

Report to:	Council	Date of Meeting:	Thursday 13 July 2017
Subject:	Proposed Public Space Protection Order-Dog Control		
Report of:	Head of Regulation and Compliance	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To present for consideration the draft Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control, under the Anti –Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

To provide an overview of the public consultation on proposed additional dog control measures through a proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

Recommendation(s):

That Council consider the resolution of Licensing & Regulatory Committee on the 19th June 2016 for the revised report, Proposed Public Space Protection Order-Dog Control, to be approved as follows:

(1) The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Dog Control be implemented as follows:

- (i) continue with the offences of not removing dog's fouling forthwith;
- (ii) restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 6;
- (iii) prohibit dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds;
- (iv) prohibit dogs from entering marked or fenced sports pitches during specified periods;
- (v) dogs to be kept on a lead within defined picnic sites and family areas;
- (vi) dogs to be kept on a lead within all public roads and footways;
- (vii) dogs to be kept on a lead within all cemeteries and crematoria;
- (viii) dogs to be placed on a lead when directed by an authorised officer, to prevent a nuisance or behaviour likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to the public;

(2) the following restrictions/requirements **will not** be included within the proposal:

- (i) prohibiting dogs from open playgrounds;
- (ii) dogs to be kept on leads in designated wildlife areas;
- (iii) dogs to be kept on leads in designated nature reserves;

- (iv) prohibiting dogs from designated beach areas – “dog free zones” (except for existing Dog Free Zones under current bylaws);
 - (v) dogs to be kept on leads within fenced conservation areas when livestock are present;
 - (vi) persons in charge of a dog to have a receptacle with them to remove dog fouling; and
- (3) Officers be commended for the high levels of public engagement undertaken through a range of consultation channels in preparing the Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The proposals are intended to address irresponsible dog control and protect the public from anti-social behaviour that is having or likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality 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 Fouling of Land by Dogs (Metropolitan Borough of Sefton) Order will expire in October 2017 leaving the Council with no power to tackle dog fouling in the Borough.

A wide range of options were considered as part of the public consultation including prohibiting dogs or requiring dogs to be on a lead in certain defined areas. The view from those consulted was that to prohibit dogs from open playgrounds and specified zones, (except for existing Dog Free Zones under current bylaws), on beaches along with requiring dogs to be kept on a lead in designated wildlife areas, local nature reserves and fenced conservation was unacceptable. If members are minded to agree with this consultation response this may reduce the ability to control dogs in these locations and result in irresponsible and anti- social behaviour.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

A small cost will be associated with ensuring that designated areas and restrictions are publicised including the use of relevant signage where appropriate. This will be met from Services existing budgets.

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
Legal Implications: The consultation process had adhered to statutory requirements and good practice identified in case law. The decision making process, if members determine to proceed with the PSPO, will follow the necessary and appropriate decision making route.
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: This order will ensure dogs are prohibited from entering enclosed playgrounds and certain sports facilities thereby ensuring children can play without disturbance in a secure environment.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable.
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable.
Drivers of change and reform: This order will 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: Not applicable.
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable.
Cleaner Greener It is anticipated that proposals to require fouling to be picked up forthwith, will impact upon the level of dog fouling.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD 4731 /17) has been consulted and notes the report indicates the costs of publicity and signage can be met from existing budgets. The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 4015/17) has 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 took place between 6th February and 11th April 2017. Information was provided in various formats and many respondents used the online e consult on the Council's website to submit their answers and comments. Key partners identified within the target group and Merseyside Police were contacted. In addition, Sefton CVS were contacted to enable engagement with relevant groups. Following contact with the lead officer meetings were held with Southport Visual Impairment Group, Adult Learning Centre and Sefton Pension Advocacy Centres across the Borough.

The Public Engagement & Consultation Panel was updated on the 19th May on the findings of the consultation and the methods that were used. The panel fully supported the findings of the report and the level of consultation carried out.

The consultation is considered to be successful in that it has resulted in high levels of public engagement through a range of consultation channels. The consultation itself has prompted much consideration and discussion amongst responders. The recommendations have attempted to navigate the best path through those responses to reflect the views that have been expressed.

Officers are hopeful that the level of engagement can continue to the wider and greater benefit of the communities and localities.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix 1 – Draft Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Public Space Protection Order (Dog Control) 2017

Background Papers:

The following maps and lists are detailed at the end of this report:

Village Park, Ainsdale
Bedford Park, Birkdale
Botanic Gardens, Southport
Bowersdale Park, Seaforth 2
Duke Street Park, Formby
Hatton Hill Park, Litherland
Hesketh Park, Southport
Children's Play Park, Hightown
Killen Green, Netherton
Kings Gardens, Southport
Marian Gardens, Netherton
Moorside Park, Crosby
North Park, Bootle
Orrell Mount, Bootle
South Park, Bootle
Victoria Park, Crosby
List of Rugby/Football Pitches/Bowling Greens/Children's Playgrounds/Tennis Courts/Multi-Use Game Areas/Picnic Areas.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 A Public Space Protection Order [PSPOs] is an official measure that is an enforceable part of the Anti – Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- 1.2 PSPOs can be used to protect the public from behaviour that is having or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and is persistent and unreasonable or likely to be.
- 1.3 The Anti-social Behaviour Act 2014 requires that Local Authorities conduct necessary consultation and publicity before any order is made, varied or revoked. The necessary consultation is defined as consulting with:-
 - The Chief of Police and local policing body.
 - Community representatives the local authority thinks is appropriate to consult with.
 - The owners or occupiers of land within the designated area to which the order will apply.
- 1.4 The report detailed above provides a comprehensive list of the target groups that was part of the consultation process. This list included, The Policing and Crime Commissioner, Area Police Commander for Sefton, ward and parish councillors, local animal charities and veterinary surgeons, Natural England, Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Friends of Park Groups etc.
- 1.5 PSPOs last for 3 years once approved and are enforced by delegated council officers, police officers and police community support officers. At the end of this period the order can be amended or extended for a further 3 years.
- 1.6 A breach of the order is a criminal offence and can be dealt with through the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice [FPN] to discharge the offender's liability for the offence or a fine up to £1000 on prosecution. A level set at £75 reduced to £50 if paid within 10 days would be consistent with fines set for other environmental offences enforced by the Council e.g. littering.
- 1.7 Sefton Council has a number of existing powers to deal with dog control including The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Metropolitan Borough Of Sefton) Order 2014 which allows £75 FPN against offenders who fail to remove their dogs fouling forthwith and various Dog related acts which allow prosecution for dog owners when the dog is dangerously out of control in a public or private place or in breach of local byelaws.
- 1.8 However officers from the Dog Warden, Parks & Greenspaces and Coast and Countryside Services remain concerned that various instances including dogs acting aggressively or in a threatening manner, or not under control, increased

levels of fouling left by dog walkers on the highway, within parks, recreational areas and coastal locations, disturbance of animals, wildlife and nesting sites and dogs being out of control in and around e.g. children's play facilities and within the grounds of cemeteries are not being effectively addressed.

- 1.9 In addition failure to introduce a PSPO for dog fouling would from October 2017, leave the Council with no powers to tackle dog walkers who fail to pick up their dogs fouling forthwith. The existing Fouling of Land by Dogs [Metropolitan Borough of Sefton] Order 2014 expires in October 2017 with any future or existing orders to be made under the Anti- Social Behaviour Act 2014.as PSPOs.
- 1.10 By Introducing the proposed offences on dog control within the framework of a PSPO it is believed that it will strengthen existing powers and enables dedicated officers to deal with offences in a timely manner to the benefit of local communities across Sefton.

2. Public Consultation

- 2.1 The Gunning Principles on consultation which are derived from case law are as follows:-
- Consultation should occur when proposals are at a formative stage;
 - Consultations should give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration;
 - Consultations should allow adequate time for consideration and response;
 - The demands of fairness are likely to be higher when the consultation relates to a decision which is likely to deprive someone of an existing benefit;
 - There must be clear evidence that the decision maker has considered the consultation responses before taking its decision.
- 2.2 The principles have been reviewed and refined many times in subsequent case law, they are essentially still a good starting point for consultation. The consultation approved by the Public Engagement & Consultation panel on the 26th January 2017 and ran from the 6th February to the 11th April 2017 with 1032 questionnaires returned within those dates.
- 2.3 The majority of responders used the online e consult on the Council's website to submit their answers.In total 121 hard copies were received together with 22 easy read versions. Audio versions were also supplied as requested.
- 2.4 Five local meetings were also facilitated across the borough to encourage participation. The details are listed:

Visual Impairment Group, Southport - 1st February
Sefton Pensioners Advocacy Centre, Linacre Mission- 14th February
Adult Learning Centre, Stanley Road, Bootle- 22nd February

Sefton Pensioners Advocacy Centre - Lord St West Church, Southport-22nd February

Sefton Pensioners Advocacy Centre- Maghull -28th February

In total approximately 110 residents attended the meetings.

- 2.5 Sefton Council for Voluntary Service were contacted directly and provided support to enable ethnic and migrant groups to be engaged with this proposal. The offer to speak to groups that fall within their wider contact list was also suggested.
- 2.6 Interested parties identified as part of the target audience, were contacted at the beginning of the consultation by email or letter.eg Kennel Club, Sefton animal charities and local vets etc. A full list is provided within the Public Engagement & Consultation Panel Report dated 19th May 2017.
- 2.7 The consultation was promoted through published material on the Council and My Sefton websites. A press release was issued on the 6th February and as a result the Liverpool Echo, Southport Visitor and Champion newspapers ran stories. Tweets were sent out during the consultation together with information put on the Councils Facebook page.

3. Consultation outcome

- 3.1 Detailed consideration has been given to the completed responses to the questionnaire (1032) which contained an additional 654 comments. A petition was also received that stated that the petitioners “believe that the facility to walk dogs off lead on our coastline and Local Nature Reserves is crucial to the health and wellbeing of Sefton residents and their dogs. We do not believe that this should be prohibited by a Public Spaces Protection Order”. In total 836 people signed the petition raising their objection to this proposal.
- 3.2 During the consultation period a number of external agencies, target groups and individuals not only responded to the consultation questions but sent emails / letters direct to the lead officer to ensure their comments would be included.
- 3.3 Following closure of the Consultation period the Council have been made aware of an on line petition entitled “Stop Sefton banning off lead exercise for dogs”. This was ultimately presented to the Council prior to Licencing & Regulatory Committee (19th June 2017), contact has been made with the representative promoting the petition and a meeting is proposed in the near future. The petition it has been signed by 4,562 people. It states:

“The Council is seeking powers that will enable it to stop dogs from being exercised off lead in public places including parks, woodlands, sand dunes and beaches. We do not want them to do this!

Why is this important?

Dogs have a right to appropriate exercise under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. The RSPCA and Kennel Club agree that this includes regular off lead exercise and socialisation. The Council is seeking powers to ban this in almost all public spaces and make it a criminal offence. It is a disproportionate blanket approach and does not address the lack of resources to tackle real issues of concern such as dog fouling and irresponsible ownership. There are better balanced and more effective ways of working with dog owners and the community. It will have a negative impact on dogs and on people by creating a disincentive to use our countryside and adopt a healthy lifestyle of regular exercise.”

4. Report to Licensing & Regulatory Committee

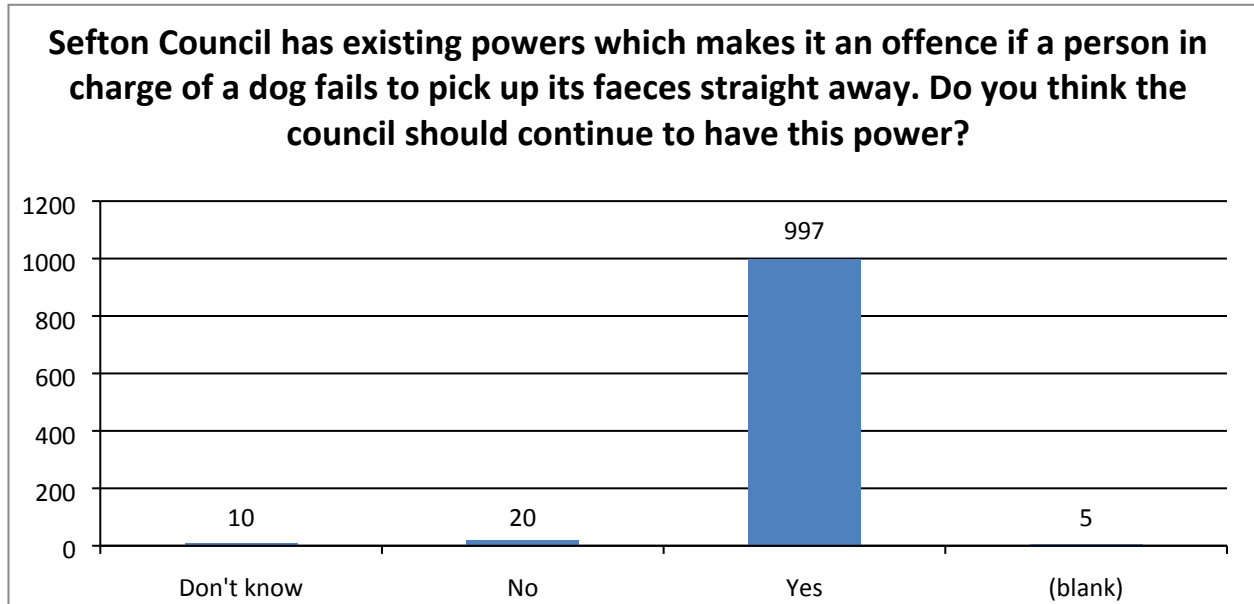
- 4.1 On the 19th June, the Committee considered a petition presented by Mrs Lyn Hilton, signed by 4,562 people, in respect of the proposed Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control, Mrs Hilton was thanked for her presentation and the issues raised by the petition were taken into account during the determination of the decision on the report (minute No.6)

The Committee considered the report and resolved that subject to amendments being made to the report as indicated, the revised report be submitted to Full Council for approval.(minute No.7)

Summary of Responses to Consultation Questions for proposed inclusion within the PSPO

Set out below are the responses to the Consultations questions:

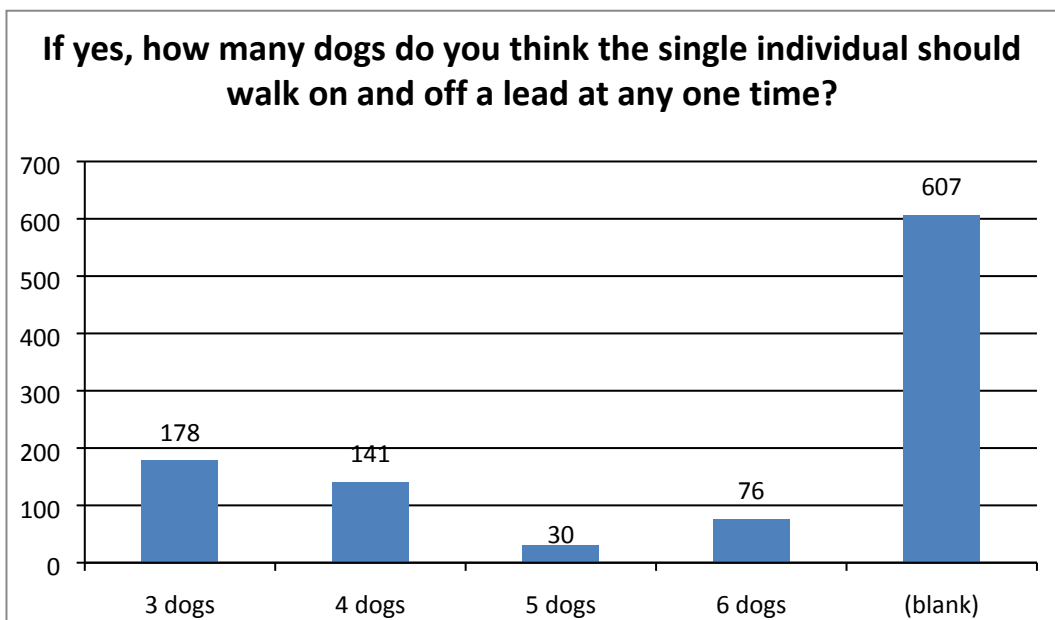
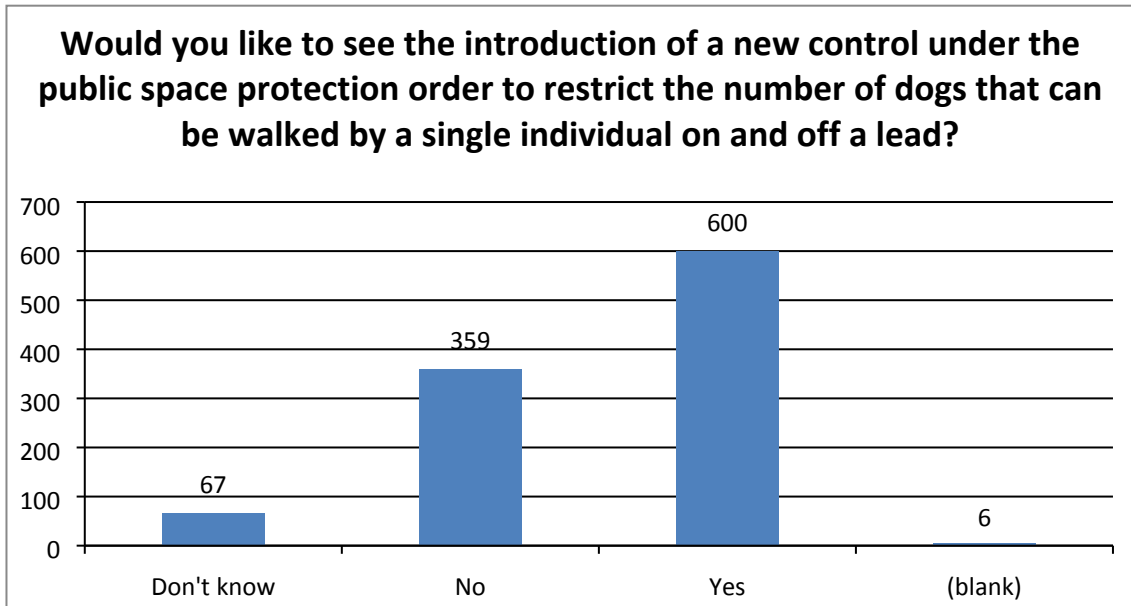
Proposal



Observations

There is clear support for a continuation of this power to make it an offence for dog faeces not to be picked up forthwith. Failure to include this offence within the proposed PSPO would leave the Council without any means of tackling offenders from October 2017.

Proposal



Evidence

In the last two years officers within the Dog Warden, Coast & Countryside and Parks and Green space Service have seen an increase in commercial dog walkers or individual dog walkers, walking large groups of dogs at one time, on and off the lead.

As a result officers have been required to approach these dog walkers as it was identified they had little or no control or following complaints to the officers whilst on site or during routine patrols.

Whilst a clear majority of respondents are in favour of control the number of dogs that can be walked agreement on the number is less clear. This is confirmed by the

significant number of respondents who failed to complete the question relating the actual number of dogs that should be walked by an individual.

In addition several representations were made by commercial walkers indicating that if a low number was chosen (less than 6) this would significantly impact upon their business.

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [DEFRA] guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dog-control-orders>

suggests that based on expert advice a limit of a maximum 6 dogs are walked at any one time by an individual on or off the lead. The Kennel Club and Dogs Trust who were part of this consultation have made the following observations on this proposal.

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. Both charities both put forward the view that 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.

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 single dog under control.

The Kennel Club acknowledged DEFRA guidance which cites expert advice that the maximum number of dogs someone can control is six, but felt limits can 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, they suggest that councils look at accreditation schemes that have worked very successfully in places. Accreditation can ensure dog walkers are properly insured and act as advocates for good behaviour by other dog owners.

Council officers from Parks & Green Spaces, Coast & Countryside and Dog Warden services have encountered individual dog walkers walking up to 15 dogs at one time; this raises concern regarding the ability of the walker to control such dogs and the safety of dogs and others which is supported by concerns raised from members of the public.

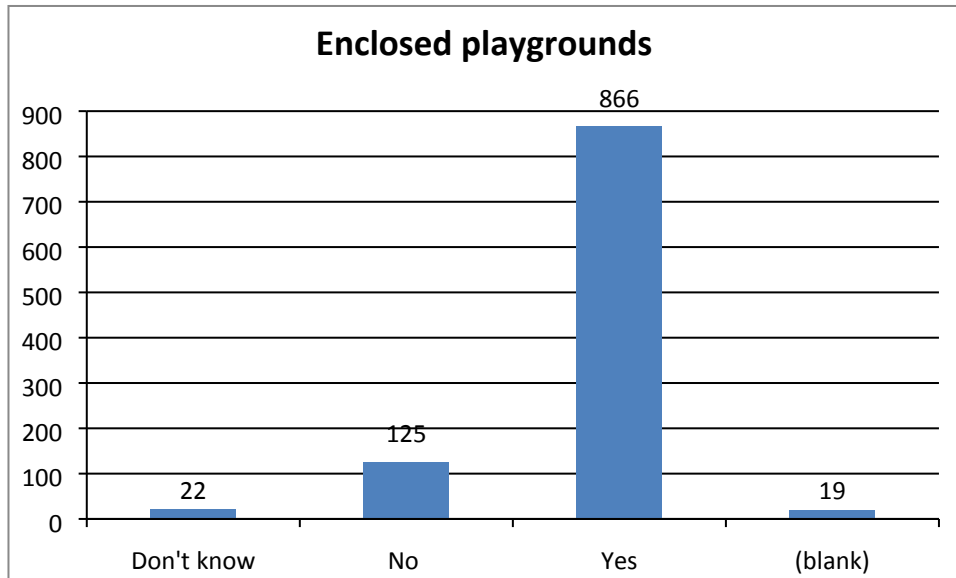
Observations

There is support for the limitation of the number of dogs to be walked by an individual to 6 (in line with DEFRA guidance) and in addition the Council should explore the potential

for introducing a voluntary accreditation scheme for dog walkers and particularly commercial walkers to ensure good practise will be employed.

Proposal

Would you like to see the introduction of a new control under the public space protection order to prohibit a dog entering the following areas?



Evidence

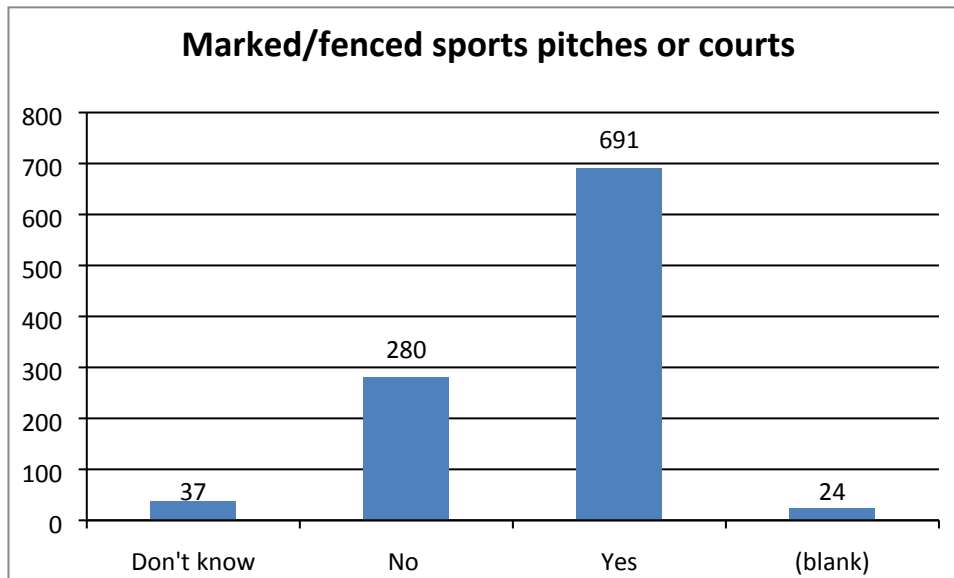
It is clear that there is an expectation that if the playground is enclosed then access to it is restricted and children can play without disturbance in a secure environment. Allowing dogs into such enclosed areas creates the potential for children to feel intimidated or under risk of attack from dogs as well as the potential for contact with dog fouling.

To a younger child even the smaller size dogs can appear intimidating relative to the size of the child.

Observations The consultation results show overwhelming support for prohibiting dogs from enclosed play areas and should be included within the PSPO.

Proposal

Would you like to see the introduction of a new control under the public space protection order to prohibit a dog entering the following areas?



Evidence

The majority of anecdotal complaints from park users on the frontline which are received by Parks and Greenspaces mainly relate to dogs out of control and dog fouling.

Consistently over the last few years these have focussed on sports pitches and fenced ball courts mainly relating to fouling issues and the action that needs to be taken by these site users to remove this fouling before any game or activity can be played.

The majority of pitches and venues are affected because of irresponsible owners.

Unfortunately participants in sporting activity face the unpleasant and potentially unhealthy prospect of coming into contact with dog fouling left on marked / fenced sports pitches or courts as a result of irresponsible dog owners who fail to pick up after their dog has fouled.

Restricting dogs from these areas also allows sports users to use the facilities without disruption, danger of attack or any perceived intimidation from the presence of dogs.

The responders are supportive of the proposed requirement for dogs to be prohibited from entering any marked or fenced sports pitches. This includes all multi games use sports facilities including bowling greens and any pitch which is used for sport and defined by a spray or painted white line.

Observations In recognition of the seasonality of certain sports it is proposed that restrictions prohibiting dogs from certain sports pitches will only be imposed during that particular season therefore Football and Rugby pitches will be marked for use from the 1st September until the 31st May each year. Cricket outfields will be marked for use from the 1st April to the 30th September each year and dogs prohibited during these periods

Any fenced games areas i.e. tennis courts, bowling greens, basketball courts football corals and multi-use game areas are prohibited from taking dogs into these areas all year round. Comments received by the Manging Agent for Sefton's Amateur Football Leagues are detailed below to support this intervention.

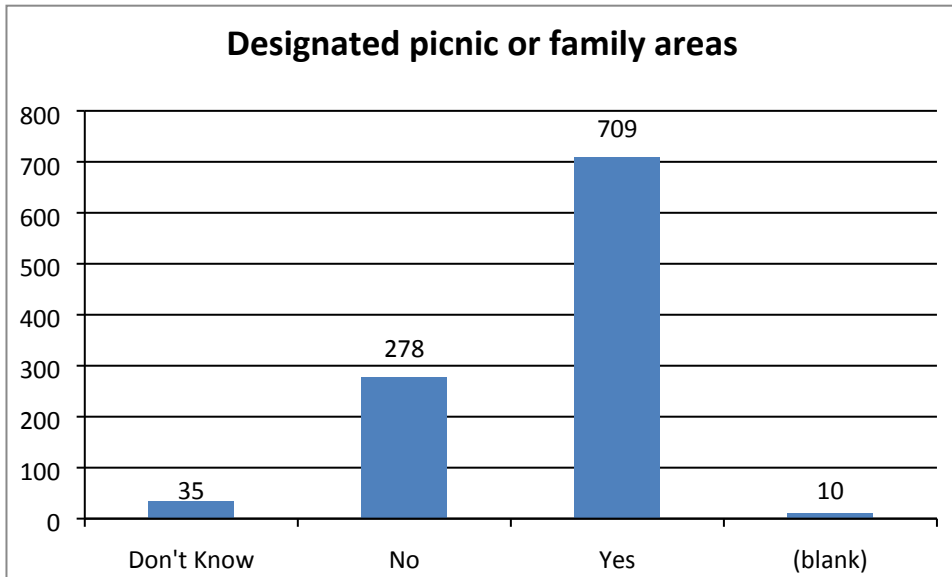
'Parks & Greenspaces work with a managing agent who organise all footballing activity on Sefton's football pitches at both adult and junior level. In terms of the disruption to their activities throughout the football season they support the exclusion of dogs from football pitches during the period in which they are marked and in use and cite the following reasoning.

As a pre-requisite to football matches it is required by match officials that all football pitches are checked for dog faeces before a match can safely take place. This means that a combination of match officials, team trainers and players (including children) have to check the pitches for faeces and then remove it. This is time consuming and unpleasant for users and officials and poses a clear health risk.

The managing agent fields complaints' every week from both players and parents of players with regards to the presence of dog faeces and dogs on pitches. Incidents and conflicts occur weekly on all sites between footballers and dog walkers relating to issues of aggressive dogs and dog fouling. The managing agent states that they have had to purchase various means to remove faeces safely out of their own funds.'

Proposal

Would you like to see the introduction of a new control under the public space protection order requiring dogs to be kept on a lead within the following locations?



Evidence

Responders have indicated that dog walkers with designated picnic or families areas should keep their dog on a lead at all times when in these defined locations.

This control will enable designated picnic and family areas within parks to create a zone that allows users to use this area without disruption, perceived or actual risk of attack, and perceived or actual intimidation from the presence of dogs off leads.

This control will also promote responsible dog ownership and hopefully will increase the likelihood of dog owners picking up fouling from their dogs in the designated areas and the wider park

Nominated sites will be identified using a mixture of signs, maps stickers, stencils and coloured ground posts to clearly identify and defines these areas.

Nominated sites have been chosen with a common sense approach and in the main are located around or near areas within parks where children and families are more likely to be located, such as at children's playgrounds. These sites have also been chosen on the basis that they are reasonably well defined and demarcated by existing features in the parks such as footpaths or fences.

The nominated family/picnic areas are relatively small within the sites that are chosen and are designed to give choices to all park users.

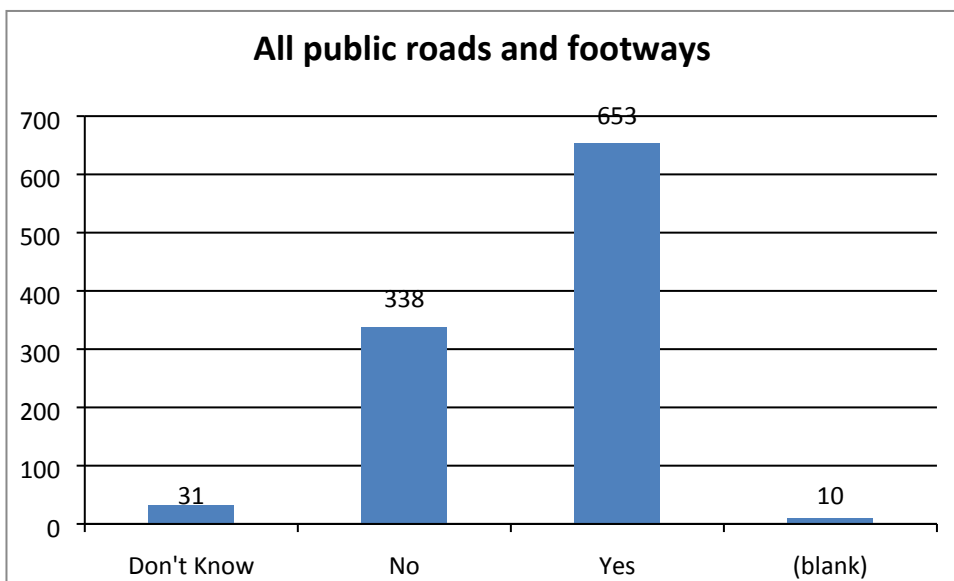
Observations

By ensuring dogs are on leads within picnic areas it will ensure better control of dogs within these areas and will prevent any dog within this area from creating a nuisance to other users of these facilities. i.e. begging for food, or disturbing family meal times or other users.

This approach is designed to offer all park users choices with regards to the presence of dogs in parks. It is hoped that this will lessen if not eradicate the chances of conflicts between different user groups

Proposal

Would you like to see the introduction of a new control under the public space protection order to keep a dog on a lead in the following areas?



Evidence

Complaints have been made to Sefton Dog Warden Service, with concerns raised by Merseyside Police Dog Section and Guide Dogs for the Blind in Merseyside about owners walking their dogs off the lead on the public highways. These complaints and concerns relate to actual attacks or threats of attack from uncontrolled dogs to other pedestrians, dogs or dog walkers, guide dogs or dogs running into traffic or jumping up and frightening cyclists or pedestrians

As part of the consultation the visually impairment group raised concerns about dogs on the highway being walked off the lead and threatening or attacking their dogs. Equally concerns were raised about dogs walked on extended leads with either their dog or themselves being wrapped up in the lead. In support of the proposed control the Service Delivery Manager for Guide dogs for the Blind in Merseyside wrote

“I am very pleased to hear that Sefton Council are looking to implement a public space protection order, specifically, I am pleased to hear that dogs will be required to be on a lead on the highway and footpaths.

We have had a number of attacks on our working dogs in the area as a result of other dogs being off lead and out of control. This has resulted in some guide dog owners feeling anxious about going out.

I am sure that this protection order will serve to reassure guide dog owners in the Sefton area and we would welcome the order. “

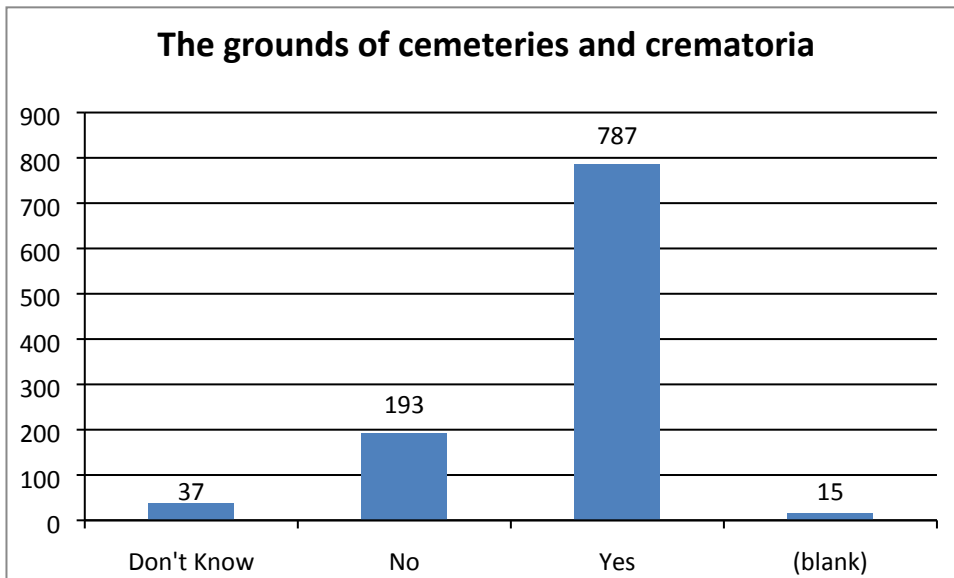
Collectively concerns are centred on the safety of pedestrians, cyclist and dog walkers who can feel threatened when dogs are not under control on a lead. Having the dog on a lead increases the ability of the dog walkers to react immediately to any situation that may present itself and reduce the threat or any injures to their dog or other users of the public highway.

During the consultation several comments where received regarding the lack of control given by extendable leads this is acknowledged and to address the draft PSPO suggests dogs on public roads / footways must be walked on leads with a maximum 2 metres in length to ensure they have sufficient control of their dog when in this defined location.

Observations It is proposed to define roads and footpaths that will be affected by this requirement as any” land within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton which is designated carriageway [A or B classified roads] together with the adjoining footpaths and verges of such carriageways. It will therefore relate to “the highway” and will not include for example public footpaths or canal towpaths.

Proposal

Would you like to see the introduction of a new control under the public space protection order to keep a dog on a lead in the following areas?



Evidence

Information provided by the Locality Service who take responsibility for this area of the authority have indicated that anecdotally 20 complaints have been received over the last 2 years and that officers regularly observe dogs being allowed to run uncontrolled through graves, or greenspaces within the grounds disturbing and scaring mourners; urinating on headstones and fouling on peoples' graves.

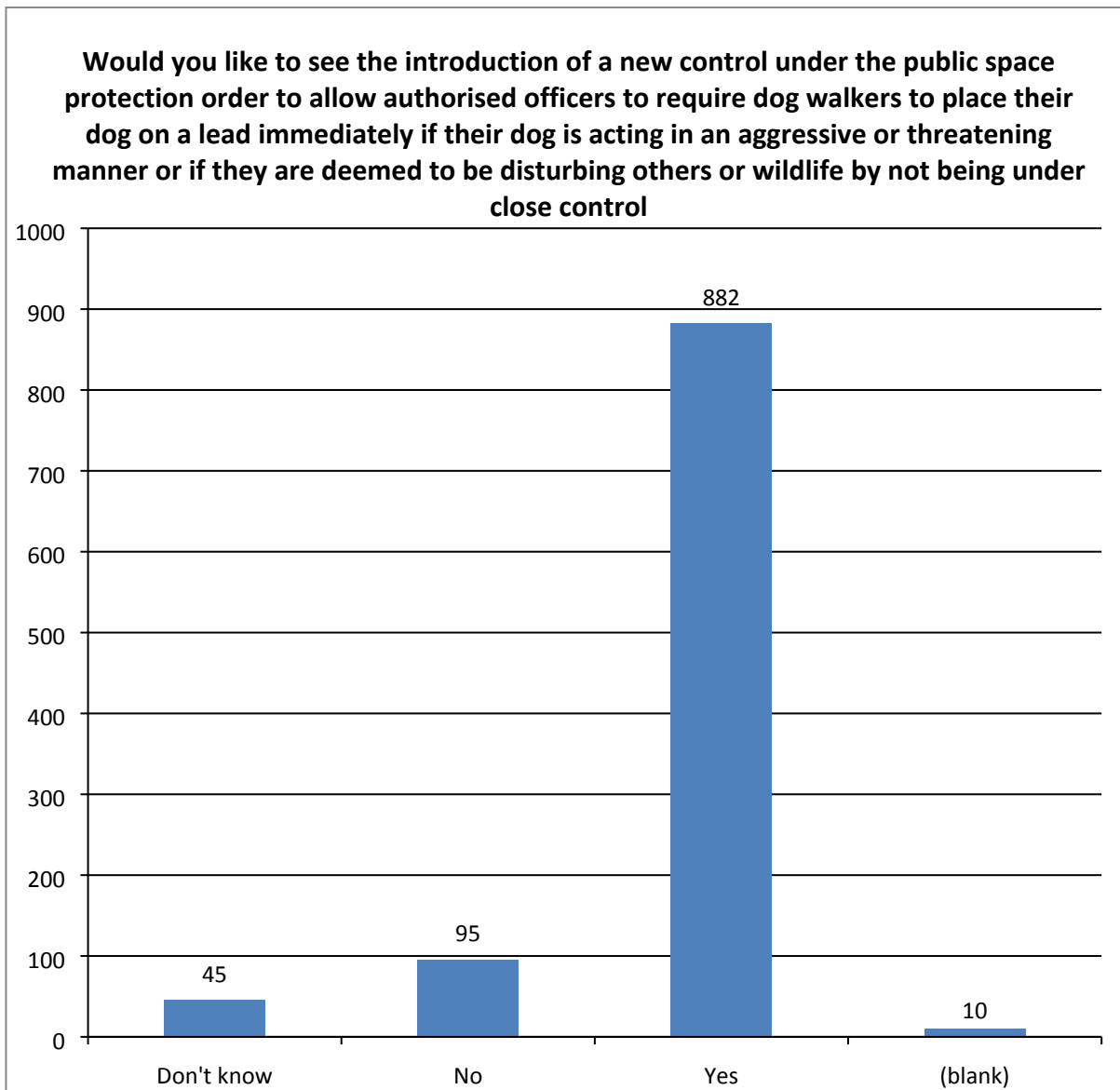
Complaints have also been received by the Dog Warden Team over a similar time frame relating to dogs walked off the lead acting in an aggressive manner were the complainants felt threatened or their dogs were attacked.

Such action has a detrimental effect to the quality of life of those in the locality and is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature as families and friends of the deceased visit these grounds to pay their respect.

Mourners value well-maintained and tranquil grounds to reflect upon the loss of a loved one, friend or colleague. Visitors also enjoy the benefits of these passive greenspaces, including responsible dog owners and their well-behaved dogs.

Observations These concerns are clearly recognised and supported by respondents and by proposing all dogs are on leads of maximum 2 metres in length to ensure they have sufficient control of their dog when in this defined location. Thereby ensure that the wellbeing of all mourners and visitors is maintained.

Proposal



Evidence

Currently there is no power to require a dog owner to put a dog on a lead when judged considered to be out of control, acting aggressively, causing alarm, distress or nuisance to other site users, disturbing or potentially disturbing wildlife and sensitive habitats or exhibiting threatening behaviour.

Offenders can be prosecuted in some circumstances where the legislation or local bye law allows however this is a lengthy process and does not necessarily resolve the situation “on the ground” especially if the owner is un co-operative and causing disturbance to others.

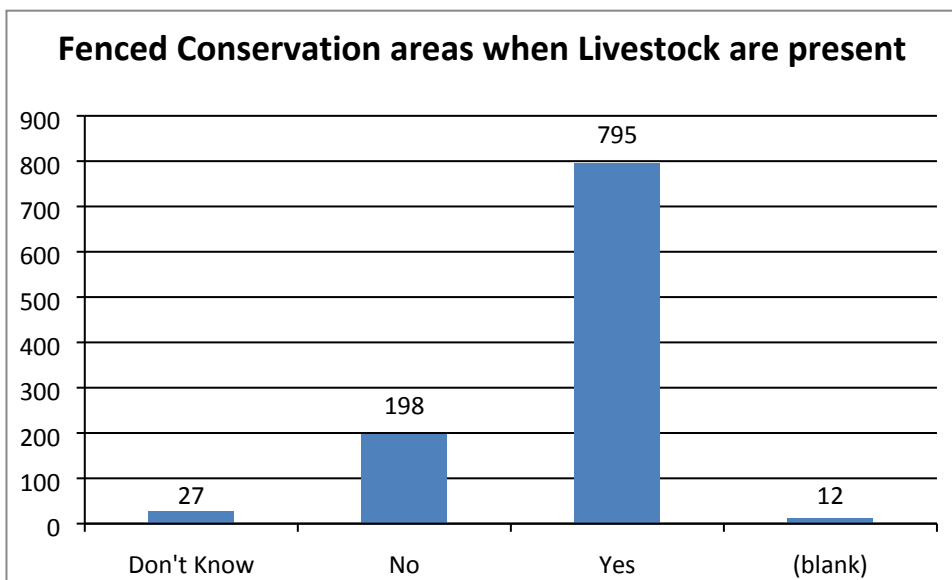
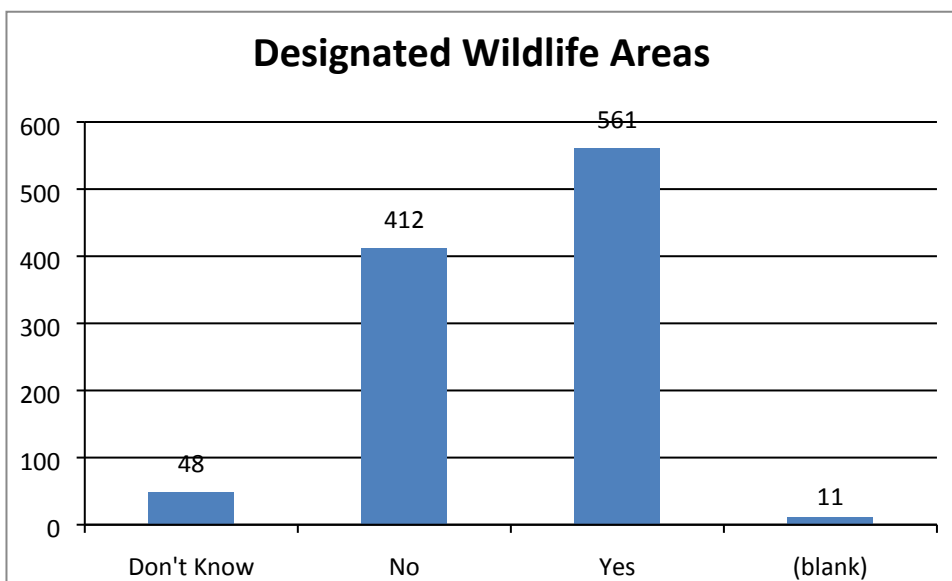
Observations

The proposal to create this new power which is overwhelmingly supported by respondents provides an immediate threat of action and sanction if the dog owner remains un cooperative and it is anticipated will greatly assist authorised officers in controlling such anti-social behaviour.

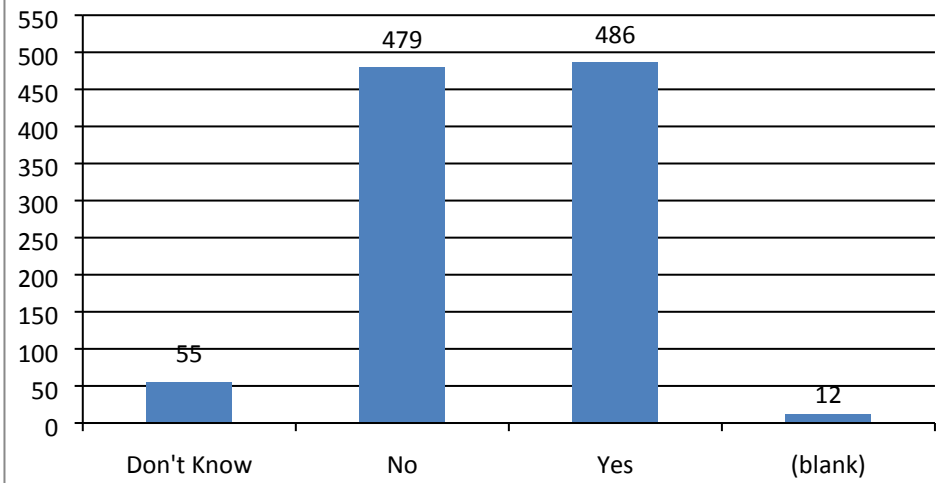
Summary of Responses to Consultation Questions for proposed exclusion from the PSPO

Set out below are the responses to the Consultations questions:

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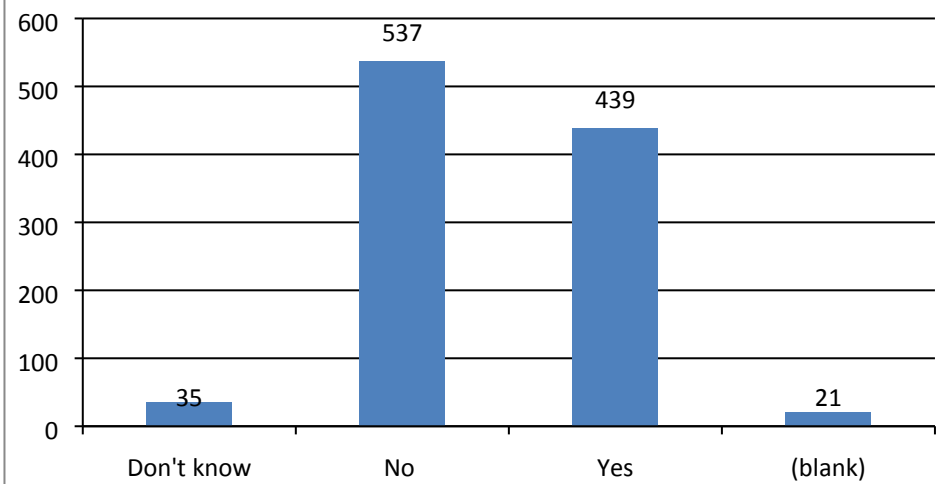


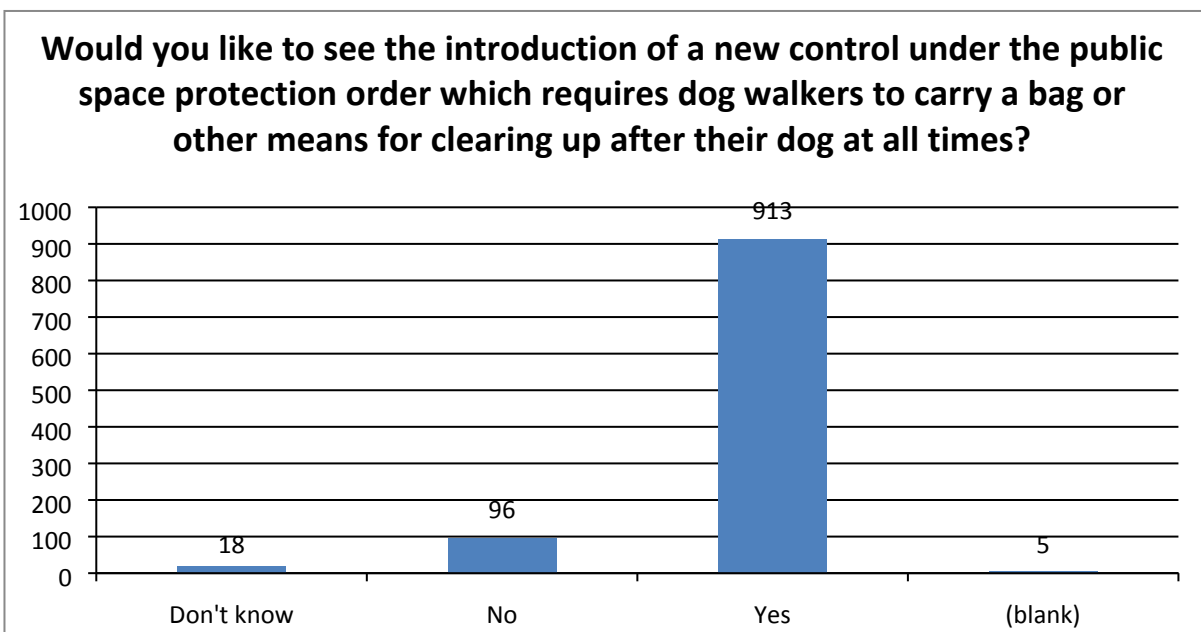
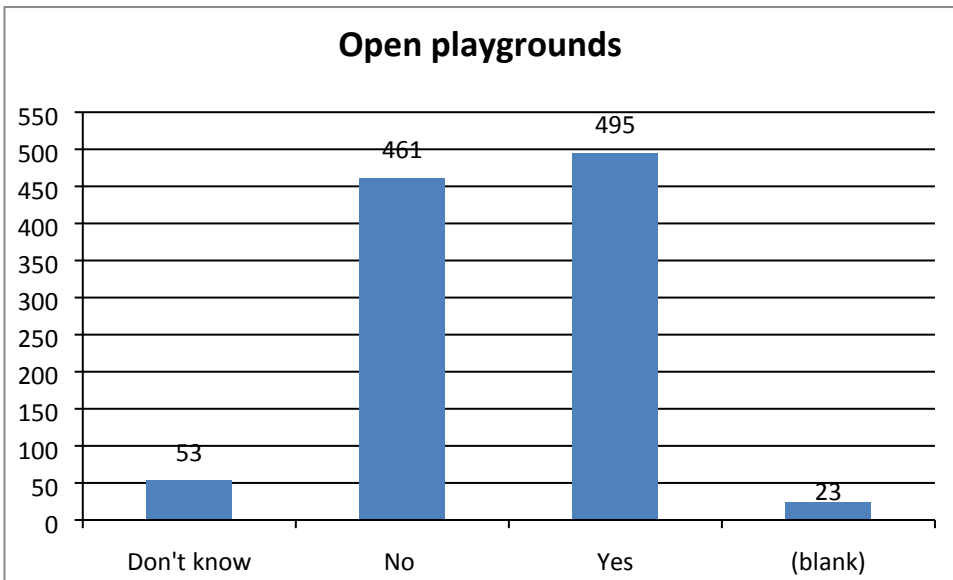
Designated Nature Reserves



Would you like to see the introduction of a new control under the public space protection order to prohibit a dog entering the following areas?

Defined beach locations e.g. dog-free zones





It is clear from the response to five of the above questions, and the significant comments, correspondence and petition both during the consultation period and subsequently that there is a wide public debate and concern about the potential restrictions of dogs activity in the coastal locations and in particular the Local Nature Reserves. Support for requiring dogs on leads within fenced enclosures is well supported but there is no clear mandate for the other four proposals. Included in the issues raised are the proportionality of the proposed requirement relative to the perceived risk, its legality, the restriction on dog's ability to exercise in open spaces and residents enjoyment of such areas.

Whilst there remains concerns that failure to include these proposals with the PSPO would present an increased likelihood of anti-social behaviour, and that site users may be subject to impact from dogs out of control, acting aggressively, causing alarm, distress or nuisance, disturbing or potentially disturbing animals, wildlife and sensitive habitats or exhibiting threatening behaviour and dog fouling. It is recognised that the

consultation has identified a level of opposition to these elements of the proposal and that this needs full consideration and should not therefore be included.

The Local bye laws further provide some potential for action, however as identified in this report the only remedy is prosecution which does not have the immediate threat that the option to issue a fixed penalty notice has.

It is considered vital that the proposal to allow an authorised officer to, give a direction 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 be included within the proposed PSPO. This will allow Officers to address immediately any issues that they may encounter in the beach location from irresponsible dog walkers.

Proceeding on this basis will give the Council opportunity to monitor the impact upon anti-social activity in these areas (dog related) and feed into any subsequent review.

The results of the remaining question detailed above clearly indicate that majority of responders would support the PSPO addressing the continuing problems of dog fouling across the borough by ensuring dog walkers, have some form of bag or means with them to remove their dogs fouling. However, as the legislation specifies that only *reasonable* requirements may be imposed by a PSPO, the Council must consider whether a requirement for a person in charge of a dog to be able to prove that they have the means to pick up after a dog has fouled is reasonable. The proposed requirement of the PSPO is for the removal of faeces from the land forthwith – that being the case the requirement for a means of removal is already implied. A person could be deemed to have committed an offence purely by the fact that the person in charge of the dog does not have an appropriate receptacle – even though the dog has not fouled. Consideration has been given as to whether this proposal would be proportionate. If a dog has fouled and the person in charge of the dog has picked up and disposed of the faeces and so no longer has an appropriate receptacle and so, in effect the receptacle is no longer available- the person would still have committed an offence. That being the case it is considered that this proposal would be disproportionate-

Further, enforcement officers would have difficulty proving whether a person in charge of a dog had a “receptacle” with them. The term “receptacle” is wide ranging and open to wide interpretation. It is envisaged that there would be difficulties in enforcing this proposal and it is therefore recommended that the requirement for a person in charge of a dog to be able to have an appropriate receptacle with them to remove faeces should not be included in the proposed PSPO as it would be an unreasonable and disproportionate requirement under the legislation.

Summary / Conclusion

It is proposed that the following requirements / restrictions summarised below are included within the proposed PSPO- Dog Control

- Continue with the offence of not removing dog's fouling forthwith.
- Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 6.
- Prohibits dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds.
- Prohibit dogs from entering marked or fenced sports pitches during specified periods.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within defined picnic sites & family areas.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within all public roads 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 the public.

Following the outcome of the consultation it is proposed that the following restrictions / requirements summarised below are not included within the proposed PSPO – dog control

- Prohibiting dogs from open playgrounds.
- Dogs to be kept on leads in designated wildlife areas.
- Dogs to be kept on leads in designated nature reserves.
- Prohibiting dogs from designated beach areas – 'dog free zones', (except for existing Dog Free Zones under current bylaws).
- Dogs to be kept on leads within fenced conservation areas when livestock are present.
- Persons in charge of a dog to have a receptacle with them to remove dog fouling

The proposed order maintains a balance between necessary control to address unreasonable anti-social behaviour that is or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and takes into full consideration the outcome of the consultation and views expressed by its respondents.

The Council has sought to balance the interests of those in charge of dogs against the interests of those affected by the activities of dogs, bearing in mind the need for people, in particular children, to have access to dog-free areas and areas where dogs are kept under strict control, and the need for those in charge of dogs to have access to areas where they can exercise their dogs without undue restrictions.

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 **xxxxxxx**
- (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.

7. 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).

8. 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 day of

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

was hereunto affixed in the presence of -

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Duly Authorised 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 –

- (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.

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.

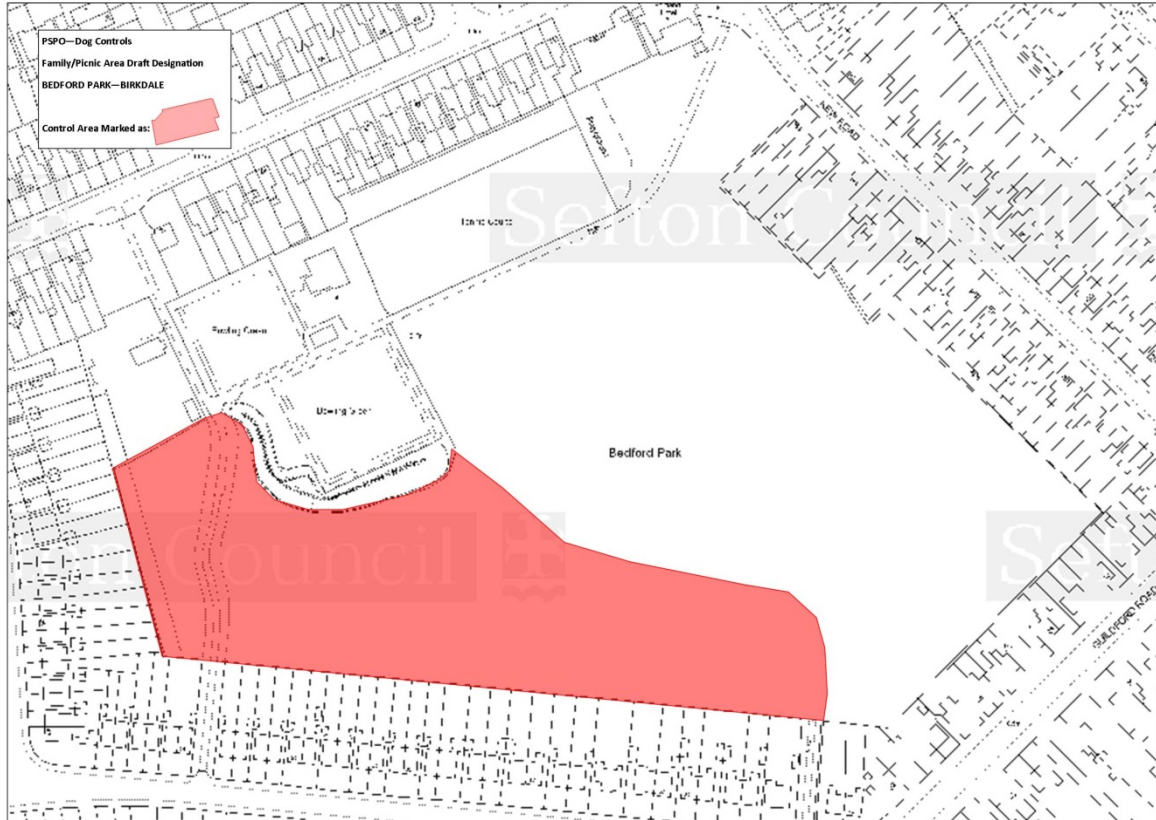
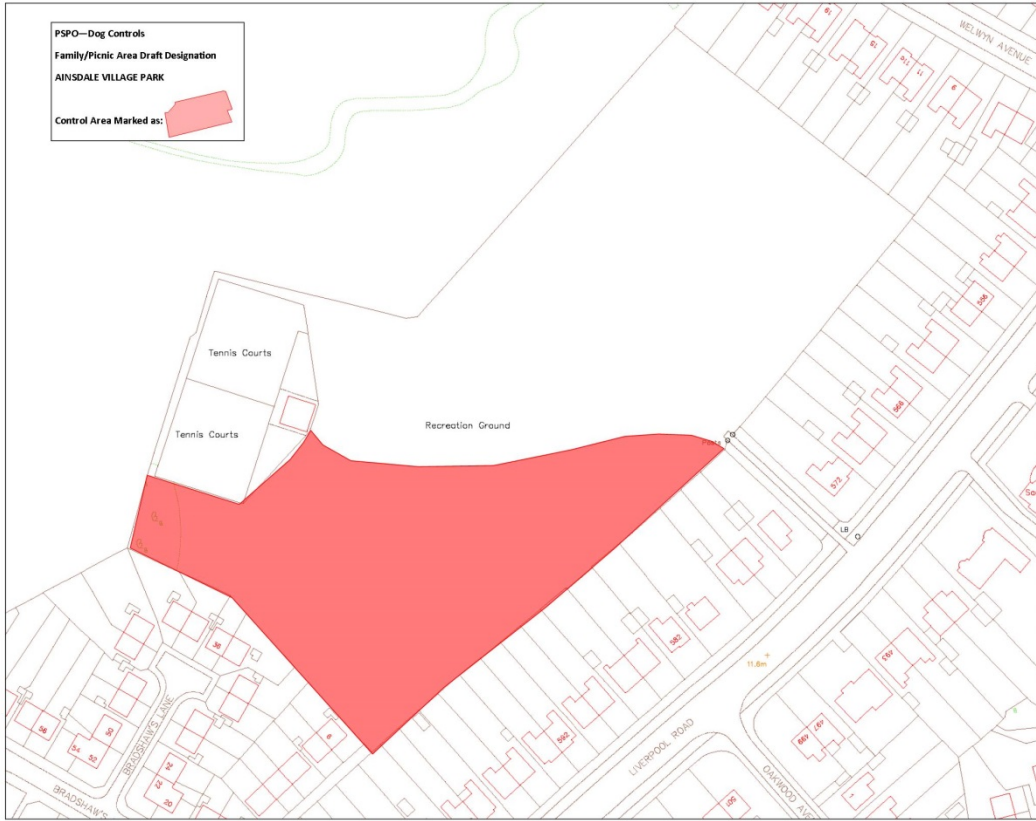
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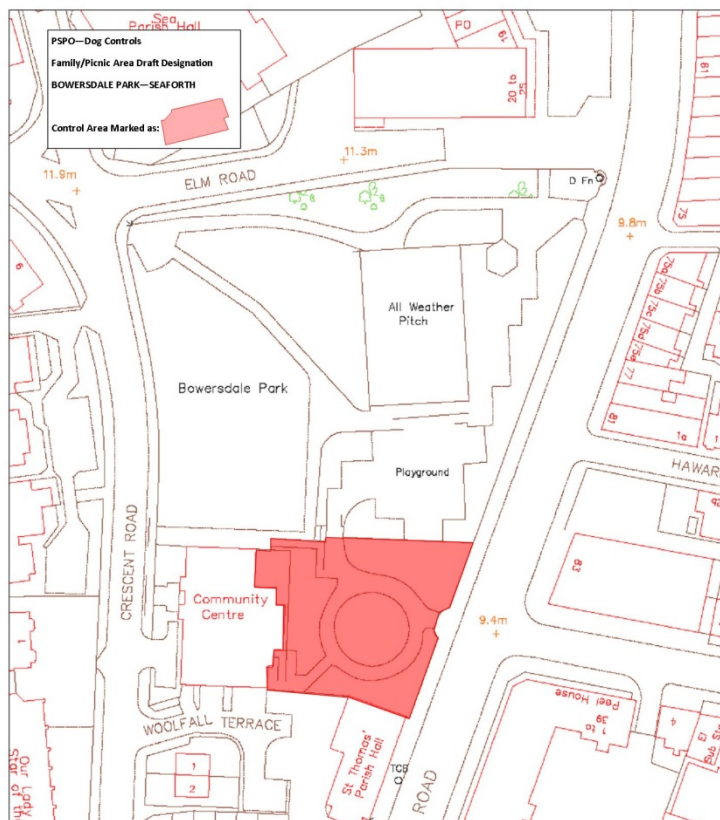
- (1) A person in charge of a dog on land to which this order applies must restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by a single individual to six dogs unless
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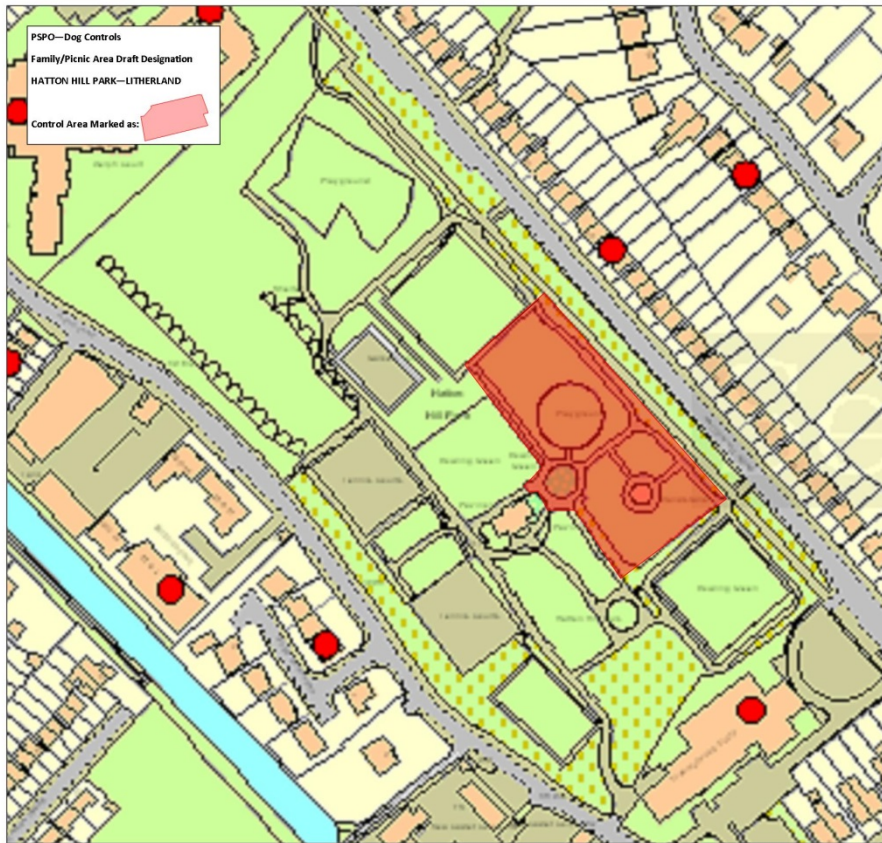
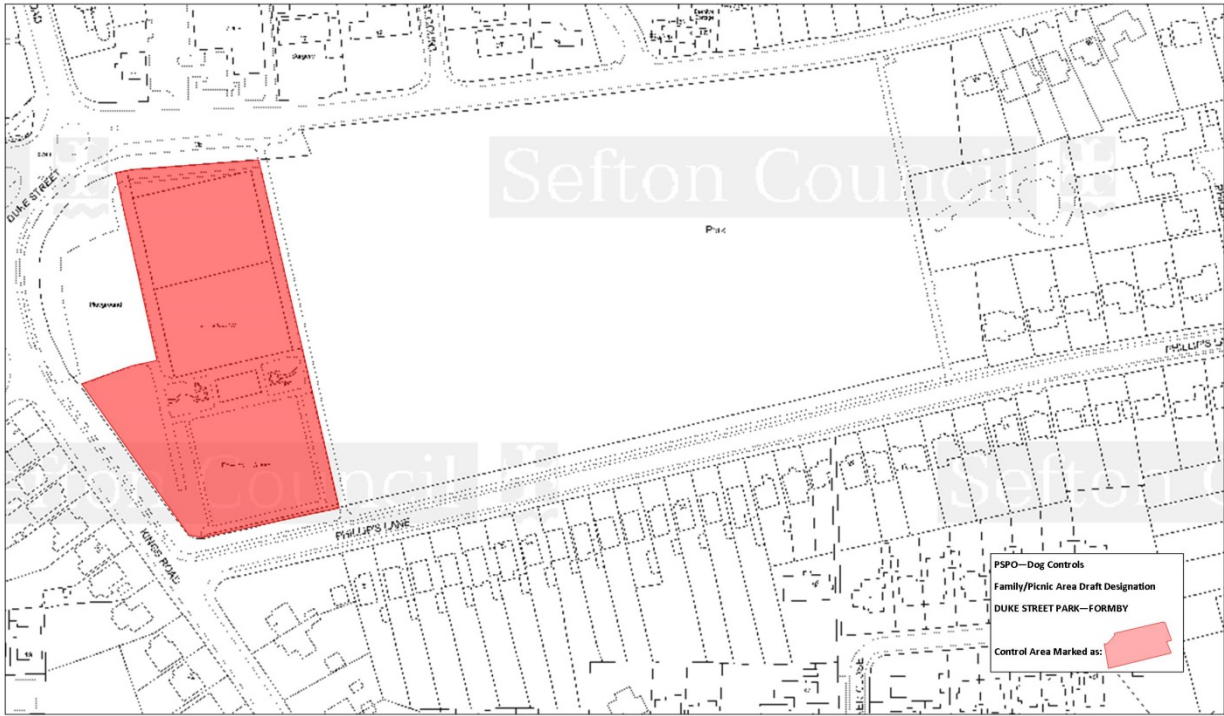
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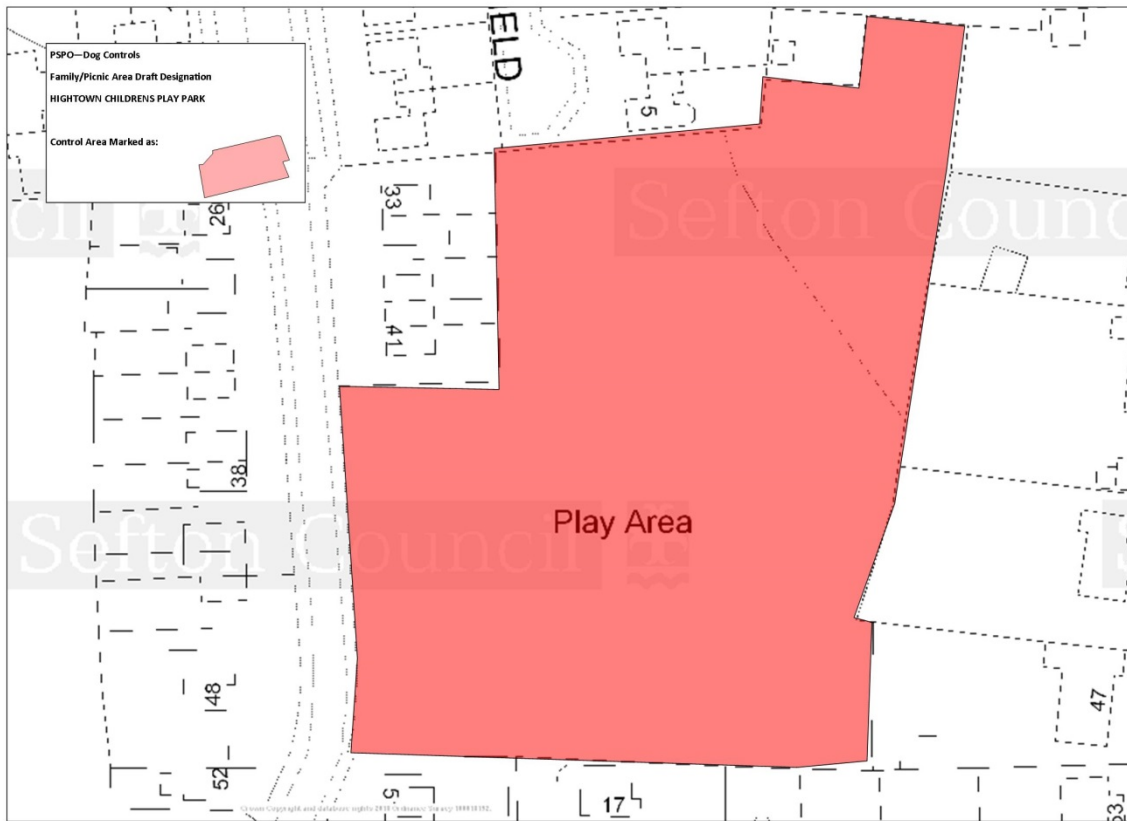
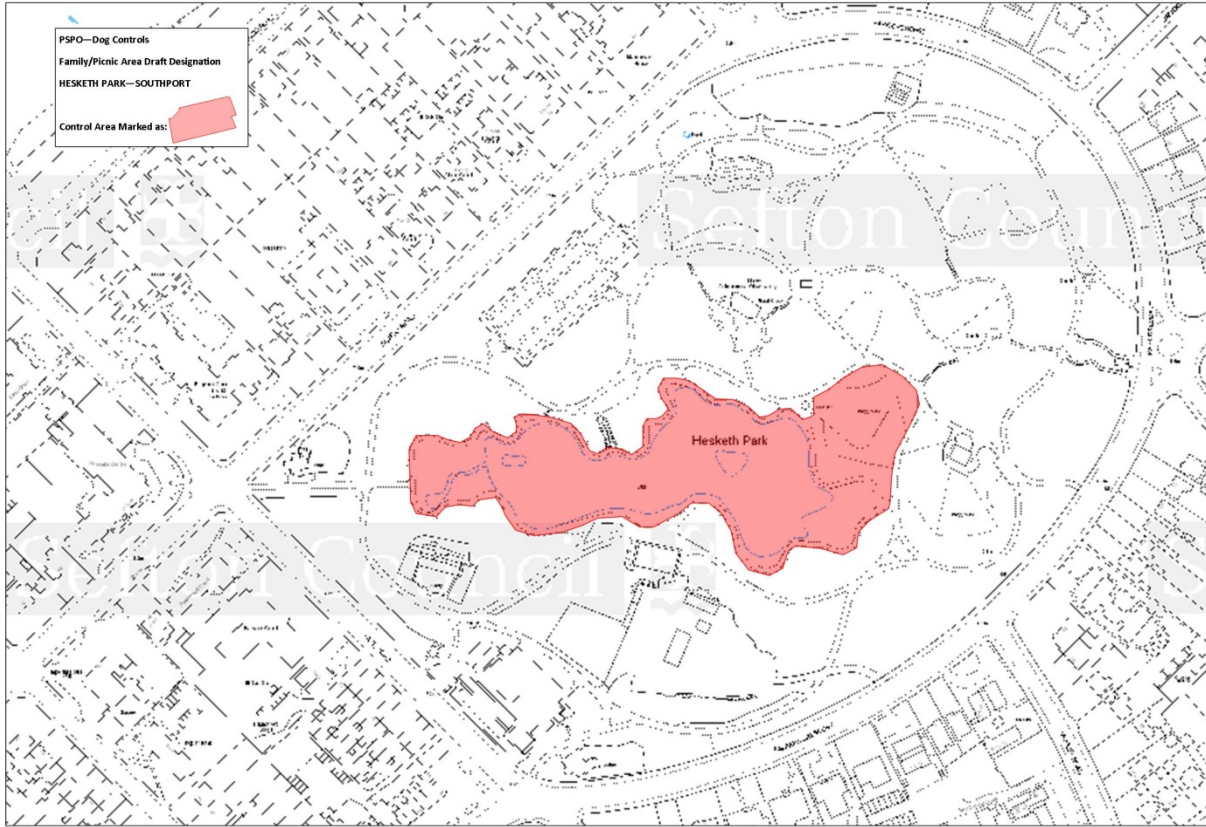
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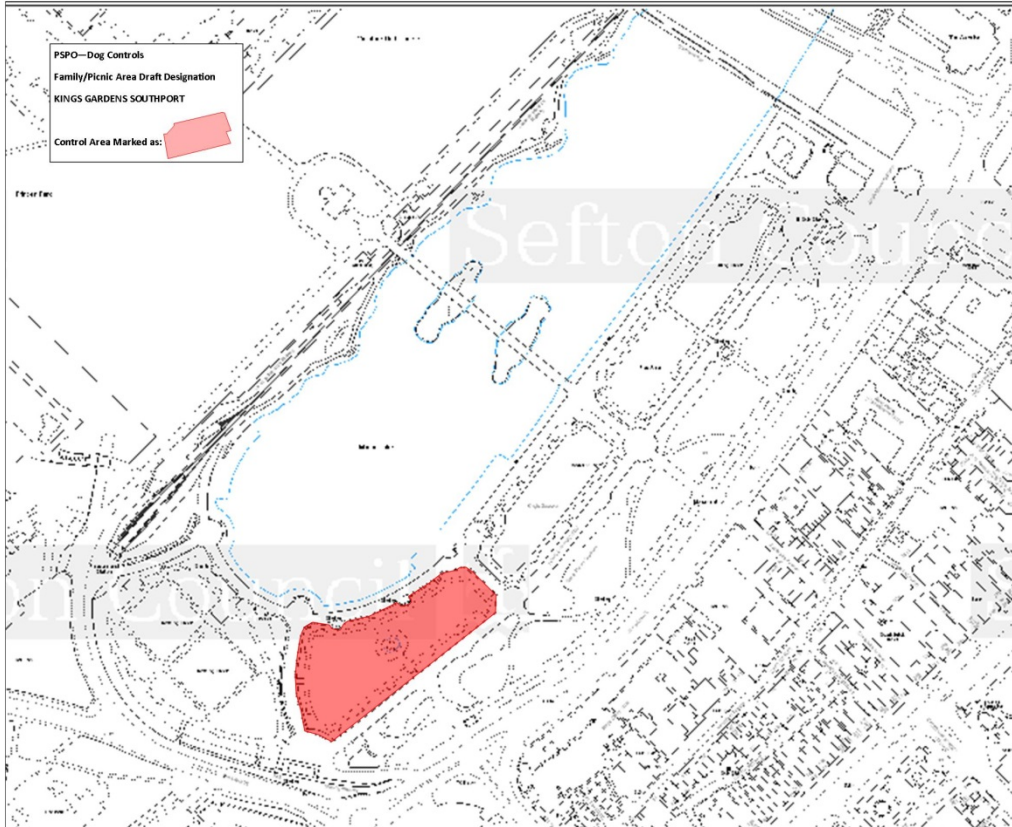
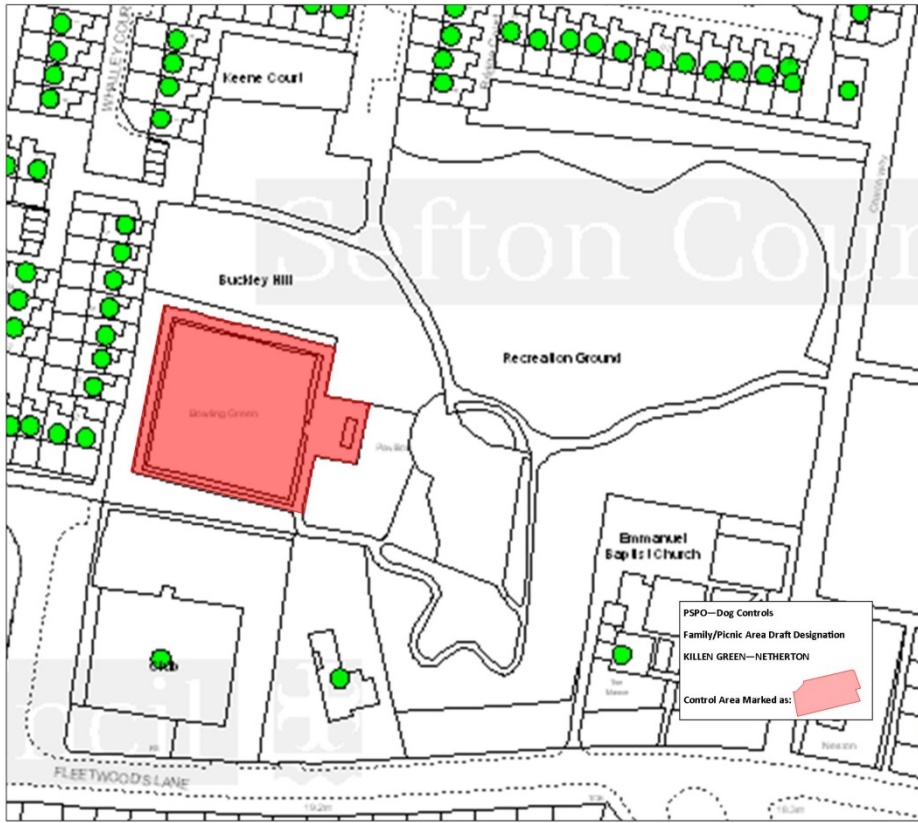
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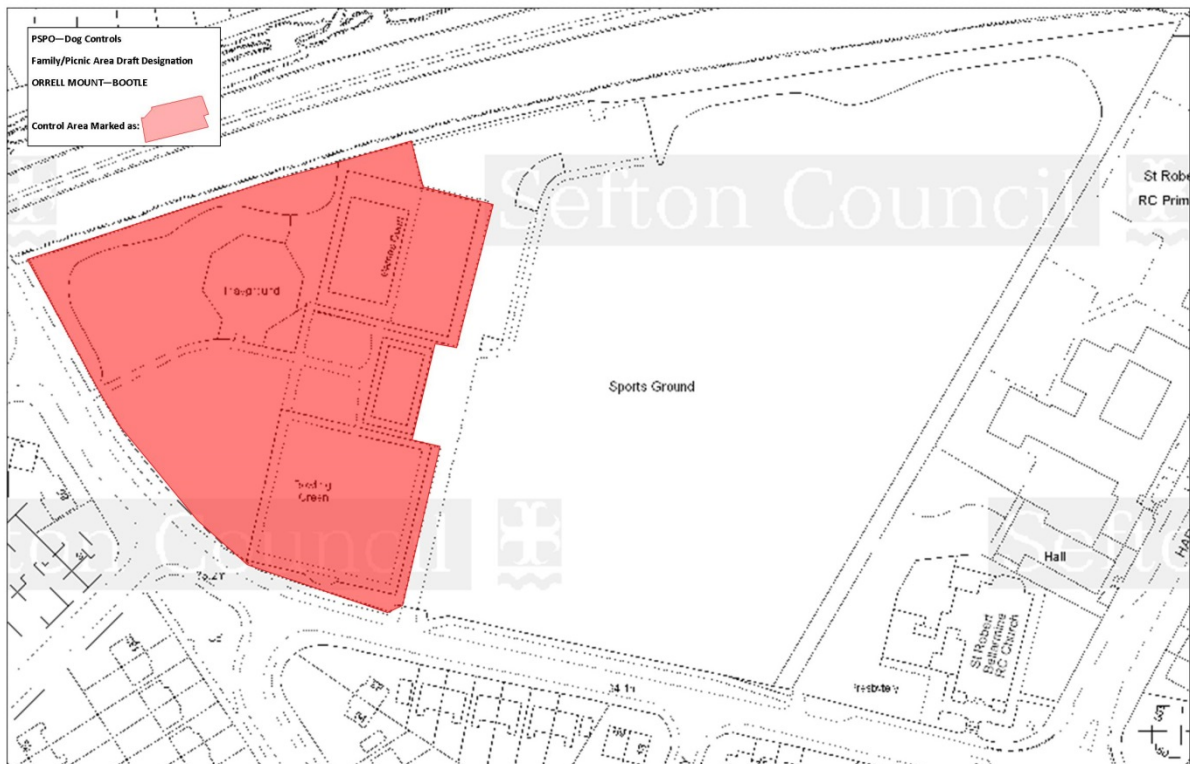


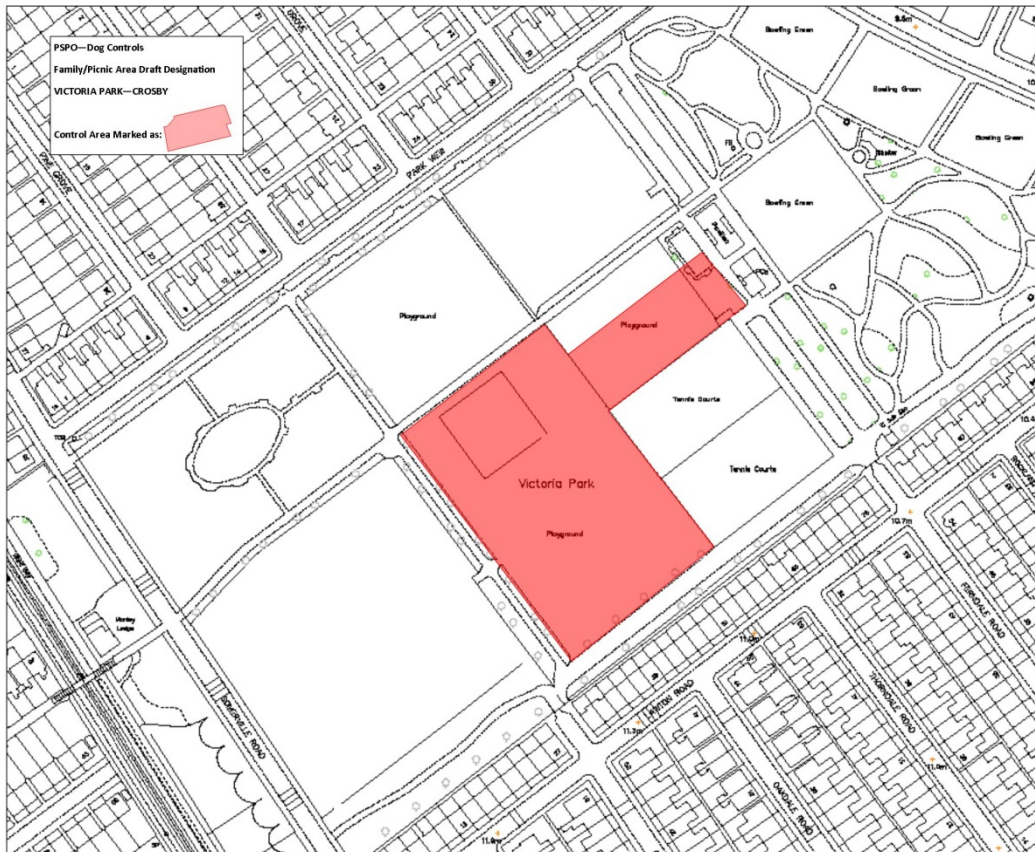












Sefton Council Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order 2017				
Parks Sites Proposed for Dog Controls				
MARKED SPORTS PITCHES				
DEFINITION: 'Perimeter of marked pitch is identified, clearly marked and defined by a sprayed or painted white line'].				
DATES ACTIVE: Football and rugby pitches will be marked and in use from 1st September until 31st May every year. Cricket outfields will be marked and in use from April 1st until September 30th every year. A list of sites in use will be issued each year to define those sites that will be subject to PSPO controls. When not in use the PSPO controls will not be enforced. Only the area of the marked pitch will be subject to the PSPO controls, and only within the stated dates.				
Site	Postcode	Type	Proposed Dog Controls	Notes
Bedford Park	PR8 4HU	Marked Pitches in Park	Exclusion When Marked	
Bootle Stadium	L20 9PQ	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Brook Vale Playing Fields	L22 3YB	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Buckley Hill Platying Fields	L29 1YB	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Carr Lane Recreation Ground	PR8 3EF	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Chaffers Playing Field	L22 4RN	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Crossens Community Park	PR9 8HT	Marked Football Pitch and Cricket Outfield	Exclusion When Marked	NB the Cricket Square is under the terms of a lease with New victoria Cricket Club
Deansgate Lane	L37 7EP	Marked Pitches in Park	Exclusion When Marked	
Tarleton Road Recreation Ground	PR9 7QW	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Duke Street Park	L37 4AN	Marked Pitches in Park	Exclusion When Marked	
Ferryside Lane Recreation Ground	PR9 9YL	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Litherland Sports Park	L21 7QZ	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	Site Managed by Leisure Centre (Active Sefton)
Meols Park Recreation Ground	PR8 5HL	Marked Pitches in Park	Exclusion When Marked	
Netherton Activity Centre	L30 3TL	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	Site Managed by Leisure Centre (Active Sefton)
Orrel Mount Park	L20 6DX	Marked Pitches in Park	Exclusion When Marked	
Portland Street Playing Fields	PR8 6LX	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	

Russell Road Recreation Ground	PR9 7RF	Leased Playing Fields	According to Legal Status as Leased Site	NB This whole site is currently self-managed by a user group who are seeking a lease agreement for the site - Parks & Greenspaces do not currently manage the site in any way
Sandbrook Road	PR8 3RQ	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Smithy Green	L37 3JZ	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	
Stuart Road Playing Fields	L20 9EW	School Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	Site Managed by Schools & Family Service
Waterloo Road Recreation Ground	PR8 4QW	Playing Fields Marked Pitches	Exclusion When Marked	Rugby Pitches
BOWLING GREENS				
Site	Postcode	Type	Proposed Dog Control	Notes
Crossens Recreation Ground	PR9 8HT	Bowling Green	NOT APPLICABLE	NB - This site is currently self-managed by a user group who are seeking a lease agreement for the site
Botanic Gardens	PR9 7NB	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	NB - Bowling greens are not fenced off
Canning Road	PR9 7SP	Bowling Green	NOT APPLICABLE	NB This site is currently self managed by a user group who are seeking a lease agreement for the site
Victoria Park, Southport	PR8 2BZ	Bowling Green	NOT APPLICABLE	NB Leased to Southport Flower Show
Kings Gardens Southport	PR8 1PQ	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	NB These greens are not fenced-off
Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale	PR8 3RQ	Leased to Club	NOT APPLICABLE	Greens Managed and Leased to Club
Duke Street Park, Formby	L37 4AN	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	
Moorside Park, Crosby	L23 2RT	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	
Coronation Park, Crosby	L23 5RD	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hatton Hill Park, Litherland	L21 9JN	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	
Derby Park, Bootle	L20 9AA	Bowling Green	Exclusion All Year Round	
Crescent Bowls Moss Lane	L20 0EA	Bowling Green	NOT APPLICABLE	Greens Managed and Leased to Club
Fenced Off Childrens Playgrounds/Ball Courts/Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs). PSPO Control=exclusion of dogs all year round.				
Site	Postcode	Type	Proposed Dog Control	Notes
Abbeyfield Park	L30 1PF	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Ainsdale Village Park	PR8 3BQ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Alt Road	L37 6DQ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Amos Square	L21 7OD	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Barkfield Lane	L37 3JW	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	

Bedford Park	PR8 4HU	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Botanic Gardens	PR9 7NB	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Bowersdale Park	L21 3TX	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
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Canning Road	PR9 7SP	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Compton Road	PR8 4HA	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Copy Farm	L30 7RN	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Coronation Park	L23 5RD	Playbuilder Facility (Fenced)	Exclusion All Year Round	Within the park's fenced-off childrens' playground
Coronation Park	L23 5RD	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Coronation Park	L23 5RD	Ball Court (Tennis)	Exclusion All Year Round	
Coronation Park Basket Ball	L23 5RD	Ball Court (Basketball)	Exclusion All Year Round	
Crosby Coastal Park	L22 5SR	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Crossens Community Park	PR9 8HT	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Deansgate Lane	L37 7EP	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Derby Park	L20 9AA	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Derby Park	L20 9AA	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Devonshire Road Park	PR9 7BZ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Duke Street Park, Formby	L37 4AN	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Duke Street Park, Formby	L37 4AN	Playbuilder Facility (Fenced)	Exclusion All Year Round	Within the park's fenced-off childrens' playground
Duke Street Park, Formby	L37 4AN	Ball Court (Tennis)	Exclusion All Year Round	
Duke Street Park, Formby	L37 4AN	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Embryo - Skate Park (North Park)	L20 5BY	Skate Park	Exclusion All Year Round	Whole site is a skate park
Fernbank Drive	L30 7RH	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Fleetwood Road	PR9 7QN	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hapsford Road Park	L21 6NP	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hatton Hill Park	L21 9JN	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hatton Hill Park	L21 9JN	Playbuilder Facility (Fenced)	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hatton Hill Park	L21 9JN	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	

Hesketh Park	PR9 9LB	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hexham Close	L30 1BD	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Hightown Childrens Park	L38 9EX	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Killen Green	L30 0PF	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Kings Gardens, Southport	PR8 1PQ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Kings Gardens, Southport (Toddlers')	PR8 1PQ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Krater - Skate Park	PR8 1SQ	Skate Park	Exclusion All Year Round	
Lonsdale Road	L21 0DS	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Marian Gardens	L30 3SW	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Menai Road Park	L20 6PG	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Meols Park Recreation Ground	PR8 5HL	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Moorside Park	L23 2RT	MUGA/Ball Court	Exclusion All Year Round	
Moorside Park	L23 2RT	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
North Park	L20 5BY	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
North Park	L20 5BY	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Old Hall Park	L31 3DY	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Ollery Green	L30 8RU	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Orrell Mount Park	L20 6DX	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Orrell Mount Park	L20 6DX	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Ovington Drive	PR8 6JW	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Pinfold Lane	PR8 3QH	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Poets Park (Toddler)	L20 4SE	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Poets Park	L20 4SE	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Poets Park	L20 4SE	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Potters Barn Park	L22 1RO	MUGA/Ball Court	Exclusion All Year Round	
Potters Barn Park	L22 1RO	Skate Park	Exclusion All Year Round	Within Park
Rainbow Drive Park	L31 1BW	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Runnells Lane	L23 1UH	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
Sandbrook Road	PR8 3RQ	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	

Sandbrook Road	PR8 3RQ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Smithy Green	L37 3JZ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
South Park	L20 7DA	MUGA	Exclusion All Year Round	
South Park	L20 7DA	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
South Park (Toddler)	L20 7DA	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Town Lane	PR8 6NJ	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Victoria Park, Crosby	L22 2AP	MUGA/Ball Court	Exclusion All Year Round	
Victoria Park, Crosby	L22 2AP	Childrens Playground	Exclusion All Year Round	
Victoria Park, Crosby	L22 2AP	Childrens Playground (Toddlers)	Exclusion All Year Round	
Victoria Park, Crosby	L22 2AP	Tennis Courts	Exclusion All Year Round	
Victoria Park Tennis Courts T & A	PR8 2BZ	Ball Court (Tennis)	NOT APPLICABLE	
Picnic/Family Areas				
Picnic/Family Areas within the sites listed below as defined on the maps for the sites.				
Demarcation of zones on sites will be done by a variety of means to suit the site. A mixture of maps, signs, stickers, stencils and colour coded posts will be used.				
Site		Control Type	Proposed Dog Control	Notes
Ainsdale Village Park	PR8 3BQ	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is at south/west end of site, and contains fenced childrens playground.
Bedford Park	PR8 4HU	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone contains an open play area and is bounded by footpaths and fenced playground.
Botanic Gardens	PR9 7NB	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone contains aviary, cafe/museum exterior, formal flowers beds and school entrance.
Bowersdale Park	L21 3TX	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone adjacent to cafe and childrens playground.
Duke Street Park	L37 4AN	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone contains and is adjacent to childrens playground and tennis courts.
Hatton Hill Park	L21 9JN	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone contains childrens playground, and is bounded by park pavilion and bowling greens.
Hesketh Park	PR9 9LB	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone forms narrow lakeside path and the bands lawn between tge cafe/childrens playground and the lake.
Hightown Childrens Park	L38 9EX	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Whole site is control zone based on nearby dunes and beach being used more for dogs.

Kings Gardens, Southport	PR8 1PQ	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is The Community Garden. Requested by participants in Kings Gardens public consultation.
Killen Green	L30 0PF	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is contained within the disused fenced bowling green.
Marian Gardens	L30 3SW	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is defined within a triangle of footpaths and contains childrens playground.
Moorside Park	L23 2RT	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is the rose garden area with lawns and seating. contained within one corner of park.
North Park	L20 5BY	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is in north east corner of park and is defined by low kick-rail fence and contains fenced ball court.
Orrell Mount Park	L20 6DX	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is at north end of park and encompasses childrens playground and grassed areas.
South Park	L20 7DA	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is around park hub building with picnic benches.
Victoria Park, Crosby	L22 2AP	Family/Picnic Area	Dogs on Leads	Control zone is in central zone of park - adjacent to fenced and open childrens playgrounds, adjacent to ball courts.