



East  
Northamptonshire  
Council

## Policy and Resources Committee – 10 September 2012

### Dog Control Orders – General

**Purpose of report:** To seek Members' approval for the introduction of a range of dog control measures to address problems of dog fouling and other dog issues at specific locations as requested by Town and Parish Councils.

#### Attachment(s)

Appendix 1 – Information regarding location, type of order requested and originator of the request.

Appendix 2 – Public Consultation Results

Appendix 3 – Summary of comments from the consultation process

Appendix 4 – Proposed Dog Control Orders

Appendix 5 – Summary of Dog Control Orders and comments received for orders which are not recommended.

Appendix 6 – Equalities Impact Assessment

#### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Council currently has a number of Dog Control Orders in force which apply to the whole of East Northamptonshire. These are in respect of :-

- a) failing to remove dog faeces (applying to any land in the open air to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access – with or without payment), with the exception of Forestry Commission land, and
- b) failing to put, and keep, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer.

1.2 As it is four years since these Orders were made, several Town Councils have requested that East Northamptonshire Council reviews the orders and considers specified additional areas where more localised orders would be preferred.

1.3 In December 2011, Town and Parish Councils were surveyed to ascertain if there were any additional areas which they would like to be considered for the following:

- a) Keeping dogs on a lead
- b) Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded
- c) Exclusion of dogs from an area
- d) Alteration of any existing order.

A summary of their responses is attached at Appendix 1

#### 2.0 Progress to Date

2.1 Prior to drafting the Orders we have consulted the public asking for their views on the areas and the orders that have been proposed.

2.2 Posters were placed at the site of each control order informing them of the proposed order and giving information as to how to record their views on the proposals.

2.3 The public consultation asked for views on each of the proposed orders and if they felt that the proposed areas had a requirement for the specific type of Dog Control Order. As a result the responses received are quite detailed as residents were able to select

the specific area to register their response. A summary of all the responses is attached at Appendix 3

2.4 The results of the public consultation (shown in Appendix 3) support the approach suggested in applying the specific control orders. A proposed list of areas where dog control orders should be applied has now been drawn up. This is set out in Appendix 4.

### 3.0 Process for adopting dog control orders

3.1 Subject to agreement on the areas proposed for Dog Control Orders, there is a defined legal process to be followed. Notices must be published proposing the draft Orders and the land to which they will apply, allowing 28 days for representations. Maps will be produced showing the areas covered by the control orders. Following considerations of any representations, the Orders will be made and publicised at least seven days before coming into force. The proposed Orders will be published in early October and it is hoped that Control Orders will be in force by late November.

3.2 Any representations received will need to be considered prior to publishing an Order. It is therefore recommended that any representations be considered by the Head of Environmental Services, the Waste Manager and Environmental Services Officer (Dogs), in consultation with an appropriate Member and the Solicitor to the Council.

### 4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 Under Section 55 (1) of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Local Authorities have the power to make Dog Control Orders for the following:-

- (a) fouling of land by dogs and the removal of dog faeces;
- (b) the keeping of dogs on leads;
- (c) the exclusion of dogs from land;
- (d) the number of dogs which a person may take on to any land

Under Section 55 (6) a dog control order may specify the land in respect of which it applies specifically or by description.

### 5.0 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that

1. The areas listed in Appendix 4 be included in the proposed Dog Control Orders
2. The Head of Environmental Services, Waste Manager, Environmental Services Officer (Dogs) and nominated Member review any representations received prior to the final notice being published and be authorised, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to agree the final Dog Control Orders.
3. Approve the Equalities Impact Assessment provided in Appendix 6

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| <b>Legal</b>  | Power: Section 55 (1) & (6) of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 |           |  |           |  |
|   | Other considerations: The Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006       |           |  |           |  |
| <b>Background Papers:</b> None  |  |           |  |           |  |
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| <b>Date:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2012   |  |           |  |           |  |
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| Ref | Town/Village    | Location                                | Type of Order | Originator                                     |
|-----|-----------------|---|---------------|--|
| a   | Aldwinckle      | Play Area, Main Street                  | Exclusion     | Aldwinckle<br>Parish Council                   |
| b   | Aldwinckle      | Recreation Ground, Cross Lane           | Exclusion     | Aldwinckle<br>Parish Council                   |
| c   | Chelveston Rise | play area                               | Exclusion     | Chelveston-<br>cum-Caldecott<br>Parish Council |
| d   | Collyweston     | Playing Field/pocket park               | Dogs on leads | Collyweston<br>Parish Council                  |
| e   | Collyweston     | The Drift                               | Dogs on leads | Collyweston<br>Parish Council                  |
| f   | Duddington      | Playground off Highfield                | Dogs on leads | Duddington<br>Parish Council                   |
| g   | Great Addington | The Addingtons Playing Field            | Exclusion     | Great<br>Addington<br>Parish Council           |
| h   | Higham Ferrers  | play area in front of 55 Larkin Gardens | Exclusion     | Higham<br>Ferrers Town<br>Council              |
| i   | Irthlingborough | Alexander Road Green Area               | Dogs on leads | Irthlingborough<br>Town Council                |
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| k   | Irthlingborough | cemetery Church Street                  | Dogs on leads | Irthlingborough<br>Town Council                |
| l   | Irthlingborough | cemetery Wellingborough Road            | Dogs on leads | Irthlingborough<br>Town Council                |
| m   | Irthlingborough | Spinney Fields Rest Gardens             | Dogs on leads | Irthlingborough<br>Town Council                |
| n   | Lowick          | pocket park/play area                   | Dogs on leads | Lowick &<br>Slipton Parish<br>Council          |
| o   | Oundle          | Recreation Ground                       | Dogs on leads | Oundle Town<br>Council                         |
| p   | Raunds          | London Road Cemetery                    | Dogs on leads | Raunds Town<br>Council                         |
| q   | Raunds          | skate park in Amos Lawrence field       | Exclusion     | Raunds Town<br>Council                         |
| r   | Ringstead       | Play area off Church Street             | Exclusion     | Ringstead<br>Parish Council                    |
| s   | Thrapston       | Waters Edge Play area                   | Exclusion     | Thrapston<br>Town Council                      |
| t   | Woodnewton      | Playground/playing field                | Dogs on leads | Woodnewton<br>parish Council                   |
| u   | Woodnewton      | Fenced toddler play area                | Exclusion     | Woodnewton<br>parish Council                   |

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| v          | Yarwell             | allotments                                   | Dogs on leads        | Yarwell Parish Council |
| w          | Yarwell             | playing field                                | Dogs on leads        | Yarwell Parish Council |
| x          | Yarwell             | cemetery                                     | Dogs on leads        | Yarwell Parish Council |
| y          | Yarwell             | Locks Green Main Street<br>St Mary Magdalene | Dogs on leads        | Yarwell Parish Council |
| z          | Yarwell             | Churchyard                                   | Dogs on leads        | Yarwell Parish Council |
| z1         | Yarwell             | Play Area at recreation<br>ground            | Exclusion            | Yarwell Parish Council |

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### Appendix 2 – Public Consultation Results

| Reference | Total Replies | Replies For | Replies Against | Don't Know | Dog owners For | Dog Owners Against | Non Owners For | Non Owners Against |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| a         | 2             | 2           | 0               | 0          | 1              | 0                  | 1              | 0                  |
| b         | 2             | 1           | 0               | 1          | 0              | 0                  | 1              | 0                  |
| c         | 1             | 1           | 0               | 0          | 1              | 0                  | 0              | 0                  |
| d         | 5             | 2           | 3               | 0          | 1              | 3                  | 1              | 0                  |
| e         | 5             | 3           | 2               | 0          | 2              | 2                  | 1              | 0                  |
| f         | 3             | 3           | 0               | 0          | 0              | 3                  | 2              | 0                  |
| g         | 3             | 0           | 3               | 0          | 0              | 0                  | 0              | 0                  |
| h         | 82            | 34          | 15              | 33         | 26             | 12                 | 8              | 2                  |
| i         | 47            | 23          | 13              | 12         | 5              | 4                  | 10             | 2                  |
| j         | 48            | 23          | 13              | 12         | 11             | 7                  | 11             | 5                  |
| k         | 48            | 25          | 17              | 6          | 18             | 7                  | 6              | 9                  |
| l         | 48            | 24          | 18              | 6          | 17             | 8                  | 6              | 9                  |
| m         | 45            | 22          | 14              | 9          | 14             | 6                  | 7              | 7                  |
| n         | 3             | 2           | 1               | 0          | 0              | 0                  | 2              | 1                  |
| o         | 12            | 6           | 5               | 1          | 2              | 0                  | 4              | 4                  |
| p         | 14            | 12          | 1               | 1          | 8              | 1                  | 3              | 0                  |
| q         | 14            | 13          | 1               | 0          | 9              | 0                  | 4              | 0                  |
| r         | 15            | 4           | 11              | 0          | 2              | 9                  | 2              | 2                  |
| s         | 24            | 13          | 6               | 5          | 6              | 5                  | 7              | 1                  |
| t         | 1             | 0           | 1               | 0          | 0              | 1                  | 0              | 0                  |
| u         | 1             | 0           | 1               | 0          | 0              | 1                  | 0              | 0                  |
| v         | 9             | 9           | 0               | 0          | 3              | 0                  | 6              | 0                  |
| w         | 9             | 7           | 1               | 1          | 2              | 1                  | 5              | 0                  |
| x         | 9             | 9           | 0               | 0          | 3              | 0                  | 6              | 0                  |
| y         | 9             | 7           | 2               | 0          | 2              | 0                  | 5              | 0                  |
| z         | 8             | 8           | 0               | 0          | 2              | 0                  | 6              | 0                  |
| z1        | 9             | 7           | 2               | 0          | 2              | 1                  | 5              | 1                  |

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### Appendix 3 - Dog Control Orders Consultation Summary Report Aug 2012

#### Headlines:

228 responses online

151 dog owners (66%) 71 non dog owners (31%) 6 Not stated (0.02%)

194 are aware that dogs in public must have collar and tag 85%

#### Responses/Percentage of Total Response per area:

|                      |    |       |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| Aldwinkle            | 2  | 0.88  |
| Chelveston/Caldecott | 1  | 0.44  |
| Collyweston          | 5  | 2.19  |
| Duddington/Fineshade | 3  | 1.32  |
| Great Addington      | 3  | 1.32  |
| Higham Ferrers       | 87 | 38.16 |
| Irthlingborough      | 49 | 21.49 |
| Lowick/Slipton       | 3  | 1.32  |
| Oundle               | 12 | 5.26  |
| Raunds               | 14 | 6.14  |
| Ringstead            | 15 | 6.58  |
| Thrapston            | 24 | 10.53 |
| Woodnewton           | 1  | 0.44  |
| Yarwell              | 9  | 3.95  |

#### Drill Down By Area:

##### 1. Aldwinkle

2 responses

100% are neutral about non-removal of faeces being a problem.

50% see dogs not on leads as a problem, 50% neutral.

100% see dog not put on leads when requested as a problem

100% agree dogs should be excluded from Main Street play area

50% agree with exclusion from recreation ground – 50% don't know

*The parks are for children NOT dogs. Dogs are dirty and dangerous*

*I agree that dogs should be excluded from areas where there is a children's play area, although I think dogs should be allowed in an open park area, on lead if necessary.*

##### 2. Chelveston

1 response only. Sees no current problem with dogs – although comment suggests otherwise.

Agrees strongly that dogs should be excluded from play area.

*I think dogs should be keep away from the playing field where swings ect are but on the big open field we should be able to walk our dogs & carry on walking them, take that away & we have nowhere to take them as there are too many trucks/cars racing up & down that road, even though I am a responsible dog owner I am sick & fed up of people letting their dogs out to take themselves for a walk, & finding dog poo on the field not cleaned up by the owner We need a second dog poo bin, by the weekend the one we have is over flowing & lid cannot close*

##### 3. Collyweston

5 responses.

Majority see all items except fouling as an issue in Collyweston.

Dogs on leads were 2:3 in every case – Playing Field and Pocket Park were against, The Drift was in favour.

*Sadly it is necessary for dogs to be on leads for the few owners that would otherwise choose to ignore their responsibility to clean up after their pets. Incidentally 'The Deeps' as the Nature Reserve shared with Easton on the Hill is know has similar problems to those of the open areas mentioned. The Drift is a lane in the Parish which is a vehicular right of way, so is there a mistake here?*

*i agree dogs should be on the leas approaching the playing field (ie the drift) as cars travel along here and it is near the road but i would like to able to let me dog off the lead in the playing field and pocket park as it is a very convenient place to exercise my dog without having to drive anyway. until recently, this was the case until 1 dog ruined it for everyone. most people who let there dog off the lead have good control over it so it should not be a problem.*

*If the dog is well behaved and not causing a nuisance to anyone then why penalise everyone just because a small minority of people cant control there animals!! I am a responcible dog owner and enjoy walking up the playing fields with my dog and so do alot of other people so i think youd be wrong to make people keep their dogs on leads and you cant really enforce it anyway!! there are not alot of places to walk your dog safely around here and at the playing fields it is safe and maintained unlike alot of the walkways around here!!*

*As a dog owner I have an obligation by law to adequately exercise my dog. For many breeds this.is simply not possible on a lead. There is nowhere else in the village where it is possible to walk with a fog and with children off the lead and I do not always have transport to get out of the village.*

#### 4 Duddington

3 responses.

All items questioned on seen as minor problem, but no real strength of feeling.

100% dogs should be kept on leads in the playground off Highfield.

*I don't think dogs should be permitted in the playgroup there are plenty of open spaces surrounding the village where dogs can be walked.*

*Exposed space, near roads, noises and distractions can alarm dogs and they are capable of getting up speed. Will also guard against fouling*

*Not all children are happy with dogs approaching them. Common sense is to keep them on a lead or out of the park completely.*

## 5 Great Addington

3 Responses.

All items on list seen as problem except fouling.

100% disagree that dogs should be excluded from playing fields.

*It's a large public place, under utilised by the local villages. An ideal place to walk dogs and to let our dogs play with our children. Everytime we drive past the park it is empty. A sign should be put up to keep dogs off the childrens play equipment - but that makes sense. Ohter parks accross the country allow dogs in. Allowing dogs into this space would make it a used part of the community rather than an empty large space used by a few minority.*

*Dogs are important for families and it is beneficial for them to use this area, especially when exercising with children.*

*They do no harm and we cannot support the local community if we are banished from the park.*

## 6 Higham Ferrers

87 responses – the highest. Plus large petition (against) and letter from Cricket Club (for).

60%+ believe the issues are a problem.

41% agree with exclusion from play area at Larkin Gardens. 18% disagree. 29% agree dogs should be on leads at cricket ground area, 70% disagree.

These figures do not take account of the petition.

*There is a problem with dog fouling in this area, and keeping dogs on leads would eradicate this. The area is used by the cricket club for matches as well as coaching youth cricket, as well as by the local junior school for PE and sports day. Before this use they have to check for dog foul and there are issues of loose dogs scaring the children and running away with balls whilst lessons and games are in progress. Not having dogs on leads is a health and safety issue. There are other areas where dogs can be let loose in the town.*

*This area is used by the cricket club for senior and junior matches as well as coaching for youngsters and there should be more controls on dogs in this area. The nearby schools also use this area and shouldn't have to put up with dogs wandering without control.*

*This area of playing field is there for use by all across the community and is an unfair penalisation of dog walkers to keep their dogs on the lead in this area. It is incredibly inconvenient that the dogs cannot be wlked when the cricket is on and for a large part of weekends the other part of the park is out of bounds due to football games. I do not think that keeping the dog on the lead will reduce the small amount of dog fouling that does happen. Also the fence around the cricket pitch is a hazard in the aprk, as it gets very muddy in the access areas, a harddous that was not present before the fence.*

*It is an area for all in Higham Ferrers and is not a pivate club! To owners that let their dogs foul an area it will make little difference if the dog is on a lead or not! If they won't pick up, they wont pick up! To be on a lead all the time is not good for a dog, they need time to run and play to keep fit. Unfit dogs, means fat dogs! This area is used by an abundance of responsible dog owners, please don't exclude us because there are a small minority that misbehave! You will be banning teenagers next for leaving litter around! Of which there are many who don't pick up! I appreciate litter is not the same as dog mess! But society is becoming far too Orwellian!*



*Odd that a small number of people who only use the park a third of the year i.e. cricketers get to dictate to the majority who use it all year round! What ever happened to democracy? Families including children enjoy socialising with their dogs up the park and letting their dogs have the freedom of running around. I could write an essay why I think it's wrong to restrict dogs in an area that is for meant to be for everyone and will happy do so if requested but I believe that a dog should have the freedom to run around and inter mix with other dogs (i.e. socialising) to ensure happy and well balanced dogs. Dogs kept on leads will not cover as much ground as dogs running around (a bit like cooping up children indoors all day) they need to run and exercise. A happy well balanced dog is good for society. You are never going to make the small percentage who don't pick up from their dogs effective unless you penalise the person. Keeping a dog on a lead will not make a blind bit of difference to these individuals. Instead of imposing a rule that has upset a large part of the community why not issue penalty.*

#### 7. Irthlingborough

49 Responses. Majority see all the issues except fouling as an issue.

*Crow Hill play area exclusion – 47% agree, 27% disagree.*

*Alexander Road green area, on leads – 34% agree, 12% disagree.*

*Allowing dogs on leads in 3 previously prohibited areas – 50%+ agree in each case.*

*As a responsible dog owner I would like the opportunity to take my well behaved, well controlled dogs into these areas and to sit and have moments of quiet reflection on my walks, it is also a nice place to take grandchild and dogs without disturbing anyone*

*A dog has generally been part of the family and very often when someone has been left behind they have only their dog to fall back on for company, and would be a respectful thing to be able to let them go in with dogs on lead to visit their loved ones congratulations on reviewing this*

*recreation grounds should be free of dog mess*

#### 8. Lowick

3 responses. The only thing seen (not strongly) as a problem is dogs not being put on lead when requested by authorised officer.

*Both DCO's are favoured 2:1.*

*Dogs should NOT be allowed in the park areas whether on a lead or otherwise. The pocket parks are for children and toddlers. Dogs would comprimise childrens safety in these areas via fowling ,urine and faceas or potential of aggressive behavoir, barking and biting.*

#### 9. Oundle

12 responses. All issues except fouling seen as problem.

*50:50 split on proposed DCO.*

*Well behaved dogs enjoy a run - my dog loves to play chasing a ball. He is totally focused on the game, not interested in anyone else and if he goes to the toilet I always pick it up. Dogs owners hate other dog's poo more than anyone I think! Also, there should be laws to prosecute the thoughtless people who leave rubbish that can be dangerous to dogs.*

*Recreation grounds are for people to enjoy...it's difficult to do so when one has just stpped into a pile of dog faeces.And trying to reason with dog owners is likely to lead to aggression.*

*The threat that dogs pose to children playing there, either physically or by the mess left which is not cleared up*

## 10. Raunds

14 responses. All issues seen as problems.

92% in favour of dogs on leads at cemetery

92% in favour of excluding dogs from skate park.

*This fenced area should be purely for people to enjoy the skate park. Although I do think dogs should be allowed in the Amos Lawrence Field off lead with a responsible owner.*

*I Agree as i am a regular user of the skatepark and sometimes dogs chase the people going up and down the ramps which could cause injury to both the skatepark user and the dog. which needs to be avoided*

## 11. Ringstead

15 responses. All issues seen as a problem.

73% against DCO proposal.

*If the park had anyone or any families in the park using it, then I'll stop walking through the park as a shortcut with my dog. but that play area is never used at all different times throughout the day! We're not causing no problems, were actually making use of the area more than anything.*

*No other public area/open space for elderly/disabled to exercise their dogs within Ringstead.*

## 16. Thrapston

24 responses. Very mixed opinions on the issues.

54% agree with proposal. 25% disagree.

*any play areas should be excluded from dogs - however this should be a fenced area specifically for children - with freedom for dogs to be off lead outside of this*

*At times, such as when children are at school other people can enjoy water edge areas without any harm, as dogs need to have exercise and some freedom and swimming and water is a very good means to such an end. In school holidays it is a different matter and dogs should be kept away from such areas.*

## 17. Woodnewton

Just 1 response. Sees everything as an issue. Disagrees with both proposals.

*There is no reason that responsible dog owners and their dogs should be penalised for the minority who are not responsible. Do we exclude unaccompanied children and young people from recreation areas because a minority vandalise? No, and I would not suggest that this be considered but the principle is the same. Perhaps supplying dog litter bins would achieve the required outcome without causing upset.*

## 18. Yarwell

9 responses. Only thing conclusively seen as an issue is not putting dog on lead when asked.

**Both proposals supported by 66%.**

*If a dog is on a lead with its owner walking around the playing fields where is the problem ? Note that there is a public right of way (footpath) across the playing field so how could exclusion be enforced. With the play area, what if the kids take the family pet with them ?*

*Children play in all parts of the playing field, and whilst people continue to let their dogs foul and go off the lead, then they should be excluded completely.*

*The allotments and playing field are in the very same area and as the children's play area is incorporated into the playing field I think that all dogs should be kept on a lead, firstly so that they cannot run up to small children and frighten them and secondly so the owner has control over where the dog might do it's business. As Locks Green in Main Street in Parish land also and is used by families and young children then dogs should be kept on a lead there also. As for the cemetary and St Mary Magdelene Churchyard dogs should be kept on leads so that they do not foul and that if visitors are tending to a grave that they have the privacy to do so in private, nothing worse than having a dog running around and the owner shouting for it to come. I was actually badly bitten on the stomach by a dog whilst in the cemetary the year before last due to an inconsiderate dog owner.*

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#### Appendix 4 – Proposed Dog Control Orders

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Appendix 5 – Orders requested that are not being recommended for authorisation.

| Ref | Town /Village   | Location                     | Type of Order | Comments  |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------|---|
| g   | Great Addington | The Addingtons playing field | Exclusion     | <p>100% <u>disagree</u> that dogs should be excluded from playing fields.</p> <p><i>'It's a large public place, under utilised by the local villages. An ideal place to walk dogs and to let our dogs play with our children. Every time we drive past the park it is empty. A sign should be put up to keep dogs off the children's play equipment - but that makes sense. Other parks across the country allow dogs in. Allowing dogs into this space would make it a used part of the community rather than an empty large space used by a few minority'</i></p>   |
| o   | Oundle          | Recreation Ground            | Dogs on Leads | <p>12 responses (4 owners, 8 non). All issues except fouling seen as problem. 50:50 split on proposed DCO. The split is the same for owners and non. Recommend not to pass on the basis that there is a fenced play area already where dogs are excluded</p> <p><i>'Well behaved dogs enjoy a run - my dog loves to play chasing a ball. He is totally focused on the game, not interested in anyone else and if he goes to the toilet I always pick it up. Dogs owners hate other dog's pooh more than anyone I think! Also, there should be laws to prosecute the thoughtless people who leave rubbish that can be dangerous to dogs.</i></p> <p><i>The threat that dogs pose to children playing there, either physically or by the mess left which is not cleared up'</i></p> |
| r   | Ringstead       | Play Area of Church Street   | Exclusion     | <p>15 responses (11 owners, 4 non). All issues seen as a problem. 73% against DCO proposal. Non dog owners 50:50 split</p> <p><i>'If the park had anyone or any families in the park using it, then I'll stop walking</i></p>   |

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|  |  |  |  | <p><i>through the park as a shortcut with my dog. but that play area is never used at all different times throughout the day! We're not causing no problems, were actually making use of the area more than anything.</i></p> <p><i>No other public area/open space for elderly/disabled to exercise their dogs within Ringstead.'</i></p> |
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## EIA Initial Screening Form – service or function

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| <b>1. Name of Service or Function:</b>                                      |  |
| <b>2. Name and Job title / role of person completing Initial Screening:</b> | Charlotte Tompkins<br>Waste Manager  |
| <b>3. What is the main purpose of the Service or Function?</b>              | The collection of stray dogs and enforcement of Dog Control Orders under the statutory duties laid out as part of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (CNEA) |
| <b>4. List the main activities of the Service or Function:</b>              | Collection of Strays<br>Enforcement Patrols of areas covered by Dog Control Orders made under the CNEA.<br>Advice to residents on responsible ownership of dogs.           |
| <b>5. Who are the main beneficiaries of the Service or Function?</b>        | Residents who use open spaces, both dog owners and non dog owners.   |
| <b>6. How is the success of the Service or Function measured?</b>           | Numbers of complaints regarding dog fouling and other dog issues.  |
| <b>7. Are equality monitoring systems in place?</b>                         | Corporate equalities monitoring in place for any complaints that are received.   |

**8. Use the following table to indicate using a ✓:**

- a) Where you think that the Service or Function could have a positive impact on any of the groups or contribute to promoting equality of opportunity or improving relations within equality groups.
- b) Where you think that the Service or Function could have a negative impact on any of the equality groups i.e. it could disadvantage them.
- c) Where you think that the Service or Function could have a neutral impact on any of the equality group i.e. no impact

| Equality Group                                    | Positive Impact | Negative Impact | Neutral Impact | Reason   |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Gender:</b>                                    |                 |                 |                |  |
| Women/Girls                                       |                 |                 | ✓              | There is no evidence to suggest that service users are predominately one gender. All open spaces are equally accessible. |
| Men/Boys  |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Transgender people                                |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| <b>Sexual Orientation:</b>                        |                 |                 |                |  |
| Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals                   |                 |                 | ✓              | All open spaces are equally accessible.  |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>                            |                 |                 |                |  |
| White British people                              |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| White non-British people (including Irish people) |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Asian or Asian British people                     |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Black or Black British people                     |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| People of mixed heritage                          |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Chinese people                                    |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Travellers (Gypsy/Roma/Irish heritage)            |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| People from other ethnic groups                   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |



| Equality Group   | Positive Impact | Negative Impact | Neutral Impact | Reason                                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| People who do not have English as their first language   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| <b>Disability:</b>   |                 |                 |                |  |
| Physical impairment, e.g mobility issues which mean using a wheelchair or crutches.  |                 |                 | ✓              | Guide dogs or working dogs are exempt. |
| Sensory impairment, e.g blind/having a serious visual impairment, deaf/having a serious hearing impairment.                  |                 |                 | ✓              | As above                               |
| Mental health condition, e.g depression or schizophrenia   |                 |                 | ✓              | As above                               |
| Learning disability/difficulty, e.g. Down's syndrome or dyslexia, or cognitive impairment such as autistic spectrum disorder |                 |                 | ✓              | As above                               |
| Long-standing illness or health condition, e.g. cancer, HIV. Diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy                     |                 |                 | ✓              | As above                               |
| Other health problems or impairments ( <i>please specify if appropriate</i> )  |                 |                 | ✓              | As above                               |
| <b>Age:</b>  |                 |                 |                |  |
| Older People (60+)   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Children and Young People (see guidance for definition)  |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| <b>Religion/Belief:</b>  |                 |                 |                |  |
| Christian  |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Buddhist   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Hindu  |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Jewish   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Muslim   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |
| Sikh   |                 |                 | ✓              |  |

| Equality Group  | Positive Impact              | Negative Impact | Neutral Impact | Reason |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| Other religion (including holding no belief)  |                              |                 | ✓              |        |
| <b>Other Potentially Affected Groups</b>  |                              |                 |                |        |
| Rural Isolation - People who live in rural areas e.g isolated geographically, lack of internet access   |                              |                 | ✓              |        |
| Socio-economic Exclusion – e.g. people who are on benefits, have low educational attainment, single parents, people living in poor quality housing, people who have poor access to services, the unemployed or any combination of these and the other protected strands |                              |                 | ✓              |        |
| Any other potentially affected groups ( <i>please specify</i> )   |                              |                 | ✓              |        |
| <b>9. If you have indicated that there is a negative impact on any group:</b>   |                              |                 |                |        |
| a) Is that impact against legislation?  | Yes                          | No ✓            |                |        |
| b) What is the level of impact?   | High                         | Low             |                |        |
| 10. Could you minimise or remove any negative impact that is of low significance?   | How?<br>Not applicable       |                 |                |        |
| 11. Could you improve a positive impact of the Service or Function?   | How?<br>Not applicable       |                 |                |        |
| 12. If there is no evidence that the Service or Function promotes equality of opportunity or improved relations, could it be adapted so that it does?   | How?<br>Not applicable       |                 |                |        |
| Head of Service signature   |                              |                 |                |        |
| <b>Date of Initial Screening:</b>   | 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 |                 |                |        |



**NOTE**

If a negative impact has been highlighted and requires more consultation or research to address it, or if it cannot be justified (e.g. if it is against legislation or places that Council in a position that leaves it open to challenge) you must complete a Full EIA.

If not, you should still consider if completing a Full EIA would be helpful in making a thorough assessment.

**Full EIA Assessment Form**

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| 14. Looking back at the Initial Screening Form, in what area(s) are there concerns that the Service or Function could have a negative impact?<br><br>(✓ all that apply) |  |
| Gender:   |  |
| Sexual orientation:   |  |
| Race/Ethnicity  |  |
| Disability:   |  |
| Age   |  |
| Religion/Belief   |  |
| Rural isolation   |  |
| Socio-economic exclusion  |  |
| Any other affected groups:  |  |
| 15. Summarise the likely negative impacts:  |  |
| 16. What consultation on this Service or Function has already taken place with groups/individuals from equality target groups?  |  |

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| 17. What does it indicate about the negative impact of this Service or Function?   |  |
| 18. What consultation will be conducted/is planned on this Service or Function with equality target groups?  |  |
| <b>19. Once this consultation activity has taken place, indicate the outcomes:</b>   |  |
| 20. What consultation on this Service or Function has already taken place with staff - including those that have, or will have direct experience of implementing the Service or Function?    |  |
| 21. What does it indicate about the negative impact of this Service or Function?   |  |
| 22. What consultation will be conducted/is planned on this Service or Function with staff?   |  |
| <b>23. Once this consultation activity has taken place, indicate the outcomes:</b>   |  |
| 24. What relevant research/data/reports concerning the equality target groups have been used in the planning of this Service or Function and what does it tell us about the negative impact? |  |
| 25. What research concerning the equality target groups needs to be conducted in relation to this Service or Function?   |  |
| <b>26. Once this has been carried out, what does it tell us about the negative impact?</b>   |  |
| 27. If there are any research gaps, are there any experts/relevant groups that can be contacted to obtain views and evidence on the issues?  |  |

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| <b>28. Once they have been contacted, what information have we found out?</b>  |                |
| 29. Is it important that we conduct/commission specific research on this issue? Explain the research required:               |                |
| 30. If we need to conduct /commission research what are the likely timescales and resource implications / costs involved?    |                |
| 31. If you require further information, what will you do in the interim to address the negative impact?                      |                |
| <b>32. List the changes that have been identified which will ensure that the negative impact is addressed:</b>               |                |
| <b>33. Have you introduced changes you planned, with any necessary training?</b>   | Give details : |
| <b>34. Does everyone involved in the Service or Function know and understand what you have done?</b>                         |                |
| <b>Now complete the action planning form which will detail the changes that need to be made to this Service or Function.</b> |                |

### Equality Impact Assessment Action Plan

| Action identified | Key activity | How will we know this has been achieved?<br>(measures, milestones and dates) | Officer responsible | Quarterly progress update |
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| <b>Planned date for next EIA exercise</b> |  |
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