

Dog control Public Space Protection Order Summary Report 2017

Introduction

From 10 July to 18 August 2017 Wyre Council undertook a consultation with residents and stakeholders regarding proposals to instate new public space protection orders (PSPO) for dog control across the borough.

The consultation was carried out to canvas local opinion on the plans to introduce Public Spaces Protection Orders based on:

- the level of support for the current dog control order measures and to gain feedback on specific aspects of these measures
- the level of support for the initiation of a new measure

The consultation also asked other questions around people's experience of dog mess, reporting it and how their opinions of other environmental issues compare. This will be reported in a follow up report in the coming months.

The portfolio holder for Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces' report from 14 June 2017 proposed that a consultation should be held with key stakeholders and the public before any decision is made.

Approach

The agreed approach for this consultation was to use an online questionnaire. This approach enables an appropriate amount of explanatory and supporting information to be included in a structured questionnaire, helping to ensure that residents are aware of the background and context to each of the proposed areas by including maps. It is therefore the most suitable methodology for consulting on issues such as the adoption of Public Spaces Protection Orders. The consultation was also made available in print for anyone who requested one.

Promotion and communication

The consultation was promoted in the following ways:

- E-alerts, sent to subscribers of the council's email marketing service. These featured hyperlinks to further information about the consultation and the questionnaire itself.
- Information was provided to the media to help them cover the consultation. This resulted in coverage via the Fleetwood Weekly News and the Blackpool Gazette.
- A link to the Public Spaces Protection Order consultation was included on the council website home page under 'have your say' page for the duration of the consultation.
- Emails were sent to a range of support organisations and stakeholders.
- The council's Facebook and Twitter accounts were used to signpost people to the consultation information and questionnaire.
- Through the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's office
- The Parish and Town Councils were invited to respond

Consultation respondents

In total **285** responded to the PSPO consultation, that is, 276 online via the council's consultation portal and 9 representations were received by email/post. The survey contained sections.

All the questionnaire submissions that had at least one question completed were included in the analysis. It was important to include all responses even if only part answered as this was still feedback on the proposal. However, this does mean that the demographic information outlined may not cover all respondents, as some may not have completed this section.

Figure 1

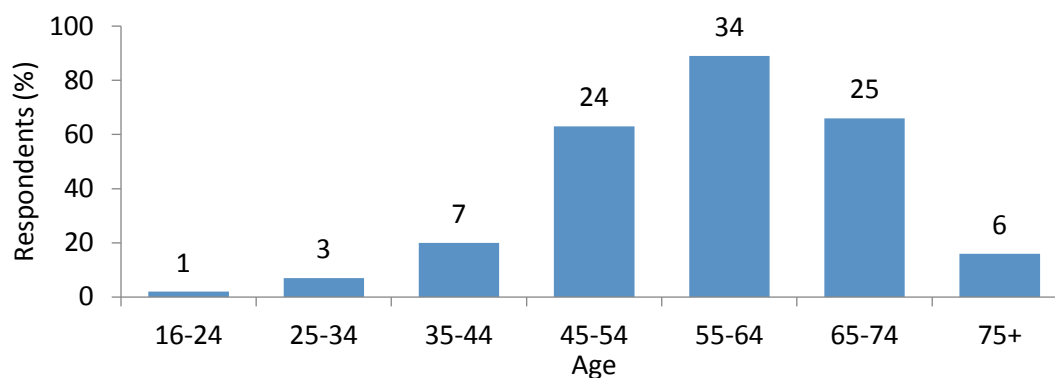


Figure 1 shows the age breakdown of the consultation respondents. The least represented groups were 16-24 and 25-34 year olds, with 1% and 3% respectively fitting into these age categories. The group represented the most was the 55-64 year olds, with 34% of the overall respondents belonging to these age categories. This is in line with normal expectations as the over 45s tend to participate in greater numbers.

There was a slightly higher representation of female respondents (58%) to male respondents (42%). With 13% of respondents said that they had a long term disability.

The majority of people responded as individuals (n=264/96%) with a 2% (n=4) response from parish/town councils and 1% response from 'other' which included Lancashire County Council and the Dogs Trust.

Table 1 shows the geographic distribution of respondents organised into the following postcode groups:

Table 1

Postcode area	Number of respondents
FY5	82
FY6	73
FY7	60
PR2/3/4	33

There were 22 responses without postcodes and the other representations were small in number or from a representative body e.g. Dog's Trust, The Kennel Club UK.

As can be seen in Table 2 the majority of respondents own or care for a dog.

Table 2

Dog ownership status	Percentage of respondents
<i>You currently own or care for a dog</i>	65.80%
<i>You operate a business, care for/walk other people's dogs. You might also own dogs.</i>	1.49%
<i>You have recently owned or cared for a dog (in the past year)</i>	2.60%
<i>You have previously owned or cared for a dog at some point</i>	21.93%
<i>You have never owned or cared for a dog</i>	8.18%

Consultation results

Respondents were asked for their views on the proposed PSPO's including whether they support the existing measures (currently known as dog control orders). Consultees were given the opportunity to

comment further on the proposals by sharing their ideas and experience of dog fouling in public places. In this aspect the results will help the council understand further what issues the public are facing and will be used as a consideration for future initiatives.

Summary of results

Question: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, that is if a person in charge of a dog...	Response %		
	Yes	No	Don't know
Fails to pick up poo and put it in a bin?	97	2	1
Allows a dog into a dog exclusion area?	81	16	3
Fails to have a dog on a lead in a designated area?	89	9	2
Fails to put a dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer?	95	4	1
-Do you think that this power should be applied across the whole borough?	93	6	1
Exercises more than four dogs at once within a designated area?	80	14	6
-Do you think this power should be applied to all publicly owned land?	95	5	0
Do you think the ban on bathing beaches should be applied all year round?	20	71	9
Do you agree with the inclusion of a new offence, that is, the failure of a person in charge of a dog/s to produce a suitable means of removing and transporting dog poo to a bin (whether or not the dog has defecated) when asked to do so by an authorised officer	81	17	2

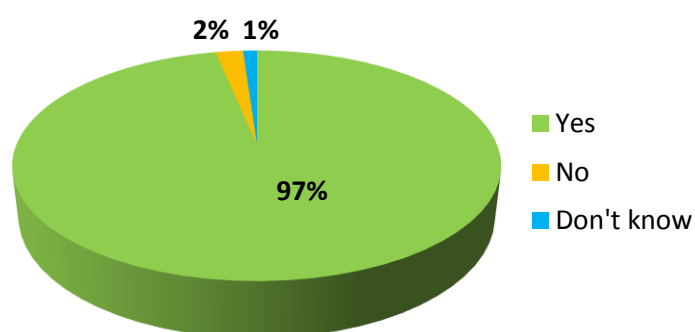
Please note the above percentages have been rounded.

Respondents were asked...

Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog...

Fails to pick up poo and put it in a bin?

96.73% (266) supported the proposed public space protection order measure that it is an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to pick up poo and put it in a bin. 169 of the 266 are current dog owners or carers, 4 operate a business or care for other people's dogs, 7 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 57 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 22 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.



Of the 3% (9 respondents) who selected no or don't know, 9 people left comments which included:

- Fines are wrong. Educate! Or prosecute through the courts
- Don't think it goes far enough to stop the owners allowing their dogs to foul and not pick up!
- This needs to be qualified - makes best efforts to pick it up
- I presume the proposed offence will incur a fine. I am against fining people.
- There are areas where this is unnecessary and not required by law.
- I would like the Council to support my responsible efforts by providing plenty of litter bins

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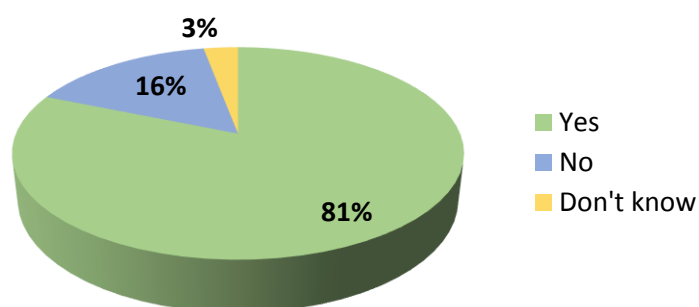
Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog...

Allows a dog into a dog exclusion area e.g. play areas, bathing beaches, marked sports pitches?

81.25% (221) supported the council with the proposed public space protection order measure where it is an offence if a person in charge of a dog allows their dog into dog exclusion area. 132 of the 221 are current dog owners, 4 operate a business or care for other people's dogs, 5 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 54 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 20 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.

Of the 19% (51 respondents) who selected no or don't know, 49 people commented, these comments included:

- Some zones acceptable, but too many exclusion zones. Not everyone can travel to non-exclusion areas
- There were 10 comments about dogs not being able to run on the beach for example: 'Beach exclusion is unnecessary if owners are required to pick up poo and put dog on lead on request', 'I do not think that dogs should be excluded from any beach. Fine irresponsible owners'.
- In summer by all means BUT winter they should be allowed on pitch and putts etc. as not being used.
- I agree with bowling green and play area exclusions but more effort should be made to educate owners
- Sometimes dogs stray and if the rule to pick up poo is enforced there is no problem`

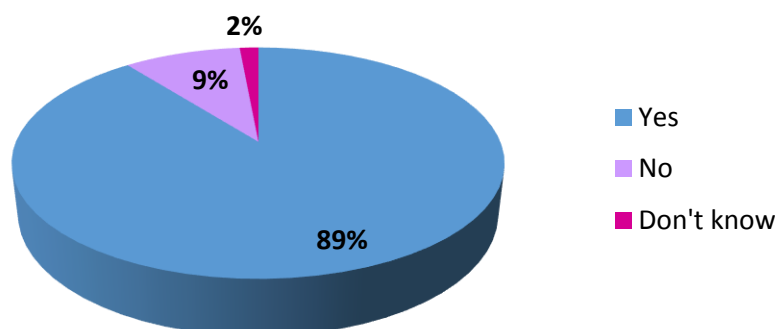


Fails to have a dog on a lead in a designated area e.g. highway, cemetery?

89.38% (244) supported the council with the proposed public space protection order measure where it is an offence if a person in charge of a dog does not have the dog on a lead in a designated area. 150 of the 244 are current dog owners or carers, 4 operate a business or care for other people's dogs, 5 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 54 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 21 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.

Of the 11% (29 respondents) who selected no or don't know, all left comments with the majority being that the council shouldn't need to enforce leads if the dog is under control:

- Dogs should be under appropriate control in all areas. Leads do not mean control
- A dog needs a run and as long as it is under control I do not see a problem.



- A lead is not always necessary. Discretion should be possible.

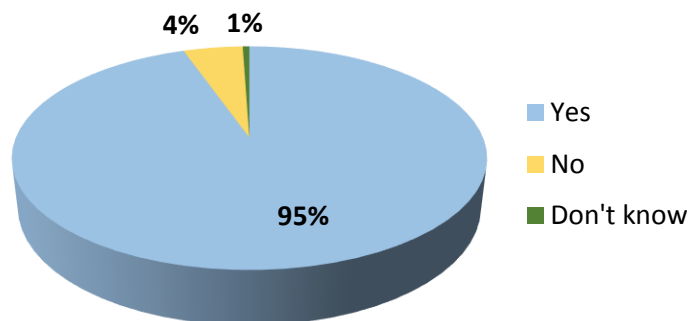
Respondents were asked...

Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog...

Fails to put a dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer e.g. if deemed a dog is causing danger or serious nuisance to others?

95% (256) supported the council with the proposed public space protection order measure where it is an offence if a person in charge of a dog does not have a dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer. 161 of the 256 are current dog owners or carers, 4 operate a business or care for other people’s dogs, 7 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 58 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 20 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.

Of the 5% who selected no or don’t know all 13 gave comments which were mainly questioning the credentials of any officers making judgements about a nuisance incident and/or dangerous dogs.



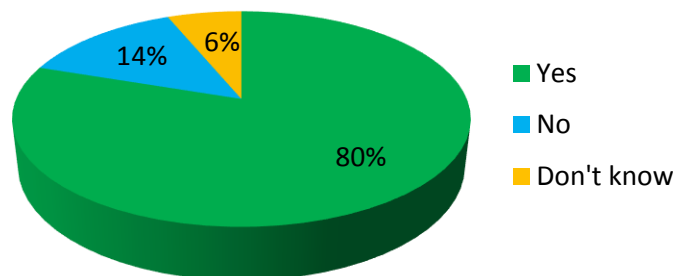
When asked if this power should be **applied across the whole borough** 93% (n=189) agreed that it should be. 104 of these respondents were dog owners/carers.

Of the 14 respondents (7%) that selected no or don’t know there were a number of comments suggesting the measure should be inclined to areas that are more densely populated or busy, for example town centres. There were a few comments to suggest that the term authorised officer was too vague and that it shouldn’t be that any council officer can exercise the measure.

Exercises more than four dogs at once within a designated area?

80% (218) supported the council with the proposed public space protection order measures where a person in charge of a dog should not exercise more than four dogs at once within a designated area. 116 of the 218 are current dog owners or carers, 4 operate a business or care for other people’s dogs, 5 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 44 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 16 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.

Of the 20% who selected no or don’t know all 54 gave comments these were varied both from the perspective that it shouldn’t be fixed at a number, it should be whether they are in control of the dogs, and some commented that four is too many mentioning size of dogs as a consideration. For example:



- I feel that it depends on the size of the dogs, one cannot compare 5 Chihuahuas with 5 Dobermans
- DEFRA say six

- Number of dogs irrelevant - more important whether they're under control
- Most people who walk multiple dogs are a business. We should encourage business
- Dogs should be under control, not limited by number
- I would prefer to see paid permits issued for 4+ dogs to deter businesses out spilling 9 dogs +
- Exercising four dogs at once is still very demanding, perhaps this should be lowered.

When respondents were asked if they felt the measure limiting a person to **exercising no more than four dogs at once within a designated area should be applied to all publicly owned land**, 95% agreed it should. 102 of the 176 are current dog owners or carers, 1 operates a business or care for other people's dogs, 6 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 46 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 17 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.

Of the 5% (10 respondents) that said no or don't know all ten replied with comments which were mainly around it being over restrictive for example:

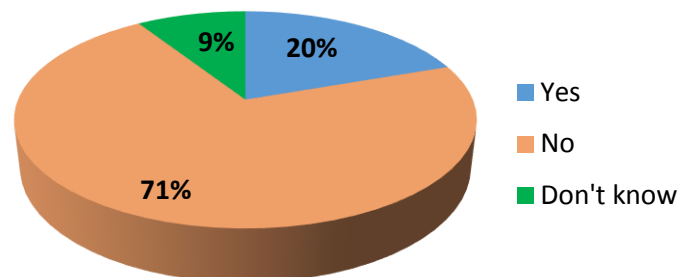
- Some people do have more than 4 dogs and need to walk them somewhere
- There are some areas suitable for dogs to walk with a lead
- If it's in the middle of nowhere what's the harm?

Respondents were asked...

Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog...

Do you think the ban on bathing beaches should be applied all year round? (At present it is between May and September)

The majority (71% / 203 respondents) said that they *did not* think the bans should be year round. 157 of the 203 are current dog owners or carers, 4 operates a business or care for other people's dogs, 5 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 23 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 7 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.



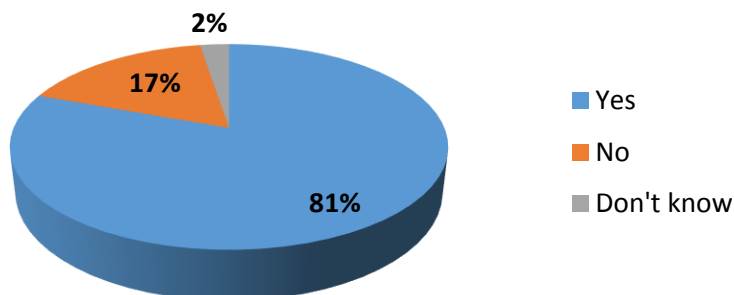
Of the 29% that answered yes or to the question 17% /49 people also gave further comments these included:

- Beaches are used throughout the year and should be free from dogs fouling and running off the lead
- There are too many people who do not poop scoop on the beach, we live here all year round and like to walk on the beach. It also dumps untreated faeces into the sea, it costs millions to treat human sewage why allow untreated animal waste to pollute the water.
- I fish from beaches in the area and frequently find or in some cases catch poo bags, obviously thrown unto the sea or from drains that feed into the sea.
- A blanket ban removes any chance of being confused by specific dates.
- We can get warm weather before May and after September and it would be healthier to keep this area free of dog foul all year round. Not everyone likes dogs, some people and children are frightened of them, so it would be good to have dog free beaches.

NEW OFFENCE PROPOSED

When asked if the respondent agrees with the inclusion of a new offence, that is: **The failure of a person in charge of a dog/s to produce a suitable means of removing and transporting dog poo to a bin (whether or not the dog has defecated) when asked to do so by an authorised officer,** it is clear from the breakdown of the results that a significant majority were in favour of the proposed order.

81% (220 respondents) replied to say that they agree with the proposed offence.



131 of the 220 are current dog owners or carers, 3 operate a business or care for other people's dogs, 5 have recently owned or cared for a dog in the past year, 55 have previously had or cared for a dog at some point and 21 had never owned or cared for a dog. The remaining respondents did not declare their ownership status.

OTHER COMMENTS

When asked if respondents had any other comments 51% of them (145) shared their views.

The commentary was analysed and applied to 13 broad themes as can be seen in Table 3. Some comments contained more than one aspect and therefore was counted in each relevant broad theme hence the total of comments in table 3 adding up to more than 145.

Table 3

Aspect theme	Number of comments
<i>Dog mess</i>	55
<i>Penalty and enforcement</i>	44
<i>Restrictive measures</i>	36
<i>Dogs on leads</i>	34
<i>Beach and promenade</i>	31
<i>Dog walking areas</i>	23
<i>Nuisance</i>	11
<i>Signs</i>	8
<i>Dog walkers</i>	7
<i>Education</i>	5
<i>Disability</i>	4
<i>Terminology and wording</i>	4
<i>Nature reserves</i>	3

With there being 145 comments a few comments from the top 6 themes above have been presented below to cover the general variety and range of opinions presented. The full set of comments are available in appendix 3.

Dog mess

- Perhaps more bins would be good & why not include "poo bags" dispensers on the bins like they do abroad.....
- I regularly use the public footpath (old railway line) between Park Lane Preesall and Knott End and find that many dog owners do not pick up their own dog's poo and feel that provision of litter/ poo bins on this route may encourage more responsibility! The only bin provided currently is at Hackensack road.
- The proposed new offence (To produce a suitable means of removing and transporting dog poo to a bin (whether or not the dog has defecated) when asked to do so by an authorised officer) is a violation of privacy and personal respect. Perhaps authorised officers should be concentrating on people throwing glass, cigarette butts, litter, cans and plastic. This is far more detrimental to health and the environment. Glass, cans and plastic can cause serious harm even death to wildlife and is extremely polluting.
- I live facing the estuary in Fleetwood and the amount of dog poo not picked up and disposed of is revolting. Any measures put in place to stop this is fully supported by me.
- Despite the amount of dog poo on the pavements I have yet to read of anybody being fined.
- Make more bins available and empty them regularly as some bins in the area are left overflowing. Put up "Poo bag stations" in popular areas so owners don't have an excuse not to clean up after them, maybe at entrances or convenient places to popular walking areas.
- Responsible owners will usually have dog waste bags or other means to clear up after their pets but we do have some concerns, for example if dog owners are approached at the end of a walk and have already used the bags that they have taken out for their own dog, or given a spare bag to someone who has run out, a behaviour that is encouraged by Green Dog Walker schemes. Furthermore it is perfectly plausible that these proposals in certain circumstances would perversely incentivise dog walkers not to pick up after their dog. Should a dog walker on witnessing their dog fouling realise they are down to their final poo bag (or other receptacle), they will be forced into a decision of whether to use the bag and risk being caught without means to pick up, or risk not picking up in order to retain a means to pick up should they be stopped later on their walk.
- Should also be an offence to leave dog mess in bags at public space e.g. Hedges walkways, grass etc.

Penalty and enforcement

- The more restrictions u bring in the less interested people will be in obeying them. You will reach a stage where it will become common knowledge that you cannot enforce these laws (no police powers) so not only will people ignore the new laws but the old laws as well.
- These measures will work if there are any enforcement officers around, but in the 10 years I have lived in this area, I have never seen even one.
- As I've indicated above, the real issue is the lack of enforcement, particularly in the sea front areas of Fleetwood and Cleveleys. Every day dogs can be seen running off the lead, fouling the beach and promenade and other public areas such as the Mount and mini golf areas. A much tougher regime is need to deter those not following the rules which are clearly set out.
- It is no use at all to impose all these measures if you do not have the authorised personnel to police them.
- Dog control orders do not prevent dog related incidents. Owners need to be dealt with in a manner that makes them take notice not simply ban dogs from areas etc. as it doesn't work. Why not police the rules regarding dogs you already have and are struggling to make work properly rather than adding in more and more which you will again fail to maintain and police properly making them pointless yet again
- The Cleveleys beach dog ban May to September is a complete farce, dogs are frequently walked on the beach by owners who ignore the ban. The patrol is infrequent and ineffective, and avoids the real issue which is stopping irresponsible dog owners from letting their dogs foul any area including

the beach, pavement and grassed areas! Regular patrols monitoring and fining of offending dog owners is required, most responsible dog owners would welcome an enforcement and not a feeble token measure as they are as disgusted as non-dog owners by such behaviour.

Restrictive Measures

- Although I agree with most of the proposals, responsible dog owners should not be disadvantaged by the actions of those who do not clean up after their dogs. Dogs still have to be exercised somewhere.
- Many people travel to Wyre to enjoy the beaches, explore the area and spend money in the towns. The Council should be doing more to encourage these visitors by making the area more accessible to those who also have dogs. Dedicated dog free areas should be available for families who do not wish to be pestered by other people's dogs, but why not make these areas where dogs must be on lead, rather than excluded.
- The more restrictions you bring in the less interested people will be in obeying them. You will reach a stage where it will become common knowledge that you cannot enforce these laws (no police powers) so not only will people ignore the new laws but the old laws as well.
- Why stop dog walkers going anywhere in winter when no one is using places.
- I understand the need for dog control in certain areas such as play areas on parks, although maybe a dogs on lead at all times policy would be more appropriate as some parents may own a dog and want to take their children into the play area. I understand there is no need to exercise dogs in these areas, but a total ban seems to penalise parents with dogs and doesn't really provide much difference in dog control in these areas.

Dogs on leads

- Garstang Town Council request that the area by the river in Garstang is changed to a dogs on leads at all times to protect young children playing and running around the picnic area by the river.
- I find Wyre Council's web site very lacking in easily obtained information about where in the borough it is that dogs can run freely and let off their leads? Fylde web site is much clearer on this issue? One of the few places I can let my dog off his lead is on the beach at Fleetwood opposite the lookout station in winter. However I always put my dog back on lead if I see other dogs on the beach in close proximity.
- Surprised at the off lead status for the nature park, Fleetwood. I disagree with this as owners let dogs swim in the ponds who chase the young birds/wildlife. As it is a 'Nature Park' perhaps lead walks would be more appropriate. Also the dog walking businesses often have too many dogs at once, especially around this area.
- The coastal cycle route is not totally covered and there is a gap between 5 bar gate and the Rossall picnic site. You seriously can't be prepared to allow dogs to run loose on a cycle path, can you? I cycle regularly along the coast and loose dogs present a serious health and safety problem for cyclists.
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Beach and promenade

- Most owners of dogs are very conscious of all the above, you will find odd ones who do not conform to rules and regulations. If you ban dogs on beaches, you should ban the majority of humans who

leave litter and let children leave sweet wrapping and other items on the beaches. I as a dog owner always pick up any poo and you will find that 99% of dog owners follow suit.

- As for beach all year ban, we do not agree as local residents need somewhere to exercise pets when Gardens etc. are too wet in winter months. The beach is a great asset to responsible dog owners and they should 'pick up' even in winter on the beach.
- The real issue is the lack of enforcement, particularly in the sea front areas of Fleetwood and Cleveleys. Every day dogs can be seen running off the lead, fouling the beach and promenade and other public areas such as the Mount and mini golf areas. A much tougher regime is needed to deter those not following the rules which are clearly set out.
- As a responsible dog owner I agree with the new proposals and hope they will make a difference. However, I do request that dogs are able to be exercised on the beaches off the lead out of the summer season, as is currently the case. I refer to the Marine beach in Fleetwood where the beach Chalets etc. are not used during this time.
- Banning dogs from beaches during May-September is adequate enough. The rest of the year signage should be displayed asking dog owners to keep dogs on a leash whilst on a beach and to pick up any fouling the dog does.
- I agree that the dog exclusion zones on local beaches, May to September is sensible and acceptable. I was under the impression that there was a blanket ban on all beaches during this time. Perhaps it would be a good idea to define the area of the exclusion zone on the notices.
- In areas where there is a known and repetitive problem e.g. promenade between Rossall hospital and Cleveleys, CCTV cameras would surely be useful.

Dog Walking Areas

- You can provide as many bins as you like, but with dogs off leads fouling will occur. The only solution is to have fenced off areas specifically for dog walkers. Dogs on the Jean Stansfield memorial park in Poulton run around off the lead on the grassed areas with small children playing there too.
- If we are not to use areas where football pitches are marked, please can we have some designated dog fields for our dogs to run around freely? As long as the grass length and bins are maintained this could be easily patrolled.
- I can only exercise my five dogs properly at the nature reserve in Fleetwood. They are all well behaved and I always pick up after them. It's not fair to punish every dog walker because of a few who don't pick up excrement or control their dogs.
- Providing adequate areas for dog owners to safely exercise their dogs and providing enough poop bins, would be a good idea as a few other councils have already done. Actually the same could also apply to parks, allow for a designated area for dogs and their owners to sit and enjoy the surroundings without having to foul the park area where play equipment is. This would also help grandparents who like to take their grandchildren on an outing to the local park but cannot then, legally, take their dog as well. If there was a small fenced off area provided with a poop bin and a seat or two, then that would be more beneficial than proposing a complete ban, that doesn't appear to be a council that encourages dog lovers/owners to an area!
- Many sea side resorts like Brighton are bringing in trade by welcoming dogs. Not everyone, including holidaymakers, can get to the one or two places where it's still ok to let them run free
- Mrs J from Fleetwood is disgusted that the change came in letting dogs into the cemetery. She has had to clear up poo a few times from the grave area and has seen people walk through the cemetery letting dogs urinate on headstones. She thinks it should be a complete ban.

Appendix 3A

Responses where the respondents selected 'No' or 'Don't know' to the question: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog fails to pick up poo and put it in a bin?	
1	Fines are wrong. Educate! Or prosecute through the courts
2	Don't think it goes far enough to stop the owners allowing there dogs to foul and not pick up!
3	This needs to be qualified - makes best efforts to pick it up
4	'Stick and Flick' as proposed by Forestry Commission is better in many areas - ecologically sound
5	I presume the proposed offence will incur a fine. I am against fining people.
6	I do not agree dogs should be ban from any area at all.
7	There are areas where this is unnecessary and not required by law.
8	I would like the Council to support my responsible efforts by providing plenty of litter bins

Appendix 3B

	Responses where the respondents selected 'No' or 'Don't know' to the question: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog allows a dog into a dog exclusion area e.g. play areas, bathing beaches, marked sports pitches?
1	unsanitary
2	Some zones acceptable, but too many exclusion zones. Not everyone can travel to non-exclusion areas
3	Catterall Playing Fields / Kepple Lane in your banned areas - dogs need a chance to run off leads
4	Using fines rather than Education is another form of tax, it encourages abuse of powers by the wardens
5	I do not think that dogs should be excluded from any beach. Fine irresponsible owners
6	Banning responsible owners will have no impact on the irresponsible ones, you need to tackle the ppr
7	I think that if you are a responsible dog owner you should be allow to walk your dog on the beach
8	Agree dogs should be kept out of play areas bowling greens & sports pitches, disagree with beach
9	Need to continue to provide places to exercise dogs.
10	Dogs need exercise and to run freely - need to differentiate sites. "On lead" not ban PLEASE
11	Dogs should be allowed on beaches
12	Dogs should be allowed on beaches
13	Bathing beach exclusion should be 10:00 - 18:00hrs - Jun - Sept
14	Specifically object to beach ban, play areas could be dogs on lead at all times, parents may own dog

Appendix 3B

15	Dogs deserve a chance to run. Our rescue dog loves the feel of sand, after years of mistreatment
16	Too many exclusion areas
17	Sometimes these areas are not clearly marked
18	For health reasons dogs should not be allowed in certain areas but there must be areas for dogs
19	Agree play areas, but not beaches
20	Beach exclusion is unnecessary if owners are required to pick up poo and put dog on lead on request
21	Because I don't allow my dog to annoy people in parks or beach and always pick up after him
22	Because of over zealous officialdom
23	Wild animals can't be excluded, and they carry more risk of disease in their dung!
24	NO evidence, over-the-top restrictions, forcing locals to breach Animal Welfare Act!
25	It's unfair
26	In summer by all mean BUT winter they should be allowed on Pitch and putts etc as not being used.
27	Restricting members of the public from exercising their dogs in all council areas is misguided.
28	Dogs should not be banned from beaches nor picnic areas, they could be allowed if kept on a leash.
29	Dog owners should know he rules
30	Too wide ranging. With poop scoop in place, dogs should be allowed in all these areas.

Appendix 3B

31	Many holiday makes have dogs & Wyre council is turning them away by being too unwelcoming
32	Dog owners should not be denied the right to enjoy the beach or a picnic with their family members
33	I find many dogs frightening and many owners make little effort to control their dogs.
34	Only guide dogs with an extra seeing person to assist picking up fouling
35	Some of the beaches could be used. Sport pitches also.
36	Dogs can't read! Sometimes no matter how careful you are your dog can stray into a dog free area.
37	What about holiday makers. They will go wherever they want. I don't really agree with dogs not going
38	I like to take our dogs when I watch our kids playing on the fields or at the playground.
39	Exclusion area means just that.
40	Families come on holiday with their dog and want to enjoy these places just like I do.
41	I agree with bowling green and play area exclusions but more effort should be made to educate owners
42	Sports pitches are often close to off lead areas and demarcation not often clear
43	The exclusion area around the golf course is wrong. The golf course should build a proper fence.
44	A walk with their dog and a picnic may be all poorer families can afford to do. Discrimination.
45	Some of the areas proposed should not be included.
46	Sometimes dogs stray and if the rule to pick up poo is enforced there is no problem

Appendix 3B

47	Responsible dog owners are being punished for the minority of irresponsible owners.
48	If there's people on the ground to enforce this, why not just enforce picking up poos in 1st place?
49	Don't agree with dogs on lead behind Rossall Point Tower/golf course. Why is this necessary?

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Appendix 3C

	Responses where the respondents selected 'No' or 'Don't know' to the question: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog fails to have a dog on a lead in a designated area e.g. highway, cemetery?
1	Dogs should be under appropriate control in all areas. Leads do not mean control
2	Too many designated areas. Bad dog owners will still leave poo on lead or not.
3	Too many fines in UK. They are just a money making scheme.
4	Question is loaded, high way yes, cemetery, sports grounds and beaches no.
5	Designated areas have not go far enough, Poulton Park and it's by three roads!
6	Too general. Dogs on lead near highways - yes, otherwise - no
7	A dog needs a run and as long as it is under control I do not see a problem.
8	Too many designated areas. Dogs need off lead exercise for welfare issue
9	Unspecified designated areas, e.g. what constitutes a "bathing beach"
10	I don't agree with all the designated areas described
11	Most owners train their dogs to be obedient, and have respect for the areas
12	If the dog is under close control there should be no need for a lead.
13	Dog owners know when their dog needs to be on a lead and don't need forcing!

Appendix 3C

14	It's unfair
15	Keeping them on a lead will not permit proper exercise in some areas
16	A lead is not always necessary. Discretion should be possible.
17	As long as the dog is safe and not a danger why should they be on a lead.
18	Having a dog off a lead is not in itself anti-social.
19	This does not take account of dogs age / behaviour
20	No vehicles usually in cemeteries.
21	What you really mean is any grassed area controlled by the council.
22	Dogs can be under control even if not on a lead
23	Dog totally under control is not a problem, e.g. very elderly or well trained.
25	Owners usually know if this is necessary or not.
26	Some areas so designated e.g. FWD15 only need to be on lead when requested.

4 respondents said that their comments were reflected in the previous comments field and so have not been duplicated here.

Appendix 3D

	Responses where the respondents selected 'No' or 'Don't know' to the question: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog fails to put a dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer e.g. if deemed a dog is causing danger or serious nuisance to others?
1	We will end up with an army of over zealous private wardens.
2	Will the person be adequately qualified to make this judgements
3	Doesn't work, as never seen authorised officer out and about to know until too late!!!
4	Dog attacks on Farnham Way and Donnington Ave parks. Children's play area. Dangerous
5	My dogs obey command
6	Who has trained your "experts" to recognise a nuisance or dangerous dog?
7	Potential for serious abuse of power.
8	Its unfair
9	'Authorised officers can be discriminatory, 'causing a danger' is too obscure a term.
10	Depends how its enforced
11	Who decides if the dog is causing 'danger or nuisance'? The dog hating 'authorized officer'?
12	You provide insufficient space for explanation.

Appendix 3D

Responses where the respondents were asked if the following should be applied borough wide: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog fails to put a dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer e.g. if deemed a dog is causing danger or serious nuisance to others?	
1	Dogs need off lead exercise & concerns councils will overuse powers to get rid of dog walkers.
2	There should be some discretion in areas such as the beach if not busy
3	There are areas, such as parts of the shore line that are quiet enough to accommodate dogs.
4	open to abuse by council
5	Depends on the area.
6	Dogs need excessive to run without being on leads
7	Blunt instrument
8	People who dislike dogs will have a field day. DOG wardens only
9	OK in town centres.
10	Jobs worth dog haters. I don't think so
11	Inappropriate in many areas of open country - should be restricted to more densely populated areas.
12	If you mean council employees e.g. bin men NO
13	This should be the default setting rather than banning dogs from areas its more sensible
14	Don't trust them to not use this to make all dogs be kept on lead

Appendix 3E

	Responses where the respondents selected 'No' or 'Don't know' to the question: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog exercises more than four dogs at once within a designated area?
1	If owner has control of dogs don't see a problem
2	Depends if they are responsible or not.
3	Most people who walk multiple dogs are a business. We should encourage business not demoralize them
4	Why 4 dogs? A responsible owner will be in control regardless of numbers.
5	No. of dogs has no bearing on the handlers ability to control them. It's down to a good level understanding
6	Too many dogs for one handler
7	This should be reduced to two. Dog attacks from just one dog off lead in parks
8	I think four is too many - how can you keep an eye on 4?
9	Again, I think this is subjective to owners and their level of handling/dog behaviours.
10	Dog walkers and trained handlers should be allowed to make their own judgement with number of dogs
11	Some walkers have incredible control of their dogs. This will not stop irresponsible fouling.
12	Dogs should be under control, not limited by number
13	Discriminates against families and dog walkers with more than 4 dogs

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14	Some people exercise well behaved and well controlled dogs
15	Why is 4 dogs a problem if all well-behaved?
16	Four small dogs is fine. Watch Trumpton!
17	Exercising four dogs at once is still very demanding, perhaps this should be lowered.
18	This would not allow dogs to socialise and would lead to a greater aggression issues if they met
19	Again, I think this is subjective to owners and their level of handling/dog behaviours.
20	Should be less than four, two possibly three at most
21	4 dogs? could be Chihuahas or Akitas
22	Needs sufficient safeguards to allow both formal and informal dig walking businesses or favours for
23	Number of dogs irrelevant - more important whether they're under control
24	Off lead / on lead rules should be different. please allow somewhere where more than 4 can be exercise
25	I walk five well behaved dogs that need proper exercise. I can only do this on FW nature reserve
26	More than four dogs creates a pack mentality in the dogs and could be dangerous

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27	It's unfair
28	There are some dog walking businesses, offer an alternative such as a walking field/area.
29	It depends on the experience of the person exercising the dogs, and the size of the dogs.
30	Control of dogs has nothing to do with numbers but to do with training given.
31	Some professional dog walkers can manage more than 4 dogs
32	Discriminates against dog walkers doing their job.
33	No owner should have more than 2 dogs in any area.
34	If dogs are well behaved there shouldn't be problems
35	Too many variants for a blanket ban, ridiculous.
36	Depends on size, breed, temperament of dogs & capability of walker.
37	I feel that it depends on the size of the dogs as one cannot compare 5 Chihuahuas with 5 dobermans
38	Dependent on dogs. Off lead high energy yes. On lead plodding dogs could be more.
39	It depends on the level of training and also the size of the individual dogs

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40	Number of dogs unlimited provided no more than say 4 off the lead at any one time
41	Depends on the size and breeds of dog
42	Provided the dogs are under control it shouldn't matter. 1 badly behaved dog can be a problem too
43	If dogs are well trained they should stay close so you can see what they are doing.
44	People wouldn't take more dogs than they can control, the animals could be injured
45	Behaviour/training/handling is the issue not numbers
46	Commercial
47	DEFRA say six. You do not know better than Defra
48	I would prefer to see paid permits issued for 4+ dogs to deter businesses out spilling 9 dogs + onto
49	What about homes who own more than 4 dogs- do u expect them to do lots of multiple walks?
50	The Kennel Club feel that an arbitrary maximum number of dogs a person can walk is an inappropriate.
51	Dogs come in many sizes and with differing temperaments
52	Good owners/dog walkers with many controlled dogs cause less trouble than bad owners with one dog.
53	Will the same apply to families with more than 4 children?

Appendix 3E

Responses where the respondents were asked if the following should be applied borough wide: Do you think the council should continue with measures as suggested in the proposed public space protection orders, where a person in charge of a dog exercises more than four dogs at once within a designated area?	
1	open to abuse by council
2	To many restrictions
3	There are some areas suitable for dogs to walk with a lead
4	Because in some areas they don't need to be on a lead
5	Come on give them somewhere for god sake.
6	If it's in the middle of nowhere what's the harm?
7	It seems we have an anti-dog brigade in my area.
8	No way council staff think they are in charge as it is. Mini hitlers.
9	Disproportionate
10	Some people do have more than 4 dogs and need to walk them somewhere

Responses where the respondents selected 'Yes' to the question: Do you think the ban on the bathing beaches should be applied all year round? (At present the ban is in operation between May and September).	
1	we have enough space for dogs to exercise without confusing owners
2	So there is no misunderstanding of the rules. I see people on Fleetwood's designated beaches every day throughout the summer, so the rules must be too complicated for them
3	There are lots of beach users that use the beach all year round so cleanliness and control of dogs should apply throughout. The proposed designated spaces fail to cover the whole of the coastal cycle route. There is a gap between 5 bar gate and the car park near the sea cadet base. Are you seriously proposing to allow dogs to run free in front of passing cyclists? A recipe for disaster is so. Another problem faced by cyclists is the use of long leads which act as a trip wire across cycle paths. I know of an old guy who was dragged off his bike by one.
4	the coast can be busy even in winter, for others, not just dog walkers
5	Dog numbers appear to be on the increase. Dogs tend to behave as their owners have trained (or not) trained them! Many dog owners are responsible...caring for their dogs...the environment...and other people. Unfortunately this is NOT true of all! And it is the exception which causes harm...to the environment and to other people. It only takes ONE off lead dog, together with an inconsiderate owner, to harm others and the environment. I, as a pedestrian, have been frightened and harassed by dogs in my local (beautiful) public open space (The Towers Cleveleys). I have been insulted and demeaned by owners who see it as THEIR RIGHT to have their dogs running freely off-lead, no matter what the consequences for others. I have SEEN dogs frightening and attacking other dogs. And I have stood by helpless, whilst parents of young children have to hang on and hide their children protectively...to shield their youngsters from unruly off lead dogs. This beautiful area is now characteristically used by people who drive their dogs in cars up Holmfield Avenue, open the gate (to the Towers) and immediately let their dogs go running off lead. (And the numbers doing this seem to me to be on the increase). It is the SIMPLEST of things for owners to be asked to put their dogs on expanding (longish) leads, so they can be hauled in when approaching others. The dog poo issue is another!...Dog poo was quite visible at the West Drive entrance gate some weeks ago....yet a container for dog poo was located just inches away from the foul. Personally I no longer feel able to walk through this lovely precious open space glade due to the proliferation of dogs. This is a REAL issue...more about the owners...than the dogs. My view is that dogs should be REQUIRED to be on a lead....both in the Towers...and also by the beach...where I frequently go...and encounter dog poo....and dogs running willy nilly. PLEASE Council...DO something to act on behalf of citizens who simply wish to walk unmolested, and without putting feet in foul in our open spaces. Without enforcement, nothing will happen and things will get worse. I pay my rates and hope my small contribution (via rates) will help preserve the peace and loveliness of our precious woodlands and beach. Dogs DONT pay rates!!!...I DO!!
6	Hygiene reasons

Responses where the respondents selected 'Yes' to the question: Do you think the ban on the bathing beaches should be applied all year round? (At present the ban is in operation between May and September).	
7	Reduced polutpollution.
8	Having a young son I worry about the safety of children when faced with dog's that are running off leads, I have witnessed incidents where aggression has been shown towards
9	Dogs or their owners can be a problem at any time. More needs to be done to protect wildlife on the bay as a whole.
10	To further keep the beaches clean
11	The possible hazard to human health, especially children and babies
12	Why should the general public have to watch where they walk on beaches. Children still go to the beaches in winter and there is nothing worse than getting in your car with dog dirt on your shoes! Owners cannot and do not watch their dogs whilst off leads. They stop to chat and the dog soils, I have even seen dogs on leads fouling while the owners stand chatting!
13	People don't adhere to it now so if it is all year round it will be easier.
14	As people use the beach in between October and April too. There are too many uncontrolled dogs on the beach at this time and can be unpredictable. On the beach dogs are able to run quite a distance from their owner/walker and it makes it difficult for the owner to control and also see if they have mucked anywhere. Therefore unable to clean up after their dog.
15	Becomes a simple exclusion requirement with no ambiguity over the times when dogs are, or are not allowed on the beach. Dog owners will become accustomed and a mind-set will take place over time as to where dogs are not allowed. However, no change is of any true improvement as no enforcement takes place currently and regulations are totally disregarded. Cleveleys beach is one of many examples.
16	Health & Safety interests
17	People use beaches all year round

Responses where the respondents selected 'Yes' to the question: Do you think the ban on the bathing beaches should be applied all year round? (At present the ban is in operation between May and September).	
18	The dogs roam freely and out of control annoying people and families. Owners shout constantly after the dogs which usually ignore them making a constant nuisance for house owners on the promenade. These people think they are not a problem because they wander off, not seeing themselves as a nuisance. However you can have several dozen in a day and the noise of the shouting and the barking is borne into our properties by the prevailing wind. Try having a balcony door open and it is a constant irritant, coupled with the loose dogs that fight and chase each other with owners unable to retrieve them.
19	Because people never have dogs on leads and Wyre Council take no action
20	It would be nice to be able to enjoy our beaches unhindered ALL year, just as dog owners currently do.
21	Some people still like to walk on the beach in winter and some dog owners have no control on their dogs or for the concern of none dog owners
22	The dogs are allowed on parts of the beach and keeping some areas dog free allows everybody to have equal access by some areas being dog free. Local people do enjoy visiting the beach out of season.
23	People use beaches all year round.
24	Because the current rules are being ignored through a lack of enforcement.
25	The tide doesn't stop coming in over winter! So there is still a risk of faeces being washed into the sea.
26	Because dogs should be on a lead at all times. You cannot walk along the lower prom because dogs are run off lead breaking all the rules. Which I should point out that Wyre Council do nothing about.
27	Beaches are used throughout the year and should be free from dogs fouling and running off the lead
28	We have lots of lovely days throughout the autumn to spring when the beach is used by families

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29	Dog fouling
30	We can get warm weather before May and after September and it would be healthier to keep this area free of dog foul all year round. Not everyone likes dogs, some people and children are frightened of them, so it would be good to have dog free beaches.
31	There are too many people who do not poop scoop on the beach, we live here all year round and like to walk on the beach. It also dumps untreated faeces into the sea ,it costs millions to treat human sewage why allow untreated animal waste to pollute the water
32	I don't know why dogs are allowed on any public beaches at any time.
33	Because we local people go running on the beach even during the winter. We only run during good winter weather and the dog walkers walk at the same time....so doggie poo etc. would always be about. Dog owners also feel that the can forgo using leads on beach and they chase us when we are running.
34	Some people seem unable to accept the times stated so this will become acceptable across the board
35	People use the beaches all year round for a variety of uses. Bathing is a rare occurrence so bathing season is not really an accurate categorization for beaches on the UK.
36	I fish from beaches in the area and frequently find or in some cases catch poo bags, obviously thrown unto the sea or from drains that feed into the sea.
37	Myself and visitors walk on the beach all year round and there is nothing worse than being accosted by a wet boisterous dog.
38	I often walk these areas out of these periods. My partner is terrified of dogs generally due to being bitten. We would like to enjoy the large open areas of the beach unhindered by dogs dashing over to us. The very presence of dogs near him terrifies him. Why should he be subjected to free running dogs approaching him, even non-aggressively, when it is not his choice. Nobody should be subjected to an animal tame or otherwise approaching them without their consent. If they are to roam free from on the beach October to April, this will definitely continue to be the case as it is now.

Responses where the respondents selected 'Yes' to the question: Do you think the ban on the bathing beaches should be applied all year round? (At present the ban is in operation between May and September).	
39	People from outside the area think it's ok to walk their dogs off their lead it's very difficult for locals with bikes to cycle safely in the cycle areas. All times of the year we cycle so the restrictions should be in place all the time. Hi
40	Dogs poo all year round, not just between May and September. If this is not cleaned up by the owner it presents a real danger to children using the beach all year round.
41	They will not pick it up if no one is watching.
42	A blanket ban removes any chance of being confused by specific dates.
43	People still try to walk the beaches in the winter months only to be harassed by loose dogs out of control
44	Health
45	Locals like to walk on clean beaches as well. Also pollution of the sea.
46	Because the amount of dog poo going into the sea is disgusting. If there is a year round ban people cannot make excuses.
47	Dog faces often carries worms and disease.
48	Environmental hazard and dog fouling is still unpleasant for walkers and others wanting to enjoy the beach outside May to Sept
49	A partial ban does not make any sense.

	Responses to the final question on the first page: If you have any other comments please leave them below.
1	Consideration for cyclists - No mention whatsoever The coastal cycle route is not totally covered and there is a gap between 5 bar gate and the Rossall picnic site. You seriously can't be prepared to allow dogs to run loose of a cycle path, can you? I cycle regularly along the coast and loose dogs present a serious health and safety problem for cyclists. They behave erratically and run across the path of cyclists. I have also been bitten on the ankle when two loose dogs attacked me while the owner stood and watched. One ran into my front wheel and the other bit me on the ankle. Children cycle along the coastal path and they are more at risk as they are not as risk aware as adults. The second serious risk on the cycle path is the use of long leads which act as trip wires for passing cyclists. A dog can run out at right angles and totally block the route and is bigger problem when the dog owner has his/her back to the cyclist. Currently there are "Dogs on a Lead" signs right the way along the coastal cycle route so your new designated area proposals contradict the current state of play.
2	As a responsible dog owner should always have an excess of "poo bags"
3	I totally disagree with dogs not being allowed on beaches during the summer. Dogs need exercise too!!! Think if the ban is kept then it should be lifted from 6pm to enable. Responsible dog owners to use it.
4	Our beach and our lovely local open spaces are what makes it a good place to live....and what attracts visitors to our area and increase trade. Preservation of the cleanliness of the borough (via REALISTIC penalties and PROHIBITION) with regard to dog poo....and enforcement of the requirement for dogs to be on-lead....FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OTHERS...is (in my view) essential, as this "problem" increases.
5	Serious concerns over the exclusions for disabled, dog poo is dog poo whoever owns or exercises the dog, there should be no exceptions and that includes blind dogs, if they are allowed to get away with it the problem will never go away. I've seen so called disabled using mobility scooters to exercise their dogs who are capable of independent mobility using the scooter as an excuse not to pick up poo. There can be no excuse if you can't clear up then you should not have the dog.
6	My husband and I no longer visit Stanah Country Park or Fleetwood Marsh Nature Reserve because of the nuisance caused by dogs not under control. In fact, to maintain somewhere as a nature reserve dogs cannot be allowed at all because of the disturbance, seen and unseen, that they cause. There are other people who feel this way but our voice is never heard.
7	Criminalising a person for not carrying a poo bag is not the answer to fouling as there are many people who run out of bags and ask other people for handouts. greendogwalkers.org offers alternative solutions in communities whereby education is the main priority. All councils should aim at education first and community help - NOT more and more punitive measures. We should NOT trying to segregate sections of the community, we should be educating our citizens to have impeccably behaved dogs so we can integrate properly, taking a leaf out of Guide Dogs books. Help dog trainers and behaviourists reach out to the community.

	Responses to the final question on the first page: If you have any other comments please leave them below.
8	Punish those who have out of control or dangerous dogs or people who do not pick up after their dogs, rather than people who abide by the laws and just want to enjoy their dog's companionship
9	Many people to travel to Wyre to enjoy the beaches, explore the area and spend money in the towns. The Council should be doing more to encourage these visitors by making the area more accessible to those who also have dogs. Fylde Council are actively encouraging businesses to become more dog-friendly in a bid to boost tourism. Dedicated dog free areas should be available for families who do not wish to be pestered by other people's dogs, but why not make these areas where dogs must be on lead, rather than excluded. The only reason that I've heard to support dog exclusion is to avoid fouling, which is an offence anyway!
10	There are some public spaces we no longer go to because there are too many unruly dogs.
11	We need to control all dogs in public areas as numbers are increasing and less people are considerate, responsible citizens. More owners need to be 'safety conscious'.
12	I love dogs and love to see them running free and enjoying a healthy happy life but not all people feel the same. Our shared open spaces should have restrictions on them in relation to the number of dogs any one person can take there and owners or responsible persons should control and clean up after the dogs.
13	You can provide as many bins as you like, but with dogs off leads fouling will occur. The only solution is to have fenced off areas specifically for dog walkers. Dogs on the Jean Stansfield memorial park in Poulton run around off the lead on the grassed areas with small children playing there too. It's only a matter of time until one of these children gets knocked over by a large dog or worse still bitten. If an area of the park was fenced off, and dogs only allowed in that area it would be far safer and cleaner.
14	Need a dedicated dog park that dog owners pay for and if they don't clean up after their dog they get fined.
15	Most owners of dogs are very conscious of all the above, you will find odd ones who do not conform to rules and regulations. If you ban dogs on beaches, you should ban the majority of humans who leave litter and let children leave sweet wrapping and other items on the beaches. I as a dog owner always pick up any poo and you will find that 99% Of dog owners follow suit.

	Responses to the final question on the first page: If you have any other comments please leave them below.
16	Dogs still go on the beach, even when there is a dog ban on. This could be monitored better and fines given to owners. When you go abroad, such as Spain and Italy you do not see any dogs on the beach during the exclusion time.
17	I visit Fleetwood Cemetery weekly and am disgusted about the dog poo that is found within the cemetery, I have had to take my daughter home & clean her up after she fell and landed in dog poo. I have seen a dog without its lead cock its leg up on a headstone and then start fouling on the grass, I did approach the owner and he did pick the poo up but nothing was done about the memorial that his dog had weed on. That headstone is a memorial that has cost a family a lot of money and it's there in memory of someone, allowing a dog to wee on it is disgusting. Dogs should NOT be allowed into any cemetery, like at Poulton and Preesall
18	The promenade and streets surrounding Rossall beach are absolutely appalling. I have previously reported the failure of owners to pick up dog poo. Alas it continues. I refer to Rossall promenade & pebble are of beach, Green Drive, Bay Road & South Square. It does appear that without the necessary threat of penalty this situation will continue
19	100 characters is not enough space to provide relevant answers to the above questions. 99.9% of dog owners are responsible and would not let their dogs foul. I really think we should be going after the 0.01% that do not clean up after their dogs rather than penalising the majority. If all children were banned from parks and beaches because of the small percentage of children that commit vandalism, people would not stand for this, but with dogs this is what happens. I understand the need for dog control in certain areas such as play areas on parks, although maybe a dogs on lead at all times policy would be more appropriate as some parents may own a dog and want to take their children into the play area. I understand there is no need to exercise dogs in these areas, but a total ban seems to penalise parents with dogs and doesn't really provide much difference in dog control in these areas. I totally disagree with the ban on beaches at any time of the year. The majority of beach users off-season are dog walkers. Once May arrives the beach is empty. There are already perfectly good laws that forbid dog fouling, there is no need to ban dogs outright. Beaches are not sanitary places even without dogs, we have a sewage outlet close by, children urinate on the beach, tourists leave litter, seagulls poo, not to mention all the filth fish and sea creatures create, a dog ban does nothing to clean up the beach, it is inherently full of bacteria and not a clean place, let's not create the illusion that banning dogs makes it a clean place. I may be open to some of the other suggestions such as: dogs on leads at request in all areas, only 4 dogs to be walking in all areas and requiring dog walkers to produce a bag when asked, if the council wasn't so illogical and overreaching with the beach ban. I fear that if the council is given further powers they will not use them fairly. It is a lot easier/cheaper for the council to ban activities than police them, so this is generally what happens as we see with the beach ban, so at this stage I cannot support an increase of any council powers in this respect.
20	Perhaps more bins would be good & why not include "poo bags" dispensers on the bins like they do abroad.....

	Responses to the final question on the first page: If you have any other comments please leave them below.
21	The rule on poo bags is stupid -if you walk them round the block and they go once each morning you don't need spares and some psycho council worker could have the power to fine/prosecute.... This doesn't understand how dogs work and should be more nuanced e.g. if you are close to home and the dog's already been
22	I frequently see dog owners not picking up mess, which gives other responsible owners a bad name. I have confronted several dog owners who have walked away and offered bags for them to clean up the mess. Spot checks by wardens would perhaps make these individuals more likely to carry bags to clean up, especially if a fine was issued. Surprised at the off lead status for the Nature park, Fleetwood. I disagree with this as owners let dogs swim in the ponds who chase the young birds/wildlife. As it is a 'Nature Park' perhaps lead walks would be more appropriate. Also the dog walking businesses often have too many dogs at once, especially around this area. Pheasants Wood is actually Pheasant Wood!
23	Responsible dog owners are penalised without cause.
24	I presume that new signs will be erected in all parks and affected area.
25	I am not in favour of a ban on certain beaches at any time! Many families come for a day out with children and dogs but cannot go on some beaches because of the ban. Allow the dogs if on a lead. This works very well in Jersey where dogs are allowed to run free on all beaches up to 10.30a.m. and after 6 p.m. but must be on leads between these times.
26	Hi With regards to the public consultation on dog walking restrictions, I'd like to add a point for consideration. Review the use of extending leads in public areas. I'd like to see the use of these, whilst extended, limited to the designated exercise areas and fines applied to anyone extending them in other public areas (e.g. pavements, and general park areas) My reasons are: These leads were designed to allow contact between owner and animal to be maintained, whilst allowing the animals more freedom to run in appropriate areas, not for use as a walking lead. (unless retracted) 1. Unfortunately they are being misused on pavements. It is a common sight to see a dog several meters ahead of its owner, doing its own thing, wandering back and forth. Clearly, the owners do not have adequate control in this scenario. I actually had a lone dog cross the road as I was driving up to a junction...after it had crossed I noticed the thin, nearly invisible cord, and then eventually the owner appeared. Had I not seen the cord I might have driven on. This would have caused injuries to dog and owner. This would not have been my fault, yet I suspect a driver in such situations would be held accountable. I know of another situation where a cyclist was knocked off his bike and injured through the use of an extended lead, just as I described above. 2. Additionally, an animal not by its owners side, and under direct control, could get involved in a fight or attack another, or cause nuisance to another person by jumping up at them, barking, entering their gardens. 3. I've observed owners using the extending leads as means of ignoring their animal when it defecates, walking on as though it didn't belong to them, to avoid picking up its excrement. I hope you will consider these points and add in suitable measures to address these issues.

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27	As previous comment above. For those dog owners who do disregard any requirements (and in fairness a number do comply and this has improved over the years particularly with the disposal of dog excrement) no "Written" notices will make any difference. The "no dogs on beach" regulations are to a large extent totally ignored. Without enforcement then new or old regulations will make no difference. Prosecute where necessary or name and shame for those worse offenders in the local newspapers and the message will be reinforced. The latter was successfully done in Manchester over the Xmas period for Drink driving offenders.
28	The bowling greens at Stanley Park in Blackpool are frequented by dog owners who take no notice whatsoever of the posted requirement to have their dogs on a lead. The dogs foul and damage the greens and, despite complaints, no one ever attends the greens to check on dog owner/dog behaviour. Having "orders" in place is a waste of time without the capacity to enforce. Should dog owners be able to demonstrate a suitable level of control over their dog when it is off the lead//
29	The Promenade at Knott End from the corner of Wyre View currently marked by the now closed Nat West Bank right down to the old Sailing School should be included in the mandatory "dogs on leads" list It is sometimes difficult for owners with dogs on leads to pass on the narrow footway when other dog owners, with dogs running loose, are too far away to control their animals This can lead to stress for the owner, potential for aggression between the dogs and an opportunity for the 'absent' owner not to 'pick up'
30	Dog walking businesses should be reminded of the rules with possibility of license taken away if they don't adhere. Saw a dog walker on Marsh Park last week with SIX dogs she couldn't control and didn't pick up after even when told!
31	More action taken because what I have seen nobody takes notice of any rules
32	I do think that regarding dogs is not such a problem as youths dealing and taking drugs. This is a well known problem and nothing is said about this.
33	The council is taking the easy option of punishing everyone for the bad behaviour of a few. Fishermen leave more litter on beaches than dogs, but they aren't banned
34	In principle these are common sense measures. However I have a large dog who is trained and well behaved I often have trouble with small dogs who are off their leads and apparently are 'ok' approaching and snapping at my dog who is on a lead. Then when he snaps back the owners scream at me about my dangerous dog when they are at fault however my dog would always be blamed because of his size. I find Wyre Councils web site very lacking in easily obtained information about where in the borough it is that dogs can run freely and let off their leads? Fylde web site is much clearer on this issue? One of the few places I can let my dog off his lead is on the beach at Fleetwood opposite the lookout station in winter. However I always put my dog back on lead if I see other dogs on the beach in close proximity. Also there are not enough bins anymore where people walk their dogs the council needs to provide more and empty them more often. Also surely a few fields can be put aside in this borough with a water tap for dogs and sitting area for owners for dogs fenced in so dogs can be let off their leads and socialise. This is common practice in Australia where there is much more land but we

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	must have some somewhere in the borough? I have noticed that it seems that owners who walk their dogs in the evening do not pick up after their dogs giving the rest of us a bad name I say fine them , personally they disgust me.
35	If we are not to use areas where football pitches are marked, please can we have some designated dog fields for our dogs to run around freely? As long as the grass length and bins are maintained this could be easily patrolled. I wouldn't mind paying a small fee to use such a field as I'm sure applies to other responsible dog owners.
36	The Cleveleys beach dog ban May to September is a complete farce, dogs are frequently walked on the beach by owners who ignore the ban. The patrol is infrequent and ineffective, and avoids the real issue which is stopping irresponsible dog owners from letting their dogs foul any area including the beach, pavement and grassed areas! Regular patrols monitoring and fining of offending dog owners is required, most responsible dog owners would welcome an enforcement and not a feeble token measure as they are as disgusted as non dog owners by such behaviour. Maybe this could be tied in with fining people littering also (dogs don't drop litter) - the Prom, beach and jubilee garden areas are often treated as an open dustbin and heavily littered. Disgusting behaviour - appealing to people's good nature clearly doesn't work, enforcement action is needed, toughen up please!
37	Make surveys like this easier to complete. It's ridiculous having to refer to other pages Almost gave up
38	I would hope that common sense would apply for those exercising these powers.
39	Dog poo, you may have picked up 2 lots of dog poo and used the bags you carried for the purpose/ Generally I am in favour of dogs being controlled properly but some of these proposals are open to the personal interpretation of whoever is in charge, dog warden? Etc. They are too loosely worded and could be interpreted in more than one way and cause conflict and possibly expensive court cases. Tighten up the wording and I would agree in principle.
40	As responsible dog owners for many years we have been embarrassed on occasions to see Faeces left on pavements. Even though we always 'pick up', we feel awkward when passing other people near to these sites, even though not responsible. As for beach all year ban, we do not agree as local residents need somewhere to exercise pets when Gardens etc. are too wet in winter months. The beach is a great asset to responsible dog owners and they should 'pick up' even in winter on the beach. Can it be made possible to photo irresponsible dog owners in the act of breaking this law?
41	Many Local Authorities in UK provide 'doggy bags' near bins in popular dog walking areas. Why doesn't WBC do similar - cost would be minimal.
42	I daily scoop 1-1.5 kg of dog mess not scooped by other less considerate dog owners on Butts Lane (show field side) in Great Eccleston. I have requested a bin on that side of the road at the top of the lane and a no fouling sign. These people are giving the responsible dog owners a bad reputation and it is not fair. If a warden were to patrol the lane between 1pm-4pm on a couple of weekdays I can guarantee you will catch the offenders. I know as I have cleared the lane of poop then they go down and there is dog muck, still warm and no one else has been on the lane. Not enough evidence for the council to fine unfortunately. (Some information removed for intelligence).

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43	It is impossible to effectively control dogs. They are wild animals and it is only a question of time before someone is injured by someone's little pet that would not hurt a fly. I know I have seen what these animals do when they savage someone and we all have a duty of care to prevent it.
44	The comments boxes you have made for this form do not have enough characters to allow the user to present their thoughts in full. I also believe that designated dog parks would be a great addition. Where poo bins (and spare bags) are provided and a fenced area where dogs can be freely exercised away from traffic. Signs to allow parents to make an informed choice not to take their children into the dog park if they prefer.
45	Certain dog owners pick poo up in bags, but drop down drains! Also poo bagged up then left on floor! More notices regarding these offences should be put up on all estates or streets and prosecutions should take place.
46	I see dog owners on the park near Farnham Way who allow their dog to go into the play area even though there is a notice stating 'no dogs allowed'. Also it seem that the bigger the dog the less likely the owner is to pick up. I find this disgusting and would welcome DNA testing. I keep a close watch on my dog and have never missed not picking up. I see owners with phones attached to their ears and not watching where their dog/dogs are going.
47	The number of people who I see with dogs not on a lead is unbelievable it is a daily happening.
48	I support all the areas on this list with the exception of restrictions on beaches as i believe these are very unfair and close to much beach area to dogs even areas that are hardly used.
49	Knott End is particularly bad for dog fouling, particularly on the promenade sea path. Being the father of a four year old girl, it's hard not to be concerned. It's bad enough when the responsible owners leave post clean up skids, but at least they've made an effort, so many do not. I'm very pleased to see the council is at last taking this problem seriously.
50	There are too many irresponsible dog owners around today and these people are spoiling it for those of us who act responsibly.
51	WBC should employ more wardens and then we may have cleaner walkways. Dogs on the promenade should be on the lead all the time for safety as the bikes race down the prom and may hit one.
52	Rules should however be created and applied for public benefit not as an income stream by grubby money grabbing councils.
53	You are conducting a hate campaign against dog owners and have NO evidence to support your claims. FOXES and DOMESTIC CATS are far more likely to carry toxocara than domestic dogs. Foxes and rats are attracted by the vast quantities of litter left everywhere, which councils like yours apparently aren't bothered about, but which poses a huge danger to humans, wildlife, pets and the environment. In the name of EQUALITY, you need to be treating everybody the same way, OR risk prosecution for discrimination. Our campaign has a FACT SHEET on toxocara which disproves the outrageous claims you are making about dogs. By scaremongering, and encouraging public hatred of dogs, you are breaching all the regulations that govern the offices you hold and causing splits in society. If you continue to knowingly spread lies about the 'dangers' of dog mess, you risk prosecution. You are not allowed to use the law to pursue hate campaigns against one specific group in society, PARTICULARLY when no other group is behaving any better. Will you be

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	<p>banning families from the beaches because of the littering of a minority? Or from picnic areas? Unless you are going to treat EVERYBODY the same way, then you are guilty of prosecution. The person who contacted our campaign about this PSPO informs us that the Council is making it impossible for those without transport to walk their dogs locally. This is a breach of the Animal Welfare Act and you are forcing dog owners to break the law if you don't provide plenty of space locally where dogs can run free. This is also a prosecutable offence. Regarding stopping dog owners and demanding that they produce pooh bags on demand, we are advised by the Equality Advisory Support Service that such action is a breach of Sections 8 and 14 of the Human Rights Act. UK law is founded upon the principle that everyone is innocent until PROVEN guilty. Stopping dog owners and demanding that they produce pooh bags assumes that we are guilty until we prove ourselves innocent, and therefore, is 'repugnant to UK law'. In addition, any officer who threatens a dog owner with a fine if they don't comply with such a request is guilty of coercion and will be prosecuted for assault under the HRA and the general laws of England. We are advising our supporters NOT to comply with any such requests, and to prosecute for assault and intimidation. DEFRA has said that professional dog owners should be limited to SIX dogs, not four as you are suggesting. You don't know better than Defra and have no place to be destroying people's businesses. We are advising businesses affected to sue you for loss of earnings. Councils like yours are simply using the law to conduct a hate-filled vendetta against dog owners, while paying no attention whatsoever to the huge littering and fly-tipping problem that blights this country, mainly as a result of families failing to clear up after themselves. You are not allowed to misuse your positions of power to conduct your own hate campaigns and we demand that you treat EVERYONE the same. So, if you'll agree to stop and search parents for nappy sacks, and park and beach users for bin bags, then you might be able to make the case for asking dog owners to produce pooh bags on request. This is just hate-filled persecution and we are advertising it WELL on our campaign page. We will do all we can to discourage people from coming to Wyre and investing in your local economy, and be advised that we will be taking legal action in future against councils like yours who are persecuting dog owners to this extent.</p>
54	<p>Certain areas that have dogs on leash only could let dogs off leash if no one else in the park at that time. I.e. early mornings or late evenings. Also dogs should not be off leads until owners survey the land or park for other animals or dogs.</p>
55	<p>I live on Stanah road and the dog poo is a constant problem. People just put the waste bags into our hedges and other hedges along the road. There are insufficient waste bins and the bins up to and on the estuary smell very bad. They get emptied but never washed out. I have to constantly house down my drive entrance where inconsiderate people have let their dogs mess at the gates. New signs should be installed in larger type letting dog owners now the full consequences if they do not clean up after them.</p>
56	<p>I can only exercise my five dogs properly at the nature reserve in Fleetwood. They are all well behaved and I always pick up after them. It's not fair to punish every dog walker because of a few who don't pick up excrement or control their dogs</p>
57	<p>The promenade in Cleveleys, where people walk, is often disgusting between May and September and dog poo is spread about by cycle tyres and baby buggies etc. Dogs can be seen running on the beaches but nobody enforces anything!</p>
58	<p>We need dog waste bins in and around Harbour Village.</p>
59	<p>The more restrictions u bring in the less interested people will be in obeying them. You will reach a stage where it will become common knowledge that you cannot enforce these laws (no police powers) so not only will people ignore the new laws but the old laws as well.</p>

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60	I welcome the new offence re poo as am fed up in walking in other dog's poo it is disgusting.
61	These measures will work if there are any enforcement officers around, but in the 10 years I have lived in this area, I have never seen even one.
62	I regularly use the public footpath (old railway line) between Park Lane Preesall and Knott End and find that many dog owners do not pick up their own dog's poo and feel that provision of litter/ poo bins on this route may encourage more responsibility! The only bin provided currently is at Hackensack road.
63	As I've indicated above, the real issue is the lack of enforcement, particularly in the sea front areas of Fleetwood and Cleveleys. Every day dogs can be seen running off the lead, fouling the beach and promenade and other public areas such as the Mount and mini golf areas. A much tougher regime is need to deter those not following the rules which are clearly set out.
64	In summer I understand (I don't agree with them) the bans etc. BUT in winter when the only folk using these places are dog walkers WHAT'S the point in the ban besides winding folk up. Dog walkers are furious about the amount of litter around and NEVER is there this sort of uproar. LITTER IS OK obviously. My dog has had cut paws from broken bottles.
65	As a responsible dog owner I agree with the new proposals and hope they will make a difference. However, I do request that dogs are able to be exercised on the beaches off the lead out of the summer season, as is currently the case. I refer to the Marine beach in Fleetwood where the beach Chalets etc. are not used during this time.
66	If the owner does not have the necessary to remove the dog poo then they had no intention of cleaning up after their dog.
67	Banning dogs from beaches during May-September is adequate enough. The rest of the year signage should be displayed asking dog owners to keep dogs on a leash whilst on a beach and to pick up any fouling the dog does. On the back of this i feel that there aren't enough bins provided for dog owners to place poop bags in anyway. As for banning dogs from picnic areas i disagree with this stance IF again adequate signage informs dog owners that dogs must be kept on leashes and any fouling to be picked up and binned. Patrols/staff should be given enough training and hold enough common sense to also use discretion when approaching members of the public on such issues, we don't want a bunch of over zealous animal haters who decide that the " on the spot penalties" become a cash cow for funds for the local council whose budget is already being cut by central government. The more stringent penalties and bans you put in place, whilst purporting to want to encourage people and animal lovers to an area, run foul of being ludicrous and the council runs the risk of being called a liar. Providing adequate areas for dog owners to safely exercise their dogs and providing enough poop bins, would be a good idea as a few other councils have already done. Perhaps money from the " fines " could be spent doing this rather than the council rubbing their hands with glee at the extra revenue in the coffers (or to top up the pensions pot of its staff) residents no doubt wouldn't mind this stance if the money was spent providing spaces for them to take their dogs in safety. Actually the same could also apply to parks, allow for a designated area for dogs and their owners to sit and enjoy the surroundings without having to foul the park area where play equipment is. This would also help Grandparents who like to take their grandchildren on an outing to the local park but cannot then, legally, take their dog as well. If there was a small

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	fenced off area provided with a poop bin and a seat or two, where parents/grandparents could sit with their dogs whilst watching the children/grandchildren then that would be more beneficial than proposing a complete ban, that doesn't appear to be a council that encourages dog lovers/owners to an area!!
68	This will probably be another waste of time as you do not enforce the current bye law
69	As a responsible dog owner it is always those dog owners who do not abide by the law that ruin it for others. I ask other dog owners to pick up their mess and even carry spare poo bags for others. It is such a shame that people are selfish and ruin things for others. Well behaved dogs having fun exercising is a delight to see and it is a shame that others will ruin this for dogs and their owners!
70	I agree that the dog exclusion zones on local beaches, May to September is sensible and acceptable. I was under the impression that there was a blanket ban on all beaches during this time. Perhaps it would be a good idea to define the area of the exclusion zone on the notices. With regard to picking up dog poo and putting it in a bin, that is all very well providing the council provided an adequate number of bins and empty them regularly. I think you will find that most dog owners will be quite happy to pick up their dog poo, but nobody wants to have to walk around for a long period with bag(s) of smelly dog poo when there are no bins in which to deposit it. As regards limiting the number of dogs a person can exercise to a maximum of 4 - As I said above it all depends on the experience of the person and the size / behaviour of the dogs. One individual may be able to handle 8 well behaved dogs comfortably while other people cannot handle even one dog properly. You cannot specify a defined number of dogs. It should be up to the enforcement officer to use their discretion.
71	Would be much easier to provide clear answers if box character entry wasn't so limited. Regards max dog limit I have 10 dogs and am perfectly capable of managing them all together. In fact I use them as stooge dogs for retraining rescue dogs at Morgan's Rescue. Many dog owners are incapable of even controlling one. Rules to pick up poo and keep dogs under control apply whether 1 or 10 dogs. That is enough to tackle irresponsible owners. Why discriminate against responsible owners also simply because they have trained their dogs well enough to be in control of multiple dogs. Please refer to Fylde councils recent PSPO discussions as we have just gone through all of these issues with them
72	This is all-well-and-good but will the rules be applied, i.e. Do you have the staff? Also what about horse poo all over the road and pavement. A particular issue around Carleton.
73	if people on your street do not have a dog on a lead and you report it Dog Warden should go to house involved not have to take statements, times etc.
74	People on mobility scooter should not take dogs out as they are unable to pick up after them
75	I have sympathy with dog owners. It seems they have undeservedly become 'Public Enemy Number One'. They are a soft target because they are so easy to identify. In a few years, attention will switch to something else, hopefully more deserving of the title.

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76	It would be helpful if the exclusions were extended to "assistance dogs" IN TRAINING & make the exclusion available for public awareness. As a puppy socializer & trainer of assistance dogs, the pups are trained to toilet on command which is predominantly at home. Pups are often discriminated against as they are not "qualified" assistance dogs, however the training program starts well before they qualify. Affording pups the same rights as the qualified dogs would make training much easier. I have been very fortunate that there are several VERY kind and understanding businesses in Poulton town centre, Aldi & Booths being two of the most considerate. I hope you will consider my opinion. Kind regards
77	People employed and paid to exercise other people's dogs should NOT be allowed to be with more than 2 dogs at any one time as they cannot control the dogs and certainly are unlikely to pick up more than 2 lots of dog poo. These dogs act in packs and frequently are a danger to children, swans, ducks, moorhens etc. in, for example, Fleetwood Marsh Nature Reserve. In fact, nobody (not even their owners) can control more than 2 dogs at once so 2 should be the maximum allowed.
78	While it is all well and good for these laws to be in place, there is little point unless they are enforced. I know of at least one dog that is regularly walked on public roads off lead, and the owner acts with impunity. Dogs walking by the side of a public highway should be on a 'short' lead. A dog is not fully under the owners control if being walked on an unlocked extender lead.
79	Many sea side resorts like Brighton are bringing in trade by welcoming dogs. Not everyone, including holidaymakers, can get to the one or two places where it's still ok to let them run free.
80	Majority of dog owners are responsible people, some people that cannot be bothered to Pick up the dog poo, Rossall school field is used by most dog walkers as a toilet and do not clean up after.
81	The whole PSPO is absolute discrimination and tarring every dog owner with the same brush. We live in a permissive society that prides itself on not being discriminatory, prejudiced or racist to ethnic minorities, yet insists on discrimination and removing the rights of dog owners. Making it harder to give a canine the off- lead exercise they require for physical and mental stimulation will lead to an increase of negative incidents with dogs due to the detrimental effects caused by the PSPO denying access to a suitable environment. PSPO denies dog owners the opportunity to enjoy: The beach and sea Picnics with family members Access to AONB Access to areas within walking distance of the home The proposed new offence (To produce a suitable means of removing and transporting dog poo to a bin (whether or not the dog has defecated) when asked to do so by an authorised officer) is a violation of privacy and personal respect. Perhaps authorised officers should be concentrating on people throwing glass, cigarette butts, litter, cans and plastic. This is far more detrimental to health and the environment. Glass, cans and plastic can cause serious harm even death to wildlife and is extremely polluting.
82	If a person fails to pick up it's an offence, not having a bag to collect poo is nonsense and is pointless. You could end up making a criminal out of someone who has just used the last bag to collect poo and is almost home, whilst I could carry a bag to comply with the law but never bother using it. Dogs off of leads are not anti-social, its dogs not under control that is the issue. People have dogs on leads that still jump up and still poo and don't pick up. I have a border collie that can round up a herd of sheep with a few simple commands, walking to the car off the lead is a breeze and hardly anti-social. You are criminalising all dog owners because of a few bad owners, you would not ban drinking because some people get out of control you deal with those out of control.

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83	Question C. The majority of responsible dog owners are aware of their dog's temperament and where it is applicable to put their dog on a lead. Where this is not the case it is covered in Question D. I use to walk my dog down a country lane which because of how narrow it is, was safer to walk him off the lead so that when a car passed our combined profile was thinner.
84	Our Grand-children want to play in these areas without the danger of infection, caused by thoughtless dog walkers/owners not cleaning up.
85	I do not think dogs should be off the lead - Some Children and even adults are terrified of them and actually have counselling
86	No other comments.
87	Generally local dog owners are good...it is just the few that seem determined NOT to act responsibly. It really is a shame that we need these rules as they punish the good dog owner....Why is it we have these few who refuse to do the proper thing?
88	I live facing the estuary in Fleetwood and the amount of dog poo not picked up and disposed of is revolting. Any measures put in place to stop this is fully supported by me.
89	The beach at Rossall Prom is heavily utilized by the public, it gets the same if not more visitors than the new prom and yet no dog control orders apply, why? Many children play on this and dog foul is widespread.
90	Also in my area I have seen dog walkers putting dog waste bags down the drains. On occasions there are used bags thrown into gardens or in the gutters. This is despite the fact that there are bins available in the area.
91	Dogs should not be let off the lead within 500 meters of other people, there is Nothing Friendly about a strange animal running at or jumping up at you when you are out for a quiet walk. Any dogs wandering the streets unaccompanied should be impounded and the owner fined Â£1000. Owners of dogs and cats should pay extra Â£250 per animal per year council tax for the impact they have on the environment, pissing and shitting in the streets and peoples gardens damaging plants. Dogs barking incessantly should be an offence, people who own dogs and don't exercise them and leave them barking frustratedly in their houses or gardens is cruel and should be classed as a form of abuse and the people should be fined and prevented from ever owning animals due to this cruelty.
92	All persons with a dog in a public place including the highway should have more than one bag available at all times as dogs do not always go just once from my experience. This would let them produce a clean bag to an authorized person for inspection. More bins should be available for disposal as not all owners like to carry full bags around resulting in the Christmas tree effect of bags being hung in bushes. Picking up and then dumping the bag is a pointless exercise as it is no longer biodegradable and is unsightly litter.
93	The existing rules are fair and observed by most responsible dog owners but seem rarely enforced when ignored by the irresponsible ones.

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94	The areas allowed to exercise dogs off the lead in Wyre are shrinking rapidly. I am disabled. I can't reach these far away areas you designate as 'OK'. Your proposals are in fact a dog cruelty issue. Why should a well behaved dog not be allowed to chase and retrieve a ball? You are alienating a vast number of Wyre voters who own dogs. Stropky officials who approach and start laying down the so called 'law', and shouting, are bordering on people civil rights. I agree totally with cleaning up after my dog, but I will refuse to provide any jumped up official with my personal details. I have already been verbally assaulted by (name removed for publishing) whilst playing ball with my dog. It is high time that responsible dog owners stand up against your 'dog police', displaying their intimidating 'You Are Being Watched' signs. That stinks of 1934 in Nazi Germany.
95	Would like to see more actual enforcement. We regularly see fouling but have never seen enforcement
96	Despite the amount of dog poo on the pavements I have yet to read of anybody being fined.
97	I applaud all efforts to reduce the menace of dogs fouling public spaces.
98	It seems we are becoming obsessed with dog patrols etc. I have lived in this area for 40 years and have owned a dog for most of that. I have always been careful not to let my dog foul anywhere it could cause harm. I have never had any complaints but at this present time we have a large majority of anti dog brigades. There are more important things going on in the world than dog poo!!!
99	Could we possible have dog friendly areas? Maybe a dog park/fenced off bit of grassed area where dogs are actually welcome.
100	I live in an area where there are lots of dog owners who walk their dogs. Most are responsible but some don't pick up the dog mess - usually those who take their dogs out later at night or after dark. I would be happy with any measures that help rectify this.
101	The more you restrict dogs behaving naturally and running free off lead and socialising the more dogs are going to be unsocialised with both people and other dogs, these restrictions on natural pack behaviour will lead to an increase in aggressive dogs.
102	The local authority should not regard itself as being in charge and enforcing changes in the public's behaviour and should restrict its activities to providing services paid by the ratepayer.
103	Why stop dog walkers going anywhere in winter when no one is using places.
104	There is a serious danger of over regulation of dogs in particular when, for example, there does not appear to be any requirement to clear up horse poo.
105	Although I agree with most of the proposals, responsible dog owners should not be disadvantaged by the actions of those who do not clean up after their dogs. Dogs still have to be exercised somewhere.

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106	The beach is for everybody that loves the beach! Please exclude/ fine/ whatever consequence you want to apply to dog owners who don't respect and look after it and also anyone who disrespects, litters, graffiti, abuses the area! Dog or no dog!! You are completely missing the point of protecting any space so get real and get tough. Get some nuts, way over time. PS what is the point of having any ban which is not monitored after about 4pm?? Please join us on the Prom and beach in the evening for the real deal!
107	Garstang Town Council request that the area by the river in Garstang is changed to a dogs on leads at all times to protect young children playing and running around the picnic area by the river.
108	I did have a dog but unfortunately I have no more. I do want to point out that youths dealing with drugs on catterall park should be tackled just as much.
109	In areas where there is a known and repetitive problem e.g. promenade between Rossall hospital and Cleveleys, CCTV cameras would surely be useful. Extra patrols would also help at times correlated with the times of reported complaints of dog fouling by members of the public.
110	it is no use at all to impose all these measures if you do not have the authorised personnel to police them.
111	Dogs are their owners concern and they should look after them, non dog owners also have rights not to be alarmed when a dog jumps up at them. This is prevalent on the sea walls around Knott End and adjacent streets.
112	I feel that the proposals amount to bullying the majority of dog owners are responsible and also council tax payers, they should have equal rights and access to beaches it is a heavy handed approach to consider a year long ban. However the few irresponsible owners should be fined .There are more antisocial problems that need addressing for example riding a bike on the public foot paths especially when nights the draw in Garstang road in particular being a regular danger spot. Wet leaves in the autumn on the pavements are dangerous and should be cleared away .At the beginning of this council e mail it states Wyre welcome dog owners not judging by some of the red angry signs signs on lamp posts near to my home
113	Friends Of Jubilee Gardens, whom this is submitted on behalf of, approved of the proposed seasonal beach ban at their August 2017 meeting. However, at that meeting, it was recognised that access to the beach for the less able, along the stretch south of Cafe Cove was easier than the stretch to the north of the cafe. In view of the seasonal ban, the group would appreciate if the issue of access and signage could be improved. (Name removed for publishing) will be contacted directly with regard to this issue, but to register the issue now....., access to the beach north of the cafe is made more difficult due to pebbles, so it is important that access to the beach to the north of the cafe is made possible for dog walkers from the last set of steps with handrails, level with the cafe. Those steps provide a perfect starting point for the ban, as there is a breakwater at the foot of the steps. However, at present there is a sign to the right of those steps seemingly banning dog walkers using those steps between May and September.
114	As you state the land is public land. I detest children. They are vandals/throw litter/swear/get drunk all in public places but I don't whine to the council to ban them as its PUBLIC space NOT pick and choose who uses it space.
115	I do not agree with the ban on the beach and bathing areas being extended to all year round as if this was implemented it would be detrimental to the responsible owners wanting to enjoy time (free running) of their dogs in these areas. I am interested how these measures will be policed. Especially in

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	the light of the recent cuts in services. I frequently see all the existing regulations being flouted. The responsible people will stick to the rules and proposals. However the ones that frequently flout these laws and regulations will no doubt give abuse etc when challenged. When this happens you have to have the back up powers to act when they refuse to conform and I am not convinced that there will be any follow up on these people. Sorry to have a rant but it is the same type of irresponsible people every time that get away with things and the innocent ones have to suffer for their incompetence.
116	I understand that disabled, visually impaired people cannot pick up a dog poo. Is it therefore slightly unfair to presume that all dog poo not picked up is caused by irresponsible dog owners!
117	Ultimately a national registration / licensing scheme needs to be re-introduced with each dog's DNA on a database. In all probability the issues with dog mess would then cease.
118	Yet again it is the irresponsible people of this society that affect everyone else, but something needs to be done. Idiots who do not work and have a criminal record should not be allowed to own a dog as this proves that they are not responsible members of the community. I suppose this would be deemed controversial, but in the majority of cases it is true
119	Make more bins available and empty them regularly as some bins in the area are left overflowing. Put up "Poo bag stations" in popular areas so owners don't have an excuse not to clean up after them, maybe at entrances or convenient places to popular walking areas.
120	The question about all year beach ban is a bit rich given that for four years my access to the wilder, remoter beach areas near Rossall Hospital has been prohibited because of sea defence works, leaving only mainstream areas open to dog walkers - and then with a beach ban during decent weather! 4 years is a long time in the life of a dog. My old dog who loved this area and has not had access for 4 years due to the works died without getting her paws back on sand. It forces too many dogs into a limited space - Rossall Point is always busy because of the large stretches of beach not available yet. I see more on lead restrictions in this area are proposed. The new producing a poo bag regulation will be hard and expensive to prove as some will say they have just used the last one. How many will people be forced to carry so as not to fall foul of this. Not all carry pocketsful of them like I do. On lead by direction is a sensible order which should be the default for everywhere apart from by a road and there would be less bureaucracy and you wouldn't need beach bans. The only reason the promenade (Fleetwood) is now on lead isn't because it's near a road it's because of the cyclists who fly up and down without restriction knocking pedestrians over. Sensible safety precautions/rules I agree with but let's start putting the same onus on cyclists who can cause as much injury as any dog.
121	Dog control orders do not prevent dog related incidents. Owners need to be dealt with in a manner that makes them take notice not simply ban dogs from areas etc. as it doesn't work. Why not police the rules regarding dogs you already have and are struggling to make work properly rather than adding in more and more which you will again fail to maintain and police properly making them pointless yet again
122	Typical WBC heavy handed approach to dog owners. You don't bother chasing dog poo leavers now, so how will you police this? Try putting the same kind of rules together for parents and children and other adults for littering out streets, gardens and driveways. You have let the streets become a tip, I constantly have to clear up sweet wrappers and cigy but ends and packets. Put some effort into controlling these disgusting people instead of picking on responsible dog owners. Get the golf course to build and maintain a proper fence to keep dogs from straying, don't just ban the dogs. Typical big money

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	organisations swaying WBC. I assume the golf course would love to buy the bridle way and take it from the people of Fleetwood. The bridle way has been free to dogs and their owners for over 50 years, how dare you take that right away?
123	I would like it noted that there are few if any non dog people on the beach, and therefore see no reason to extend the dog free zone any further, it has already been extended once, and this in my view was also unnecessary, I often wonder if the council members actually go down to the areas concerned and take a look at the use of relevant areas.
124	<p>Dog fouling The Kennel Club strongly promotes responsible dog ownership, and believes that dog owners should always pick up after their dogs wherever they are, including fields and woods in the wider countryside, and especially where farm animals graze to reduce the risk of passing Neospora and Sarcocystosis to cattle and sheep respectively. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ further proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing Orders in this respect. These proactive measures can include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog poo can be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog. Dog fouling - requirement to be in possession of means to pick up Whilst the Kennel Club supports proactive efforts on behalf of local authorities to encourage responsible dog ownership and to ensure that those who are not picking up after their dogs are brought to book, this has to be fair and proportionate and we would not like to see responsible dog owners penalised unfairly. The Kennel Club has concerns over proposals to introduce an offence of not having the means to pick up. Responsible owners will usually have dog waste bags or other means to clear up after their pets but we do have some concerns, for example if dog owners are approached at the end of a walk and have already used the bags that they have taken out for their own dog, or given a spare bag to someone who has run out, a behaviour that is encouraged by Green Dog Walker schemes. Furthermore it is perfectly plausible that these proposals in certain circumstances would perversely incentivise dog walkers not to pick up after their dog. Should a dog walker on witnessing their dog fouling realise they are down to their final poo bag (or other receptacle), they will be forced into a decision of whether to use the bag and risk being caught without means to pick up, or risk not picking up in order to retain a means to pick up should they be stopped later on their walk. It is perfectly reasonable to assume that a proportion of dog walkers would choose the second option if they thought this was the least likely route to being caught. Especially if the penalty for not picking up was the same as not having means to pick up. Local authorities may wish to consider introducing a clause which provides an exemption for dog walkers who have run out of bags, but can prove that they were in possession of and made use of bags (or other suitable receptacle) during their walk. If such a measure is introduced it is essential that an effective communication campaign is launched in the local area to ensure that people are aware of the plans and have an excess supply of dog waste bags with them, so that it is the right people who are getting caught. Additionally, appropriate signage should be erected to inform those who are not familiar with the local rules are not unfairly caught out. We are also concerned how easily local authorities could enforce this law when trying to define whether or not dog owners have a means of picking up after the dogs, without risking the expense of legal challenge. In the absence of poo bags owners trying to flout the law could theoretically point to any number of items on their person that they intend to use, so we think that the most effective spot checks you can carry out are those that catch offenders in the act of not picking up, rather than second guessing behaviours on the basis of what they are or are not carrying with them. Alternatively, to avoid a fine an irresponsible owner could simply tie one bag to his or her dogs lead or collar but never</p>

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	<p>actually use it. Cornwall council considered introducing a means to pick up order but subsequently decided against it as they deemed it to be disproportionate and concluded that the requirement would be toothless, as it would be highly unlikely to be enforceable in a magistrate's court. Please see the attached Cornwall Council report for more details. If the Council proceeds to introduce such a measure it is essential it provides greater clarity to dog walkers on how to comply with the Order. Dog access The Kennel Club does not normally oppose dog exclusion or dog on lead orders in playgrounds, or enclosed recreational facilities such as tennis courts or skate parks, as long as alternative provisions are made for dog walkers in the vicinity. We would also point out that children and dogs should be able to socialise together quite safely under adult supervision, and that having a child in the home is the biggest predictor for a family owning a dog. The Kennel Club can support reasonable dogs on lead orders, which can - when used in a proportionate and evidence-based way include areas such as picnic areas or on pavements in proximity to cars and other road traffic. With regards to playing fields, we ask local authorities to consider whether or not access restrictions are absolutely necessary. If they are deemed to be needed, whether in use, restrictions would be more appropriate than an outright ban. We are aware in many areas, dog walkers do allow their dogs to exercise on playing fields when they are not in use. If of course they are in use we understand the safety reasons behind restrictions. The council should be aware that dog owners are required, under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, to provide for the welfare needs of their animals and this includes providing the necessary amount of exercise each day. Their ability to meet this requirement is greatly affected by the amount of publicly accessible parks and other public places in their area where dogs can exercise without restrictions. This section of the Animal Welfare Act was included in the statutory guidance produced for local authorities by the Home Office on the use of PSPOs. The Government provided clear instructions to local authorities that they must provide restriction free sites for dog walkers to exercise their dogs. This message was contained in the guidance document for DCOs, and has been retained in both the Defra/Welsh Government and Home Office PSPO guidance documents, with the Defra guidance for PSPOs stating "local authorities should ensure there are suitable alternatives for dogs to be exercised without restrictions. We are concerned that the council's proposals are overly restrictive and will negatively impact on the ability of dog owners to provide appropriate exercise for their dogs. A common unintended consequence of restrictions is displacement onto other pieces of land, resulting in new conflict being created. It can be difficult to predict the effects of displacement, and so the council should consider whether alternative sites for dog walkers are suitable and can support an increase in the number of dog walkers using them. To be compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty we submit the council should consider the accessibility of restriction free alternatives for those with reduced mobility (including but not limited to those with a disability or elderly persons for instance). Alongside considering any direct impact as a result of the PSPO upon those with protected characteristics. We welcome the inclusion of dog on lead by direction provisions, which should allow a more targeted approach to tackle the individuals who allow their dogs to run out of control. We would also recommend local authorities make use of the other more flexible and targeted measures at their disposal such as Acceptable Behavioural Contracts and Community Protection Notices. Kennel Club Good Citizen Training Clubs and our accredited trainers can also help those people whose dogs run out of control due to them not having the ability to train a reliable recall. Sites of Special Scientific Interest We are not clear from information presented in the consultation on the justification for excluding dogs from areas designated as being of special scientific interest. Without this information we are unable to fully comment on the necessity to manage dog access at these sites in the manner proposed. However, we would submit that the legal test for the introduction of a PSPO can't be met purely on the basis of protecting an SSSI. The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 is clear that a PSPO can only be introduced "where</p>

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	<p>activities have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. It is clear from the Act, its accompanying explanatory notes and Government guidance documents that this is referring to the effects on people, and not other non-human species. The Kennel Club itself owns and manages a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the Emblehope and Burngrange Estate in Northumberland, which was acquired to be a centre of excellence for working dogs (https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/our-resources/the-emblehope-and-burngrange-estate/). There are no inherent reasons for dogs to be excluded from an area purely on the basis that the site is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. From the information available to us, there is no apparent evidence to show detrimental effects on people in the locality, without such evidence we submit a PSPO would be inappropriate. Maximum number of dogs a person can walk The Kennel Club feel that an arbitrary maximum number of dogs a person can walk is an inappropriate approach to dog control that will often simply displace and intensify problems in other areas. The maximum number of dogs a person can walk in a controlled manner depends on a number of factors relating to the dog walker, the dogs being walked, whether leads are used and the location where the walking is taking place. An arbitrary maximum number can also legitimise and encourage people to walk dogs up to the specified limit, even if at a given time or circumstance, they cannot control that number of dogs. We thus suggest that defined outcomes are used instead to influence people walking more than one dog, be that domestically or commercially, such as dogs always being under control, or not running up to people uninvited, on lead in certain areas etc. For example, an experienced dog walker may be able to keep a large number of dogs under control during a walk, whereas an inexperienced private dog owner may struggle to keep a single dog under control. Equally the size and training of the dogs are key factors; this is why an arbitrary maximum number is inappropriate. The Kennel Club would recommend the local authority instead uses dogs on lead by direction orders and targeted measures such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Community Protection Orders to address people who don't have control of the dogs they are walking. A further limitation of a maximum number of dogs per person is that it does not stop people with multiple dogs walking together at a given time, while not exceeding the maximum number of dogs per person. Limits can also encourage some commercial dog walkers to leave excess dogs in their vehicles, which can give rise to welfare concerns. If a maximum number of dogs is being considered due to issues arising from commercial dog walkers, we suggest councils look instead at accreditation schemes that have worked very successfully in places like the East Lothian council area. These can be far more effective than numerical limits, as they can promote wanted good practice, rather than just curb the excesses of just one aspect of dog walking. Accreditation can also ensure dog walkers are properly insured and act as advocates for good behaviour by other dog owners. The Kennel Club is currently developing a national Code of Practice for Commercial Dog Walking for launch in 2017, alongside a national accreditation and training scheme that councils can work with us to apply and promote in their areas. Assistance dogs We welcome the proposed exemptions for assistance dogs. Appropriate signage It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs the The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 make it a legal requirement for local authorities to cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to - (i) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and (ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be).With relation to dog access restrictions such as a Dogs on Leads Order, on-site signage should make clear where such restrictions start and finish. This can often be achieved by signs that on one side say, for example, You are entering [type of area]and You are leaving [type of area] on the reverse of the sign. While all dog walkers should be aware of the requirement to pick up after their dog,</p>

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	signage should be erected for the PSPO to be compliant with the legislation. With specific regard to the proposed means to pick up measure this type of law will be unfamiliar to dog walkers and prominent signage explaining the exact requirements expected of dog walkers, not all of whom will be local residents, should be erected in any area where the measure is to be enforced.
125	The provision of bins in known problem locations. A survey of dog owners on Social Media may help to identify suitable locations. Clear identification of Bathing Beaches would help avoid accidental transgression. Allow dogs to exercise below the high water mark.
126	Please may the following be included in the above consultation as resolved by Garstang Town Council, at their meeting, on 20 March 2017 240(2016-17) Open space at bottom of High Street car park The Clerk reported that currently the area by the river is covered by a dogs on leads when requested, failing to pick up fouling and maximum number of 4 dogs (per person). The TC were notified that later in the year Wyre Council would be introducing the new PSPOs (Public spaces protection orders) and that Wyre would be carrying out a full consultation. Resolved: The Town Council requested that the following proposal should be put forward to Wyre Council to protect young children playing and running round the picnic area by the river, dogs should be on leads at all times. As detailed below,(name removed for publication) is aware that the Town Council wish to make this area dogs on lead. Please advise if you require any further information.
127	1. Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order: The Dogs Trust consider scooping the poop to be an integral element of responsible dog ownership and would fully support a well-implemented order on fouling. We urge the Council to enforce any such order rigorously. In order to maximise compliance we urge the council to consider whether an adequate number of disposal points have been provided for responsible owners to use, to consider providing free disposal bags and to ensure that there is sufficient signage in place. 2. Re; Dog Exclusion Order: Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries. The Dogs Trust would highlight the need to provide plenty of signage to direct owners to alternative areas nearby in which to exercise dogs. 3. Re; Dogs on Leads Order: The Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead. The Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns this includes the need for sufficient exercise including the need to run off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act. The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety of, well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead. 4. Re; Dogs on Lead by Direction Order: The Dogs Trust enthusiastically support Dogs on Leads by Direction orders (for dogs that are considered to be out of control or causing alarm or distress to members of the public to be put on and kept on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised official). We consider that this order is by far the most useful, other than the fouling order, because it allows enforcement officers to target the owners of dogs that are allowing them to cause a nuisance without restricting the responsible owner and their dog. As none of the other orders, less fouling, are likely to be effective without proper enforcement we would be content if the others were dropped in favour of this order. 5. Re; Taking more than a specified number of dogs onto a land: â€¢ The behaviour of the dogs and the competency of the handler need to be taken into consideration if considering this order. Research from 2010 shows that 95% of dog owners have up to 3 dogs. Therefore the number of dogs taken out on to land by one individual would not normally be expected to exceed four dogs.

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	We believe that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and that the vast majority of dogs are well behaved. In recognition of this, we would encourage local authorities to exercise its power to issue Community Protection Notices, targeting irresponsible owners and proactively addressing anti-social behaviours.
128	Dog owners should accept responsibility for their animals but controls should be reasonable not excessive. There is no need for controls on canal banks, river banks etc and beaches should be available during winter months. Similar controls should be placed on horse owners so that they respect the needs of others Professional dog walkers cannot possibly control more than 4 dogs at any one time wherever they are. They cannot pick up the poo for all of them. More than 3 dogs is a pack. Similarly joggers with dogs never seem to be carrying poo bags. Do they actually ever pick it up? Similarly cyclists exercising their dogs while cycling along never stop to clear up after their dogs.
129	Often people in the early stages of Alzhiemer's and Dementia are forgetful - a dog is a way to encourage exercise, fresh air and companionship. We must not punish people for needing a companion when they are poorly. There must be room for humanity in any law.
130	As a dog owner, I absolutely agree that fouling public footpaths is unacceptable but I do object to the fact that fouling is virtually the sole subject of the document. There is nothing in your email and nothing in the document that suggests that Wyre Council is "very keen to welcome dog walkers and dogs to the borough"! The impression is quite the reverse. If you wish to welcome dogs walkers and dogs to the borough then please do something about the woeful lack of public footpaths that are actually open to dog walkers. Farmers often fail to provide the required pathway to be kept open through crops (footpath through field from Winder Lane to farm track), they lock gates where stiles are dangerous for dogs to jump over (footpath from Ratcliffe Wharf Lane to Stony Lane, Forton), they make by making double stiles that are impossible for dogs to jump and even put up notices that warn that off-lead dogs "will be shot" (footpath over field near Churchtown). If dog walkers had suitable country footpaths available, they would not need to walk their dogs in residential areas. We are members of the community too.
131	There are rules already which are not enforced. I have previously reported dog fouling and nothing was done. There are currently rules regarding exercising dogs in the children's play area on the Memorial Park, but it would seem not to apply to Yorkshire Terriers as two ladies exercise theirs every day in there. But there are no wardens.
132	If you have just picked up 2 lots of poo you may not have a bag but your dog is not likely to mess again so if you are then asked to produce a bag you may not have one left.
133	Dog fouling is dangerous and unpleasant, and I completely support the Council in continuing to try to control it. Unruly and potentially dangerous dogs are also an occasional problem, if less ubiquitous. A balance of "carrot and stick" is needed, but perhaps in the past there has been too much "carrot" in the form of exhortations and appeals. Some people will only respond to the realistic threat of significant sanction.
134	Should also be an offence to leave dog mess in bags at public space e.g. Hedges walkways, grass etc.

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135	There will be nowhere left for responsible dog owners to let their dogs run off the lead soon. Has the Kennel Club been consulted about these proposals? Why is the consultation period so short? Do people even know about this consultation? Are all the Wyre rangers handing out details about the consultation while on their travels across the borough? I suspect not! Another epic fail by Wyre in engaging with the residents!!
136	If the council has the manpower to enforce all these proposed changes, why don't they use that manpower to seek out the people who don't pick up after their dogs in the first place? This is an easy option for the council to say they've done something about the problem but this will not make the slightest bit of difference to the amount of dog poos in the area. It singles out one section of the community for discrimination & I question whether that is legal? It also shows tourists that we're not a dog friendly holiday destination. Can we afford to turn away business? More families than ever before now have at least one dog, so we should be promoting dogs welcome here. Do something about the offenders, but don't persecute everyone else for their bad behaviour. Do we ban all children just because some people leave dirty nappies on the beach? Ban all takeaways in the area because some people leave their litter behind? Ban all fishermen because they leave fish hooks on the beach? Come on Wyre Council, be consistent with all groups of the population!!!
137	All dogs have their own toilet habits which good owners know and understand. Failure to pick up should be the offence, not failure to carry bags! The area FWD15 should not be designated "on lead only". This is a very popular and safe dog walking area and it makes no sense to designate FWD8 an "on request" area but for FWD15 which is very similar in nature to be seen differently. If this is a result of the works being carried out, then they will be a backward rather than a forward step in terms of amenity for the area.
138	Definitely no to a year round ban on beaches! That is ridiculous. It's not the dogs that make the mess its irresponsible owners. Who actually goes swimming and bathing in the sea in winter???? Stop persecuting responsible dog owners. We don't get that good a weather even in summer. Often it's just us dog walkers down on the beach. Don't agree to dogs on leads at Hawthorn Park. Allow them off at top end away from playground. Think Wyre is trying to persecute responsible dog owners. Our beaches aren't that nice and a lot of the water pollution comes down rivers from farmer's fields etc. Not dogs. We have just been to jersey on holiday. The beaches are clean and very beautiful. Dogs are allowed on all beaches and year round. In the summer months dogs have to be on leads from 10.30-18.00 but outside these hours they can be off leads. This really works well. Our dogs could have a good run early on or in the evening yet in the day they could still enjoy the beach with the family. This is one of the reasons we go there for our holidays. We don't get the same weather here and the council should be encouraging people to come not put them off by banning dogs!!!
139	There is a need for education relating to why responsible dog ownership is important rather than simple bans/fines.
140	1. Your consultation is flawed. The health risks of dog fouling are dramatically overstated. The most recent study (2014) into toxocariasis shows that there are between 0 and 4 cases per year in the UK with an almost 100% recovery rate. In addition, the number of reported cases is in decline. There is no evidence extant showing that human contact with dog faeces represents a significant health risk to the public. This are scare tactics, designed to reinforce your case, but are not based in fact. Given that the health information presented is incorrect (as you are now aware) and biased, this consultation is de facto null and void. 2. The council has a duty under the Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991 to ensure public spaces are cleansed and to remove any fouling that may have occurred. The surveys listed shows that the public consider fouling to be a priority. This is due to a systemic failure

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	to clean up fouling when it occurs, not any widespread anti-social behavior of dog owners. 3. This proposal seeks to demonize and discriminate against all dog owners. Whilst there is no doubt that not all dog owners are responsible, they are not unique in the general populace. Many individuals discard potentially hazardous litter or create dangerous situations through their actions. Parent fail to adequately supervise children in public areas. Will enforcement officers undertake to demand that families picnicking in public areas have sufficient containers to remove their refuse for example? How many children do your "experienced officers" feel can be adequately supervised in public spaces by an individual? How many teenagers?
141	I wanted to make people aware of what happened to me this afternoon. I walked to the Towers off West Drive with my little dog, arriving about 3pm. After sitting down near the first pond for about 15 minutes, I met my partner and we all walked down the main path. My dog was on the lead. A Beagle (off the lead) ran up to us, and as they are usually a friendly breed, I wasn't too worried. It lurched towards my dog aggressively, and I pulled my dog away. The Beagle then attempted to attack my dog, and I pushed the dog away to protect him. At this point, the owner, a grey-haired lady in her 70's, became very nasty and accused me of hitting her dog, which I certainly didn't. It was only afterwards that she reluctantly put her dog back on the lead. My partner and I hurried away with our dog and warned other dog owners in the woods to be careful. Another lady with a Whippet/Bedlington cross dog (similar in size to a Beagle), said the same Beagle had just attacked her dog as well. This has left us all very shaken and I wouldn't like this to happen to anyone else. (The dog's name has been removed for publishing).
142	I am an older person (aged 68). We are advised to "keep active" which I try to do, by cycling and walking regularly. I have LOVED to walk in the Towers a lovely public space UNTIL NOW Of late, I have found it necessary to avoid walking there due to the proliferation of dogs (without leads) who bark, rush as me, frighten me, and are out of control. Yesterday having avoided to "early morning doggy crown", I attempted to walk through the towers at approximately 3pm. A dog without a lead hurtled upon to me, frightened me, barking and made. Its owner walked behind (on a mobile phone) I was clearly scared, and asked him to put his dog on a lead. He responded by telling me that if I didn't like it, I should not come to the Towers! Immediately afterwards, another two dogs (off leads) came charging at me. The first guy turned rounds, and, in an attempt to make fun of me, shouted to the dog owner Put your dogs on a head Ha Ha. The second guy walked on dogs off lead. Now, I have no problem whatsoever with dogs when they are under control. My understanding, is that this lovely Towers area is a public space, and I believe I have as much right as anyone else, to walk, unmolested, in this precious local spot. It is becoming ridiculous that ordinary citizens now find themselves having to avoid the p-lace (for which they contributed through their rates) due to dogs and their owners. I WRITE THEREFORE TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUESTED, THAT THE TOWERS BECOME AN AREA WHERE IT IS MANDATORY TO PUT DOGS ON THEIR LEADS.
143	Mrs J (name removed for publishing) from Fleetwood is disgusted that the change came in letting dogs into the cemetery. She has had to clear up poo a few times from the grave area and has seen people walk through the cemetery letting dogs urinate on headstones. She thinks it should be a complete ban.
144	I went to Tower Woods on several occasions, where every dog in there was off lead! On these occasions I (fortunately) was not charged at by the dogs as their owners were being reasonably watchful. I would say however, that it only takes ONE dog to cause injury or damage to the unsuspecting passer-by, child or other animal. Please give serious consideration to making it mandatory for dogs to be on lead when in Tower Woods.

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145	<p>As a responsible dog owner with a holiday home in the Wyre Council area, I would like you to consider the following points before making a decision on proposed PSPO/DCOs and which may affect me and my dogs. 1. Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order: I consider myself a responsible owner and always pick up after my dogs. I support enforcement measures which target those who fail to clean up after their dog and dispose of it in the bin. I would like the Council to support my responsible efforts by providing plenty of litter bins and ensuring funds generated from fines are reinvested into keeping the community clean. 2. Re; Dog Exclusion Order: I understand that there are some areas, such as children play areas, where it is desirable for dogs to be excluded. However, I would prefer to see exclusion areas kept to a minimum and restricted to enclosed spaces. If an area does exclude dogs, I would hope to see plenty of signs to direct me to local alternative areas where my dog and I are welcome. 3. Re; Dogs on Leads Order: I would like the Council to consider my duty of care requirements under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (section 9) which requires my dogs to exhibit normal behaviour patterns “ this includes the need for my dogs to exercise and run off lead. The Council should ensure that there are a number of well sign-posted areas locally for my dogs to exercise off-lead. 4. Re; Dogs on Lead by Direction Order: I believe a Leads by Direction Order to be preferable to Dogs on Leads as it targets individuals who have dogs which are causing a nuisance without restricting responsible dog owners and their dogs. 5, Re; Dog Exclusion on Beaches: While I understand it may be necessary to exclude dogs from being exercised freely on specific areas of local beaches during the summer months, I cannot understand why it is necessary to completely ban dogs who are on leads and under the control of responsible owners provided they clean up any mess left by their dog(s). I would also request that Wyre Council provide allocated beach areas where dogs can be allowed to run freely, again provided that owners clean up any mess left by their dog(s). When considering this request I would point out to you that all beaches are washed twice a day by the tides which is considerably more frequently than the number of times the streets in the local council area are cleaned. I hope you take into consideration my points and recognise the benefits that dog owners and their dogs have on the local community.</p>

Equality Impact Assessment – Public Spaces Protection Orders (Dog Control)

■ Step 1 – Introductory information

Title of the policy	Public Spaces Protection Orders (Dog Control)
Name of lead officer and others undertaking this assessment	Ruth Hunter
Date EIA started	12 June 2017
Date EIA completed	20 September 2017

■ Step 2 – Overview of policy/function being assessed:

Outline: What is the purpose of this policy? (Specify aims and objectives)
<p>These Orders are put in place to inform residents and visitors about dog control and requirements for dog owners / keepers in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling and not clearing up afterwards • Dog Fouling – Having Suitable means to pick up and dispose of dog poo • Dogs on leads • Dogs on leads by Direction • Dog exclusion zones • Number of dogs exercised by 1 person <p>The Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) replace the current Dog Control Orders put in place in 2011. The requirement for change came in with the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.</p>
What specific group/s is the policy designed to affect/impact and what is the intended change or outcome for them?
<p>The PSPO's are relevant to all residents and visitors to Wyre and affect anyone who is in control of a dog (s)</p> <p>People who have a registered disability or mobility issue or other physical disorder affecting their ability to pick up dog foul will be exempt from the fouling related Orders.</p> <p>People who have a reliance on a trained assistance dog are exempt from the Exclusion Orders.</p> <p>Any other impairment not within the exemptions will be dealt with on a case by case basis.</p>
Which groups have been consulted as part of the creation or review of the policy?
<p>Parish/Town/Ward Clerks and Councillors</p> <p>Dog Organisations – Kennel Club and Dogs Trust</p> <p>Borough Councillors</p> <p>All residents in Wyre (newspapers / web / social media)</p>

Step 3 – What we already know and where there are gaps

List any existing information/data do you have/monitor about different diverse groups in relation to this policy? Such as in relation to age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation etc.

Data/information such as:

- Consultation
- Previous Equality Impact Assessments
- Demographic information
- Anecdotal and other evidence

Age – older people are often dog owners for company

Anecdotal evidence, a number of elderly residents have struggled to pick up foul yet their dogs are their companions and without them would not go out frequently.

Based on national statistics, there are over 8.5 million dogs in the UK and 24% of households have a dog. It is therefore estimated that there is a minimum of 14,250 dogs resident in Wyre, and in addition to this there are also people who visit the area with dogs.

Incident recording – Records to identify areas where dog fouling / irresponsible dog ownership / dogs out of control is an issue based on reports from residents.

Bi – Annual Life in Wyre Surveys – Customers have identified dog fouling / irresponsible dog ownership / dogs out of control as a significant concern within the borough.

Young people – should be allowed to play and use green spaces without fear of dogs being out of control.

Step 4 – Do we need to seek the views of others? If so, who?

In light of the answers you have given in Step 2, do you need to consult with specific groups to identify needs / issues? If not please explain why.

The Council has undertaken a consultation exercise and the PSPO's will be reviewed every 3 years. Amendments and revisions can be added before that time if evidence is received that there is a need for additional controls. The controls must meet the legal test and must be justified.

Step 5 – Assessing the impact

In light of any data/consultation/information and your own knowledge and awareness, please identify whether the policy has a positive or negative impact on the individuals or community groups (including what barriers these individuals or groups may face) who identify with any 'protected characteristics' and provide an explanation for your decision (please refer to the general duties on the front page).

Comments

Age	Positive – clearer Orders informing residents about dog control will have a positive impact on all ages.
Disability (Physical, visual, hearing, learning disabilities, mental health)	<p>There are exceptions to the Orders for people who have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on the ability to carry out normal day to day activities including affecting his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity/ approved body as is considered appropriate by the Council.and upon which he relies for assistance.</p> <p>There are also exceptions in the Orders for blind people. There are also exceptions in the Orders for people requiring trained assistance dogs. The Order makes it clear to all residents who are exempt which adds clarity for all residents.</p> <p>Those with learning difficulties are not listed under the exemptions, and therefore authorised officers will use their discretion in such cases. Training to identify difficulties and strong team support should help to overcome difficult situations.</p> <p>Any other impairment not listed above will be dealt with on a case by case basis.</p>
Gender Reassignment (Transgender)	Positive - neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion or Belief (Includes no belief)	Neutral
Sex (Gender)	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Other protected groups (Pregnancy & maternity, marriage & civil partnership)	Neutral
Other socially excluded groups (carers, low literacy, priority neighbourhoods, health inequalities, rural isolation, asylum seeker and refugee communities etc.)	Neutral

Where there are potential barriers, negative impacts identified and/ or barriers or impacts are unknown, please outline how you propose to minimise all negative impact or discrimination.

Please note:

- a) If you have identified adverse impact or discrimination that is illegal, you are required to take action to remedy this immediately.
- b) Additionally, if you have identified adverse impact that is justifiable or legitimate, you will need to consider what actions can be taken to mitigate its effect on those groups of people.

No

Summarise your findings and give an overview as to whether the policy will meet Wyre Council's responsibilities in relation to equality and diversity (please refer to the general duties on the front page).

This PSPO will meet Wyre Council's equality and diversity requirements by adding clarity to dog control orders. The Council will also seek to identify areas that dogs are free to walk without restriction and will seek to work with the local businesses to identify establishments that welcome dogs.

This PSPO will be publicised on social media, Council's website, circulated to Town and Parish Council's. Signage will be updated across the borough to reflect any changes.

Step 6- Monitoring, evaluation and review

Are there processes in place to review the findings of this Assessment and make appropriate changes? In particular, how will you monitor potential barriers and any positive/ negative impact?

The PSPO's will be reviewed every 3 years and the EIA will be reviewed at the same time.

How will the recommendations of this assessment be built into wider planning and review processes? e.g. policy reviews, annual plans and use of performance management systems.

Consultation with interested groups, stronger understanding of how the Orders can be implemented and reviewed and promoted.

Step 7- Action Plan

Please include any identified concerns/actions/issues in this action plan:
The issues identified should inform your Service Plan and, if appropriate, your Consultation Plan

Action

In relation to responses received from the consultation process a number of amendments have been made to the Order and there is a commitment to review on going.

Step 8- Who needs to know about the outcomes of this assessment and how will they be informed?

	Who needs to know (Please tick)	How they will be informed
Employees	✓	Published on intranet
Service users	✓	Published with Cabinet report
Partners and stakeholders	✓	Published with Cabinet report
Others	✓	Published with Cabinet report