

Results of Public Space Protection Orders Consultation

The Council undertook a consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order due to the repeal of the Councils Bylaws on dog fouling by statute under the Anti-social Behaviour Police and Crime Act 1.

The Council undertook a borough wide consultation through a survey monkey questionnaire on the Councils website. This was advertised by several Facebook notifications and twitter feeds. The survey ran from 18 July 2017 to 8 September 2017. In addition hard copies were left at Customer Contact Centre.

The results of the survey were:

- 138 responses via the survey monkey, 9 responses by hard copy
- % supporting continuing enforcement powers in: Parks 40%, Recreation Grounds 52%, Open Spaces 31%
- Enforce keeping dogs out of enclosed play areas 68%
- Enforce carrying poop bags 84%
- Enforce dogs on leads in designated areas 57%
- 87 expressed an opinion on the areas to be included in the PSPO but NO further areas would be added from the draft PSPO. However, 21 requested dogs be kept on leads at all times within the Borough being added
- Sanctions to be imposed for failing to pick up after a dog - FPN 92%, Education 66%, Community Payback 51%
- Sanction to be imposed for means of picking up after a dog – FPN 62% Education 50% Community Payback 33%
- Sanctions for allowing dogs in excluded areas - FPN 50%, Education 32%, Community Payback 28%
- Sanctions for dogs on leads in designated areas – FPN 56%, Education 35%, Community Payback 33%