actually to do with the amount of algae that had grown and the degree to which the water had shrunk back due to the hot weather, thereby exacerbating the plant growth around the edge.

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29	Dogs should be allowed to walk as they are now and the and not be penalised because of a few careless owners.
30	Many dogs, mine included are well behaved off the lead and happily hop out of the car and accompany their owners to the field without the need of leads.
31	I think making it leads on / off is confusing
32	At least some of the grassland in the northern and eastern sections should be fenced to exclude dogs to allow skylarks to nest here again.
33	I think the area should be larger . It is a Nature Park and there has been a marked reduction in the number of ground nesting birds e.g. skylarks as more dogs are exercising there.
34	My dogs need walking rain or shine the issue non dog walking adults and children using the Marsh has been exacerbate by the nice weather and covid 19, usually on wet/ windy days it is only the hardened dogs walkers that you will see on the Marsh. My dogs have good recall however it would be difficult to keep them when off lead in the boundaries proposed without fencing, the authority could considered having a fenced area where children/adults are fully informed that there will be dogs off lead.
35	Already answered this question
36	I am sorry, but I do not agree. When you are excluding dogs from the beach it appears to me that it is inappropriate to stop dogs enjoying the pond area for swimming, particularly when it is a hot period. Normally the Nature Reserve is quiet and I do think they cause any harm for dogs cooling off and enjoying themselves. Making this a 'dogs on leads area it again is restrictive to both owners and dogs. I do think having more litter bins for dog waste would be a better option. If anything the only path where dogs should be on a lead is just the short one which crosses the bridge. If restrictions like this are put in place them maybe the restrictions should just be at weekends and/or school holidays for example between mid-July and September.
37	And the numbers be restricted
38	The ground nesting birds of Fleetwood Nature Park are also under constant pressure as are the wildfowl on the pond with dogs swimming daily, packs of dogs off lead can also cause problems only the other day I had two large Husky type dogs run over to me growling which can be a bit intimidating.

	Please provide comments
39	Pointless it's hardly a big area and can walk your dog on a lead along a road
40	One of the best places to allow dogs some freedom and exercise; however if something has to be done it is better than nothing.
41	I agree there should be some control at the small pond, dogs going in the water chasing the wild life
42	I think dogs should be on leads unless in a fenced off area
43	There are not enough places in Fleetwood where dogs are allowed off the lead. How will you fence off the designated area?
44	Dogs should be kept on a lead in the car park areas but once on the paths I see no need to insist on all dogs being on a lead. If a dog is causing nuisance then they should be put back on a lead if the owner is asked. I have never witnessed any problems with dogs being off a lead in the marked area. Dog fouling is an occasional issue but that is the fault of the owners, not the dogs.
45	If dogs cannot be excluded completely from the Nature Park, I think they should be kept on leads in all areas of the nature park at all times
46	Again most owners are responsible and their dogs under control and causing absolutely no harm. There will always be some people who are irresponsible but their bad behaviour should not spoil the enjoyment of the majority.
47	Tired of dogs coming to jump on my lap without my consent or willingness
48	There is simply no need and where do you want responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs? I am firmly against dog exclusion areas as this prevents them from playing, socialising and learning how to behave with other dogs and new people. There is no justification for having dog exclusion areas just like there would be no excuse for having child exclusion areas. We do not live in an authoritarian state so please let people enjoy our open spaces with their dogs and stop this big brother nonsense. Don't forget for some people a dog may be their best friend and only company so why prohibit them from an open area for no real reason.

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49	I would agree that dogs are not encouraged to swim in the pond by their owners though as this can disturb some species of birds. I think they should be allowed to drink from the outer edges as the dogs like to cool down after their walk. But throwing balls into the pond and letting dogs swim out to the centre is not needed. That said, the wildlife does not seem to mind as they nest away from the busier pond area where no one bothers them
50	More areas needed for dogs to play and run free not less. Please don't take this away from well deserved dogs.
51	Absolutely
52	As in my previous comments I do not think there is a need to put all dogs on a lead all the time. If the guidance is clearly posted about keeping dogs under control and disposing of all poo and there is an enforcement officer doing spot checks and a clear complaints procedure for the public, then leave it as it is.
53	Could actually be most of the area
54	No. Dogs require some access to the water off lead.
55	The little bit near the bridge is the only accessible bit to the pond for dogs where they can swim and cool down, forcing owners to walk past the pond with the dog on the lead is torture for a warm dog that's just been on a walk and just wants a drink and cool down but thinks it's being punished by being pulled away on a lead.
56	I don't believe there is a need for dogs to be on lead in any area of the reserve other than the car park.
57	Dogs walk with their owners on the paths and do not need to be on a lead.
58	Dogs need somewhere that they can have a run, most people who walk their dogs at the Reserve are responsible dog owners who have gone out of their way and taken the trouble to an area where they can do this without troubling other people. If necessary to restrict then restrict the number of dogs per person to two and or sell an annual pass to allow people to exercise their dogs off lead there
59	Dogs need to run & socialise for optimal health with responsible ownership
60	Preferable to the first proposal but still not acceptable, the marsh is a safe environment for dog walkers and other leisure activities. it should not be
	restricted.,

	Please provide comments
62	Disagree. The size of the reserve is part of its attraction and to restrict it is unnecessary.
63	Dogs should be kept on a lead through the entire reserve during breeding seasons for birds that live on the reserve.
64	The council should have the courage to make the whole of Fleetwood Marsh a dog exclusion zone.
65	Dogs should under no circumstances be allowed to enter the lagoon. They put the waterfowl at risk and under stress and they also have a damaging effect on the aquatic larva that live in there. Because of the constant daytime disturbance a former breeding species the Black-tailed Skimmer no longer occurs there. I personally would like to see leads being compulsory all over the park. By limiting it to Map002 it will mean extra pressure being put on the remaining areas with consequences for the flora and fauna that exist there.
66	As I have stated previously I monitor bird populations at the site on a regular basis. Nearly every time I visit, and I can visit several times per week, I have had dogs jump at me in the car park and the area surrounding the new lagoon as shown in Map 002. Often this leads to muddy paw marks on my clothes. Even though the dog owners usually apologise, I still believe as a user of the site that this isn't acceptable. This proposal would also help to reduce the disturbance around the southern half of the new lagoon as detailed in map 002, as hopefully if the dogs are on a lead it will prevent them from entering and disturbing the biodiversity in the lagoon. This might lead to the return of both Black-tailed Skimmer and Red-veined Darter.
67	Dogs can be controlled whilst off the lead
	Dogs need off lead exercise and training
69	But only if fences and signs are erected.
70	Dogs should be allowed to run freely over the whole area. It serves no purpose to protect wildlife and once let free the dogs are likely to go back over the excluded area as dogs do not understand imaginary lines. This is also likely to cause conflict
71	Extend this to cover the lagoon area too
72	Dogs need exercise off the lead. Never once seen any bother between dogs there
73	I have no problem with dogs being on lead on the bridge across the pond/lagoon but don't understand why they would be on lead on the path which goes round.
74	Please see earlier comments

	Please provide comments
75	BUT there must also be areas where dogs can be exercised safely off lead please
76	If people control their dogs then wouldn't be a problem. It's the large number of dog walkers with numerous dogs chatting while dogs out of control and doing what they want including fouling everywhere.
77	It is supposed to be a nature park to be enjoyed by all and never seen any trouble with dogs being off leads
78	If dogs and owners are compliant and law abiding, I see no necessity to restrict the use of this area. I have rarely visited the area when non dog owners are using The Marsh.
79	This is one of the very few places in Fleetwood where dogs can run off lead. Obviously dogs should be well behaved and under control like they should be everywhere.
80	Dogs on leads in all places at all times please
81	I do not feel that dogs need to be kept on a lead in this area. I feel they may be off lead in the area adjacent to the flying area. There is no reason for them to be kept on a lead; it is rough grass with no dangers to dogs. Children do not go on this area as it is rough and very uneven.
82	This area of the site suffers disproportionately from dogs issues, especially "mess" and dogs interfering with other visitors (jumping up, aggressive behaviour etc) and being on a lead would help resolve this.
83	This is an excellent facility for dogs to explore freely and should be allowed to remain so
84	becomes pointless to enjoy the area and further reduces areas for good dogs to go
85	Again as mentioned above. It is vital that dogs receive socialisation through play from a young age in order to prevent aggression. This will simply be impossible if all dogs are to remain on the lead at all times. This will not only cause upset to the dogs but also the owners who will be unable to chat and enjoy watching the dogs play which could also impact some people's mental health. Many of the dog owners enjoy the walk and some owners only get to talk to people when walking their dog. Why would the council want to take this away from people?
86	It is much easier to keep control of the dog/s if they are on a lead.

	Please provide comments
87	If they are on a lead they will not disturb the wildlife
88	That is an unfair restriction for the dogs that like to swim, If for example I let our dog off the lead just outside the restriction area he would immediately double back and go into the water. We haven't witnessed out of control dogs around this area and I would imagine most of the complaints come from residents of the housing estate who during lockdown seemed to think the nature reserve was for their personal use only and complained on social media if anyone else dared to use it (usually viewed from their bedroom windows. Dogs don't make a mess whilst in the water so why ban them totally?
89	Response was not readable, and therefore was discarded.
90	Is that area really enforceable I doubt it any Enforcement officer would be unable to prove that a dog has trodden over 'the line' or not
91	Should there be an issue over safety to the dog or owner then I would have no objection to being asked to put dogs on a lead.
92	Area not suitable for dogs. Just pleasing the owners.
93	The signs suggesting dog ownership is the same level of public nuisance as fly- tipping is a disgrace. My specific issue is with the Fleetwood nature reserve. I have been taking my dogs there for twelve years and have them under control. I've rarely seen dogs out of control, certainly fewer times than I've seen youths and children out of control. The recent COVID problem has now brought out the lycra brigade who treat it as a leg of the Tour de France. In a shared space I see no more reason to put a dog on a lead than a young child. Both are capable of making sudden movements and it is up to cyclists to be aware and act accordingly.
94	Dogs need to be able to exercise. Again if they are chasing wildlife (but to be honest there isn't a lot there) it is the irresponsible ones penalising the responsible owners.
95	See comments above. Why are responsible dog owners paying the price of pernicious and draconian measures. If you are to police this, then why not just keep existing regulations and fine people who don't pick up dog faeces or have dogs out of control. It seems to follow the logic of imposing a curfew because most burglaries happen at night.

	Please provide comments
96	Yes in principle but extend the dogs on lead area to the saltmarsh to protect encourage control of the dogs. Include the water body in exclusion zone.

	Please provide comments
1.	2 is enough for anyone, more is antisocial.
2.	Let's be honest, some people can't even control one dog!
3.	Solo dog walker could have problems controlling 4 dogs off lead, on lead not an issue.
4.	It will affect professional dog walkers but some of them are walking upwards of 5, without being able to control
5.	as long as all dogs are under control, the number of dogs should not matter.
6.	I have five dogs and can't physically manage two walks a day if I can't take them out altogether. It seems like you're penalising people instead of targeting the individuals who cause the problems.
7.	As above, if dogs are well behaved and under control there's no requirement for limit
8.	As stated earlier, caution should be exercised here.
9.	It should be no more than 2.
10.	I would say a limit of 6
11.	This should be reduced to 2 dogs, not only so that they can keep track of where their dogs are fouling but also from a social point of view. I have frequently had out of control dogs jumping up, with owners too far away to control. I would say that since lockdown it has improved with the worst behaved dogs no longer coming to the reserve.
12.	Again if dogs are under control then there is no problem. I see people who struggle to control one dog. Yet the professional dog walkers have multiple dogs and are always in control and the dogs are well mannered.
13.	4 is too many.
14.	My dog walker does an amazing job with all of the dogs in her care. With these restrictions put into place, her business would be put in jeopardy (at a time when people are struggling financially and we should be doing everything possible to support small businesses). Without a dog walker, my dogs would be alone in the house for hours on end whilst I go to work, again is neglectful and unfair- if you put this into place, it will hugely impact on dogs like my own being cared for by dog walkers.
15.	I know many people who have multiple dogs who cannot take multiple trips to exercise their dogs. Plus it may cause distress for some to be left alone in this circumstance. It would also affect dog walker and their business.
16.	I believe this would still allow the professional dog walkers access to this area and I would prefer if they were banned altogether from this area. Failing that I think it should be restricted to 2 dogs per person.

	Please provide comments
17.	I have 5 dogs how can this work ? It's unfair to leave a dog behind and what about people trying to run a dog walking business ?
18.	If dogs are under control there is no need for a limit on numbers. Most professional dog walkers have more control over those groups of dogs than a lot of owners
19.	No more than two dogs
20.	I think it's still not enough. Professional walkers should keep their dogs on a lead. In my experience, they cannot control 4 dogs all running in different directions. They cause such a nuisance.
21.	Number of dogs is not an indicator of low responsibility
22.	Someone with five small dogs who are gentle and cause no problems regularly walks them at Fleetwood nature reserve. They would be unfairly adversely affected when a single dog can cause issues. The fact that there is a plan to require dogs to be put on lead if requested is in itself enough.
23.	Except four is too many, two should be the maximum.
24.	It isn't necessarily owners walking more than four dogs who aren't responsible I was surrounded by four large dogs and felt intimidated, these dogs were all with separate owners who were floating the safe distancing rules and basically chatting away to each other and not watching their dogs. I had to ask them to call their dogs off.
25.	Already answered this question
26.	I think any dog walkers should walk no more than 4 dogs at any time, regardless of how many people there are in the group. This would stop the professional dogs walkers from coming in pairs with lots of dogs (which I do believe cannot be controlled or their waste collected efficiently in these circumstances) which at the moment allows 8 dogs to be exercised, which is too many. This would similarly negate many of the other protection orders in the proposals, because the owners would be in better control of the dogs with them.
27.	The number of dogs should be limited to two.
28.	Four is too Many
29.	I agree too many dog walkers just letting numerous dogs run riot. You can't possibly keep an eye on that many dogs at once. I had two dogs and found it difficult when they went different ways.
30.	4 seems very high. How can you possibly control 4 dogs at once.
31.	although 4 is still a lot to be in control of
32.	No one can possibly watch more than a couple of dogs and ensure that they pick up all the poo.
33.	I would prefer the maximum number of dogs to be walked by one person to be two dogs. I feel this is mostly a problem caused by those doing dog walking as a business.
34.	I think it should be a maximum of two dogs
35.	4 may be too many. Perhaps 3 would be a better number to put off professional dog walkers.

	Please provide comments
36.	I think that 2 dogs should be the limit. My dog was recently attacked nearby my home (Wyre Council were a brilliant help) and the owner had 2 dogs on leads and 1 dog off the lead which attacked my dog. He was unable to grasp the lead on the third dog due to not having enough hands. I feel that this situation may have been slightly different should there have only been 2 dogs. Dogs can pull a lot and even the strength of 1 dog is enough to be uncontrolled by an adult during a stressful incident.
37.	There is simply no need and where do you want responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs? I am firmly against dog exclusion areas as this prevents them from playing, socialising and learning how to behave with other dogs and new people. There is no justification for having dog exclusion areas just like there would be no excuse for having child exclusion areas. We do not live in an authoritarian state so please let people enjoy our open spaces with their dogs and stop this big brother nonsense. Don't forget for some people a dog may be their best friend and only company so why prohibit them from an open area for no real reason.
38.	There are already signs up at the nature reserve stating this.
39.	4 too many. Some walkers have more than 4, but know they won't get caught. Bedlam sometimes with more than 1 dog Walker.
40.	Still think 4 is too many but better than nothing
41.	In the main I think a maximum of 4 is fine. However there are some dog walkers who have excellent control over 5 or 6 small dogs and some who don't. Perhaps individuals could apply for a licence to take out more and if they can justify how they will keep control and pick up poo then in exceptional cases this might be granted.
42.	Looking at these three maps it's clear the council wants to ban all dogs in an underhand way, this is not the way to treat your residents when a huge majority have dogs.
43.	No one should be walking 4 dogs it should be 2 per person
44.	Professional Dog walkers earn a living off taking dogs for a walk at this reserve, most professional dog walkers know the behaviours of each dog they walk and are sensible and responsible enough to look after them and make sure they behave. It isn't fair to limit somebodies business just because the minority of people are poor at their job and cannot control the dogs.

	Please provide comments
45.	I believe there have been issues with 1 particular 'professional' dog walker on this site who had been irresponsible and has raised a number of complaints. Whilst I appreciate that this is disappointing and inappropriate, I do not believe that other responsible dog walkers and owners should be penalised due to this. I also believe that a lady was seriously injured on this site due to a dog running. This could have occurred anyway that dogs are allowed off lead. As previously mentioned, I think it is important to consider the actual number of incidents and the statistics relating to groups of dogs rather than making assumptions that all issues relate to people walking more than 4 dogs. As a dog walker, the safety of the dogs is my priority. My reputation is of the upmost importance and I would not at any point want to risk my business by being irresponsible. Can I pick up after more than 4 dogs? Yes I absolutely can and do. You get to know each individual dogs habits, I can tell you how soon into a walk my dogs will go to the toilet, how many times each individual dog is likely to go. I literally have eyes in the back of my head to ensure I have all my dogs in sight at all times. My dogs will play together and remain close so that they are within close proximity to me. Just because some of us walk groups of dogs does not mean we are the ones to blame for the issues. The amount of times I have seen 1 person with 1 dog not pick up after themselves usually because that person is walking ahead of their dog, not paying attention, on their mobile phones etc. As a dog walker I love my local area and I pick up after other people's dogs as well as collect litter when I am out. I also will call people out if I see them not picking up after their dog. More often than not in my experience, the dog mess is due to individual owners not paying attention to their dogs. Professional dog walkers pay constant attention to the dogs in their care and are not where the problem lies.
46.	Maximum 2 would be better
47.	Dog walking companies often have multiple dogs and I have never seen that as a problem
48.	For commercial dog walkers yes, but one lady who uses the marsh has rescue dogs and has nowhere else to walk them.
49.	I would prefer the maximum to be 3 dogs. 4 can be unmanageable, unless they are small sized.
50.	2dogs at most
51.	I'm saying yes but I'm not really sure what the question means. If it means there should be a maximum of four dogs and one person the yes. If it refers to the area indicated by the map, those maps need a degree in civil engineering to interpret! If you had indicated the car park area that might have helped.
52.	Should be no more than two dogs.
53.	This still allows professional dog walkers to access Fleetwood Marsh; it is impossible to pick up after dogs if attempting at the same time to control up to four of them.
54.	Not being a dog owner I would have thought that four is too many to keep an eye on and under control, but maybe it's not.

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55.	Before going in to more detail in providing comments in reply to this question, I just want to reiterate the comments I made in answer to the question concerning dogs being excluded from the lagoons and areas marked on map 001, that it is imperative that dogs remain excluded from this fenced area surrounding the two larger lagoons, to protect the birds that utilise these areas. Therefore, there should be no dogs at all within the fenced area surrounding the two larger lagoons. The area outlined in map 003 was a former nesting area for the BoCC red-listed Skylark. At least 2/3 pairs used to nest in this area, and although they can be heard singing in this area in early Spring, they soon give up due to disturbance, and I haven't known them nest successfully for a number of years. This area also used to be attractive to migrant species that require open grassland sites as stopovers on both their Spring and Autumn migrations, such as Wheatear, Whinchat and White Wagtail (migrant European race of Pied Wagtail). Due to disturbance from large numbers of dogs running around in these areas (professional dog walking services), these species no longer occur in any numbers and can now only be found on the saltmarsh, within the undisturbed model aircraft flying club area and the adjacent tip. I welcome any proposals to restrict the number of dogs in this area and have them under closer control.
56.	All very restrictive
57.	This would replicate what is in place at Stanah. However I have great concerns that this will shove the dog walking vans into smaller community areas. What are your plans to avoid this? Currently one dog walking van has started turning up at my local park, probably in anticipation of this. You really need to licence these vans and limit THEM to 4 dogs at any one time. Otherwise they will just go elsewhere. Please consider how to deal with the commercial dog walkers which will not impact your local residents simply trying to access their local areas for daily exercise. WHAT IS NEEDED IS STAFF TO ENFORCE THE 4 DOG RULE in areas where they traditionally use, i.e. Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park.
58.	Please see earlier comments
59.	Although this is too many when not under control and stand chatting to other dog walkers not bothered what dogs are doing
60.	Never seen more than 4 ever
61.	I believe 4 is fine as long as under control.
62.	But I think it should be 3 per person
63.	I think this restriction is aimed at professional dog walkers but penalises dog owners.
64.	There are people who come to Fleetwood Marsh who bring more than four dogs and there are many examples of where they are not under control. It is unfair on the County council, and other visitors that this should happen. Fleetwood Marsh deserves to have the same, or similar levels of protection other public open spaces have.
65.	Reduce number per person as stated above
66.	I think 4 dogs is too many for one person
67.	quite strict compared to other parts of country

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68.	It is impossible to responsibly exercise more than 4 dogs at once so I agree with this point.
69.	Reduce to 2 dogs. Main culprits seem to be professional dog walkers. Ensure rules are followed and fines handed out.
70.	I think that 4 dogs under the control of one person is too many.
71.	No it should be limited to 2 dogs only on leads
72.	Maximum of 2 dogs per person
73.	Registered dog walkers do regularly abuse this and we've witnessed several times a dog walker letting dogs loose (sometimes still on their leads which is dangerous) and then catching up with another walker to make it look like they are both walking the large group.
74.	Will try to comment as said before on my ipad
75.	The existing fencing and wall already prohibits access to a large proportion of the mapped area
76.	Quite often professional dog walkers use the area for the exercising of dogs, they struggle to control when on mass and the dogs can become unruly. The max one person should be allowed to exercise is two.
77.	4 dogs too many for 1 person.
78.	As a professional dog walker I am insured to walk six dogs at one time. From years of experience I know I can control six dogs a lot better than one person walking just one dog as I have seen many times that person is too busy on the phone or talking to someone else while their dog is running off into the distance and fouling without the owner either noticing or refusing to walk over and pick up after it. These are the people that should be given fines, especially the weekend walkers. The head ranger from Lancashire county council has seen me at Fleetwood nature reserve several times in charge of six dogs and every time they have been under control and I have picked up after each and every one of them. This is very easy to do because they are kept under control. When one dog fouls I'll pick up and allow it off the lead and so on until all six are off lead - you know your dogs and which ones first so to say it's impossible to pick up after 6 simply isn't true. I have offered for a council member to join me on a walk to see exactly how this is done and how under control the dogs are. If insurance companies deem it safe for one person to walk six dogs how can a council or one man decide it isn't? Many of the dogs I walk belong to elderly or disabled people who physically cannot walk their dogs. If this new rule of four dogs is brought in there is a very strong possibility that I may have to close my business because there isn't enough hours in the day to fit in another walk. The thought of having to tell my clients that I cannot walk their dog anymore after years of doing so it's unthinkable. If this were to happen then

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	more people would start opening up dog walking business thinking it's an easy job which it isn't and as I have witnessed especially since lockdown these people are not insured so any dog fights or accidents that may happen on the walks will not be covered. Also there are people who own five dogs who have limited mobility and simply cannot do more than one walk a day. How are they meant to manage walking their dogs if they cannot take them all together? If dogs are left at home this will create psychological problems for the dogs and could lead to lots of rehoming and depression in owners. Blackpool Council tried to introduce a four dog max rule in 2018. After discussions with them and letters from vets and other animal agencies regarding a dogs health and well-being if walks were taken away from them plus the benefits of owning a dog to people already suffering with issues they saw fit to not introduce the rule. I hope Wyre and Lancashire Council can see the issues raised and decide against it too.
79.	It's a busy site with multiple users and all dogs must be under control.

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27	There is no need to add further comment on the issue of picking up - it should just happen.
28	Could do with a couple more bins
29	naturally
30	Again dog owners should always clean up after their dogs it is part of being responsible
31	I assume the adjacent salt marsh has its own rules?
32	Please enforce. You can have as many deterrents as you want, but if you don't enforce, they are worthless.
33	Anyone who is walking their dog should carry dog poo bags with them, so they have no excuse to leave the mess behind.
34	As in other places that dogs can still exercise, more VISIBLE bins are needed.
35	A large section off mapped area already controlled by fences and walls
36	Although I wish this measure could be applied to the entire Fylde coast.
37	Just target the ones that don't pick up not everyone else.
38	Dog fouling is a huge problem on the site

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18	Already answered this question
19	I see no need to have a designated area where an officer can instruct a dog owner to put a dog on a lead.
20	I agree but I have never seen an authorised officer on the site and I doubt if a number of dog owners will obey the signs unless officers are present on the site.
21	What enforcement officer. I have never seen one
22	I believe dogs should be allowed off the lead on the whole area but that this rule should also apply.
23	Agree
24	Everyone should comply with the request of an authorised officer who you would imagine would have a good reason for making such a request.
25	If dogs cannot be excluded from the nature park, I think they should be kept on a lead at all times in all areas to prevent disturbance to ground nesting birds and the ducks and water fowl.
26	I think an authorised officer could have the right to instruct any badly behaved dog to be put on a lead anywhere as long as the request was reasonable.
27	Specifically if they are a nuisance to others
28	There is simply no need and where do you want responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs? I am firmly against dog exclusion areas as this prevents them from playing, socialising and learning how to behave with other dogs and new people. There is no justification for having dog exclusion areas just like there would be no excuse for having child exclusion areas. We do not live in an authoritarian state so please let people enjoy our open spaces with their dogs and stop this big brother nonsense. Don't forget for some people a dog may be their best friend and only company so why prohibit them from an open area for no real reason.
29	I would have no problem if someone wanted me to put my dog on a lead if the situation required it. It's called being a responsible dog owner.
30	Certainly if dogs a dog is out of control or disturbing wild life

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31	I think that an authorised officer should be able to instruct a dog walker to put his/her dog on a lead throughout the park not just this area. This is because I think the whole park should be open to dogs being off the lead if well behaved and the owner can see, pick up and dispose of the poo.
32	If there is reason for the officer to order a dog to be put on lead then yes, however if the dog is causing no harm or not bothering anyone then no.
33	I agree that in any area if there is a requirement for safety reasons that it is appropriate for a request to be made for dogs to be on lead.
34	As I mentioned before our dogs walk on the path with us and do not require to be on a lead. None of the dogs I have seen on there stray into the housing estate.
35	Providing that the authorised officer has good reason to instruct a dog to be put on a lead
36	Dog on lead instruction should cover the entire area
37	Seems totally pointless and irrelevant to have a small area of the marsh under this 'control' and it is the area of the marsh where dogs can wander safely.
38	Dogs off leads have approached me and jumped up. Owners assure me that the dog is 'just being friendly' but I have been bitten in the past. Are authorised officers going to patrol regularly?
39	More supervisors to police the rules
40	Will this ever be done?
41	Again, this should be an enforced area throughout breeding season for animals on the reserve.
42	How will this be enforced, especially when dog walkers become non-compliant and aggressive? The only solution is to ban dogs from the area.
43	Absolutely, there has to be some authority to exercise control when necessary. Having said that I have never seen such an officer at the nature park.

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60	As long as it isn't abused and officers are suitably visible and easily identified.
61	Assuming this is a dog that is causing trouble with others
62	Should there be an issue over safety to the dog or owner then I would have no objection to being asked to put dogs on a lead.
63	Providing they have good reason
64	Maybe instead of completing banning dogs from around the lagoons and having dogs on leads in certain areas make the whole reserve as "instruct a dog to be put on a lead"
65	In principle yes, but when coupled with the other canophobic measures I can see this being abused by some kind of fascistic implementation. I assume there's still some semblance of democracy in WBC and that these proposals are to be the subject of a council vote. It should be remembered that dog owners are fully enfranchised. I shall be contacting my councillor.
66	Yes in principle but have suggested extension of dogs on lead into the area near the saltmarsh.