



Oadby & Wigston
BOROUGH COUNCIL

EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

PART 1 - INITIAL SCREENING

Name of Policy/Function: Proposed Public Space Protection Order (Regulation of Dogs in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is new policy or function.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a change to an existing policy or function.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is an existing policy or function, not previously assessed.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is an existing policy or function for review .

Date of screening	10 October 2017
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1. Briefly describe its aims & objectives

To identify the effects on the community on the uses of public spaces within the Borough following the proposed introduction of Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to supersede the Council's Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act Designation Order 2004 and its various Byelaws for the Regulation of Dogs (1995).

2. Are there external considerations?

e.g. legislation/government directive etc.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and statutory guidance for frontline professionals. Animal Welfare Act 2006

3. Who are the stakeholders and what are their interests?

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council ownership of Parks and public open spaces, sports facilities and memorial gardens. Church Cemeteries and grounds. The general rate paying public who pay for and expect access to a dog mess free public service. Dog owners who want to use the resources and not be fined, or want to contribute to a cleaner environment.

4. What outcomes do we want to achieve and for whom?

PSPO are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

5. Has any consultation/research been carried out?

Yes - Meetings with the Head of Operations Services and Street Scene and the Facilities and Administration Team Leader to establish the evidence base and requirement for the PSPO within the Borough. Full public consultation via survey monkey questionnaire, hard copies available through CSC, media action plan including the Council's website, Facebook, Twitter and press releases etc. Consultation with the Leicestershire police has also been undertaken.

6. Are there any concerns at this stage which indicate the possibility of inequalities/negative impacts?

Consider and identify any evidence you have -equality data relating to usage and satisfaction levels, complaints, comments, research, outcomes of review, issues raised at previous consultations, known inequalities) If so please provide details.

PSPO would need to accommodate access to land without restriction under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. Excluded from the PSPO would also be:

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, or "severely sight impaired", or "sight impaired" under the Care Act 2014; or
- (b) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination, or ability to lift, carry, or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a "prescribed charity" and upon which he relies for assistance.

7. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?

Positive – *It could benefit*

Negative – *It could disadvantage*

Neutral – *Neither positive nor negative impact or not sure.*

	Type of impact, reason & any evidence
Disability	Positive impact if dog is registered under one of the exceptions under section 6 of the PSPO.

Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)	Neutral
Age	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Sex	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Religion/Belief	Neutral
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral

8. Could other socio-economic groups be affected?

e.g. carers, ex-offenders, low incomes, homeless?

Yes - those on low incomes for being issued a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice or being taken to court and receiving a fine of up to £1000 for persistent behaviour.

9. Are there any human rights implications?

Derogation from the Human rights legislation due to the proportionate use of the legislation and interests of public safety.

10. Is there an opportunity to promote equality and/or good community relations?

The change can result in a positive impact on the residents and wider population in supporting a cleaner healthier environment to live, work and rest in and lead to a better quality of life. This would also promote responsible dog ownership.

11. If you have indicated a negative impact for any group is that impact legal?

i.e. not discriminatory under anti-discrimination legislation

The impact would be legal and non discriminatory.

12. Is any part of this policy/service to be carried out wholly or partly by contractors?

"An authorised officer of the Authority" can include any employee, partnership agency or contractor of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purposes of giving directions under the PSPO.

13. Is a Part 2 full Equality Assessment required?

No.

14. Date by which a Part 2 full Equality Assessment is to be completed with actions.

Not applicable.

Please note that you should proceed to a Part 2, the full Equality Impact Assessment if you have identified actual, or the potential to cause, adverse impact or discrimination against different groups in the community.

We are satisfied that an initial screening has been carried out and a full equality assessment **is not required*** (please delete as appropriate).

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Equality Assessments shall be published on the Council website with the relevant and appropriate document upon which the equality assessment has been undertaken.