Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee Council	**Date of Meeting:**	Monday 11 March 2024 Thursday 18th April 2024
Subject:	Continuation of the Public Spaces Protection Order -Dog Control		
Report of:	Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection)	**Wards Affected:**	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member – Regulatory Compliance & Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	**Included in Forward Plan:**	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To provide information concerning dog control and an overview of the public consultation on the proposed extension of the existing Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Control 2021 for a further three years.

Recommendation(s):

Licensing and Regulatory Committee is requested to recommend that Council gives its approval for the extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Control 2021 for a further three years:

Council is requested to approve the extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Control 2021 for a further three years:

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):
The proposal is intended to continue enforcement powers that address irresponsible dog control and protect the public from anti-social behaviour that is having or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)
Members could take no action, following the PSPO consultation. In doing so, Members should note that the existing PSPO- Dog Control 2021 will expire on the 28th April 2024 resulting in only very limited powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership. Existing Bye laws are dated in extent and coverage across the Borough. Crucially they fail to allow a Fixed penalty notice (FPN) to be issued and for the offender to discharge their liability for prosecution by making payment. All offences would result in prosecution which is both costly in time and resources and would leave the offender with a criminal record.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The consultation responses identified that a significant number of respondents considered that the information provided for the PSPO – dog Control 2021 could be improved . A review of information provision including signage will be necessary and subject to its outcome may result in additional costs to ensure that relevant and adequate information / signage is provided and maintained. These costs are subject to the outcome of the review , previous estimates for signage provision ranged up to £10,000 and will need to be met from Services existing revenue budgets.

It is not anticipated that there will be any material change in the amount of income. received from fixed penalty notices. Indeed, it is hoped that changes to irresponsible dog owners' behaviour will mean fewer FPN's being issued. An additional contribution towards income is not anticipated

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
There is potentially an increased cost associated with making improvements to information and signage for the PSPO, but this would need to be accommodated within existing budgetary provision.

Legal Implications: The consultation process has adhered to statutory requirements and guidance. The decision-making process, if members determine to proceed with extension of the PSPO -Dog Control, will follow the necessary and appropriate decision-making route.

Equality Implications:

The equality Implications have been identified and mitigated. The current PSPO provides exemptions for assistance dogs which will continue if the order is extended.

Impact on Children and Young People: Yes, the restrictions & requirements within the order will help protect children & young people from irresponsible dog ownership and dog behaviours.

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will

Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: The PSPO ensures continued protection by ensuring that dogs are prohibited from entering enclosed playgrounds and certain sports facilities and effectively controlled on a lead in other locations such as picnic areas and cemeteries thereby ensuring children can play without disturbance in a secure environment and persons using sensitive locations are protected.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Controls over irresponsible dog owners and dog behaviours assists in enabling the whole community to feel safe and enjoy public spaces.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Effective controls over dog fouling and other aspects of irresponsible dog ownership and behaviours assists in keeping streets and public spaces cleaner and controlling anti-social behaviour
Place – leadership and influencer: The PSPO – Dog Control provides a strong message to our communities that irresponsible dog ownership, and anti-social behaviour is not acceptable, and the Council is doing what it can to prevent it.
Drivers of change and reform: Extending this PSPO will continue to encourage responsible dog ownership by ensuring dogs are on a lead or prohibited from entering key areas to the benefit of the community and will seek to reduce the levels of dog fouling within the Borough.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Effective controls over dog fouling and other aspects of irresponsible dog ownership and behaviours assists in keeping streets and public spaces cleaner, and controlling anti-social behaviour, which in turn assist in supporting a positive environment for businesses.
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener Extending the PSPO will ensure enforcement powers continue to be available to require dog fouling to be picked up forthwith, this will impact upon dog walker's behaviour and the level of dog fouling. Ability for officers to request dogs leashed on direction is helpful in diffusing situations and preventing adverse impacts on the wider natural environment.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7564/24.....) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5664/24....) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Following approval by the Public Engagement & Consultation Panel a public consultation began on 22nd January 2024 for 4 weeks.

Details of the consultation engagement are outlined further in this report.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meetings.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix 1 –Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) 2021

Appendix 2 – Correspondence received from the Dog's Trust

Background Papers:

Local Government Association -PSPO Guidance for Councils

https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/10.21%20PSPO%20guidance_06_1.pdf

Home Office Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Anti-social behaviour powers- Statutory guidance for frontline professionals

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/823316/2019-08-05_ASB_Revised_Statutory_Guidance_V2.2.pdf

1. Introduction/Background

1.1. A public spaces protection order (PSPO) can be introduced by a Council under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4 (section 59) where:

- activities that have taken place have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will take place and that they will have a detrimental effect

- the effect or likely effect of these activities:

- is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature
- is, or is likely to be, unreasonable

1.2. A PSPO can last for up to three years, after which it must be reviewed, after which it may be extended for up to a further three years. There is no limit on the number of times an Order may be reviewed and renewed.

1.3. Before introducing, extending, varying or discharging a PSPO, there are requirements under the Act regarding consultation, publicity and notification.

1.4. Local authorities are obliged to consult with the local chief officer of police; the police and crime commissioner; owners or occupiers of land within the affected area where reasonably practicable, and appropriate community representatives, parish or community councils that are in the proposed area covered by the PSPO must be notified.

2. Sefton's Current PSPO for Dog Control

2.1. The current PSPO for Dog Control came into force on the 28th April 2021 and will end on 28th April 2024 (if not extended) .

2.2. The following requirements / restrictions summarised below are included within the current Order (Appendix 1).

- Failure to remove your dog's fouling forthwith.
- Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 6 dogs on or off the lead.
- Prohibit dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds.
- Prohibit dogs from entering marked or fenced sports pitches during specified times.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within defined picnic sites and family areas in parks.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within all designated carriageways (A and B classified Road) and footways.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within all cemeteries and crematoria.
- Dogs to be placed on a lead when directed by an authorised officer to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to members of the public.
- Dog leads must be no greater than 2 metres in length when used in the locations specified above.

2.3. A £75 fixed penalty notice (£50 if paid within 10 days) can be issued if someone fails to comply with the requirement / restrictions within the Order.

2.4. There are several bye laws that include reference to dog control including: banning dogs from cemeteries (contradicting the current PSPO); limitations on dogs within certain parts of the seashore; Dogs Fouling Footways/ Grass Verges only and restriction on dogs in public walks and pleasure grounds. These are limited to specific locations and crucially fail to allow a Fixed penalty notice (FPN) to be issued and for the offender to discharge their liability for prosecution by making payment. All offences would result in prosecution which is both costly in time and resources and would leave the offender with a criminal record.

3. Activity during current PSPO

3.1. During the period of the current PSPO-Dog Control 2021 enforcement of the restrictions has primarily been undertaken by the Council's Contractor with FPN's issued for non-compliance.

3.2. The Officers have undertaken high visibility patrols and engagement in key locations which provides a deterrent, particularly relevant for dog fouling offences. The knowledge of and ability to issue FPN's is key to their effectiveness.

3.3. **Fixed Penalty Notices served by type:**

(FPNs served by offence type	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Jan)	Grand Total
dog to enter and remain on a bowling green		1			1
dog to enter and remain in a fenced multi use games area		2	3	1	6
dog to enter and remain in a fenced sport pitch		1			1
dog to enter and remain in an enclosed playground			13	23	36
dog to enter and remain on a marked sports pitch during a restricted period		2	28		30
failed to place a dog on a lead of not more than 2 metres in length when directed to do so		4	2	1	7
failed to remove dog fouling forthwith	3	6	8		17
dog not on a lead of less than 2 metres in length in a cemetery / crematoria		27	32	2	61
dog not on a lead of less than 2 metres in length in a designated family / picnic area		86	77	3	166
dog not on a lead of less than 2 metres in length on an A or B road / footway		23	17		40
walking with more than 6 dogs		1			1
Grand Total	**3**	**165**	**91**	**7**	**366**

Where a FPN is not paid a prosecution for the offence is perused. This resulted in 8 cases and convictions in 2022 with fines & costs totalling £2,024 and 5 convictions in 2023 with fines & costs awarded of £2,024

3.4. **Requests for Service – Sefton Council**

Row Labels	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Dangerous/Aggressive Dogs	6	6	3		15
Dog Fouling	334	309	174	34	851

PSPO dog control	13	3	17		33
Request for Dog Fouling Notice	15	8	2		25
Grand Total	**368**	**326**	**196**	**34**	**924**

3.5. **The number of stray dogs seized by the Council.**

	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Seized dogs	**56**	**85**	**75**	**216**

3.6 **Incidents recorded by Merseyside Police**
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog.

Between 2021 & January 2024 Merseyside Police recorded 564 incidents of dogs out of control where injury occurred. Over 70% of these where in a public place

	2021	2022	2023	2024(January)	*Total*
Offences reported total	127	194	229	14	*564*

Green Sefton Observations

3.7 Key issues and anecdotal reports from Green Sefton confirm dog fouling remains an issue in all parks and coastal sites with the littering of significant number of dog fouling bags also identified. Dogs are often encountered in enclosed children's play areas and dogs witnessed being aggressive to park users and other dogs.

3.8 Numerous instances of disturbance by dog walkers to the roosting birds in coastal areas have been noted and on some occasions dog walkers have been observed allowing or encouraging their dogs to disturb the birds. There remains ongoing vandalism of PSPO signage throughout the Borough and particularly in the North.

3.9 Green Sefton's community rangers continue to hold education events often involving the Dogs Trust at parks throughout the borough and discuss the PSPO with dog owners at all our sites when on patrol.

3.10 There were 35 formal dog control PSPO related comments / complaints / compliments via the Council's iCasework system to Green Sefton between September 2021 and November 2023.

3.11 Whilst dog fouling continues to be raised as a problem, it is clear that a major source of anti-social behaviour arises from dogs off leads. This impacts on those who do have their dogs under control and also on those site users who do not have dogs, or may be wary around dogs, with the suggestion that some people are starting to avoid some parks or areas of coast. The Burials & Cremation Manger also noted the

lack of respect some dog owners have when visiting sensitive locations such as Cemeteries & Crematoria and the impact this has on other people visiting and paying respects.

4. Public Consultation Engagement

4.1. A consultation began on 22nd January 2024 for a 4-week period, 340 online responses were received.

4.2. Seven questions were agreed upon and asked whether the order should be extended; the frequency of irresponsible dog ownership; the impact of the PSPO and whether current information surrounding it was adequate. Full details of the questions can be found in the results section of this report.

4.3. An easy read version was developed and the wording of this was used for all versions of the consultation.

4.4. The consultation ran online through Your Sefton Your Say. Hard copies and audio versions were made available. Alternative language forms were available on request.

4.5. The Consultation was promoted through the Council website, My Sefton, social media local press, Green Sefton and all notice boards in Sefton Parks, recreational areas, and cemeteries.

4.6. The following groups were all contacted via email to inform them of the consultation taking place and to identify any particular requests or requirements that group members may have.

- Sefton CVS
- Merseyside Sight Loss Council
- Migrant Workers Sefton Community
- People First Merseyside
- South Sefton Visually Impaired Group
- Dogs Trust

5 Merseyside Chief Constable and Merseyside Police & Crime Commissioner

5.1 Both the Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner were consulted on the proposed extension of the order. The Police & Crime Commissioner confirmed that She is " happy to support and endorse the extension up until 28th April 2027".

5. Parish & Town Councils:

5.1. All Parish & Town Councils across Sefton were contacted to inform them of the consultation taking place and the following responses were received from the clerks to the Council's.

5.2. Aintree Village Parish Council:

"The two Committees [Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Park and Amenities Committee] met and agreed to support your proposal to extend the Public Spaces Protection Order and the areas that are covered by the proposed Order within Harrow Drive Park."

5.3 Formby Parish Council;

"*I have looked at the schedule 6 and this does not include the playground at Alt Lane, which has previously allowed dogs to pass through on leads to access the dog recreation area. However, this is being addressed as part of the section 106 from the Liverpool Road development and so this should be included as a dog exclusion zone for the next order.*

Also the new community garden at Lonsdale Road should be included."

5.4 Maghull Town Council

"*Thank you for the consultation documentation which you have sent through.*

Can I ask why the parks in Maghull and Lydiate have been left off? The PSPO is borough wide from memory but our parks are not included. There is no point sending this out for consultation for the people of Maghull when the first question will be "where are our parks?"

If you could look into this and get back to me I'd be grateful."

[please note: Parks in Maghull & Lydiate are included within Schedule 6 of the current order and Maghull Town Council have been advised]

6. Animal charities/welfare groups:

6.1. The Dog's Trust responded to the consultation and made comment in respect of several areas of dog control including; dog fouling, dogs on leads, walking a specified number of dogs and exclusion of dogs from certain areas. The full response can be found in appendix 2.

7. Public Consultation Results

7.1. A total of 340 responses to the consultation were received online.

7.2. The consultation asked respondents if they were 'dog owners'. This was to identify whether views on the PSPO were from dog owners or non-dog owners. The results show an even split with 50.59% dog owners and non dog owners 49.41%.

7.3. The results of the consultation can be seen in the following section.

8. Executive Summary

8.1. Irresponsible dog control has remained an issue during the lifetime of the current PSPO – Dog Control 2021 and this is reflected in the level of data and comment shown in section three of this report along with the comments made in response to this consultation.

8.2. This behaviour continues to have a detrimental effect and continuation of enforcement powers to control dogs will reduce the likelihood of the effect continuing or recurring.

8.3 The PSPO consultation has been broad ranging reaching out to relevant groups and residents alike. It has produced a significant number of responses. These have been overwhelmingly supportive of extending the order, with 82.06% (279 /340) of respondents saying it should be extended.

8.4 35% of respondents who said yes to the extension where dog owners, whilst only eight of the fifty-nine respondents (13%) who said no, were dog owners.

There were 282 comments in relation to extending the PSPO, with some key themes being the focus for this continuing, they were:

- Need to ensure and encourage responsible dog ownership and also cater for those whom dogs are a nuisance or perceived threat .
- Significant concern about Dog fouling, littering of dog bags along with a lack of bin provision or not frequent collections to allow for fouling to be disposed of.
- Need for enforcement that is seen by the public and lack of wardens within green spaces to advise and enforce.
- Additional information and signage being at a size that can be clearly seen.
- Too many dogs off leads and not under control

Comments include:

"People must take responsibility for their dogs, and this should be enforced."

"I think the current PSPO is sufficient and it supports responsible dog ownership."

"Because there are too many people who think the rules are for everyone else except themselves. By keeping the rules.....it helps to raise awareness of how people with dogs should behave in public places and for many will act as a deterrent for letting dogs off the lead in places where they shouldn't and clearing up their dogs excrement. Provides a safer environment for children and others. to say nothing of the spread of disease."

"There needs to be something enforceable in place for the council to act on when the states activities take place. They cannot go unaddressed, particularly in a time when dangerous dogs have been in the headlines so frequently."

"Does not make any difference if you have rules in place irresponsible dog owners will always ignore them".

"Dogs need to expend energy and properly run."

8.5 Since the PSPO was implemented 33.82% of respondents (196) stated that they have seen an improvement in stray dogs and dogs being on lead in certain areas (29.71%). Respondents noticed that there had been a lesser improvement with

aggressive dogs (10%), dog fouling (12.65%) and responsible dog ownership (13.24%).

Sefton Council is liaising with Merseyside Constabulary to address issues around aggressive dogs which aims to see improvements within the Borough and with the public's concern about aggressive and dangerous dogs.

8.6 The current PSPO has had an impact upon the behaviour of dog owners with 24.41% of respondents indicating that the main behaviour change was knowing the areas where they were allowed to take their dogs, whilst 10.29% said that it had an impact on both taking a means of picking up dog fouling and picking it up.

8.7 The consultation shows that irresponsible dog ownership is still regularly observed and needs addressing,with over 60% of respondents having observed this on a daily or weekly basis. (34.71% daily and 30.29% weekly). Only 7.65% stated that they have never witnessed irresponsible dog ownership.

8.8 When asked if the information about the dog control order is good enough a significant number of respondents did not agree. As a result, a review of information provision will be undertaken taking onboard issues raised through, complaint, elected members, feedback from resident and visitors and enforcement officers. The review will involve relevant Council Services such as Green Sefton and Highways and discussions with the Communications Team to identify any additional pathways in which information can be distributed amongst Sefton residents and visitors.

Residents commented on the provision of signage as:

"Speaking as a daily visitor to the botanic gardens I can state that the notices about where a dog has or hasn't got to be on a lead are a joke. Not in a suitable spot and not clear and transparent enough."

"More signage bigger, brighter, repeated throughout public spaces"

Another commented on the lack of available information being:

"More public awareness and social media engagement. People will be vocal when opposed to such an order, but ultimately, they are a minority and probably an offender."

Respondents commented that more education by wardens was required for areas that, with one resident commenting that:

"I've yet to see an enforcement officer talking to dog owners, not necessarily just fining people but showing people that there are people about and the expectations."

8.9 Respondents were asked if they had any additional comments as part of the consultation, the general themes that came from these and throughout the consultation responses include :

- There needed to be stricter enforcement for people who were found to be dog fouling.

- More education and advice from wardens about areas where dogs are allowed and where they are prohibited.

- More information in green spaces and on other platforms about the PSPO such as social media and visible signage.

- More means of disposal of dog poo bags, people are seeing an increase in bags being left on the street as there is limited means of disposal.

- The PSPO needed to be continued to be able to tackle the issues of irresponsible dog ownership.

Comments include:

"There should be more resources to monitor irresponsible dog owners "

"dog licences should be reintroduced, fines for not cleaning up after dog poo should be higher and more rigorously applied, all dogs should be on a lead and more dogs muzzled in all public places "

" Essential that order remains in place. Irresponsible dog owners will fail to control dogs and clean up after them. Not all people like dogs and I do not feel I should feel threatened or approached by a dog when out walking on a pavement or in a park which is not on a lead and under the control of its owner . I have myself removed dog excrement from the middle of the road near where I live to prevent cars / people walking / driving through it. Any level or amount of dog excrement on the street is not acceptable and a bad advert for Southport"

"There needs to be more publicity and PSPO need to be more visible. More signs in parks informing owners when dogs must be on lead"

9 Conclusion:

9.1 Extending the PSPO seeks to maintain the necessary controls, which are now firmly embedded, to address unreasonable anti-social behaviour that is or is likely to have a continuing, recurring detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and takes into consideration the outcome of the consultation and views expressed by respondents.

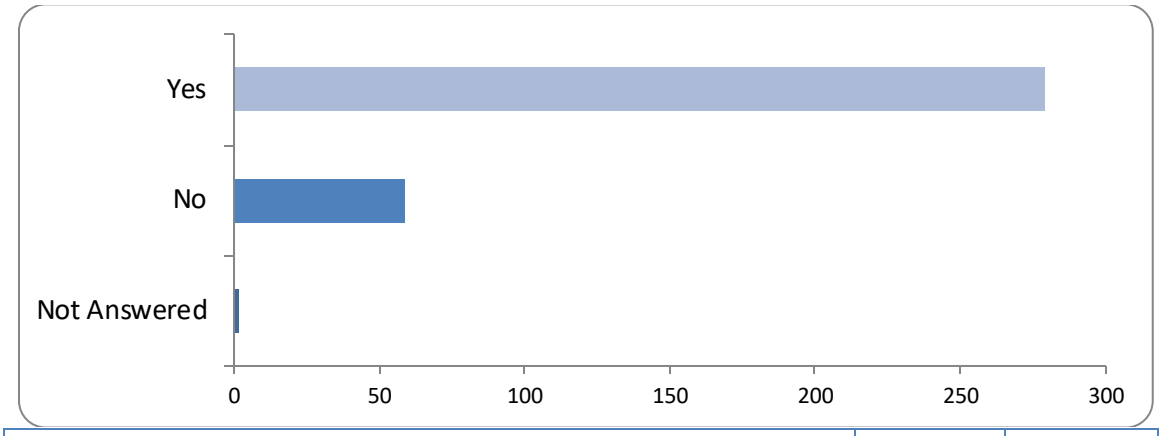
9,.2 Extending the PSPO for a further 3 years will ensure a continuation of enforcement powers available to the Council to address irresponsible dog control. Not proceeding will see a reliance on very limited bye laws, an inability to tackle dog fouling in all areas or to issue any dog related Fixed Penalty Notices.

10 Consultation Results

1: Do you think we should extend the Dog Control Order for 3 more years until 2027?

Extending the Order

There were 338 responses to this part of the question.

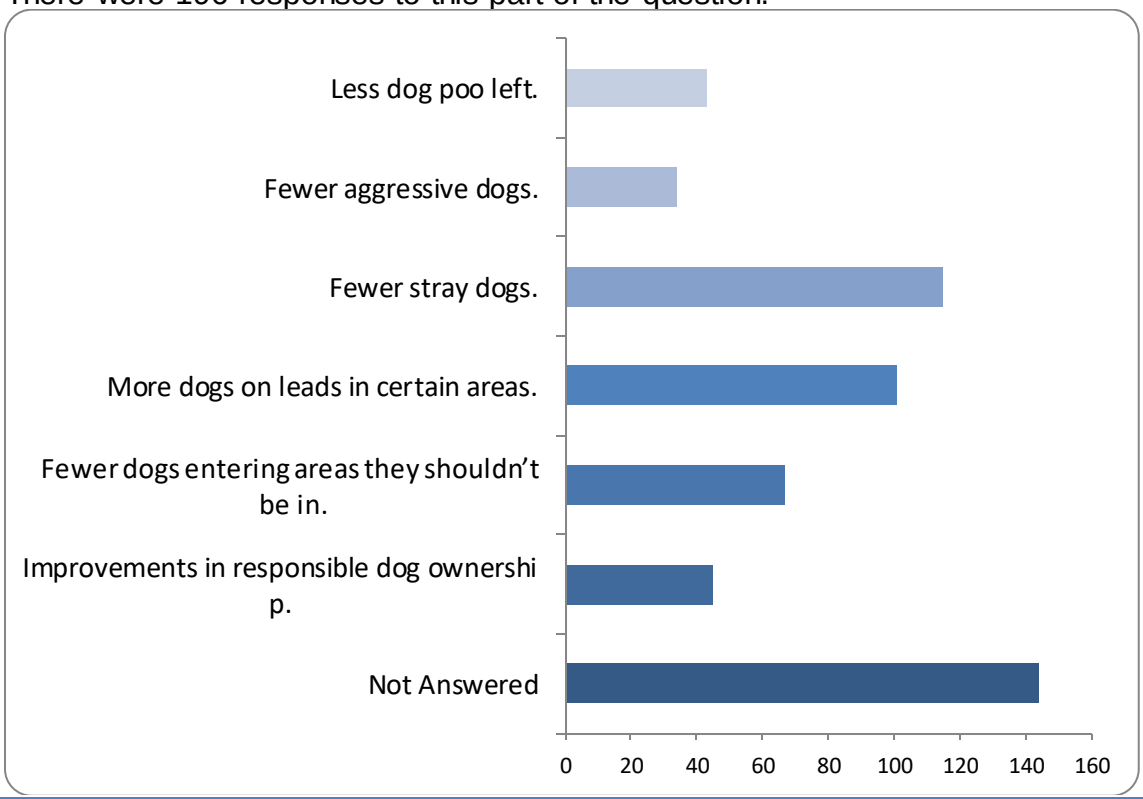


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	279	82.06%
No	59	17.35%
Not Answered	2	0.59%

Comments about extending the order
There were 282 responses to this part of the question.

2: Sefton has had Dog Control Orders since 2017. Have you noticed any improvements? (please tick all that apply).

Any improvements?
There were 196 responses to this part of the question.



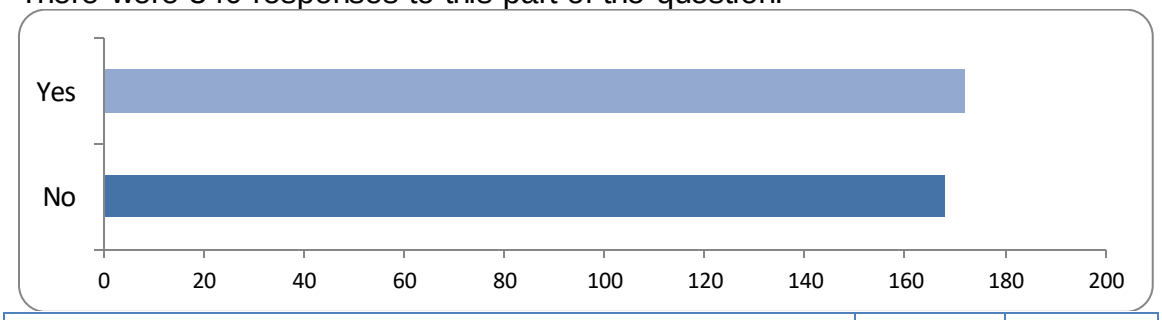
Option	Total	Percent
Less dog poo left.	43	12.65%
Fewer aggressive dogs.	34	10.00%
Fewer stray dogs.	115	33.82%
More dogs on leads in certain areas.	101	29.71%

Fewer dogs entering areas they shouldn't be in.	67	19.71%
Improvements in responsible dog ownership.	45	13.24%
Not Answered	144	42.35%

3: Are you a dog owner?

Dog owner

There were 340 responses to this part of the question.

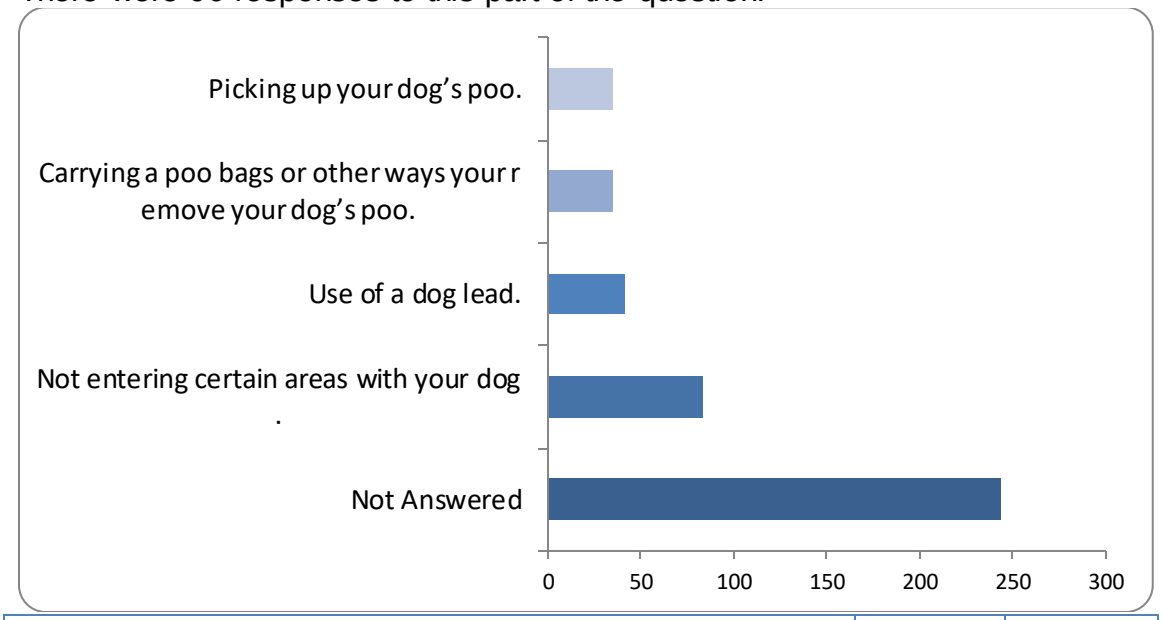


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	172	50.59%
No	168	49.41%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

If you are a dog owner, has the Dog Control order had an impact on you behaviour in any of the following ways?

Impact on behaviour

There were 96 responses to this part of the question.

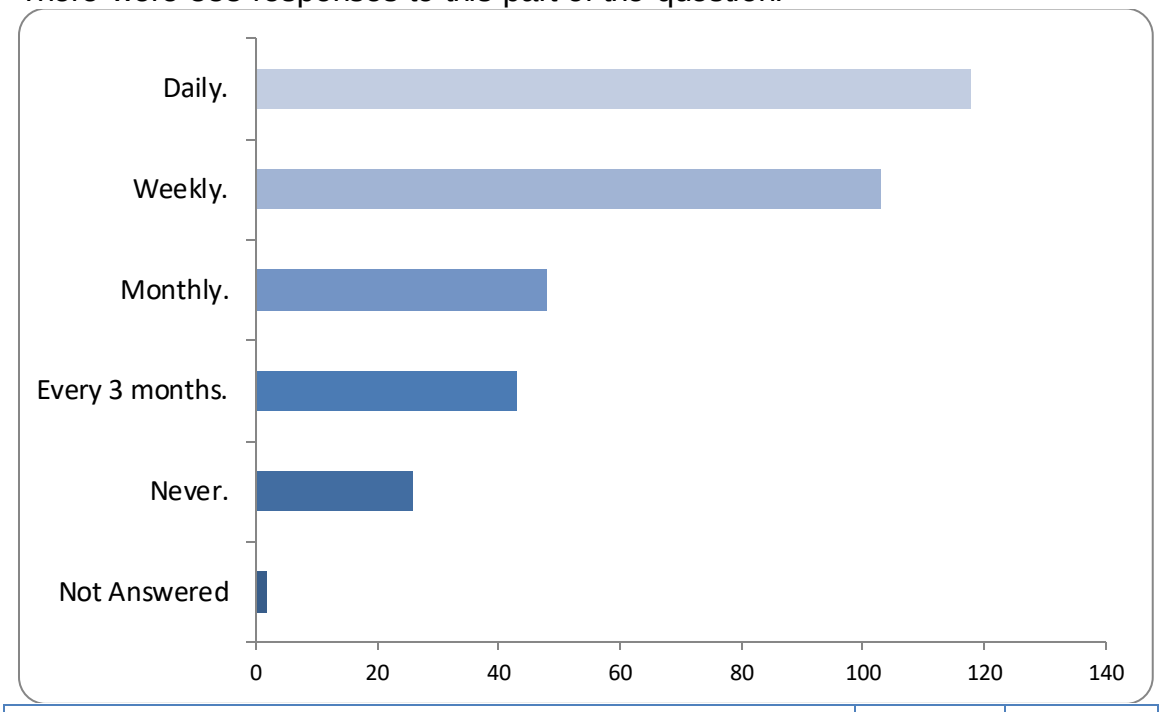


Option	Total	Percent
Picking up your dog's poo.	35	10.29%
Carrying a poo bags or other ways your remove your dog's poo.	35	10.29%
Use of a dog lead.	41	12.06%
Not entering certain areas with your dog.	83	24.41%
Not Answered	244	71.76%

5: How often have you seen irresponsible dog ownership in the last 12 months?

Frequency of irresponsible dog ownership.

There were 338 responses to this part of the question.

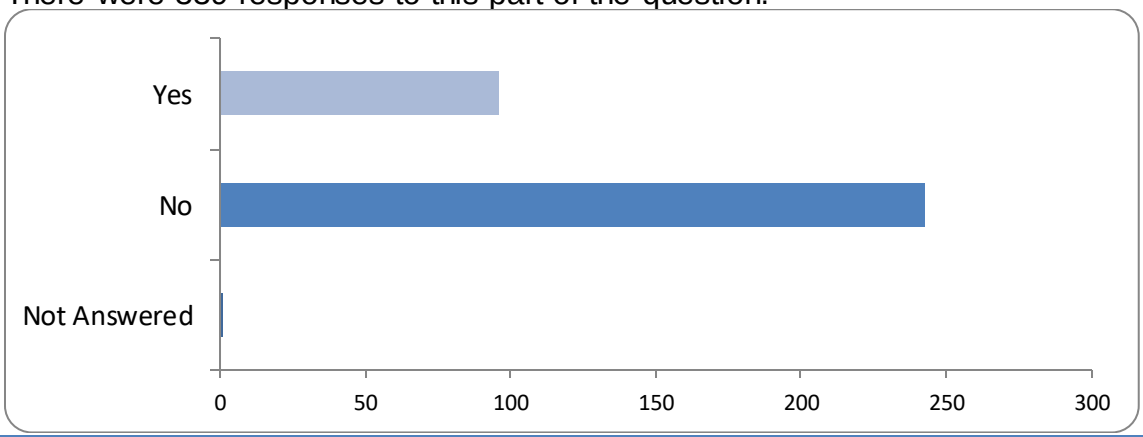


Option	Total	Percent
Daily.	118	34.71%
Weekly.	103	30.29%
Monthly.	48	14.12%
Every 3 months.	43	12.65%
Never.	26	7.65%
Not Answered	2	0.59%

6: Do you feel that the information about the Dog Control Order is good enough?

Information about the order

There were 339 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	96	28.24%

No	243	71.47%
Not Answered	1	0.29%

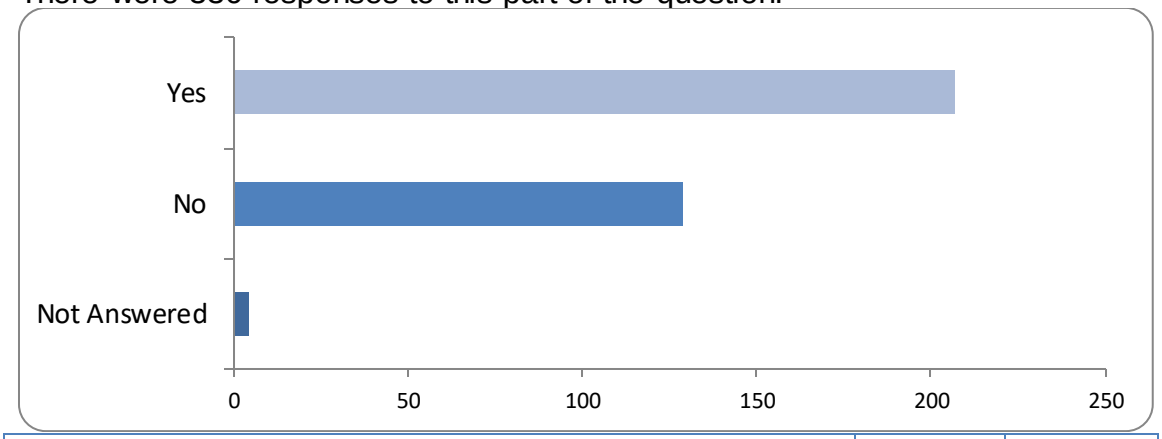
Dog Control information improvements
There were 243 responses to this part of the question.

7: Do you have any comments about the Dog Control Order?

Comments
There were 232 responses to this part of the question.

8: Do you give consent to providing your details, in accordance with the Privacy Notice?

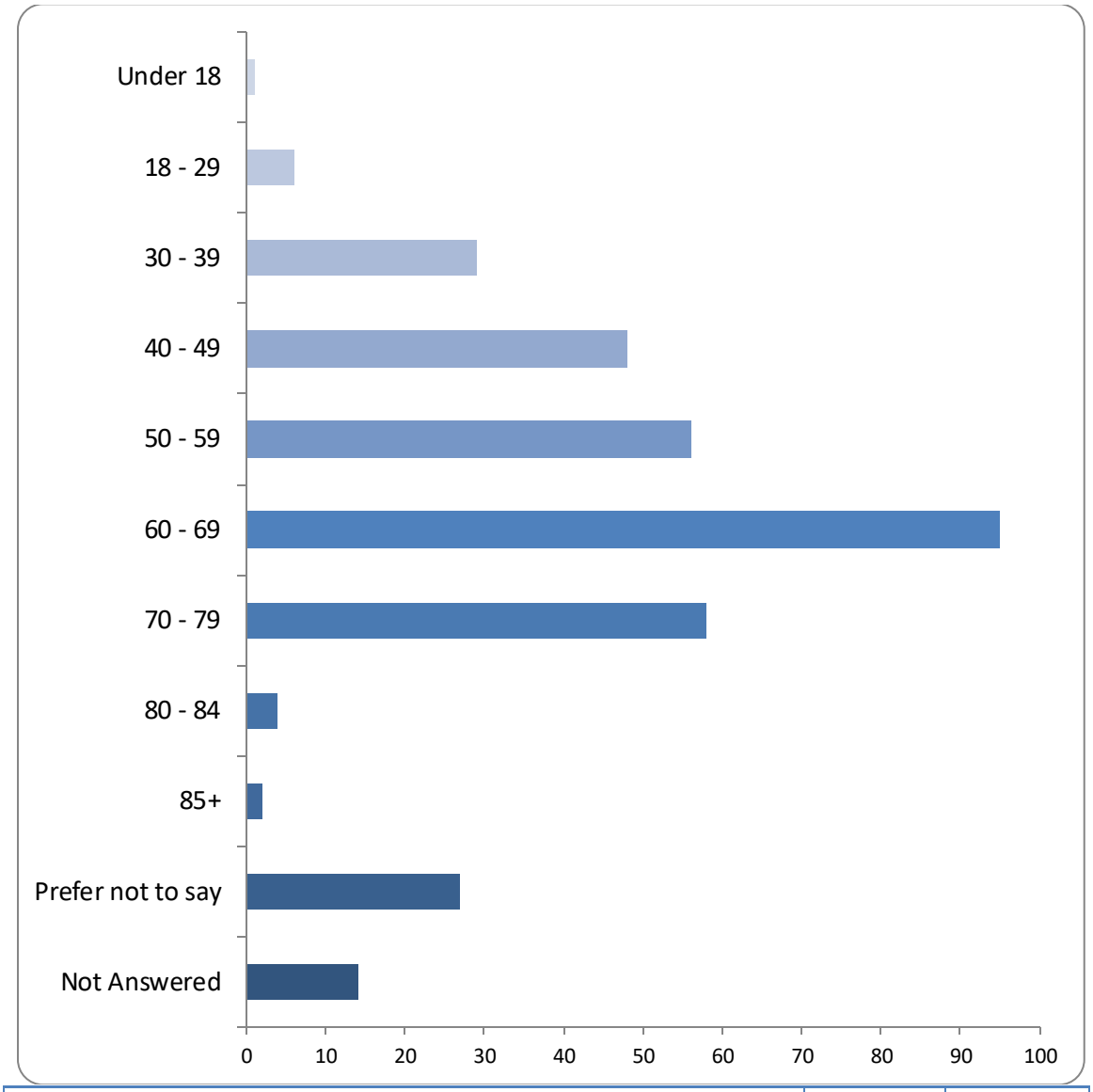
Consent
There were 336 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	207	60.88%
No	129	37.94%
Not Answered	4	1.18%

9: How old are you?

Age
There were 326 responses to this part of the question.

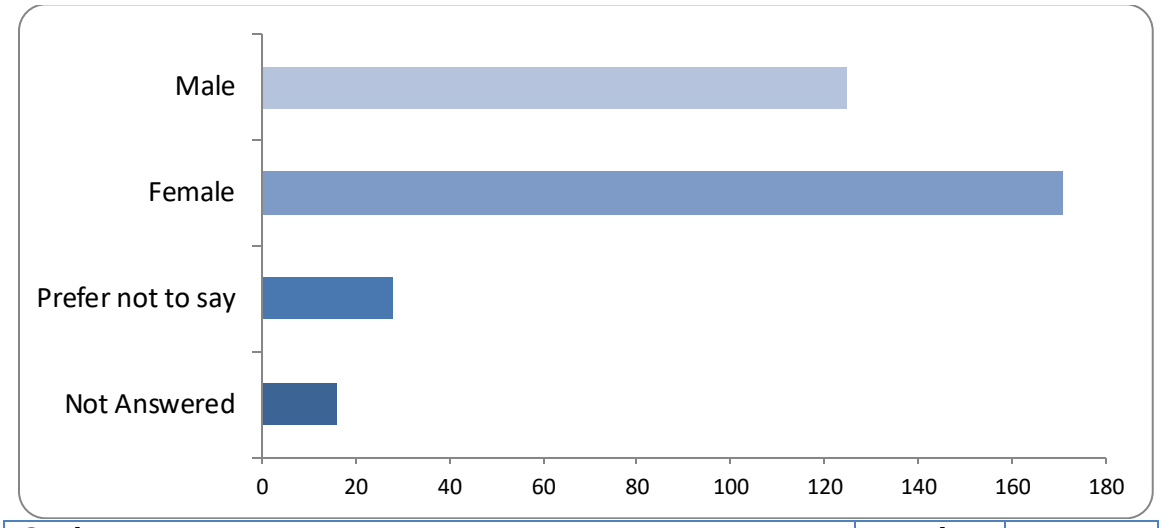


Option	Total	Percent
Under 18	1	0.29%
18 - 29	6	1.76%
30 - 39	29	8.53%
40 - 49	48	14.12%
50 - 59	56	16.47%
60 - 69	95	27.94%
70 - 79	58	17.06%
80 - 84	4	1.18%
85+	2	0.59%
Prefer not to say	27	7.94%
Not Answered	14	4.12%

10: Sex

Sex

There were 324 responses to this part of the question.

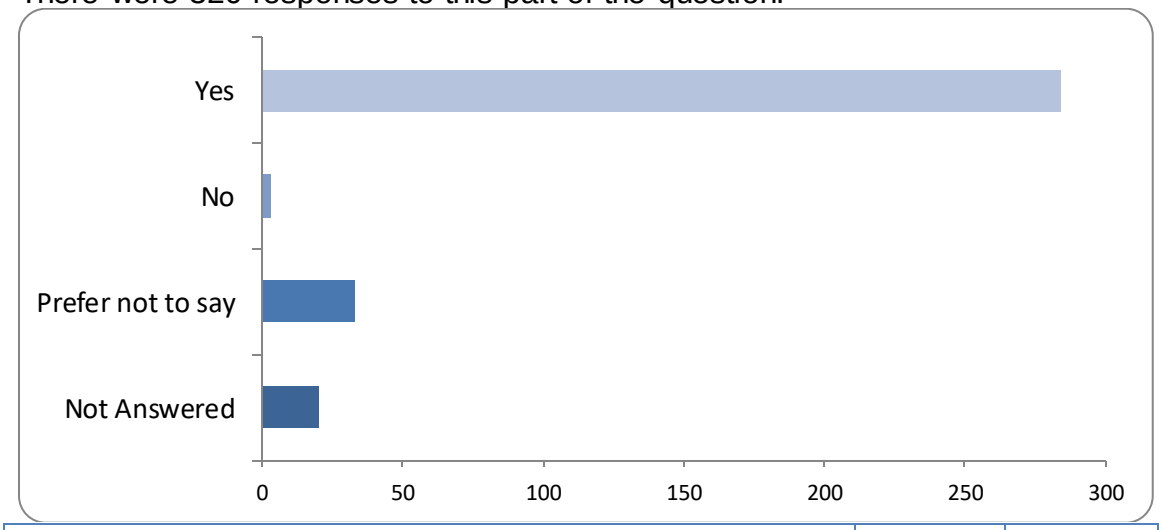


Option	Total	Percent
Male	125	36.76%
Female	171	50.29%
Prefer not to say	28	8.24%
Not Answered	16	4.71%

11: Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Gender

There were 320 responses to this part of the question.

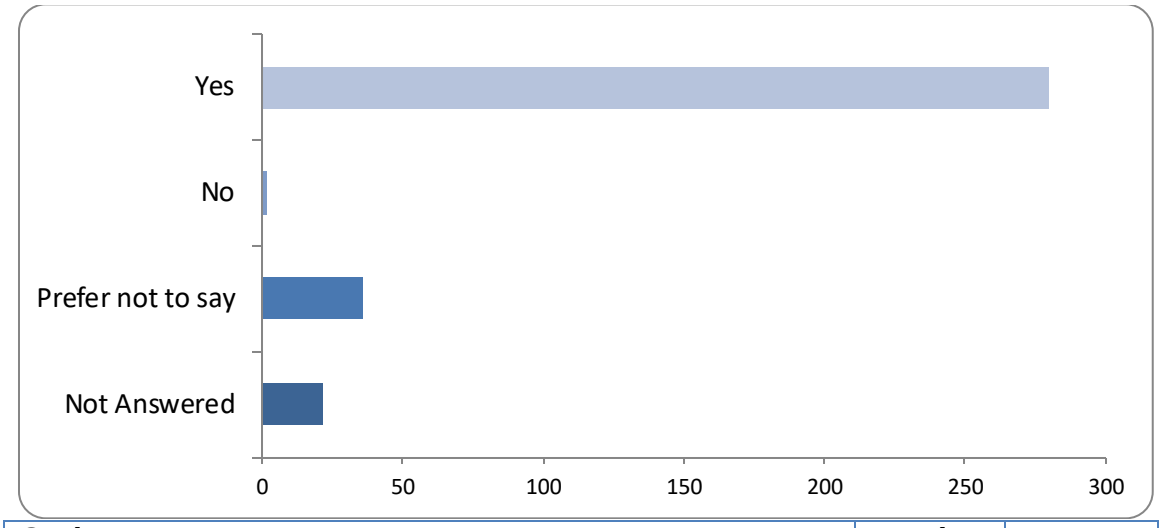


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	284	83.53%
No	3	0.88%
Prefer not to say	33	9.71%
Not Answered	20	5.88%

12: Do you currently live as your birth sex?

Gender identity

There were 318 responses to this part of the question.

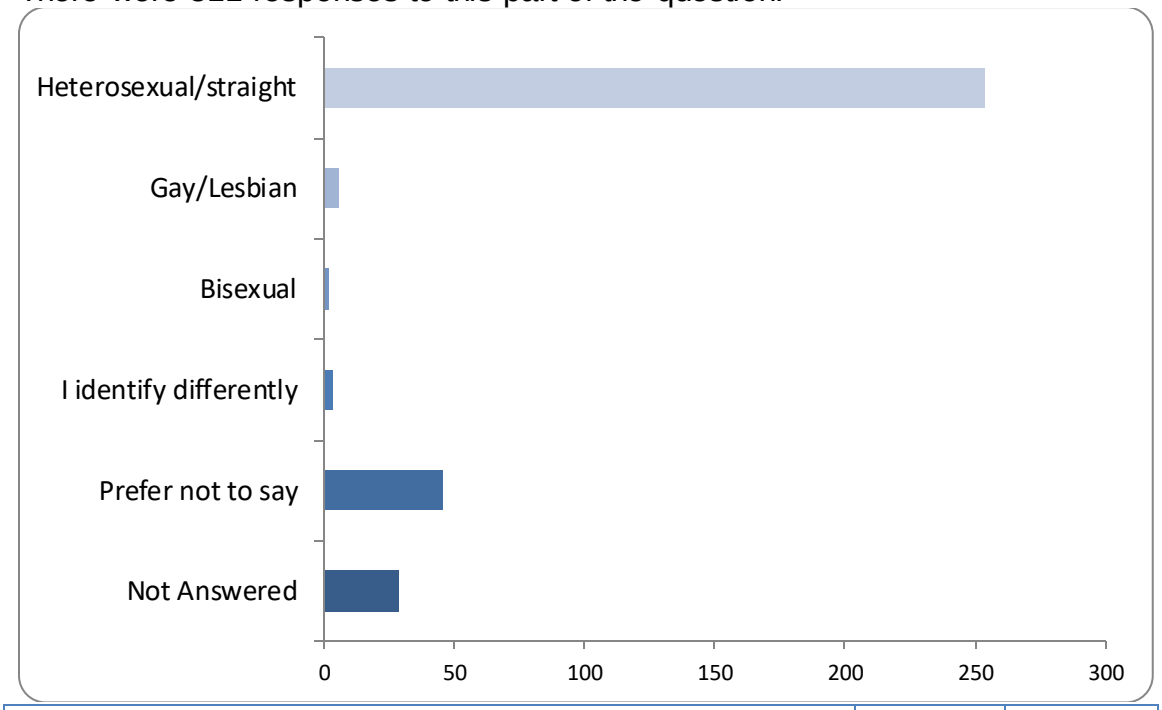


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	280	82.35%
No	2	0.59%
Prefer not to say	36	10.59%
Not Answered	22	6.47%

Gender identity
There were 3 responses to this part of the question.

13: Relationships - How would you describe your sexual orientation?

Sexual orientation
There were 311 responses to this part of the question.



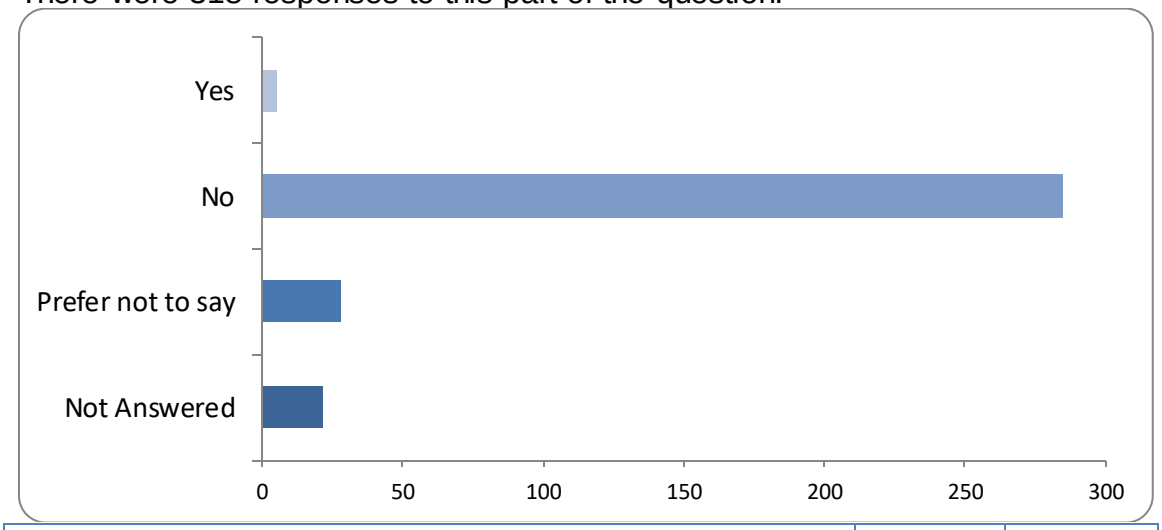
Option	Total	Percent
Heterosexual/straight	254	74.71%
Gay/Lesbian	6	1.76%
Bisexual	2	0.59%
I identify differently	3	0.88%

Prefer not to say	46	13.53%
Not Answered	29	8.53%

Please tell us how you identify.
There were 9 responses to this part of the question.

14: Are you cared for by Sefton Council?

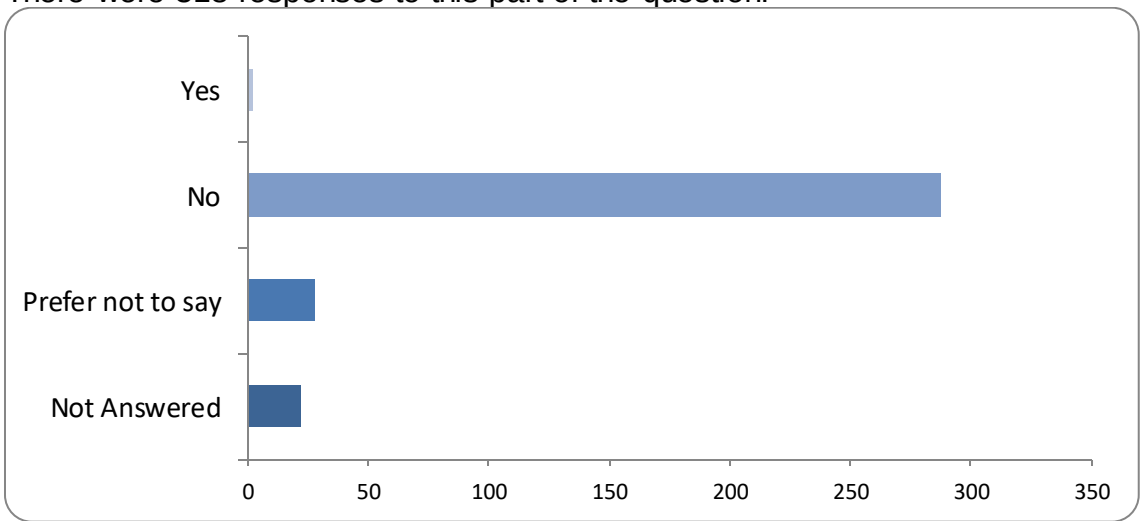
Currently cared for
There were 318 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	5	1.47%
No	285	83.82%
Prefer not to say	28	8.24%
Not Answered	22	6.47%

15: Have you ever been cared for as a child by Sefton Council or any other Council?

Care experienced
There were 318 responses to this part of the question.

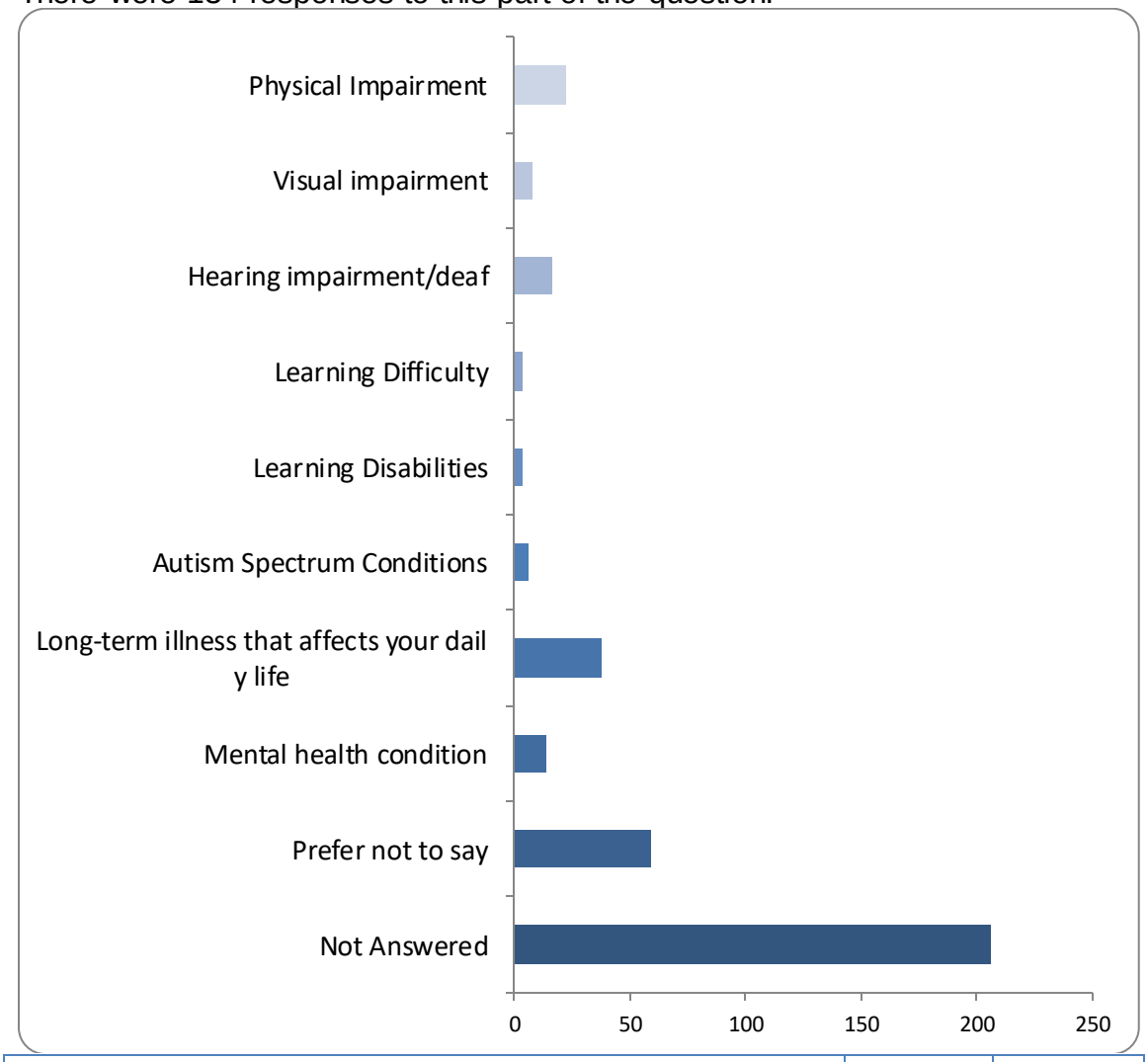


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	2	0.59%
No	288	84.71%
Prefer not to say	28	8.24%
Not Answered	22	6.47%

16: Disability: Do you have any of the following (please tick all that apply):

Disability

There were 134 responses to this part of the question.

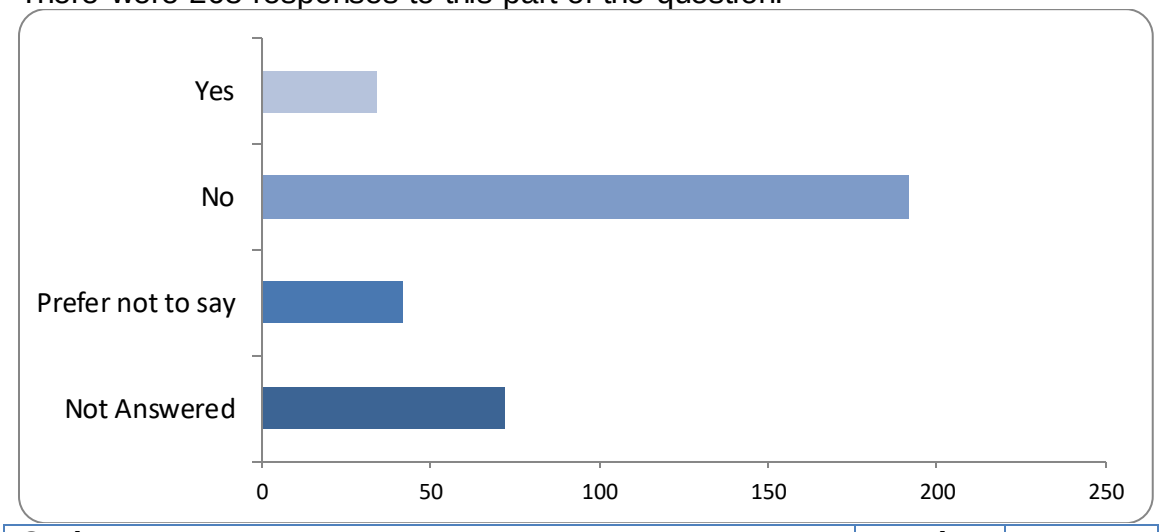


Option	Total	Percent
Physical Impairment	22	6.47%
Visual impairment	8	2.35%
Hearing impairment/deaf	16	4.71%
Learning Difficulty	4	1.18%
Learning Disabilities	4	1.18%
Autism Spectrum Conditions	6	1.76%
Long-term illness that affects your daily life	38	11.18%
Dementia	0	0.00%
Mental health condition	14	4.12%
Prefer not to say	59	17.35%
Not Answered	206	60.59%

17: If you have Cancer, diabetes, or HIV this is seen as a disability under the Equalities Law. Or if you have ticked any of the boxes in question 16. Do you think of yourself as disabled?

Consider disabled?

There were 268 responses to this part of the question.

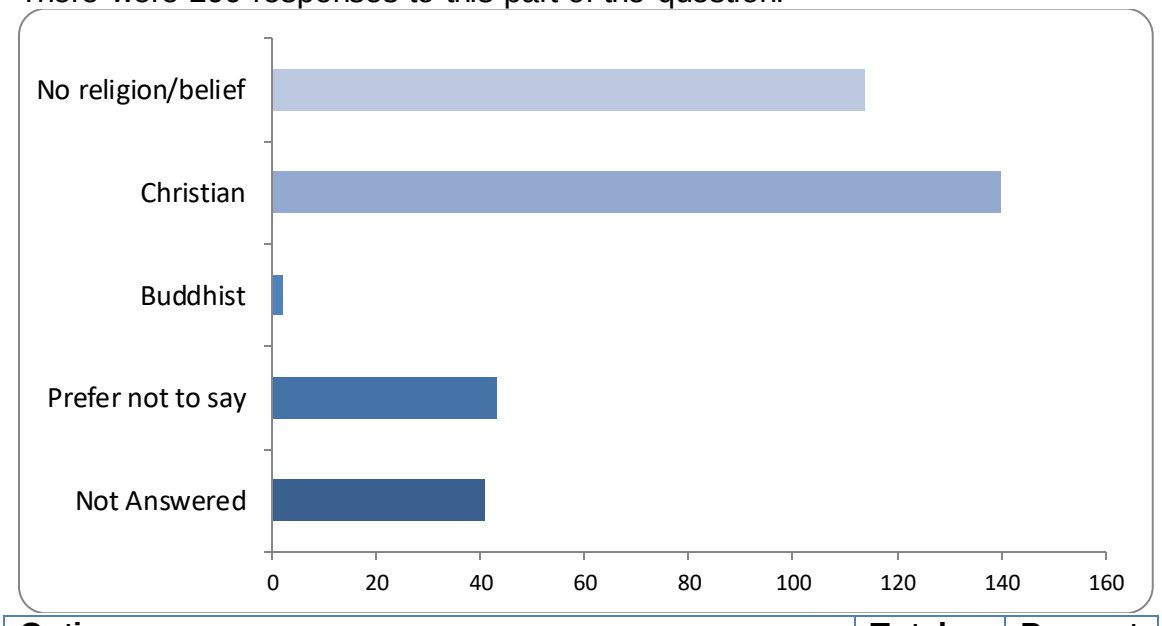


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	34	10.00%
No	192	56.47%
Prefer not to say	42	12.35%
Not Answered	72	21.18%

18: What is your religion/belief?

Religion or belief

There were 299 responses to this part of the question.



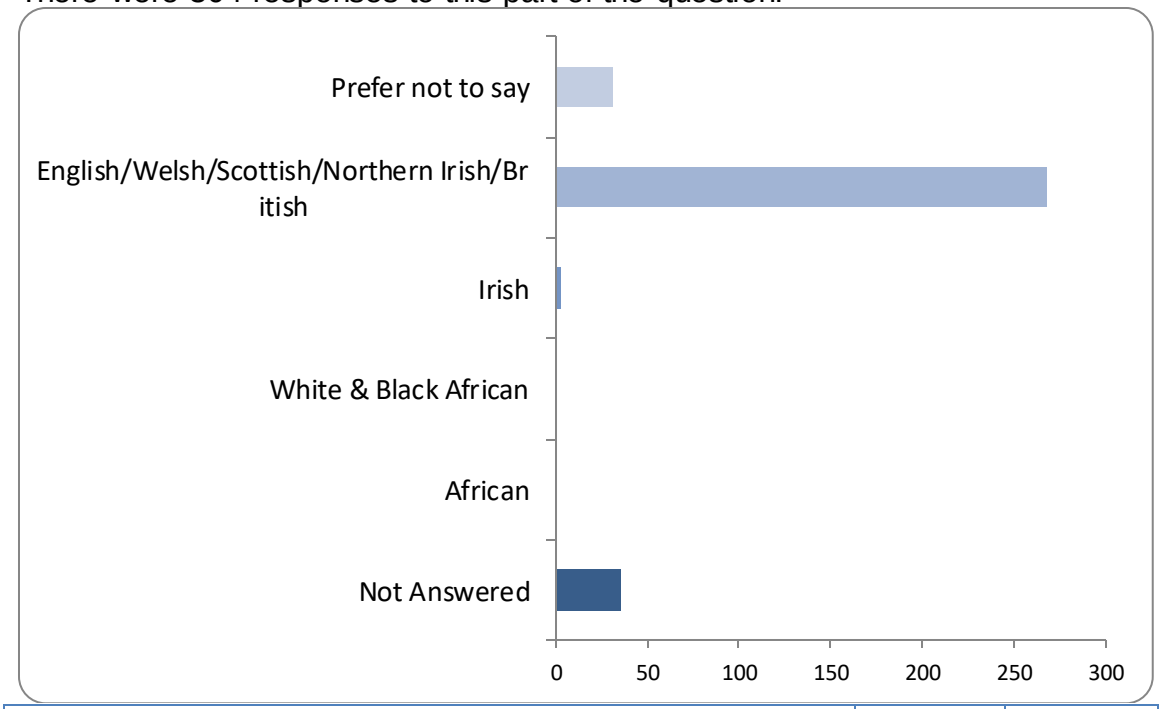
Option	Total	Percent
No religion/belief	114	33.53%

Christian	140	41.18%
Hindu	0	0.00%
Muslim	0	0.00%
Jewish	0	0.00%
Sikh	0	0.00%
Buddhist	2	0.59%
Prefer not to say	43	12.65%
Not Answered	41	12.06%

Other religion or belief?
There were 10 responses to this part of the question.

19: Race and Ethnicity - do you identify as:

Ethnicity
There were 304 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Prefer not to say	31	9.12%
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	268	78.82%
Irish	3	0.88%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller or Roma	0	0.00%
Polish	0	0.00%
Portuguese	0	0.00%
Latvian	0	0.00%
Lithuanian	0	0.00%
White and Black Caribbean	0	0.00%
White & Black African	1	0.29%
White & Asian	0	0.00%
Indian	0	0.00%
Bangladeshi	0	0.00%
Pakistani	0	0.00%

Chinese	0	0.00%
African	1	0.29%
Caribbean	0	0.00%
Arab	0	0.00%
Not Answered	36	10.59%

Other ethnic background (please describe)
There were 9 responses to this part of the question

Appendix 1 – Sefton MBC Public Spaces Protection Order 2021

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Spaces Protection

Order Dog Control

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 makes the following Order —

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the **Sefton MBC Public Spaces Protection Order [Dog Control]** and for the purposes of any enforcement proceedings, Notices, documents or correspondence the short title **Dog Control Order** may be given.

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Order the expressions "the Authority" or "the Council" shall mean

Sefton MBC whose principal offices are Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act").

(3) For the purposes of this Order a person who habitually has a dog in his/her possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

(4) Any reference in the Schedules to this Order to "prescribed charity" shall mean any of the following charities —

(a) **Dogs for the Disabled** (registered charity number 1092960);

(b) **Support Dogs** (registered charity number 1088281);

(c) **Canine Partners for Independence** (registered charity number 803680);

(d) **Dog A.I.D**. (registered charity number 1098619);

(e) **Dogs for Good** (registered charity number 1092960);

(f) **Guide Dogs** (registered charity number 209617); and

(g) **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** (registered charity number 293358).

3. Effect

(1) This Order shall come into force on **28th April 2021**

(2) This Order is made as the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the two conditions prescribed by section 59(2) and (3) of the Act have been met, namely:

(a) The first condition:

(i) Activities carried on in a public place within the Authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality ("the Activities"); or

[ii] It is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within the Authority's area ('the Activities") and that they will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;

and such Activities are set out in the respective Schedules to this Order

(b) The second condition:

The effect, or likely effect, of the Activities —

(i) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,

(ii) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and

(iii) justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

(3) This Order relates to each public place referred to in **Schedules 1, 2, 3 4 and 5** to this Order ("the Restricted Areas") together with such other Schedules as may be included under any variation of the Order from time to time and —

(a) prohibits specified things from being done in the Restricted Area ("the Restrictions") as may be set out in the Schedules,

(b) requires specified things to be done by persons carrying on the activities in the Restricted Area ("the Requirements"), or

(c) does both of those things.

4. Requirement to provide name and address

(1) For the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Order any person who appears to a duly authorised officer of the Authority or to a Police Officer to be in charge of any dog to which the provisions of this Order apply shall

confirm their full name, address and date of birth upon any request having been made in that respect whether verbally or in writing by any such officer and within such time as may be stipulated by that officer.

5. Offence of failing to comply with this Order

(1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse—

(a) to do anything that a person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or

(b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under a public spaces protection order.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(3) A constable or an authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 67 of the Act in relation to the Order,

(4) A fixed penalty notice is a notice offering the person to whom it is issued the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty to the Council.

6. Duration of Order

(1) This Order will remain in force for the period of **3 years** from the date that it comes into force specified in paragraph 3(1).

(2) Before the time when this Order is due to expire, the Council may extend the period for which it has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent —

(a) an occurrence or recurrence after that time of the Activities, or

(b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of the Activities after that time.

(3) The Order may be so extended more than once.

6. Variation and discharge of the Order

(1) The Council may vary this Order —

(a) by increasing or reducing the Restricted Areas;

(b) by altering or removing a prohibition or requirement included in the Order or adding a new one.

(2) Where the Council considers it appropriate to do so the Order may be discharged by the Council before the end of the period that the Order may remain in force specified in paragraph 5(1).

7. Challenging the validity of the Order

(1) Under the provisions of section 66 of the Act an interested person may within 6 weeks of the making of this Order apply to the High Court to question its validity or the validity of any variation of this Order on the grounds specified in section 66(2) of the Act, namely –

(a) that the Council did not have power to make the Order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the Order (or by the Order as varied);

(b) that a requirement under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Act was not complied with in relation to the Order of variation.

Dated this **28th** day of **April 2021**

The Common Seal of the **Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council**

was hereunto affixed in the presence of -

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Duly Authorised Officer - David McCullough, Chief Legal and Democratic Officer

SCHEDULE 1

The fouling of land by dogs

1. The Restricted Areas

(1) Any land within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access to (with or without payment) including any land which is covered but which is open to the air on at least one side.

2. *The Requirements*

(1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Schedule applies a person who is in charge of that dog shall remove the faeces from the land forthwith **unless—**

(a) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land *has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.*

3 Exemptions

(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1949; or

(b) has a disability which affects his/her 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 and upon which that person relies for assistance.

For the purposes of this Schedule —

(a) placing faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for that purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;

(b) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

SCHEDULE 2

The exclusion of dogs from land

1. The Restricted Areas

(1) All enclosed children's playgrounds and all fenced sports pitches including multi use game sports facilities including bowling greens within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access to (with or without payment) including any land which is covered but which is open to the air on at least one side.

(2) All marked sports pitches within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton within defined dates which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access to (with or without payment) including any land which is covered but which is open to the air on at least one side.

2. The Restrictions

(1) A person in charge of a dog shall not take the dog, nor shall allow the dog to enter and to remain, on any land described in paragraph 1(1) of this Schedule at any time;

(2) A person in charge of a dog shall not take the dog, nor shall allow the dog to enter and to remain, on any land described in paragraphs 1(2) of this Schedule at
any time from

Football or Rugby pitches from **01 September** to **31st May** inclusive

Cricket pitches from **01 April to 30th September** inclusive

unless in the case of either of the restrictions described under paragraphs 2(1) and (2)[2] respectively of this Schedule —

(a) that person has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her doing so.

3. Exemptions

The offence does not apply to a person who

(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section of the National Assistance Act 1949; or

(b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** (registered charity number 293358) and upon which that person relies for assistance; or

(c) has a disability which affects his/her 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 and upon which that person relies for assistance.

SCHEDULE 3

Dogs on leads

1. The Restricted Areas

(1) Any land within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is used as a memorial, burial ground, cemetery or garden of remembrance together with any forecourt, terrace, yard or walkway providing access, and together with adjoining verges, landscaped areas and gardens.

(2) Any land within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is a designated carriageway (A or B classified roads) together with the adjoining footpaths and verges of such carriageways.

(3) Any Land with the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is a designated Picnic Area or Family Area

2. The Requirements

(1) A person in charge of a dog shall at all times keep the dog on a lead of not more than
2.0 metres in length unless:

(a) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.

3. Exemptions

The offence does not apply to a person who –

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(c) has a disability which affects his/her 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 and upon which that person relies for assistance.

4. Definition of a lead

For the purposes of this Schedule the definition of a lead is

Any rope, cord, leash, or similar items used to tether control or restrain a dog but does not include any such item which is not actively used as a means of restraint so that the dog remains under a persons close control.

SCHEDULE 4

Dogs on leads by direction

1. The Restricted Areas

(1) Any land within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access to (with or without payment) including any land which is covered but which is open to the air on at least one side.

2. The Requirements

(1) A person in charge of a dog shall comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer or agent of the Council or by a police officer to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length unless —

(a) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.

(2) For the purposes of this Schedule an authorised person may only give a direction under this Schedule to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to the public on any land to which this Schedule applies and the behaviour would have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the public.

3. Exemptions

The offence does not apply to a person who –

(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1949; or

(b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** (registered charity number 293358) and upon which that person relies for assistance; or

(c) has a disability which affects his/her 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 and upon which that person relies for assistance.

5. Definition of a lead

For the purposes of this Schedule the definition of a lead is

Any rope, cord, leash, or similar items used to tether control or restrain a dog but does not include any such item which is not actively used as a means of restraint so that the dog remains under a persons close control.

SCHEDULE 5

Number of dogs walked by an individual

1. The Restricted Areas

(1) Any land within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access to (with or without payment) including any land which is covered but which is open to the air on at least one side.

2. The Requirements

(1) A person in charge of a dog on land to which this order applies must restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by a single individual to six dogs unless

(a) they have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

3. Exemptions

The offence does not apply to a person who –

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(c) has a disability which affects his/her 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 and upon which that person relies for assistance.

SCHEDULE 6

Locations to which schedule 2 and 3 apply

1. List of Locations

Location	Post code	Marked sports pitches (within defined dates) - Dog exclusion	Bowling Greens (playing surface only) - Dog exclusion	enclosed children's playgrounds, fenced sports pitches including multi use game sports facilities (MUGA's) - Dog Exclusion	designated Picnic or family area - Dog on Lead
Abbeyfield Park	L30 1PF			Playground	
Ainsdale Village Park	PR8 3BQ			Playground	south/west end of site and contains fenced children's playground.
Ballswood	L31 3EB		*		
Barkfield Lane	L37 3JW			Playground	
Bedford Park	PR8 4HU	Football		Playground	Community garden bounded by footpaths and fenced playground. (towards longford Road)
Bootle Stadium	L20 9PQ	Football, Baseball			
Botanic Gardens	PR9 7NB		*	Playground	aviary, cafe/museum exterior, fernery and formal flowers

					beds south of water feature/ up to the two bridges
Bowersdale Park	L21 3TX			Playground,MUGA	family area -is the area adjacent to cafe and children playground.
Brook Vale Playing Fields	L22 3YB	Football			
Buckley Hill	L29 1YB	Football			
Canning Road	PR9 7SP			Playground	
Carr Lane Rec	PR8 3EF	Football			
Compton Road	PR8 4HA			Playground	
Copy Farm	L30 7RN			Playground	family area - surrounds enclosed playground up to dog exercise area and woodland
Coronation Park, Crosby	L23 5RD		*	Playground, Ball Court (tennis), MUGA	
Crescent Bowls Moss Lane	L20 0EA		*		
Crosby Coastal Park	L22 5SR			Playground	
Crossens Recreation ground	PR9 8HT	Cricket	*	Playground, MUGA	
Deansgate Lane	L37 7EP	Football		MUGA	
Derby Park, Bootle	L20 9AA		*	MUGA, Playground	
Devonshire Rd Park	PR9 7BZ	Football		Playground	
Dodds Park	L31 9AB			MUGA	

Duke St Park, Formby	L37 4AN	Football	*	Playground, Ball courts (tennis) MUGA	Pavillion and picnic area adjacent to childrens playground and tennis courts. Bounded by footpath from Dukes Street to Phillips Lane.
Fernbank Drive	L30 7RH			Playground	
Ferryside Lane Rec	PR9 9YL	Football			
Fleetwood Road	PR9 7QN			Playground	
Glenn Park	L31 6DA			Playground, MUGA	
Hall Lane Playing Field	L31 3DY	Football & Cricket			
Hapsford Road Park	L21 6NP			Playground	
Harrow Drive, Aintree Village	L10 8LD	Football	*	Playground, MUGA, Ball Court (Tennis)	
Hatton Hill Park, Litherland	L21 9JN		*	Playground MUGA	Picnic and family "Rose garden" area bounded by park pavilion and bowling greens.
Hesketh Park	PR9 9LB			Playground	lakeside path and the bands of lawn between the cafe/childrens playground and the lake - inner part of the site.
Hightown Childrens Park	L38 9EX			Playground	Whole site is family area apart from

					fenced playground
Kenyons Lane	L31 9PU			Playground	
Killen Green	L30 0PF			Playground	Family picnic area fenced (former) bowling green.
Kings Gardens, Southport	PR8 1PQ		*	Playground	2 family areas - "sunken " Community Garden towards South of site and the area surrounding play builder next to fenced playground
King George V playing fields , Maghull Town hall	L31 7BB		**	Playground, Ball Court (Tennis)	
Kirkstone Park	L21 7NT			Playground	
Litherland Sports Park	L21 7QZ	Football & Rugby		MUGA, Athletics	
Lathom Gardens Park	L31 9PF			Playground	
Lonsdale Road	L21 0DS			Playground	
Marian Gardens	L30 3SW			Playground	Picnic / family "Rose Garden" area defined within a triangle of footpaths and contains the childrens playground.

Menai Road Park	L20 6PG			Playground	
Meols Park Rec	PR8 5HL	Football		Playground	
Mersey Avenue Park	L31 9PJ			Playground	
Moorhey Play area	L31 5NH			Playground	
Moss Park	L31 9PA			Playground	
Moorside Park, Crosby	L23 2RT		*	Playground, MUGA	Picnic / family " rose garden" area with lawns and seating. contained within one corner of park (Moorside Road)
Netherton Activity Centre	L30 3TL	Football		MUGA (football)	
North Park	L20 5BY			Playground, Skate park	north east corner of park and is defined by low kick-rail fence.
Oakhill Park	L31 2LX		*		
Old Hall Park	L31 3DY			Playground	
Ollery Green/Deerbarn	L30 8RU			Playground	
Orrell Mount Park	L20 6DX	Football		Playground, MUGA	north end of park and encompasses fenced childrens playground and grassed area
Ovington Drive	PR8 6JW			Playground	
Pimbley Playing Field	L31 5NB	Football			

Pinfold Lane	PR8 3QH			Playground	
Poets Park	L20 4SE			Playgrounds, MUGA	
Portland St Playing Fields	PR8 6LX	Football			
Potters Barn Park	L22 1RO			Skate Park/MUGA	
Preston New Road	PR9 8PR	Football			
Rainbow Drive Park	L31 1BW			Playground	
Ridgeway Park	L31 0BZ			Playground, Ball Court (basketball)	
Round Meade	L31 8DY			Playground	
Runnells Lane	L23 1UH			MUGA	
Russell Road Rec	PR9 7RF	football			
Sandbrook Road	PR8 3RQ	Football	*	Playground, MUGA	
Sandy Lane Park	L31 2LA	Football		Playground,Ball Courts (Tennis, basketball)	
Smithy Green	L37 3JZ	Football		Playground	
South Park	L20 7DA			Playground, MUGA	Family / picnic area around park hub pavillion with picnic benches.
Tarleton Road Rec	PR9 7QW	Football			
Victoria Park, Southport	PR8 2BZ		*	Playground	
Victoria Park, Crosby	L22 2AP			Playground, Ball Court(tennis) MUGA	Central zone of park - adjacent to fenced playgrounds and ball courts.
Waterloo Rd recreational ground	PR8 4QW	Rugby			

Cemeteries & Crematoria					
Bootle, Linacre lane	L20 6 ES				
Duke Street Southport	PR8 5EL				
Liverpool Road, Birkdale	PR8 3DB				
Thornton, Lydiate Lane	L23 1TP				

2 Location of Picnic / Family Areas (highlighted orange)


Bedford Park Birkdale
Dog Control Zones
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Community Garden
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Ranger Hut/Pavillion
Bedford Road
Kew Road
Playground
Football/Games
Seasonal Pitches
Playground
Kew Road
Guildford Road
Lyndhurst Road
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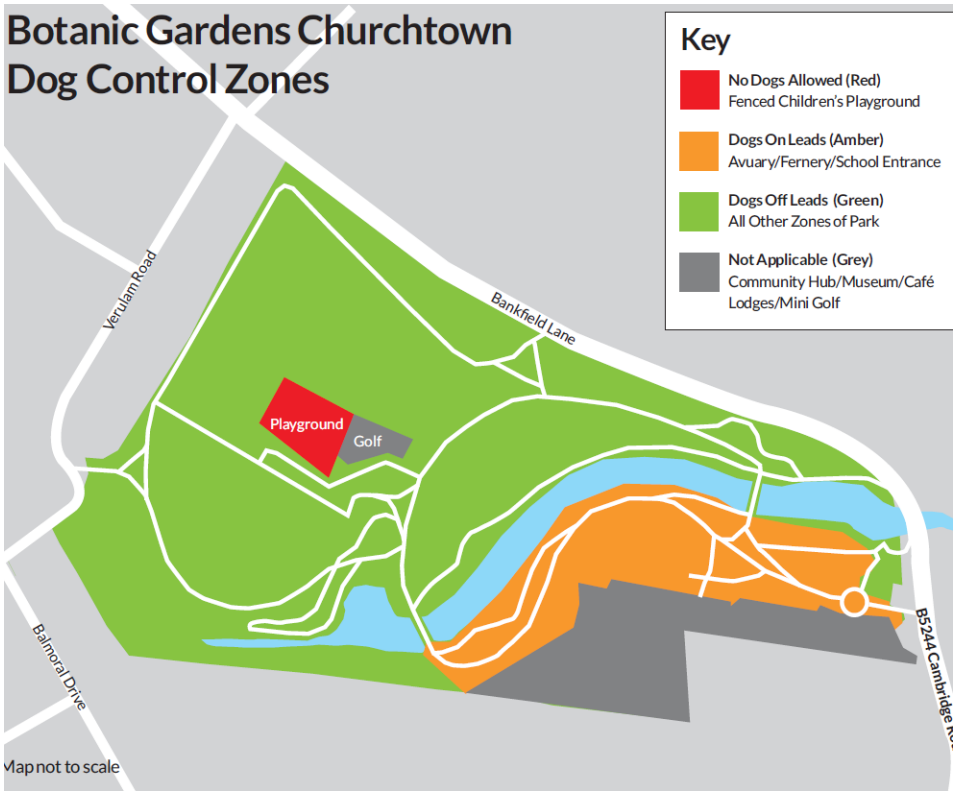
Botanic Gardens Churchtown
Dog Control Zones
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Avuary/Fernery/School Entrance
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Community Hub/Museum/Café
Lodges/Mini Golf
Verulam Road
Bankfield Lane
Playground
Golf
Balmoral Drive
B5244 Cambridge
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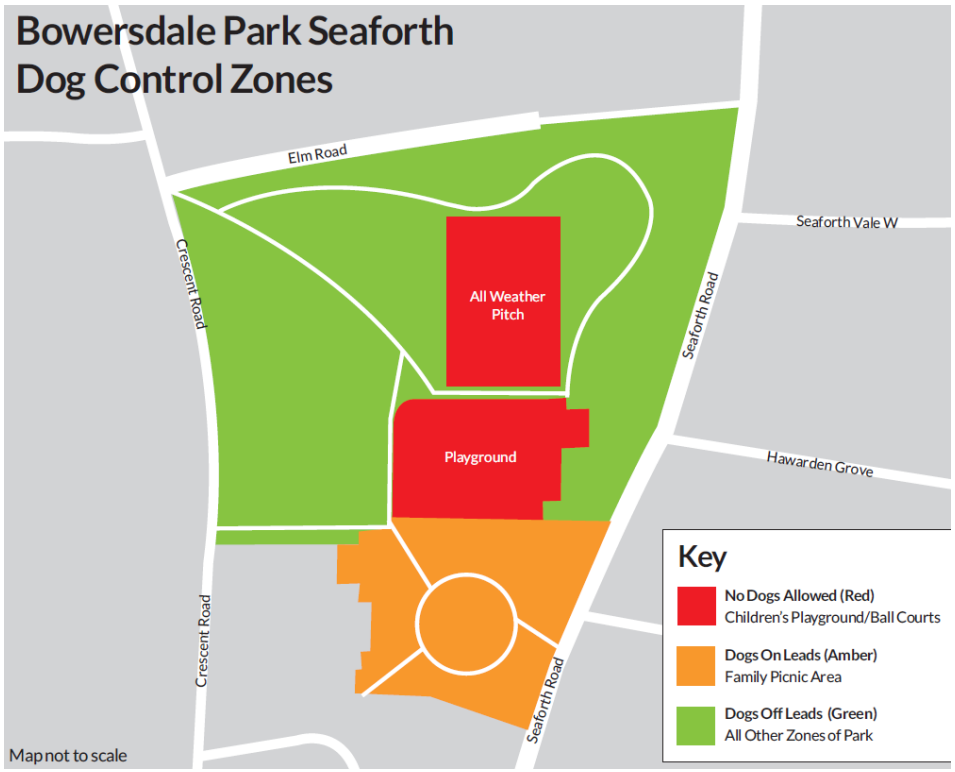
Bowersdale Park Seaforth
Dog Control Zones
Elm Road
Crescent Road
Seaforth Vale W
Seaforth Road
All Weather Pitch
Playground
Hawarden Grove
Crescent Road
Seaforth Road
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground/Ball Courts
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Family Picnic Area
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
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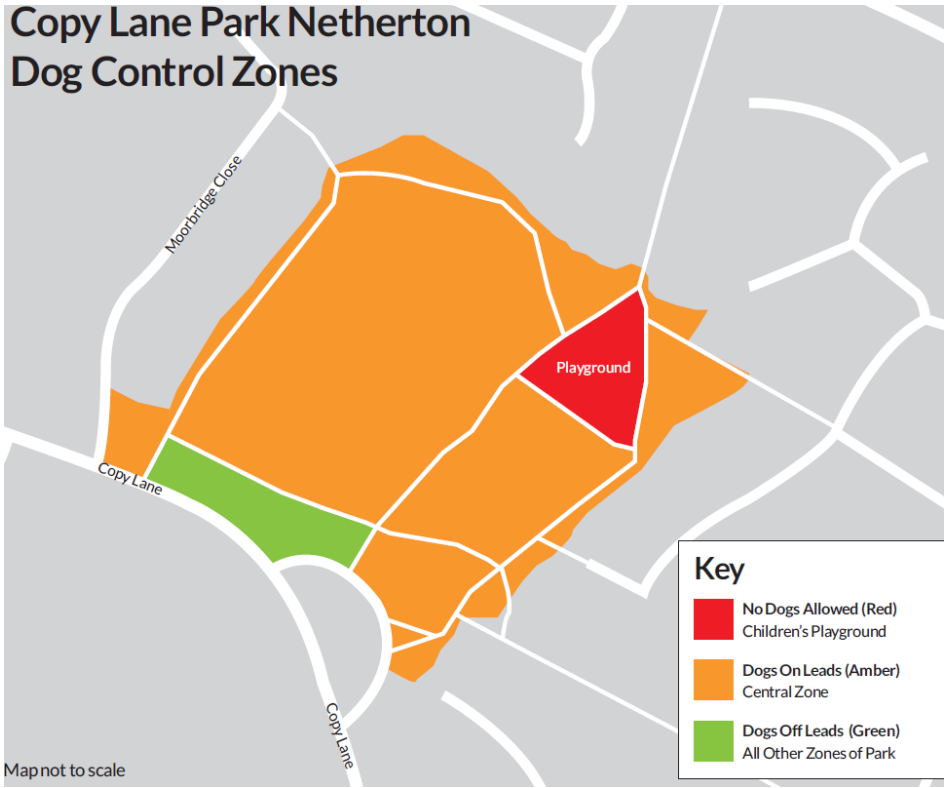
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Moorbridge Close
Playground
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Children's Playground
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Central Zone
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
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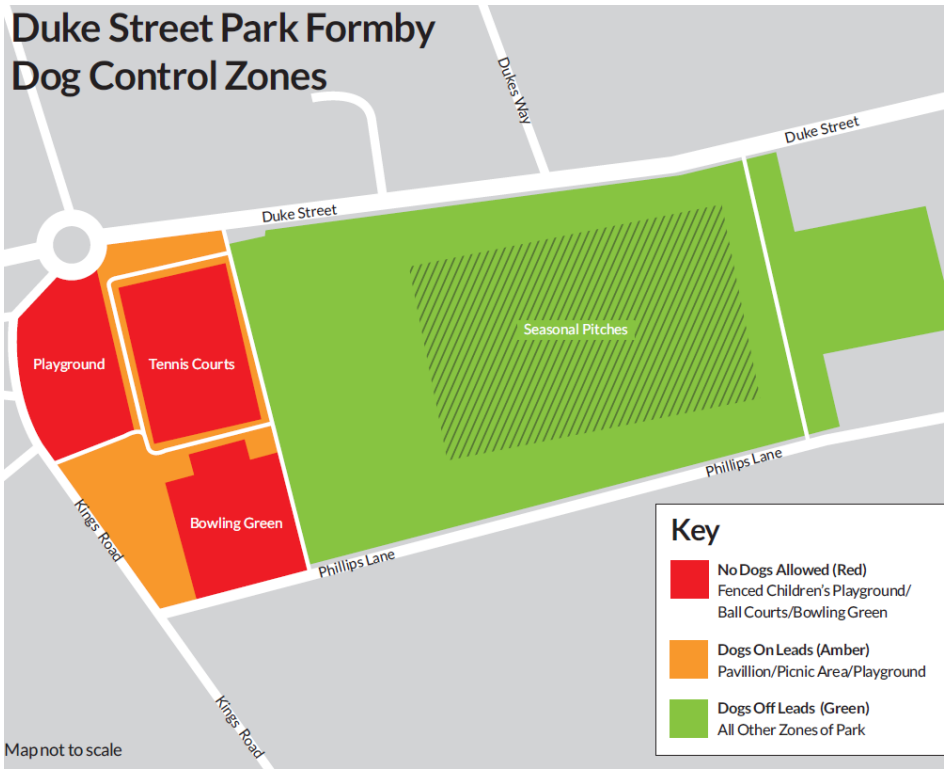
Duke Street Park Formby
Dog Control Zones
Dukes Way
Duke Street
Duke Street
Seasonal Pitches
Playground
Tennis Courts
Bowling Green
Phillips Lane
Phillips Lane
Kings Road
Kings Road
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground/
Ball Courts/Bowling Green
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Pavillion/Picnic Area/Playground
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
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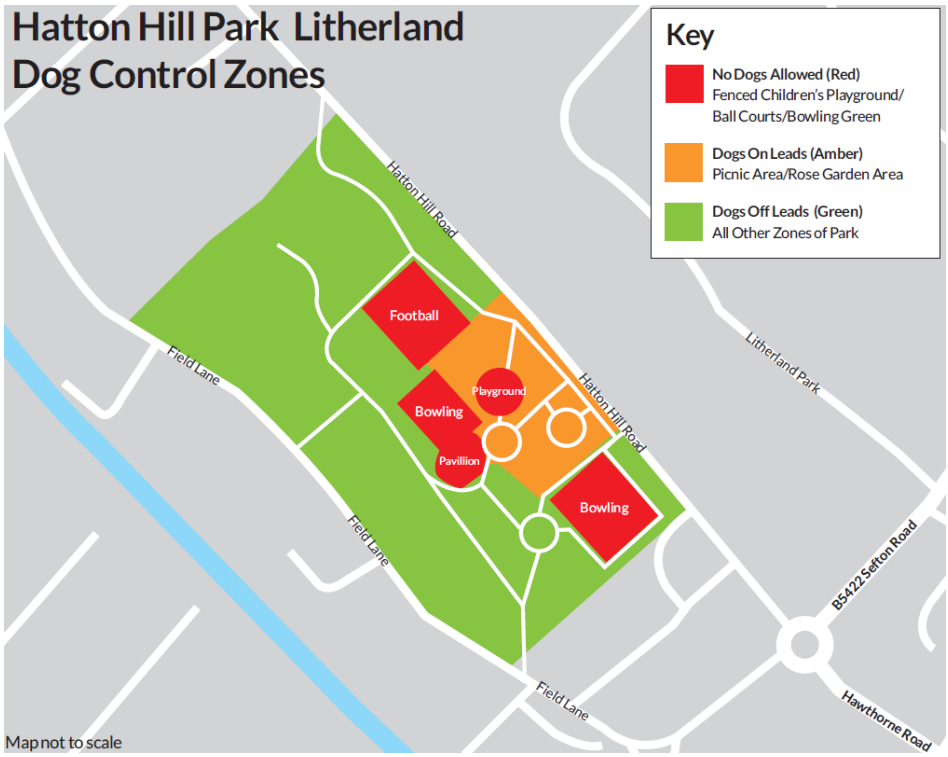
Hatton Hill Park Litherland
Dog Control Zones
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground/
Ball Courts/Bowling Green
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Picnic Area/Rose Garden Area
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Hatton Hill Road
Football
Field Lane
Litherland Park
Hatton Hill Road
Playground
Bowling
Pavillion
Bowling
Field Lane
B5422 Sefton Road
Field Lane
Hawthorne Road
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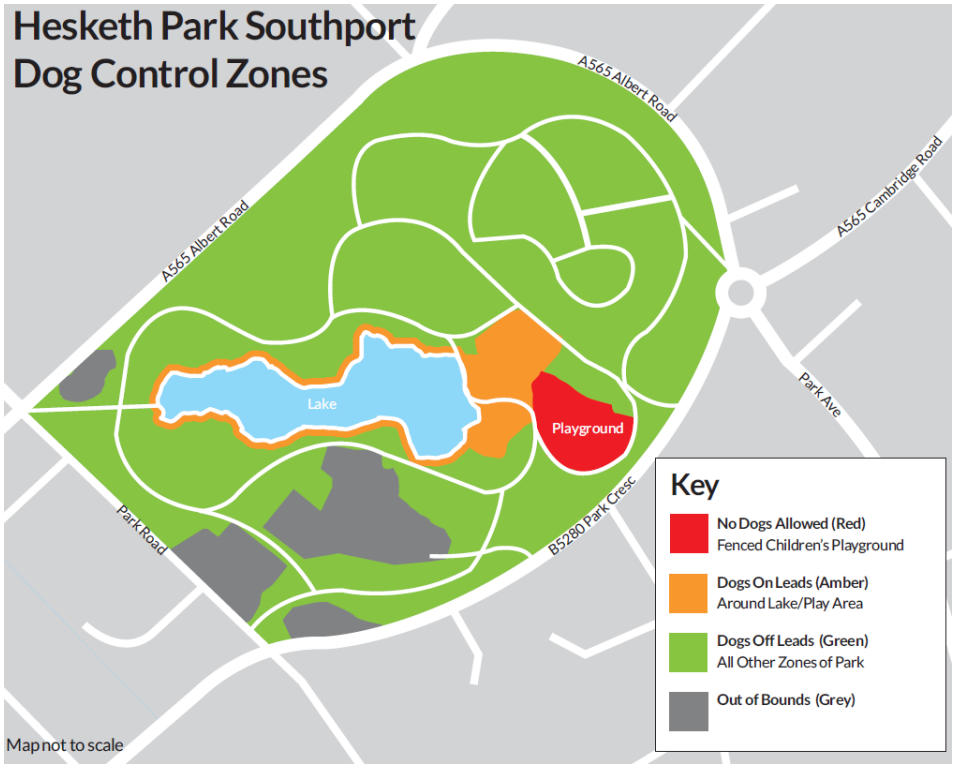
Hesketh Park Southport
Dog Control Zones
A565 Albert Road
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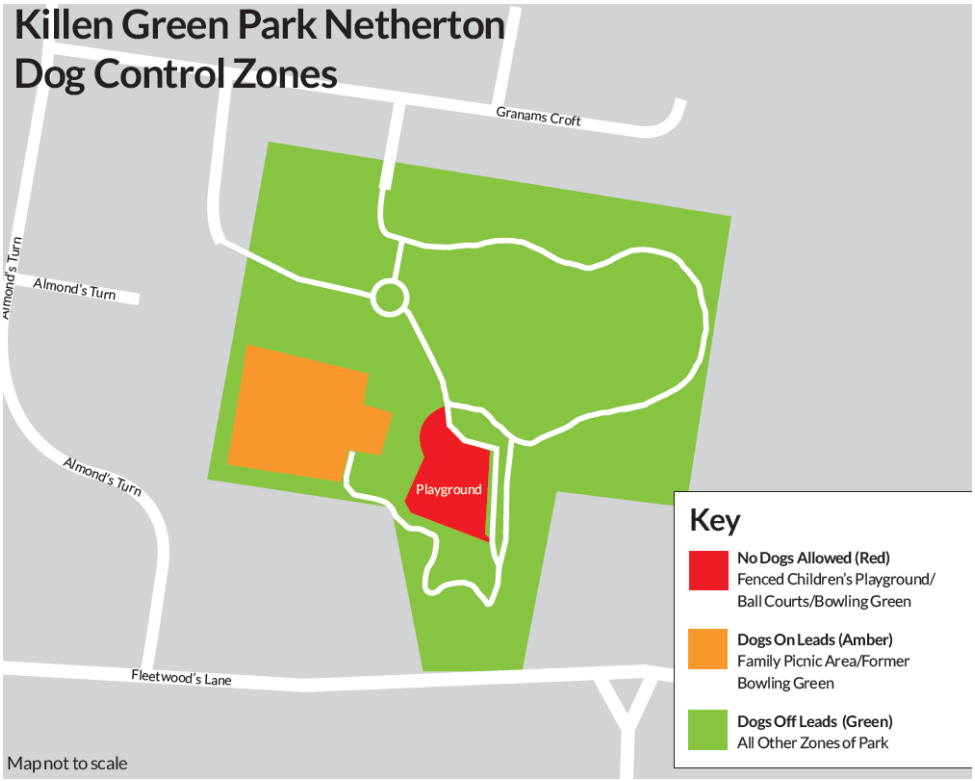
A565 Cambridge Road
Park Ave
Lake
Playground
Park Road
B5280 Park Cresc
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Around Lake/Play Area
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Out of Bounds (Grey)
Map not to scale


Hightown Childrens Park
Dog Control Zones
Blundell Grove
Withins Field
Blundell Road
Thornbeck Avenue
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground/Ball Courts
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Central zone
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Pavillion/Buildings
Map not to scale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Dog Control Zones
Granams Croft
Almond's Turn
Almond's Turn
Almond's Turn
Playground
Fleetwood's Lane
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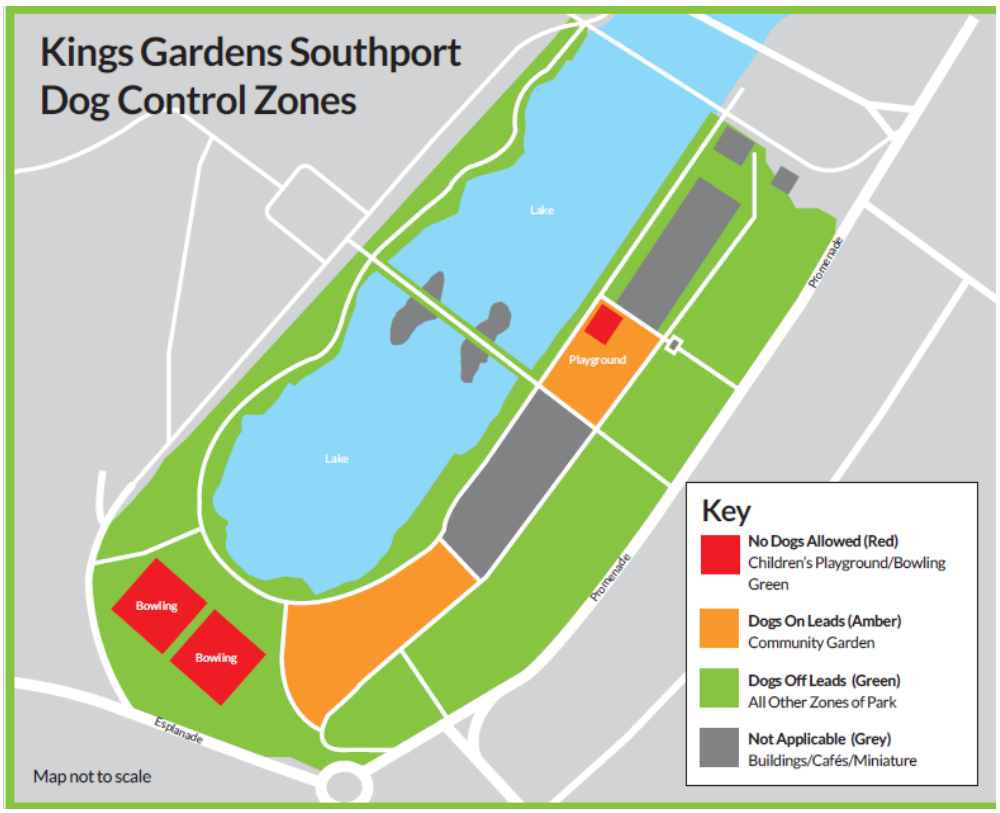
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground/
Ball Courts/Bowling Green
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Family Picnic Area/Former
Bowling Green
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park


Kings Gardens Southport
Dog Control Zones
Lake
Lake
Promenade
Playground
Promenade
Bowling
Bowling
Esplanade
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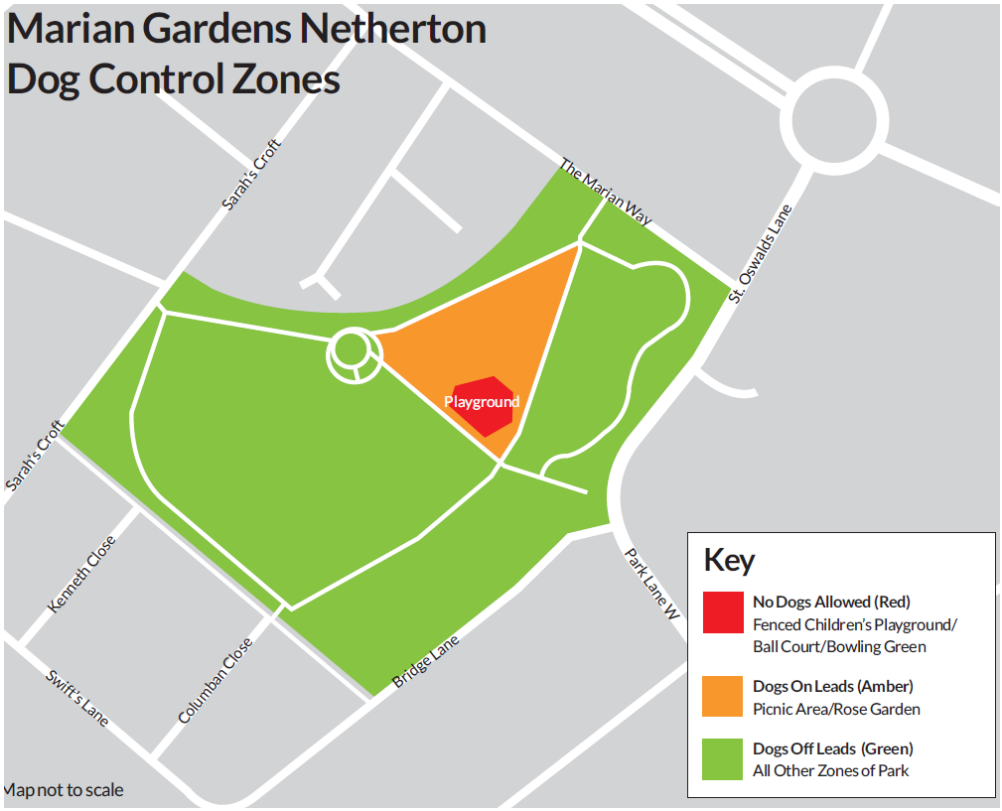
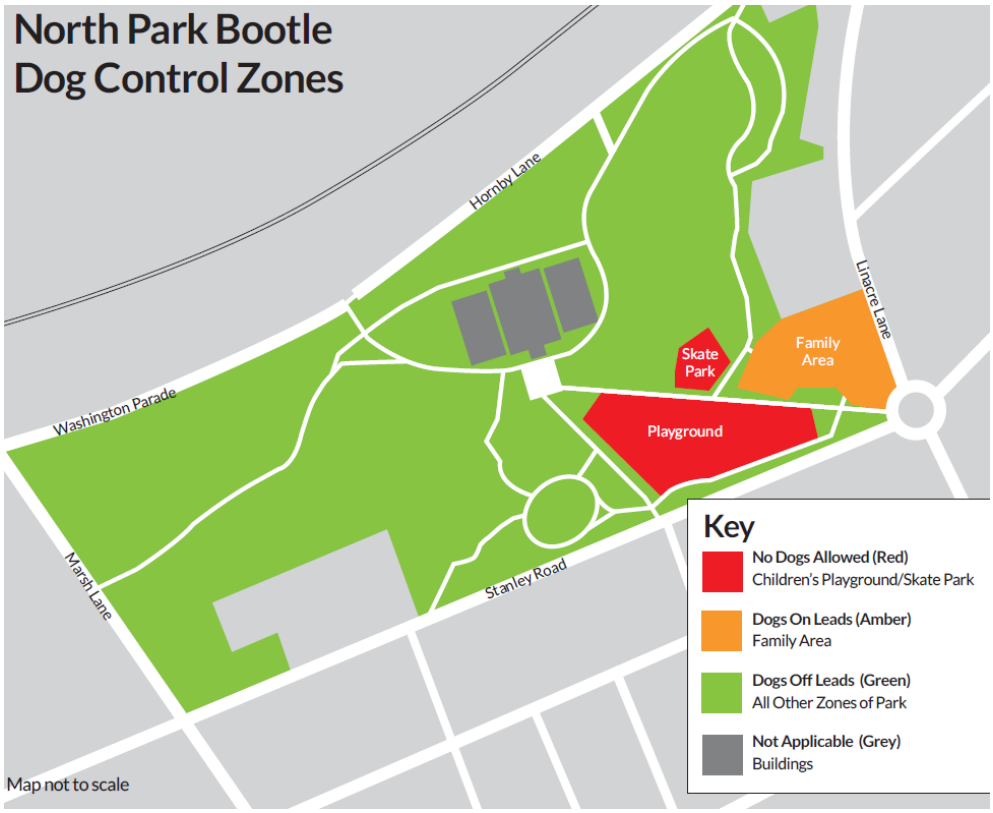
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground/Bowling
Green
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Community Garden
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Buildings/Cafés/Miniature


Marian Gardens Netherton
Dog Control Zones
Sarah's Croft
The Marian Way
St. Oswalds Lane
Playground
Sarah's Croft
Kenneth Close
Park Lane W
Swift's Lane
Columban Close
Bridge Lane
Map not to scale
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground/
Ball Court/Bowling Green
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Picnic Area/Rose Garden
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park


Moorside Park Crosby
Dog Control Zones
Moorside Road
Forefield Lane
Moorside Close
Bowling
Green
Moorside Road
MUGA
Orchard Dale
Forefield Lane
The Northern Road
Playground
Trevor Drive
Map not to scale
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground/Ball Courts
Multiuse Games Area (MUGA)
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Central zone
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Pavillion/Buildings


North Park Bootle
Dog Control Zones
Hornby Lane
Linacre Lane
Washington Parade
Skate Park
Family Area
Playground
Marsh Lane
Stanley Road
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground/Skate Park
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Family Area
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Buildings
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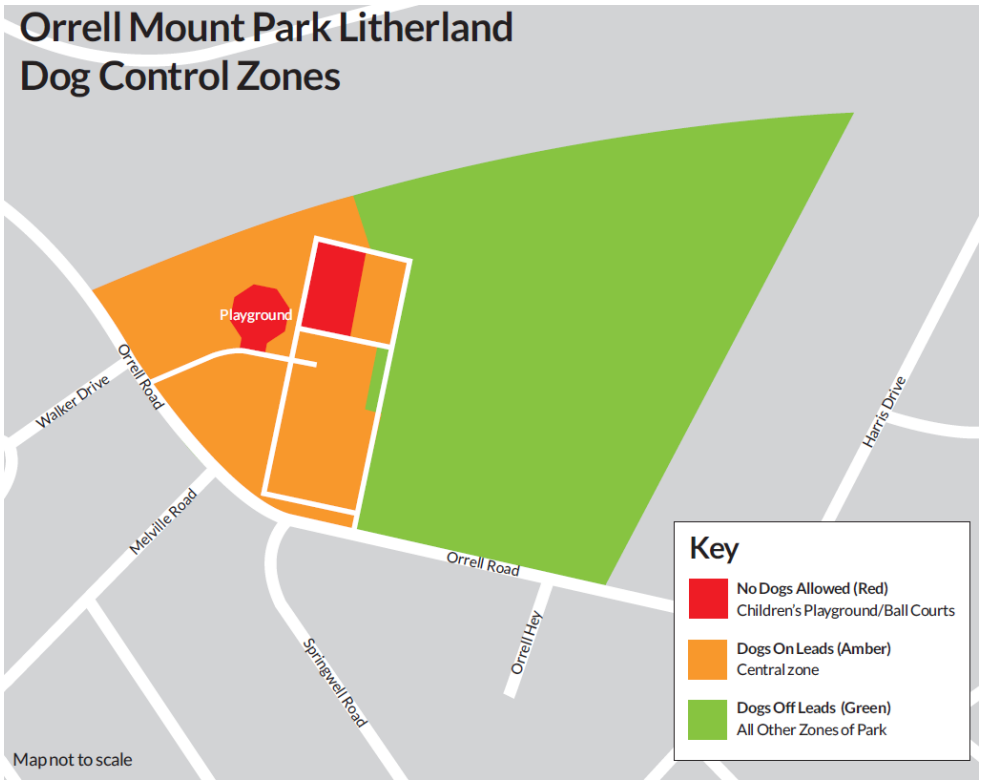
Orrell Mount Park Litherland
Dog Control Zones
Playground
Walker Drive
Orrell Road
Harris Drive
Melville Road
Orrell Road
Springwell Road
Orrell Hey
Key
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Children's Playground/Ball Courts
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Central zone
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
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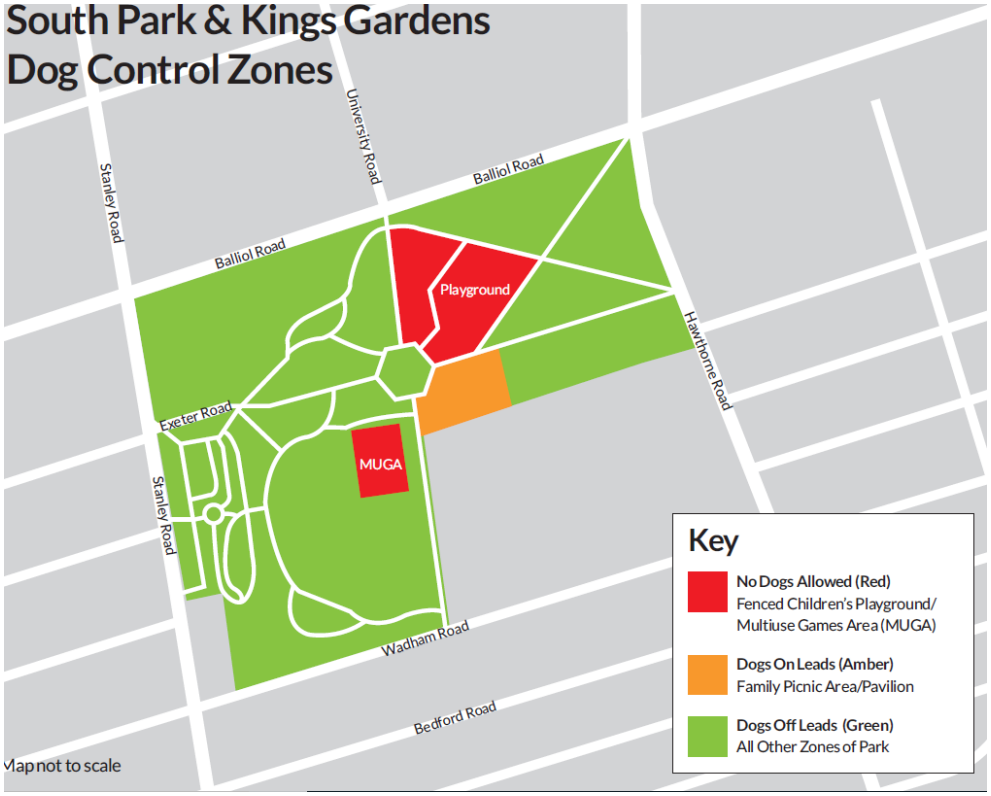
South Park & Kings Gardens
Dog Control Zones
University Road
Stanley Road
Balliol Road
Balliol Road
Playground
Hawthorne Road
Exeter Road
MUGA
Stanley Road
Wadham Road
Bedford Road
Map not to scale
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Fenced Children's Playground/
Multiuse Games Area (MUGA)
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Family Picnic Area/Pavilion
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park


Victoria Park Waterloo
Dog Control Zones
College Road
Park Avenue
Playground
Football
Area
Tennis Courts
Somerville Road
Lawton Road
Map not to scale
Key
No Dogs Allowed (Red)
Children's Playground/Ball Courts
Dogs On Leads (Amber)
Central zone
Dogs Off Leads (Green)
All Other Zones of Park
Not Applicable (Grey)
Pavillion/Buildings

Appendix 2: Correspondence from Dogs Trust

Sefton Council

12th February 2024

Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog) - Consultation

Dear Sefton Council,

We are aware that you are running a consultation on the proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), in relation to dogs.

As the UK's largest dog welfare charity, we would like to make some comments for consideration.

Dogs Trust's Comments

1. Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order:
   - 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.
   - We question the effectiveness of issuing on-the-spot fines for not being in possession of a poo bag and whether this is practical to enforce.

2. Re; Taking more than a specified number of dogs onto a land:
   - 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.

3. Re; Dog Exclusion and sport pitches
   - Excluding dogs from areas that are not enclosed could pose enforcement problems - we would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
   - We feel that exclusion zones should be kept to a minimum, and that excluding dogs from all sports pitches for long stretches of the year is unnecessary. In some cases, sports pitches may account for a large part of the open space available in a public park, and therefore excluding dogs could significantly reduce available dog walking space for owners.
   - We would urge the Council to consider focusing its efforts on reducing dog fouling in these areas, rather than excluding dogs entirely, with adequate provision of bins and provision of free disposal bags.

4.Re; Dogs on Leads Order:

- Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead.
- 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.

5.Re; Dogs on Lead by Direction Order:

- 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.

The PDSA's 'Paw Report 2018' found that 89% of veterinary professionals believe that the welfare of dogs will suffer if owners are banned from walking their dogs in public spaces such as parks and beaches, or if dogs are required to be kept on leads in these spaces. Their report also states that 78% of owners rely on these types of spaces to walk their dog.

We believe that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and that the 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.

Dogs Trust works with local authorities, across the UK, to help promote responsible dog ownership. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this and how we can support you in your work in Sefton Council.

We would be very grateful if you could inform us of the consultation outcome and any subsequent decisions made in relation to the Public Space Protection Orders.

Yours sincerely

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Community Engagement