



Policy and Resources Committee – 02 November 2020

Public Spaces Protection Order Update 2020

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek Members approval to update the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) as a review every three years is required by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Attachment(s):

Appendix 1 – Public Spaces Protection Orders Review 2020 – Summary

Appendix 2 – List of PSPO locations

Appendix 3 – Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix 4 – Health Impact Assessment

1.0 Background

1.1 At the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 04 September 2017 committee approved the making of a number of PSPOs relating to responsible dog ownership, with the following elements;

- A requirement that people clean up after their dog if it defecates on public land.
- A provision requiring people to place their dog on a lead.
- A provision prohibiting dogs from all outdoor enclosed children's play areas in the County.
- A requirement for dogs to remain on a lead at all times in certain locations.
- A limit to the number of animals one individual can walk in a public place.

1.2 A PSPO may not have effect for a period of more than three years; there is an opportunity to extend existing orders where the following specific conditions have been met:

- Occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order, or
- An increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

It is acknowledged that anti-social dog-related issues are still a high priority for residents, with 51.7% of responses in the Council's 2020 residents survey stating that they considered dog fouling to be a fairly or very big problem in the district. However, the number of reported incidents is still relatively low, so there is insufficient evidence simply to recommend an extension.

1.3 Part of the process to make a new PSPO is for the enforcing authority to ensure that it can demonstrate a need and that the order is in the public interest. To demonstrate this, from 2 September 2020 9 October 2020 the Council ran a survey for residents asking for feedback from them with regard to the existing PSPOs; a

summary of the survey responses can be found at Appendix 1.

2.0 Public Spaces Protection Orders Proposal

2.1 This report seeks approval to create a set of PSPOs for locations as described in Appendix 2, replicating the elements of the previous orders as described in section 1.1 of this report.

3.0 Important issues to consider

3.1 Offences are dealt with by the issue of a fixed penalty notice (FPN). Alternatively, and in cases of non-payment, the matter is taken to court where a fine of up to £500 may be imposed on summary conviction.

4.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 An initial impact assessment has been completed and there are no identified equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

5.0 Privacy Impact Implications

5.1 There are no identified privacy implications arising from this report.

6.0 Health Impact Assessments

6.1 A health impact assessment has been completed and is submitted as Appendix 4 of this report. There are some positive impacts as a result of implementation of this policy as it contributes to the local environment and encourages the use of open spaces.

7.0 Legal Implications

7.1 The Council currently operates a zero tolerance policy with regard to matters of environmental crime. As there are no new areas proposed since the original orders were made in 2017, it is not envisaged that the making of these orders will result in any additional legal implications.

8.0 Risk Management

8.1 The recommendations contained within this report contribute to the controls contained within risk RM ENV 001 – Failure to protect environmental quality in open spaces.

9.0 Resource and Financial Implications

9.1 As the proposed locations have not changed from the 2017 list, there are no additional resource implications as a result of the recommendations in this report. Whilst there is an opportunity to recover some fines by way of the use of fixed penalties and prosecutions the numbers of incidents are not significant in terms of generating additional income.

10.0 Constitutional Implications

10.1 Part 3.2 of our Constitution identifies the officers with delegated powers to apply and enforce each relevant power of the act. No amendments to this are required at

present.

11.0 Implications for our Customers

11.1 All the proposed locations have been under an existing PSPO, which has been in place since 2017. Environmental Services Officers continually provide education and engagement with users when conducting patrols.

11.2 91% of those who responded to the survey have indicated that they agree with the proposals.




12.0 Corporate Outcomes

- 12.1
- Good Quality of Life – High standards of cleanliness are linked to quality of life of those in the locality.
 - Knowledge of Customers and Communities – By undertaking consultation as part of this exercise, the Council is able to incorporate the views of residents with regard to responsible dog ownership.

13.0 Recommendation

13.1 The Committee is recommended to:

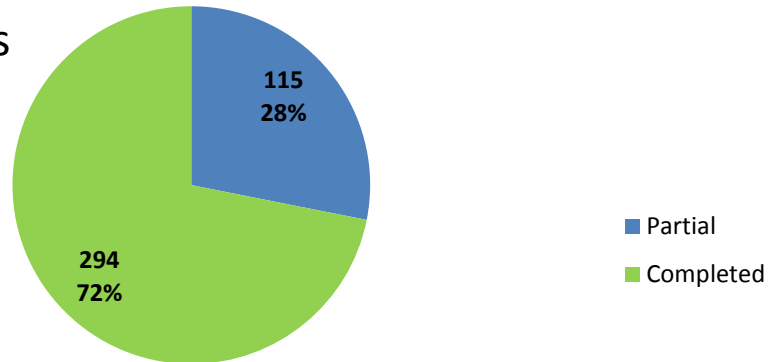
1. Consider the Equality Implications relating to this report as set out in section 3 above.
2. To consider and approve the publication of the dog related Public Space Protection Orders as listed in Appendix 2 to accord with legislation.

Legal	Power: Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers:	Policy and Resources Committee - 4 Sept 2017 Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Controls)				
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There were 409 surveys started, however only 294 completed and submitted their response.

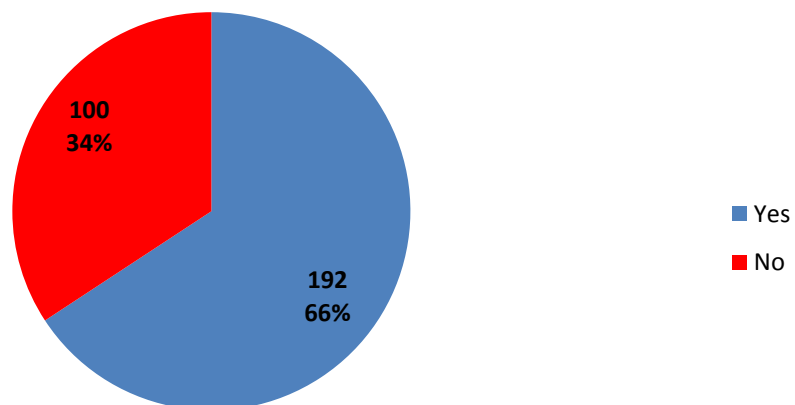
Survey Responses



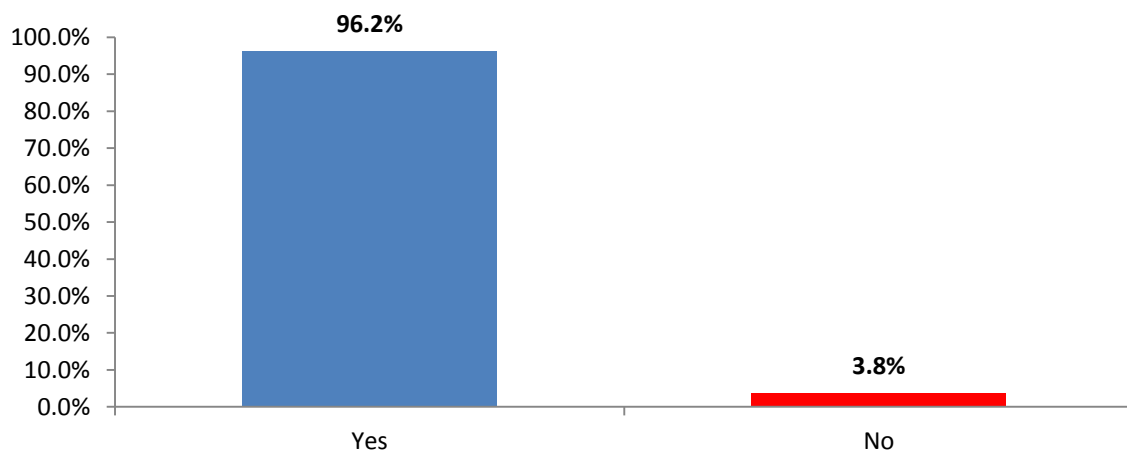
Analysis is provided below on the completed response only.

The majority of the respondents were dog owners and mostly live in East Northamptonshire, as shown below:

Are you a dog owner?



Do you live in East Northamptonshire?



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73.1% of respondents were from the following 7 towns/parishes: Warmington, Thrapston, Rushden, Nassington, Irthlingborough, Raunds or Higham Ferrers.

Rushden had the highest overall responses with 19% of all respondents followed closely Thrapston at 17.6%.

TOWN/PARISH	% RESPONDENTS	No of RESPONDENTS
GREATADDINGTON	0.4%	1
LITTLE ADDINGTON	0.4%	1
ALDWINCLE	0.4%	1
ASHTON	0.4%	1
BARNWELL	0.4%	1
BENEFIELD	0.4%	1
BRIGSTOCK	1.8%	5
CHELVESTON-CUM-CALDECOTT	0.7%	2
COLLYWESTON	2.2%	6
DEENE & DEENETHORPE	0.4%	1
DENFORD	0.7%	2
FOTHERINGHAY	0.4%	1
HARRINGWORTH	0.4%	1
HIGHAM FERRERS	10.0%	28
IRTHLINGBOROUGH	7.2%	20
ISLIP	1.4%	4
KING'S CLIFFE	0.7%	2
LILFORD-cum-WIGSTHORPE and THORPE ACHURCH	0.4%	1
LOWICK & SLIPTON	0.4%	1
NASSINGTON	4.3%	12
OUNDLE	2.9%	8
PILTON/STOKE DOYLE/WADENHOE	0.7%	2
POLEBROOK	0.4%	1
RAUNDS	8.6%	24

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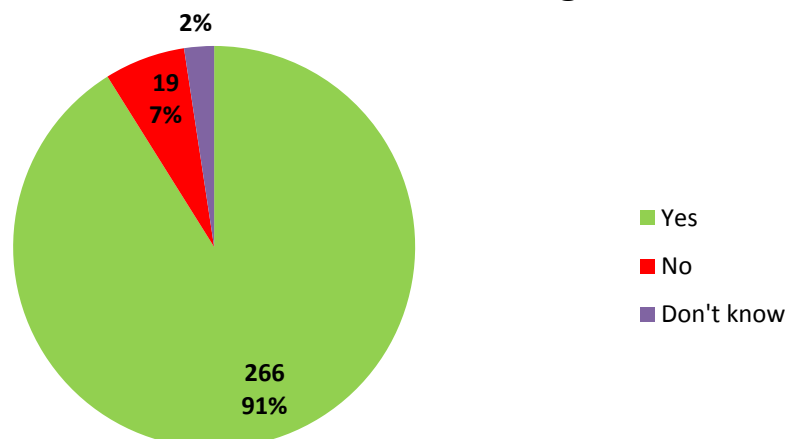
TOWN/PARISH	% RESPONDENTS	No of RESPONDENTS
RINGSTEAD	1.1%	3
RUSHDEN	19.0%	53
STANWICK	2.9%	8
SUDBOROUGH	0.4%	1
THRAPSTON	17.6%	49
TITCHMARSH	0.7%	2
TWYWELL	0.4%	1
WAKERLEY	0.4%	1
WARMINGTON	6.5%	18
WOODFORD	1.1%	3
WOODNEWTON	1.4%	4
YARWELL	3.2%	9
TOTAL	100%	279

There were no responses from the towns /parishes not listed in the table above.

Dog Fouling Issues

91% of those who responded agreed with ENC's current PSPO concerning dog fouling as shown here:

Do you agree with ENC's current PSPO's, concerning dog fouling: At any location which is open to the air, it is an offence not to remove dog waste?



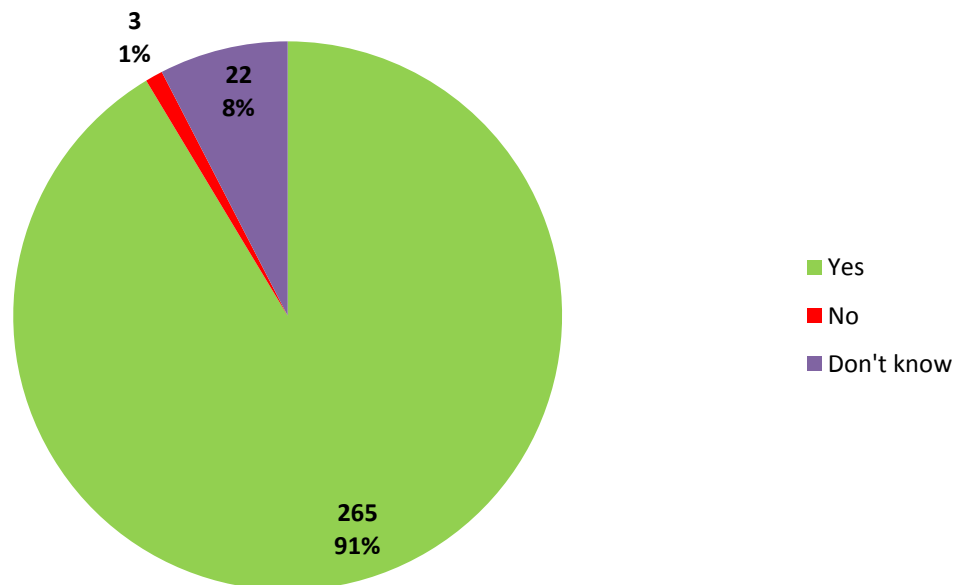
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Respondents were then asked if they wish to explain their response or add more detail. 65 (23.4%) respondents commented on this question and the qualitative analysis reveals the following:

Response Categories	No of Respondents	% of Respondents
Clean up dog waste (with bins made available)	29	44.6%
Avoid public footpaths and play areas	10	15.4%
Adopt Stick and Flick approach	8	12.3%
Enforcement by making offence/licensing	3	4.6%
Plastic dog bag is worse	2	3.1%
Total	65	100

Next, respondents were asked whether they agree with the new condition. Results are shown in the chart below.

Do you agree with a new condition to require lawful disposal of bagged dog waste?



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35% of respondents (102 respondents) provided information on areas they particularly considered problematic. The answers to the *question: Are there any specific areas within East Northamptonshire that you consider to have an issue with dog fouling? Please be as specific as possible (for example, by providing street names, postcodes, geographical description, are listed below:*

Specific Areas with an issue with dog fouling	
1	Aldwinckle in particular seems to be quite a hot spot for dog muck.
2	All around the lakes at Thrapston. Dig fouling bins constantly overflowing doesn't encourage owners to use them.
3	All of Thrapston, especially roads leading to doctors surgeries and lakes and also to the school
4	All public footpaths in Nassington and surrounding areas
5	Alleyway from Park Road Nn95pw
6	Along Greenacre road and in Jubilee Park
7	Along the path leading from Toll Bar junction of Rushden / Higham Greenaway behind the warehouses towards A6 parallel to John Clarke Way
8	Amos Lawrence Park Stanwick Road
9	Andrews way Raunds.
10	Area around Thrapston lakes sailing club
11	Around Rushden
12	Around the village park.
13	Big green, Warmington, Bridleway on right between buntings lane and A605.
14	bottom of Long Lane, Eaglethorpe and Long Lane
15	Bridleway from Irchester Road to Bedford Road.
16	Brigstock country park
17	Corner of Garrow Way and Holbush Way, Irthlingborough.
18	Cromwell road, Windsor road and Queen Street
19	Ebwa vale road pinetrees estate often fouling on the pathway around 93 to number 95
20	Footpath radiating from Nassington. Northfield Lane / Ruisbrick Lane on the approach to the ford and disused railway bridge; the public footpath that runs diagonally across the fields to Old Sulehay area; Nene Way between the black Horse and Wilgay bridge over the River Nene; the footpaths that cross the fields between Eastfields Cres and Station Road.
21	Green Lane and around the lakes.
22	High street Irthlingborough
23	Higham Ferrers
24	Huntingdon Road Thrapston
25	Irthlingborough Lakes

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Specific Areas with an issue with dog fouling	
26	Irthlingborough recreation Park Manton Road, Scarborough Street, College Street.
27	Islip high street is covered in dog poo Highfield road thrapston Market road thrapston
28	Islip Mill lane meadow lane
29	Kettering, weekly glebe.
30	Kingfisher road thrapston , the green area along that road.
31	Kings Cliffe
32	kings cliffe- bridge street, west street. Collyns way Collyweston and village playing fields
33	Kings Meadow Lane and the Bridge crossing the A45 at the end of Kings Meadow Lane in Higham Ferrers.
34	Land between Ebbw Vale Road and Allen Road, grass to the side of Ebbw Vale Road, Les O'Dell Park, Irthlingborough lakes and meadows. Greenaway between Higham and Irthlingborough, Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows also at the kiss gate near Crouch Road Allotment.
35	Lazy Acre estate, Thrapston
36	Long Lane Warmington
37	Long Lane, Warmington
38	Main Street and Drayton Road, Lowick
39	Mallows Drive, Raunds, on footpath and even front gardens
40	Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Country Park.
41	Most of Raunds and the lake area in Thrapston
42	Most routes to Hall Park Rushden
43	Nene wetlands
44	Newton road school, ie Hove Rd, Hayden Rd , Cromwell Rd and Newton Rd
45	Oakley Road, Wellingborough Road, Washbrook Road area, Rushden.
46	Oundle Strawberry fields Warmington
47	Playground near Henry chichele school, the walk way down to Irthlingborough lakes
48	Ridge road in islip
49	Round the Thrapston Lakes.
50	Rushden Farnham Drive/ Grangeway
51	Rushden Greenway
52	Rushden Greenway complete length.
53	Rushden Hall Park - off the lead area
54	Spencer Park Rushden
55	Stanwick
56	Sulehay Wood

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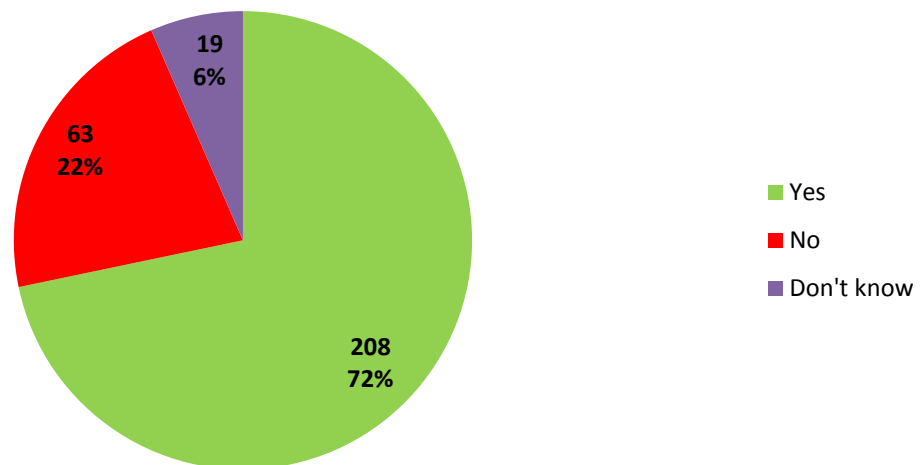
Specific Areas with an issue with dog fouling	
57	Surrounding areas of various walks covering Rushden Lakes to Stanwick Lakes and to Wellingborough.s, the walks from the footpath that runs parallel to the A45 next to the river Nene
58	Talbot road
59	Talbot Road Rushden. The Walkway Rushden.
60	The footpath from London Road to the Sewage Works in Raunds
61	The footpath that goes around the lake and out towards titchmarsh
62	The Greenway between Asda and Crown Park
63	The Greenway in Higham Ferrers from Saffron Road all the way to the bridge over main road to Irthlingborough
64	The lane running parallel with horse paddocks, Springfield Avenue
65	The old railway track opposite the entrance to the Sidings estate
66	The park next to Lancaster drive Thrapston
67	The pathway between the cricket club at Vine Hill Drive and around the infant/junior school at Wharf Road.
68	The recreation ground in Saffron Road Greenway between Higham and Rushden.
69	The whole of Ringstead!
70	Thrapston
71	Thrapston gravel pits
72	Thrapston town walk and around the lakes
73	Thrapston Town Walk especially near the skate park.
74	Thrapston, Brancey Close
75	Through out the whole village but increasingly found near park and various tracks for public footpaths near fields.
76	Titchmarsh reserve, Islip mill areas
77	Tywell Hills and Dales Local villages
78	Warmington Big Green
79	Warmington Taylor's Green. Also, footpaths alongside and across farmland in the village.
80	Wellington Road and Brook Street Raunds
81	West glebe park corby
82	Westfields Terrace, Higham Ferrers NN108BA
83	William Trigg Close
84	Willow Lane & Colemans Lane in Kings Cliffe
85	Wollaston Road IRCHESTER
86	Yarwell Play Park

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Dog Control Issues

22% of respondents do not agree with the Council's policy on walking a dog on a lead.

Do you agree with ENC's current policy of restricting certain areas of land so that a dog must be walked on a lead at all times?



Respondents were then asked if they wish to explain their response or add more detail. 114 respondents (39%) made comments on the restricting dogs to certain areas. The results are as follows:

Categories	No of Respondents	% of Respondents
Keep dogs on a lead	33	29%
Lead-free area	27	24%
Dogs under control can be lead free everywhere	25	22%
Impact on other dogs/people/environment	17	15%
Better Enforcement	4	4%
Blanks	8	7%
Total	114	100%

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Of the 294 respondents, 46 commented on new areas they feel would benefit from having a “dogs on lead order”:

Categories	No of Respondents	% of Respondents
Rushden and Higham Greenway	6	13%
All public parks and footpaths	3	7%
Rushden Lakes nature trail	3	7%
All public places	2	4%
Except Dog Parks	2	4%
Kings Cliffe	2	4%
None	2	4%
Stanwick recreation field	2	4%
Thrapston lakes	2	4%
Thrapston Town walk	2	4%
A6 by-pass old Stanwick road Higham Ferrers.	1	2%
All around the lakes in thrapston	1	2%
All highways	1	2%
Barnwell picnic park	1	2%
Country park Stanwick lakes	1	2%
Cricket pitch off Vine Hill Drive	1	2%
Green lane	1	2%
Higham Ferrers cricket ground	1	2%
Irthlingborough Lakes & Meadows wetlands	1	2%
Jubilee park	1	2%
Meadow lane Thrapston	1	2%
Rugby	1	2%
Spencer Park Rushden	1	2%
The Meadow	1	2%
Thrapston Sailing club and lakeside	1	2%
Titchmarsh nature reserve	1	2%
Walkways from Rushden Lakes to Stanwick Lakes	1	2%
Warmington river	1	2%
Warth Park, Raunds	1	2%
Weekly glebe	1	2%
Total	46	100%

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The response on current “dog on lead” orders in place which may need reassessment due to a change of circumstance and the reasoning of the 38 respondents is found in the table below.

	Location of current 'dogs on lead' orders that could need reassessing	Reasoning
1	All places in built up area of town	Safety of pedestrians and traffic
2	Amos Lawrence park	Not adhered to
3	Amos Lawrence park	Ideal enclosed space for dogs to exercise and big enough space to enable dogs to run around
4	amos lawrence park raunds	neither policed nor complied with so a waste of time
5	Amos Lawrence Park, London Road end.	
6	Barnwell Country Park	I think it is a pity that dogs are supposed to be on leads in the country park. Most dog owners are responsible people, especially in an area like the country park; you are unlikely to get a dog being a nuisance there without an owner on hand.
7	Clearer signs need to be put in place by the sailing club at Thrapston.	There is one small sign that no one takes any notice off at all. If larger, clearer signs were erected then there would be no excuse for people to say they haven't seen them.
8	Collyweston playing field.	Where else can you take a dog safely to train if the only public space is restricted?
9	Collyweston playing fields	Not used by anyone other than dog walkers!
10	Cricket area Saffron road Higham Ferrers	The dog control area is on the wrong side of the recreational grounds. It should've been the un-fenced side not just because its safer for dogs but road traffic as well. There were no real issues or proof before the order was introduced.
11	Hall Park	Large Areas where no visitors go to
12	Hall Park - Rushden	As detailed above - It is unnecessary and unfair for such a large park to have dogs on lead policy. The main area of the park is generally fairly empty of walkers, with or without dogs, other than the two main paths through. The fenced in dog paddocks become crowded at times causing, on occasion, aggression between some dogs. There is also a health issue in the paddocks whereby any illness and tummy bugs gets quickly spread amongst the dogs being in a small area. It is however useful for young or untrained dogs to be able to be safely enclosed. There is an enclosed children's play area, which could be enlarged for children, to allow more open space for dog walkers to walk their dogs off lead. The vast majority of visitors to Hall park appear to be walking dogs.

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	Location of current 'dogs on lead' orders that could need reassessing	Reasoning
13	Hall Park Rushden	An isolated alleged incident led to a dogs on lead order which is unnecessary
14	Hall Park, Rushden	Fenced area too small for number who use it. Do as Beaches do and have an off peak period eg: 1st Sept - 30th April where dogs can run free in all the park area..
15	Hall park, Rushden	Dogs should be allowed off leads throughout the park between Sept - May as the park is usually very quiet during this period
16	Higham Ferrers cricket ground	A small number of people simply don't care!
17	Higham Ferrers Cricket Pitch	Don't understand why it should be in lead on - can see no benefit
18	Higham Ferrers cricket pitch, Saffron Road	Cricket is played during the summer months and the area is used by the school, in the winter I see no reason to have the dogs on leads order.
19	Lawrence Amos park	Access route to fields and field is large enough to keep children and dogs separate
20	Nassington	Unnecessary restrictions
21	Nene river footpath	Where the walk isn't in an animals field dogs should be able to run as long as under owners control
22	Saffron Road Recreation Ground (cricket pitch), Higham Ferrers	The field that the cricket club play on is not for the sole use of the cricket club. I think that the 'dogs on lead' ruling could be made seasonal, during the few weeks a year that the cricket club actually play on the field. The rest of the year it would be a safe place to walk dogs off lead as it is fenced in.
23	Saffron Road Recreation ground fenced off area	As above.
24	Spencer Park Rushden	many owners let their dogs off the lead as soon as they are through the gate
25	Stanwick lakes	Currently this is to protect local wildlife but most, if not all, of the wildlife is within the middle of the lakes or hidden away. Dogs generally stick to the paths and don't chase what they can't spot.
26	Stanwick road recreation ground	There is now a gate around the play area leaving plenty of space of dog owners to use.
27	The recreation ground in Higham Ferrers	It is not enforced

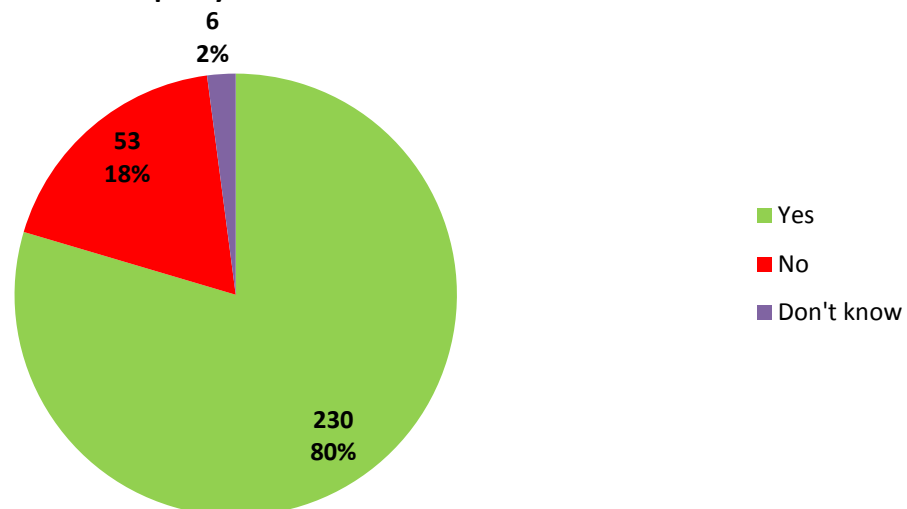
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28	Thrapston Lakes	-
29	Thrapston Lakes	There is signage asking for dogs to be kept on leads and very few take notice .
30	Thrapston Peace Park	Dogs should be under control and not on a lead.
31	Titchmarsh reserve	-
32	Vine hill drive enclosed field	This is an ideal place for a lead free dog area, it's inclosed and central, but instead it's strictly on lead. The only place higham has is the field over the a6 and when it's dark, it feels unsafe to go other there
33	Woodnewton Common field	Exercise for dogs
34	Woodnewton Playing Field	Dogs under control should be able to run free in open spaces
35	Woodnewton Village Hall field	Dogs under control should be able to run free in open spaces

Dog Exclusion Zones

Respondents were then asked whether they agree with ENC's current policy of restricting dogs to certain areas. Results are shown below:

Do you agree with ENC's current policy of restricting the access of dogs to certain areas, such as play areas and cemeteries?



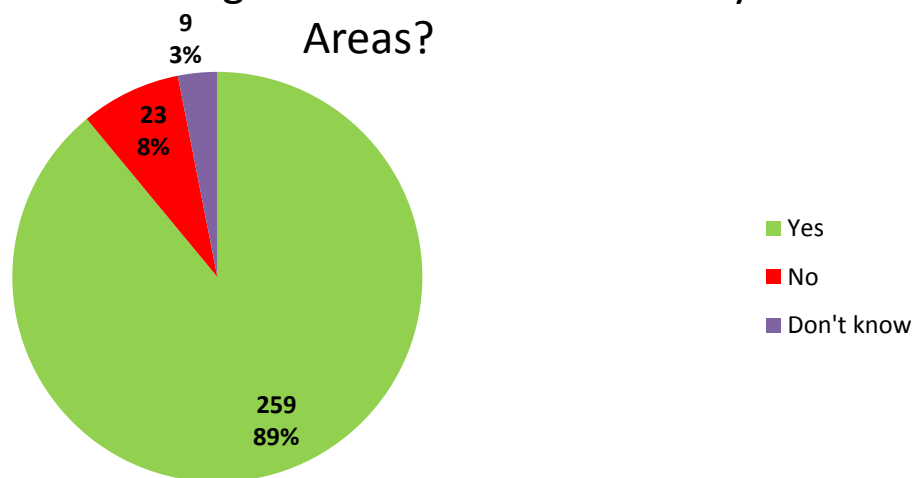
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31% of respondents provided comments on the restrictions in play areas and cemeteries:

Categories	No of Respondents	% of Respondents
Restrictions in play areas only	19	21.1%
No restrictions in both places	17	18.9%
Restrict in both places	15	16.7%
Lead in Cemeteries	10	11.1%
Enforcement required	4	4.4%
Restrictions in cemeteries only	3	3.3%
Allow Guide dogs in both places	4	4.4%
Lead in Play Areas	1	1.1%
Blanks	4	4.4%
Total	90	100%

Respondents were then asked their views on a blanket ban against dogs in fenced Children's Play Areas. Results can be found below:

Do you agree with current policy of a blanket ban, across the whole of the East Northamptonshire District, to prevent the access of dogs to fenced Children's Play Areas?



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66 (22%) respondents commented on the blanket ban policy as follows:

Categories	No of Respondents	% of Respondents
Support ban	33	50%
Don't support	9	14%
Create dog play area	4	6%
Guide Dogs allowed	4	6%
Dogs must be on lead	3	5%
Enforce	3	5%
Responsible ownership	2	3%
Fenced areas only	1	2%
Neutral	1	2%
(blank)	6	9%
Grand Total	66	100%

The majority of the respondents had an overwhelming support for the ban.

The question, "Are there any NEW areas within East Northamptonshire that you feel would benefit from having an enforced exclusion zone? Please specify the location(s) and your reasoning" was answered by 12 respondents:

NEW areas within East Northamptonshire that would benefit from having an enforced exclusion zone.	Reasoning
Les Odell park Irthlingborough	Area is fenced but frequently has dogs in the area
Kings Cliffe Pytchel	The Parish Council already ban dogs from this area. It is for peaceful relaxation not exercise.
Play area between Wood Road and Oak Lane	new area too many dogs not on a lead and children of all ages use the play area
All parks and open spaces that children use	-
Town centres	There are no dog bins but there is excrement on the path
None	They are already overly enforced and I think it's wrong!!
All public places.	-
Manor Park	Kids playing sport don't need to slide through dog mess
Thrapston peace park	There is no need for dogs to be in this area
Outside the school	Creates noise, fouling and they jump up at children

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The responses regarding the reassessment of exclusion zones include:

Current exclusion zones in place that could need reassessing due to a change of circumstance	Reasoning
Brigstock church cemetery	Dig on lead not necessary for well behaved dogs
Cemetery	Saffron Road Higham Ferrers
Football Field Dexter Way Warmington	Very large area not all used acts a play area
Hall park	As I pay my council tax I feel I should be able to exercise my dog off the lead in a wider area than currently allowed during Sept - May similar to rules on beaches
Hall Park, Rushden	Responsible dog owners should be able to enjoy the park the same as anyone else. Between Sept and May the park is virtually deserted. Dogs should be allowed to run free during this time. Exclusion to be in place during busier peak periods. This way everyone gets fair enjoyment of the park. We all pay council tax.
Higham dog park	I think that some owners need to be enforced to keep dogs on a lead in there. One dog in particular, a GSD, is causing much distress to both dogs and owners.
Sports field meadow lane thrapston	Huge space for dogs to be with their owners whilst watching sports - no harm to anyone so long as on the lead

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Other Public Spaces Protection Orders

72 respondents provided comments on areas and issues that could require a PSPO. The table below is a list of these comments.

Are there any current behavioural issues you believe we should be considering for a PSPO in your area? If so, please clearly specify the type of problematic behaviour and the location in which it is a problem.	
1	Alcohol consumption at skate park, Thrapston, and around Thrapston lakes
2	Allotments
3	Amos Lawrence Park. Dirt bike and motor bike riders acceding the field and farmers fields nearby causing noise nuisance and a danger to dog walkers and users of the open spaces
4	Area of land along the Greenway, behind Rushden Asda/Rushden Fire Station, Hall Park and Spencer Park due to issues with people using/dealing cannabis and/or other drugs.
5	As mentioned before. Some individuals need to be reviewed on a case by case basis. Dangerous and out of control dogs are a source of much upset.
6	Castle fields does have issues with young school children stopping off after school abusing certain parts of the area. Litter is probably the biggest issue mistreating the bus shelter is the other, they like to climb on top of it, it's only a matter of time before there is an injury.
7	Children breaking down trees and bushes. By Brad street and parklands area
8	Cyclists on pavements!
9	Do something about the gravel pits in thrapston - drug dealing, smoking weed, children can't use facilities because it is ran by teenagers
10	Dog mess and lack of bins and him emptying times
11	Dog off leads in dog parks that attack other dogs
12	Drinking beer in children play areas in Irchester then smashing bottles
13	Dropping used dog fouling bags. So the content can ultimately cause harm and nuisance to others.
14	Drugs are routinely and openly being handed over to and by a group of 20/21 year olds in Lowick. They drive to the village to meet up because it is a quiet and remote place. When you see three cars parked outside the pocket park, with the owners semi-hidden away in the children's play area, then that raises suspicion. They congregate also at the top of Drayton Road and Aldwinle Road because it is unlit. This happens sporadically day and night so very difficult to get the police out there in time.
15	Drugs being taken near the new footbridge leading to Islip
16	empty dog bins more frequently in hot weather
17	Fishermen defecating in Higham Ferrers Wharf Pocket Park.
18	Follow through with enforcing where people to not adhere to the rules.
19	Garage at the apethorpe end of Nassington near allotments has many semi dismantled cars on and around the site that are an eyesore, potential environmental/ fire risk and appear to be associated with an increase in rats.
20	Gatherings in parks and open spaces after dark - e.g. play areas or public parks with children's play equipment
21	Generally people hanging out in the parks and green areas and leaving rubbish, it's horrible
22	Have a dog warden in the area for off leash behaviour offences
23	Higham dog park

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24	I consider gangs of teenagers should not be allowed to congregate in large groups intimidating others in areas such as recreational parks.
25	I do not believe PSPO orders are effective and are just another level of local government imposing restrictions that cannot possibly be policed. Signage for the said orders are a blight on the landscape and a total waste of public money.
26	I just wish that areas where there are signs stating that dogs should be on leads had this enforced. People know that they are never going to be challenged by anyone in authority because no one ever patrols these areas. It just makes me so cross that they get away with it all the time.
27	In general many dog owners are irresponsible their pets being both a nuisance and in some cases dangerous. A blanket cover around town would be good.
28	Irthlingborough lakes - dangerous swimming, litter, motorbikes and illegal fishing
29	Jubilee park in Rushden presents a constant problem at the skate park due to teenagers openly smoking drugs in front of anyone trying to enjoy the open space including very small children using the skating area.
30	Jubilee Park, Bedford Road, Rushden. Please do something about the anti-social behaviour that has totally ruined this lovely park.
31	Litter needs sorting out
32	Loutish behaviour of teenage boys in the Peace Park in Thrapston, local residents have complained to the police
33	Low level antisocial behaviour is not dealt with at all in rural areas. There used to be regular pcso Roy ds but there is absolutely nothing now and the areas definitely suffer for it
34	Misuse of the cemetery by youths at night Rough sleeper in cemetery Trees are so dense now that they obscure vigilance of cemetery Biking on pavements and greenway Is a real hazard to older people
35	More dog bins please, sure would help people to dispose of bags instead of hanging in bushes, trees, thrown over walls.
36	More policing of Rushden War Memorial area
37	Motor bikes coming up recreation area and Irthlingborough Town, Finedon Road, and main streets. Someone is going to be badly hurt by these bikes Going really fast and are really loud.
38	Noise, low level damage, drinking and drunkenness leading to verbal abuse to passers by in Memorial Gardens, now known as Parsons Green Irthlingborough
39	Owners must have complete control over their off lead dogs An order that all dogs should be kept on lead .
40	Owners that do not train their dogs to have recall before letting them off lead.
41	Parking is a problem in the village. Vehicles are often partly or fully parked on paths forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. Stable Hill and Bridge Street are particularly bad.
42	People and irresponsible owners are usually the problem, not the dog

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43	People either walk their dogs very early or very late to deliberately avoid being seen not picking up their dogs mess. Local enforcement should help curb this.
44	People walking dogs off leads in the vicinity of Meadow Sweet Road near the children's play area.
45	Quad bikes and motorbikes in sulehay woods
46	Queen street and roads around it, drunk and disorderly behaviour and youth issues
47	Restrict the teenagers (in particular) who use Spencer Park Rushden for drugs and litter. Glass, tins, uneaten food, even human faeces are left around indiscriminately.
48	Ringstead Peace Park ASB
49	Skate park Thrapston, meadow lane Thrapston
50	St Margarets Avenue for dogs that are not on a lead
51	Street drinkers in Rushden are causing issues.
52	The cycle track and just over the bridge by the Sailing club in Thrapston drug dealers and taking
53	The Greenway: The wood where the path divides near Asda has become a drug den and site for dumping rubbish. It's full of litter and broken glass and occasionally fires have been lit. If dog fouling has a fine of £1000, so should this behaviour, especially in these times. Also, as Covid is such a threat, surely a similar fine for spitting is justifiable. Everyone should be held to account, not just dog owners.
54	The issue of cats seriously needs to be addressed as cat owners seem to take no responsibility of their pet whatsoever. Restrictions on cat ownership should also be put in place because they toilet where they want in other peoples gardens and children play areas with no control.
55	The monument in Rushden (outside Tesco) needs to be enforced. Also along the High street in Rushden can at times be intimidating to be in. Behaviour problems include but not exclusive to alcoholic vagrants, groups of school and older but still young ppl being loud using fowl language and deliberately getting in the way and being intimidating. Also having someone being stabbed in the area has put me off going there albeit a 'one off'
56	The river between Wakerley and barrowden often has an abundance of people coming to swim in the river. The people cause unwanted noise, drinking alcohol, leaving litter, dogs off leads, children and teenagers running a mock endangering the wildlife, livestock and upsetting local residents.
57	The river well and between Wakerley and barrowden has an influx of people during warm weather leading to anti social behaviour and damage.

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58	The same areas already mentioned are used for off road motor bikers and quad bike users. Likewise, there is an increase in the use of VERY noisy bikes (silencers removed) on the Bedford Road (NN10 area) along to Wymington Road then across the back of the bridal path on the left just after Link Road in Wymington. Houses back onto the bridal path which is a popular walking route for dog walkers. Incidentally, this is another area that is rife with dog fouling as well.
59	Thrapston skate park - drinking and drug use
60	Unlicensed breeding of dogs and poor welfare as a result
61	Use and selling of drugs on play areas. This is not only in the evening hours. I have seen parents going to the play area, but then going away after they have seen adults smoking. (Raunds, Recreation Ground)
62	Vandalism in the parks around Irthlingborough and littering generally in most areas of Irthlingborough and East Northamptonshire
63	Vicious dogs should be muzzled, my dogs attacked on the road, 4 dogs being exercised in a field ran out of the field into the road and attacked, owner had no control, police have visited and advised, heard from friends and neighbours their dogs have been attacked
64	Village teenagers littering and general mild anti-social behaviour, e.g. taking down Christmas decorations. Mostly around the cricket meadow.
65	Warth Park

42 (14%) respondents also provided other comments relating to the survey.

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1	All dog poop bags should be biodegradable.
2	Although I don't have a dog I have done so in the past and am a dog lover. What I object to are those owners that have no respect for others and I think some form of licensing is needed.
3	Biased survey - anti dog bias - Dogs under control should be able to run free in open spaces
4	Could there be designated dog walking areas put aside for people to go to with their dog. The dogs could run free away from people.
5	Dog walkers do follow the rules thy just take there dogs to the park as thy are to lazy to pick up the mess
6	Generally dog waste should be picked up in the town and on pavements but flicked to the side on the Town walk and green areas - NOT bagged up and thrown up a tree or in a hedge.

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7	I also believe that owners of cats should be made to control them. They should be kept on their home property unless on a lead.
8	I believe that if the bill is expanded that responsible dog owners will be punished
9	I consider stick and flick to be more environmentally supportive than bagging - where conditions are appropriate. Plastic poo bags left/hanging and not removed worse than anything.
10	I have mentioned signage and in Higham Ferrers an ridiculous amount of public money is being spent, most of which is unnecessary.
11	I hope you lead the way and add dog parks within your council area. You will be seen as progressive not repressive. Remember council taxpayers are also dog owners.
12	I think dog owners should be registered and pay a 'nominal' fee for the removal of their animals waste. If they are not registered they should not be allowed on the streets or out of their owners' property.
13	I think it helpful to make clear that exceptions apply to all assistance dogs
14	I think the emphasis should be on making people answerable for their own dogs actions rather than issuing blanket bans which also impact responsible owners
15	I think the restriction which currently exist are suffice. I am a dog owner and don't want to be restricted to where I can walk my dog and where I can let them off lead. I do respect that dogs should be banned from cemeteries and children's play grounds and that there are a few places they should be kept on lead. I see no reason to widen this.
16	In areas of public space where people are able to walk dogs, there should be more dog waste bins or more general waste bins and then there is no excuse for people not to dispose of correctly. Areas I visit there is more general waste left by people than dog waste !!!
17	It seems to me that this survey is skewed to bring the outcomes that you already have planned
18	It would be better if the link worked to list of places currently included in orders
19	It would be good if the area behind Spencer Park - below the Woodland Road Allotments and above the school playing fields and Washbrook - could somehow be fenced and made safe to allow dogs to run loose. It would need mowing, and proper fencing with gates, but it could make a useful addition to the park and allow people who are sensitive to dogs to run free in the park while the dogs run free in the fields. Just a suggestion.
20	It's wonderful to see police in the area being visible. This may not be the right platform for this comment, but for people to behave and act in an appropriate way, we need more uniformed ppl of some description.

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21	Just to be clear, it should be possible for dogs, dog owners and non dog owners all to exist. Address the behaviour rather than restricting for everyone, please
22	Keep up the good work ENDC, we will soon miss you
23	Need more dog poo bins!
24	No I personally feel that these blanket orders punish the law-abiding majority s they comply with the rules and the people it is aimed at do not comply. I feel we need a way of dealing with the people who don't have common sense and not punish all.
25	None except such action is long overdue
26	None.
27	Not sure if this is within the permit of this survey but I have noticed an increase of “scrambler” motorbikes on bridleways recently. Although already banned and illegal, I would like to see a crackdown on this.
28	Please don't penalise all dogs for the odd few. Happy dogs are ones that get some freedom, it breaks my heart seeing dogs only walking on the lead, it's cruel. You should be encouraging positive off the lead exercise for all dogs, people should imagine how happy they would be if they only were lead along on a lead, they would hate it!!
29	Please leave castle fields in Higham Ferrers open for dogs To be of the lead
30	Stop making dog ownership hard. Concentrate more on alcohol and drug fuelled antisocial behaviour in our towns and villages instead please!
31	Thank you for the opportunity of having my say
32	The Greenway: could we have wardens to regularly patrol the Greenway , to pick up litter (especially discarded face masks), ensure cyclists are not using it as a race track, and to keep an eye out for anti social behaviour. Or failing that install some CCTV cameras. Thankyou.
33	The only problem with keeping dogs on lead everywhere is that can lead to issues between dogs. They very often behave better off lead subject to the owners having control
34	The problem is not making the rules but enforcing them!
35	The small rural areas tend to get overlooked. Please be more proactive. Speeding is also a big problem in wakerley with very little support from the police and council.
36	There are more dogs than people. Ban importations.
37	There needs to be a greater police presence in rural areas. There is an increasing amount of crime and no support for the community or victims
38	This survey needs starting again and promoting once the links actually work. This should have been checked.

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39	To get a real perspective of a particular area the authorities need to spend as much time as locals do in said area. Castle fields apart from litter has no issues that would make the local authorities impose a 'dogs on lead' order. Any dog waste not cleared up is often cleared up by the responsible dog owners much to our annoyance. Please do not impose such an order because of a irresponsible minority that would a irresponsible use of the local authorities power.
40	Unless dog control orders are enforced, they inconvenience the responsible dog owners and are ignored by the irresponsible. Also, dogs on leads still defecate, so dogs on leads orders may not solve problems of fouling while the responsible owners are further restricted.
41	Very good efficiency keep it up
42	Why not have specific dog areas in all parks like the one in Hall Park Rushden