

Proposal to extend Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation Responses

Introduction

A Public consultation on the proposals took place over the 4-week period from Monday 5 June to Monday 3 July 2023.

The consultation pointed to information that was published on the council's website and invited people to complete an online questionnaire with their views. The Authority received **107** responses to the online questionnaire and **1** further response by other means.

Detailed Outcome

Dog Control:

Fouling – controlling dog fouling and not picking up borough-wide.

- The overwhelming majority (**93%**) supported the continuation of the Borough wide PSPO controlling dog fouling and failing to pick up.

Conclusion: Given the huge support, this strongly contributes to Cabinet being able to satisfy the test of being '*reasonably satisfied*' that extending the PSPO is necessary.

Response comments

- 35 comments were received in relation to the proposal to extend this control.
- Themes related to; levels of enforcement, better education and the availability of bins.

Excluded areas – excluding dogs from designated play sites at all times and from designated beaches during the period 1 May to 30 September.

- **Play sites** – The overwhelming majority (**85%**) supported the continuation of the PSPO excluding dogs from designated play sites.
- **Beaches** – The large majority (**73%**) supported the continuation of the PSPO excluding dogs from designated beaches during the period 1 May to 30 September.

Conclusion: Given the huge support, this strongly contributes to Cabinet being able to satisfy the test of being *'reasonably satisfied'* that extending the PSPO is necessary.

Response comments

- 28 comments were received in relation to the proposal to extend the controls for play sites.
- The general theme was positive and facilitates a safe place for children to play.
- 32 comments were received in relation to the proposal to extend the controls for beaches.
- Themes related to; the council should consider making changes to the scope (including a mix of opposing views seeking a relaxation or an extension of the current controls), levels of enforcement, and a better approach to education.

Leads – requiring dogs to be on a lead in designated public spaces and requiring a dog to be put on a lead in a public space when directed by a constable or an authorised officer to do so.

- The overwhelming majority (**91%**) supported the continuation of the PSPO requiring dogs to be on a lead in designated public spaces.
- The overwhelming majority (**85%**) supported the continuation of the PSPO requiring a dog to be put on a lead when directed to do so.

Conclusion: Given the huge support, this strongly contributes to Cabinet being able to satisfy the test of being *'reasonably satisfied'* that extending the PSPO is necessary.

Response comments

- 23 comments were received in relation to the proposal to extend the controls for the designated areas for leads
- Themes related to levels of enforcement and extending the scope of the PSPO to wider areas such as Parks.
- 21 comments were received in relation to the proposal to extend the controls for leads as and when directed.
- Themes related to; levels of enforcement and the PSPO being subjective in nature.

Alcohol:

Consumption- controlling the consumption of alcohol in a public space borough-wide.

- The overwhelming majority of respondents (**84%**) supported the continuation of the Borough wide PSPO controlling the nuisance of on street drinking.

Conclusion: Given the huge support, this strongly contributes to Cabinet being able to satisfy the test of being '*reasonably satisfied*' that extending the PSPO is necessary.

Response comments

- 22 comments were received in relation the proposal to extend this control.
- Themes related to; levels of enforcement and the continuation of responsible consumption.