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CABINET

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor P. Marsden (Leader) - Chair

Councillors:

S. Cook (Social Care), N. George (Waste, Public Protection and Street Scene), C. Gordon (Corporate Services), L. Phipps (Housing), J. Pritchard (Infrastructure and Property), E. Stenner (Performance, Economy and Enterprise), A. Whitcombe (Sustainability, Planning and Fleet) and R. Whiting (Learning and Leisure).

Together with:

D. Street (Acting Chief Executive) R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services) G. Jenkins (Acting Corporate Director Social Services) and M.S. Williams (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment).

Also in Attendance:

R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), J. Roberts-Waite (Strategic Co-ordination Manager), S. Harris (Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer), R. Roberts (Business Improvement Manager), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

And:

Councillor C. Mann

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Leader reminded those present that the meeting was being filmed but would not be live streamed, however a recording would be available following the meeting via the Council's website – [Click Here To View](#). She advised that decisions would be made by Microsoft Forms.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from C. Harry (Chief Executive).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. CABINET – 13TH OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2021 were approved as a correct record.

4. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – TO NOTE

Cabinet were provided with the Cabinet Forward Work Programme, which detailed the scheduled reports until the 8th December 2021. Members were reminded that the Cabinet Forward Work Programme is a working document and therefore subject to change.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Forward Work Programme be noted. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Forward Work Programme be noted.

5. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT SIX MONTH UPDATE 2021

Consideration was given to the report which presented Cabinet with the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA) which is part of Council's new Performance Framework following the presentation of the Directorate Performance Assessments to Scrutiny. It was noted that the Corporate Performance Assessment provides a summary of information and analysis for the 6-month period October 2020 to March 2021 and forms part of the overall Council 'self-assessment' activity.

Cabinet referred to section 5.7 of the report which detailed the Directorate Performance Assessment reports route to the various scrutiny committees and Members welcomed Scrutiny's involvement in the performance assessment process.

Cabinet were asked to note that the new performance framework came into use during the lock-down period and when considering the data presented it would be mindful to do so within the context of what the Council was able to be deliver during this extraordinary period rather than what was not delivered. Cabinet were very mindful of the added pressures placed on staff during this period and placed on record their thanks to the way in which they had changed working practices and stepped up to the challenges presented by the pandemic.

Members specifically praised the work of Children Services staff who were able to complete child-care assessments as well as keeping looked after children numbers stable throughout this difficult time.

Clarification was sought in relation to Budget Monitoring and the significant underspends reported and how these were linked to the pandemic. The Section 151 Officer confirmed that these related directly to changes in working practices and Welsh Government Grants received late in the year. It was noted that the Housing Revenue Account underspend of £10,017m would be carried forward to support the WHQS programme and General Fund Balances £38,516m had been earmarked to fund one off capital investments as part of the strategic transformation programme.

Clarification was then sought about Freedom of Information Request compliance data the factors that had caused the dip and what was being done to continue the upward projection. Cabinet were advised that this service area had been impacted by the redeployment of staff to front line services during the pandemic and the loss of a key member of the team. Confirmation was given that the upward trajectory reported was continuing, the Corporate Director of Education and Corporate Services confirmed that he would circulate updated figures following the meeting.

Cabinet placed on record their thanks to all the staff involved in the collation of the performance data and assessment report.

Following consideration and discussion it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved and by way of electronic voting this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the Corporate Performance Assessment Six Month Update 2021 was reviewed, discussed and challenged.

6. LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2021-26

Consideration was given to the report which sought Cabinet approval on the new Local Housing Strategy 'An Agenda for Change 2021-26'.

Cabinet were advised that Arc4 Ltd had been appointed to assist in the production of the strategy and the robust methodology to complete the various stages of the consultation process were noted to include key stakeholders both internal and external and views of residents were sought via a 9-week public consultation exercise. The strategy sets out the strategic housing priorities of the Council and provides a framework for the Council and its partners to tackle a range of housing needs including homelessness, housing disrepair, lack of suitable accommodation, which prevent people living in safe, good quality, affordable homes located in vibrant and safe communities. It provided a clear vision which focused not only on the provision of new housing but also on those services which support people to access housing and maintain independence to live in their homes for longer, the wider community, the environment and maximising community benefits that can be derived from the investment in housing that will take place over the period of the strategy.

Cabinet were asked to noted that the strategy will be underpinned by an investment plan that would be formulated by March 2022 and a Delivery Plan which would breathe life into the strategy and would be monitored on a biannual basis by the Affordable Homes Partnership and periodically to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet placed on record their thanks to Mark Jennings, Jane Roberts-Waite and Arc4 for all their efforts during the consultation process and for the production of the strategy.

Cabinet noted that the strategy had been considered by the Joint Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 21st October 21 and the comments were summarised. Members were advised that the Joint Scrutiny Committee had been very positive about the strategy, clarification had been sought on the costs for Arc4, the lack of response to the consultation, gypsy and traveller sites and single person accommodation and reassurances to the question raised had been given by Officers to the satisfaction of the Committee Members.

Cabinet welcomed the cross-party scrutinization of the report and the strategy document and appreciated the difficulties that the pandemic had placed on the consultation process but were pleased by the response from the Joint Scrutiny.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By way of electronic voting this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the content of the report be noted and the strategy 'An Agenda for Change 2021-2016' be approved.

7. CORPORATE PLAN 2018-2023 REVIEW AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21.

Consideration was given to the report which sought Cabinet approval of the Annual Performance Report for 2020/2021 and the 'refresh' updates to the Corporate Plan.

Cabinet noted that the Annual Performance Report is a current requirement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 which had been repealed this year, however, as its performance requirements relate to the preceding financial year an annual performance report is required for 2020/21. For the next financial year performance assessment will happen under the new Local Government and Elections Act 2020.

Clarification was sought in relation to Wellbeing Objective 5, Creating a County Borough that supports a healthy lifestyle, and how COVID had impacted this objective and whether catch-up could be accelerated through additional funding.

Officers confirmed that COVID had a massive impact on sport and leisure services, for large parts of 2020 there was no sport. However, services were working on plans to get people back into sport and into our leisure facilities and restoring this confidence would secure this improvement objective. The Corporate Director felt this to be a matter of marketing rather than external funding and outlined the new facilities that were coming online and the ways in which existing facilities were being enhanced in order to attract people back to the service area.

Cabinet acknowledged that there would understandably be public caution around the return to leisure service use and that this would take time but were confident that this could be achieved. Cabinet welcomed the exciting developments of a Hockey Hub at Sue Noakes and the new 3G Pitch at Idris Davies School.

A Member queried as to how the ending of the Furlough Scheme and increased fuel costs would impact Caerphilly residents. The Acting Chief Executive confirmed that at this stage it was too early to understand the impact of these changes, however a lot of work was being done via the Caerphilly Cares initiatives. The Acting Chief Executive then referred to the outstanding work being done by Sandra Issacs and her Team to generate additional income for families and they were making an incredible difference. Cabinet noted that there were still a lot of people who were not claiming the benefits they were entitled to and this would be a focus moving forward.

Clarification was then sought in relation to Wellbeing Objective 2, Enabling Employment, and the reduction in the number of people engaging in the Employment Programme. However, Cabinet were pleased to see that even during a pandemic 256 people had taken up the programme.

Officers confirmed that Employment Programmes were adapting to DWP requirements and although referral numbers had been reduced because of COVID restriction, now that face-to-face referral meetings were able to take place in libraries numbers were increasing. Cabinet were assured that Employment Programmes were being pushed via Social Media, our Communications Team and through Partner support to get the message out on the kind of support provided by the Council to those seeking employment.

Following consideration and discussion it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained within the Officer's report be approved and by way of electronic voting this was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -

1. The Annual Performance Report 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

2. The relevance and continuation of the Well-being Objectives for the four year of the five-year Corporate Plan be endorsed and the 'refresh' updates to the Corporate Plan contained within Appendix 2 be noted.

8. PAYMENT TO COMMISSIONED DOMICILIARY CARE PROVIDERS FROM WELSH GOVERNMENT SOCIAL CARE

It was noted that this report had been withdrawn from the agenda and would not be considered at this meeting.

9. PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

Members considered the Public Interest Test and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was: -

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

10. EXEMPT – URGENT ITEM – PURCHASE OF LAND AT GROVESIDE ROAD, OAKDALE, BLACKWOOD FOR ALTERNATIVE ALLOTMENT PROVISION.

Following consideration and discussion it was moved and seconded that recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved and by way of electronic voting this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the recommendations at 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the Officer's report be approved.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 10th November 2021.

CHAIR

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Cabinet Forward Work Programme as at 3rd November 2021

10/11/2021 10:30	Commercial & Investment Strategy	For Cabinet to note the progress made against the actions and success measures within the strategy during the first 12 months. To seek an extension of an additional 12 months for the refresh of the Commercial & Investment Strategy to November 2022.	Camp, Victoria;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
10/11/2021 10:30	Homeless Project Plan	To provide Cabinet with the Rapid Rehousing and transitional plan which needs to be submitted to WG by June 2022.	Denman, Kerry;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa;
10/11/2021 10:30	Dog Control PSPO Proposals	To consider the outcome of a public consultation, together with any recommendations from Scrutiny Committee, on proposals to amend and extend the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control to include the exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches/areas.	Hartshorn, Robert;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
10/11/2021 10:30	ASB/street drinking PSPO	To consider the outcome of a public consultation together, with any recommendations from Scrutiny Committee, on proposals to vary and extend the Public Spaces Protection Orders relating to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in a public place.	Hartshorn, Robert;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
10/11/2021 10:30	Town Centre Management Groups	Report on the revised format for the Town Centre Management Group meetings.	Wilcox, Steve;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
10/11/2021 10:30	George Street Walls, Cwmcarn	To seek approval to deploy Private Sector Housing Capital monies to assist private sector homeowners at George Street, Cwmcarn.	Wilkins, Fiona;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa;
10/11/2021 10:30	Reduced Bus Fare Scheme - Urgent item	To seek Members views on the proposal for Caerphilly CBC to finance a reduced bus fare scheme for five weekends prior to Christmas 2021.	Roberts, Geraint;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;

Cabinet Forward Work Programme as at 3rd November 2021

24/11/2021 10:30	Team Caerphilly Transformation Programme – 6 monthly update	To provide Cabinet with an update on progress against the Team Caerphilly Transformation Strategy.	Richards, Sue;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
24/11/2021 10:30	Grass Cutting Regime	To seek the views of Cabinet in relation to grass cutting regimes across the county borough and proposals to enhance and promote bio-diversity following consultation with local members and presentation to Scrutiny Committee.	Hartshorn, Robert;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
24/11/2021 10:30	The principles of a regional approach to employability programme	To consider a regional approach to the provision of employment support programmes within the Cardiff Capital Region.	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa;
24/11/2021 10:30	Business Rate Relief - WG Funding'	To seek Cabinet approval of a proposal for the distribution of targeted rated relief.	Carpenter, John;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
24/11/2021 10:30	The Lawns, Rhymney – Culvert issues and subsequent cost overrun - Exempt item - Urgent item	This report sets out the issues relating to urgent works required to the culvert and resultant projected outturn costs associated with the Lawns Employment new build project at Rhymney.	Dallimore, Allan;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
08/12/2021 10:30	Economic Recovery Framework Report	To update Cabinet on our strategic approach in relation to assisting businesses across the county borough to recover from the pandemic and to provide information on progress to date.	Hudson, Paul;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
08/12/2021 10:30	Council Tax base for 2022/23	For Cabinet to agree the calculation of the Council Tax base for 2022/23.	O'Donnell, Sean;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
08/12/2021 10:30	Welsh Education Strategic Plan 2022-2032	For Cabinet to consider and approve the new 10 year plan	Cole, Keri; Mutch, Sarah;	Cllr. Whiting, Ross;

Cabinet Forward Work Programme as at 3rd November 2021

12/01/2022 10:30	Active Travel Network Map Review and Consultation	Review of the statutory consultation process/responses and approval of the ATNM prior to submission to WG by the 31st December 2021.	Lloyd, Marcus; Campbell, Clive;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
12/01/2022 10:30	Newbridge to Risca Regeneration Masterplan	To obtain approval to consult on the Draft Newbridge to Risca Corridor Masterplan, the 4th of the Masterplans aligned under the regeneration Strategy "A Foundation for Success", which sets out the regeneration aspiration for the area for the next five years and beyond.	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Whitcombe, Andrew;
Special Cabinet - 19/01/2022 10:30	Draft Budget Proposals for 2022/23	To seek Cabinet endorsement of the 2022/23 budget proposals prior to final determination by Council on the 24th February 2022, and to provide an update on the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).	Harris, Stephen;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
26/01/2022 10:30	21st Century Schools – Band B - Phase 2: Consultation Report/ Statutory Notice	For Members to consider the contents of 21st Century Schools consultation report prior to determination to proceed to Statutory Notice by Cabinet in December 2021.	West, Andrea; Richards, Sue;	Cllr. Whiting, Ross;

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CABINET – 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 12-MONTH PROGRESS UPDATE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to Members a 12-month progress update on the Commercial & Investment Strategy adopted December 2020.
- 1.2 To seek views and comments from the Committee members on the proposed extension to the Commercial & Investment Strategy refresh for an additional 12 months.
- 1.3 To provide members with a summary document in relation to the general power of competence being implemented under the Local Government & Elections Act (Wales) 2021 Act in November 2021.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Good progress has been made with the high-level action plan for the Commercial & Investment Strategy whilst managing demands of the COVID response, and the incorporation of the Corporate Review programme.
- 2.2 Whilst the Commercial & Investment Strategy high level action plan was reframed in light of the ongoing response to COVID there have been additional resource impacts which have limited progress in some areas. Progress has occurred on some action points but others, inevitably, have been delayed due to the focus on COVID.
- 2.3 The Commercial & Investment Strategy was originally adopted with a refresh date of December 2021 and we are now seeking to extend this by 12 months to enable further progress with actions and for a new strategy to be created with staff following feedback and engagement over the course of the next calendar year.
- 2.4 The Local Government & Elections Act introduced this year by Welsh Government includes specific provisions in relation to commercialisation within public bodies and codifies a new power, commonly referred to as the General Power of Competence. The Commercial & Investment Strategy will be refreshed to include reference to this new legislation, as relevant and once these sections of the Act are implemented.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The updates for the high-level action plan are agreed and noted.
- 3.2 The 12-month extension for the refresh of the Commercial & Investment Strategy be approved and a new strategy be listed on the forward work programme for Cabinet December 2022.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure Cabinet are appraised of the progress in relation to this key element of the Transformation Programme and to ensure the refreshed strategy is listed for update on the forward work plan.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Commercial & Investment Strategy adopted by Council in December 2020 was the Council's first strategy of this nature. As such it was listed with a short timescale for refresh to maintain momentum and to allow for agility in its implementation and to incorporate any changes or amendments might be necessary.
- 5.2 The High Level Action Plan associated with the Commercial & Investment Strategy was aligned with current work priorities and amended to allow for COVID responses to take priority and to incorporate the work of the Corporate Reviews.
- 5.3 As can be seen at Appendix 1 good progress has been made against many of the actions included within the strategy. Highlights are noted below.
- 5.4 **Destination Caerphilly** – work has been ongoing with Destination Caerphilly attraction managers during the past 2 years. Significant accomplishments are noted below and the cumulative effect of all this work will hopefully result in a £500k/annum reduction in the subsidy currently provided to the venues towards the end of their business plan cycle.
 - All venues now have 5-year business plans;
 - Venues are collaborating on a marketing strategy and approach across all 5 venues to include a refreshed brand, standard customer care service standards and prioritisation of marketing activities;
 - Delivery plans being developed to ensure the business plans are appropriately resourced for delivery with ongoing project support from the Transformation Team.
 - Commercial and marketing training has been provided on an ongoing basis from Team Caerphilly Transformation Team and some bespoke hackathon training will be provided to the Destination Managers as part of the pilot training schemes.
- 5.5 **Pilot Training Sessions** – as part of the implementation of the Commercial Strategy and the commitment to train staff we have invested in 3 pilot training sessions to roll out across the organisation. The aim of the training sessions will be to deliver commercial skills training and awareness and importantly to evaluate the impact of the training so that the Commercial Strategy refresh can include plans for a wider roll out across the organisation.
 - a. Hackathons – a tried and tested method and ideal for commercial idea and

business plan generation with the high intensity and pace. Hackathons will be held over one day, with a focussed council team who already have the seed of an idea and who will, during the day, produce a progressable business case. We have partnered with Welsh ICE to deliver this training using local talent to deliver the sessions in support of the importance of partnership working identified in the commercial strategy. Destination Caerphilly and Catering have been identified for the initial two sessions both to be scheduled Winter 2021.

- b. Commercial Acumen Training – a more detailed full day classroom style training session, again delivered to one team to help develop commercial skills as the team progress on a longer project of work in support of strategic goals for the department. Infrastructure have been identified for the initial session. Again we have partnered with a national organisation, Human Engine, who are well versed in the area of commercialisation within the local authority setting. Pilot session held with Infrastructure colleagues and the feedback so far has been very positive.
- c. Commercial Leadership Training – we have also developed a bespoke training module for the leadership of the organisation to look at commercialisation and leadership across the authority. This will also be delivered by Human Engine and is scheduled for Winter 2021.

5.6 **Licence to Innovate Scheme** – we have launched and rolled out the staff Licence to Innovate scheme as part of the strategy implementation. The scheme was originally provided with £50k pilot funding from reserves, and this has now been increased with access to an additional £209k reserve funding. The scheme, which is designed to enable staff to get in touch with the transformation team and share their great ideas, receive support in developing the ideas and then, if appropriate, be able to secure funding to trial an idea has been really successful. The initial phase of the scheme was not widely publicised given the size of the investments available and we had 6 ideas, 3 of which were taken forward for Regeneration Board recommendation and received Cabinet approval, 3 of which needed a little more refining. Details of the ideas can be found in Appendix 2.

5.7 A briefing summary has been provided with details of the new General Power of Competence and the implications for Welsh Local Authorities. This legislation has been in place in England for some time and so the parameters around its implication are tried and tested offering us a useful source of information as we progress with any commercial ideas. The summary can be found at Appendix 3.

Conclusion

5.8 As can be seen a great deal of work has been undertaken in support of the Commercial & Investment Strategy despite the challenges brought by the response to COVID and thoughts are already turning to the next iteration of this strategy which it hopes will focus more on our decision making framework, additional staff training and developing a clearer focus on the authorities appetite to risk. Given the work done to date and currently in progress it is felt that to refresh the strategy now would be too soon as it would be useful to gather the feedback from the various training sessions, host workshops with staff to help look at the next iteration and then provide a more detailed longer term commercial strategy for the authority towards the end 2022.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 It is assumed that the Council will continue to face significant financial and service challenges as we move forward and the 'business as usual' approach is no longer appropriate. This underpins the need for the programme of change as adopted in the **TeamCaerphilly – Better Together** Transformation Strategy and that a key component of this change is the development of a Commercial & Investment Strategy.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An IIA has not been completed as an EIA was done for the original strategy and that any programmes of work that are developed are being assessed with a new Integrated Impact Assessment, as required, and particularly in light of the socio-economic duty. An integrated impact assessment screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and supplementary guidance. No potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact has been identified, however a full EIA is also appended.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Transformation Team will continue to manage the Licence to Innovate scheme which has a current sum of £0.209m available for the development of local pilot ideas, allocated in addition to the original "seed money" of £50k.

The Regeneration Board will be tasked with issuing this money subject to projects being assessed and meeting minimum criteria determined by the Transformation Team and Heads of Service. The monitoring of the allocation and outcomes will be done by the Transformation Team and Regeneration Team jointly.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no immediate personnel implications to the adoption of the strategy and high level action plan. In developing commercial ideas and business cases both operational efficiencies and growth may be required which may have an impact on personnel. Any change of this nature would be managed in line with corporate policies.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 All views of consultees have been included in the body of the report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2003, section 12 and section 95
Local Government Act 1972 section 120 and 123
Local Government and Elections Act 2021 Part 2 Chapter 1

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Commercial Strategy High Level Summary
Appendix 2 Licence to Innovate Ideas Summary
Appendix 3 General Power of Competence Briefing Summary

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Commercialisation Progress

APPENDIX 1

RAG	Status
Black	Not yet started or too early to report any progress (achievements/changes)
Red	Started but not progressing well
Amber	Started with reasonable progress achieved
Green	Going well with good progress
Complete	Complete

No.	Action	Political Lead	Officer Lead	Timescal	RAG	Progress - Achievements - Comments
High						
1.	Commercialisation and Investment Strategy adopted	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial	November 2020	Complete	Strategy was adopted by Cabinet on 9th December 2020.
2.	Launch Licence to Innovate Scheme	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial	January 2021	Complete	Licence to Innovate scheme approved by Regen Board on 12th January 2021 and process being finalised. Second round of
3.	Develop commercial skills and change management training modules and begin delivery to management tier	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial & Workforce Development	September 2021	Green	2 training providers procured; Human Engine & Welsh ICE. 2 training sessions scheduled for September 2021 with a further commercial leadership course planned for Summer 2022.
4.	Commence Review of Fees & Charges	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial	March 2021	Black	On hold given current resource issues and priority of corporate review work.
5.	Register of commercially viable assets	Cllr Stenner	Section 151 Officer	Winter 2020	Complete	
6.	Community Asset Transfer Policy Agreed	Cllr Stenner	Head of Business Improvement	October 2020	Green	Community Asset Transfer adopted 9th October 2020
7.	Refresh Commercial & Investment Strategy	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial	November 2021	Black	Report drafted to defer this refresh for 12 months to incorporate learning from all training sessions, allow new legislation to be
8.	Review of all grant income and management processes	Cllr Stenner	Section 151 Officer	End 2020	Red	Work on this has started under the Corporate Review however given staff resources and forthcoming
9.	Consider nominations for awards for staff through Striving for Excellence	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Comms & Engagement/Workforce Development	2021	Green	Transformation Project Officer working up scheme
10.	Advertising and Sponsorship Policy developed and implemented	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial	September 2021	Green	Project group formed and initial draft policy and pilot areas being considered. Drafts to be seen by Transformation Board in due
11.	Land Assets being used for green energy generation	Cllr Whitcombe	Director of Communities	Ongoing	Green	Regeneration Energy project group working on review of all land assets, including housing developments
STR						
1.	10% of relevant staff trained on commercial skills or change management	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Comms & Engagement/Workforce Development	September 2021	Green	Training plans are in place for approximately 100 staff to be trained before the refresh of the Commercial Strategy.
2.	A robust but agile governance framework including evaluation methodology for staff to generate ideas, and to turn these into business plans	Cllr Stenner	Transformation Manager - Commercial	January 2021	Complete	Licence to Innovate scheme approved by Regen Board on 12th January 2020 and process being finalised. Second round of funding secured and launch planned for September 2021.
3.	Reporting mechanisms and forward plan in place to track ideas from inception to implementation or refinement, ensuring full transparency with staff and partners	Cllr Stenner	Transformation team	September 2021	Green	Reporting mechanisms to Regeneration board are in place, reporting mechanism and transparency with internal staff will be included as part of the wider Licence to Innovate launch in September.
4.	100 ideas generated...a number of which are travelling through the Licence to Innovate scheme.	Cllr Stenner	Transformation team	End 2021	Green	5 ideas generated as part of the first round of funding, and we already have 4 or 5 more for the second round of funding.
5.	Revised Fees & Charges regime	Cllr Stenner	Section 151 Officer	End 2022	Black	On hold as above.
6.	Reduction, or approved and evidenced backed plan for reduction, in Council's budget for non-essential and discretionary services	Cllr Stenner	Section 151 Officer	Ongoing	Green	Target areas such as Destinations have achieved this with business planning and delivery timescales. Work is beginning with

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Panel Date	Idea Summary	Funding	Panel Comments	Strategic Evaluation	Outcome	6 Month Monitoring	12 Month Monitoring
		Approved total: £40,689 of £50k initial seed money					
09/02/2021	Coffi Vista Ice Creamstand within Coffi Vista Caerphilly as a pilot for Destinations	£20,869	Unanimous support Confirmation on plans for scaling up and collaboration Details about implementation and resources	Innovation – improving the way we work and trying new ideas Commercial partnership – working with partners Commercialisation of services – working towards 0 subsidy Proud & Trusted Staff – supporting innovation and entrepreneurial staff	Approved	An update report will be provided to Regeneration Board on implementation and income generated.	
09/02/2021	LFM – Bell Tents & Camping	£10,000	Concerns about the style and timing as well as about the links to the overall destination strategy	Innovation – improving the way we work and trying new ideas Commercial partnership – working with partners Commercialisation of services – working towards 0 subsidy Proud & Trusted Staff – supporting innovation and entrepreneurial staff	Further work required	Not Applicable	
09/02/2021	Commercial Training	£10,000	No time for discussion	Innovation – trying new things Commercial partnership – working with partners Proud & Trusted Staff – providing staff with the training and skills to support new methods of delivery.	Rescheduled	Not Applicable	
16/03/2021	Digital Asset Management – consolidated system	£17,400	Unanimous support and this will be worked up and referred to the Digital	Innovation – trying new things & cloud based delivery	Further work	Not Applicable	

	for searching and use of images/logos and content across the Council.		Solutions Board for more details in relation to ongoing service budget, savings estimates,	Proud & Trusted Staff – supporting staff with new ideas			
16/03/2021	Commercial Training	£10,000	Unanimous support	Innovation – trying new things Commercial partnership – working with partners Proud & Trusted Staff – providing staff with the training and skills to support new methods of delivery.	Approved	Initial training with Human Engine Completed Hackathon with Catering postponed Leadership training scheduled for Summer 2022	
16/03/2021	Llancaiach Fawr Manor Feasibility Study into accommodation at the site	£10,000	Unanimous support	Innovation – improving the way we work and trying new ideas Commercial partnership – working with partners Commercialisation of services – working towards 0 subsidy Proud & Trusted Staff – supporting innovation and entrepreneurial staff	Approved	Report completed and due to be taken to Regen Board for next steps	



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Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

1. Introduction

The Local Government and Elections (Wales Act) 2021 received Royal Assent and came into force on 20 January 2021 though many provisions have later commencement dates. This briefing provides a summary of the Act but provides a specific focus on the General Power of Competence.

2. Summary of the main provisions of the Act

The Act contains a number of provisions long discussed within Wales, and indeed across local government throughout the UK. Whilst some of the matters reflect existing provisions within England, Scotland and Northern Ireland the new Act encompasses some 'firsts' for local government; not least the extension of voting rights to 16 and 17-year-olds.

In brief the Act introduces the following: -

- Reforms to improve electoral arrangements for local government, which includes extending the vote to 16 and 17-year-olds. It also extends voting rights to foreign citizens who are legally resident in Wales. There are further measures to improve voter registration and a new enabling power for Principal Councils to choose between the 'first past the post' voting system or to introduce the 'single transferable vote' voting system.
- Reforms to increase public participation in local democracy, and improve transparency such access to meeting and online participation
- Provision relating to the leadership of principal councils, including encouraging greater diversity amongst executive members and establishing a statutory position of chief executive – there is a particular focus on measures to improve equality and diversity
- The development of a framework and powers to facilitate more consistent and coherent regional working mechanisms – with a strong focus on collaboration
- A new system for improving performance and governance based on self-assessment and peer review, including the consolidation of the Welsh Ministers' support and intervention powers – this places a strong focus on councils having a good grasp on their own performance and improvements including use of peer reviews as part of assessment panels. This provision in APSE's view highlights the importance of performance data as supported by benchmarking such as [APSE Performance Networks data](#). The provisions also cover the requirement to arrange for assessments of whether they are meeting the performance requirements to be undertaken by panels appointed by the council **at least once** in every election cycle.

- Powers to facilitate voluntary mergers of principal councils and restructuring a principal area
- Provisions relating to local government finance including non-domestic ratings and council tax
- Miscellaneous provisions relating to information sharing between regulators, community polls, fire and rescue authorities, the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales and Public Service Boards
- A general power of competence for principal councils and eligible community councils – these provisions covered in Part II Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 are explored in more detail below.

3. The General Power of Competence

Within England a General Power of Competence was conferred by the Localism Act 2011 following the London Authorities' Mutual Limited (LAML) case which was widely regarded to expose prohibitions to council powers, alongside shortcomings in well-being powers. Within Northern Ireland a General Power of Competence was conferred by the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014. No such equivalent power exists currently within Scotland.

The passage of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 now brings Welsh Local Councils into a very similar position to Councils within England and Northern Ireland.

The following is extracted from the Act as it relates to the General Power of Competence

24. The General Power of Competence

(1) A qualifying local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do, even if that thing is, in nature or extent or otherwise—

(a) unlike anything a qualifying local authority may do apart from this section;

(b) unlike anything that other public bodies may do.

(2) Where subsection (1) confers power on an authority to do something, it confers power to do it in any way whatsoever, including—

(a) power to do it anywhere in Wales or elsewhere;

(b) power to do it for a commercial purpose or otherwise for a charge, or without charge;

(c) power to do it for, or otherwise than for, the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area.

(3) The generality of the power conferred by subsection (1) on a qualifying local authority is not limited by the existence of any other power of the authority; and any other power of the authority is not limited by the existence of the general power.

(4) For the purposes of this Chapter, each of the following is a qualifying local authority—

(a) a principal council;

(b) an eligible community council (as to which see Chapter 2).

(5) In this section, “individual” means an individual with full capacity.

(6) References in this Part to the general power are to the power conferred by subsection (1).

(7) This section is subject to sections 25 to 27 and to any provision made under section 28(3) or (4).

25 Boundaries of the general power

(1) The general power does not enable a qualifying local authority to do anything that the authority is unable to do by virtue of a pre-commencement limitation.

(2) Nor does the general power enable a qualifying local authority to do anything that the authority is unable to do by virtue of a post-commencement limitation that is expressed to apply—

(a) to the general power,

(b) to all of the authority’s powers, or

(c) to all of the authority’s powers but with exceptions that do not include the general power.

(3) The general power does not confer power to make or alter—

(a) arrangements of a kind that are made, or may be made, by or under Part 6 of the 1972 Act (discharge of functions by local authorities);

(b) arrangements of a kind that are made, or may be made, by or under Part 2 of the 2000 Act (arrangements with respect to executives etc.);

(c) contracting out arrangements, or any other arrangements that are not arrangements within paragraph (a) or (b), that authorise a person to exercise a function of a qualifying local authority.

(4) In this section—

“post-commencement limitation” (“cyfyngiad ar ôl cychwyn”) means a prohibition, restriction or other limitation expressly imposed by a provision of—

(a) an Act of Senedd Cymru or an Act of Parliament passed after the day on which this Act was passed;

(b) an instrument—

(i) made under primary legislation (including this Act), and

(ii) which comes into force on or after the day on which section 24 comes into force in relation to principal councils;

“pre-commencement limitation” (“cyfyngiad cyn cychwyn”) means a prohibition, restriction or other limitation expressly imposed by a provision of—

(a) this Act;

(b) any other primary legislation passed before, or on the same day as, the day on which this Act was passed;

(c) an instrument—

- (i) made under primary legislation (including this Act), and
 - (ii) which comes into force before the day on which section 24 comes into force in relation to principal councils.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1), section 111(3) of the 1972 Act (subsidiary powers of local authorities not to include power to raise money) is to be disregarded.

26 Limits on charging in exercise of general power

- (1) The general power confers power on a qualifying local authority to charge for providing a service to a person only if the following conditions are met.
- (2) The first condition is that the service is not one that any enactment requires the authority to provide to the person.
- (3) The second condition is that the person has agreed to the service being provided.
- (4) Except in relation to a service provided for a commercial purpose, to the extent that the general power confers a power on a qualifying local authority to charge for the provision of a service, the power is subject to a duty to secure that, taking one financial year with another, the income from charges imposed under it does not exceed the costs of provision.
- (5) The duty under subsection (4) applies separately in relation to each kind of service.
- (6) Subject to the duty under subsection (4), in exercising the power conferred by the general power to charge for providing a service, a qualifying local authority may set its charges as it considers appropriate, and may among other things—
- (a) charge only some persons for providing a service;
 - (b) charge different persons, or different descriptions of persons, different amounts for the provision of a service.

27 Limits on doing things for commercial purpose in exercise of general power

- (1) The general power confers power on a qualifying local authority to do things for a commercial purpose only if they are things that the authority may, in exercise of the general power, do otherwise than for a commercial purpose.
- (2) Where, in exercise of the general power, a qualifying local authority does things for a commercial purpose, the authority must do them through a company.
- (3) A qualifying local authority may not, in exercise of the general power, do things for a commercial purpose in relation to a person if any enactment requires the authority to do those things in relation to the person.
- (4) In this section, “company” means—
- (a) a company within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), or
 - (b) a registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (c. 14) or the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 24 (NI)).
- (5) A qualifying local authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers about doing things, in the exercise of the general power, for a commercial purpose.

28 Powers to make supplementary provision

(1) If the Welsh Ministers consider that an enactment prevents qualifying local authorities from exercising the general power, or obstructs them in exercising the general power, the Welsh Ministers may by regulations amend, modify, repeal, revoke or disapply that enactment.

(2) If the Welsh Ministers consider that any other power overlaps (to any extent) the general power, then, for the purpose of reducing or removing that overlap, the Welsh Ministers may by regulations amend, modify, repeal, revoke or disapply any enactment.

(3) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision preventing qualifying local authorities from doing, in exercise of the general power, anything that is specified, or is of a description specified, in the regulations.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations provide for the exercise of the general power to be subject to conditions, either generally or in relation to doing anything that is specified, or is of a description specified, in the regulations.

(5) Regulations made under subsection (4) may, among other things, provide that the exercise of the general power by a qualifying local authority—

(a) to charge for providing a service to a person is to be subject to conditions in addition to the conditions set out in section 26;

(b) to do things for a commercial purpose is to be subject to conditions in addition to the conditions set out in section 27.

(6) The power under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) may be exercised in relation to—

(a) all qualifying local authorities;

(b) a particular authority that is a qualifying local authority;

(c) a particular description of local authority that is a qualifying local authority.

(7) Except as provided for in subsection (8), before making regulations under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) the Welsh Ministers must consult—

(a) such principal councils and community councils as they consider appropriate,

(b) such persons representing principal councils and community councils as they consider appropriate, and

(c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

(8) The duty imposed by subsection (7) does not apply in the case of regulations made by the Welsh Ministers only for the purpose of amending earlier regulations—

(a) so as to extend the earlier regulations, or any provision of the earlier regulations, to a particular authority or authorities of a particular description, or

(b) so that the earlier regulations, or any provision of the earlier regulations, ceases to apply to a particular authority or to authorities of a particular description.

(9) This section does not confer power to make provision—

(a) that amends, repeals or disapplies a provision of this Act;

(b) for the delegation or transfer of any function of legislating by order, rules, regulations, or other subordinate instrument.

4. Use of the General Power of Competence and its limitations

The General Power of Competence in Wales will bring a welcome piece of clarity for local councils which, in attempting to develop innovative approaches to service delivery, collaboration and income generation opportunities, can be assured that, in following the parameters set out in the new legislation, their actions will not be considered ultra vires (acting beyond their legal powers). However, whilst some may refer to the power as a 'Power of First Resort' the experiences of its use in other administrative areas suggests that existing powers may in fact provide a more robust and less complex approach to resolving issues. For example, some useful historic powers such as the Civic Restaurants Act 1947 states councils (including England, Wales and Scotland) '*may establish and carry on restaurants and otherwise provide for the supply to the public of meals and refreshments...*'. This is just one example of many where existing powers have been relied upon for decades, particularly to enable councils to trade and charge for services.

The General Power of Competence in Wales comes with some limitations:

First; pre- and post-commencement limitations. So, if for example there is an existing prohibition on charging to collect domestic waste, this duty to collect domestic waste free of charge remains, and is unaltered by the new power. Similarly, although the power allows for charging and trading it does not allow charges to be imposed in areas where there is already a prohibition on raising a charge – in services where there is a statutory duty to provide that service free of any fees and charges.

Second; there are reserve powers to the Welsh Ministers to amend or limit the use of the new power where they see fit specifically in 28. (3), (4)

(3) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision preventing qualifying local authorities from doing, in exercise of the general power, anything that is specified, or is of a description specified, in the regulations.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations provide for the exercise of the general power to be subject to conditions, either generally or in relation to doing anything that is specified, or is of a description specified, in the regulations.

This is clearly to enable a Minister to respond if there is a perceived misuse or unintentional use of the power. This again reflects the extensive reserve powers found in the Localism Act 2011

Third; the Act whilst permitting charging and trading for services, and removing the limitations for this to be within the local authority boundary (and need to demonstrate that it is for wellbeing purposes) the charging and trading provisions are not entirely unfettered. The charging provisions state: -

'the power is subject to a duty to secure that, taking one financial year with another, the income from charges imposed under it does not exceed the costs of provision'.

However, this provision again mirrors the Localism Act, and local councils, using the power to charge, need to be mindful of how this is calculated, and not fall into the assumption that essentially reasonable recovery of costs ends up in the 'trading' territory and thus requires a company. The 'costs of provision' is more often than not understated by councils. It is important when assessing the costs that all costs are taken into account. For example, providing a building maintenance service to private residents it is reasonable to assume that, alongside the obvious labour and materials costs, the service would need to also recover back-office charges, such as HR and payroll services,

call centre operations, the cost of invoicing, the cost of fuel, vehicle hire or purchase and maintenance. It should not therefore be assumed that all such charges fall into a profit scenario and are therefore classed as trading through a company rather than a simple charging arrangement.

The Act also provides for any commercial activity to be restricted to exercising that power through a company

‘Where, in exercise of the general power, a qualifying local authority does things for a commercial purpose, the authority must do them through a company’.

Again, with the value of hindsight from the experiences of others, using the company approach, it is important to be aware of the pitfalls. Companies can take time to establish, need clear business cases before they are established, and a thorough market assessment. The local authority offering may be of itself provide a market USP, given the reputation and trust in public services generally, however many have failed due to market conditions and risks associated with commercial activities. Moreover, the complexity of company arrangements can undermine the governance and accountability aspects of activity to elected councillors and residents.

Company models can take many different forms so it is also important to note that, even after much deliberation, if a company is agreed to be the way forward it need not be a fully staffed, fully operating entity. Many councils have used a shell company approach to both fulfil the commercial trading requirements and indeed to test the commercial viability of the chosen model. It is therefore important to remember that the company model is not a panacea and much can in fact be achieved through simpler and effective charging arrangements.

5. General Power of Competence and Community Councils

It should be noted that subject to specific voting requirements and meeting conditions laid down in the legislation Community Councils can become an ‘eligible community council’ for the purposes of the power. Should an eligible Community Council cease to meet the conditions for eligibility or vote not to continue as an eligible community council the Act provides for the following: -

‘A community council that ceases to be an eligible community council may continue to exercise the general power of competence in relation to anything done while it was an eligible community council.’

6. Conclusions

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 provides a range of new, and in a UK wide context, innovative developments. For example, the voting age measures and the commitments to ensuring greater public participation and more inclusive decision-making mechanisms and appointments, will be carefully watched as other UK administrations grapple with similar issues.

The new performance management arrangements will also be of interest beyond Wales. APSE has long argued that performance management is not just be about arbitrary target setting by central governments but should be nuanced, reflecting performance against the outcomes set by elected local councillors. However, to inform this approach, access to high quality data, and being able to measure performance amongst peers is critical to proving economy, efficiency and effectiveness. APSE has also argued that performance management should not stop at data results but should encompass learning from others to truly understand performance outcomes. [APSE performance networks](#) established over 20 years ago, remains the UK’s largest voluntary data benchmarking network in local government. With many Welsh councils already participating in the network it will, in the coming months, host working groups on the new performance measures with Welsh councils to establish if there is a need for further bespoke support and reporting formats to maximise the use of APSE

performance networks in the new performance arrangements. Contact Debbie Johns on Djohns@apse.org.uk

With the new General Power of Competence and undoubtedly ambitions to develop charging and trading arrangements business support, and having a clear corporate strategy for use of the new powers, will be vital. [APSE Solutions](#) has supported council trading and charging arrangements for over two decades and is able to assist APSE member councils as part of its ethical not-for-profit consultancy services. For details contact Andy Mudd on amudd@apse.org.uk .

Finally, all APSE members in Wales can access APSE's commercialisation network. You can sign up to the network [using this link](#). Please note that this network is only available to APSE member councils. For more details contact Mo Baines on mbaines@apse.org.uk If your council is not an APSE member in Wales please contact Rob Bailey on rbailey@apse.org.uk who is APSE's lead advisor for Wales.

APSE will be hosting a special two-hour strategic forum on the new General Power of Competence online on the 17 March 2021 between 2.00 PM and 4.00PM. This is a **FREE** event for APSE members in Wales. [To register for this event please use this link](#). You will then be sent joining instructions to access the event online using MS Teams.

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CABINET – 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: HOMELESS PROJECT PLAN

REPORT BY: ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE /
CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the Homeless Project Plan that has been set for the Housing Solutions team for the period 2021/2022 based on the current identified key service area priorities to enhance the service, and seek their views following its presentation to Joint Scrutiny Committee on 21st October 2021.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members will be aware that all local authorities saw an increase in Homeless Presentations and referrals into interim Emergency accommodation from March 2020 as a direct result of the Covid 19 pandemic and the directive from Welsh Government that “ no one should be left sleeping out“. The Homeless Project Plan identifies key work areas that will assist CCBC housing solutions team to address this increase and refocus on preventative measures rather than being crisis led.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the content of the report and the Homeless Project Plan.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure that members are informed of the service area priorities outlined in the Homeless Project Plan.

5. THE REPORT

Introduction

- 5.1 The Housing Solutions team have been working to deliver the service in line with the Housing Wales Act 2015 and the Gwent Homeless Strategy 2018-2022, which has historically focused on the prevention of Homelessness rather than it being Crisis led.
- 5.2 As a direct result of the Covid 19 pandemic in March 2020 the service moved to a Crisis led model in order to meet the increase in demand for assistance .
- 5.3 The Homeless Project Plan now sets out the service area priorities that will allow the Housing Solutions Service to review and refocus on the prevention of Homelessness.
- 5.4 The Homeless Project Plan is an interim plan and will be superseded in 2022 by both the Caerphilly Council Homeless Strategy and the Rapid Rehousing Transitional Plan which needs to be submitted in draft to Welsh Government by June 2022.
- 5.5 Both of these Strategies will set out the five year action plan for Caerphilly to reduce Homelessness in the borough and ensure that those presenting to the Housing Solutions Service with Housing and Support Needs will be accommodated as rapidly as possible and will either prevent the need to access emergency accommodation or reduce time spent in emergency accommodation.

Homeless Project Plan Objectives

- 5.6 **Proactive and Accessible Service** – To improve the contact and communication with the service and ensure contact and appropriate relevant information can be obtained and shared across all mediums.
- 5.7 **Focus on Prevention** -ensure swift access to accommodation and support services to maximise prevention of Homelessness and to increase positive and successful outcomes for the service. To ensure that our current joint working, partnership arrangements and referral pathways maximise Homeless prevention and are reflective of current need.
- 5.8 **Reduce / Address Rough Sleeping** – Caerphilly has historically reported an issue with Rough Sleeping in the Borough, the Homeless Project Plan has set out its objectives to better understand the root cause of why people rough sleep so that this can be considered in the future Rapid Rehousing Transitional Plan and to ensure that current commissioned services are meeting the need of this vulnerable group. The review will allow us to also consider the future needs of accommodation and the accommodation pathways on offer to support this vulnerable cohort into more stable and settled accommodation.
- 5.9 **Rapid Rehousing Transitional Plan/ Housing First** - The Homeless Project Plan recognises the need to develop in line with Welsh Government Requirements a Rapid Rehousing Transitional plan to be submitted in draft by June 2022. A Report will be compiled and presented to Committee at a later date that will clearly outline the proposals being taken forward to address this for Caerphilly Council. We have started to expand on our Housing First Model and have implemented a Young Persons Housing First Scheme delivered by Llamau and an 18plus Scheme delivered by Pobl. The intention now is to enhance this and increase where applicable the support provision available to maximise those on scheme and to work with Common Housing Register Partners to provide accommodation to deliver this

model. Housing First will also be considered as a specific action and section within the Rapid Rehousing Plan and both are referenced in our Local Housing Strategy as key service priorities and objectives.

- 5.10 **Emergency Accommodation** – A review is underway to look at reducing time spent in temporary accommodation and to better understand the barriers that prevent move on and look at longer term strategic plans to overcome these. This will also allow us to consider in line with the Rapid Rehousing Transitional Plan how Caerphilly wishes to deliver a temporary emergency accommodation model that is inclusive for all going forward.
- 5.11 **Partnership / Multi Agency Working** – The project plan recognises the importance that to deliver the objectives and prevent and tackle the root cause of Homelessness that working with key stakeholders and Statutory and Non-Statutory agencies will be key in addressing this. A review of current partnership / multi agency working arrangements is underway and where necessary models will be changed or set up to support the service in delivering this objective .
- 5.12 **Caerphilly Keys** – Throughout the Pandemic we have been able to continue to expand this service area and offer Private Sector accommodation with landlords attached to the scheme suitable and permanent accommodation. Caerphilly Council secured Phase 2 Welsh Government funding to increase the private sector stock portfolio for Caerphilly for 6 additional PRS units of accommodation that will be offered to those who are Homeless/ threatened with Homelessness. Caerphilly Keys will have its own Website launched in October which should enhance the profile of the scheme and attract additional landlords and a media strategy to promote this is being devised at this time following the website launch this month.
- 5.13 A future report will be submitted to Committee for a decision to be made on if we adopt the Welsh Government Lease Scheme Model for PRS accommodation or we remain with Caerphilly Keys as the preventative tool to prevent Homelessness and discharge our Statutory duty into the private rented sector.
- 5.14 **Review of Allocations Policy-** A review of the Allocation Policy will need to be considered as the Policy will need to be reflective of future legislative reform for Rapid Rehousing and will also need to be reflective of current need and demand and be transparent and easy for all those applying for accommodation in the borough to understand.
- 5.15 **Digital / Comms** – A review has taken place to ensure we have the relevant equipment to ensure we are able to assess applications across the service in a timely, person focused customer friendly way. As a result of this a new phone system has been purchased and will be implemented across the Housing Solution Team and an upgrade to the current IT system used within the service area has been included as part of a larger Housing Division procurement process for ICT systems and support.
- 5.16 **Staff Training / Performance** – A comprehensive training plan is being developed to ensure all staff within the service area have access to the relevant and appropriate training materials to support them in delivering in their roles. There is consideration being given to develop specific roles within the service area to better tackle and enhance the prevention of Homeless model and an example of this is that of Rough Sleepers / Those with offending backgrounds.

Conclusion

- 5.17 The Homeless Project Plan has highlighted the key areas where service review is being undertaken to prepare for future reports to be submitted to the Committee to outline the Strategic Plan. The Plan will also allow for some service delivery adjustments to be made at core future periods of time to enhance the service and work with the Local Authorities Strategic and Corporate Wellbeing Objectives.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The Homeless Project Plan has been compiled based on the assumption that the current resources attached to the service area can assist us in driving forward the priority areas, however should this not be the case then current allocated service area budget would allow for interim changes to be made to improve aspects of the service area and Covid 19 funding from WG continues to offer financial support to the Authority until March 2022 for emergency accommodation placements.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An IIA has not been completed to accompany this report as it is for information only. Should further specific Reports be brought forward in the future attached to the Homeless Strategy and Rapid Rehousing Plan then a comprehensive IIA will be completed to accompany these reports.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no immediate financial implications attached to the Homeless Project Plan that at this time that cannot be met by current service area budgets.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There have been some additional posts created within the Housing Solutions Team to allow us to meet the demands and needs of the service area and future consideration will be given to the staffing structure to deliver the Rapid Rehousing transitional Plan once drafted.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 The report was presented to the Joint Scrutiny Committee on the 21st October 2021, who were pleased to note the actions being taken to tackle homelessness in the Caerphilly borough and thus were supportive of the Homeless Project Plan.
- 10.2 The Members had several points of clarification during the discussion asking if homeless numbers were increasing and what impact addiction has on people accepting assistance. The Committee asked if there are increasing numbers of people presenting as homeless from other local authority areas and explored whether individual needs are met, for example, when bed and breakfast accommodation is not acceptable.

- 10.3 Members asked if there is ambition to provide in-house accommodation or pods. The Scrutiny Committee also discussed the limitations on local authorities engaging with night shelters. Members asked whether there are plans to offer female/male only accommodation and how to address the barriers to accepting accommodation such as Pets.
- 10.4 The Scrutiny Committee discussed the Phase 2 Funding and landlord incentives and asked if these were just financial incentives. Members also asked if there will be additional Welsh Government funding to support this plan.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 N/A

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	Cllr Mike Adams	- Vice Chair Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
	Cllr Lisa Phipps	- Cabinet Member for Housing
	Dave Street	- Corporate Director for Social Services and Housing
	Robert Tranter	- Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer
	Stephen Harris	- Head of Financial Services & Section 151 Officer
	Fiona Wilkins	- Housing Services Manager
	Jane Roberts-Waite	- Strategy & Co-ordination Manager
	Lesley Allen	- Principal Group Accountant (Housing)
	Shelly Jones	- Supporting People Manager
	Sadie O'Connor	- Senior Housing Advice Officer
	Lee Clapham	- Emergency Housing Manager
	David Francis	- Senior Allocations Officer
	Byron Jones	- Caerphilly Keys Officer

Background

Papers: Housing Wales Act 2015
Gwent Homeless Strategy
Housing Support Grant Strategy
Local Housing Market Assessment
Welsh Government Covid 19 Guidance
Welsh Government Homeless Action Group Rapid Rehousing Draft guidance
Welsh Government Homelessness Data Collection September 2021

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Homeless Project Plan



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<p>Priority 1</p> <p>Provide an accessible, proactive service that is person centred and inclusive for all and to increase engagement of service users in addressing homelessness.</p> <p>To provide clear information on Homelessness, prevention and access to accommodation and support services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the current service delivery area by undertaking a series of workshops to review practices and process to streamline these. Work with the Crisis falling out project to undertake service user consultation via phone/ written questionnaire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman Lead Officer Kerry Denman Crisis Falling out Project team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Ongoing for consistent service feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reluctance to move with change/ Service Pressures/ time Limitations Risk level is assessed at medium impact. Engagement from service users may be limited/ dissatisfaction with services/ services not meeting people's needs. (Risk level considered to be high and imminent) Medium risk of inappropriate advice/ customer care being provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff/ support workers/ voluntary and statutory agency feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement identified changes from feedback/consultation sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional Resources required at this time / will utilise current staffing Structure



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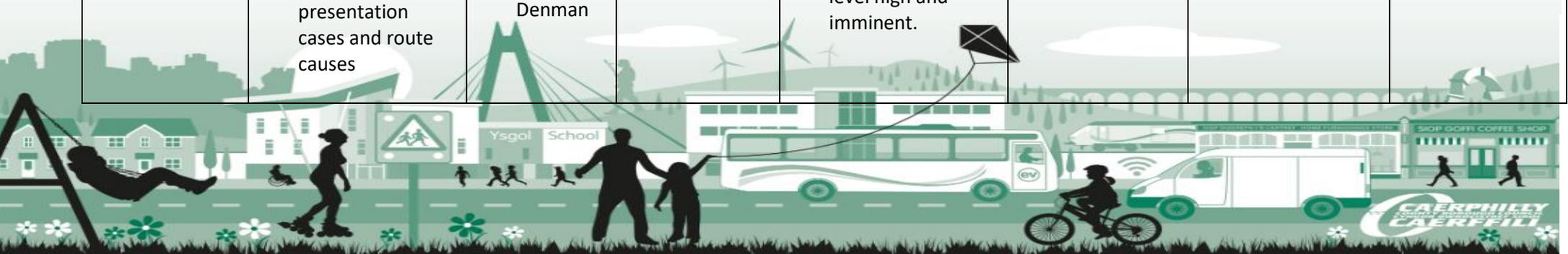
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desktop review assessment paperwork and framework and available literature to support advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerry Denman• Crisis Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing				
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<p>Priority 2</p> <p>Reduce/ Address Rough Sleeping and Repeat Presentations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Data recording mechanisms Ensure we tackle route cause of Rough Sleeping Review data on repeat presentation cases and route causes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman Kerry Denman With project team Kerry Denman 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Rough sleeping – Risk level medium. Complex presenting needs and current EA units not being able to manage these. Risk level High and imminent Delayed Move on due to lack of properties. Risk level high and imminent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornerstone / Probation / Those identified as Rough sleeping / repeat presenters / Crisis project and shelter take notice project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we identify rough sleepers, we may need to modify access to accommodation / support service as we move through the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Emergency accommodation stock profile. Increase in possible costs for Emergency accommodation units to meet demand.



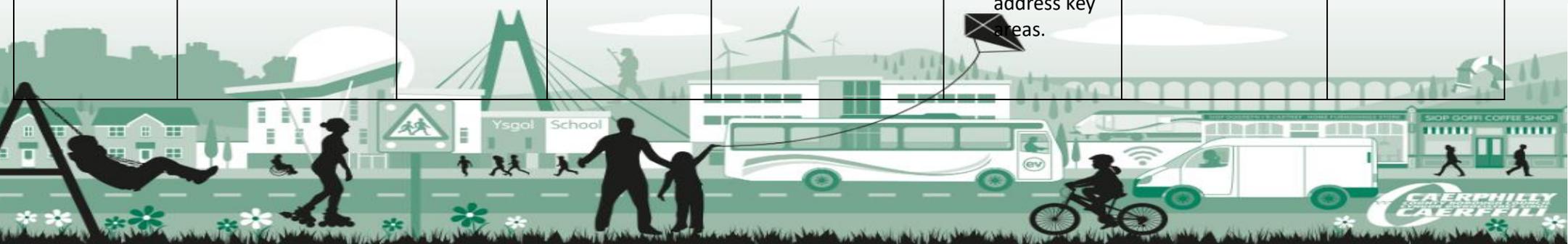
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider future service commissioning to ensure accommodation and support needs can be met	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerry Denman in conjunction with Shelly Jones HSG lead		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current models of accommodation do not support Rapid rehousing and Housing first models. Risk level High and imminent.• RSL partners may not be on board to work with models / support agencies may not be commissioned to the level that we require to succeed with these models – Risk level medium.			
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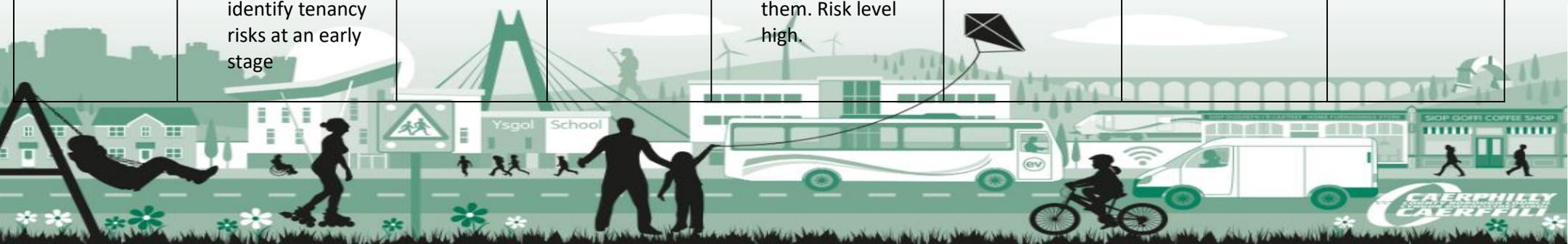
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<p>Priority 3</p> <p>Re focus on Prevention and increasing successful outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold workshops to remind staff of the prevention tools available within CCBC and continue to develop Key prevention toolkits and pathways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2021 / Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May identify that current tools are no longer effective and may need modification Need to consider Covid 19 impact on some prevention options and tools and if outcomes / pathways are still as successful i.e. mediation. This will be done through data comparison. Risk level medium. RSL landlords may not have consistent approaches / different views on course of action to take. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff/ statutory and non-statutory agencies attached to prevention options RSL partners through operational (monthly)and strategic steering group (quarterly) to tackle and address key areas. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Resources will be utilised with no additional resources being required at this time. Financial impact on current HSG award may be identified.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with all public and private landlords on prevention of homelessness in line with Shelters no eviction from RSL into Homelessness project Attend landlord forums and highlight homelessness services and support services to prevent Homelessness / consider a direct referral pathway into the service for landlords who identify tenancy risks at an early stage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman with Byron Jones /David Francis / Kerry Denman with Byron Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRS landlords may not wish to engage or some have negative view of prevention / LA previous negative experience. Medium risk. Landlords may have a negative view of the LA and work we do / may not want to partnership work as they have a selection of other tenants they can pick. Need to break down perception and barriers with them. Risk level high. 	<p>Estate agents and landlords registered in the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners of forum and NRLA Caerphilly Keys Officer As above 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Offender Accommodation Pathway and how can we enhance this – consider need of an Offender Officer within the team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman with Sadie O'Connor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Offender presentations is likely and increase in risk factors and complex needs. Risk is high 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible change / increase in staffing structure (Additional officer can be funded via HSG)
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<p>Priority 4</p> <p>Investigate the 'Drop Out' withdrawal of application data</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Page 43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Crisis Falling Out project on this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman along with project team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 21/ Jan 22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be able to immediately implement recommended changes to current service provision / available stock / costs Risk level medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner agencies / RSL / service users / voluntary agencies / shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly review sessions will be held as management team and possible early implementation of some recommendations may be undertaken to improve service delivery and customer experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal resource and utilising the Crisis project



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<p>Priority 5</p> <p>Maximise access to appropriate support services and increase the provision of more inclusive housing models through Housing First / Rapid Rehousing / Assertive Outreach, to be able to meet and address those presenting with Complex needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review current support services available in the borough and ensure they respond to current presenting needs. To maximise publicity of support services. To link in and partner Caerphilly Cares and consider a referral pathway for advice and support or co locate an advice officer if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman with SP manager Shelly Jones Shelly Jones /Kerry Denman with Media team Kerry Denman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 2022 Ongoing August 2021 / Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be able to meet demand or have the specialist services readily available for access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting People and Providers Media team Caerphilly Cares Manager and team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May need to look at restructure/ re alignment of service provision to meet the immediate presenting need where possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of current resources and re alignment of services



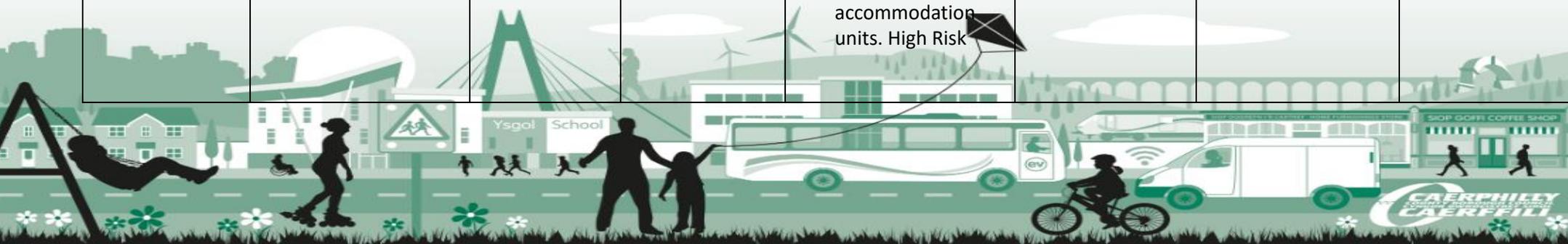
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To engage RSL partners to deliver properties Housing First / Rapid rehousing scheme To look at the future needs of supported accommodation to ensure that within the borough we have units available to meet presenting needs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing and to incorporate in Rapid Rehousing Transitional Plan November / December 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some partners may be averse to working with the model due to the possible complex needs of clients and former tenancy history. Stock availability Medium risk Funding resources and time, it may take to commission services / acquire suitable accommodation units can impact success and cause delays. Medium Risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSL partners and potential PRS landlords Supporting People Manager and team 		
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<p>Priority 6</p> <p>Review Current Emergency accommodation provision, pathway and risk management practices to ensure that we are making best use of resource and maximisation of move on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To hold workshops with staff. Profile accommodation provisions and identify gaps in risk management and support available to sustain placements Identify gaps in provision and consider for future need and planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman with Lee Clapham Lee Clapham Kerry Denman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2022 January 2022 Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current practices/ process may be compounding issues. Staff may not be adequately trained. High Risk. Available stock provision is not as we would want and reliant on Bed and Breakfast units which vary in standard. High Risk May not be able to provide what is required via funding / commissioning or support of emergency accommodation units. High Risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff / Support workers Desktop and landlords Desktop consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May need to adopt process and pathways as any barriers are identified and adapt any additional work plan to fit this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and additional building resources may be required for future growth.



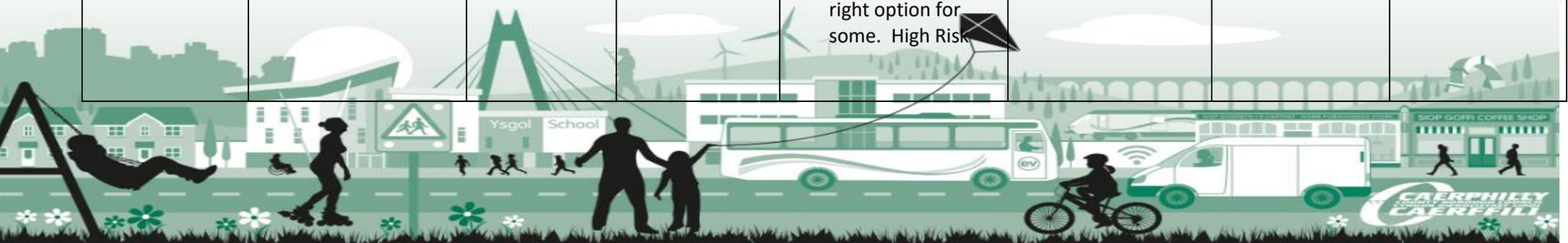
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (NB whilst undertaking this have regard for the WG Homeless Action Group focus on LA'S having multi agency assessment and accommodation centres). 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members may be objective to certain types of accommodation within areas proving difficult to move forward and implement. Demand for more complex units may not be viable. High Risk 			
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<p>Priority 7</p> <p>Work with RSL partners and private landlords to prevent homelessness and promote sustainable tenancies and increase the access and availability into this accommodation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange meetings with RSL partners / set up pathways and review key issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of tenants at risk may be high and levels of arrears or ASB may be unpreventable. High Risk Availability of 1 bed accommodation is still an issue and whilst phase two fun to bring on additional units is moving forward this is not immediate and volume is small in comparison to demand. Current lettings policy can exclude the most vulnerable / general housing may not be the right option for some. High Risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSL partners 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No extra resource required



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<p>Priority 8</p> <p>Enhance and maximise the current Caerphilly Keys PRS scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the service through media avenues / engage with known landlords to provide additional units of the scheme Consider how the scheme could evolve and provide more services (have regard to WG Social letting agency pilot) and bring services in house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman with Byron Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Jan/Feb 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not draw any additional landlords / landlords with right property portfolio May be financial constraints if incentives/ packages to bring landlords on board is a barrier/ may not be able to meet landlords' unrealistic expectations on service delivery for scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media team/ Current Caerphilly keys landlords Desktop review/ review WG RSL pilot and speak to authorities involved for feedback. Hold engagement event with landlords to scope out what incentives/ packages would be attractive to them then consult internally on viability. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional resource required. Potential for increase in financial commitment to consider landlord incentives etc/ Fee charged for services if we were to create own SLA scheme.



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<p>Priority 9</p> <p>Partnership/ Multiagency working – engage stakeholders and key partner agencies to ensure we are working collaboratively with the Housing Solution Team to meet the identified core housing and support needs of residents within CCBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAPPA protocol and partnership for effective management of High-risk offenders Develop Young Person Accommodation Pathway and review Step Forward process Work with internal departments to maximise prevention referral pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman Kerry Denman with Karen Williams Children’s services and Shelly Jones – SP Kerry Denman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing December 2021 Ongoing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probation /Police /Pobl/ Cornerstone Social Services/ Supporting People/ Llamau HB/ CAB/ RSL/ Caerphilly homes/ Caerphilly cares / Llamau and other key identified partners . 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional resource required. Additional recruitment but agreed funding via Supporting People. No additional resource.

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<p>Priority 10</p> <p>Undertake review of CCBC Allocations Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider review of key aspects of allocation policy including rent arrears policy/ affordability assessment / banding structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman and Mark Jennings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 in line with Rapid Rehousing Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners may be reluctant to change and not be consistent with responses – Medium risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Strategy / CHR partners / Legal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A



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Priority 11 Digital / Comms System Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MICC Phone system to be installed. Paperless system being adopted. ICT systems review and upgrade consideration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman Kerry Denman Kerry Denman / Jackie Shorte 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October/ November 2021 March 2022 Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays with laptops for some staff may delay full implementation across the teams. Medium risk. Adaption to new way of working may take others longer- Medium Risk. Financial constraints for upgrade of system. Training and Implementation of any adjustments can affect introduction of system. High Risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel Meredith Comms All staff within HS team Abritas/ Finance and Dave Street / CMT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small works orders may be implemented as identified so work plan for staff is subjective to change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incur additional costs for further licences and ICT equipment. No additional resources required. Financial resource may be required to purchase upgrades.



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Priority 12 Staff Performance and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:1 to be held with staff and review staff performance in line with policy. Training plan to be implemented for all staff as a team and individually. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Denman for senior staff Senior staff for other staff Kerry Denman with Senior Staff from each team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of performance and capabilities within the team – High Risk. Staff Feedback may not be as expected- Medium risk Face to face training impacted by current Covid 19 guidance. High Risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and Training Programmes /providers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional Resource required. Financial costs for Training.

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CABINET – 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - DOG CONTROL ON SPORTS PITCHES

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on the outcome of a 10 week public consultation regarding a proposed amendment to the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to include the exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches.
- 1.2 To seek Cabinet approval for the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to include the exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches on a seasonal basis.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Public Spaces Protection Orders were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can be used to regulate activities in particular public places to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour. As such, these Orders provide an opportunity to enhance the Council's enforcement ability to respond to public opinion regarding dog fouling.
- 2.2 The existing Public Spaces Protection Order includes the following restrictions:
 - Excluding dogs from all enclosed children's play and multi-use games areas
 - Requiring dogs to be kept on leads in enclosed memorial gardens
 - Requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places
 - Requiring dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with the waste that their dogs produce (that is to always have the means to pick up their dog faeces)
 - Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 22nd July 2020, Cabinet received a report presenting a review of the current position regarding dog fouling. Since implementation of the original Order Cabinet resolved to undertake a 10 week public consultation exercise on the proposal to amend the Public Spaces Protection Order to include a provision to exclude dogs from marked sports/playing pitches. In view of the impacts of the pandemic this was to be done when it became possible to carry out meaningful consultation with the public and relevant stakeholders.

- 2.4 On 11th June 2021 a full public and stakeholder consultation was carried out for a period of 10 weeks. The consultation was carried out using an online questionnaire and was preceded by wide scale communication and engagement e.g. via the local press media, and the Council's website, social media accounts.
- 2.5 85% of respondents to the survey agreed with keeping the current restrictions within the PSPO. 53.5% of the respondents agreed with the proposal of banning dogs from marked sports pitches whilst 43.8% disagreed, while 2.7% did not know. Having regard to the requirements of the Act and the responses to the consultation it is considered that the conditions required to retain the existing provisions of the Public Spaces Protection Order and the addition of the exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches have been satisfied. The proposed draft Public Spaces Protection Order is included at Appendix 2.
- 2.6 The consultation outcome and proposed Order was considered by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 26th October 2021 and the views and comments of Scrutiny Committee are detailed in the consultation section (Section 10) of this report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the views and comments of Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet be noted as detailed in the consultation section (Section 10) of this report.
- 3.2 That Cabinet approve the draft Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) attached at Appendix 2 to include the exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To protect public health and well-being.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to serious illness in humans such as Toxocariasis; which can develop from direct contact with contaminated dog's faeces and in some cases potentially lead to blindness. Particular concern is therefore raised in relation to children and other sports pitch users coming into contact with dog faeces.
- 5.2 Public Spaces Protection Orders were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) and can be used to regulate activities in particular public places, to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. Whilst the Act allows local authorities to regulate activities in public places, the legislation specifies certain requirements which must be considered prior to making an Order.
- 5.3 A local authority may make a Public Spaces Protection Order if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met. The first condition is that activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality or it is likely that the activities will be carried on in a public place and that they will have such an effect. The second condition is that the effect or likely effect is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, is likely to be such as to make the activity unreasonable and justifies the restriction imposed by the Order.

- 5.4 In September 2017 Cabinet approved and adopted the Public Spaces Protection Order 2017; the Order includes the following restrictions:
- Excluding dogs from all enclosed children's play and multi-use games areas
 - Requiring dogs to be kept on leads in enclosed memorial gardens
 - Requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places
 - Requiring dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with the waste that their dogs produce (that is to always have the means to pick their dog faeces)
 - Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance.
- 5.5 In October 2020 the existing PSPO with regard to dog control was extended for a further year under Officer delegated powers, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member. This was done to allow time for a full public consultation on the matter of banning dogs from marked sports pitches.
- 5.6 The proposal was put forward as it is believed the exclusion of dogs from playing pitches will benefit children, youth and adults that play sport on marked sports pitches, as it will help provide a clean and safe area for sports to be played on and help maximise people's health and wellbeing.
- 5.7 It is accepted that the majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs.
However there continues to be a growing concern across the Borough in relation to dog fouling, specifically in relation to dog fouling on sports pitches.
- 5.8 It is unlikely that dog owners can remove all of the dog faecal matter from the surface of sports pitches and that the remains will still contain large numbers of the round worm parasites which can cause toxocariasis in humans and these can last in soil for up to 2 years.
- 5.9 The proposal is intended to apply only to marked sports pitches as if a pitch is not marked the dog owner will be unclear as to where the exclusion applies and this will also make enforcement clearer. Members are asked to note that sports pitches are only marked during their respective seasons (autumn / winter for Football and rugby) and not all year round.
- 5.10 A report was presented to Cabinet on 22nd July 2020 seeking authority to undertake a 10 week public consultation exercise on the proposed PSPO including the banning of dogs from marked sports pitches. In view of the impacts of the pandemic this was to be done when it became possible to carry out meaningful consultation with the public and relevant stakeholders.
- 5.11 The Act requires that before it can make a PSPO the Council must carry out the *necessary consultation*, the *necessary publicity* and the *necessary notification*. This includes consultation with Gwent Police. The consultation was undertaken between 11th June 2021 for a period of 10 weeks, this was preceded by wide scale communication and engagement e.g. via the local press media, and the Council's website and social media accounts. Communication continued throughout the consultation period with a view to raising awareness of the consultation and increasing the response rate.

- 5.12 Consultation was carried out using a questionnaire made available for online completion and pdf for printing if required, via the Council's Website and shared on social media. The survey was also provided in paper format at some key Council venues and with paper and alternative formats available on request. Signs and banners advertising the consultation were placed at Council Parks and local libraries throughout the borough.
- 5.13 Stakeholders such as the Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, RSPCA, Parent Network, Voluntary Sector, Community Safety Networks were contacted directly via e-mail or in writing and invited to respond to the survey.
- 5.14 Overall 1540 respondents completed the questionnaire. 96% of these were residents in Caerphilly County Borough and 65% who responded were dog owners.
- 5.15 The public were asked if they agreed with the current dog control restrictions in the existing PSPO. 85% of respondents to the survey agreed with keeping the current restrictions within the PSPO.
- 5.16 The response to the proposal of banning dogs from marked sports pitches was more mixed. 53.54% of the respondents agreed with the proposal of banning dogs from marked sports pitches whilst 43.84% disagreed, while 2.7% did not know. However this does demonstrate a clear majority of those who responded agreed with the proposal.
- 5.17 The responses to the consultation showed a significant difference in the views of dog owners compared with non dog owners with 34% of dog owners agreed with the proposal compared to 89% of non-dog owners
- 5.18 Some of the various reasons given for supporting the proposal were to ensure a safe and clean environment for children and adults to exercise and to further encourage responsible dog ownership. Those involved with sports clubs also highlighted how often games are delayed or halted to deal with dog excrement on the pitch. A range of comments were provided by the respondents and are detailed with the survey summary attached as Appendix 1.
- 5.19 A common reason given by the 43.8% that disagreed was that this unfairly punished responsible dog owners who pick up after their dog and the proposals restrict areas where dogs can be adequately exercised. Another reason for those disagreeing was that this will unfairly affect those with limited mobility who are not able to travel far to exercise their dogs. A range of comments were provided by the respondents and are detailed with the survey summary attached as Appendix 1. However the proposed exclusion of dogs will only apply to marked council owned sports pitches. Therefore, there will still be areas in the local parks and green spaces other than the sports pitches where dogs can be exercised.
- 5.20 Stakeholder responses from organisations such as the Kennel Club and RSPCA disagreed with the proposal (Appendix 2) stating that they would restrict areas where dogs can be exercised and that not all people can travel distances to exercise their dogs. They also pointed out that although dog faeces can be a nuisance to the people that use the sports pitches, they can, should and are easily removed by responsible dog owners; so imposing the restriction on all will punish responsible dog owners.
- 5.21 With regard to the comments of availability of greenspace in the Borough, in 2020, the Council formally adopted a Green Infrastructure Strategy, which is used as a core guidance document for green space development and management across the county borough. Green Infrastructure (GI) is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. The county

borough is covered by 88% of primary typology i.e. amenity greenspace, green corridors, natural and semi natural green spaces, parks and gardens and other locations such as allotments, farms, cemeteries and churchyards etc. which in turn allows residents lots of options for the physical exercising of dogs. In addition, the county borough has over 800 KM of Public Rights of Way to undertake physical activity with or without dogs.

5.22 The proposed amended PSPO, as with the existing PSPO, will be enforced by a team of Enforcement officers and Community Safety Wardens employed within Public Protection who are authorised to issue fixed penalty notices. All officers have received appropriate training to ensure consistency of approach.

5.23 Since the introduction of the PSPO in October 2017 over 2136 complaints of dog fouling have been investigated. 64 Fixed Penalty Notices have been served for either dog fouling or for failing to carry bags to clean up dog waste. There have also been 28 prosecutions of those who refused to pay the fine.

5.24 **Conclusion**

Having regard to the requirements of Section 59 of the Act set out in paragraph 5.2 above and the responses to the consultation outlined above it is clear that the conditions required to retain the existing provisions of the Public Spaces Protection Order have been satisfied. Additionally, dog fouling on sports pitches has continued to be a cause of concern since the making of the original Order in 2017. 53.54% of respondents to the public consultation are in favour of an additional restriction to exclude dogs from marked sports pitches. It is therefore proposed to include this additional provision as set out within the draft Order at Appendix 2.

5.25 It is considered that the provisions of the draft Order are a fair, balanced and proportionate response to the current problems and addresses the views of the consultees. They are necessary and proportionate in terms of the controls that they impose, whilst recognising the right of dog owners and their needs for areas where they can exercise their dogs off lead for animal welfare reasons.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions associated with this report.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The exclusion of dogs from playing pitches will benefit children, youth and adults that play sport on marked sports pitches, as it will help provide a clean and safe area for sports to be played on. There could be a negative impact upon older people or people with disabilities who have limited mobility if they have to travel to other locations to exercise their dogs however the proposed exclusion of dogs will only apply to marked council owned sports pitches. Therefore, there will still be areas in the local parks and green spaces other than the sports pitches where dogs can be exercised.

7.2 Please see full IIA assessment in the link as follows:

[Link to Integrated Impact Assessment](#)

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There will be a cost of producing and erecting new signage in the designated areas, amounting to circa £2000. This will be funded from existing Environmental Health budgets.
- 8.2 The income that is generated by the imposition of fixed penalty notices or recovery of court costs is included in the revenue budget.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The proposed amended PSPO, as with the existing PSPO, will be enforced by a team of Enforcement officers and Community Safety Wardens employed within Public Protection who are authorised to issue fixed penalty notices. Any additional restrictions imposed may increase the potential for staff to be placed in confrontational situations. It would be important to ensure that the necessary training and procedures are in place so that staff are able to assist with the expectations in relation to enforcement of these proposals.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 This report has been sent to the consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report. A public consultation was undertaken between 11th June 2021 for a period of 10 weeks. Consultation was carried out using a questionnaire made available for online completion and pdf for printing if required, via the Council's Website and shared on social media. Stakeholders such as the Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, RSPCA, Parent Network, Voluntary Sector, Community Safety Networks were contacted directly via e-mail or in writing and invited to respond to the survey.
- 10.2 The consultation outcome and proposed Order was considered by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 26th October 2021:
- One Member questioned the logic of only applying the Protection Order to marked sports pitches. He felt that extending the order to all sports pitches would allow irresponsible dog owners to be challenged during the summertime when posts were removed and pitches were unmarked. The Member held the view that sports pitches should be treated equally all-year round and that the effects of dog excrement remained in the soil for a period of 2 years. The Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services advised that restrictions on an all-year round basis had been considered, but it was felt that applying them to sports fields that were unmarked would be confusing for dog owners.
 - One Member expressed agreement with having an all-year round Protection Order and outlined how his local rugby club started pre-season training on their pitch in late summer when it was still unmarked.
 - In agreement another Member explained how many cricket pitches were unmarked and that the boundary was only marked out on the matchday itself. He felt the proposal did not sufficiently protect those playing cricket.
 - One Member expressed the view that an all-year round protection order for all sports pitches would make the Protection Order easier for officers to enforce..

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014

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Consultees: Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Waste, Public Protection & Street Scene
Councillor Tudor Davies, Chair of Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Adrian Hussey, Vice Chair of Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
Mark S. Williams, Corporate Director for Economy & Environment
Rob Hartshorn, Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services
Ceri Edwards, Environmental Health Manager
Rob Tranter, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer
Anwen Cullinane, Senior Policy Officer (Equalities & Welsh Language)
Steve Harris, Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer
Lynne Donovan, Head of People Services
Mike Headington, Green Spaces and Transport Services Manager
Liz Sharma, Consultation and Public Engagement Officer
Supt. Mark Hobrough, Gwent Police
Ch. Insp. Amanda Thomas, Gwent Police
Insp. Gavin Clifton, Gwent Police
Insp. Andrew Boucher, Gwent Police
Insp. Richard Tovey, Gwent Police
Jared Lougher, Sport & Leisure Development Manager
Lisa Lane, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Background Papers:

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Statutory guidance for frontline professionals.

Home Office

2014 DEFRA Practitioners guide on dealing with irresponsible dog ownership.

Cabinet report 6th September 2017 – Caerphilly County Borough Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2017

Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee report 29th October 2019 – Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control on Sports Pitches.

Cabinet report 22nd July 2020 - Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control on Sports Pitches.

Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee report 26th October 2021 – Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control on Sports Pitches.

Appendices: The documents attached are not fully accessible for further information please contact the report author.

Appendix 1 Consultation Summary Report

Appendix 2 Draft Public Spaces Protection Order

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Public Space Protection Order (Dog Control) the Banning of dogs from sports pitches Consultation

Summary Report

Public Spaces Protection Orders were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can be used to regulate activities in particular public places to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour. As such, these Orders provide an opportunity to enhance the Council's enforcement ability to respond to public opinion regarding dog fouling.

In September 2017 Cabinet approved and adopted the Public Spaces Protection Order 2017; the Order includes the following restrictions:

- Excluding dogs from all enclosed children's play and multi-use games areas
- Requiring dogs to be kept on leads in enclosed memorial gardens
- Requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places
- Requiring dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with the waste that their dogs produce (that is to always have the means to pick their dog faeces)
- Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance.

At its meeting on 22nd July 2020, Cabinet received a report presenting a review of the current position regarding dog fouling since implementation of the original Order. Cabinet resolved to undertake a 10 week public consultation exercise on the proposal to amend the Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 to include a provision to exclude dogs from marked sports/playing pitches when it becomes possible to carry out meaningful consultation with the public and relevant stakeholders.

Method

The consultation was open to residents and stakeholders from the 11th June 2021 for a period of 10 weeks.

The consultation period was preceded by wide scale communication via the Council's website and social media accounts. Communication continued through a variety of media throughout the consultation period with a view to raising awareness of the consultation and increasing the response rate.

The key consultation tool was a questionnaire (Annexes to this report). Due to the restrictions imposed due to Covid 19 the consultation was carried out primarily online.

The survey was made available bilingually to residents for online completion via the Council's Website and shared on social media. Posters were displayed in prominent locations at main parks Paper and alternative formats were available on request and provided to local libraries throughout the Borough.

Stakeholder groups were also contacted directly via e-mail and invited to respond to the survey. Those contacted include the Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, RSPCA, Farmers Unions, Horse Society, Open Spaces Society, Ramblers, Countryside Alliance, Keep Wales Tidy, Town and Community Councils.

Key Findings

Overall 1540 respondents completed the questionnaire. 96% of these were residents in Caerphilly County Borough and 65% who responded were dog owners.

85% of respondents to the survey agreed with keeping the current restrictions within the PSPO.

The response to the proposal to ban dogs from marked sports pitches was mixed with just over half of respondents 53.5% of the respondents agreed with the proposal of banning dogs from marked sports pitches whilst 43.8% disagreed, while 2.7% did not know.

The main reason given for supporting the proposal were to ensure a safe and clean environment for children and adults to exercise and to further encourage responsible dog ownership. There was an overall support for the proposal to reduce risk to the health and safety of sports pitch users especially children. Those involved with sports clubs and parents also highlighted how often games are delayed or halted to deal with dog excrement on the pitch due to the risk to the safety of the players.

The main reasons given for those the 43.8% that disagreed was that this unfairly punished responsible dog owners who pick up after their dog and the proposals restrict areas where dogs can be adequately exercised. Another reason for those disagreeing was that this will unfairly affect the elderly and those with limited mobility who are not able to travel further to exercise their dogs. However the proposed exclusion of dogs will only apply to marked council owned sports pitches in parks.

Therefore it should be noted however there will still be areas in the local parks and green spaces other than the sports pitches where dogs can be exercised.

Summary

The consultation responses to the issue of the banning of dogs from marked sports pitches was mixed with those for and against, however the majority of those who responded supported the proposal.

A summary of responses and full digest of comments is contained in the Annexes to this report.

Annexe 1: Questionnaire

Annexe 2: Summary of responses

Annexe 3: Full digest of Comments from Survey English

Annexe 4: Full digest of comments from Survey Welsh

Annexe 5: Other written responses

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Have your say on plans to amend the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control

Formal Consultation 2021

Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to serious illness in humans such as Toxocariasis; which can develop from direct contact with contaminated dog's faeces and in some cases potentially lead to blindness. Particular concern is therefore raised in relation to children and other sports pitch users coming into contact with dog faeces.

Caerphilly county borough council has a number of existing powers in relation to dog controls within the Borough. Since 2017, a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has been in place and has enabled the Council to introduce a range of restrictions to help control the harmful activities of irresponsible dog owners whilst allowing responsible dog owners to continue to exercise their dogs without undue restrictions.

The Council is proposing to amend the current Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control to include proposal to exclude dogs from all council owned marked sports/playing pitches and wants your views on the proposed amendment to the dog control powers.

It is recommended that you read the background information before completing this questionnaire.

How we use your personal information: *The information you provide will be used by the service area relevant to the consultation / survey within Caerphilly County Borough Council. Views expressed will be collated together and used to produce a summary report. Depending on scope / nature of the survey / consultation, the summary report will be used to evaluate and remodel services / priorities etc. We will not keep your views in a way that will identify you for longer than is necessary.*

You have a number of rights in relation to the information we hold about you, including the right of access to your information and the right of complaint if you are unhappy with the way your information is processed. For further information on how we process the information and your rights please follow this link: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/FOI/PrivacyNotices/Privacy-Notice-Consultations-Surveys.aspx

I am completing this survey:

- As resident of the County Borough
- As a business person
- As an elected member
- Representing a charity or organisation
- Other, please state:

Are you a dog owner?

- Yes No

What is your postcode?

Dog Control

The Council is proposing the continuation of the existing restrictions in relation to dog control, namely:

- **Excluding dogs from all enclosed children’s play and multi-use games areas**
- **Requiring dogs to be kept on leads in enclosed memorial gardens**
- **Requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places**
- **Requiring dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with the waste that their dogs produce (that is to always have the means to pick up their dog faeces)**
- **Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance**

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue existing restrictions? (Please tick one)

- Agree Disagree Don't Know

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

The Council is proposing an amendment to the existing restrictions in relation to dog control to include:

-The exclusion of dogs from all council owned marked sports/playing pitches

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to exclude dogs from all council owned marked sports/playing pitches? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Don't Know

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

If you feel that any of these proposals will affect you differently as an individual because of any of the following (age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious belief or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents) please give details below.

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals including any suggested variations/amendments to the PSPO. These comments will be used to inform any future proposed changes.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please return this survey in the post to Gary Mumford, Acting Senior Environmental Health Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, CF82 7PG.

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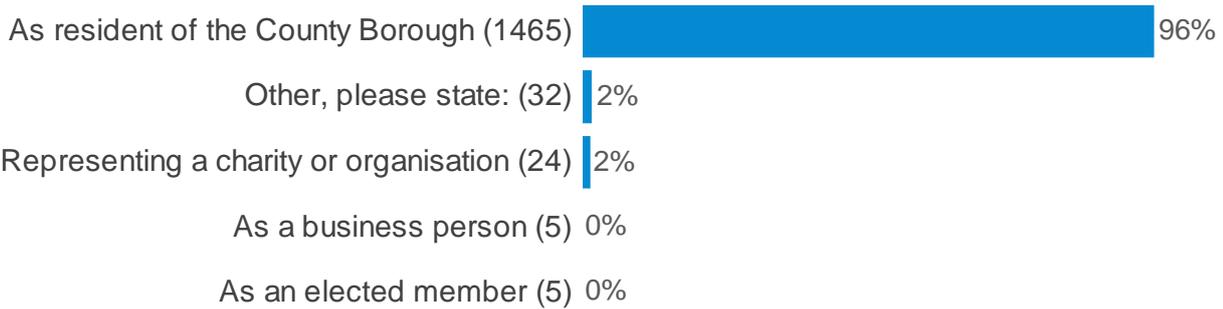
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This report was generated on 23/08/21. Overall 1540 respondents completed this questionnaire.

The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'.

The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes. Lists are restricted to the most recent 100 rows.

I am completing this survey:



Q1a

- Referee for Aber Valley Wolves
- Secretary of Grassroots Football Club
- Frequently use facilities in area
- A dog owner
- Someone that uses the parks, but lives in a neighbouring borough
- Also as a resident
- Ex resident
- Dog walker
- Parent of a child who plays for a local sports team
- Tourist
- Dog owner with disability
- Visitor
- A parent who's children play for local sports team
- Local childminder
- Not resident but live near to Caerphilly and do walk my dog there sometimes
- Tourist
- A parent who's child plus sports on your sports ground.
- Interested parties
- Secretary of Abercarn Cricket Club
- Rhymney
- member of public

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Q1a

- Professional dog trainer (qualified and accredited)
- Visitor to Caerphilly
- Cardiff resident who walks in caerphilly
- User of park
- Also coach of a junior team and chairman of a football club
- Employee of CCBC
- Concerned Citizen
- Somebody who works and uses the area
- Live council area adjacent and visit the area.
- Visitor to the Borough
- Welsh citizen
- Nelson Community Council
- As someone who lives just over the Caerphilly border and so regularly walks in caerphilly
- Fields Park Secretary
- I play football for a team in the borough
- Nelson rfc

Are you a dog owner?



What is your postcode?

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CF82 8ht	CF83 3AG	Cf827ff	Np12 2gz	Np116eb	Np121sj	CF83 3GD
NP12 1AQ	CF83 4ED	Np12 0qe	NP117QQ	Np11 6GL	Cf831tx	Cf83 2az
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CF466PB	CF82 7QG	np115lb	NP122JT	NP12 2AA	Np12 1bw	CF834DL
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Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue existing restrictions? **(Please tick one)**



Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

It's the dog owners responsibility

Some families with children also have dogs banning the dogs could have a negative affect on these families. Also non dog families get a chance for their children to get the experience of a dog

Some dog owners not all walk far off and away from there dog and don't know what the dog is even doing

Because the amount of dog fouling on the local streets and pavements is diabolical!

All responsible dog owners should keep their dogs under control in the areas mentioned and remove dog faeces.

I have 2 dogs and always respect other people when walking my dogs ,I agree totally about picking up dog mess because its become so bad with people that are so lazy they wont pick it up ,Iwill report anyone I see that does this

Too many dirty humans not picking up their dogs' faeces in certain areas of Pontlottyn Usually owners of small dogs in and around Dan y graig

Any responsible dog owner always picks up after them and this will only reduce the number of areas to safely walk a dog. Perhaps some thought should be given to enforcing current laws to fine those who don't comply with laws on picking up dog mess and to enforce walking dogs on leads where required.

I have seven year old twins and they are scared of dogs and have also stood on dog faeces in a park.

Many dog owners or dog walkers avoid the need to clean up after their animal ignoring the unpleasantness that remains. I taught a boy who had lost the sight in one eye as a direct result of contact with this very thing. I would hate anyone to play where there is the presence of any faeces of any variety.

Dog owners should be responsible for their pets and should not take their animals onto any ground that is used for play and sports

As indicated, it is important for public places to be free of dog faeces it is for health reasons and aesthetic reasons if we wish to be a tourist destination.

A cousin's son went blind in one eye playing football and getting dog muck, infected with worms, in his eye.

This a reasonable requirement that dog owners behaved responsibly.

All dogs should be on lead

Clean areas in public spaces and amenities is paramount to public health and safety to other animals

Although this can only be adhered by the Dogs' owners/handler, so see difficulty in policing the order...sadly

I agree with the removal of dog faeces, this is the responsibility of dog owners and leaving it is just awful. Sometimes your dog poops more times than expected and owners can get caught out without a bag.

The proposed restrictions will increase cleanliness of public areas as well as health and safety of members of the public

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Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

Sensible proposals that will increase safety

This is fair

I have never yet seen dog mess on the playing fields. But the glass, plastic, beer cans, used food boxes and bags left by children, youngish people is beyond understanding, these people are filthy pigs ruining the natural environment, it gets worse every time the crowds use the three playing fields, scattering filth and danger everywhere.

Because it is the Dog owners who are to blame

These are fine, I would expect every dog owner to practice this.

As long as dogs are kept on a lead and owner cleans up any mess I see no reason why dogs cannot go into parks etc, there are so few easy accessible places left to walk in the area, it would be a shame to lose this area

I agree with everything apart from excluding dogs multi use games areas. There aren't many places where dogs can run freely and I think as long as owners clean after them they should be allowed to run freely.

common curtesy and regard for others, responsible dog ownership requirement

These are common sense approaches for the benefit of all

There is already too much control and most certainly no more is needed.

Because of the health hazards and mess caused by dog faeces which is not cleaned up.

They are reasonable requirements for dog owners.

This is overdue initiative!!! I can see dogs running free on the pitch of Aneurin Park Penyrheol every day, scaring away residents and putting kids off sport, as countless mess is left behind.

I am a club officer of Crumlin JFC and spend a significant amount of time picking up dog mess every Saturday and Sunday from our applied pitches to keep our squad children safe. There have been occasions during matches that dogs without leads have stormed the field mid match and frozen some of our very young players to their fore never mind stopping the match.

Has it's not fair on our local football clubs having to clean up all the dog mess

Cant play football without it on the pitches, we are running and sliding in it someone is going to be ill

Lower rugby field constantly covered in dog's mess

Dog owners are responsible for their animals and should consider the welfare of other people who may be impacted by the behaviour of the animal. It is not inconvenient for owners to carry a poo-bag and these are inexpensive. The restrictions outlined above are perfectly reasonable and no responsible dog owner should object to them. I speak as a former dog owner and dog lover.

All reasonable measures that responsible dog owners already do

There are too many irresponsible dog owners in this area. Many dog owners aren't picking up their dogs mess, allowing their untrained dogs to run riot in local parks and playing fields which is frightening to adults let alone children. Not everyone likes dogs. If others wish to own a dog great but, it should either be kept on a lead at all times in playing fields regardless of any sport activities taking place or banned. Personally I eould like to see dogs banned from play parks where there are children. Not everyone wants a dog running around their feet, barking, jumping up on them or knocking over their child. There are plenty of other areas where dogs and can be walked and allowed off their leads in the area. As for dog mess this is becoming a massive issue in the Fleur De Lys area - especially around Fleur De Lys Primary School and Bryngwyn area. The amount of times I've seen dog owners 'forget' or 'run out of' bags to pick the mess up is shocking. I would personally like to see tighter/ more rules and regulations around dogs and their owners.

Original plans are fine and have no issue with the current guidelines.

It is a known fact blindness can be caused by dogs poo. As a former Welsh League referee I have seen enough pitches fouled with dogs poo. Some dog owners are irrispensible

Have your say on plans to amend the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relat

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

I use Libanus fields to walk my dogs every day. Very rarely have I witnessed any dog faeces but regularly litter left from the sports teams that use the pitch such as disused tape, bandages, water bottles. In addition to this groups tend to gather here in the nights leaving broken glass, cans, takeaway wrappers & other undesirable litter. I feel that targeting dog owners is unfair and discriminatory when there is not a noticeable issue with dog faeces

Dogs should always be kept under control and owners should be held responsible for their actions.

I agree with the current rules and these show that the Council already has the ability to stop people leaving behind dog faeces without penalising responsible dog owners who need a place to exercise their dogs. The Council needs to enforce the current laws.

Hi , i am writing in relation to the eisteddfod field in rhymney. I use the field, as do many dogs owners to exercise their dogs. Many of the other dog owners are not able to walk far or drive to take their dog to another area to exercise them. No dogs mess is ever left there by anyone. The only problem there is all the rubbish and broken bottles left by teenagers who use the field on weekends to get drunk. There are no bins in the field . For example, i witnessed both sides of a football match , form a line and walk the field to pick up glass. May i suggest that the money that is being spent on this dog ban, be spent on bins and someone to police the fields on weekends. I am sure this is not an isolated problem with the eisteddfod field, as this happens everywhere. Thank you.

My partner was hospitalised for 2 weeks in 2019. He endured 3 operations after falling in dog mess whilst playing football and contracting an infection from said mess.

All responsible dog owners would comply with these restrictions anyway regardless of laws. As a dog owner I no more want people leaving dog mess around or allowing dogs to be in children’s play areas as any non dog owner. Irresponsible dog owners are as much a menace to me (even more so if they let their dog be a danger to mine) as non dog owners.

I agree in principle with the proposals above, but without enforcement the exercise will be one of futility. There must be adequate enforcement of any proposals the Council passes. In the case of Machen we need regular visits every week at random times to ensure compliance.

Existing restrictions are adequate & fair

Dogs should not be near any sports playing fields.

They are sensible & responsible & encourage a safe & clean environment for everyone & not discriminatory.

having coached youth and senior football for over 25 years there has been a massive increase in dog faeces on playing fields we now have to walk the field with a shovel to pick it up before we start.

Completely agree

I am sick of people leaving their dogs off the lead and free to run at my dog who is on her lead or even worse my children. I am a dog owner and we keep our dog on a lead at all times even though she’s well behaved. We also pick up her poo which I also see owners leave behind. I have seen dog mess outside Libanus school and on the rugby field behind it. We was having a picnic with some of the other children one day on the field by the park behind the school and a woman’s dog who was not on a lead came over and ate the food. Then another lady and her dog came (off lead) and he was a nasty dog which she also said! Well muzzle it and keep it on a lead I didn’t feel safe with him around my children so left.

Appear to be working in the most part. Help to maintain clean healthy environment for all & still allow assess for all

You inspect the sport pitches they are full of empty alcohol bottles and cans. Why is nothing done about this. It is us the dog walkers who pick up these empty cans and smashed bottles. Leave us WALK OUR DOGS WHERE WE FEEL SAFE

Dogs should be kept of all playing pitches but should be allowed to be walked on a lead round them. To stop people letting their dogs run across fields fenc3 them off.

The current restrictions are reasonable.

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This is a great idea but it needs to be policed properly, I don't know how this will work but the amount of dog mess around Markham is disgusting

Good ownership

No dogs should be allowed on any playing fields & owners should be fined for not following the law. Children's/adults safety must be a priority.

I already follow the above rules dogs should only be left of lead if there are no other dogs around and should not be on children's play areas for example football pitches however should be allowed to be in public area like woods forests . Dog bags should be carried at all times and used whenever they are needed to be

These are reasonable measures and as a dog owner, I would have no objection to these measures.

As a Resident of ynysddu and As a dog owner I pick up my dog mess I have witnessed other not Lots of owners walk there on the Fields that are mark out and the surrounding Area A dog need to be let of for a run in open space You will be forcing dog owner to walk there dog in the same place and some dog are not sociable dog and could corse dogs attacking other dogs or people

As a responsible dog owner and a sports player it's not the dogs fault there is bad owners which will still do it if this is past through or not you can't patrol the the playing fields 24hrs a day and you will have some one that is a good dog owner and the dog gets of the lead and the jobs worth will fine them

If the dog bins were emptied every week , they wouldn't be a problem

There are to many off lead, no recall dogs. Dog on dog attacks are on the increase.

I only disagree with the first point. Why are responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs and control their dogs being punished for those who do not. I have 4 year old twins who play football for Wattsville FC and enjoy playing at the park. I work full time. I don't want to have to leave my dog stuck in the house because I can't take her to the park or football field. Do more to patrol, record and capture the repeat offenders that don't clean up after their dogs. Cwmfelinfach is awful around the streets and river road.

As a responsible dog owner I completely agree with the above restrictions to keep both my dog and others safe

Dogs should not be allowed on playing fields

I believe if the dog is on a lead it should be able to go in children's parks/ play areas.a lot of people take their dog in anyway, with no respect for the rules so it would be fair to everyone especially the people that do listen.

The number of dogs has increased greatly, clear guidelines must be in place to make sure dog owners behave responsibly.

In Hafodyrynys there is only one area that is flat for local dog walkers to allow their dogs to walk their dogs. The area has a large amount of elderly residents who own dogs , therefore climbing the mountains isn't an option. The field you have show to the top of the picture is the farmers field and no access is allowed. Yet it shows in the picture it is part of the field. This is an unreliable documentation of the area

These are reasonable controls

These are very reasonable and I agree with each point as a responsible dog owner.

What I do anyway

This is just common sense and being a responsible owner

These restrictions make perfect sense but the problem is no one is available to enforce any of them.

My son plays football on these pitches and dog fouling is a health risk. As a health professional I know that any injury that is exposed to dog faeces can have dire consequences for infection, poor wound healing and serious chronic injuries.

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There are too many dogs that aren't controlled my dog has been attacked 3 times whilst on a lead by dogs that can't be called back by there owners whom do not even see the dog being too aggressive I do not feel comfortable taking my dog and toddler out as there are too many off lead dogs in the area. Dog fowl is so bad that it's a daily occurrence cleaning the pram wheels.

It depends on the field . The one at Fernlea is a danger for kids to play football , rugby and not because of dog mess it's because the field is always overgrown with mole hills all over it . To call it a sports field because it has Two rusty old goal posts in is ridiculous. We do pick up dog mess so much that I have to report dog poo bins are full most weeks . There are no organisations that use this pitch for sport . The ones that are maintained for sports I agree but if you class this field as a sports field you had better maintain it as such .

Improve the experience of non-dog owners, without the worry of a having to watch where you walk

More control over dogs is needed. More and more people with thir lockdown dogs are about with no clue how to look after them. Can't go for a jog in local park without being chased by a dog who is not on a lead.

I agree with all of the above as these are respectful and reasonable requests for dog owners to follow.

Open spaces are for everyone

Safety

I have spent many times as a football mum carrying out pitch inspections to remove dog faeces. Also I have a dog and would be mortified to all people her on pitches to go to toilet. If a dog cannot be controlled off a lead then it is the owners responsibility to ensure the dog does not cause harm to others or be a nuisance. I will add, I constantly pick up litter around football pitches. There should be a duty of care for all people to remove their litter and their dogs mess in and around all parks, pitches etc.

a lot of people are scared of dogs and dog faeces is harmful for health

I think that there are plenty of safe places for dogs to play in and around the Caerphilly area. The dangers that dog poo create are scary and not all dog walkers are careful and considerate.

Makes common sense.

Because it is the actions of the few that dam the lot of us

I don't agree with the marked sports field proposal and would prefer more clarification to be made over who an authorised officer is and what their qualifications are in relation to dog behaviour. I assume they are fully qualified and registered dog behaviourist.

Any responsible dog owner will already do this. I have to tick disagree because of point 5 " Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance". Unfortunately the primitive nature of this form prevents highlighting the unfortunate grammatical errors which rather undermine it's integrity.

I think the rules are sensible. However I don't think it will stop irresponsible dog owners failing to pick up but I think that on the spot fines should be introduced.

I disagree as not every dog owner is irresponsible. There are many football/rugby fields throughout pontymister to Wattsville. What about making half a field enclosed for dog walkers that wish to use it? There is one dog park I know of in ystrad mynah, some people don't have the luxury to get there as no transport. There can be cameras put up to monitor the parks and the irresponsible owners can be dealt with accordingly. It's not fair to tarnish all dog owners the same!

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- The first point reduces the risk of children being accidentally harmed by a dog/dogs which could lead to a dog being put down, as well as children being harmed - The second point enables people to gain comfort from their dogs in a responsible manner while mourning and also means that they don't have to leave them tied up outside a cemetery/garden or in a car - both of which could prove stressful and dangerous for the dog - Removing faeces should always be a part of responsible dog ownership in order to protect the local environment and human health and to stop dogs and their owners from being demonised, therefore I agree with the third and fourth points - Requiring dogs to be on a lead where necessary is sensible in order to ensure no incidents occur which could cause harm to either the animal or people

I feel that the existing levels of control are adequate but the removal of waste from dog waste bins and bins in general is not up to standard at all.

This is being a responsible dog owner, and should be expected.

Seem fair and punishment for irresponsible owners

Dogs should definitely be excluded from all pitches where children or adults are playing sports, such as football or rugby. There is a likelihood that at some point, players will fall over, and if dogs have been allowed to foul on the pitches, this could have very serious consequences. Even when dog owners pick up after their dogs, there could still be traces left behind. The safest practise is to keep dogs off the pitches to prevent this happening. Unfortunately there are some owners who walk ahead of their dogs so they can say they were unaware their dog had fouled on the grass and others who blatantly ignore it anyway. How could and would this proposals be effective though, without anyone to police it? These are good restrictions, but sadly I doubt that it will have any effect on those who don't care about the safety and health of others. The same goes for play areas for children, dogs should never be allowed in children's play areas

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to exclude dogs from all council owned marked sports/playing pitches? (Please tick one)



Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

Dogs need plenty of exercise and this will severely limit the area in which my friends can walk their dogs.

Because of the health hazards and mess caused by dog faeces which is not cleaned up.

All the dog owners I meet are responsible and pick up any dog mess it is unpleasant and if anyone leaves it they should be fined. but another thing to be aware of is the problem of teens and preteens running amok in waunfawr park throwing litter and smashing glass bottles also a danger, the park keepers do a fab job of keeping it clean but!

There are very few spaces that my dog can run to fetch a ball off a lead. The local football pitch is one of them. The local pitches are very rarely in use for sport either organised or casual. Whilst my dog never fouls on the pitch... the current restrictions ensure that I would clean up after it. This proposal underestimates the value of exercise for dog owners and overestimated the use of local pitches. All open spaces should be available for all.

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Living in Ystrad Mynach town centre gives limited opportunities for my dog to have a free run, which high activity dogs require. I cannot see why they need to be banned from playing fields, as long as owners carefully pick it up. As in so many situations, the main problem to me seems to be lack of enforcement, and unfortunately some irresponsible dog owners take advantage of this. I currently have a car, so can drive elsewhere for free space, but that means using a car for a trip which doesn't really seem necessary. Also, not everyone has a car.

Yes please, the sooner the better. I feel that increase in irresponsible dog ownership during pandemic is destroying quality of outdoor space for all. To put it in context, I was given a dog last year, but decided to rehome it after a very short time into the place in the country. I can understand that dog wants to run free, but dog also must be on the lead at all times in a busy residential area - it was just unfair for all. in Penyrheol Park there are so many kids, but sometimes outnumbered by dogs; it's accident waiting to happen. We have responsibility to prevent it.

I am a club officer of Crumlin JFC and spend a significant amount of time picking up dog mess every Saturday and Sunday from our applied pitches to keep our squad children safe. There have been occasions during matches that dogs without leads have stormed the field mid match and frozen some of our very young players to their fore never mind stopping the match.

Has a football player , still to this day we pick ,10+ dog foulings up before everygame and training , sports pitches are to play sport , not for convenience of dog owners

I regularly play senior football on the pitches in caerphilly county borough. It is commonplace that there is dog mess on the pitch. Owners cannot be trusted to pick up after themselves.

In particular reference to the Llanbradach park the park was bequeathed in perpetuity to the people of Llanbradach not just the footballers. The lower football pitch was part of the original park as was the Eastern goal area of the upper football pitch.

Fieces on pitches

I've just joined gelligaer football team and the amount of dog mess we have to pick up off the pitch before and during the match i ridiculous

I regularly use the Bryn recreational playing field, always keeping to the outside. Many people however take dogs on the marked pitches when not in use, in particular off-lead so they can have a run. Whilst I completely agree that dogs should not foul the marked areas, it needs to be noted that there are fewer and fewer areas to exercise your dog by walking from the house. This has been exacerbated by all the housebuilding going on and the Council is effectively encouraging people to get in their cars to travel to areas where you can give a dog proper exercise, which is counter-intuitive.

As above

Not all dog owners care about mess behind left on sports fields etc. It's a danger for children and adults who use these facilities for recreation purposes.

It is unthinkable that people playing on these pitches should have to come into contact with dog faeces.

Same as a children's play area or multi use games area

Completely agree they should be banned from all play parks and sports fields, regardless of how well behaved they are.

There is not enough greenland for dogs to use currently in most areas without a car journey. I dont believe the issue is with dogs on the playing fields, its the owner not cleaning up after thir dogs. Maybe the penalty enforecement should be focused on more.

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The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up, you will always get people who do not pick up after their dogs, we need to ensure that those people are caught and fined, simply banning dogs from the field will solve nothing, as those who don't pick will still use the pitches as they won't take any notice, and consequently not pick up.. The real solution is more targeted enforcement. Which the council will have to do they are serious on banning dogs from pitches. Work with the dog owners who often clean up the mess left by others, plastic, food waste, and broken bottles which are a hazard to the public and pets.

See above. Same applies.

Same reason above dog faeces is not the main issue...litter in general such as broken glass etc

Dogs should be kept on a lead in all parks. It limits the spread of dog faeces and prevents dogs attacking children, adults and also other dogs.

The Council does not enforce the current laws to fine irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs. Instead the proposals seek to penalise responsible dog owners who do pick up after their dogs. Dog owners are citizens too and we are entitled to expect facilities to exercise our dogs responsibly where we live. I live in Waterloo and exercise my dog at Machen, where I always pick up my dog's faeces. I have never seen anyone patrolling that area and issuing fines. I would welcome seeing this. If we can't go to Machen we will go to Trethomas but this is an area where there is even more dog mess and litter because the Council does not enforce the rules and is missing out on fines. This change will simply move the problem. Please enforce the current rules on dog mess and also on litter instead of penalising responsible people.

There needs to be appropriate areas for exercising dogs. If the proposals go ahead it would be beneficial to fence the areas so that dogs can be off lead in other areas of the park otherwise it will not be possible to let the dog off the lead.

As above.

No matter how careful a dog owner is it's impossible to clean up completely after a dog.

This would be hugely restrictive to the ability of responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs. It effectively bans dogs being off lead in all parks which include a marked pitch (this is most local parks). A dog does not recognise a marked pitch and even with the most well trained dog whilst off lead could wonder onto a pitch. It also will only affect responsible owners, those irresponsible owners will take no notice, whilst everyone else will be left to walk their dogs on streets. This will cause harm to dogs who may get limited off lead time, this can cause frustration and boredom which can build into greater behaviour issues. I read a statement from yourselves in response to the RSPCA's objections claiming that there are plenty of country parks in Caerphilly. This is fine if you live close or have a car but what about those who don't? I also would not want to have to drive to my morning dog walk each day (not great for the climate either). Given the health benefits of dog walking you should be encouraging and supporting dog ownership not restricting the ability for people to get out and enjoy a walk with their dog.

As a responsible dog owner I always pick up my dog's faeces. My dog enjoys being let off the lead and being allowed to run free and the number of places where this can happen is becoming less and less without having to drive somewhere, which is not exactly an environmentally friendly thing to do. Unfortunately people who aren't responsible are undoubtedly unlikely to take any notice of a ban if one was to be passed so all this is going to do is punish the dogs of us responsible dog owners. Effort would be better spent patrolling and catching the offenders who don't pick up their dog's faeces. Even better would be passing a bill to make money earned from puppy sales taxable. It's infuriating that I have to pay Ni and tax of any interest I accrue over £1,000, but people can earn thousands of pounds a year and not declare any of it!!!!

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The problem is not the dogs, its the owners, because there is no one enforcing any of the rules. In the 4 years I have owned a dog I have never once been approached by an official checking my compliance. There is no point creating a law if its not going to be enforced! Not to mention you are restricting the safe exercise of all dogs in the area, reducing the exercise of their owners. I see more litter and harmful substances left at playing fields than I ever do dog faeces yet there is nothing out there to prevent this?! It is completely unfair and unjust to restrict a dog of a place of exercise. Are you going to set up dog friendly fields for them to exercise? No because the council csnt afford it just as they can't afford to employ anyone to enforce these regulations.

Again I agree with this in principle, but what about playing areas that are not under the control of the Council? In Machen we have playing fields that are in one location, "The Machen Recreation Ground". The fields are looked after by CCBC and the Machen Recreation Welfare Association. Will CCBC enforcement staff be able to enforce compliance on the pitches over Machen Rec that are not under the control of the Council? MWRA Volunteers do not have enforcement powers.

Those of us who are responsible dog owners don't need any further restrictions put in place as our dogs are kept under control and we clean up after them without fail. It is the problem of dog owners who need to be educated to control their dogs and to pick up after them which I'm afraid will never be resolved because those type of people simply cannot be told just like motorists who persistently flaunt the rules of the road! They are despicable human beings.

I agree with the position of the RSPCA where this is concerned and do not agree with restricting the areas available for dog walking and exercising. We are gradually losing more and more of our green spaces and it is important for dog owners living in more built-up areas to have access to fields for walking/exercising their dogs. Not everyone is a car owner and able to get to a country park easily.

Dogs should not be allowed to go on any sports playing fields where children / adults play games. Also fines are not carried out enough with spot checks.

As a responsible dog owner I find such proposal discriminatory & consider that my civil rights would be violated by preventing such access on public property for which a portion of of the council tax I pay contributes to maintain these recreational areas. I should not in any way be denied. These are valuable areas & essential for the well being & mental health of everyone, including dog owners & their dogs. I always ensure that my dog is kept on a lead in parks & sport recreational areas & clean up accordingly. Surely it would be more effective & sensible for dogs to be always required to be kept on a lead in these areas & the provision of more 'dog boxes' that are emptied more frequently. If the dog is always with the owner on a lead & hence under control it makes it easier to see & 'pick up'. Safer in every respect. Why should I be made to feel like a 'secondhand' citizen, even criminalised, because I am a dog owner and walk my dog? This is surely against my civil rights.

as above and I will maintain that when the grass is wet you never really pick it all up. these restrictions should never have been relaxed in the first place .

But I don't know why the council have included maesycwmmmer field as there is no markings and you can't see it is a football pitch as no goal posts

Some people, including disabled and elderly, only have marked sports pitches as their accessible space to walk their dogs. Banned dogs from these spaces will unfairly effect disabled people.

Dog poo is a hazard.

They should be allowed but should be kept on a lead. People don't feel safe walking their dogs on the street due to a rise in dog thefts don't penalise responsible owners Andrews the irresponsible ones.

All those playing sports or using the fields for recreation should be protected from the dangers of dog fouling.

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I am a dog owner & take my responsibility as such to keep my dog on the lead, particularly in the areas being debated and so is under my control at all times. I always pick up & dispose of in the correct way., whether it is in these recreational spaces, other public spaces including pavements etc. I respect the environment & others, particularly in such spaces. In my experience, thankfully I find dog owners do the right thing & I will challenge (as I'm aware others do), if I see a dog owner not doing so & present them with a bag to do so. Why should I be penalised & other dog owners for doing the right thing. Wouldn't this be against my human rights? It would be discriminatory. I pay council tax & entitled assess like everyone else, when the pitches are not being used for matches or training sessions.

As a responsible dog owner, who ALWAYS cleans up after my dog,I feel we are being victimised, having a large part of the Showfield taken away from us, the local residents who pay our council tax. All of this field has always been there for everyone's use, and it should continue to be.

Dog walking does no harm

Because not everyone poops and scoops.

The new proposals take the PSPO too far and highly restrict dog walkers from enjoying their local facilities. The amenity space is there for all to enjoy not just for the minority who use the space a handful of times a week to play sports. We regularly use the field alongside Skomer Island Way to walk our dog and very rarely see any dog mess on the pitch. It's unfair to punish all responsible dog owners for the minority of irresponsible ones. Target the minority not the majority! This is a backwards step for a forward thinking authority.

Absolutely agree with this

There's rarely dog mess but always human mess. Kids cause more damage, anti social behaviour and mess than dogs

These parks are great open spaces for dog walking and freedom. I am a responsible owner who cleans up after my dog and feel there is no where local to take my dog for a field walk if this gets passed. How do you exercise your dog with limited greenery. It's very unfair that a minority ruin for majority. Enforce dog fouling more and educate people to be better with their dogs, don't punish the animals outdoors.

As above Na

I agree that they should not be on the children's play areas however some elderly and vulnerable people that cannot take their pets on very long walks will find this very difficult . Dogs shouldn't be aloud to go in past the lines on the pitch but I do not see the harm of them walking on the outer side as long as anything left by the dog is picked up

The dangers of dog fouling are well documented. As a father and a coach of an U11s football team, I think it is entirely acceptable and proportionate to introduce these measures. As a dog owner, I would have no objection to complying with these measures. There are plenty of great areas to walk dogs, and pitches are not necessary.

See text above

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Too many dog owners not taking responsibility of their dogs allowing them off the lead jumping on children and adults. The amount of times I've heard dog owners tell me uts ok my dog us friendly when it's not OK when they have jumped all over me with muddy paws, scared my six year old and upset my dogwood is on her lead. Don't get me started on dog fouling and people who think it's OK to leave bags of dog faeces on the side of the road/field etc.

Why know there is dog poo every where ,there is more to this than the countries letting on ,give it a year or so and all football fields will have houses built on them

Dogs should not be allowed where, people of all ages play.

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As a coach, parent and dog owner I feel this is completely reasonable, dogs shouldn't be allowed on playing pitches, the risks to children's health cause by dogs faeces alone is more than enough to put this proposal in place

It will significantly limit the number of areas where people can walk their dogs. Particularly young people and women who want to stay in open spaces when letting their dogs have some freedom. The lazy minority who don't clean up their dogs mess shouldn't spoil it for responsible dogs owners.

Disagree

Surely the people who are not cleaning up after their dogs are the problem, people who rely on these fields, I.e less abled people rely on walking at these fields. Why punish these people and other good dog owners. Also people will continue to do it regardless, so again make it fair for everyone. Just find new ways to patrol these areas. Maybe put cameras that may deter dog owners from not picking it up.

I agree all owners should collect their dogs mess but they shouldn't be stopped using the field when there are no games on and no training

There are less and less areas available for local people to exercise their dogs. Not everyone can take the dog to recognised dog walking area due to age or physical ability

Most council owned fields are used for sports like rugby and football. Families bring along their dogs to the games, this would not be fairs. And when the sports games ain't in play, many families use the fields as picnic spots to enjoy a summers day, which they would not be able to do if you put this restriction in place.

This doesn't stop those who would disregard controls and leave their dogs mess anywhere and everywhere, they will still do it and it just spoils it for responsible dog owners and doesn't deal with the irresponsible ones who will just continue to be irresponsible!

Waunfawr park has minimal area for dogs to run freely off the lead. If this law was to come into play, the dogs in the area would have to be kept on leads at all times. There is a concrete path which they would be allowed to walk on and not much else, apart from the banking on the road side of the park? This doesn't make much sense at all. I understand the reasons behind this law wanting to be put in place, but this park in particular has minimal to no grass area that the dogs would actually be allowed to go on. There is no other park or grassed area in Crosskeys for dogs to enjoy either. It would mean us having to drive somewhere to take the dog off the lead which isn't great for the environment either.

If owners are required to pick up as per existing restrictions, there should be no need for this. Unnecessarily restrictive on dog owners

There is not enough accessible open space allowing for dog exercise. I don't see why dogs shouldn't be allowed on sports pitches when they are not in use, with the existing restrictions already in place. Secondly, the maps do not show pre-existing structures on the parks that dog walking is not possible. I.E the sports cages & bowls club in the corner of Pontymister grounds.

I agree as long as dogs can be walked around the outer perimeters of a sports pitch so not actually on the pitch. I fully understand due to lazy dog owners there is a risk to children & adults using the sports pitches. It seems because CCBC have been unable to enforce the restrictions already in place more restrictions are being enforced. I believe people who don't pick up their dog's faeces would not take any notice of this new restriction anyhow because they don't take notice of the current ones.

As above

This will not stop irresponsible dog owners, only the one's who comply at the moment. Also CCBC cannot / doesn't enforce current orders.

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There is far too much dog fowl on the playing fields even if a dog owner picks it up it can never 100 percent be clean it's a health hazard for anyone using the fields and there are plenty of green spaces for dogs to be exercised.

Where dogs run free owners do not always notice (intentionally or not) when their dog has left faeces on the pitch/field. Also, dogs off the lead often chase/harass my child when they are playing with a ball on the field.

Dog ownership has increased and caerphilly already has limited public open space, by removing access to the playing fields this will severely impact the ability for people to exercise dogs without driving out of the town further impacting key sustainability policy and targets. The key to managing these issues is your authority enforcing the current rules more thoroughly with regards to fouling. This will also add additional tension between user groups of walker/dog walkers/and people playing sport, which is already at a point of high tension.

As above my reply is the same . Look at the state of the fields and decide what ones are used for sport .

Allow players to enjoy the game without the need to scan for dogs mess before it starts

Dog owners can never clean up 100% of mess. These areas should be kept as safe as possible.

Regardless of banning dogs or not it'd be impossible to man/monitor... I also think that doing this will be disadvantaging those who clean up after their dogs and take really good care to ensure cleanliness on the pitches. I think those who leave their dog faeces generally let their dogs off the lead and do not monitor or watch their dogs and are ignorant which would not stop from saying it's now banned as again they would be able ignorant and ignore so technically it'd be those that care and are well behaved that would be punished unnecessarily. May I add that there is not much greenery around the pitches by us. Animals are meant to be taken in their natural habitat and who are we to disagree and ban them because people want to play sports which can be played in the cages or indoor or outdoor fenced areas rather than open fields.

Lack of open spaces to walk dogs and how do you stop dogs from going on parts of the field

Safety

I think more dog walkers use the risca fire station field then people using these bottom two pitches. In 21 years of living opposite i have NEVER seen a match on either of these two pitches. I think it would be easier to fence off fields that dogs aren't allowed on as is done in the children's play parks. There is definitely more dog walkers on the field then people playing sport on a weekly basis

If boundaries are abused than it should be clear to all users not to abuse them.

It's common sense really that dogs can and do disrupt sports events, also in most outdoor sports a lot of people end up on the floor and they shouldn't have to be risking getting covered in dog faeces while playing.

I understand the reasons why the council would like to ban dogs from playing has the things needs to be put in place before the council can implement.

Same answer as above

I agree as irresponsible dog owners who leave waste are to blame and need to be controlled.

Despite the fact that our dog has occasionally been allowed off lead on one of the playing fields that was previously unmarked ,(was never allowed to foul) I agree that as this particular field is now used more regularly & marked , dogs should not be permitted, as we know that sadly not all owners are responsible.

I agree as I watch Rugby frequently and as a dog owner am blamed when there is poop on the pitch even though I pick up my dog mess and fox poop whenever I see it on a pitch. However I would like Caerphilly to consider fenced areas where dog owners can safely let there dogs have a run off the lead. I have a garden, but many of the older people I meet don't and they let their dogs off the lead so they can have a proper run.

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Some areas of the borough do not have enough safe, secure open space to allow dog owners to exercise their dogs safely. Removing access to these fields that are used for an hour per week for sport is ridiculous. Dog owners use these facilities 7 days per week several hours per day. A child football game lasts 1 hour once per week. It would appear that this is a disproportionate proposal considering who actually use these facilities the most. If the council goes ahead with this, then it is only fair that each area that is having restrictions imposed is provided with a safe, secure dog walking field which can not be used for any other purpose including sport. Dog owners have a legal responsibility to be able provide sufficient exercise for their pets. Removing access to these fields could impact on individuals legal responsibility. Also, have you ever been to a sports field after a child's football game?? The amount of litter and rubbish that is left behind is truly shocking.

This is fine. I'm only interested in Morgan Jones Park. The red section of the map is clear and can only possibly relate to the already sectioned off area. No other part of this map is red so dogs must be allowed on these areas. Clearly other people are allowed in the green areas too. They do not, however, have exclusive access. This is a public park and a facility open to anyone essentially. This is actually a fact as the gates are never, ever locked except the ones near the bowling green which are locked at weekends. Access to the car park is permanent. There are signs on the gates on Mill Road saying that they will be locked daily between certain times. They aren't and an explanation is required for this.

The same as above

As long as you pick up after your dog it shouldn't matter where it goes unless it's a burial site

This would limit the amount of areas people can walk dogs, which means they may walk their dogs less, impacting the welfare of the dogs and the wellbeing of the owners. This would also punish responsible dog owners. Faeces can be easily removed by owners, and usually is by the majority. Ensuring that there is adequate signage that encourages people to remove faeces in these areas would be preferable to an exclusion, as well as ensuring that all nearby 'poo bins' are emptied regularly.

I feel that the idea in principle is a good one but i would like to know how the council is proposing to police the above proposals? Is my money (£186 per month) better spent on policing litter bugs, education and enforcement in particular fly tipping in remote areas. At the moment its a free for all regards litter and fly tipping. Back to dogs and sports pitches. Yes its a good idea but maybe introduce areas where dogs can be walked. From a wheelchair users and limited walking ability perspective what alternative ideas do you propose? After looking at the maps provided there is very little scope for walking dogs on the outer perimeter. Public safety is priority i get it. If you must exclude dogs from sports fields then i cannot accept this. Please consider Anti social behaviour in such places as sometimes its not the dogs or faeces i feel threatened by, it's the teenagers and drug users and the paraphenalia they leave behind. Sunday Mornings picking up litter and needles after the kids saturday night is not my idea of enjoying public spaces. Many thx.

This measure will be penalising people who do not have the ability to walk their dog elsewhere. Not every dog owner is able to take their dog to the local hills or mountain. We have a lot of older residents and less mobile people in the area and this would mean significantly fewer options for dog walk locations and their joint ability to enjoy the outdoors. Meanwhile, the local sports / play fields will go unused for days on end. These green spaces belong to all of us, and should be accessible and available for all to use in a responsible fashion. The real problem is that some people fail to pick up after their dog in any location, or that dogs walk themselves without a person with them to check if they have fouled. The current restrictions require dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places ...if this is 'policed' effectively, it will result in people picking up after their dog everywhere - not just on sports/playing pitches. So if the current restrictions cannot be effectively enforced as it is, how will the new restrictions be enforced more effectively? My greater concern is relating to broken glass and general litter in public spaces, including playgrounds, sports fields etc. I almost dread the morning after a sunny evening, as I know litter will be strewn around our green spaces, including the sports pitches, and we will then be spending time ourselves litter picking.

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I have children who play football and train on council pitches and feel that responsible dig owners do no harm. I use the time as an opportunity to walk my dog on the lead and pick up any waste and dispose of it in appropriate bins. I also feel that such areas are an easy place for some owners to walk their dogs if they are not able to travel far. It seems like everyone is being punished for the sake of a few irresponsible owners. Health and safety is bad enough as it is, let's encourage people to get out and about rather than punishing them.

Coaches are frequently having to check and clean up mess before matches. Needs to be stopped!

See box above for reasons. Dogs should never be allowed on games pitches

Most sports pitches are not fenced in so this effectively prevents dog owners from letting a dog off its lead in the adjoining land as no dog will stop at an invisible boundary.

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I live close to fernlee and the only open space I am physically able to walk to . My dogs are seniors so can't walk to other areas of open space . I always clean up any mess and others who leave their bags in woods leading to fields .

They will affect me as I enjoy walking my dog around council owned fields and if I wasn't allowed to then I would suffer as there's nowhere to walk him and the dog would suffer as he needs to burn energy.

N/A

This will negatively impact on all dog owners, the above question is absurd as it has nothing to do with the issue of excluding dogs.

Elderly people usually have mobility problems, so to be able to take their pet to a local field is wonderful. I am unable to walk far, and the loss of the local facility would be just awful.

Communication ought to be Welsh and English.

As an individual who suffers with mental health issues I struggle to find places where I feel safe to walk my dog, get out in the fresh air and meet other people. These restrictions are unnecessary and further reduce the number of places that I can walk to from my home to exercise my dog. I suffer with PTSD and the ability to be able to use the facilities in my home town safely and comfortably are essential to my everyday existence. I always clean up after my dog and do not walk my dog on sports pitches when in they are in use so why should my life be negatively affected because there are a rare few people who act irresponsibly.

Its a great idea plenty of other places to walk the dog just not on a playing field for sports

No, there will be no affect.

none

N/A

These proposals will go some way to making safer recreation for all families

n/a

As an OAP, with limited mobility, these areas are vital for me to exercise my dog.

My wife does not feel safe walking the dog in isolated areas and the parks are a much safer option for women in particular

I have a medical condition which means I cannot drive or walk long distances, Maesycwmmmer field is within walking distance and means I can throw a toy for my dog and he can get the exercise he needs whilst avoiding me being in a great deal of pain.

I am not a football supporter as it doesn't interest me

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Dogs like to have the ability to run around and taking control of the whole field is unacceptable for residents like myself, due to poor health I cannot walk long distances .and the hill down to the bottom field is too steep and slippery at certain times of the year. throwing a ball for my dog allows me to give my dog proper exercise as I cannot walk too far. allowing people to exercise their dogs on half of the field would be more fair than restricting them to the margins where it is impossible to throw my ball.

Not at all and anyone who says so are just making problems. However, guide dogs or assistance dogs should be permitted but the rules still apply with regards to cleaning up dog mess.

Na

Age I cannot climb a mountain to exercise my dog you are taking away flat space Disability it is the only flat ground that I can use with disabled access slopes The area has toilets which I need close when I exercise my dog

It will affect me I'm a oap with walking disabilities n can only walk where its flat n plenty of seats

I will hope that such changes will produce healthier play areas and improvement in managing dogs.

Many people use the above mentioned field as they are unable to walk any further than this due to health issues

N/A

As a wheelchair user the hazard caused by dog muck that has not been removed is very real.

N/A

N/A

N/A

Yes I am a Elderly & Disabled Wheelchair user, with a Companion anxiety dog, as I have panic attacks, mental heath problems and a social anxiety... I do need to exercise her everyday running for a ball for half an hour in a safe grass flat cut area which it accessible for me, This proposal will impact me and not solve the problem of irresponsible people. more venerable with be using Mental health, Doctors and hospital service because they can no long keep a pet, and unable to go out to enjoy public open spaces.

As a parent of children who play sport and also a dog owner

Elder persons who walk on the main sports fields such as Virginia view and penhroel couldn't walk any further to exercise themselves and their animals trecenydd too

My son is disabled, we walk our dog on the local rugby/football pitch as it's flat and viable for him to do

I would aldo suggest the fences in area is wheelchair accessible

I feel this proposal will have a massive effect on me because I rely on taking my dogs for a run over my local field on a daily basis it helps me unwind from a busy day at work and seeing them able to exercise freely and socialise is keen for a dogs well being.

Taking away access to flat open spaces would damage my health and that of my family and dogs. It's the only places we can go.

Not me, but I know older residents who can only use this area due to mobility issues.

Yes, female, disabled, in my 60's, have a dog for company and to give me confidence to go out and exercise on my own, will never need the use of pitches to play on, but will need a park to walk and exercise my companion dog. I am partially sighted and have a problem with my spine which means I cannot run after my dog if it accidentally went on a pitch and so would make it impossible for me to use the parks and so I would be discriminated against if this policy took place as currently stated.

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Yes I have a dog because of depression to get me out and about on doctor's advice but if you stopped us exercising in all our public spaces and parks my mental health will suffer I will have to use more mental health services and if there's no safe places for walking with a dog I will have to put the dog into to a shelter. I will then need to use loneliness services as I live on my own. My physical health will also suffer as I would be unable to go out as I have anxiety panic attacks with my social phobias so unable lto go out without my companion dog.

Mental health issues for people being yet again banned

Age disability

N/A

I understand the side of its not hygienic for kids playing etc but not every dog owner is irresponsible. Do those who are maybe there should be more reminders of how much the fine costs?!? Or something in place to actually take action against those people. Don't know why there's a concern about pitches only when you can't walk your kids to school without stepping in poo.

As above, my son can't go anywhere without his dog, he can't play in parks, he can't walk on grass, his life is limited. Your rulings already make it difficult fir him and so many others like him to be included in anything "neurotypicals" have and can do! Why are the council so set against disabled, they have rights and needs too, the only difference is they're more wholesome, than the selfish lazy people. The once's complaining about the issues you're set to change, are the very same ones doing the damage in the first place. Put the disabled first for a change, you may set the trend and start to make a mark in bettering their lives and showing them they belong and deserve things like this that they do desperately need!

N/a

N/A

As a women, I will not walk by myself for my own safety. Taking my dog with me helps deter attackers and helps me feel safe. I regularly walk on playing pitches for the same reaosn, they are open spaces usually in built up areas and so they are safer. Banning dogs from these areas will disproportionatwly affect women.

We need to walk through the sport field to get to the other fields. we clean up after thr dog more than kids clean up after themselves . Stop the teenagers smashing bottles and dropping litter...they are more of a nuisance than conscienacious dig owners that will be penalised by this new rule.

I am not disabled but more elderly people find walking along the banks of the football field difficult and potentially dangerous when compared to walking across the football field. If indeed dog walkers cannot cross the field then the paths (loose phrase as there are none) either side should be made safe. I have seen an elderly man slip from the top to the bottom but luckily suffered mo more than humiliation, and I have fallen down the banking on the brook side of the football pitch.

The proposal to exclude dogs from marked pitches discriminates against me as a dog owner as the measure will still allow cats and foxes, which carry toxicara, to access the same pitches.

Disability due to mental illness which dog walking locally helps

As a young lady I feel safe walking my dog off lead on a flat area where I can see entry & exit. I can also see people approaching.

I would not be affected by theses proposals.

What has any of the above got to do with being a responsible dog owner. Unless your registered blind i suppose, then your not able to detect what your dog has done.?

N/A

N/A

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I am a diabetic and need to do walks/runs to keep my fitness up and sugars in control. I like to take my dog with me. Without the use of fields (that are multi use) for her to run, there's less area for me to go as well. Because we both need time to run and exercise, and a dog should not be on a lead always (if they're controlled). For the sake of my health/disability, and meant health to always have my dog companion with me, these changes may effect us.

N/A

N/A

My mother only has the ability to travel to a sports field and someone should explain to her that she now can't walk the dog locally because a few selfish individuals have ruined it for her and some more selfish individuals have decided she can't walk her dog locally.

N/A

N/A

No

No

None

No, it is purely based on what is good for the environment, children and families and well as dog owners. My only concern might be that dog owners who are usually very considerate would be penalised, but those that don't really worry about others will not. How will this be enforced?

As a single women walking my dog. If I was not be able to go to the park it would mean I would have to travel to a more remote or an unfamiliar place which could be unsafe for me. As I am diabetic it's also important to go the park and not further afield in a more remote place In case of an urgent medical emergency.

As a woman walking the dog alone, having access to sufficient safe public spaces is vital; to add additional restrictions that make it more difficult or create a barrier to using public spaces safely and appropriately could be considered discriminatory or certainly more dangerous and disadvantageous.

No

As a woman it is hard to find areas to walk your dog where you don't feel threatened in daylight as it is. Especially as crime with dog napping has gone up. Forcing us to find excluded/remote areas may increase anxiety and make females/elderly/disabled people more reluctant to walk/play with their companions. These areas owned by the council are highly public and exposed. Other area are not. I do not feel these proposals are in the interest of public safety!!!

N/A

Not myself personally, but disabled owners may rely on the use of inclosed pitches etc to exercise their animals safely

As an older person, I feel the necessity to travel further afield for free space for my dog will affect me differently. Also, for many older people, a dog is their main companion.

As stated at Q7, taking away areas for exercising dogs adversely affects all but in particular for older people and those with a disability.

Yes without being able to take the dogs to the playing fields it will mean mostly walks on the streets with no off lead time.

I am LGBT and I grew up in Wales. I have consistently seen resources directed to the patriarchal society dominated by male sports, particularly rugby. I was forced to partake in this myself when I was a child. Now, as a responsible adult who chose to move from Cardiff to Caerphilly with his partner and our dog I can see that the priorities haven't changed much outside of the city. It feels as though male dominated sports and society still take precedence over other types of people.

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I know several disabled people this would affect

Not myself, but think of the elderly who rely on these fields close by to exercise their dogs in a safe manner.

N/A

Please refer to previous comments. As a single person, a pensioner with some mobility issues, I also consider this proposal discriminatory as it would have a detrimental effect upon my social interaction & mental health & well being. I value such open green spaces & what they offer & should be available for all to experience & enjoy. We are not a Police State nor do we want to be

Yes. I'm disabled, often I walk my dog on sports pitches as they're flat and accessible.

I do not expect or should I be discriminated against for being denied my human rights because I'm a dog owner and choose to walk my dog in these areas. My mental health and general health and well-being would most certainly suffer with such treatment from such impositions and restrictions on enjoying my exercise, fresh air & opportunity of socialising. I would be reluctant and hesitant of walking into a park where there are these enforcements - don't feel I would have the confidence to do so, especially as I would be feeling watched and judged. Just thinking about it now is making me feel unworthy and undervalued as a person. Not very nice at all. I should not be made to feel this way in my community. My dog is my emotional support.

Age. This field is near my home and as a senior citizen, far enough for me to walk to exercise my dog.

I do have a back disability but walk my dog elsewhere.

Discrimination as a dog owner

na

The elderly would find not having a field to walk their dogs very difficult my dad for one cannot take his dogs on long walks and uses the field but always s carry's bags and uses them in the correct manner

I am not aware of any equality issues.

That's a load of nonsense

Yes. As stated above the ban on playing fields and parks prevent me and my children attending these areas as I cannot leave the dog in the house.

Gender. Many areas where you can let your dog run safely are secluded and unsafe.

They will affect many residents who have dogs and who are elderly

this will affect my parents who look after our dog regularly and find it easy to access some of these areas to allow our dog to run, they are 70+

No

Yes as I cannot walk far with my small dogs and they are elderly and can't walk far . Fernlea is on my doorstep and I clean the litter on it

A thorough check on access to areas that can be used for dogs allows proper consideration for vulnerable and disabled to access areas that are fully accessible to them. Risk assessments should be carried out to inform of any impacts that could be unnecessarily minimize any impacts to vulnerable groups.

NA

There should be safe fenced areas for dog walkers to let their dogs off the lead. People who don't have big gardens need to ensure their dogs get the exercise they need, lack of exercise leads to bad behaviour!

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N/A

na

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It about the council should put in dog waste bins on popular dog walks. Take penalta not one dog waste bin. You're actively encouraging irresponsible dog owners to not pick up their dog excrement

Glad something hopefully is being done about it, the green over by me on castell maen constantly has dogs on it. And theres a football pitch laid out

I see why these guys proposals are in place, but put signs for dog walkers at the start of the fields & provide a roll of poo bags, that would be cheaper than having a warden. If you ban dogs you should close of the fields completely & have for rugby use only as like I said above you will have a big litter problem.

Although I agree with keeping dogs off sports pitches I feel that these areas should remain an open and public space for everyone to use and should not be sold off to sports clubs or developers

Increase the penalties for dog owners who do not collect their dog faeces

Advisory to avoid dog fouling on pitches - owners generally know when a dog is likely to go and where they like to go, they can act accordingly.

Maybe if you supplied more dog waste bins and rubbish bins at these venues maybe, just maybe some people would make a better effort

How is this going to be enforced? That is the question the Council needs to consider next.

I hope that all dog owners will take responsibility and not take their dogs on playing areas.

There should be fines applied to those people who don't comply with these proposals.

Just happy to see more being done about irresponsible dog owners

Amendments are definitely needed towards dog control. But the proposed ones are not good for the majority of owners who have well controlled and friendly dogs. It will diminish the areas that our dogs can run freely and get the most exercise they need. Amendments are needed but not this strict.

Larger fines for people who blatantly ignore these rules

I feel that should this proposal go ahead, it will be important to publicise the new rues widely. It is also important to ensure that dog owners do have sufficient space to exercise their animals, otherwise there will be a small, but significant minority who will ignore the legislation. The local authority will need to work on a premise of education, intervention and enforcement.

The football fixtures could be made public information in a notice sent to residents or a sign produced and placed on the pitch 24 hours prior to kick off to ensure dogs aren't walked on the pitch before a match. Allowing match officials time to assess the standard and cleanliness of the pitch.

Irresponsible dog owners should be heavily fined.

You could give us a bit of a walk way in waunfawr second ground near the fire station field please!

I dont know what more say. Its dangerous to players if they get the dog faeces into a wound. But how are yoi going to control it. Its very quiet at Fields Park. Unless Cameras momitoring the fields of perminant people at the venues i cant see much changing

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The amount of dog waste throughout pontlottyn is disgusting there is nowhere near enough bins in the village especially on the river path along the recreation ground the only bin is at the start of the walk so people just bag the mess and leave on the side of the path however if bins were provided at various distances along the route they would be able to put it in a bin a vehicle can get to more than half of the route so there isn't any excuse of not being accessible to clean from your point of view

None

Put more dog bins around Pontlottyn

Also wonder how much Council tax will increase if this is to be policed effectively

Again owners just need to keep their dog on a lead and clean up the mess the dog does.

I would like this to be regularly enforced and dog owners mid walk checked to see if they have bags to dispose

I believe the order relating to Maesycwmmwr Playing Field should not be included as this area is well used by dog owners. It provides a safe area for exercising dogs off lead. The playing fields have not been used for football or rugby for well over 10 years.

I suggest that more waste bins be available in parks, as a lot of people pick up their dog waste but throw the bags because no bins

Cctv in certain areas of interest

Why are current laws with dog owners not picking up after their dogs enforced. I have never seen anyone present at my local playing fields to enforce these laws. The bigger issue is the number of youth present on playing fields at weekends and the number of broken bottles and waste. Perhaps the local police should do more to enforce rules and ensure safety in these areas

I don't think it is a big ask for dogs to stay off playing fields or for farces to be picked up by owners. We are constantly dodging dog farces on pavements on walk to school.

Please add Newbridge Canal Fields to the marked sports area map

I have heard dog owners complain about the proposals because if they do not have a car to travel elsewhere they feel their dog will miss out on exercise. Yet they can still walk their dog around the perimeters of these sites, providing they are on a lead. Wanting their dogs to have untrammelled access to the whole site is putting their pets before children's and players' rights to play sport without coming into contact with foul mess and germs. No contest!

If the current restrictions are followed there would be no need to add to these rules. Unfortunately the minority sometimes spoil it for the majority, so re-enforcing the rules would prevent this.

If the existing restrictions are enforced, the proposed amendments are rather redundant. Perhaps it would be more productive to focus on enforcing the existing restrictions, rather than penalising responsible dog owners and preventing them from using public spaces appropriately.

Living in Fochriw sometimes the football field has almost a flock of sheep on them why do you not fine farmers the mess in the streets and the danger and damage they cause is terrible

The vast majority of dog owners are responsible people who abide by the rules and regulations. Unfortunately, the minority tarnish their good reputation.

Will collection of fines be handled by courts which can be costly or by the Council. ?

Why can't people learn to co-exist!!! If the pitch is being used then no dogs allowed. If it's not it's fair game. It's about mutual respect and courtesy. If dog owners don't respect this, then fine them.

Dogs are great, owners are sometimes not so great. These are simple measures to keep all of us safer in open spaces.

Ban the filthy people from the sports fields. Ask whoever mows the grass, what do they find, glass etc in their mowing machines.

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No dogs within 2 meters of such marked sports areas and all children's lay areas

Even if this additional amendment is added, how will it be enforced? This is not practical for anyone. Government spaces are owned by the council so that they can be used by the community, dog owners should respect its use by young children just as much as the council should respect responsible dog owners who control the effects of their dogs while being present on playing fields.

the greatest problem with any of these measures is the lack of enforcement; we already have decent rules about cleaning up after dogs or dogs not being dangerously out of control; however mess and anti- social behaviour are ever increasing- I assume because the chance of being caught and fined are low; when I approach owners (males in particular) who leave dog mess in local lanes I get abuse

I also walk my dog's on the grounds behind Hengoed primary school but the brambles and nettles have not been cut and the path now is less than 2 feet wide, which makes it awkward as I am forever getting caught in the brambles and nettles

I think the introduction of a blanket ban is the lazy approach. I also think the situation would be bettered by more dog waste bins that are actually emptied rather than being left to fester by the council.

Dogs should be kept on a lead in all populated public places.

The current restrictions are enough to ensure that local pitches are kept clean from dog mess. Without the need to inhibit responsible dog owners from exercising with their pet. For some the local park is the only green space they have access to. There are huge mental health benefits as well as physical ones to walking a dog. This does not need to be made more complicated. Our council owned spaces should be available for ALL users without discrimination.

None

Green spaces for residents :-) As a council tax payers we would like to enjoy our parks and sport areas again.

The only thing that concerns me is how will you empower and stop people from entering fields with their dogs

The Council needs to place many more dog litter bins on streets but also in places like the above playing field. There are only two bins and if your dog doesn't foul when near one of these bins, you have to carry it for some time. I do this but there are always those who don't so more bins, very regularly emptied, would help. There are some who'll never pick up but the Council should be helping the majority who do the right thing by making life a little easier - and ensuring there are no excuses for the minority!

Playing areas need constant monitoring to ensure the changes are adhered to

I am quite happy with the proposals.

Some specific enclosed dog exercise areas would help

I believe this issue needs to be monitored in more depth in playing fields and parks. However, maybe it would be a good idea if the council had 1/2 specific 'dog friendly' sites/ areas or fields where dogs where allowed could be allowed off their lead. With the idea that this area is specifically designed for dogs to be allowed off their leads and for exercise.

If I am unable to walk dog on Libanus field it will exclude me from letting my dog off the lead to run. As it is safe and secure and not near a road.

I believe the original bye law for the local park was "Dogs should be kept on a lead ". Why hasn't this been kept ?

Instead of banning dog owners from public spaces, please employ dog fouling and litter wardens to patrol areas. It would improve Caerphilly and could be cost neutral. Otherwise it will just move the problem to other areas like Trethomas, which could be beautiful.

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I totally agree that dog owners need to be responsible and clean up after their dogs but the fields are one of the safe spaces to exercise dogs that are away from bicycles and motorised vehicles that we experience when exercising in areas such as Penallta.

More bins

Leave the current restrictions as they are but police them more effectively. Have a greater education campaign about responsible dog ownership. In my experience dog fouling in parks is often because of people not keeping a close enough eye on their off lead dog and missing them fouling rather than walking away on purpose - have more of a campaign pointing this out to people. Have a positive attitude to dogs in general and promote the health benefits of walking a dog several times a day. Encourage and advertise dog classes and groups particularly for new puppies where positive dog ownership can be encouraged. Realise that dog owners in general are on your side and hate fouling as much as everyone else, don't pitch owners and non owners against each other.

more frequent patrols of these public parks to catch offending irresponsible dog owners.

I have submitted these comments as a private individual, although I am a Community Councillor for Machen on BTMCC and I am also Secretary of the Machen Welfare Recreation Association. I do not speak for either of these organisations in my comments to this survey. As a dog owner I always carry poo bags with me at all times, and I always clean up after my dogs. I have seen numerous instances of people not cleaning up after their dogs. As a Councillor and Secretary of the MWRA, I have had instances brought to my attention of dog owners becoming aggressive when asked to keep their dogs under control by members of the sports clubs in Machen who use the fields for training purposes. Indeed, before any sporting game can take place in Machen Rec Ground, the sports club staff have to go over the pitches with great care to ensure that all dog mess is cleaned away. This is simply unacceptable. I note that the CCBC proposal is not to ban dogs from the wider fields where the pitches are, but rather to ban them from the marked pitches. This is fine, but it means that you are not banning dogs from the wider Rec, which will be of relief to many dog owners, particularly older dog owners who may struggle walking their pets in other places. I must and cannot emphasize enough, that the key to this plan is adequate enforcement. If people's behaviour is to be changed then the rules must be rigorously enforced. In Machen this must mean two or three visits a week from CCBC enforcement teams on all the pitches in Machen at random times. Without such enforcement there whole exercise will be one of total futility. Thank you.

Don't make it a blanket ban, just tighten up on those individuals who should never have the privilege of being dog owners

As stated above. Dogs to be required always on a lead in these areas & hence fully under the owners control - much safer for everyone & the environment. More 'dog boxes' that are frequently emptied. More general litter bins available Clear signage, using language to encourage good, respectful behaviour. In some areas, improved seating Drinking water fountains that would encourage the need for participants of sport not to bring single use plastic bottles of water & in doing help to relieve the litter problem on & around pitches after a match or training session. This can be a problem. Recreational areas need to be welcoming to all & for everyone to access & enjoy & NOT to deny.

I think all sports pitches or areas should be included. Especially those used for mini rugby. Some of these areas are not included in the exclusion zones and I so don't think the proposal goes far enough. Children in particular are not protected enough. I also think all dogs should be kept on leads in these areas... Under control is not enough.

Dogs to be kept on the lead at all times. More dog bins that are emptied more regularly More general litter bins (ones for recycling preferably) Those taking part in matches and training sessions and those in charge, to ensure that following them, litter, particularly plastic drinking containers are not strewn around and left to litter pitches and the surrounding area. This often happens. Users need to be aware of their responsibility to others and their environment and do the right thing to clean up.

I understand this field was left by Lord Tredegar for the use of us all. No segregation was mentioned and his wishes should be honoured.

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More bins

Stop dogs and owners ignoring the proposals by fencing off the actual playing field so dogs can't go in there. Like they do with kids play areas.

Totally unreasonable step that is not needed.

Ban unsupervised kids instead

More waste bins are needed along routes not just at entrances to walks..

Children also love seeing dogs in the fields as long as owners are walking their dogs on leads around other dogs and disposing of any doggy bags in the right manner I don't feel it should be stopped it will affect the older generation

I have none.

Most of the football pitches you lot in Caerphilly don't have a clue where they are or what they look like ,get off your backsides and talk to the people

Dogs should all be on a lead in public places.

Put up CCTV have more patrols, put more dog waste bins on walking paths, posters to encourage people to clean up after their dogs.

Larger fines for those caught allowing their dogs to foul on pitches

Please empty the dog bins on a more regular basis . They are often spilling over. Fight one battle first rather than bringing on another

Try to do more to stop irresponsible dog owners

If this proposal is put in place there should at least be a requirement for the council to implement "dog only" parks, where sports are not allowed. For instance, a large majority of Waunfawr Park & fire station park, Crosskeys will be unusable, so allow sports on Waunfawr park and turn fire station park into a Dog park.

The Bathsfield Risca is not on your map. Football and rugby is played on there

CCBC need to be make available enforcement officers or otherwise this amendment to the restrictions is a pointless costly exercise. As a dog owner I do not want to see dog faeces on the ground in any public space but sadly I do & it is disgusting. Unfortunately some dog owners are spoiling the enjoyment of dog walking for every dog owner. The only way to stop it is hefty fines.

The maps showing the green and red areas where dogs are and aren't allowed respectively, show areas where dogs are currently allowed in green. this includes children's parks for example and could lead to confusion. Please could you address this when reporting the results of the survey.

More than making more rules however - these need to be enforced. The amount of dog faeces in my local area within the parks used by mostly children is unbearable, let alone the pavements in the borough.

Look at all the fields and check records to see if they are maintained as a sports field as in keeping the grass cut and removing Mole hills that regularly appear . Fernlea field is not fit for purpose as a playing field.

How will these new laws be policed. Fed up with dog owners thinking everyone loves dogs and they have the right to have them off leads and bothering other park users.

Where are dog walkers supposed to go if we can't let them run on a field. The mountains aren't accessible for everyone and well behaved dogs love a off lead run. Do we all stay on the cricket pitch now, I was shocked to see this isn't included in your proposal.

Are there fields allocated for dog walkers within the borough - council land. Will there be sufficient accessible green spaces e for outdoor dog walking?

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The council will need to provide fencing around the playing fields to enclose pitches e.g. Morgan Jones Park. Also people who hire the playing field needs to be told that area is what they are hiring and not the rest of the field because this is likely to cause conflict within the community.

How is this going to be enforced? There needs to be visible staff in place to enforce these laws. Fence off the playing fields to allow for dog owners to walk their dogs responsibly and in the right areas. Provide more dog waste bins and empty them regularly. Caerphilly council are not responsible enough to empty the bins enough so this encourages people to leave the waste and bag it and leave it around the bins. Tackling the dog poo pandemic would be more appropriate.

Whilst not directly in connection with proposal , Also feel strongly that clubs that use the fields should be responsible for taking litter & used bandages etc home with them , as this can also be a hazard & looks disgusting.

Some fenced areas where dogs can safely be let off the lead.

Can the council also clarify who will be making the orders to put a dog on a lead? what training they have had to be able to determine if a dog's behaviour is one that warrants this? Have they completed a diploma or a higher cert in dog behaviour?

On Friday/Saturday 13th/14th August a stolen golf buggy was brought into the park and set ablaze. What a terrible waste of resources for the fire service to have to come in to extinguish it. If the gates had been locked it would not have happened although inevitably the fire would have been set elsewhere. There is a comedy mention on the map page of the Police. There is not a station and apart from the very occasional powerless PCSO are an invisible presence. So point 4 on the map page is another fantasy situation. Most significant is the relatively recent use of the red area for recreational football/ purposes by children (mainly girls). I'm all in favour of this as there are so many obese children already in the area. They presumably pay a rental of some sort. It had better not be a part of my extortionate Council Tax bill. But generally, this is laudable, good for the kids and beneficial for society. What is not good and in fact borderline criminal (of course no one about to police anything) is the attitude of some parents and other observers. They set up areas in the green section and lay claim to it being theirs. It is not as the map clearly shows. When I go down the Saturday and Sunday, I shall take all this with me. They bring their own dogs who run around befouling the green and red areas. Most incredibly they allow their children to defecate and urinate on the tump side of the pathway. When approached about this outstandingly egregious behaviour "the toilets are too far away". What sort of society is this? These tragically are parents bring up the next generation (if there is one of any consequence). They are arrogant, rude, feel entitled, park their massive cars that are ruining the Earth wherever they want and don't care about anyone. The council if it can be bothered, which would frankly be miraculous needs to do something.

What about creating a place for dogs and their walkers? Why should they suffer? They deserve to have freedom! Some dogs are better behaved than humans!

Unnecessary and hard to understand the need for this change

No to excluding dogs and walkers. Yes to more policing and enforcement with heavy fines. Yes to Enforcement and policing Anti Social behaviour.

Bring back park keepers to keep lazy and thoughtless dog owners accountable for their dogs behaviour. Our parks and playing area are there for the benefit of Caerphilly residents and visitors, such a shame that a few feel it's necessary to spoil them

Any sports pitches should be fenced off (not just a railing) to allow adjacent land to be used.

Disagree 1) if your going to do that you should fence them offg: 2) there is little space for dog walkers and your props ing to reduce that even further. Dog walkers equate to 40% of your tax payers yet only a small amount of those tax payers use the land and only use it once a week for about 90 minutes. Dog owners use it 3 times a day 7 days a week. So why is the order anti dog constituent 3) there's no mention of enforcement of football and rugby club mess, that is left around the marked pitches creating hazards for dog; 4) you haven't addressed the bigger issue of dog mess on pavements. This going to increase the issue. 5) ir won't solve the problem as foxes still use the pitches and fox faeces is similar to dogs, so the pitch regardless will always need to be checked. The proposal is targeting older dog walkers who cannot travel to forest trails removing local walking routes for them. If its one or two pitches fenced off I don't have a problem. But applying it in a blunder buss approach is discriminatory to dog walker specifically the elderly and the mobility challenged walkers

Disagree 1. The exclusion is an overreaction, seemingly based purely on anecdotal evidence, to fears of disease spread by dog faeces, specifically toxicara. It would be interesting to see the scientific data that the council is basing its proposal on. 2. Toxicara is extremely rare, with only two cases of illness due to infection per million of the UK population per year. On the extremely rare occasions when human infection occurs, it usually only causes mild, flu-like symptoms. Part of the reason for the rarity is that dogs in particular tend to be regularly wormed by their owners. If it was a genuine problem in the population then scores of dog owners in the county borough would present with symptoms each year. Clearly, that is not the case. 3. Toxicara is present in the digestive systems of cats and foxes, as well as dogs and yet no measures are being proposed in respect of cats and foxes. In other words, if there is a genuine problem (which does not seem to be the case statistically) this measure will not solve it. 4. Putting aside the spurious toxicara risk, it is probably true that a very small number of irresponsible dog owners allow their dogs to foul pitches. However, the proposed measure punishes the overwhelming majority of responsible dog owners who ensure that their dogs do not foul sports/playing pitches and does nothing to prevent fouling by cats or foxes. The proposed measure is therefore discriminatory and will be ineffective as foxes are certainly not wormed. 5. Most of the pitches that would exclude dog walkers are within easy walking distance of peoples' homes. However, the council does not appear to be offering any equally accessible ADDITIONAL alternative dog walking sites nearby (i.e. of equal size and within equivalent walking distance) to make up for what will be a loss of local amenity for large sections of the population. The only alternatives would be a car journey away which seems to contradict Welsh Government policy to reduce reliance on motor vehicles and to provide easily and sustainably accessible multi-use public spaces that support diverse recreational interests. Again, it would be interesting to see the council's work on provision of such additional, equivalent spaces to mitigate for the loss of amenity resulting from the proposal. Or, rather, has any such work been done? 6. It seems to me that it would be better to enforce existing controls more effectively by, for example, employing park wardens to monitor the use of public spaces. The presence of these wardens could also then help to discourage the real problems in our parks and public spaces,

such as substance abuse, under age drinking, littering, vandalism, burning of stolen wheelie bins and other forms of anti-social behaviour. Dogs are really not our biggest problem! The proposal to exclude dogs from marked pitches discriminates against me as a dog owner as the measure will still allow cats and foxes, which carry toxicara, to access the same pitches. As outlined in my objection above, it seems to me that it would be better to enforce existing controls more effectively by, for example, employing park wardens to monitor the use of public spaces. The presence of these wardens could also then help to discourage the real problems in our parks and public spaces, such as substance abuse, under age drinking, littering, vandalism, burning of stolen wheelie bins and other forms of anti-social behaviour. Dogs are really not our biggest problem!

- Disagree 1. Your maps are inaccurate in that they don't include cricket grounds - so are dogs allowed on cricket pitches? 2. As sports grounds are often seasonal and therefore not "marked" all year round, are dogs allowed on pitches when they are not marked? 3. Several times in recent years Abercarn welfare has been out of action due to raw sewage polluting the sports field - are dogs allowed during these times? Were Welsh water fined for every piece of faeces? 4. Will the council be marking out dog walking areas? 5. Will the council re-open recently closed pathways (River walk at rear of Prince of Wales ind. est. and pathway to rear of Gerry Jones transport? Clarify the "marked sports grounds" - e.g if the pitch markings are not clearly visible how can the order be enforced?
- Disagree a stupid idea and wouldn't be necessary if dog fouling was enforced properly
- Disagree Above Mental health issues for people being yet again banned
- Disagree Absolutely not like i said i agree with all above but not this statement my dog wouldnt join the school kids when they were playing on the field the other day and one of them was my daughter, hes not that type of dog . When sat on the field the other day and my child sat in dog faeces (barefoot) maybe employee more wardens to catch the caplrits , i personally feel the teenagers at waunfawr park smoking weed and smashing bottles are the biggest problem not dogs
- Disagree According to the rules above, dogs must behave and owners must pick up after them. If that is the case I don't see why dogs shouldn't make use of pitches if a game is not taking place.
- Disagree Again if they are on a lead I feel it's unfair to exclude dogs from potential days out to park areas and playing fields particularly if the dog owners are watching children from their family play sports etc. Especially when a lot of the time the adults etc leave behind more waste and rubbish from picnics/parties than dog owners do.
- Disagree Again, apart from playing parks for children, green areas should not be excluded to dogs. The vast majority of owners are responsible. You cannot take away green spaces unless replaced with dog exercise areas with grass

- Disagree Again... they should be able to have the right of freedom
- Disagree Agree during sporting events, but not when they are not being used. Also should be on a lead.
- Disagree All the dog owners I meet are responsible and pick up any dog mess it is unpleasant and if anyone leaves it they should be fined. but another thing to be aware of is the problem of teens and preteens running amok in waunfawr park throwing litter and smashing glass bottles also a danger, the park keepers do a fab job of keeping it clean but!
- Disagree Almost every level green bit of land the council control is given over to football pitches these are only used infrequently during a season. Where dogs need exercising every day 365 a year I pay my rates and am entitled to leisure facilities too. I don't have any pressure groups to push my options or wants .please give some facilities to others other than sports clubs then you might have some justification for this rule Well it certainly discriminates against anyone who doesn't play football and get their exercise and leisure by walking their dog. Litter I find left behind on the sports field is a problem these who leave this are as guilty as those who don't clear up dog mess but still they do it
- Disagree Areas like this help to TRAIN dogs off the lead, it would be a massive inconvenience to all dog owners to not be able to walk dogs off lead, also the dogs need the running exercise to stay fit. Dog bins should be changed more regularly around Risca, the bins are overfilled
- Disagree Areas such as the show field or even cefn fforest stute are ideal places to take children and dogs alike. I am a responsible dog owner and always keep my dog on a long line and carry multiple poo bags. My pet is never off lead and will be punished due to the negligence of others. Why not impose a 'leashed at all times rule' instead? Why should I have to make two separate trips (one with the dog and one without) to separate areas when we all love going for walks together and then a quick play in the park (I stay outside with the dog)
N/A
- Disagree As a dog owner I utilise council owned pitches to exercise and train my working dog. I also bring my dog to my children's matches and training sessions. A blanket ban seems to be a punishment for responsible owners. I can't see that a ban would prevent irresponsible owners from using the land. If they can't pick up dog poo, they're not going to be bothered to comply with any regulations preventing them from using the land. Any orders preventing dog use on the land would require enforcement for it to be successful. Extra enforcement should be used to actually deal with owners that are allowing their dogs to foul in the first place. Dog fouling offenders should be dealt with by way of increased detection and enforcement action. It is only the actions of a few that need addressing. Those that fail to clean up after their dog will just continue to use the land anyway.

- Disagree as a responsible citizen the loss of any freedom is to much having lived in several counties i find caerphilly the worst i think the peoples money should be better spent on more impotent issues (nhs homes for people on the streets mental health) the list goes on and on get a grip caerphilly council stop wasting our hard earned money
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner and a parent of a child who plays rugby on the pitch in Oakdale regularly, I feel there are bigger issues than dogs faeces on the pitch. There is often litter and broken glass on the pitch and the path around the pitch and regularly the strong smell of cannabis being smoked around the park in the evenings. I always pick up after my dog but fear that the current irresponsible minority are spoiling it for everyone and put players at risk.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner and a sports player it's not the dogs fault there is bad owners which will still do it if this is past through or not you can't patrol the the playing fields 24hrs a day and you will have some one that is a good dog owner and the dog gets of the lead and the jobs worth will fine them
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner I always ensure control over my dog in all areas and keep my dogs on a lead around children playing. Why are dogs targeted when there are youths from sports groups that constantly leaving their rubbish lying around and also smashed bottles and cans. Surely this poses a greater danger. This field was left by lord Tredegar to the people of Blackwood so why can't we enjoy it outside of sports games. Surely the whole field can be used by dog walkers when it's not in use. If this proposal goes ahead what are your intentions to endorse this especially during bad weather ? Are you going to put a boundary fence ? How will you control antisocial behaviour on the field regarding to litter and broken glass ? Will you be putting up cctv or will it be warden controlled ? A sports field cannot be in use 24/7 so why can't we walk our dogs when it's not in use? Why should dogs be banned outside of sports games ? How are you going to control antisocial behaviour when the sports field is not in use ?
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner I always pick up my dog's faeces. My dog enjoys being let off the lead and being allowed to run free and the number of places where this can happen is becoming less and less without having to drive somewhere, which is not exactly an environmentally friendly thing to do. Unfortunately people who aren't responsible are undoubtedly unlikely to take any notice of a ban if one was to be passed so all this is going to do is punish the dogs of us responsible dog owners. Effort would be better spent patrolling and catching the offenders who don't pick up their dog's faeces. Even better would be passing a bill to make money earned from puppy sales taxable. It's infuriating that I have to pay Ni and tax of any interest I accrue over £1,000, but people can earn thousands of pounds a year and no declare any of it!!!! more frequent patrols of these public parks to catch offending irresponsible dog owners.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner I do not let my dog foul on the pitches. He is not allowed to run and chase a ball on the pitches until he has done his business. I don't see why I should be punished due to the irresponsible few. Also, what alternative means do I have to exercise my dog in this area? The field near me is a lifeline to exercise my dog. In the same debate should we also ban people who can't be bothered to

use a bin? The amount of litter left on the pitch is ridiculous and is currently being cleaned up by volunteers (including myself) because your organisation doesn't deploy litter pickers regularly enough.

- Disagree As a responsible dog owner I find such proposal discriminatory & consider that my civil rights would be violated by preventing such access on public property for which a portion of of the council tax I pay contributes to maintain these recreational areas. I should not in any way be denied. These are valuable areas & essential for the well being & mental health of everyone, including dog owners & their dogs. I always ensure that my dog is kept on a lead in parks & sport recreational areas & clean up accordingly. Surely it would be more effective & sensible for dogs to be always required to be kept on a lead in these areas & the provision of more 'dog boxes' that are emptied more frequently. If the dog is always with the owner on a lead & hence under control it makes it easier to see & 'pick up'. Safer in every respect. Why should I be made to feel like a 'secondhand' citizen, even criminalised, because I am a dog owner and walk my dog? This is surely against my civil rights. Please refer to previous comments. As a single person, a pensioner with some mobility issues, I also consider this proposal discriminatory as it would have a detrimental effect upon my social interaction & mental health & well being. I value such open green spaces & what they offer & should be available for all to experience & enjoy. We are not a Police State nor do we want to be As stated above. Dogs to be required alway on a lead in these areas & hence fully under the owners control - much safer for everyone & the environment. More 'dog boxes' that are frequently emptied. More general litter bins available Clear signage, using language to encourage good, respectful behaviour. In some areas, improved seating Drinking water fountains that would encourage the need for participants of sport not to bring single use plastic bottles of water & in do doing help to relieve the litter problem on & around pitches after a match or training session. This can be a problem. Recreational areas need to be welcoming to all & for everyone to access & enjoy & NOT to deny.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner I object that children have to play on areas that may have dog mess and the possibility of walking in dog mess. However,some areas are large enough to accommodate everyon.For example the show field in Cefn Fforest has ample space ,if the play areas such as football pitches are clearly marked dog owners would recognise which area can be used to exercise thier dogs.Irresponsible dog owners should be heavily fined.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner who lives near fields it really does help our dog get the exercise it needs. Also in our community there are a lot of elderly who cannot walk/ exercise their dogs on the streets and these fields are a lifeline for them as they are level and even. I feel this amendment would a mistake as where are we supposed to exercise their dogs if they don't travel? I do understand the health reasons so I feel there should be more policing of the matter, more bins & maybe free bags like other counties. I feel it would affect numerous people in our village as there is a lot of elderly people who use our fields to exercise their dog. It's a safe easy place for them to get to. Otherwise they would have to street walk or travel which isn't really ideal or possible for them.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner who picks up dogs mess and maintains a healthy dig by means of regular medication fior worms and other parisites, I so no reason why this extra measure should take place. I clean up after my dog and by doing so , no harm is made to any other

park user. All this measure will do is further restrict movement and access for myself and for other dog owners who do not have the luxury or ability in some elderly residents to go elsewhere. I feel this extra measure is only going to penalise the conscientious and will have no bearing on those that flout the existing rules. I feel as a dog owner I am being discriminated. This extra action is unnecessary and discriminative to me and others like me

- Disagree As a responsible dog owner Why shouldn't you be able to take your dog and let them have a run around to burn off some energy and also exercise for the owners. Children on the fields are more irresponsible than dog walkers, for example the litter they leave and they leave gates open which dogs could go onto the main road. Stop blaming dogs for everything. They will affect me as I enjoy walking my dog around council owned fields and if I wasn't allowed to then I would suffer as there's nowhere to walk him and the dog would suffer as he needs to burn energy. I think it's disgusting that dogs and owners are getting the blame for everything when the council don't even empty the dog bins for a start. Most dog owners are responsible and should not be penalized for the few irresponsible people who let their dogs run wild and don't pick up their mess. They are the people you should be punishing.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner, I feel all dog owners are being punished as a result of the minority not clearing up after their dogs. If we ever see training / matches being played in the sports ground, we walk the dogs elsewhere. We only ever walk the dogs if the pitch is not in use and always clean up after our dogs. If I was not able to walk my dogs there, I would no longer allow my children to use the park situated onsite as we tend to do both things at the same time as I can walk my dogs and allow my children to play safely. I believe the park would be barely used in the week days if it were not for dog walkers as these are the only people I see whilst there is no training / matches being played.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner, I feel that introducing blanket orders are restricting dogs and owners from enjoying public spaces. The minority who don't clear up after their dogs will be the ones who ignore these restrictions making them ineffective.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner, it feels like this is punishing all dogs owners for the lazy minority. Why not have random patrols to ensure dog owners are picking up their mess with harsher fines. The sports pitch at Aneurin Park in Penyrheol is the majority of the field, if this proposal was put in place I would no longer walk my dogs in the park. Both my dogs are small and love to run freely without the worry of whether they may step on the wrong blade of grass because of over the top restrictions. I would suggest dog owners do not let their dogs run across the field away from them when off lead. I have seen certain dog owners do this and when their dog does toilet on the field they do not see and therefore not picking up their mess. I could even provide names of the irresponsible and lazy owners.
- Disagree As a responsible dog owner, who ALWAYS cleans up after my dog, I feel we are being victimised, having a large part of the Showfield taken away from us, the local residents who pay our council tax. All of this field has always been there for everyone's use, and it should continue

to be. Age. This field is near my home and as a senior citizen, far enough for me to walk to exercise my dog. I understand this field was left by Lord Tredegar for the use of us all. No segregation was mentioned and his wishes should be honoured.

Disagree As a senior citizen and having paid my taxes all my working life I don't agree with excluding dogs from sports/playing fields. There is nowhere local to walk the dogs other than the playing fields, and no where as been designated to do so. The fields are littered with broken bottles, smashed cans and drug capsules that the children leave behind but nothing is being done about this. Also the fencing over the bridge is continually being smashed and thrown in the river (Pontllanfraith) also smashed bottles in the river, again kids and teenagers!! I am in my 70s with walking difficulties and need to stay local If you insist on taking away places to walk dogs why don't you have a local designated area in which dogs are able to go and without the rubbish and dangerous broken bottles and cans that the younger generation feel obligated to leave behind. You can't even walk the dogs by the river because of broken bottles and the fencing being broken and thrown in. The river bridge is also dangerous for toddlers because the railings are broken off leaving wide gaps.

Disagree As above

Disagree As above Age and disability control where I can walk

Disagree as above

Disagree As above Age , I feel unsafe walking as a lone female , along forests and the river bank . More money ploughed into litter offences

Disagree As above

Disagree As above

Disagree As above Seperate Dog walking facilities should be made available if you decide to ban dogs from sporting fields and public spaces

Disagree As above Lone female at risk walking in secluded areas like woods. Impose all existing fines re dog behaviour and fouling

Disagree As above As above

Disagree As above I purchased my home close to an amenity 36 years ago so children could play. Park then moved away over 20 years ago then eventually taken away altogether. Now we can't let the dog have a run. I'm getting too old to walk miles away.

Disagree As above

Disagree As above

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- Disagree As above We do not play sport but have exercise by walking in great open spaces local to my family home. I do not always want to drive to spaces and it is better for the environment to use spaces local to places of residence. One of the reason we choose to live in the area was due to the facilities and ability to exercise with my family which had always includes a dog Majority of sports locally are played by boys/ men I would feel less intimidated dog walking and feel more confident to walk in these areas I understand that some dog owners are irresponsible more fines and inspections would help deter offenders. Every weekend there is excessive rubbish left by visitors and people playing sport that is also a public nuisance. There is not adequate bins/ recycling facilities available allowing birds and vermin to spread the litter over the area
- Disagree As above adults and underage drinkers are worse than a lazy pet owner, make dog waste bins more available and people will pick up after their furry friends. As above, my son can't go anywhere without his dog, he can't play in parks, he can't walk on grass, his life is limited. Your rulings already make it difficult fir him and so many others like him to be included in anything "neurotypicals" have and can do! Why are the council so set against disabled, they have rights and needs too, the only difference is they're more wholesome, than the selfish lazy people. The once's complaining about the issues you're set to change, are the very same ones doing the damage in the first place. Put the disabled first for a change, you may set the trend and start to make a mark in bettering their lives and showing them they belong and deserve things like this that they do desperately need! As above! #DisabledNeedsPutFirstForAChange #GiveOurDisabledAChance
- Disagree As above basically ,I don't walk my dog in playing fields but being a tax payer if that was my only option of except using my dog I would like to be able to have the choice
- Disagree As above but restrict these extensions to sports pitches only. What on earth has this question got to do with any problem that exists.
- Disagree As above my reply is the same . Look at the state of the fields and decide what ones are used for sport . Yes as I cannot walk far with my small dogs and they are elderly and can't walk far . Fernlea is on my doorstep and I clean the litter on it Look at all the fields and check records to see if they are maintained as a sports field as in keeping the grass cut and removing Mole hills that regularly appear . Fernlea field is not fit for purpose as a playing field.

- Disagree As above, it punishes the dog owners by excluding their dog(s) This will negatively impact on all dog owners, the above question is absurd as it has nothing to do with the issue of excluding dogs. Education is better than laws that negatively impact on everyone, the latter is becoming the norm in today's culture of easy answers and solutions. Policing existing laws is not happening and policing these types of laws is not practical and 99% of the time will not happen. A complete waste of time that negatively impacts on dog owners and will waste time.
- Disagree As above.
- Disagree As above. I know several disabled people this would affect More bins
- Disagree As above. Owners should clean after their dogs but dogs need space to exercise and not everyone is able to drive to a more distant area
- Disagree As above. Currently dogs cause a minor amount of problems. Statistics of how many people have actually contracted the disease might be useful. Using toxocarous as an excuse doesn't wash as most dogs are regularly wormed. Also park areas are mostly used by dog walkers in the day time. I would fear that if parks are not being used regularly then the need for them would be diminished and the grounds would be sold off. Also, 'sports' (primarily football and rugby) actually take up the fewest hours per week. I see no reason why they should be prioritised over normal people using the park for leisure activities on a daily basis. I am not disabled but more elderly people find walking along the banks of the football field difficult and potentially dangerous when compared to walking across the football field. If indeed dog walkers cannot cross the field then the paths (loose phrase as there are none) either side should be made safe. I have seen an elderly man slip from the top to the bottom but luckily suffered no more than humiliation, and I have fallen down the banking on the brook side of the football pitch. I have only once seen park wardens in the park. Absolute joke suggesting rules when it will just mean that the community will be ripped apart by snide remarks. If you are relying on the public to 'dob' their neighbours in then shame on you.
- Disagree As above. I'm fed up of picking up litter and broken glass. CCBC is a disgrace. 😞 As above.
- Disagree As above. The players using the pitches should be told to respect the fields and other people. Why are some people and their companion being victimised I walk my dog on a field where I feel safe and it is flat as my age and health stop me walking up hills Put more notices up about dogs on leads and taking litter eg bottles home.
- Disagree As above. This is not needed as a blanket no to people who control their dogs and ensure any waste is rightly, wholly and completely removed. I am not on my knees This PSPO is not needed and the activities of the council would be better served addressing real antisocial behaviours and increasing traffic problems
- Disagree AS ABOVE/ SEE ABOVE

- Disagree As long as dog owners are responsible it shouldn't be a problem Put more dog bibs around Pontlottyn
- Disagree As long as dogs are safely on leads, it shouldn't be a problem.
- Disagree As long as dogs mess is picked up they should have an exercise area too My son is disabled, we walk our dog on the local rugby/football pitch as it's flat and viable for him to do Many have a dog park, or flat area for people to walk their dogs safely
- Disagree As long as existing rules are enforced owners are responsible Ensure all existing rules are enforced as there does not appear council can enforce these.
- Disagree As long as the dog faeces is being picked up then it should be allowed as well as a dog who listens should be allowed on a field to walk around or have a ball thrown around etc I understand that there are owners who let their dogs off the lead to do whatever they like without taking notice however this isn't always the case
- Disagree As long as the dogs are responsibly walked I see no problem.
- Disagree As long as you pick up after your dog it shouldn't matter where it goes unless it's a burial site Unnecessary and hard to understand the need for this change
- Disagree As my above reference to the football pitches and no facilities. It makes me very angry when your spoken to in an abrupt manner by the parents or trainers of the football players regarding walking dogs on the field, why do they suddenly think they own the showfield, dogs have been walked on that field long before football became the priority. Personally I think more emphasis should be made on the littering bottle smashing and drug taking that goes on in the evenings. But nothing is ever done about the anti social behaviour that goes on there, Also the car park at Blackwoid Showfield is not able to accomidate the amount of vehicles that need to use it when theres only 1 match playing, have CCBC not considered the impact this is having on the traffic priblem and local community, the Markham band centre and Bowls club use that car park too, this field is clearly not suitable as a multi game recreational area due to its lack of facilities and vehicle parking priblems, an accudent waiting to happen,
- Disagree As nearly all fields where dogs can be safely exercised that are available to all members of the public especially those who are elderly and can't drive are council owned. In doing so you are taking many peoples ability to exercise there pets. I would like more patrols of playing fields by dog wardens to make it a far more difficult task for people to leave there dogs excrement behind though.
- Disagree As stated above this is going too far. As long as people pick up after their dogs and keep them on a lead or long line (unless recall is perfect) I don't see a problem. We should all be allowed to SHARE these green spaces, which are seriously lacking as it is! Why not have separate dog parks instead if you want to keep dogs separate? Thst would be a much better compromise and keep everyone happy

Separate outdoor enclosed dog parks would be a better idea if you want to keep dogs separate. We need somewhere to exercise our dogs

- Disagree Be proactive not reactive. It's the actions of a few that will. Spoil it for Literally thousands of people. More bins, use council patrols, be sensible and apply some common sense for once
- Disagree Because I walk my dogs around field. There is no wear to run dogs in llanbradach unless you got a car to go other places.
- Disagree Because the logic for doing it is completely flawed. They are discriminatory as assume that exercise is down to the councils defined list of sports and not that these are public spaces that happen used for exercise and have some sports pitches laid out noting that the public were never consulted on this. The public that don't play sports respect this space when sports are played (games are played for a few hours a week - no pitch invasions) so why can't these player & spectators (who should you take the time to add up the amount of time they are on the pitch versus the non-sports users abs dog walkers and travel into the area) have the same consideration to the local residents. The risk of any person picking up an infection because of dog or cat mess is this day and age is so small due to diet & worm treatments etc is infinitesimal so again your argument and logic makes no sense. Stop asking the same question by stealth, acting for minority, trying to enforce changes that are not wanted. This is Scottish National Party behaviour.
- Disagree Because these fields are often the only green spaces remaining in villages and towns. Or they have to be walked through to get to other green spaces. Plus, the waste of council money policing this for the very small chance of harm seems disproportionate. Plus, these fields are often the only space near play parks so if you are trying to walk the dog and let the kids play at the same time this would be impossible
- Disagree Being an owner of a cocker spaniel we use the parks at least twice a day to ensure he gets sufficient exercise. This includes off lead running on and around the pitches whilst under careful supervision and certainly not when there are sports going on. Having had our dog for 10 months we have grown to know other dog owners and have never seen owners not clean up any faeces their dog had left. We agree that there are dog faeces on playing areas and understand the risks to humans and other dogs. We feel that the issue should be addressed by increase use of dog wardens / cameras to penalise rogue dog owners. Also if you proceed with the proposed changes will you be fencing off the areas where dogs are not allowed. My wife does not feel safe walking the dog in isolated areas and the parks are a much safer option for women in particular
- Disagree Blanket ban is an over reach Why not put effort into enforcing existing rules and educating dog owners. Many areas have pitches which are also the only safe open green space, removing these from use by dog owners is a very harsh way to deal with a minority of 'bad owners. Limited safe areas available for women to walk dogs alone I'm unable to walk in countryside due to health issues (can't climb hills etc) so

open flat green areas allow me to give my dog decent exercise Dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs should be fined and if needed banned from ownership. Maybe consider dog licences and using the fees to increase monitoring and enforcement. Increase number of dog waste bins

- Disagree By excluding dogs from council owned sports pitches you are preventing dog owners from training and socialising their dog's in an enclosed safe space. Doing this actually produces unsocialised, unruly and destructive dogs. By excluding them from the entire field, excludes a vast majority of the local population. Again, these green spaces have been a vital resource and part of our continuing dog training for our past 2 dogs. We have always been respectful and naturally avoided playing on the marked sports pitches. But when we have needed that extra space and when we have needed to allow dog to dog socialisation this is near impossible to avoid. This green space has been so vital to us and is a huge part of our life and training. However, with the newer restrictions in place - off lead training and exercise would be prevented. Therefore making it more difficult to produce well balanced, calm and happy dogs. In addition, the field closest to us is easily accessible to any member of the public regardless of their circumstances/disabilities. It would be such a shame and truly unfair to take this vital resource away from some and not others. Please, I urge you not to amend and implement this unnecessary proposal to the already existing restrictions. Thank you. N/A
- Disagree Completely disagree with this. I'm a member of a local football clubs committee and take my dogs regularly to watch them play. Also local fields are a way for a dog to be run freely away from traffic. The canals are over taken by cyclists these days and have no respect for others that use it so walking the dog across the canal is barely an option anymore so if fields are not available then the dogs have no where to run.
- Disagree 'Council owned' is a massive misnomer. If it's council owned then it's owned by the people of the Borough and not yours to do as you wish. I am a dog owner and I pay my council tax, therefore I have a right to use these facilities. These once was a field at by Bistro 8 before you allowed the rugby club to make it into a rugby pitch. This field was frequented by many residents of the area. You can't simply put rugby posts on it and say no one else is allowed. Many people use the above mentioned field as they are unable to walk any further than this due to health issues
- Disagree County are eroding the green areas so where will people walk their dogs? Also forcing women walking their dogs alone onto more isolated places. Dog owners need somewhere to walk their dogs, as long as they pick up the mess I see no harm. The state on these pitches after training or a game has taken place is appalling, the rubbish that is left around is disgusting and every bit as bad as the dog owners who don't pick up their mess. County need to provide adequate places for dog owners to walk their dogs if these proposals go ahead!
- Disagree Disagree

- Disagree Disagree the field in the park is the only one close you can't expect the people who can't go far to go and find a field it's a community park abs dogs are part of the community it's also no dogs walk near so the park is the only walk local and It's very important for the dogs to have exercise and that's where they exercise
- Disagree Disagree with excluding dogs from enclosed play and games areas - this is punishing responsible dog owners for the acts of irresponsible people. Play and games areas are often the only safe green areas for dogs with appropriate recall to be let off lead for essential exercise. Other users can cause damage to these sites by leaving rubbish, including broken metal and glass, which poses a danger to everyone. Instead there should be adequate rules regulating when dog owners can use these facilities and how they should behave.
- Disagree disagree with this .patrol the areas that have issues not punish dog owners
- Disagree Discriminating against others who use council land, free space is getting smaller and smaller and your policies need to reflect thisAs a female , personal safety compromised in rural walking areas and also dog thefts affects al. Awful to think dogs can't have free space. Not just dogs who poop, what about wild animals and fioxes , do you plan to exclude them
- Disagree Dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs won't adhere to this and you land up punishment good dog owners
- Disagree Dog owners who follow the guidelines should not be excluded (see above) ie pick up faeces, be respectful to others, muzzled if needed. It is wrong to exclude all dogs/owners!! Only those who don't follow the guidelines should be penalised Lots of people have mental health issues/disabilities etc and being able to walk their dog in a safe place near where they live is essential to both their physical and mental health. These restrictions could have a serious impact on many dog walkers who are responsible and follow the rules already set out by the council. This would be punishing the many good, responsible dog owners for the few that do not comply. This would be unfair. Maybe local impromptu patrols of playing fields etc to ensure dog walkers are complining. Larger Fines if necessary to those who don't comply(also see above) Install cameras in certain playing fields as a deterant to those who break the rules.
- Disagree Dog ownership has increased and caerphilly already has limited public open space, by removing access to the playing fields this will severely impact the ability for people to exercise dogs without driving out of the town further impacting key sustainability policy and targets. The key to managing these issues is your authority enforcing the current rules more thoroughly with regards to fouling. This will also add additional tension between user groups of walker/dog walkers/and people playing sport, which is already at a point of high tension.
- Disagree Dog walkers should be able to use the outer side of the pitch for walking. We all have a right to use the facilities, but in the correct manner and consideration for others

- Disagree Dog walking does no harm More bins
- Disagree Dogs are not the problem its bad owners. That's like saying ban people from these places for the amount of rubbish they leave. Rubbish is not only a hazard to us but the environment and wildlife also. What's being done about that? I use this field as my local park is full of kids drinking and rubbish thrown all over the place. Instead of putting a ban on all dogs maybe consider more officers which come and check areas and ban owners that are not being respectful of the area. They can also check for people littering etc. My dog has hip dysplasia and the field is great for her as it's softer than concrete. More should be done about all mess in general not just dog mess. You need to put the blame on the culprit and not on all users of these areas. 99% of people are respectful and understanding of these fields and will always do what they can to keep these areas tidy. There are many roads I walk down around where I live and also around where my mum lives and the paths are covered in dog mess. That is also unsafe for people playing in the street or walking and may accidentally fall. Instead of excluding the good people of this borough look at what more can be done about the minority that don't care about our public spaces. More fines etc should be used and more officers checking these areas. Not just for dog mess but for mess in general. The amount of rubbish I see thrown about and just a general lack of care for our space. Plus the bins in the area being full to the brim therefore people have no choice but to leave things on the floor by bins which can blow away, is harmful to the environment, ourselves and wildlife.
- Disagree Dogs are not the problem! It's owners who don't pick up after them, I for one always do! Then I find there are no dog bins or very few! Why aren't there any dog wardens around?? I have sent numerous photographic evidence inc videos of these people but nothing has ever come of it? And now you want to ban me and my dog from our favourite walking places?? Why with all the money you are saving by not cutting grasses etc but increasing rates?? In my opinion this is outrageous as a responsible dog owner who shouldn't be penalised by your lack of responsibility, j
- Disagree Dogs are social animals and require plenty of space to have sufficient exercise. Excluding dogs from these areas, takes away the opportunity for both. As an owner of a young dog, he needs the social interaction with other dogs to understand manners and appropriate behaviour. Without these, dogs can develop behaviour issues e.g aggressiveness towards other dogs, due to the fact they have not had the interaction. If this proposal does go ahead, efforts should be made to create secure dog areas for owners to walk their pets. Many secure areas have to be paid for and due to COVID, many people cannot afford this, therefore, if the council were too provided free secure areas this would satisfy both sides. I understand that there are forest areas to walk dogs, however, cases in Alabama Rot have risen this year, which is fatal to dogs. So, playing pitches and open spaces are safer.
- Disagree Dogs aren't the problem on the pitches- it's youth littering on the fields that's the problem! I walk my dogs at Woodfieldside field and the amount of litter thrown around the area is disgusting. Youths gather there in the evenings and on weekends- I've even witnessed a motorbike being taken onto the rugby pitch whilst they all congregate there. There is always plastic bottles, McDonald's waste and cans thrown about on the park floor, the field and down by the river bed. It's not the dogs that cause any problem- they need these big areas to

run around and exercise- please don't spoil it for us sensible dog owners that do clean up after ourselves. Maybe introduce more dog bins around the areas as down by the field there are no dog waste bins it's only around Woodfieldside estate. Something needs to be done about the youths littering though. I still feel they would benefit from a skate park there too as they all hang around in the children's park and would hate for it to get destroyed by them again because they are bored.

- Disagree Dogs aren't the problem. Its the irresponsible owners that fail to pick up after them. I take my dog to the showfields and many others do. I would be devastated if we couldn't go there for a run about and chasing a ball anymore.
- Disagree Dogs in being in council owned marked sports or playing pitch's are not an issue in comparison to the amount of rubbish and vandalism that is experienced in a number of playing pitches across the borough.
- Disagree Dogs love freedom, and to run (even if kept on a lead). As 99% of dog owners clean up after their dog... I see no reason to punish the majority of good people. Maybe the council could employ park wardens... Not a jobsworth. And get the humans to clean up the rubbish and food left everywhere The proposal is ridiculous.. Most owner and dogs follow the rules in place. EMPLOY park wardens to manage areas, you'll find not just less dog waste... But the humans picking up the rubbish constantly left everywhere... They are the real problem.
- Disagree Dogs need a good run in an open space, and more and more fields are being repurposed for housing, or sports. Where are we supposed to exercise our dogs locally without having to get in a car, which isn't the best for the environment? Why can't you fence off the pitches like you do with playgrounds, or mark pitches out on one side of the field, instead of in the middle? Not all dog owners are irresponsible, so why are you taking it out on all of us instead of enforcing the rules better
- Disagree Dogs need a safe place to play and run too. I am a responsible dog owner and always collect my mess (we don't currently play on pitches anyway). But the mess on the pitches caused by humans is disgusting. Can they be banned too?
- Disagree Dogs need exercise and this would remove the only sensible place to do that in the area. More dogs use the local field than it being used for sport. So banning responsible dog owners is disproportionate
- Disagree Dogs need exercise, they need to be able to exercise. The council have a duty not just to human residents! If this is your plan then a dog park needs to be put in place that is accessible all in all areas not just for those who can drive to said location Dog allocated parks
- Disagree Dogs need places to exercise, sports grounds are used infrequently and dogs should get walked regularly. This comes from an active rugby player None None

- Disagree Dogs need places to run free too and a lot of these pitches are in park areas where a lot of dogs are walked.... Try putting more dog poo bins around & empty them more regularly!
- Disagree Dogs need plenty of exercise and adequately safe spaces to do so. Limiting options of places to go is unfair.
- Disagree Dogs need plenty of exercise and this will severely limit the area in which my friends can walk their dogs.
- Disagree Dogs need somewhere to run and chase a ball so are the council going to fence off areas just for dogs How about fencing off the football/sport field or making a fenced area just for dogs as the green fields should be enjoyed by all
- Disagree Dogs need somewhere to stretch they re legs that is safe for dog and owner and why should the majority of decent dog owners suffer for the certain few More wardens to check that owners are picking up after them instead of a ban on all fields which is cruel for the animals and owners or supply safe fence off areas for dog walkers
- Disagree Dogs need to be able to run and play. Not all people can access mountains etc. Sadly us good responsible owners are being penalised because of the others. If you are limiting our use of playing fields maybe the council can provide an area just for dogs??
- Disagree Dogs need to run and play. We need the green spaces to be able to do this and to exercise our dogs properly. I walk my two dogs on fields around the area, they need to run off the lead and chase a ball etc, to get the exercise that they require. Each morning I see a shocking amount of litter strewn across the fields and after rugby matches (who is the responsible adult controlling this). Nothing is done about this, it seems the dog owners (responsible ones, I agree some are definitely not) are targeted. Look at the litter being left, who cleans that up.
- Disagree Dogs need to run off lead to stay healthy. There is not enough space to do this if you exclude pitches. Instead dog owners should be further encouraged to clear up after their dog. Huge areas of park which are only used for sport for a relatively small proportion of time should not be off limits to responsible council tax payers. Not me personally but many local dog owners (older people, those who can't afford to run a car, those whose mobility is compromised) might not have the means to drive or walk to an alternative place where their dog can run around freely. Many more people own dogs than play sports, especially those in the categories above. The council should be careful to cater to all residents not just Saturday amateur rugby clubs.
- Disagree Dogs on a lead should be allowed, sometimes you have to walk alongside a playing field to get from A to B on a dog walk. Any faeces to be picked up and disposed of responsibly (even if that means taking it home with you). I'd like to see more strict enforcement of 'No fouling' breaches. I'm always picking up after other dogs - I even found faeces on my garden path last week!

- Disagree Dogs should be able to poo where they like as long as owners pick up after them. They should not be excluded from areas local to their residency because some dog owners do not drive so are unable to travel to 'dog friendly' locations for exercise. Dogs are entitled to exercise just as much as people. Not personally but for people with disabilities this will make it harder for them to take their dogs out LOCALLY for exercise. If you decide on this idiotic idea to go ahead I suggest you create some DOG parks locally for residents to easily access and give their dogs what they NEED for their HEALTH and wellbeing.
- Disagree Dogs should be allowed in the area on a lead. Heavy fines can be handed out for dogs off lead or for dog mess not cleaned up so good dog owners aren't penalised.
- Disagree Dogs should be allowed the freedom to run offlead - whilst not interfering with others enjoyment. As an older person I might not in the future be able to walk on uneven ground. In that case my walks will be only on flat ground in the parks. I agree with no dogs in the fenced off childrens play areas. Dogs should be allowed freedom to run in the park's as long as owners pick up after them.
- Disagree Dogs should be allowed to exercise on fields where also sports take place just be responsible dog owner like most people are and pick up after your dog. Patrol and catch those who aren't doing so instead of taking the fun away from everyone else Patrol the areas and fine people
- Disagree Don't think all dog owners should be penalised for bad dog owners why don't you employ more staff to police the grounds and on the sport fines
- Disagree Don't think its fair dogs to be excluded from playing fields. I think dogs should be on leads but most of time these playing fields have no sports going on at all. Never had an issue with dog poo not being picked up in the playing fields. We are encouraged to spend time and money in our local communities why are we stopping people walking with dogs in local areas. Not fair to prevent dogs in playing fields when they are empty the majority of the time.
- Disagree During coronavirus, the importance of local green spaces has been clearer than ever. Dog owners, especially those with mobility issues, also deserve to have access to green safe spaces to walk their dogs and sometimes the nearest area is a council owned playing pitch. While i acknowledge there are a small minority who give us dog owners a bad name by not dealing with their dog waste, this problem is not exclusive to playing pitches. Greater enforcement is necessary to tackle this problem and the provision of more dog poo bins to stop people chucking their bagged waste in trees or fields. Greater enforcement of existing legislation concerning dog fouling would be more beneficial as it would make people think twice about not collecting dog waste
- Disagree Effective enforcement should be utilised in the first instance. People are just as bad for affecting playing areas with broken glass, rubbish etc. What is being done about that. I used to referee football matches and sweep the fields prior to a game not for dog mess but hazardous

objects. It would appear the council is offering impractical solutions to a problem they are not willing to manage effectively. Having refereed matches, I had often heard the comment that they weren't pitches but fields with markings on. I think that sums it up really.

- Disagree Elderly individuals who own a dog are not always capable of walking huge distances or have cars to drive a distance to walk a dog in a required place. They can however be responsible and pick up the mess. It's discriminatory to expect these elderly or disabled individuals to travel to walk their dogs. My mother only has the ability to travel to a sports field and someone should explain to her that she now can't walk the dog locally because a few selfish individuals have ruined it for her and some more selfish individuals have decided she can't walk her dog locally. The football fixtures could be made public information in a notice sent to residents or a sign produced and placed on the pitch 24 hours prior to kick off to ensure dogs aren't walked on the pitch before a match. Allowing match officials time to assess the standard and cleanliness of the pitch.
- Disagree Excluding Dog from all mark pitches should not happen or more clarity should be given. For example all the show field excluded as its partly mark or could a fence or some sort of barrier be used to segregate the half of the field with no markings as a Dog field. If this does go ahead ccbc should mark areas specifically for dogs eg a dog field near the old council offices site or the old leisure centre field.
- Disagree Feels dog owners are all rated with the same brush and we are suffering- it's lovely for the dogs to run and play If it's a definite ban can you give a section of the field for dogs only ? It's the mess from the children is the worst
- Disagree Fernlea football pitch is neglected by Caerphilly Council and not maintained by them. Fernlea football pitch not used. My house backs onto it, I've seen not even 1 game a year on there. Fernlea football pitch is neglected by Caerphilly Council and not maintained by them. Fernlea football pitch not used. My house backs onto it, I've seen not even 1 game a year on there.
- Disagree Fine for not picking up poo . Dogs need to run . Dog owners are tax payers too. And their taxes pay for upkeep of these areas and should be allowed to use them Also check your facts regarding diseaseIt affects me as a dog owner. A group of people you are discriminating against You are embarrassing your selves again Dog owners have rights too. Stop the bullying
- Disagree For the same reason that I opposed this in Cardiff, sometimes within an urban town centre this is one of the few options for people to walk their dogs, especially relevant for people who don't have access to transport or who have mobility issues and need to exercise nearby their home.
- Disagree For instance the Fire station field Crosskeys/Risca shows 4 rugby pitches, to the best of my knowledge the 2 southerly pitches have not been used in a meaningful manner in the last 20 years. Up to date information is required to ensure best use of facilities. Under the initial Dog Control orders which proceeded the PSPOs dog exercise areas were to be clearly marked and separated, many other councils make

facilities like this available to residents which lead on the whole to the aims of the council being achieved. My suggestions have been noted above as they form part of my reasons in disagreeing to the widening of the scope of the PSPOs without amendments.

- Disagree For some dog owners their local field is the only accessible place they can reach. I live near Tir y berth field which is unused 99% of the time and the only people I ever see there are fellow dog walkers. Out of my family of 6, five people are disabled so the field is often the only place we can get to in order to let our two whippets safely off the lead. I genuinely never see dog faeces on the field although there is a lot of rubbish left by people camping there and by football teams. I try to pick up as much as I can while I'm there walking the dogs. The proposals will affect our family negatively because we have multiple physical and neurological disabilities. I would suggest that if the football field must be closed to dog walkers, the restrictions are only in place on the days/times the field is needed for football - at the moment there is no football being played there but even in normal times it is only used a couple of hours once or twice a week. If dog walkers were banned, there would be a real danger of the field being used for anti social purposes.
- Disagree For some people especially with limited mobility the local sports field is the only space to walk their dog. As long as they pick up poop and keep dogs on leads and stick to the perimeter of pitches there should be no issues. I am unsure about point one in play areas as it may be the best place to take a family dog during limited family time. But leads should be compulsory in parks too to prevent accidents and avoid scared humans or dogs being accosted by off lead dogs and also more poo bins provided.
- Disagree For the last 25 years I have walked my dogs on the field in Wattsville and I exercise my dog by throwing a ball which he brings back, the field used to be for the whole community and there was never any objection to me exercising my dog with a ball. Now the whole field has been fenced off and turned into football pitches making it only useable for those with an interest in football, what about the residents who don't enjoy football? Under the new proposals I will not be allowed to exercise my dog with a ball as the whole field has been fenced off! I fully agree with cleaning up after your dog but stopping us exercising our dogs on even a part of the field is wrong! I am not a football supporter as it doesn't interest me. Allowing local residents a part of the field to use as they please instead of marking off the whole open space would be more acceptable, penalizing dog owners is not a fair way of doing things. I have a busy schedule with my work and long walks are not always an option, throwing a ball ensures my dog (Springer Spaniel) gets the exercise he requires.
- Disagree Fouling is already illegal, exercising your dog isn't. Therefore you should be targeting and policing what is already a crime- fouling. This is caused by a minority not a majority of responsible owners who will be penalised by draconian bans. Where else/ what alternative exercise areas are being provided. You cannot take green spaces away from people, this is against the right to roam as well as disregarding the research done on green spaces and promotion of positive mental health and well being. New areas you propose must be of same access and space and safe for dogs off lead. You won't be able to do these things, so are simply pushing people with dogs away. This is discrimination. Teenagers leave more litter statistically than anyone else, so they too should be banned from areas following your thought

process. Discrimination against my life choice to own a dog. Tackle the fouling. Provide new equal green spaces for canine exercise if you are removing some. Won't be visiting towns that are not dog friendly.

Disagree How many pitches does cefn forest actually need? What toilet facilities are you going to provide at the showfield. I have witnessed many a football player urinating in the bushes (in plain view of everyone) up there, hardly hygienic!! What happens if they need to have a poo! Do that in bush too??!! There is vast amounts of rubbish left on the field by the football players and parents How are you going to enforce the rule

Disagree I absolutely disagree with this. I live in Fernlea where one of the fields here would be included in this. There hasn't been a sports game/match played on that field in the 4 years I have lived up here. Everyone walks their dogs there, it's just a place we can all go to, let our dogs run around and play with each other and everyone is very respectful. You will never see any dog poo left around, everyone who uses that field are regular users and always pick up after their dogs. It's the exact same for the fire station fields in Risca. So many people use these areas to exercise our dogs and there has never been an issue in Risca for dog poo or incidents with dogs. Where else are we supposed to let our dogs run around?? THINK ABOUT YOUR "TARGET MARKET". IF YOU BAN DOGS FROM ALL FIELDS, YOU WILL HAVE A LOT OF ANGRY PEOPLE AND A LOT OF UNUSED FIELDS!!!

Disagree I agree all owners should collect their dogs mess but they shouldn't be stopped using the field when there are no games on and no training. They will affect many residents who have dogs and who are elderly Please empty the dog bins on a more regular basis. They are often spilling over. Fight one battle first rather than bringing on another

Disagree I AGREE in principle as both my Sons are still playing junior football and have experienced dog mess on the pitch. However, it is still a minority who show no respect for others and I feel these should be targeted. That said with the risks involved could there not be a compromise, for example, a ban during playing months of the year, similar to the approach on beaches All responsible dog owners, myself included will comply, however, the minority won't care about this change UNLESS there is enforcement

Disagree I agree in principle with this proposal but struggle to see how you will enforce it. Are you going to put barriers up to stop dogs entering the pitches? No Rely on the dog owners to follow the rules? No as that isn't working anyway. Are you going to employ an enforcement officer at every playing field in the borough to monitor dog fouling for 12hrs + a day? No Pie in the sky

Disagree I agree that dogs should not be allowed in children's parks. But banning them from public fields is so unfair. What about the cats that wander over without their owner. I mean dogs get picked up by dog warden if they're out by themselves, yet a cat can wander and poop and spray on things that children play with (especially near sand which I have witnessed many cats going to the toilet in and then children innocently playing in afterwards having no idea) where is the cat fine for this as there is a fine for dogs mess. Also dogs need to wear dog

tags and be on a leash but what about cats? I think it's unfair for one pet to have one set of rules and the other to be able to roam free with no rules when they can be just as bad and attack. If a dog attacks a person it will get put down, but if it was a cat nothing gets done about it. As a child I used to be afraid to walk in the ally to go to my house which was the fastest way home for me but i used to be afraid because of the cats that would sit on the public steps. Some children have a fear of dogs but some also have a fear of cats! Why is it only dogs are made to be separated from people instead of cats when dogs are the more sociable animal? Those fields have already been taken away from nature and now you want to take them away from pets who some only get their exercise from. Fields are used more by dogs than they are for sports. Only a few should be designated for sports then the others for dogs, dog parks should be made. Not only one but a few in each town so it's easy accessible to all dog owners. Dog parks to be made and easy access to all dog owners. More rules for cats as I think they are more worse than dogs, as only the other day I witnessed a cat scam a little girl who did not know the cat but was trying to pet it as that's what children do. Cats should only be let out on a leash just like dogs and also all mess picked up. Dogs should stop getting singled out.

Disagree

I agree that some restrictions should be in place, however, some people take their dogs (on leads) when watching their children play matches and I cannot see an issue with this. I agree that they should not be allowed to be exercised on the pitches - as long as there are dedicated areas for dogs to be too. Proper fenced dog areas (and plenty of them) would mean people wouldn't feel the need to use these pitches then. Only when there are enough dedicated dog walking areas do I fully agree with this proposal. As mentioned previously, I think it would be important to consider when parents (with dogs) are attending their child's matches, where dogs would obviously be on leads. The most important part is that you do not discriminate against the dog owners, so the best way to overcome this would be to provide appropriate areas for dogs too (as mentioned above!).

Disagree

I agree to some fields which are kept in good condition. And used for sports . Fernlee field in Risca is always over grown , horse riders crossing the field in wet conditions leave the field unfit for purpose with the long grass . Dog poo bins left for 2 to 3 weeks to be emptied so doesn't help . Aside from a few local kids who use the field for a kick around who also have their dogs there no games are played here so should be left as it is . I live close to fernlee and the only open space I am physically able to walk to . My dogs are seniors so can't walk to other areas of open space . I always clean up any mess and others who leave their bags in woods leading to fields . This is my opinion on Fernlee field . The council leave it uncut, many holes in it making it unsuitable for any games . The poo bins are not emptied on a regular basis. The markings are never seen as grass always to high . The Two goal posts are full of rust and bent. This field has not been used fir about 3 to 4 years for any sports games so should be left for residents to walk their dogs, monitor any people who do not pick up dog mess. The poo bins need emptying every week .

Disagree

I agree with all of the above with the exemption of dog bring aloud on sports pitches. As a responsible dog owner I carry poo bags and pick up excrement. My dog is walked the majority of time on a lead. Now we're unable to walk in Caerphilly Virginia park I often use the playing

field next to Caerphilly RFC. Where exactly are you proposing dogs can be walked if you're removing most green places from use.

It about the council should put in dog waste bins on popular dog walks. Take penalta not one dog waste bin. You're actively encouraging irresponsible dog owners to not pick up their dog excrement

Disagree I agree with almost everything except fields. I have been walking dogs on fields for many years. All of a sudden a football pitch is made on said field and I can no longer exercise my dog on it. When was I consulted about this? If I can no longer take a dog on a field as it has been taken over by sports I feel that the council should provide dog exercising fields as well. We all pay our council tax for facilities after all. Or will I get a rebate as I am no longer allowed to access said facilities?

Disagree I agree with dogs being kept off the marked pitch but not necessarily the surrounding area. I am a responsible dog owner and have a child who has played sport regularly in the borough, and a child who plays near where we live on the playing fields. We enjoy doing both as a family and being able to take the dog as part of this. We never let the dog onto the marked out pitches as we are aware of people using them for sport. There is often other areas of contamination such a cans, bottles, cigarette ends etc which are equally dangerous. People need to take more responsibility for anything deposited in anyway and it needs to be policed better by relevant parties where people are found to have littered in any way. I live near the longbridge fields and most people do not allow their dogs on the fields where there have barriers erected, I feel that would be an ideal solution to raise awareness along with signage whilst games are being played more especially . We often have to pick up rubbish and bottles left from the games played on the pitches the two dug outs are completely full of bottles. Dog poo bins are often full in our area and the rubbish bins. All of these issues are just as bad and affect everyday life. Simple straight forward rules of no dogs allowed on marked pitches at anytime I fully agree with but to ban dogs completely from spectators area I do not.

Disagree I agree with each of the restrictions stipulated above aside from the first point of 'excluding dogs from multi-use game areas.' I understand that the field on the Castell Maen estate would be subject to such a rule if enforced and I think that this is unfair. There are very limited green spaces for dog walkers to use in Caerphilly to exercise their dogs if they do not have access to a vehicle of have reduced mobility. In addition to this, the field is used numerous times a day by dog walkers and is often a location of social interactions between dog owners. I understand the issue of dog fouling however a majority of people clean up after their dog despite the dog waste bins being full or not in working order on a regular basis. Whilst this area is used as a sports pitch, it is used by local residents as a dog walking area significantly more and numerous individuals in the community would be effected if such a change were to be brought in.

Disagree I agree with most of your plans for Machen football pitches. Agree of course with safeguarding football play area if it is a problem? But from what I understand you are also planning to ban dogs from the river. If this is your plan then no I completely disagree. I am an ultra cleaner of dog poo - I even pick the stuff when I see on my dog walk and it's not my responsibility. If I have read your plan to ban dogs from the river please correct me. I throw a ball into the river and my dog loves it. Let me know why not? I can assure you the majority of residents of

Machen agree. I would like to know why you have included the river when this survey is about football pitches. And I'd like a response.

- Disagree I agree with the position of the RSPCA where this is concerned and do not agree with restricting the areas available for dog walking and exercising. We are gradually losing more and more of our green spaces and it is important for dog owners living in more built-up areas to have access to fields for walking/exercising their dogs. Not everyone is a car owner and able to get to a country park easily.
- Disagree I agree with the principal of excluding dogs from playing fields but not all year around. I walk my dog every day rain or shine throughout December January etc. There are many months during the year when the park is almost empty apart from dog owners exercising their pets. I would rather see a ban during a more appropriate period of the year.
- Disagree I always clean up after my dog you need to stop building houses on every blade of grass and build some dog walking facilities! We need more dog walking facilities and less houses, more houses you build the more dogs in the area
- Disagree I am a dog owner & take my responsibility as such to keep my dog on the lead, particularly in the areas being debated and so is under my control at all times. I always pick up & dispose of in the correct way., whether it is in these recreational spaces, other public spaces including pavements etc. I respect the environment & others, particularly in such spaces. In my experience, thankfully I find dog owners do the right thing & I will challenge (as I'm aware others do), if I see a dog owner not doing so & present them with a bag to do so. Why should I be penalised & other dog owners for doing the right thing. Wouldn't this be against my human rights? It would be discriminatory. I pay council tax & entitled assess like everyone else, when the pitches are not being used for matches or training sessions. I do not expect or should I be discriminated against for being denied my human rights because I'm a dog owner and choose to walk my dog in these areas. My mental health and general health and well-being would most certainly suffer with such treatment from such impositions and restrictions on enjoying my exercise, fresh air & opportunity of socialising. I would be reluctant and hesitant of walking into a park where there are these enforcements - don't feel I would have the confidence to do so, especially as I would be feeling watched and judged. Just thinking about it now is making me feel unworthy and undervalued as a person. Not very nice at all. I should not be made to feel this way in my community. My dog is my emotional support. Dogs to be kept on the lead at all times. More dog bins that are emptied more regularly More general litter bins (ones for recycling preferably) Those taking part in matches and training sessions and those in charge, to ensure that following them, litter, particularly plastic drinking containers are not strewn around and left to litter pitches and the surrounding area. This often happens. Users need to be aware of their responsibility to others and their environment and do the right thing to clean up.
- Disagree I am a dog owner and my dog loves it over morgan Jones park, I always pick his mess up and dispose of it properly, when a football match is on the amount of spit and phlegm that they spread everywhere is disgusting and more likely to catch something from them than my dog!!

there's old people living in my street and that's the only place they can take their dog. Not me personally but it would be a real shame to see this happen in my area and if it did I would hope that council tax for myself would go down because I would no longer use the park (Morgan Jones) Get rid of all the kids over there smoking drugs and drinking alcohol underage, they are the ones spoiling it and leaving smashed bottles everywhere and rubbish it's disgusting

Disagree I am a dog owner and the nearest field to me is the one at the end of Brookfield road if that one shuts I won't be able to go anywhere else

Disagree I am a husband, a father, a dog owner and also a mini rugby coach for Oakdale mini and junior's so have a vested interest in this subject. I fully support enforcement of the current guidelines and even think that the penalties for not adhering to them should be stricter. I totally understand the dangers that dog waste poses to both our children and adults but can't help but feel that there is another way of dealing with this rather than a blanket ban on dogs on playing fields. Green space is at a premium and many people, particularly those either disabilities or without transport rely on these areas to exercise their pets. As a husband, I also feel safer knowing that my wife is walking the dog in a well populated place such as Oakdale Rec rather than being in a less populated and inherently more unsafe location. I have accessed the proposed plans for those areas where dogs would or would not be allowed and feel the proposal could, without a lot of expense on barriers etc, be nigh on impossible to enforce. In the first instance, I feel education of dog owners on the dangers of not picking up after their pets, along with a hit in the pocket for those caught would be a far better approach.

Disagree I am a responsible dog owner with mental health issues. I walk my dog twice a day at the local park, Islwyn Park. I would struggle to go to an alternative area to walk my dog, with my health issues. Walking my dog is like therapy for me.

Disagree I am a responsible dog owner, always carrying bags to collect any dog fouling my dog does whilst out walking. He loves a run on our local football field, he fetches his ball for a good 30mins every day. He is a very active dog and where else would you expect us to take him to run like he does? He certainly cannot in our gardens and I won't let him in the street due to traffic etc. What you need is more dog waste bins in the areas. Many times I've been carrying them home around the borough because I can't find one

Disagree I am a sporting mum, also a responsible dog owner. More should be done about dog owners not collecting their own dogs mess rather than a blanket ban. All of the places around my home where I can walk my dog and allow my children to play at the same time are fields eg Pentwynmawr playing fields and park. However, under these new terms, my children can play on the field while I try and contain my dog to a little triangular patch of grass, which will inevitably become a large litter tray with many dogs trying to stick to a smaller space. If there were more wardens issuing fines this would deter the inconsiderate dog owners and allow those that are responsible to enjoy their locality!

- Disagree I am happy to keep them off the physical pitch, but by removing these areas there are very few places to exercise dogs properly. The result is they will have more energy and create more of a nuisance when they are out (the younger dog, not the older dog), bark more, etc. I have previously lived in Gateshead, where there is a single area in the park where dogs are allowed off lead. It is large with a decent fence, and that worked well for all. As someone who is not Welsh, I do not have family nearby to help care for my dogs, and as a young woman I do not have the income to pay a dog walker. I have to walk them before and after work. As said previously, I have previously lived in Gateshead where there is a single area in the park where dogs are allowed off lead, due to the local community's religious dislike of dogs. It is large with a decent fence, and that worked well for all. It kept the park clean, and the dog park was kept clean by the users, even if one or two dog walkers were irresponsible. I have seen smaller versions work well in Glasgow as well.
- Disagree I am one of many responsible dog owners, who clean up after the pet and respect the facilities. Whenever I go to my local sports ground the "morons" have been there the night before, and apart from lighting fires on the pitch, there are bottles, cans and other litter strewn everywhere. They also use the ground for riding quad bikes and motorbikes. They make far more mess than any dog could do. I agree that dog mess HAS to be cleaned up, so why not introduce a £1,000 fine, or more for failure to comply with the rules? I think of the dear elderly man whom I meet there, he has two precious dogs to exercise, he throws a ball for them and ALWAYS cleans up after them. Why should the decent people be unable to enjoy their dog walking because of the mindless minority who don't care. Hit them in the pocket a few times and see what happens then. We have little enough space as it is to let our dogs run. I have always challenged anyone I see not cleaning up after their dog, and will continue to do so. My dogs are my only companions, the same as it is for many elderly people. Why should our enjoyment be restricted because the "I don't care" brigade aren't brought to book? No one wants to see our lovely pitches being spoiled and misused, so fine those responsible, not blanket ban us all. Incidentally, I exercise my dogs around the edge of the fields, (where I still pick up) but if one goes on to a pitch I make sure there is no mess. Please consider this carefully, there are a great deal of people who are responsible, and who care deeply about this issue. If you have already decided to ban us from these areas, then how about setting aside somewhere where we CAN exercise our pets? Elderly people usually have mobility problems, so to be able to take their pet to a local field is wonderful. I am unable to walk far, and the loss of the local facility would be just awful. Fine those responsible for littering, not cleaning up etc. Make those fines non negotiable and heavy. Fine anyone who does not carry the means to clean up after pets. Take time to discover who the decent owners are, and those who will always spoil things for others. My local sportsfield is used most nights for a booze up by youngsters. The mess THEY leave is unbelievable.
- Disagree I believe as long as the dog is on a lead they should be able to walk through the grounds
- Disagree I believe dogs should still be allowed onto marked sports/playing pitches while not in use. As long as dog faeces is picked up and disposed of correctly, and sports games are not interrupted, there is no reason a dog owner and their dog has use of the fields. There are two main fields in my immediate area that are marked sports fields which are also commonly used for dog walking and for dogs to exercise. They're

very conveniently placed for owners who may have disabilities that prevent them travelling too far to an unmarked sports field so their dog can exercise freely. Similarly, older dogs that are unable to have long walks are able to walk through the field(s) to get light exercise. As a dog owner, I very rarely see evidence of dog fouling in the fields (though I know it can happen). There seems to be an understanding amongst dog owners to pick up after your own dog and keep them under control when required e.g sports events, children playing, nervous dogs. I would suggest placing a few extra dog faeces bins for convenience as they're very spaced out but also to encourage disposal for the few that can't be bothered and make responsible owners look irresponsible. I have members of my household with physical disabilities and the introduction of this new policy would deeply impact them. The fields that are on our doorstep and easily accessible being restricted would mean they're unable to take a dog for a safe walk. This doesn't only affect my immediate family, it affects an ageing population and others who may have additional needs. Instead of restricting dogs from marked sports fields, please consider introducing more dog faeces bins and possibly harsher fines for not picking it up or not leaving the house with enough waste collection bags for the sized/number of dog(s) being walked. Leashed walking on said fields could also be enforced as an alternative to a total ban.

- Disagree I believe that it should be allowed but there should be provisions in place to make sure that the owners pick up after the dogs and be responsible when putting dogs on leads etc
- Disagree I believe this is unfair on the dogs and their owners.
- Disagree I completely agree with the existing rules as a matter for responsible dog owners to be held accountable. However, if an owner is responsible and respectful to the area, dogs should be allowed to have fun and exercise in this area Where I live if there has been in the past I'm not sure but currently there isn't a dog waste disposal bin in the immediate area which may give individuals and excuse to leave dog waste lying around. I feel that it is sometimes the case that individuals are spoiling the opportunities for the vast majority of responsible dog owners.
- Disagree I completely agree with the restrictions about keeping dogs on the lead when necessary however I think it's unfair for dogs to be completely excluded from council owned parks because the majority of dogs are well behaved and listen to their owners. They're a nice place for dogs to stretch their legs in a controlled area.
- Disagree I disagree with this because you will be removing every single field I could walk my dog in I have 6 within walking distance and every single one has been marked of for football or rugby this is unfair as a dog needs exercise too You have 2 fields behind pencoed Avenue why do both need to be used for sports you have the astute which is already marked of for football and cricket you also have the show field which is frequently used for football matches and training plus larger public events please consider this lower field behind pencoed being turned into a dog appropriate field where they are away from roads there is parking and walking access there too

- Disagree I disagree as everyone cleans up after their dog
- Disagree I disagree as not everyone has a large garden in which to exercise dogs. I always pick up my dogs waste whether on a pavement or in a field. Maybe add some open spaces could have a warden patrolling occasionally and on the spot fines for anyone not picking up dog waste.
- Disagree I disagree because of the first point in the proposal! I live near the showfield and love seeing dogs having fun with their families! We just lost our dog of 11 years and were very responsible dog owners! Where are people supposed to go with their dog if they can't walk around the local playing fields! More dogs walking the streets and doing their business on the pavements where there aren't many dog waste bins!!
- Disagree I disagree because we have limited green space access in Ystrad Mynach as it is and as long as people don't take dogs onto the fields when there is a match or activity in place, this should never be a problem The vast majority of people pick up their dog's waste, those who don't need to be fined on the spot. It is not just public parks and other spaces that need to be patrolled, the streets around Ystrad Ystrad Mynach have become disgusting since the Pandemic, because of all these "Johnny come lately" dog owners who allow their dogs to do their business in front of peoples' gates! I have mobility problems and it is simply unfeasible for me to walk up to the bike track every day It is painful enough walking for 10-15mins to get to the woods behind Ystrad Park let alone any further. Improved signage everywhere, including in public streets
- Disagree I disagree on the basis that dogs need spaces to run around, the top pitch in rhymney is never in use. Also Caerphilly council have their priorities all wrong when rhymney is concerned, they need to focus on all the drug dealers/users, criminals etc that they are sending here instead of a dog going for a walk.
- Disagree I disagree that dogs should be excluded from marked sports pitches. For the maybe 2 hours a week during football season that a pitch is used, a total ban feels very disproportionate. How would this be policed? Already in parks, there are irresponsible dog owners who don't clear up their dogs mess, these. Owners won't change their habits so this change of rule is only penalising responsible owners.
- Disagree I disagree with the new proposal to exclude dogs from all council owned sports / playing pitches because we are being penalised for the lazy owners who don't pick up their dogs mess. Those dog owners with such a disregard for our local environment will have just as little disregard for new rules banning dogs from these areas and they would no doubt keep using those spaces with their dogs. I have just returned from our local council owned field in Penybryn, Hengoed and on arrival into the field I was met with a load of empty bottles and strapping used by the players...! How is it fair that our dogs are also being yet again penalised for lazy people who have no regard for their local environment or indeed the playing pitch where they play their football ? I Live in Penybryn- the reason we moved to Penybryn was for the outdoor space for our dogs and also for my husband and I to have easy access to the fields for walking the dogs and to

help keep us fit and take up regular exercise. The fields surrounding Penybryn also give us the Chance to enjoy the outdoor space and help to “ De-compress” after a busy day in the office. It certainly helps with mental health not to mention keeping physically fit. The football field in Penybryn also allows me to walk my dogs in a safe environment if walking the dogs in my own. We have neighbours who use the field every day and there is always someone around the field that I know and it makes you feel safe. I have avoided using Penallta Parc for a number of months to walk my dogs since all the dog stealing / attacks starting becoming more common. Our local field helps me to keep the dogs exercised in a safe environment it’s also kept me sane whilst working from home since March 2020, as my work offices are still closed until further notice.

Disagree
problem

I disagree with this because i watch my boy play rugby and take my dogs with me aslongs as you pick up the mess there shouldn't be a

Disagree

I don't agree with the exclusion of dogs off sports pitches. Play grounds yes, sports pitches when in use but not when they're not. Why should we not be able to use them as responsible dog owners. I pay my council tax as much as anyone else and should be allowed to use the space for exercising my dog. Especially when there is even more limited free running ground these days, due to development. All spacious area in my area are playing fields. It is not fair fo me to be driven out of my borough to exercise/play with my companion. As a woman it is hard to find areas to walk your dog where you don't feel threatened in daylight as it is. Especially as crime with dog napping has gone up. Forcing us to find excluded/remote areas may increase anxiety and make females/elderly/disabled people more reluctant to walk/play with their companions. These areas owned by the council are highly public and exposed. Other area are not. I do not feel these proposals are in the interest of public safety!!! Why can't people learn to co-exist!!! If the pitch is being used then no dogs allowed. If it's not it's fair game. It's about mutual respect and courtesy. If dog owners don't respect this, then fine them.

Disagree

I don't agree at all with this. I currently use the local rugby pitch (one listed here) to train my dog with a qualified dog trainer. My son also uses this same pitch to train and play mini rugby. There's a huge problem currently with sheep always being on the pitch resulting in it being covered in sheep feaces (but that's another matter). If I wanted to take my family to the field in the summer for a picnic, I'd like to think that I can also take my dog with me. We're trying to encourage more people to use the outdoor spaces we have. I think instead of blanket banning all dogs, more should be done to enforce the people who don't pick up after their dogs. More bins provided near public parks, trails and fields and even raising the fines if needed.

Disagree

I don't agree with is the one banning dog from game areas as my kids play rugby and we often take our dog to watch him the dog is always kept on the lead and any mess is quickly cleaned up While I support my kids playing rugby I often walk to and from training with them and as a female walking with kids I feel safer walking with my dog

- Disagree I don't feel it is fair to punish all dogs for the acts of the few who treat these pitches without respect. There should be more enforcement of owners not clearing up after dog fouling rather than a blanket ban, and this could even be achieved through the installation of Cctv, which could have other safety benefits. Not myself personally, but disabled owners may rely on the use of inclosed pitches etc to exercise their animals safely I think the introduction of a blanket ban is the lazy approach. I also think the situation would be bettered by more dog waste bins that are actually emptied rather than being left to fester by the council.
- Disagree I don't see why all dog owners have to suffer when most of them clean up and look after their dogs when out walking or playing in fields I find it disgusting that they want to ban dogs from going on the fields I have a very loving and lively GSD pup who loves running around the field, normal walk won't Tire her out so it's crucial for her to have her daily run and do something that she loves Have a designated area for dogs and kids who play sports cant take the fun from dogs it's not fair at all!
- Disagree I don't see why this is an issue if faeces are picked up as stated previously and dogs are controlled whilst the pitches are in use. If need to exclude from pitches can this just be for time needed to set up or whilst in use? Most dog owners I come in contact with are sensible and respect the area we walk in so would be a shame to punish most of us for a few that aren't paying attention to the existing rules and therefore causing issues.
- Disagree I don't think responsible dog owners should be penalised for the actions of the minority of irresponsible dog owners and also there are far more serious concerns for the general public to worry about like discarded drug paraphernalia and no end of broken glass
- Disagree I don't understand why you're doing this. Most of the sports pitches in Blackwood and Pontllanfraith are used by misbehaving youths who even when they use it for sport, leave huge amounts of litter on a daily basis. Surely I'm causing less disturbance walking my dog on there, I always clean up after her but something needs to be done about the overall litter problem and kids causing this.
- Disagree I enjoy taking my dogs to watch my son play rugby on a sunday, why should responsible dog owners be punished 4 the few who dont comply. I understand not in parks as the children play there & run arpund. I feel a dog needs freedom also walking them on a lead everywhere is so unfair its like constantly being chained up.
- Disagree I exercise my dog daily on our local field, while doing so i also collect litter that has been discarded by teenagers. I have 2 children who walk the dog regularly and dog waste is not the problem on our playing fields but rubbish is, in particular smashed glass and they have cut themselves on this as it is done deliberately usually around goal post, my dog has also had his paw cut twice in the last few months. I believe that there are irresponsible dog owners and i feel that they should be given heavy fines for not picking up after their dogs, i feel that this ban would have no difference on the waste as the dog owners who do not clean up will still be the ones walking their dogs even after banning them as the obviously have no respect for rules or other people. I think it is unfair to penalise all dog owners especially when

elderly owners use the field as its nice and flat and when during covid we could not drive or go far from our homes to walk the dogs then the field was a godsend. Also it doesn't help that the council keep selling off other grass/open areas for housing so its getting more difficult to find good places to walk our dog

Give heavier fines for dog waste, and actually start enforcing it as I've never known anyone actually get fined people will soon start picking it up if it is hitting them in the pocket

Disagree I feel like responsible dog owners who do pick up after their dogs will be the ones who will be most affected by these rules. If a dog owner does not pick up their dog's mess, they are also unlikely to follow the rules of not going on football pitches either. I totally agree that faeces is dangerous and that every single dog owner should pick up after their dog but the ban on the only greenery that a lot of us have nearby is unfair and will not eradicate the problem: irresponsible dog owners.

Maescwimmer has a huge problem with dog faeces being left on the pavement. As a parent of a toddler, I am concerned that more should be done on the whole to reduce this problem rather than simply banning all dogs from sports pitches/open fields. For example, more police on foot circulating at peak dog walking times, particularly near the primary school, and more dog waste bins (that are emptied more frequently) that provide free waste bags.

Disagree I feel parks should be open to all . You are penalising those responsible dog owners. Apart from dogs there are other things that are detrimental to the park. Cans and empty alcoholic glass bottles left behind on pitches and children play areas from teenagers frequenting the park at night equally as dangerous if not more.

I feel that parks are essential for the use of all regardless of the fact you maybe a dog owner and have been a lifeline for all during the pandemic. Why are dog owners being discriminated against.

Disagree I feel that the dogs should be entitled to have a "safe" place to run freely and that dog owners should encourage their dogs not to use those areas as toilets (if they do, it should be immediately & thoroughly cleaned up). The park is the main area for dog walking for many dog owners (including myself). The park is very important to me as I suffer with Uncontrolled epilepsy which restricts me from many activities. Walking my dog twice daily (primarily through Rhymney Memorial Park)has become my main form of exercise in a relatively safe (traffic free environment). I proactively avoid the walkways as they are so badly strewn with litter & broken glass from alcohol bottles. I would like to add that even the pitches are not totally free of this. This problem needs to be urgently addressed for the good of both the people & the dogs using the area.

Measures need to be put in place to keep the park safe & user friendly for all users & this includes our dogs. I am a responsible dog owner who always cleans up after my dog but I accept that not all owners are & I agree with dog wardens fining offending owners. We need more of a prevention rather than cure approach & this applies to the litter situation too. More dog litter bins would be advantageous too (there is not currently one in the area of the "top pitch". It is absolutely no good putting measures in place unless the relevant checks also take place & if necessary action taken when it is deemed that an owner has deliberately disregarded their responsibility to clean up after their dog. It does cause me a little anxiety as I personally suffer with uncontrolled complex partial seizures & have no warning of the onset. When these occur my consciousness is impaired & should anything happen during this time I would not be aware of it. As stated earlier I fully agree with the need to clean up & always will, but it does cause me extra anxiety that I could end up with

a fine through no fault of my own (which I would then have to challenge on medical grounds) so in short I would welcome dog wardens but would like to see a common sense approach.

Disagree I feel that the idea in principle is a good one but i would like to know how the council is proposing to police the above proposals? Is my money (£186 per month) better spent on policing litter bugs, education and enforcement in particular fly tipping in remote areas. At the moment its a free for all regards litter and fly tipping. Back to dogs and sports pitches. Yes its a good idea but maybe introduce areas where dogs can be walked. From a wheelchair users and limited walking ability perspective what alternative ideas do you propose? After looking at the maps provided there is very little scope for walking dogs on the outer perimeter. Public safety is priority i get it. If you must excude dogs from sports fields then i cannot accept this. Please consider Anti social behaviour in such places as sometimes its not the dogs or faeces i feel threatened by, it's the teenagers and drug users and the paraphenalia they leave behind. Sunday Mornings picking up litter and needles after the kids saturday night is not my idea of enjoying public spaces. Many thx. na No to excluding dogs and walkers. Yes to more policing and enforcement with heavy fines. Yes to Enforcement and policing Anti Social behaviour.

Disagree I have 3 small dogs that need a place to run around. I always clear up after them and I have never seen any matches played on the field in 6 years living here. Banning dogs will cause the pavements to become far worse than they are with dog mess

Disagree I have a disability which means I can't walk far, so if dogs were excluded from these areas it would make it impossible for me to exercise my dog. I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog & she's always on a lead. I think the problems lie with irresponsible owners who don't even carry a lead or dog bags. I think the better option would be to have more enforcement officers patrolling these areas. Also, you can't stop foxes and other non domestic animals from entering these areas so you still wouldn't achieve your desired aim.

I feel that the proposals would indeed affect me differently as an individual because of my disability. Also worth bearing in mind that it would have a detrimental effect on mental health if I were unable to get out and about to walk my dog in these areas that are close to my home. I think more enforcement officers are needed, maybe the traffic wardens could multi task and double up as environmental enforcement officers too? Please bear in mind that most dog owners are very responsible, and it is only the minority that spoil things for other dog owners, and we are just as annoyed and frustrated as everyone else when they don't pick up after their dogs, or don't dispose of them properly.

Disagree I have a dog and as a responsible owner, I keep the lead on and walk the perimeter of the Bryn Playing fields. I have noticed during lockdown and recently, groups of youngsters who use the field for recreational purposes. The playing field has become a dumping ground for discarded waste that has been left strewn across the field after they have left, not only does this pose a risk to wildlife, it can also be a risk to young children and DOGS! Discarded bottles, cans, plastic bags, chocolate wrappers, even an old rubber car tyre. Perhaps the ban should be focusing on motorbikes which have been ridden on the playing fields. We did have a park, but that was ruined bu irresponsible people and drugs. It's getting to a point that we will not be able to take our dogs anywhere, the owners who are responsible should not

have to suffer for the ones that let their dogs go for a walk 'themselves'
offer a different picture.

Perhaps extra monitoring of how the field is used might

Disagree I have a dog even come to my son football matches and always pick up her mess. There is always more rubbish and glass weekly than dog mess My dog is part of the family which comes every where with us including to my son football training and matches why should my dog have to stay home ?

Disagree I have children who play football and train on council pitches and feel that responsible dog owners do no harm. I use the time as an opportunity to walk my dog on the lead and pick up any waste and dispose of it in appropriate bins. I also feel that such areas are an easy place for some owners to walk their dogs if they are not able to travel far. It seems like everyone is being punished for the sake of a few irresponsible owners. Health and safety is bad enough as it is, let's encourage people to get out and about rather than punishing them.

Disagree I have no issue with the proposals except for the proposed amendment banning dogs from sports pitches. The councillor acknowledged that whilst the majority of dog owners clean up after their pets, so it seems unfair that the many be 'punished' for the few. It feels counter intuitive to ban dogs from the larger areas where they can exercise. For me personally I wouldn't be able to take my son training or to watch him play as a family as someone would need to be with the dog. The approach doesn't feel inclusive and I'd be interested to know to what extent the council has explored other options to achieve the same aim. Ie, what measures can be put in place to ensure a clean and safe environment for all its park users. This extends beyond dog mess; litter, broken glass, drug paraphernalia etc. See above-it may impact my ability for my children to attend sports training/games. Please think of other ways to achieve the same aim without taking the wide open spaces away from dogs.

Disagree I live in Crosskeys the dog owners are very sensible and I use this facility everyday and I don't see dog on the pitch. What I do see people of all ages walking their dogs and children and families playing all in a sensible manner and in harmony. I would be concerned that those without transport will be effected and in particular the elderly who exercise with their dogs. You would be better targeting a tiny minority of poor dog owners rather than punishing all others. When we walk our dogs we spend lots of time clearing rubbish from the pitches etc
Yes definitely effect the older population as everyday user many walking with their dogs in the local park. I also think it will effect those on lower incomes who don't drive who don't have the luxury to drive to a different location

Disagree I live just around the corner from Blackwood show field and walk my dog there regularly. It is a haven for dog walkers wanting to let their dog have a run off their lead with little risk of them escaping. There are organised sports that take place on the show field mainly on the weekend and I fully support the use of the area for all manner of activities not just dog walking. When these activities are taking place dog walkers avoid that particular area or are happy to put their dogs on the lead when they walk past. I think I blanket 'rule' stating that dogs

should be excluded from council owned marked sports/playing pitches is onerous in this instance. The rule should be set in the context of specific sites and in my opinion the show field in Blackwood should not apply.

- Disagree I live locally to Islwyn Park and my dog is walked there twice a day. I always pick up my dogs faeces and dspose in a bin. There is a number of dog owners who don't pick up their dog faeces, or pick it up with a bag and throw the full bag away (not in a bin). This has increased during the finer weather too. My dog is exercised off the lead as I have limited mobility and ca t walk far, I throw a ball so he gets a good run. With my limited mobility i would struggle to give him the exercise that he needs if I couldn't give him a good run. The park needs to be monitored and dog owners fined if they don't pick up and dispose of their dog waste. As a responsible dog owner I feel very strongly about this.
- Disagree I live opposite the playing fields by the fire station. I also work from home, facing the fields. I walk daily in the fields. I see many, many people walking their dogs, and without exception they are well behaved animals (and owners). Mess is always picked up and owners always take control their dog when the rugby teams are using the pitches at the far end. To ban all digs us simply unnecessary. It would increase traffic on our roads as local people will be forced to travel to walk dogs. At a time of environmental crisis-that is short term thinking
- Disagree I love being able to take my dogs to the Pontyminster Cricket grounds. I always clean up after them. Having them off the lead there is a pleasure. I do completely agree with your points: Requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places - Requiring dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with the waste that their dogs produce (that is to always have the means to pick up their dog faeces) I think an officer should be able to challenge a dog owners to produce a means for collecting dog waste as waste on the grounds is not accepted and fines should be given out if owners are caught. Dogs that are uncontrollable should be on the lead at all times but my dispute i well behaved dogs should be allowed off the lead.
- Disagree I only disagree with dogs not being allowed in enclosed playing areas. I believe this discriminations all dog owners and doesn't target the owners that disobey the rules and have unruly dogs. We've working very hard with our dog to ensure he is fully trained and listens on command
- Disagree I only disagree with the first point. Why are responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs and control their dogs being punished for those who do not. I have 4 year old twins who play football for Wattsville FC and enjoy playing at the park. I work full time. I don't want to have to leave my dog stuck in the house because I can't take her to the park or football field. Do more to patrol, record and capture the repeat offenders that don't clean up after their dogs. Cwmfelinfach is awful around the streets and river road. Yes. As stated above the ban on playing fields and parks prevent me and my children attending these areas as I cannot leave the dog in the house. Put up CCTV have more patrols, put more dog waste bins on walking paths, posters to encourage people to clean up after their dogs.

- Disagree I own a Border Collie (sheepdog) and this breed need a lot of exercise. We use the two places above to exercise our dog. His exercise involves running and retrieving a ball or frisbee. Walking a three year old Border Collie on a lead around the edge of a field is not sufficient exercise for such an active dog. I'd like you to tell me where I'll be able to exercise my active Border Collie near to my home which is opposite the fire station field. Will this mean travelling in the car to find somewhere to exercise him twice daily?
- Disagree I own a horsefield with a public footpath going through it (4 horses in the field) right next to a park owned by caerphilly council... so if people can't let dogs loose in the park... theyll just come into our fields via the public footpath instead and let their dogs loose there which isnt acceptable as dogs will chase the horses and poo everywhere which can cause infection to me/horses. At the moment not many dogs come in as everyone lets them run around the public park / playing fields.
- Disagree I pay council tax to use them.
- Disagree I pay my council tax, I should be allowed to use these amenities freely
- Disagree I personally do not exercise my dogs on marked sports pitches in Morgan Jones Park..however, should you decide to include , and Mark out pitches in green council run areas that are not currently used or marked out I would have a big problem with that as the council would be really restricting the areas dog owners can exercise and socialise their dogs
- Disagree I really hope you do not go through with banning dogs on fields. All we have where I live is playing pitches but I walk my dog early morning and late night. Its not fair to us who do pick up there mess. Just get someone to protrol the parks and make people pick it up! Not all of us are able to drive to take our dogs further away.
- Disagree I regularly walk my dog around Morgan Jones park, if this were to take place I would no longer be able to take my dog and daughter to the park at the same time. I feel if we are excluded then we run the risk of walking in more isolated areas and as a lone female this can be worrisome.
- Disagree I strongly disagree that this is not needed. Tackle any anti social dog ownership instead of changing the rules. As an OAP, with limited mobility, these areas are vital for me to exercise my dog. I think this proposal will not solve the issue of dog fouling. Those who do not pick up after their dogs will not abide by any new rules.
- Disagree I strongly disagree with this unfair proposal to ban dogs from marked sports pitches. I am both a dog owner, & mother of three young sporty children. I enjoy taking my dogs out with my children and completely respect that dogs are unable to enter parks and children's play area. This makes it easy to comply with as the playing areas are all fenced off and secured. Why can't this be the case for sports pitches? I am aware that dogs are expected to be taking to other areas in which they can be allowed to run freely such as mountains, & forestry's.

However this a very selfish expectation for those who have mobility issues or rely completely on wheelchairs, those people may only be able to take their pets for short walks maybe to their local playing Field. I strongly believe that if the council invested money into fencing off the sports pitches it would solve the issue immediately. Not only stopping dogs from entering that designated area but also putting a stop to other animals ie. cats & foxes entering the pitches too. I really think this proposals in unfair and other options need to be considered to allow both children and pets to enjoy the ability to run freely. I feel this proposal will have a massive effect on me because I rely on taking my dogs for a run over my local field on a daily basis it helps me unwind from a busy day at work and seeing them able to exercise freely and socialise is keen for a dogs well being. This is an outrageous proposal that seriously needs to be reconsidered, fencing off the marked sports pitch will be much more beneficial for everyone and will enable both children and pets to equally enjoy the freedom of the area.

- Disagree I take my children to training and love to sit and watch the dogs playing in the fields. All People i see with dogs pick up their mess but there is not adequate bins to dispose of this.
- Disagree I think dog owners should be held responsible for their dogs behaviour and it should be expected that you have you dog under control so if that means on a lead than yes on a lead of that means your dog listens to you and can be off lead than I do not see the problem to have dogs off lead. My dog loves to play rugby as you play rugby, she makes tries and scores and plays safely and I never ever leave a mess of her behind BUT the amount of times I had to pick up rubbish that could harm her is uncountable. So why do well behaved dogs and their owners get punished but disgusting humans can continue to litter and harm my dog and wildlife? Actual policing of people picking up their dog mess would be great.
- Disagree I think if there's no sport/matches on then dogs should be allowed to exercise on the fields. But owners should clean up after their dogs. Having a physical disability and a large dog who needs exercise, given her half hour/hour on mg local field is key to her well being and gets me out the house for a short while, I couldn't manage much more. Diseases from dog mess are very rare and I think it would be better to educated the public with signs etc on/around sports fields of the dangers of dog mess such as diseases or children falling in it rather than just banning dogs in general.
- Disagree I think it is preposterous to ban dogs from council owned fields and pitches. As a responsible dog owner, along with the many other thousands in the area, I respect other persons using the facilities by controlling my dogs in these situations. I also clean up after my pets. The expulsion of dogs in these areas, funded by our taxes, merely penalises the responsible owners as undoubtably the bad owners will continue to break the rules and not clean up, where as responsible owners will adhere. Furthermore many of the pitches I use are consistently littered by certain groups of youths causing far more of a problem than dogs. Under the same approach it would be disproportionate to ban children from these places due to the acts of a minority of children.

- Disagree I think it's unfair for the responsible dog owners who pick up after their dogs to be penalised for the irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs. It is the minority who don't pick up after their dogs and I believe they should be penalised directly to combat the issue instead of all dog owners being penalised. Could security cameras be installed to monitor the pitches and identify the irresponsible dogs owners? They could then be tracked and fined/banned from using the fields?
- Disagree I think many dog walkers, including myself, will be very upset and angry if we lose the opportunity to walk our dogs on Blackwood showfields grass. I fully understand the area is used for sport, but it is such a large area that it is a perfect place for letting dogs run free but safely. The poo bins along the field are ideal and help keep the field clean of dog waste.
- Disagree I think more dog walkers use the risca fire station field than people using these bottom two pitches. In 21 years of living opposite i have NEVER seen a match on either of these two pitches. I think it would be easier to fence off fields that dogs aren't allowed on as is done in the children's play parks. There is definitely more dog walkers on the field than people playing sport on a weekly basis Where are dog walkers supposed to go if we can't let them run on a field. The mountains aren't accessible for everyone and well behaved dogs love a off lead run. Do we all stay on the cricket pitch now, I was shocked to see this isn't included in your proposal.
- Disagree I think the council need to put a safe enclosed dog field near by before excluding dogs from all enclosed fields.
- Disagree I think they should be kept on leads in these areas rather than excluded.
- Disagree I think this is neither reasonable nor policeable. You're asking the main users of the parks to try to avoid great swathes of it just so that matches can go ahead for part of the day and year, that's certainly not going to happen regardless of the restrictions you impose. Focus on the policing the problem areas instead. And maybe focus on getting the football supporters to stop peeing in parks and clean up their litter, if you're that worried about what players could be rolling in.
- Disagree I totally disagree with this exclusion as the amount of places left to walk our dogs is disappearing surely as long as the dog owners pick up their dogs faeces etc there should be no problem
- Disagree I understand there is some dog mess but there are so little fields or woods in our village this would mean being unable for our dog to have a big run. Especially with the houses which are going to be developed in the pit of abertridwr. This aside, perhaps if there were more dog waste bins or surveillance, others may be more compelled to clean up.
- Disagree I use the perimeter of field, pick up any mess & control my dog. The people that dont follow guidelines will still continue to use the fields. How on earth do you propose to control it. You cant 'police's the current restrictions, there is a huge problem with dog mess in the borough, put efforts into stopping this.

- Disagree I walk my 9 month collie every morning & evening on libanus rugby pitch. Which is the only place I feel safe to let her off her lead. We road & mountain walk also but she only had a good “run” if I let her off on libanus pitch. It is 1 minute from home, being a flat pitch I can let her run & chase her ball, but also see anyone or other dogs approaching & put her on her lead if needed. The rugby pitch is big enough for her to exercise & contained enough for me to know were she is and she won’t leave as a open mountain area would be. My dog will only foul in her garden, but if she did I would pick it up & I always carry bags. Over the months I have been using the pitch I have never seen dog mess on libanus field, but I have seen rubbish left from people using the area for exercise & socialising. Please also consider, there is foxes around this field which come out at night, these might also mess on the field. I welcome officers to search me for poo bags come & meet my dog she’s very friendly and enjoys socialising on the rugby pitch, please don’t take her favourite play time away from her, for some irresponsible dog owners that I have never came across on libanus rugby pitch. As a female dog Walker I feel safe on libanus rugby pitch as it’s a flat closed off area which you can see people approaching.
- Disagree I walk my dog at bryn recreational ground regularly, lots of dogs go there and are able to socialise with each other. I have never seen dog mess on the fields. What should be banned is people hanging around on the field in the night, setting fires, riding motorbikes and leaving broken glass, all of which is more dangerous. I would be happy to keep my dog on lead at all times
- Disagree I walk my dog over the showfield in Cefn Fforest. I don't agree if this is one of the areas that will be impacted.
- Disagree I walk my dogs daily and take them to the local playing field when there isn’t any organised football games taking place. I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog. It’s unfair that the minority that are not responsible spoil it for the majority. I will be very upset if I am not able to visit the playing field because dogs are not permitted!
- Disagree I walk my dog's in Cefn Hengoed, the part of the park that is not used for sports has not been cut and there is always broken glass bottles in the long grass, I don't think as a responsible dog owner who always cleans up after their dog's should have to visit the vet for injuries my dog's have received from not being able to see the broken glass I also walk my dog's on the grounds behind Hengoed primary school but the brambles and nettles have not been cut and the path now is less than 2 feet wide, which makes it awkward as I am forever getting caught in the brambles and nettles
- Disagree I, as a responsible dog owner, have been exercising my dog in Bargoed playing fields for 11 years and always clean up after him. Given that the fields are regularly full of sheep in the summer which are regularly allowed to graze and foul in the field, with nothing being done by either council or farmers to prevent the sheep from wandering in there, it is totally hypocritical for the council to ban dogs from there. The amount of sheep dung that appears in that field on a regular basis is disgusting and the council should concentrate on working with the farmers to sort it. The sheep regularly roam around the streets and there is going to be a serious accident soon if it isn't sorted.
Steps should be taken to sort out the amount of rubbish that is strewn across that field from school children and adults and

children/parents of those who train in that field, especially plastic bottles. They are an eyesore and a major environmental issue. These people should be made to clear up their rubbish after them. Dog owners are fined if they don't clear up after their dogs, irresponsible and lazy school children and adults should be made to do the same with their rubbish.

- Disagree I'm a responsible dog owner Maybe if you supplied more dog waste bins and rubbish bins at these venues maybe, just maybe some people would make a better effort
- Disagree I'm a responsible dog Walker and always clean up after my dog. Why should the majority and their dogs be punished for a smaller minority. If access to these areas are taken away for dog walkers then where are our dogs supposed to have their time on walks! Maybe the council should install more dog waste bins and actually empty them and the existing bins more frequently!
- Disagree If a dog is on a lead and if it does go to toilet and the owner picks it up what's the problem
- Disagree If dogs are on a lead and faeces picked up, why is there an issue? We are responsible dog owners and plan our visits to dog friendly places. If my children go in the park, I wait outside with the dog.
- Disagree If owners are required to pick up as per existing restrictions, there should be no need for this. Unnecessarily restrictive on dog owners
- Disagree If so you are stopping them using public fields where else can they go? If you have to prohibit access onto sports fields because you can't restrict where dogs go on said fields then you need to consider providing alternative safe spaces for dog owners. If sports fields are protected, do the same for the animals..
- Disagree If the parks were more closely monitored and heavier fine given out, bad dog owners would pick up the mess left by their dogs. You are penalising good dog owners. I've seen more uses needles and drug paraphernalia left in Crosskeys Park and Fire Station pitch than dog poo!
- Disagree If the pitches are not fenced off it would be impossible to stop a dog straying off a line designated on a map. If the pitches can be appropriately fenced off to dogs then it would be possible. (in Machen the rugby pitch is protected the two other pitches could be equally)
- Disagree If there is no one on a pitch there is no harm
- Disagree If they are not in use by a sport teams, then the field should be freely useable for dog owners. It's not fair to allow them off field/on a lead in the field at all times, when the field will only be used by sport teams for less than 5 hours a week. I am a diabetic and need to do

walks/runs to keep my fitness up and sugars in control. I like to take my dog with me. Without the use of fields (that are multi use) for her to run, there's less area for me to go as well. Because we both need time to run and exercise, and a dog should not be on a lead always (if they're controlled). For the sake of my health/disability, and meant health to always have my dog companion with me, these changes may effect us. Amendments are definitely needed towards dog control. But the proposed ones are not good for the majority of owners who have well controlled and friendly dogs. It will diminish the areas that our dogs can run freely and get the most exercise they need. Amendments are needed but not this strict.

- Disagree If you are exercising a dog off lead it is extremely difficult to prevent them entering an area of open space that is not cordoned off. Many responsible dog owners will be penalised for their dog using a space they have always been able to use previously. All dogs shouldn't be restricted when it is only a few who do not pick up dog waste. Further in the park I'm Penyrheol, the rugby teams use the whole field and not just the marked areas so it makes no sense at all to restrict dogs from one small section of field.
- Disagree If you ban dogs where else can we take our dogs for a walk it's getting a bit of a joke with this council I definitely disagree with the council banding or dog owners from pictures just because of few bad owners
- Disagree If you implement the first proposal then the second proposal is not required - This is just overkill again and unfair. My wife is disabled (Blue Badge) and how can she exercise her dog iff you keep removing the flat areas for this? Wardens - fine for not picking up.....
- Disagree If your allowed to walk a dog without a lead unless instructed to by the appropriate person ! How are u supposed to stop dogs from entering these forbidden areas ? The only way to police this more staff patrolling theses areas or fence the areas off ! Both being at gray expense to the tax payers !!! One suggestion could be more bins in these areas emptied on a more regular basis !! I know there is an issue with no obvious solution but please don't punish all dog owners for a small minority!
- Disagree If your team are giving pet owners new rules for mans best friend, then we should have designated areas where we can enjoy taking our dogs out Let us all enjoy our pets and dog owners are mainly responsible. Don't forget elderly people can only walk to a park to exercise their dogs where there is seating for them because of mobility issues Rubbish is more of a problem than dogs fouling. I see more rubbish than dogs mess lying around
- Disagree If your walking in a park that has pitches There are instances when you may have to cross Over the area. I am a senior citizen with disabilities.. sometimes you Do cross over areas
- Disagree I'm a 73 year old female I walk my dog frequently on the showfield cefn fforest I'm a responsible dog owner always have poo bags at the ready it's the only place I feel safe walking my dog I meet a lot of like minded dog walkers who feel the same by banning dogs from the field is upsetting and takes away my rights as a council tax payer .

- Disagree I'm a responsible dog owner and only use the playing fields when they're empty and pick up after my dog straight away. Don't tar us all with the Same brush. I'm also a parent to 2 small children who use the showfield regularly. You're punishing the majority for the minority here
- Disagree Impracticable and not enforceable, responsible dog owners clear up after their pets, by all all means tackle those problem owners who are breaking the existing restrictions before you create more rules. And perhaps cleaning up broken glass might be a priority, or the litter and bottles left by drinkers. I could go on.
- Disagree In many cases parks are the only green space that we have to walk and exercise our dogs. Why demonise the dog owning population , when a far greater amount of damage is being caused by gangs of people having parties in our parks and not taking away their rubbish. This proposal will take away the public spaces away from a section of the public. It is wrong.
- Disagree In order to give my dog exercise the use of open space is needed. The problem of irresponsible owners needs to be addressed as all this will do is move the problem to the streets . Also pets will not get the exercise needed , you can't chase a ball on the pavement. Also there are no public alternative safe spaces for pets to exercise It will put more strain on life as having to drive to locations to walk a dog I think on the spot fines for irresponsible owners who are not prepared or do not listen to officials. Or provide local facilities such as more open green spaces to walk pets in the community
- Disagree In particular reference to the Llanbradach park the park was bequeathed in perpetuity to the people of Llanbradach not just the footballers. The lower football pitch was part of the original park as was the Eastern goal area of the upper football pitch.
- Disagree Irresponsible dog owners who do not follow the existing restrictions are likely not to follow further restrictive measures placed upon the dog owning community. What will happen is that responsible dog owners will be punished (together with their dogs). In my local area, by taking away the area of the council owned sports pitch will make the area too small to give our dog a sufficient space to run safely & only increases the volume of dogs & people in smaller spaces.
- Disagree It does not go far enough. This will be interpreted as permissory in respect of the unmarked sports/playing fields. n/a Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance. This does not go far enough. Dogs should be on leads at all times. Problems are unlikely to arise when "an authorised officer" is present. The difficulties arise mostly on public footpaths and land where walkers are permitted e.g. Machen Mountain, and land of NRW. i am a keen walker but am regularly confronted by dogs running well ahead of their owners without leads who approach, sometimes jump up, and can be intimidating thus causing distress and nuisance. The

dogs do not come when called, and the owners are often unsympathetic to the distress caused. if they do apologise, whilst appreciated, the damage is already done.

Disagree It fair for my son and for my dog where they play together daily Yes it will affect me because my son have meltdown very day because it part of routine by taken the dog for a walk More dogs bins and better fence around kids play a area Because son climb steps onto main road

Disagree It is not clear as to whether the exclusion applies to entire parks in which there are marked pitches. Public parks are there for all to enjoy, including dog owners. While I make every effort to ensure my dog is taken around marked pitches and I agree with the principle, the wording is problematic. It is not always possible for owners to “not permit their not to enter marked pitches”, dogs do not understand that they shouldn’t cross white lines. Less restrictive measure have not been trialed, such as signage asking dog owners to avoid taking their dogs onto marked pitches. The current PSPO is not properly enforced. There is frequently uncleared dog faeces left in public places. More effort should be put into enforcing the current measure before adding further amendments. Monies raised from fines resulting from enforcing the existing measures should be put into employing authorised officers to patrol public places to ensure the current PSPO is enforced.

Disagree It is not only beneficial for well behaved dogs to be able to run freely in these fields but beneficial for owners too especially during this pandemic where people's mental well being is very important

Disagree It is totally unfair to penalise us responsible dog owners for the irresponsible dog owners. When picking up after our dogs we also pick up poo that’s not from our dogs. We go above & beyond but could end up being banned. Why have we been bothered. We might as well join in and just leave it. Why can’t you employ a person to monitor the areas and issue fixed penalties on the spot. Yes ok you would need many employees but you would be helping employment too. The only thing you’re doing is shifting the problem as the irresponsible will continue. You need something to tackle those specifically. On the spot fines. Use a microchip scanner to identify the dog & its owner (all on the microchip database). If you park illegally your car registration is used to issue a ticket. The same could be adapted for dog fouling. On the spot fines. Use a microchip scanner to identify the dog & its owner (all on the microchip database). If you park illegally your car registration is used to issue a ticket. The same could be adapted for dog fouling.

Disagree It is unfair to make people travel far distances just to take their dogs for a walk, sometimes they only have ten minutes in the day to take their dogs out if it has been a busy day and the local field could be a great choice for them to allow their jobs to run around and have some fresh air.

- Disagree It needs to be all animals including police horses Guide dogs Please don't expect us to clean up after our dogs when you can't be bothered to empty the bins
- Disagree It seems that some areas may have more problems than others. Where is the data to show that there is a particular problem in my postcode area. I have read many accounts of how toxocariasis is contracted, there are variables in research which indicate that it can come from cats, foxes as well as dogs. How many cases of this have been reported in the Caerphilly County area. How many many complaints have the council received around this in comparison to complaints in the same area for anti social behaviour. I feel that this proposal will discriminate against me due to age as a person over the age of sixty who exercises with my well behaved dog in an area in close proximity to my home. Many local authorities are introducing blanket orders which are restricting dogs from enjoying public spaces or requiring them to be kept on a lead. Such bans are ineffective and are often ignored by those causing the problem. It is then responsible owners and the wider community left with the burden that the restrictions bring. These include, but are not limited to: Possible health and welfare implications for dogs not getting enough off-lead exercise Dogs lacking social interactions with other dogs, leading to possible behavioural problems People lacking social interactions with other people, possibly affecting social well-being Responsible dog owners being given a bad name Impact to local dog friendly businesses – dog walkers are one of the most common users of open spaces I support people being fined if they do not pick up dog faeces however I do not support a blanket ban on walking dogs on council playing fields.
- Disagree It will limit the available space to let dogs exercise Also it will not stop irresponsible owners still leaving mess as now
- Disagree It will significantly limit the number of areas where people can walk their dogs. Particularly young people and women who want to stay in open spaces when letting their dogs have some freedom. The lazy minority who don't clean up their dogs mess shouldn't spoil it for responsible dogs owners. Gender. Many areas where you can let your dog run safely are secluded and unsafe.
- Disagree It would be a limitation in the use of public space. Particularly for elderly or disabled that don't have the chance to walk their dog in the countryside. The general public has the right to use parks and marked pitches are public spaces and should be accessible to everyone.
- Disagree It's an unfair blanket ban on those that are sensible and responsible with their dog in such areas.
- Disagree It's law to exercise your dog and socialise it on a daily basis Most of the marked areas do not use all of the pitches that are marked It will exclude people using the areas when majority of the pitches are never used Most of the fields are flat and are areas that disabled and elderly use the council discriminating once again Age disability You will exclude people from walking and exercising 7 days of the week for 1 training day and 1 match a week Most of the pitches are surplus and never used

- Disagree It's not the dogs that are breaking the law it's their owners and it's unfair to penalise us responsible dog owners who pick up after our dogs and keep them safe.
- Disagree It's not the dogs, it's the owners responsibility. If every dog is kept on a lead the owner will be able to watch carefully where it goes to the toilet. I disagree dogs should be kept off fields but I do agree dogs should be kept on leads in all open public spaces where children are present. May times I have walked my dog and found dogs off lead running free with owners unaware of what their dog is doing. It wasn't so long ago my dog ended up in the emergency vets due to a very nasty cut to his paw due to smashed glass in the fields left behind after a Friday night. I remember a time you would be worried you would get caught not picking up after your dog incase you get a fine. It's time we had park wardens and dog wardens back, enforcing the law, ensuring dogs are kept in leads. Although it states keep you dogs on a lead in a park it isn't very often people abide by this. If public service people were present in and around parks it would stop owners leaving behind dog mess and also reduce the anti social behaviour in some of the young people using the parks in the evenings and weekends.
- Disagree It's unfair to restrict the use of these public areas to certain people. There is very little safe clean fields available in Caerphilly where you can take your dogs for exercise so unless you plan to provide more spaces where people can do so this is an unfair restriction to introduce. The welfare of animals and pets also needs to be taken into account. In my local playing pitch there is never an issue with faeces but there is always litter left after sporting games have taken place or from children and teenagers. Littering is a much bigger issue, there has even been many dogs that have been injured because of broken glass on the streets and in fields or sick from eating rubbish off the floor. This does not affect me as an individual but this will have a impact on those that are elderly or disabled that have dogs. For many of these people that are not able to access to other places to exercise their dogs because they are too far away, do not have suitable access and paths or require a car to get too. A better solution would be to provide alternative locations and fields intended for dog walks so people don't have to go to sporting parks or make sure there are plenty of dog bins that are emptied regularly.
- Disagree it's not clear if you are suggesting the actual markd area or including the whole field i.e. the showfield in blackwood. Are you proposing to ban dogs from the whole field? I find this as dog owner and a grandmother of young children extremely unfair. The whole family enjoy the interaction with our dog and I feel that the majority are being penalised for the minority. I would quite happily and do keep my dog off the playing pitches and immediate surrounding area but to ban dogs from the whole field is unreasonable. Isn't it time the enforcement officers were more visable and actually challenge dog owners to produce evidence of bags and to issue fines to those not adhering to the current restrictions ? not me personally but people of limited vision and mobility will be affected by increased restrictions
- Disagree It's the small minority of vocal anti dog brigade lobbying for this change, and it's a small minority of anti social dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs anyway, and would ignore the rules regardless. The anti dog brigade clearly haven't thought this through, and believe

that just because there's a rule in place that everyone will follow it. Realistically, they won't and the responsible dog owners (and dogs) would suffer as a result. N/A

Disagree It's unfair on dogs and dog owners who clean up after their dogs. All dogs and owners are being punished due to the minority not cleaning up after them. Dogs need off lead exercise, where do you suggest they go instead? You could amend it to allow exercise during the months when pitches are not being used rather than having a blanket ban

Disagree Just a few owner are guilty. The efforts of policing the proposed policy would be better used to catch offenders. Dog social contact with other dogs would be harme Owners would no longer be able to train or play with dogs if dogs are kept on a lead. The often quoted limited resources will be better to employed on more serious issues such as fly tipping.

Disagree Lack of open spaces to walk dogs and how do you stop dogs from going on parts of the field

Disagree Lack of reasonable public space for dog owners to walk their dogs. Why don't you increase fines for owners not picking up the dog mess and use this to fund more officers? The order seems to disregard responsible owners because of irresponsible ones. Come down harder with large fines for irresponsible owner. This order is like saying we are closing all public spaces to the public because of the litter that is dropped by a few!! This obviously does not make sense.

Disagree Limiting dog walking areas when there aren't many to begin with

Disagree Lived in the area all my life. Why now is it a problem? Have dogs and owners changed. Are small minded councils looking for a solution to a problem that doesn't exist!!! Lived in the area all my life. Why now is it a problem? Have dogs and owners changed. Are small minded councils looking for a solution to a problem that doesn't exist!!! Lived in the area all my life. Why now is it a problem? Have dogs and owners changed. Are small minded councils looking for a solution to a problem that doesn't exist!!!

Disagree Living in Ystrad Mynach town centre gives limited opportunities for my dog to have a free run, which high activity dogs require. I cannot see why they need to be banned from playing fields, as long as owners carefully pick it up. As in so many situations, the main problem to me seems to be lack of enforcement, and unfortunately some irresponsible dog owners take advantage of this. I currently have a car, so can drive elsewhere for free space, but that means using a car for a trip which doesn't really seem necessary. Also, not everyone has a car. As an older person, I feel the necessity to travel further afield for free space for my dog will affect me differently. Also, for many older people, a dog is their main companion. None

Disagree Local Elderly residents who own dogs may have a short walk the the Bryn playing fields and may not have access to a vehicle. I see many of them walking their dogs locally and use the Bryn playing field. The field is empty early mornings. More signs could be put up to encourage

dog owners to pick up the mess. More needs to be done about the litter/glass that appears after most evenings. The pitch's were being used earlier this week. I walked around the edge with my dog on a lead. I cleaned up after my dog. I didn't bother anyone? Is there an issue with this? Not me personally but others who live with a disability, yes Individuals ride quad bikes on the Bryn playing fields what can be done to tackle this issue please? Could more barriers be put up?

Disagree Machen recreational grounds are an excellent area for exercising our dog. Whilst we totally agree with the existing restrictions, as responsible dog owners, we feel the additional restrictions are somewhat excessive and would result in our dog being kept on a lead throughout his exercise periods. Increase the penalties for dog owners who do not collect their dog faeces

Disagree Maesycwmmmer playing fields are not used for sports, the fields are mainly used by dog owners to walk to their pets. The farmer who owns the fields behind doesn't like anyone using them and complains all the time due to his animals and so us pet owners will have no feilds to walk

Disagree Majority of dog owners like myself are responsible, pick up after their dogs, keep them on a lead, very rarely I let my dog have a run around off lead now because some owners leave their dog off regardless of how they are with other dogs. It's not the dogs that are the problem there its the youngsters, smashing glass, leaving their rubbish, ive even heard the drug users have been pushing used needles in to the ground, not in these areas but all around Rhymney. I have 2 young children I don't feel safe enough to let them play anywhere other than our own garden. Cameras and more patrolling needs to be done.

Disagree make it a requirement to only walk dogs on a lead around the perimeter of playing pitches since some people do not have alternatives on their doorstep

Disagree Many of the sites identified in your document are existing multiuse and not specifically designated or enclosed pitches. Looking at the sites local to me as a guide, should this additional addendum be passed, I would have no where to enable my dogs to run off the leash. Dogs need exercise as much as people and dog walking is one of the best forms of mental and physical activity, especially during covid. Many of the pitches are only utilised for a handful of days throughout a period of the year and there are alternative 3G facilities availble for clubs, whereas dog walking is all year round. Please rethink this strategy as it will impact on so many. In addition, perhaps consider providing funding for fenced secured areas throughout the Borough for dogs to be let off. This may result in an increase in carbon footprint as dog owners would have to drive to these locations but with increasing housing developments and investment in sporting provision, don't forget us dog walkers. Consider dog only parks within the Borough. Reconfigure existing pitches in multiuse areas to fence them off so the remaining area (not just fringes that a dog won't stick to) can be used. Perhaps tackle the litter issue in the parks which is more of a health risk?

- Disagree Marked sports pitches take up a large amount of space in our Parks and areas, many people walk their dogs around sports pitches Such as Newbridge canal fields, bars fields in risca and feeder row park In Cwmcarn.
- Disagree Minority of dog owners being irresponsible. Limiting spaces to safely walk dog as female makes me feel much more vulnerable as will have to find alternative places to walk. Gender/age - as above. Alternative routes will therefore involve forest/woods and do not feel safe to walk here alone, particularly in early morning/late evening. Fine those who clearly do not currently abide by PSPO - litter is also a much bigger issue but nothing done about it, particularly after sporting fixtures.
- Disagree More people use the Showfield for walking their dogs than for sport purposes. I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up his faeces and I always carry spare bags. Why should the minority of careless dog owners spoil it for the majority? There are not enough bins at the showfield and they are always overflowing. If this were to be implemented, where does the council suggest local people walk their dogs?
- Disagree Most council owned fields are used for sports like rugby and football. Families bring along their dogs to the games, this would not be fair. And when the sports games ain't in play, many families use the fields as picnic spots to enjoy a summers day, which they would not be able to do if you put this restriction in place.
- Disagree Most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs and keep them on leads. It disappoints me that everyone is being punished for the sake of the minority. I have lived here all my life, why shouldn't my family (dog included) and I have the same access to fields and green areas as anyone else? I walk through the field in Woodfieldside every day and by far i see more litter, broken bottles, cans, cigarette butts etc left from youths using the field than I see of animal waste. Why should dogs and their owners be restricted to roads and residential areas? Most of us play by the rules. Police the existing powers more effectively.
- Disagree Most of what is being proposed is already in place excluding all dogs from the proposed areas is because of gge minority of dog owners who are not adhering to the rules already in place but it seems the council are willing to allow off road vehicles in these areas and also allow litter like glass and fire to be started in these areas. I don't believe these are done by the dogs but again it is the responsible dog owners and their dogs who are penalised An area dedicated to allow dogs to be allowed to run off lead where no glass is allowed
- Disagree Most sports pitches are not fenced in so this effectively prevents dog owners from letting a dog off its lead in the adjoining land as no dog will stop at an invisible boundary. Any sports pitches should be fenced off (not just a railing) to allow adjacent land to be used.
- Disagree My dog is a border collie not a working dog to entertain such a dog requires a field to tire her out I leave the fields in better condition than they are left in why should I be punished for the few when the many are doing the right thing Parking attendants should be out

making fines also notifying the council the bins are full or utilise them to clear the bins kids throw the poo bags down the wooded areas aswell you can't blame dog owners for all the issues the maintainace of most council run areas is getting shocking as it is glass in areas stuff getting dumped which need more addressing than this

- Disagree My dog is a well behaved dog and I follow the rules why should we not be able to enjoy these spaces
- Disagree My dog loves to run on the field
- Disagree My dog walks off the lead and meets his friends in such places where there is plenty of open space for them to play. If we were banned from there we'd have nowhere to socialise him, and dogs need socialisation as much as we do. More strict enforcement of existing restrictions. I have never seen nor been approached by an authorised officer.
- Disagree My reasons same as above. The selfish irresponsible dig owners will not stop it and no body to police it leaving us responsible dog owners only following the rules and depraving our dogs of a good run off the lead If dogs not allowed on fields people will be walking dogs on pavements with the same selfish irresponsible dog owners letting their dogs foul the pavements so still the problem will be there
- Disagree N/A N/A N/A
- Disagree please! No alternative local facilities available You could give us a bit of a walk way in waunfawr second ground near the fire station field
- Disagree No alternatives are offered.
- Disagree No as a previous responsible dog owner, a dog needs exercise and while I agree about mess a dog does not know a football layout. Games are played few time or week. So unfair on responsible dog owners to have to avoid these areas on non match days. However I do agree that all mess should be cleaned up. This goes with the lack of cleanliness of out parks lately. We have cleansing only once per week. So while you are trying to prevent dogs on these areas maybe look at your own cleaning of these areas. Bins are usually over flowing. Litter is dropped and blown everywhere in parks. I see kids/adult just dropping litter that lies in these areas until next cleaning day upto 1 week. We used to have parks cleaned daily Yes disability Our parks are recreational purposes for all. You are trying to enforce a new policy. Which I agree with dog not fouling i=on these areas. How about the actual teams clean up their mess after their games. Our parks are quite often littered after sports practice and games. I disagree with the new proposal on the basis that our ares are for all public to use and should not be restricted. We need more enforcement from CCBC to control this dog fouling issue not stopping responsible dog owners from using our area. who often have children with them.
- Disagree No fields for dogs No just dogs make mess Provide area for dogs to run

- Disagree No issue with dogs being allowed on the fields, as long as dog owners clean their dog's mess up after them. This needs to be enforced more rigorously.
- Disagree not all dog owners are irresponsible and therefore should not to punished for others, instead of proposing this, think why is there all this dog mess, its because there are never any warden's out fining people therefore they are not following the rules. I think before putting anymore rules in place the existing rules need to be followed first. Plus people who have dogs and children need to be able to take their dogs to these areas id their children are taking pace in activities. I think this will just lead to more dogs needed rehominf as families won't be able to take them to activities and saying they no longer have time for their dofs.
- Disagree Not all dog owners are irresponsible. Not all sport fields have the same problem. How about fining the clubs that continually leave litter scattered about fields, that the dog owners collect . The field in Pen-y-Bryn is used by teams from other villages. No respect for it litter scattered everywhere after use.
- Disagree Not all owners are irresponsible
- Disagree Not allowing dogs on park areas with sports pitches severely restricts where dog walkers can walk their dogs and for some people means they can't exercise their dog adequately close to their home, especially if they don't have a car. The problem with this sort of restriction is the minority who don't pick up after the dog will ignore such restrictions anyway and it will not solve this issue. Also a lot of the "dog" faeces found on pitches is actually fox not dog. The rest of the restrictions are perfectly reasonable and should be adhered to in any case. Responsible dog walkers are being penalised because of a few irresponsible ones. The same could be said of teenagers who smash bottles or leave litter on pitches in regards to risk to health. It is unfair to exclude all because of a few. Dog walkers need to use park areas to walk dogs for the health of the dog and often the owner. Not being allowed to do so will be detrimental to both in many cases. It may impact on the mental health of owners if unable to do so. If dog walkers who have a car are forced to travel to allow their dogs sufficient exercise this will increase traffic on the roads which is environmentally undesirable. It potentially discriminates against disabled people who cannot drive or walk to alternative dog walking areas. Not convinced it will reduce the potent dog faecal issue as how will it be policed and individuals who do not clean up after the dog are unlikely to follow any restrictions.
- Disagree Not clear information. Are dogs allowed on areas that aren't marked?
- Disagree Not enough dog friendly areas otherwise
- Disagree Not enough open spaces to let dogs run around and practise recall. Very rare is there dog mess left on local pitch. Instead more likely to be an issue with parking and litter.

- Disagree not enough space exercise areas available at present without further restrictions. As a regular user of Waunfawr Park my concern is the irresponsible cyclists who speed through the park on the pathways dogs and cyclists are expected to share which will be even more dangerous if the new regulations are introduced More wardens and CCTV coverage to catch the rule-breakers and not penalise the law abiding citizens. Can I also suggest it to be a requirement for cyclists in the park to have audible warnings and speed limits as I have witnessed several incidents.
- Disagree Once again , as stated in your pre amble to this proposal, it is the minority who are committing these offences, so why don't you tackle these people ? Again it is the easy option to penalise everybody. In some areas these spaces are the only open ground that people can access to exercise their pets and themselves. The people who let their dogs make a mess are not going to suddenly take on board these new instructions, they couldn't care less. The law abiding and responsible dog owner penalised again because the council hasn't got the gumption or resources to tackle individuals.
- Disagree Once again responsible dog owners are being penalised. I pick up after my dog always. It wouldn't be so bad if CCBC provided areas for dogs to have some time to run off their leads.
- Disagree Only when there are games on. If they can clean up after your dog there's no need to exclude them. As explained above some sites are the only places you can get access to water or the river so to ban dogs from this area will mean owners walk them without water putting them at risk I am disabled with life long health conditions. Generally I walk my dogs in the woods out the way. However with my health this is not always possible as if I am feeling seriously unwell I need to stay local and have the availability of benches etc. I don't think my dogs should suffer because I can't walk 5 Miles when they can have a run round in a good open space. I always clean up after them
- Disagree Open spaces should be enjoyed by all. I presently use the show fields in Cefn Forrest and I always ensure my dog keeps off the marked off pitches as there is enough free space for dog exercising there without using the sports areas. Put signs up requesting dogs are kept off the pitches
- Disagree Open, green space should be able to be enjoyed by everyone. For some the fields are the only open spaces they can walk their dogs. There aren't many places left where you can go for family activities and still take your dog. Under these rules if you wanted to take your kids for a kick about with a football, fly a kite, learn to ride a bike etc you couldn't take your dog- who is family for many people. It won't stop irresponsible dog owners continuing to walk there and letting their dogs mess without picking it up. Perhaps the fine for not picking up after your dog could be higher if its on a marked sports pitch.
- Disagree Our family dog is very energetic and requires a good run off his lead as well as a walk. There is no other open space to do this in Crosskeys. He is well trained and we always clear up after him. I feel this proposal is unfair to considerate dog owners who want to take care of our

public spaces and share these spaces with others in the community. I feel the health and well being of many dogs and their owners will be affected if individuals are put off from going to exercise at the local park. The council need to look at ways to enforce and take action against the minority of inconsiderate dog owners who do not clean up after their dog in public spaces and also ensure these owners can control thier dogs on and off the lead. These people are spoiling the public spaces for everyone and the majority of considerate owners will suffer as a result. There are many other problems in our local parks that the council must immediately address, rather than wasting time going after dog owners. The open use of drugs and alcohol in our local parks. The increasing amount of rubbish left behind by large groups of teenagers. Vandalism to play grounds and gym equipment and thus costing tax payers money! Excessive amounts of noise in public spaces at night time, People who visit these parks to use the sports pitches who double park in front of peoples houses and on pavements (blocking traffic and emergency vehicles). Surely these amount to anti social behaviour problems? Nothing is being done about it.

- Disagree Our local walking spot for our dog is a playing field. Without it we would need to drive to another location to exercise our dog. This is not environmentally friendly and will add to congestion and pollution. We never allow our dog to foul on the fields, and the existing laws should be enough to protect people and animals. Unless specific areas are designated as dog walk friendly, dogs & owners are going to continue to. E excluded more and more for no good reason. Dogs are an essential part of our family and we must have access to local areas to provide exercise for our well being as well as our dog's.
- Disagree Our pitch as you would call it is over grown and not marked to play football I think you should look at the spaces differences as ours is sometimes used for people selling drugs late at night ,don't class all the playing fields the same ,the play ground is good for the children,but no dogs go in there
- Disagree Owners that dont pick up dog waste will not follow these rules. This will only punish responsible dog owners. Having to have a license to own a dog and harsher fines for fouling as well as more dog waste bins would help solve the issue of irresponsible dog ownership.
Dog license and checks to ensure responsible ownership
- Disagree Penalising dog owners - when a pitch is used a couple of times a week to stop responsible dog owners from being able to exercise their dogs on an area near their homes is unfair. People need green areas nearby to exercise their dogs as some individuals cannot drive and deserve to have local facilities available for all.
- Disagree Penalising the majority of dog owners owing to the minority. The Council should have more effective enforcement to deal with the minority. The current wardens do nothing to prevent abuse and are a waste of tax payers money. Responsible owners have flagged abuse but nothing done, wardens don't get out of their van. The council persists in removing spaces available for dog walking. Bedwellty field is a prime example where pitches should not have been placed. Unless placing barriers around the pitches which is impractical the council will

potentially criminalise individuals who are responsible owners if their dog wanders onto the pitch whilst playing etc. Pathetic.

The Council should concentrate on effective enforcement in the first place before embarking on draconian tactics to penalise the majority. Otherwise cease with wasting tax payers money and fire the wardens for their incompetence and ineffectiveness.

Disagree People are making it dangerous and disgusting, not dogs. Ban thé filthy people from the sports fields. Ask whoever mows the grass, what do they find, glass etc in their mowing machines.

Disagree People are your problem not the dogs. People leave way more mess behind than dogs. If owners made sure that dogs were picking up after their pets then it would resolve a number of the issues that gave foundation for your additional proposal These can at times be family days out and dogs are part of the family. Require instead that they have to be leashed at times that the pitches are being used instead of excluding them all together. Dogs having to be left at home while children take part in, train and compete in sports adds to the ongoing issue of owners not having time for their pets and feeling the need to re-home. People work all day get home and then have to choose between spending time with family pets or watching their kids. Parents shouldn't have to choose. As said above this should be amended to them being on the lead in these areas when they are being used.! This is a general discrimination towards dog owners. I have seen people out walking cats on leads (as strange as it is, it happens) will they still be able to walk their animals on the fields because they are not a dog? By fully excluding dogs from these areas you are massively limiting where they can go. Exercise is just as important for the health and well-being of dogs/ pets as it is for our children. it would be neglectful, descriminative (towards dogs and dog owners) by adding the additional item without giving consideration for specific fields (a number of) purposely for dogs.

Disagree People need areas to walk dogs and it is not always clear in the areas outlined where the sports pitches are when out walking. I agree that there needs to be enforcement regarding irresponsible owners. There als o needs to enforcement regarding ASB from youths and non dog owners using these areas, as they cause damage/litter to the area.

Disagree Pitches are on green public areas and dog owner have the same exact right to use them as anyone else. There is no logic in banning dogs from a not fenced green space while it's not in use by someone else. Some This restriction would also affect mental health of people that can't walk their dogs anywhere else, elderly people and the wellbeing of dogs that wouldn't be able to spend time off lead

Select only 1 pitch per park, fence it and ban the dog from them but leave the rest of the green space free from all. Like they did in Sanitorium park in Cardiff. Pitches are hardly ever used anyway.

Disagree Pitches have been marked out that have never existed or been used previously It is law that a dog owner exercises a dog freely and you are taking away all open spaces Waunfawr Park was gifted to the people of Crosskeys Caerphilly council have no write to pass an order on ground that does not legally belong to them Fire station field does not belong to the council it is common land Pitches have been marked out that have never existed or been used previously It is law that a dog owner exercises a dog freely and you are taking away all

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Disagree Play areas are for everyone s enjoymentI am transgender and due to harassment can only use safe areas where public are about like parks Include dog only areas in parks

Disagree Playing fields are a place where dogs can also run free, which is especially necessary for people with mobility problems. Owners should definitely be made to clean up after their animals and should pay the penalty when they don't. However, there is a lack of dog poo bins, in fact some have been removed. They should be installed close to the playing fields and emptied regularly. Do sheep droppings not have health implications as there is plenty of that around here at the moment. For sometime I suffered with a bad back and letting my dog run on a field was the only way she could get sufficient exercise. There must be many people with issues that prevent their pet having enough exercise. I think the current restrictions are fair. Maybe the dog warden's penalties could be made more widely known as a warning to dog owners.more bins and regular emptying is needed.

Disagree Playing fields are for everyone not just for playing sports fixtures on. Responsible dog owners clear up after their dogs & should not be restricted. Plow your efforts into fining the not responsible dog owners & do not target all fog owners with the same brush!! Sports pitches are only played on for a few hours each week in certain months of the year. They would be left idle at other times if this new bylaw succeeds which is not fair on the law abiding fog owners that use the fields Target those who do not clear up after their dogs & Aldo fine those who leave litter on the playing fields after sports fixtures

Disagree Please do not do this. Dogs require lots of exercise and the big open space that playing fields provide, give plenty of space for dog exercise. Some dogs require more exercise than just a walk around the edge of a pitch. If this measure is introduced, then alternative large open spaces (that are as accessible, and in locations that are convenient for residents) should be provided for dogs to be exercised. If these measures are brought in, some people that are less able to exercise their dogs may be forced to travel further to ensure their dog is getting the exercise they need.

Disagree please don't penalise responsible dog owners who clean up. I agree not picking up is totally unacceptable however the wellbeing of dog walkers needs to be considered also please work to find a workable solution that doesn't penalise many people who enjoy walking dogs in a responsible manner

Disagree Please ensure owners are more responsible why punish animals for human carelessness Leave poo bags in available places for owners so there is no excuse Provide more poo bins as owners do not want to walk for miles holding on to it. Encourage stick and flick to reduce plastic waste Unfortunately there will always be wreckless dog owners which spoils it for the majority Give no reason for people

cleaning dog mess ..leave biodegradable bags available for people..often dogs can go up to three/four times on a walk!! Provide more bins!!! Help owners instead of restricting them!!! Ridiculous that dogs are the ones punished..green spaces are limited as they are, often children take their pets out and need a safe place to take them which is normally a field, remove this and young people/children end up going to risky places with no one around Stop all these restrictions it's ridiculous

Disagree Please read above reasons. It is not dogs who are the enemy but children and young people throwing used covid masks, broken alcohol bottles, beer cans and a great deal more litter fouling the whole of Senghenydd valley. I am old, cannot walk far as partially disabled. I and my dog need a clean safe valley to exercise. Concentrate on dangerous litter, a very great deal of it left every day by young people and their families leaving filthy dangerous litter all over the playing fields, which are also covered in sheep faeces.

Disagree Plenty of dog owners walk their dogs on playing pitches in a responsible manner, picking up any faeces etc. This proposal punishes all responsible dog owners, instead of holding the few irresponsible ones accountable for their actions. Humans drop more litter and cause more destruction to these facilities than dogs. It's absolutely unfair that dog owners should not be able to take their dogs to these spaces which they also pay to maintain. As a woman, I will not walk by myself for my own safety. Taking my dog with me helps deter attackers and helps me feel safe. I regularly walk on playing pitches for the same reason, they are open spaces usually in built up areas and so they are safer. Banning dogs from these areas will disproportionately affect women. I feel this proposal will be discriminatory to those people who require an assistance dog.

Disagree Provide dog walking areas

Disagree Providing that dog owners are responsible whilst walking their dogs, I do not see any reason why dogs should be excluded from marked sports pitches. As a responsible dog owner, I always pick up my dog faeces, whether this is on a marked pitch or otherwise when walking my dog. I note that council tax was increased in April, yet these proposals are looking to ban dogs from having the right to play on these pitches and be given the exercise that they want and need. I do question what we even pay Caerphilly County Borough Council tax as all amenities that this would previously fund seem to be being stripped back. I do have questions as to how this would even be enforced if dogs were banned from marked pitches. In the current climate with local government resources being stretched, surely local authority officers should be utilised to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, Environmental Health Officers need to be inspecting food businesses that have not been inspected for some time due to the pandemic. Also Enforcement Officers should tackle issues such as the major fly tipping issues that we have in the Borough rather than potentially diverting these staff resources to control dogs entering marked pitches. These two points alone are far greater public health concerns than this proposal. Rather than tackle the irresponsible dog owners that allow their dog/s to foul on these pitches, this proposal seems to be punishing the majority of responsible dog walkers that I meet on a daily basis.

- Disagree Punishing responsible dog owners instead of dealing with irresponsible owners using the existing restrictions and laws.
- Disagree Read above comment. More checking is needed to make sure people are picking up their dogs poo on entry/exit to the parks. But unruly and disrespectful people and children are the issues to our park not dogs and their owners
- Disagree Reasons above
- Disagree Reasons stated above. Whilst i have sporting children and can see the reasoning, It's unfair to punish the majority if sensible dog owners.
- Disagree Reasons which are given above. The mess up the showfield is caused by litter from the bins which are the wrong type. There are face masks, cans and plastic bottles on the pitch and surrounding path. When the path is continued around the field that would reduce the need to walk on the fields.
- Disagree Regardless of banning dogs or not it'd be impossible to man/monitor... I also think that doing this will be disadvantaging those who clean up after their dogs and take really good care to ensure cleanliness on the pitches. I think those who leave their dog faeces generally let their dogs off the lead and do not monitor or watch their dogs and are ignorant which would not stop from saying it's now banned as again they would be able ignorant and ignore so technically it'd be those that care and are well behaved that would be punished unnecessarily. May I add that there is not much greenery around the pitches by us. Animals are meant to be taken in their natural habitat and who are we to disagree and ban them because people want to play sports which can be played in the cages or indoor or outdoor fenced areas rather than open fields.
- Disagree Responsibility has to fall on individuals to clean up after their dog. I would never leave my dogs mess. Responsible people will follow if a ban is put in place. Lots won't as they aren't responsible. This will just spoil it for responsible dog owners and dogs. Field space is limited already. My dog is reactive so we need quieter areas of field not used. Quite often there's glass, litter on the fields that's left by irresponsible people it's not always dog owners who make mess . If this ban is put in place it won't stop it. More patrols needed
- Disagree Responsible dog owners already pick up the waste. Banning all dogs won't deter the irresponsible dog owners from using these spaces and leaving waste and the council can't say they will be 100% monitored and enforced across all sites. This the only people suffering are the responsible ones. These areas are regularly more of a hazard from human waste, broken glass, rubbish etc and this won't be helped by banning dogs.
- Disagree Responsible dog owners clean up after their dogs. I have seen several pitches filled with rubbish and waste that youth, or adults leave behind. These can be anything from cans, or glass bottles. I have found and picked up rubbish left on pitches caused by others. These are

more hazardous. I would recommend attending sports/playing pitches; to see what actually goes on with them. Exercise isn't always the case. I for one take my dog on her lead to attend my sons rugby training, she don't make mess (if she did it would be offside the pitch) every week (Tuesday 6-7, coleg y cymoedd pitch) there are a group of youth/adults, drinking. And they always leave their rubbish behind.

- Disagree Responsible dog owners like myself and my Husband have walked our dogs for years in these fields and it would be a real shame to not be able to do this anymore. We always pick up their dog mess and our dogs are trained to come back to us on recall. I don't see why we would be asked not to walk them in Council fields anymore.
- Disagree Responsible dog owners need spaces to let their dogs run. This is unfair on dogs who's owners habitually pick up mess and have dogs with lots of energy that needs burning. Dogs cause no issue on playing fields if their owners are responsible. Make fines for not picking up harsher, place more bins and have more patrols in these areas instead.
- Disagree Responsible dog owners should not be restricted because of the actions of irresponsible owners. If the existing regulations were enforced it would not be necessary to impose this new restriction. As a dog owner myself, the local sports park is the only place nearby where my dogs can exercise. I encourage them to run away from the marked pitch but you can't always stop them altogether. I always pick up after them too without fail as any owner should.
- Disagree Responsible dog owners will always pick up after their dog and adhere to rules regardless of where they are. Implementing this rule will only disadvantage those who are responsible and no doubt those who don't listen will still walk here and allow their dogs to mess. The disadvantage to many will not eradicate the problem.
- Disagree Responsible dog owners will lead their dogs this penalises all. So many of our parks are marked sports pitches so well have many of our local parks as no go areas. So unfair.
- Disagree Responsible owners already pick up after their dogs. The ban will affect them more than the irresponsible owners. My local pitch is now commonly converted in rubbish from people, including broken glass, fires, general litter and food waste. There is also a significant local fox population that also defecate on the pitches. The ban will disproportionately affect those with mobility issues. Cases of Toxoplasmosis are v rare and responsible owners already treat their dogs with anti-helminthics. I suffer with mobility issues relating to hip problems and chronic fatigue syndrome. On bad days when I am severely affected accessing my local sports pitch when it is not in use, allows me to exercise my dogs and more importantly get fresh air without having to walk far. I always pick up after my dogs.
- Disagree Restricting dogs from marked sports pitches, which for the majority of time are not in use, is silly, as it means the dogs can't be let off the lead at all when walked near them. As a runner, I really appreciate dog walkers making it safer for me to be out for a run early in the

morning and most are very good with their dogs. I support the other measures. Let's share with care. Fine dog owners who don't clean up, but don't let a small minority ruin it for everyone else who do follow the current rules. Banning dogs on marked sports pitches will mean in some areas dig walkers will be really limited. Dogs encourage their owners to do exercise and make it safer for single women like me to run on my own. Please don't be so heavy handed.

- Disagree Same as above Playing fields are often a safe place to allow my dog off his lead to burn as much energy as possible and as a young female thus is extremely important! Without these fields, I fear that walking my dog will be unsafe!
- Disagree Same as above You need to make the walk around the perimeter of some fields more accessible for disabled people and parents with prams. Blackwood show field the path ends at the side close to the road and you have to walk on the pavement of a busy road. Which Can be on safe in some situations. You also need to keep the car park is free parking! More bins and possibly free bags and and the small minority who don't pick up now after their dogs will. There will be no excuse!
- Disagree Same as above There are many dog owners who are disabled so go to parks that are level of have paths. Dog parks. More paths in green spaces. More bin. More area designed for loop
- Disagree Same as above green spaces are for everyone and everything to enjoy
- Disagree Same reason above dog faeces is not the main issue...litter in general such as broken glass etc If I am unable to walk dog on Libanus field it will exclude me from letting my dog off the lead to run. As it is safe and secure and not near a road.
- Disagree Same statement as above regarding quad bikes and antisocial behaviour being the problem.
- Disagree See above
- Disagree See above N/a N/a
- Disagree See above comments re dogs around playing fields. More mess is created in Waunfawr Park with litter from the college students.
- Disagree See above reason
- Disagree See above reasons. I feel as a single lady who walks my dog alone that there are no safe areas to exercise my dog other than the Eisteddfod field. This area is enclosed and is in full view of houses nearby and always feels safe for both myself and my dog.
- Disagree See above. Start to police the situation and you will have a much bigger impact

- Disagree See above.
- Disagree See above. How would this be policed? What is the cost of implementing if it goes ahead? Where would we be able to see how effective enforcement is? Deal with the root cause. Fine owners who do not clean up, don't carry bags or have out of control dogs.
- Disagree See above. The is/was both football and rugby fields in our local park, but they are never used as such - would that be a no-go area for dogs now? More clarity needed. There are far too few dog waste bins in the borough. Compared to other places in the UK, Caerphilly only ever seem to put one bin in the car parks of public facilities, no matter how big the site may be. So an area like Penallta Park or Sirhowy Country Park will have bins only in the car parks, but nowhere else on the site, which causes people to leave their bags of dog waste all over the place.
- Disagree See reasons above. Think of alternative ways rather than excluding dogs completely that everyone can benefit. Humans and dogs alike.
- Disagree See text above
- Disagree So long as the dog is on a leash and off the marked out pitches I don't see an issue.
- Disagree Some "pitches" are not clear club pitches. In Ystrad penallta club uses 2.of the pitches they have and the green space are behind the park which is a bit of a joke. A lot of people take their dogs there for a run around but apparently now we are not allowed. I'd rather take my dog there than just by kids play park area which according to you is a GREEN area. I understand the side of its not hygienic for kids playing etc but not every dog owner is irresponsible. Do those who are maybe there should be more reminders of how much the fine costs?!? Or something in place to actually take action against those people. Don't know why there's a concern about pitches only when you can't walk your kids to school without stepping in poo. If you don't want people to take dogs to those pitches I suggest places like penallta Park have more bins or at least ANY bin other than at car park... Because by the looks of it no one can't be bothered to carry bags around so they just trow it in the trees. Or leave lying around.
- Disagree Some areas of the borough do not have enough safe, secure open space to allow dog owners to exercise their dogs safely. Removing access to these fields that are used for an hour per week for sport is ridiculous. Dog owners use these facilities 7 days per week several hours per day. A child football game Lasts 1 hour once per week. It would appear that this is a disproportionate proposal considering who actually use these facilities the most. If the council goes ahead with this, then it is only fair that each area that is having restrictions imposed is provided with a safe, secure dog walking field which can not be used for any other purpose including sport. Dog owners have a legal responsibility to be able provide sufficient exercise for their pets. Removing access to these fields could impact on individuals legal responsibility. Also, have you ever been to a sports field after a child's football game?? The amount of liter and rubbish that is left behind is truly shocking.

Can the council also clarify who will be making the orders to put a dog on a lead? what training they have had to be able to determine if a dog's behaviour is one that warrants this? Have they completed a diploma or a higher cert in dog behaviour?

- Disagree Some dogs require time off the lead to ensure their health and well being. This has been happening regularly, especially over the past 18 months due to the pandemic and having to stay close to home, etc with restrictions, and has never appeared to be an issue/risk/problem, so why try and amend it now? If anything, the local pitch to us has been a lovely social aspect to the pandemic bringing dog owners and neighbours together during these unprecedented times, whilst the dogs have been able to have an aspect of freedom too. The pitch we use, unless it is mowed by the Council every fortnight, is not appropriate or safe for sport to be played on anyway, due to constant mole hills being dug out.
- Disagree Some of the fields in the local area are beautiful and make for great walks. I understand people need to clean up the faeces and some don't but the majority of people do. N/A While I know my proposal will be difficult to do perhaps some small cameras wouldn't go amiss. This would help identify people who show a total disregard for the rules and measures could go in place to try and stop this. I appreciate how difficult this will be but as somebody who uses the local fields to play sport myself it is very unpleasant when you see dog faeces on the field. There are measures that can be put forward to combat this while also not disadvantaging the majority of dog walkers such as myself who do keep to the rules
- Disagree Some people need to bring their dogs with them to watch their children exercise. As long as the dog is kept on a lead near pitches that will solve the problem. When I go and watch my son play football sometimes dogs will run onto the pitch as they have poor recall. There is no good banning dogs, what you need to do is educate the owners and so you need to enforce owners to keep dogs on lead at all times near pitches. It might be if I'm a single parent one day and need to bring my dog with me so that my children can enjoy the outdoors. I, like most responsible dog owners prefer to keep my dog on his lead around parks, if the children are playing football etc. Please consider all my comments above.
- Disagree Some people, including disabled and elderly, only have marked sports pitches as their accessible space to walk their dogs. Banned dogs from these spaces will unfairly affect disabled people. Yes. I'm disabled, often I walk my dog on sports pitches as they're flat and accessible.
- Disagree Some sports fields need to be allocated to dog owners so that they can be run and be socialised with other dogs, out of season sports fields should be dog friendly and in season should be lead only and then fines should be enforced to prosecute unruly dog owners who can't follow basic rules. All responsible dog owners should be able to carry poo bags it is only the few who spoil it for the rest of us. Fernlea field is hardly played on anymore haven't seen a sports game on here in ages, I bring my dog here regularly like many locals who regularly pick

up their dog waste and use appropriate bins don't spoil it for the many when it is the few who spoil it Dogs on leads only if it means compromise

- Disagree Someone who don't pick up their dogs poo will not listen and still do what they want. It's the minority that spoils it for us responsible dog owners
- Disagree Sometimes these are the only places that are available for us to walk our dogs safely. If we had access to dog parks or enclosed areas especially for dogs then we wouldn't use playing fields. Please provide more dog poo bins and a safe and secure area for dogs to play and socialise
- Disagree Space is already limited and whilst COVID restrictions still apply is probably not a good idea to restrict dog owners from outside areas as you may force them to gather in the spaces that are available. Also some places are not accessible fir disabled/people with walking difficulties/cannot drive and therefore these local, flat areas may be their only options
- Disagree Sports fields are often the only local places where dogs can be walked locally with very limited fields across the borough. There should not be restrictions on where you can walk your dog but officers out enforcing people who do not pick up their dog faeces. As a dog owner myself it's incredibly frustrating seeing other owners leave the faeces there. The showfield is my local field and I can't recall even seeing a council member there looking for irresponsible owners. Enforce correct behaviour not restrict people's freedom.
- Disagree Sports pitches are enclosed areas which allow you to play ball etc with your dog and let them run around and play without having to worry about cars etc. All dog faeces should be picked up and disposed of obviously but don't ban dogs from these fields. They enjoy play time there with their families
- Disagree Sports pitches are mainly used in the Winter months and are rarely used in the summer. There is no reason to stop dog walking on these areas providing dog owners pick up the dog poo. My son has played on many council pitches, the biggest risk is from broken bottles than dog poo A similar survey was done about 3 years ago, so why is the council wasting money on this one. Also a difficult policy to police. More waste of money by CCBC
- Disagree Surely the dog can be walked when there are no matches as there are limited spaces where you can safely let the dog run. Have you considered a dog only area as I know the Bryn field is used more by dog owners. As I mentioned before a dog only area on the field or fence of the pitches. When I challenged the people about taking the litter home or putting it in a bin I was sworn at and told if I don't like it pick it up myself. The responsibility has to be joint.

- Disagree Surely the people who are not cleaning up after their dogs are the problem, people who rely on these fields, I.e less abled people rely on walking at these fields. Why punish these people and other good dog owners. Also people will continue to do it regardless, so again make it fair for everyone. Just find new ways to patrol these areas. Maybe put cameras that may deter dog owners from not picking it up.
- Disagree Tackle the issue of irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up even not on sports pitches.
- Disagree The actions of a selfish few is affecting where walk our pets. If these spaces are not available for our dogs to walk on there is little green space left to use More patrols needed and or cctv. Enforcement and punishment may help to reduce instances of fouling
- Disagree The amount of rubbish, broken glass and other flytipping in Caerphilly should be dealt with first.
- Disagree The area in particular Castle Gate / Castle Maen in particular. The field is used by an extremely high number of dog owners. The majority of the green space is comprised of the playing field. To limit this only to sport use is highly unfair and discriminated against responsible dog owners. The greater issue is dog fouling however speaking from experience of walking on this field every day for the past 5 years - I have witnessed no uncleared dog foul on the field. This issue exists on the public pavements in Caerphilly as a whole. Green space is there for all, not just for the football that takes place 3-4 times a week. With larger spaces and where sports pitches are ringfenced then perhaps this makes sense. But what about the 12 weeks of the year sport doesn't take place on these fields. Smaller green spaces should not be treated the same.
- Disagree The areas you are able to walk dogs and let them run free safely is being grossly reduced. As a dog owner that cleans up after them it seems very unfair.
- Disagree The condition of the playing field is often made far worse by the amount of litter left by members of the public and not cleaned up with any frequency. Sometimes on trips to the park I've had to clean up items that would pose far more of a hazard and should be a far greater concern. Moreover, the existing restrictions regarding dog faeces should be sufficient to manage the safe and appropriate use of any areas of the public green spaces. The use of empty playing fields especially outside of busy periods should pose no problem if the existing restrictions are adhered to and enforced - effectively rendering this proposed new restriction redundant. As a woman walking the dog alone, having access to sufficient safe public spaces is vital; to add additional restrictions that make it more difficult or create a barrier to using public spaces safely and appropriately could be considered discriminatory or certainly more dangerous and disadvantageous. If the existing restrictions are enforced, the proposed amendments are rather redundant. Perhaps it would be more productive to focus on enforcing the existing restrictions, rather than penalising responsible dog owners and preventing them from using public spaces appropriately.

- Disagree The council are not providing alternatives for dog owners and thus restricting where the animals can be exercised
- Disagree The Council does not enforce the current laws to fine irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs. Instead the proposals seek to penalise responsible dog owners who do pick up after their dogs. Dog owners are citizens too and we are entitled to expect facilities to exercise our dogs responsibly where we live. I live in Waterloo and exercise my dog at Machen, where I always pick up my dog's feaces. I have never seen anyone patrolling that area and issuing fines. I would welcome seeing this. If we can't go to Machen we will go to Trethomas but this is an area where there is even more dog mess and litter because the Council does not enforce the rules and is missing out on fines. This change will simply move the problem. Please enforce the current rules on dog mess and also on litter instead of penalising responsible people. I am LGBT and I grew up in Wales. I have consistently seen resources directed to the patriarchal society dominated by male sports, particularly rugby. I was forced to partake in this myself when I was a child. Now, as a responsible adult who chose to move from Cardiff to Caerphilly with his partner and our dog I can see that the priorities haven't changed much outside of the city. It feels as though male dominated sports and society still take precedence over other types of people. Instead of banning dog owners from public spaces, please employ dog fouling and litter wardens to patrol areas. It would improve Caerphilly and could be cost neutral. Otherwise it will just move the problem to other areas like Trethomas, which could be beautiful.
- Disagree The council have stopped clubs playing on designated playing fields and moved them to Bedwellty show fields which is not really suitable for sports to be played as the field is on a slope. I have walked my dog around the Showfield and I have seen more rubbish & broken glass than dog mess.If you stop dog owners going to these places where can they then walk their dog & let them run free and socialise with other dogs because you're stopping us using open spaces to walk our dogs. Stop building on our green field sites and have more sports pitches designated for local sports teams to use or let them use their local school fields. The council could have designated walking fields so that dog owners feel they are not being ousted out of areas where they walk their dogs. Also look at the litter that's being left behind after football matches have been played as there's more of that than dog mess.
- Disagree The council is woefully lacking in their responsibility to provide adequate bins and emptying them on a regular basis. This is the most important factor which needs to be addressed but rather than put money into making sure the facilities are there to keep areas clean the council would prefer, as usual, to introduce more restrictions. The vast majority clean up after their dogs and do not take them on sports pitches when in use. Those who don't follow these rules are irresponsible dog owners and should take responsibility for their own actions. You are punishing everyone for the sake of a few people who will disregard the rules whatever you impose on the rest of us. This is a poor idea and hyst another example of the lack of responsibility taken by the council to provide adequate facilities for owners to clean up after their dogs. The biggest problem is the lack of bins and the lack of resources for emptying the bins and providing your residence with basic rights and requirements. I.e. the ability to walk their dog in an area that is easy to access with the proper facilities which allow them to do so responsibly and with little impact to others. The areas highlighted are often used by elderly or disabled people as they have better access

and more space. Why should it be made more difficult for them just because you don't address the issues in the appropriate way? Maybe you should invest more in things like emptying overflowing dog waste bins and providing education to dog owners rather than adding more restrictions to people who are already suffering from lockdowns and lost family. As an individual who suffers with mental health issues I struggle to find places where I feel safe to walk my dog, get out in the fresh air and meet other people. These restrictions are unnecessary and further reduce the number of places that I can walk to from my home to exercise my dog. I suffer with PTSD and the ability to be able to use the facilities in my home town safely and comfortably are essential to my everyday existence. I always clean up after my dog and do not walk my dog on sports pitches when they are in use so why should my life be negatively affected because there are a rare few people who act irresponsibly. Let responsible dog owners use pitches when they are not in use by others. Provide more bins and empty them more often. People need the freedom to exercise themselves and their dogs in places local to them. They have the right to do so and to take that away rather than take any responsibility yourselves to make it easier for them to do so safely and to educate those who don't is irresponsible as a council. We pay taxes to ensure we are all treated fairly and provided with the resources necessary but you seek to impose further restrictions on your residents rather than help. That is a great shame and a short sighted approach.

- Disagree The council offers no expected benefit to this proposal over an above the existing restriction. There are more pressing issues on most pitches that the council is failing to deal with - broken glass being the most significant issue
- Disagree The disruption and damage caused by dogs is minimal compared to the disruption and damage and litter etc caused by people - mainly large groups of teens. Most the dog owners I know are responsible - pick up the dog poo, put their dog on a lead when necessary. If you prevent dogs from being off lead you will ruin parks for a lot of people. I am disabled and I moved to this area as it is walking distance to the park, I can let my dog off lead, she can have a swim and chase a ball getting plenty of exercise without me needing to walk miles or drive anywhere. There are many other disabled and elderly people who do the same at Waunfaur park.
- Disagree The existing rules enforce responsible use of the sports pitches already. The ban will only punish those owners who follow the rules, the ones fouling on the pitch already break the rules and logic dictates that additional rules will not make a difference. Advisory to avoid dog fouling on pitches - owners generally know when a dog is likely to go and where they like to go, they can act accordingly.
- Disagree The field by me would not be used 5 days a week or more. Also the field has been invulnerable to people well over 50 in the last year I also don't know why the council is considering this. I also don't know why the council seems to be punishing dog owners
- Disagree The field is for everyone not just the football teams. Matches cause huge disruption to the residents. Traffic build up, cars parked everywhere and litter left all over the field so why should dog owners also be stopped from using it to walk their dogs.

- Disagree The field should be for everyone to use Invest in fining offending littering , fly tipping and dog fouling .. financial penalties then things will get cleaner . Don't target dog walkers who do over above cleaning up litter whilst dog waking on the field
- Disagree The fields are for everyone, response owners should not be penalised fir the few. The amount of rubbish, glass and areas across the village that need attention should be prioritised and these areas monitored. We all pay taxes, and should all have access to the fields. I regularly pick up dog waste, I never see any parents collecting the litter thrown in my street.
- Disagree The fields are not in continual use or fenced off, so how will it be policed? We need more litter bins, dog waste bins and some facilities for older children. I understand that the community police would have to enforce it. Their time would be better used stopping teenagers littering parks with broken bottles, food cartons etc. Morgan Jones Park Caerphilly is a no go area after 7pm. because the youngsters are so intimidating. They openly sell drugs in the park. The mess they produce is appalling. Many try to use the litter bins but there aren't enough so they overflow. The officers are far more likely to confront a 64 yr old widow with a cockerpoo running across a field than 2 drunk teenagers smashing vodka bottles. I also have been told that the park keepers have been told not to address any bad behaviour! Dog owners are an easy target. Dog fouling on playing fields is not a problem, litter all over the borough most certainly is!
- Disagree The football fields in our local area play a vital role in our dogs mental and physical health. They are accessible, enclosed and within walking distance and allows us to cater to our dogs needs by running around on them. Responsible owners will always pickup their dog faeces. It is the irresponsible dog owners that do not and even if this rule is put into place, they will only disobey this rule as they continue to do the others. Please do not do this. Thank you.
- Disagree The issue isn't with dogs. Every-time I walk my local field it's like walking through a sea of litter. This won't solve your issue. Get more wardens out get more fines for those who don't pick up rubbish/ dog poo and don't punish those who actually give a dam about the environment. Why should I be forced to stop walking somewhere due to the pure laziness and lack of knowledge coming from others. There are so many of us who are responsible and we should t be bloody penalised for it! Sort out the rubbish everywhere, sitting in cars in car parks isn't going to cut it get you wardens out into these areas and start educating people.
- Disagree The majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dog, those who aren't, don't pick up after their dog anyway, and they will not take any notice of a sign to say they can't use a field, so a tota ban won't actually solve the problem. However, marking out, or building secure dog friendly spaces would direct owners to walk their dogs to a nearby 'dog park', thus containing the dogs away from children, and giving owners peace of mind that they are allowed to be there, rather than worrying if someone is going to dob them in for walking across a field.

- Disagree The majority of dog owners are responsible. Again these green spaces should be for use by everyone. Some residents, particularly older residents and those with mobility issues, do not have the luxury to travel further afield to walk their dog. The council should provide services for everyone. As a female I would be nervous to be walk my dog in secluded areas. Being able to walk on council owned property means I feel safe. I also think this could impact those with disabilities who cannot access areas further afield, further excluding them from social and physical opportunities essential to their wellbeing.
- Disagree The majority of dog owners clean up after their dogs, more enforcement of those who are not abiding by the rules is important. Dog owners have a right to enjoy public spaces. We live with our garden backing onto the stute and we find the litter left by parents/spectators of sport far more offensive and harmful to the environment N/a Better enforcement of current restrictions is necessary
- Disagree The majority of dog owners using these fields are responsible and clean up after their dogs. It is unfair to ban dogs using these fields when the majority of the time you see more rubbish left behind from humans than dogs. Putting more bins in these spaces will solve all problems. I feel this is discrimination against dog owners. Install more bins.
- Disagree The majority of dog owners, like myself, are responsible owners as regards to picking up faeces and disposing of appropriately and keeping the dog on a lead. On each of our regular, daily visits that we have walked around the rugby field in Maesycwmmmer not once has it been in use for sport. As a local resident, the most recent and continuing use of the field by teenagers for an overnight stay resulted in empty cans, aerosol sprays, a tent and general rubbish being left on a open fire that restricted the use and enjoyment of the whole of the village!
- Disagree The majority of dog walkers I have passed daily on the royal Park route pick up the dog mess. I see no harm in dogs being able to walk across the pitches. One reason I think they should be allowed is that in summer time when the ground is very hot, they can be walked across these pitches instead of the paths. On my route, being up the back of Thomas Fields through the park and around the top pitch and back around. Never once have I witnessed anyone not tidying up after their pet.
- Disagree The majority of people clean up after their dogs and they should not be penalised for the those that don't. There should be more enforce to make people clean up after their dog. Taking the dogs to some of the places listed also allows us to take the children to play on the fields with the dogs at the same time. I clean up after my dogs and avoid the pitches when they are in use. We should not be penalised for those that do not control their dogs or do not clean up after their dog.
- Disagree The majority of the time these areas are empty and not used many more people have dogs now and there is no where to exercise them properly my dog has hip dysplasia so cannot be exercised for long periods on hard surfaces such as paths and roads would it be possible to

consider designated dog parks and designated child friendly parks instead so dogs have a safe to run about too also broken glass cans and food wrappers left by many others who use the parks are just as hazardous as dog graves everyone needs to take responsibility.

- Disagree The new proposals take the PSPO too far and highly restrict dog walkers from enjoying their local facilities. The amenity space is there for all to enjoy not just for the minority who use the space a handful of times a week to play sports. We regularly use the field alongside Skomer Island Way to walk our dog and very rarely see any dog mess on the pitch. It's unfair to punish all responsible dog owners for the minority of irresponsible ones. Target the minority not the majority! This is a backwards step for a forward thinking authority. Totally unreasonable step that is not needed.
- Disagree The only green space close to my house within a short walking distance is a playing field, this would be solely unfair to take this away from the dogs in our area. I agree mess should be picked up, but I think it's fine for dogs to use the pitches when their not in use!
- Disagree The only places to take dogs locally Disability due to mental illness which dog walking locally helps
- Disagree The other provisions already proposed should, if properly enforced, render this additional proposal a non-issue and if a dog owner is irresponsible enough to ignore them then they will ignore this extra one too. Most/all of these pitches are in the middle of green spaces which are the only accessible/free places in the local area where dogs can be exercised off lead. It is unreasonable and unrealistic to expect dogs being exercised off lead to remain at the periphery of the open space, and unfair to restrict them to lead-only exercise in their local exercise areas. All other aspects of the proposal are fair and reasonable.
- Disagree The owners are the issue, not the dogs ! Would you ban an unruly child from the same area ? N/A What are the proposals for exercising dogs in the future if this gets passed ? All the free space is getting developed with housing or factories. I agree that dog faeces is an issue not just on the playing fields but there is alot more on the streets of the village and nothing ever seems to be done about it. There are children playing in these areas too, just not under a governing body.
- Disagree The Park in Llanbradach is one of the only green spaces left to walk a dog in the hat feels quite safe although the park could do with lights in the evening not just for dog walkers but ssnyone who likes to go for a walk. We don't even have a dog waste bin in our park at Llanbradach and this has been reported before by myself and other residents. Many Thanks.
- Disagree The people who do not pick up after their dogs, are the kind of people who obviously don't care about the rules around picking up after your dog. Therefore the only dog owners who will obey these new rules are the responsible dog owners who were already picking up after their dogs. Imposing rules like this will only punish those who were already behaving appropriately, and will not stop people who wouldn't take notice of such rules to begin with.

- Disagree The pitch are only used on a part time basis will there be wardens be monitoring them for littering No
- Disagree The pitch is only in use for a very short amount of time during a week eg a couple of evenings and weekend mornings whereas dog walkers exercise dogs on the field daily at all hours - meeting other walkers, throwing balls/sticks for dogs to run and fetch and to run around freely with other dog friends, this means sharing and enjoying the whole expanse of green space not being confined to a narrow strip around the perimeter of a large field as it would become if not allowed to tread on the pitch. Please before a final decision could you so maybe survey the proposed sites especially Wingfield/Cwm Las- eg do random visits at different times of day to see how the currently shared space is being enjoyed, and by who, all year round. If the pitch is to become a protected area of the field , please could CCBC fence the pitch in similarly to the play area, leaving the remaining green space free to be enjoyed by dog owners for dogs to be exercised off lead so that they can still meet and play with their dog friends run freely, chase and fetch balls - dogs dont understand they need to stay one side of the line, so fencing in the pitch itself would help. dont think this should result in a dog ban and therefore reducing residents equal access to green space.
- Disagree The pitches are never used. But you take away the only green space we have in suitable walking distance for my two small dogs. Another 350 houses being built on the golf course we used to walk on so that has long gone. I have never once witnessed a dog fouling this land, they simply get decent exercise and chase the birds...well my two sausage dogs try but can never catch them lol!
- Disagree The problem is not the dogs, its the owners, because there is no one enforcing any of the rules. In the 4 years I have owned a dog I have never once been approached by an official checking my compliance. There is no point creating a law if its not going to be enforced! Not to mention you are restricting the safe exercise of all dogs in the area, reducing the exercise of their owners. I see more litter and harmful substances left at playing fields than I ever do dog faeces yet there is nothing out there to prevent this?! It is completely unfair and unjust to restrict a dog of a place of exercise. Are you going to set up dog friendly fields for them to exercise? No because the council csnt afford it just as they can't afford to employ anyone to enforce these regulations. Not myself, but think of the elderly who rely on these fields close by to exercise their dogs in a safe manner.
- Disagree The problem with these areas are not the dogs but the groups of kids there drinking and making a mess !! They light fires there and leave they're rubbish !! They also smash bottles there which is dangerous for everyone walking in the parks !! The one field in the memorial park is fenced off so the dog fouling is not the problem there.
- Disagree The rugby pitches are covered in sheep manure DO SOMETHING TO ENFORCE PUNISHING PEOPLE THROWING GLASS BOTTLES, METAL BEER CANS, AND SHARP BROKEN PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS

- Disagree The same as above What about creating a place for dogs and their walkers? Why should they suffer? They deserve to have freedom! Some dogs are better behaved than humans!
- Disagree The showfield (bedwellty) offers a safe place for our dogs to be let off the lead and exercise freely. It would be very difficult to control them going onto the football pitch areas unless constantly on a lead. As responsible dog owners we adhere to Dog Control policy and believe this proposal is penalising us for those owners who do not. There are no other areas locally that offer a safe place for the dogs to exercise off lead. As twice daily users of the field we see many people with their dogs all of whom will be disadvantaged by this proposal, for the football pitches only to be used of a small number of hours each week. If the football pitches could be decreased in number to 2 as opposed to 4 (currently taking up 2 thirds of the field area) and fenced off this may provide a compromise solution.
- Disagree The space to walk dogs is much needed. More enforcement of picking up dog litter is more important.
- Disagree The sports pitches are not used during any days of the week up the BEDWELTY SHOW FIELD. Has long as I've been going there it's been known as a show field, where the balloon festival, carnivals and horse events used to take place. Not to mention it is one of the very few places that is secure for dogs to be exercised off the lead and have the chance to run around and socialise with other dogs. There is a perfectly good sports field that is actually flat just a few streets away that football teams can use. I only see the show field being used on a Saturday & Sunday morning for 1-2 hours max and they are not using the full pitches. I have never seen a rugby team play or train up the show-field. The pitches are not even that flat for teams to use and they wreck the ground when it's wet making it a boggy muddy field. Also their currently used training rooms always seem to flood when it's raining so sure they would benefit from a proper sports field? Why should dogs have to miss out on having a lovely place to go just because some football teams use it on weekends in the spring/summer months? I am autistic and love that there is somewhere for me to exercise my little dog securely up the show field, where they can receive a proper amount of exercise by being allowed to run off the lead and socialise with other dogs. Provide safe and secure area for dogs to be exercised freely off the leads where there are no chances of football/rugby teams going to take over and stop dogs from going there.
- Disagree The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up, you will always get people who do not pick up after their dogs, we need to ensure that those people are caught and fined , simply banning dogs from the field will solve nothing , as those who don't pick will still use the pitches as they won't take any notice , and consequently not pick up .. The real solution is more targeted enforcement. Which the council will have to do they are serious on banning dogs from pitches. Work with the dog owners who often clean up the mess left by others , plastic , food waste , and broken bottles which are a hazard to the public and pets .
- Disagree The whole field could now be described as enclosed as there are railings surrounding the whole field, I have been exercising my dog on the community field for years, I along with other residents use the field on a regular basis to exercise our dogs, it seems that now football (the

majority don't even live in Wattsville) has taken priority over local residents. Dogs like to have the ability to run around and taking control of the whole field is unacceptable for residents like myself, due to poor health I cannot walk long distances .and the hill down to the bottom field is too steep and slippery at certain times of the year. throwing a ball for my dog allows me to give my dog proper exercise as I cannot walk too far. allowing people to exercise their dogs on half of the field would be more fair than restricting them to the margins where it is impossible to throw my ball. My family have lived in Wattsville for over a hundred years and now we are being restricted from using a community field because some people like football, not everybody is a footballer and it's the local residents who are being picked on for a sport which will only be used in football season, people with dogs use it every day of the year. We still need space to exercise our dogs and half a field would be a compromise

Disagree There .Will not be enough green open spaces to excersie dogs in the local area without having to drive to if this is put through. People will all be congregating at the same places and driving would have a negative environmental impact. This will be unfair to those without transport and the older people who would be unable to excersie their dogs

Disagree There a not enough green space already to allow dogs have their exercise

Disagree There are a few people 5% pet owners not adhering to the laws now, which spoil it for 95% of law abiding family's that are poo picker uppers. This law will not stop dog fouling as bad owners will still continue... Dog are not bad its only the people who are... you need to in force the law as it stand now and fine the people responsible... Not penalize the whole of the rest of the community For elderly owners, wheelchair users, guide dogs, metal health dogs and other working dogs... Owners need accessible level access/ ramps to exercise they dogs, to take away all our public open access fields will also impact on manly all the venerable groups who live in Caerphilly... also most family's have pets and children, grand children, great grand children who take dogs to play parks and can just sit out side the fenced off swings/play equipment so they can watch the children can play... Dogs are family too. . Yes I am a Elderly & Disabled Wheelchair user, with a Companion anxiety dog, as I have panic attacks, mental heath problems and a social anxiety... I do need to exercise her everyday running for a ball for half an hour in a safe grass flat cut area which it accessible for me, This proposal will impact me and not solve the problem of irresponsible people. more venerable with be using Mental health, Doctors and hospital service because they can no long keep a pet, and unable to go out to enjoy public open spaces. We have s big problem with 12 to 16 year old children dealing drugs on and around our pitch's, all through lock down, happing at night time and daytime. if you were to put CCTV into our public parks you can not only eradicate and give evident to the police of these young criminals, you can catch and fine people who do not pick up poo... which would pay for the instillation of the CCTV . Failing this put warden to petrol the parks and fine the bad people.

Disagree There are a limited number of secure areas to exercise dogs. Dogs pose no issue as long as current requirement to clean up after them is met

- Disagree There are already too few accessible green spaces within our village. Should the council push ahead with further developments they have planned we will lose even more. The ban with dogs pitches on theory is ok, but only if further accessible space is made available. This area is also safer for people at night, this needs to be thought about as my girlfriend sometimes doesn't feel safe walking elsewhere. Not me, but I know older residents who can only use this area due to mobility issues. Make safer, accessible green space available and ban away. The green space where the metro stop was being introduced has been destroyed by the work there and in the rain is treacherous, this could be developed to provide green space for residents and wild life.
- Disagree there are few flat open spaces that allow me to exercise my dog properly and safely removing the use of these sports field without providing a similar alternative for dogs to use is unfair. The pitches are used for a few hours a week for sports and most sports are seasonal so the space is not used year round and games are often cancelled due to poor weather. Where as a dog needs daily exercise year round whatever the weather may be
- Disagree There are less and less areas available for local people to exercise their dogs. Not everyone can take the dog to recognised dog walking area due to age or physical ability
- Disagree There are limited numbers of large open grounds in Caerphilly to give dogs proper exercise, provided they are cleaned up after and there isn't a game on I think it would be a shame from allowing dogs to have a run on public grounds. The flat nature of public parks and sports grounds make it easier and more accessible for all to take their dogs to have a proper run, rather than taking on a gruelling hill or uneven walkways which are impossible with wheelchairs, walking aids or even pushchairs The outright ban of dogs from running on an empty public piece of grass is outrageous. Signage and bins is enough to remind people to pick up after them rather than turning people into criminals for walking their dogs to an accessible publicly owned piece of land.
- Disagree There are limited spaces already within walking distance to allow dogs to be safe while exercising. This is punishment for the many rather than targeting the few. If powers already in place to fine people or monitor were used effectively this would have an impact. Proper education pieces, more dog bins (you have removed so many) will help those who disregard responsibility. Have you even tried to tackle individuals? How would you if you don't follow through on already new rules in place? Extremely poor choice here and the impact is on those who have pets yet again. Have you looked at your own operations? How you utilise your own resources to manage the problem? Why should those who have pets be punished yet pay for these spaces that they cannot use. Absolutely awful behaviour of the council
We cannot have children so have dogs, why can't I use a space that I pay towards Enforce your current rules.
- Disagree There are many pitches and sports grounds that are only used 1 day a week but are amazing places to walk our dogs. As long as poo is picked up I see no issue. For the elderly, disabled and non drivers these are sometimes the only openish area that they can walk there dogs!!

- Disagree There are no dedicated dog fields in Caerphilly, dogs need the freedom to run and roam. The risk of humans contracting an illness is very low, what are the current figures of humans contracting toxocariasis in Caerphilly? Whilst I agree left dog faeces is not pleasant most responsible dog owners will pick up after their dog. Also not everyone has transport, please think about the elderly and disabled who are not able to drive to other areas. This may be the only form of exercise the dog has access to. Also you need to look at the risks posed to children from discarded broken bottles/cans left on the pitches. Also what about the many adults that cough and sput phlegm on the grass pitches, surely children are more at risk from this! If you look at the over-flowing dog bins around Caerphilly you can see the majority of dog owners are responsible. Create local dog parks as in America but also secure areas for nervous /reactive dogs so they can enjoy a run/roam
- Disagree there are no dog parks in Risca & Pontymister where you can take your dog off its leash. there are four rugby pitches on fire station fields Crosskeys and are three are never used. only one is used by risca rfc sometimes. so why cannot the other three pitches be fenced in for dog owners to use .
- Disagree There are no safe walking options for dogs outside of recreational areas, there is a lack of green space open field areas within caerphilly town to be utilised. Using sports fields and then cleaning up after a dog is the only way the dogs can have a truly free run around Elder persons who walk on the main sports fields such as Virginia view and penhroel couldn't walk any further to exercise themselves and their animals trecenydd too Create dog parks within caerphilly town and the wider burrow that are spacious enough to allow a large breed dog to run at speed for exercise
- Disagree There are not enough of other places locally to walk the dogs. Also unfortunately this would only stop responsible dog owners,who pick up the mess, not the ones who don't.
- Disagree There are not enough open green spaces local to me to walk the dog as it is. Responsible dog owners like myself carry poo bags and clean up after our dogs. It's the minority that spoils it for a few. Teens and kids make far more mess in the parks with litter and broken glass. If we ban dogs on sports pitches then provide a green space locally where ball games are banned for us to walk our dogs.
- Disagree There are not enough safe areas for dogs to be allowed off lead without being close to a road. More litter and antisocial behaviour comes from groups who leave litter including glass and cans on pitches. Dogs could be allowed on at certain times a day or certain months like a beach if this is the biggest concern . Otherwise it make no sense or safe dog areas need to be provided.
- Disagree There are only two open space suitable for exercising dogs in our village and dogs are already banned from one. Over the average week, the vast majority of people using the field by the community centre are dog walkers and the majority of them clean up after their dogs. (Incidentally they also pick up large quantities of empty cans and bottles.) Dog owners are rate-payers too! There are plenty of alternative space for

those of us with cars but that leaves a large number of people for whom this field is the only safe area where they can walk their dog. I am also concerned that any such change would not be enforced meaning that only the more law-abiding owners would be affected.

I'm sure you are aware that around 33% of households have dogs. The interests of these rate-payers needs to be borne in mind

- Disagree There are very few open spaces in Risca that would allow people to walk and play with their dog (throwing ball requires a large open space) and dogs to socialise so they don't become aggressive, if this goes ahead. Heavier fines for those who don't pick up after their dog should be a deterrent instead. Or options for having dog parks in several areas instead.
- Disagree There are very few spaces that my dog can run to fetch a ball off a lead. The local football pitch is one of them. The local pitches are very rarely in use for sport either organised or casual. Whilst my dog never fouls on the pitch... the current restrictions ensure that I would clean up after it. This proposal underestimates the value of exercise for dog owners and overestimated the use of local pitches. All open spaces should be available for all. The current restrictions are enough to ensure that local pitches are kept clean from dog mess. Without the need to inhibit responsible dog owners from exercising with their pet. For some the local park is the only green space they have access to. There are huge mental health benefits as well as physical ones to walking a dog. This does not need to be made more complicated. Our council oqnd spaces should be available for ALL users without discrimination.
- Disagree There are very little open areas to walk Dogs as it is - excluding dogs from all Multi use pitches etc isn't going to improve the problem - responsible dog owners will keep dogs off pitches and pick up dog poo, those who aren't responsible won't listen to such rules and the problem will still remain. Many aren't used in the winter etc my teams
- Disagree There has to be the provision of alternative green spaces for dog owners to exercise their dogs both on and off the lead if the council is to exclude dogs from existing free space. The council will move the problem elsewhere I.e. there could be increased dangers roadside for both pedestrians and traffic as dog walkers will all have to move to residential areas. Solution: create dog friendly green spaces for dog owners to walk and exercise their dogs before this comes into affect.
- Disagree There is a constant degradation of green space and dog owners are facing more and more reduced spaces to walk them. A dog owner is bound to keep their animals active and healthy and need a place to freely exercise their animals. A proffered option could be restricted during certain hours when children are likely to use the playing fields. In addition the amount of rubbish that is being left on these pitches poses more of a danger ie glass, plastic, food and its wrappers. Who is going to police these areas if the rule is passed?
- Disagree There is already a distinct lack of public open space within the County Borough that dog owners can enjoy, without this proposal being approved. The increase in dog ownership during COVID lockdown only exasperates this issue. We regularly walk our dog on the local field which is marked during the football season, there is very little if any dog mess on the pitch. Why punish all dog owners for the minority,

target the minority not the majority, most of whom are responsible and pick up mess! As a council you are trying to discourage people from using their cars, stay local and reduce pollution. This proposal will only encourage dog owners to jump in their car to walk their dogs elsewhere rather than using local facilities. I am totally opposed to this new proposal and feel that it is just another restriction that will make Caerphilly County Borough a less desirable place to live! Many disabled and elderly residents rely on their dogs for companionship. Most elderly residents do not have the option to travel to use other dog walking facilities, the local fields and open spaces are all they have. This proposal reduces their options and will result in many dogs not getting the exercise they need as owners are restricted in where walks can take place. Rather than restricting dog walking areas further, why not heavily fine those caught not clearing up after their dogs? Target the problem causes not the responsible owners!

- Disagree There is limited space to allow dogs to run free in a safe environment,. I have walked in these areas to find misused drug capsules, rubbish, broken glass and cans. I think there is a bigger problem to resolve. The only green space in Ystrad Mynach seems to have been taken by the rugby pitches and a small area by the park. If you are proposing this you should make available dedicated areas for dog walkers otherwise it will be cruel to the animals where we don't have big gardens to allow to exercise.
- Disagree There is need if people follow the s Sistine proposal
- Disagree There is no actual logical answer for this debate. You can't take the rights of people with dogs to enjoy green spaces. If a family want to take their children out and the dog where do they go ... to the park. Now most parks have rugby pitches etc next to them so unless your going to chain up all the pitches to prevent it how can you expect people to abide by it. You are risking dogs being locked in houses for longer if the family are unsure where they will go so don't take there dogs resultinge in higher animal neglect and then you have the possibility some parents will then not take there children out to the park because a dog is family and they don't want to feel guilty so now children are missing out on valuable outdoor exercise and development. You won't just be taking away these spaces for dogs but for families and friends. Social activity walking dogs together so you have an elderly pair who live for that walk every day they meet and walk there dogs in these areas because they are flat, safe, areas for them to walk together instead of the wooded areas and river walks which aren't suitable for frail members or disabled members of the community so this then stops as there isn't a walk they can manage long enough due to the hills in South Wales for a decent catch up so they stop.... You are not just affecting the dogs life but the owners. There is many reasons why you shouldn't just because well it's ridiculous. But it's not just reasons it's the people's lives you will unknowingly effect.
- Disagree There is no harm with dogs playing on sports field if there is no sports activity at the time. People should already be cleaning up after their dogs..... People with disabilities need access to local dog walking areas, this would restrict that This would have very little effect. The people who refuse to clean up after their dog would continue to use them and the only people who would miss out are the ones who follow the rules already. We should concentrate on encouraging people to be responsible dog owners through education and enforcement

- Disagree There is no other local field without livestock in the area for dogs to stretch their legs. Not everyone can drive or walk up the hill to penallta every day. So long as dog owners are being responsible with their dogs, they should not be banned from the football pitch when that is a lot of dogs every day walk to be able to stretch their legs. Disabled people may not be able to go further than this field and so you will be disadvantage by them and their dogs.
- Disagree There is no place to be able to run your dog safely within the Rhymney area and the royal park is perfect. If dog fouling is a issue then to add more dog bins around the park as there's only one dog bin currently up the royal park which is located below the changing rooms. My issue is the glass and waste around the royal park not the dog mess. I would be really disappointed if this was to happen as I use this park every morning, and able to walk up here for a safe off lead stroll. I would have to drive her to a different location to be able to do this other wise.
To add more dog bins around the royal Park. To have cameras up and more policing around the area during Friday and Saturday evenings where all the young people gather. The mess they leave up on the pitch is disgusting and the glass that's shattered everywhere. So even walking your dog on the path is dangerous which is why the pitch is perfect.
- Disagree There is no reason to exclude dogs with responsible owners from using sports pitches when not in use for sports. Responsible dog owners always clean up after their dogs. There is plenty of legislation in place already to allow action to be taken against irresponsible owners who do not pick up after their dogs. The problem is that this legislation is not enforced. There is no point making more pointless rules that penalise only the good dog owners who will abide by it when no one is enforcing the existing legislation. The owners who do not pick up after their dogs are already breaking the law - do you really think they will abide by the rules and stay off the pitches??
- Disagree There is not enough accessible open space allowing for dog exercise. I don't see why dogs shouldn't be allowed on sports pitches when they are not in use, with the existing restrictions already in place. Secondly, the maps do not show pre-existing structures on the parks that dog walking is not possible. I.E the sports cages & bowls club in the corner of Pontymister grounds. If this proposal is put in place there should at least be a requirement for the council to implement "dog only" parks, where sports are not allowed. For instance, a large majority of Waunfawr Park & fire station park, Crosskeys will be unusable, so allow sports on Waunfawr park and turn fire station park into a Dog park.
- Disagree There is not enough greenland for dogs to use currently in most areas without a car journey. I don't believe the issue is with dogs on the playing fields, it's the owner not cleaning up after their dogs. Maybe the penalty enforcement should be focused on more. Yes without being able to take the dogs to the playing fields it will mean mostly walks on the streets with no off lead time.
- Disagree There needs to be appropriate areas for exercising dogs. If the proposals go ahead it would be beneficial to fence the areas so that dogs can be off lead in other areas of the park otherwise it will not be possible to let the dog off the lead. I totally agree that dog owners

need to be responsible and clean up after their dogs but the fields are one of the safe spaces to exercise dogs that are away from bicycles and motorised vehicles that we experience when exercising in areas such as Penallta.

Disagree There should be sections that we are able to take our well behaved dogs and let them have the freedom to play ball to burn off their energy. Most of us are responsible and pick up after our dogs. If you just say stick to paths then we cannot let them off because of people on bikes, pushchairs, other people walking close by etc, it's a little unfair. You wouldn't stop children going into the park or field if they continue to litter, spit, smoke, shout etc when that causes problems for others. The end of the day it's common sense which most of us have and continue to abide by the rules whilst out with our dogs. Make sure there are plenty of poop bins around to encourage owners and maybe have poo bags attached so they are available at hand if needed.

Disagree There's rarely dog mess but always human mess. Kids cause more damage, anti social behaviour and mess than dogs Discrimination as a dog owner Ban unsupervised kids instead

Disagree These areas are for everyone. The amount of time they are used for sport/events is probably less than 1%. Also, probably less than 1% of the borough's population take part in such activities. It wouldn't be fair to exclude so many people from places that I/they have been using all their lives. We all (mostly) pay our council tax, why should we be excluded and restricted from places we pay to maintain. My dependants would be severely affected by these restrictions. Myself, wife, children and dog use these places to exercise, socialise and relax 365 days of the year! Without fail! (Unless we are on holiday of course). Existing PSPO is great. The need to change this seems silly to me. If all above rules were adhered to, there wouldn't be a need to amend them. I think they could/should be enforced more thoroughly. I am in my 30s, I use several different areas within the borough on a weekly basis, I have had a dog every day of my life since birth, I have lived in the borough since birth, and I have never been approached, or even seen anyone enforcing such rules. Or even having conversations with people.

Disagree These areas are mostly only used by responsible dog owners. There's very little sport activity on our local park playing fields. If you exclude dog walkers from the parks then the area will only really be used by people drinking and loitering apart from the odd hour or two of sport on a weekend, if that. My local park never has faeces left lying around as there are plenty of bins. You should be encouraging healthy outdoor activities such as dog walking, especially to our local elderly or vulnerable communities who may not be able to make it further than a park. Not me personally but I support individuals with disabilities and learning disabilities. Whom often use parks to walk their dogs or to meet dogs, which brings a lot of joy to their lives. Parks are some of the only public spaces with flat paths that wheelchairs and other mobility aids can access. The existing restrictions are good. There's no need to exclude the majority of park users from these places. Exercise should be encouraged in a responsible way and I believe local dog owners are responsible. The ones who take their dogs to the park shouldn't be penalised. The majority of faeces I see is in residential streets where people let their dogs stray or don't care to pick it up.

They wouldn't be responsible owners who would bother walking their dog to the park anyway. Perhaps you could spend more time monitoring these individuals

- Disagree These areas should be open to all, sometimes these are the only areas open to people with disabilities
- Disagree These fields are the only green areas available for dogs especially in my area. When used by responsible owners they are well looked after. However, if sports fields become off limits to responsible dog owners, they should also be off limits to any other users other than sports. Youngsters making fires and leaving tremendous amount of litter (broken glass bottles, cans, food, food packaging) is just as dangerous if not more so than dog mess.
- Disagree These fields aren't always in use and these fields are good for dogs and most have fences around and keep dogs secure and where owners will feel safe and it always dogs to have a run around
- Disagree These open spaces are important places where owners can safely exercise their dogs and themselves, especially if they do not drive. Taking away these areas from responsible owners who do clean up after their pets and have them trained so are not a nuisance, will just end up leading to owners not being able to exercise their dogs, as safe off lead areas are needed. Lack of adequate exercise will lead to behaviour problems in dogs, which will probably lead to the council dealing with an influx of animals being surrendered to the local council run pounds. I completely agree with the existing rules for dogs and if these were better enforced with more warden patrols then the new proposal wouldn't be an issue as there wouldn't be a problem with dog fouling in these areas. If this couldn't be monitored before then how would the new proposal be enforced and by whom? Surely the police have enough to deal with than receiving 999 calls that someone is breaking the law by exercising their dog on a field????
- Disagree These parks are great open spaces for dog walking and freedom. I am a responsible owner who cleans up after my dog and feel there is no where local to take my dog for a field walk if this gets passed. How do you exercise your dog with limited greenery. It's very unfair that a minority ruin for majority. Enforce dog fouling more and educate people to be better with their dogs, don't punish the animals outdoors.
- Disagree These sports fields are the only places where dogs can be let off the lead under supervision. Dogs need to run and have exercise. To ban dogs is a terrible idea. I take my dog to Bargoed park daily so he can have a run. I always pick up his mess. I'm fact the only mess I see is rubbish left by kids not dogs. Ban kids you need to.
- Disagree They are open to the public! If I pay tax, I want to be able to use it. I can't climb mountains with my dogs. One is blind so I need flat open spaces to keep him fit. I always pick up after my dogs. I think you'll find the main causes of harmful substances in pitches is due to other animals aswell. Foxes, horses, rabbits, hedgehogs and rats. Taking away access to flat open spaces would damage my health and that

of my family and dogs. It's the only places we can go. This issue separates tax payers. One side is the players and the other is dog walkers. Should we stop paying taxes because the fields won't be used by us anymore? I won't go if it's private grounds and not publicly owned by tax payers like myself. But if it is tax payer owned they why is it being dictated what I can and cannot do with something I help fund?!

Disagree They should be allowed but should be kept on a lead. People don't feel safe walking their dogs on the street due to a rise in dog thefts don't penalise responsible owners Andrews the irresponsible ones.

Disagree This amendment does not leave me, as a dog owner many places to walk my dog locally as all the big fields around my area are either children's playing areas or marked sports pitches. The current restrictions such as picking up your dogs faeces should simply be enforced via stricter fines instead of prohibiting dog owners to take their dog for a walk on a marked sports pitch when it's not being used.

Disagree This blanket ban will unfairly harm dogs belonging to people who will otherwise not allow their dog exercise. An older person , someone with limited mobility or someone who is not able to walk extended periods of time for any reason will find it far more difficult to give their dog the exercise they need for their welfare if they are forced to use only local roads and pathways. I understand entirely the concerns raised but must urge the council to consider the welfare of animals in this proposal I do believe that my mental well-being and physical health would be negatively affected if I was prevented from walking my dog on the fields I currently use at least twice a day. I would never find a use for, and had actually never used, the field nearest to my home prior to owning a dog - this just shows how they encourage people to be more active and get out of their homes and enjoy the spaces around us. I'm not sure - perhaps designated local people as volunteers with the authority to give fines or maybe a written warning to owners who are not responsible for their dogs for any of the reasons outlined would be an adequate means to dealing with the concerns rather than a blanket ban. Utilising the local community will not only assist in ensuring that people are taking ownership for their pets but also raise awareness for the rules in place already - as community champions perhaps? Another option could perhaps be designated hours allotted where dogs are allowed in the park. Could be a more manageable way of policing the use of the space too. I think many people (myself included) benefit enormously from taking their pets to open spaces and enjoying the parks with their pets - it contributes massively towards my own personal mental health and physical well-being. I believe this needs to be weighed against the harms that a minority cause by abusing their right to take dogs into these spaces. Truthfully I see more litter than dog mess on our walks and often take a carrier bag with me to collect as I walk my dog - there will always be people who take advantage of community spaces and I do not believe that banning dogs will prevent the issues from occurring in the future.

Disagree This consultation isn't good enough to establish an outcome for this policy. Its badly designed and even I had difficulty working out how to use this form. Its also unavailable to those who are not computer literate. The whole borough should be leafleted with the questionnaire. This consultation as it stands can be manipulated by non-dog owners and people with boys who play football, by the same people

answering the questionnaire lots of time and giving a bias answer. Its essential that you reach EVERY park user. THIS CONSULTATION IS NOT ABOUT DOGS ITS ABOUT WHO USES THE PARK! Dogs don't use the park, people with dogs use the park. You haven't addressed who uses the parks and their percentages, so you how will you address the diversity and not discriminate against users (who may or may not have a dog), ie. direct discrimination - treating someone with a protected characteristic less favourably than others. The majority of park users I ever meet are people walking with dogs. Is this your biggest user? I would say yes and in many cases they are disabled or older in age and very often women. Now I ask you who uses the pitches. I would say that was boys, male youths and men occasionally compared to the dog walkers. So if the pitches take up more than 1/3 of the park grounds, then they need to be reduced back to percentage of user that need this facility. Perhaps only have 1 pitch which has a 6ft fence around it to protect it from ALL types of pollution, including rubbish, drug users, needles, straying balls, dogs accidently running onto the pitches etc. Other pitches should be turned over to other users, such as dog exercise areas and dog free garden areas for the non-dog owners. This would allow a more diversity of use. It would allow women, girls, the disabled, pregnant, all ages, ethnic people etc, to also able to enjoy the park, whether or not they have a dog with them. If you don't address the percentage of users using the park and only focus on pitch users, the I believe you will be DISCRIMINATING against other users of the facilities that are paid for by the residence of the borough. Although I do not like dogs on pitches, I also believe that there are far too many pitches taking up room that should be available for use by other park users and residents. The parks are used 24/7 by people with dogs. How often are the pitches used – hardly at all. Please make sure that you are not discrimination against users of the park and forcing people out of the parks in favour of a few games mainly plaid by males. Pitches can easily be made multi-use by changing goal posts and enclosed with 6ft link fences, to make them covid and dog safe. Dog owners of ALL protected characteristics' have rights to use the park space and these pitches should NOT take over more than half the park area, especially if it is only for the protected characteristics of mainly Males under the age of 30. Yes, female, disabled, in my 60's, have a dog for company and to give me confidence to go out and exercise on my own, will never need the use of pitches to play on, but will need a park to walk and exercise my companion dog. I am partially sighted and have a problem with my spine which means I cannot run after my dog if it accidently went on a pitch and so would make it impossible for me to use the parks and so I would be discriminated against if this policy took place as currently stated. Please make the parks useable by everyone. Please put fences around pitches that you dont want other users to use. Please cut the number of pitches in public areas, so all users can enjoy the park and not be discriminated against

Disagree This doesn't stop those who would disregard controls and leave their dogs mess anywhere and everywhere, they will still do it and it just spoils it for responsible dog owners and doesn't deal with the irresponsible ones who will just continue to be irresponsible! this will affect my parents who look after our dog regularly and find it easy to access some of these areas to allow our dog to run, they are 70+
Try to do more to stop irresponsible dog owners

Disagree This effectively means I would need to keep my dog on the lead forever. Eg Aber Park or Morgan Jones Park - my dog may be exercising off the lead "legally" but she doesn't know to stop at the marked line of a pitch. I totally agree that dog faces is disgusting my as a responsible

dog owner I always clear up. The huge vast majority of dog owners do the same. The problem of dog faeces is absolutely tiny in our parks compared to the litter and waste food left around them. I suggest that the council puts resource into solving this issue, which is much bigger. How will the new dog rules be policed? Whatever resource is proposed for that process should be used to combat the horrific amount of litter and waste dumped around our parks. My dog nearly died after severing an artery on broken glass. I honestly believe that you have these 2 issues the wrong way in terms of priority. please see my previous comments. This is a much smaller problem than the massive litter / waste problem in our parks.

- Disagree This is a disproportionate use of council powers. It will adversely affect many responsible dog owners to deal with a minority of irresponsible dog owners. There must be alternative options to deal with irresponsible dog owners rather than implementing regulations that are disproportionate and not targeted at those who are responsible for offending. It is also likely to be very challenging for the council to enforce.
- Disagree This is discrimination to dog owners that do pick their dogs mess up - this being 99%. Of dog owners. It is rare I see dogs mess on a pitch. Whereas on a daily basis I see litter left from groups of young adults/ older children using the pitches. These include glad bottles and cans which get cut up by the grass cutters and cause more danger. there are a group of dog owners who regularly clean up this litter and do the councils job for them and you will be alienating these people, resulting in more dangerous litter being left on these pitches. Responsible dog owners have as much right to use these areas as every other member of the public. This will personally impact me as my dog is elderly so I walk her around the outer edge of he field as it is(not on the marked pitches) but your proposals will result in dangerous dog encounters in smaller spaces and if my dog is injured or aggravates ongoing leg injuries Shen has from this I shall be flaming the vets fees from you.
Scrap the additional proposal. Use tax payers money to police the current guidelines- making sure that dog owners pick up after their dogs instead
- Disagree This is far too restrictive and will actually penalise responsible dog owners. There are already rules against fouling so this additional restriction is not necessary. This will be bad for the welfare of larger dogs who need room to exercise.
- Disagree This is not fair. Alot of elderly people use these areas to exercise their dogs. They can park very near and there are no steps. I think that more dog litter bins need to be provided in these areas, also they could be policed better too give irresponsible owners substantial fines.
- Disagree This is not fair. Excluding dogs from all playing grounds takes away a great deal of space that some people can only get too as it is near their home. As long as the owner picks up any dog mess and keeps dog under control then they should be allowed onto this type of ground.

- Disagree This is punishing responsible dog owners and restricting access to green areas which have been enjoyed for decades. I think this is driven by people who want the football fields restricted but many of which don't seem to value the cleaning up of their waste left after matches and training. The rubbish left by many is no less of a blight on the public space . The current restrictions in place are more than adequate if people adopted them in the spirit they are intended. The fields should be used by all in a responsible way and rubbish in all forms collected. The showfield has been left to be enjoyed by all, not for a specific group. Restricting it's use will lead to objection.
- Disagree This is punishing the many because of the actions of the few.
- Disagree This is ridiculous. That would restrict access to the blackwood showfields and one of the major reasons I bought a house near it. I agree to order people to put dogs in lead if uncontrolled and also to fine for not collecting faeces. I do wish to continue to exercise my dog freely on the field. This should not make a difference Fine people with poorly behaved animals, not wellhaved friendly ones.
- Disagree This is ridiculous. These are safe places to walk dogs and they don't do any harm. Most dog walkers are responsible and clean up after themselves and there's already a penalty in place for those that don't.
- Disagree This is so unnecessary, currently where I walk my cockapoo Murphy is predominately used by dog walkers. I have never found any dog faeces on the showfield in all my time I've been walking my dog there but I have found plenty of human waste such as broken bottles, fast food waste, cans and even a few syringes! It is just so unfair that dogs are constantly being persecuted. Where the heck are we supposed to take them to have a run off lead, to throw a ball or them and let them have the exercise dogs love. I am just exasperated by these new proposals. For information, toxoplasmosis is very rare these days as the majority of dogs are now wormed on a regular basis.
Maybe the football areas on fields could be fenced off so players do not interfere with us walking our dogs and our dogs can then not wander onto the pitches. Also a large dog walking field could be provided.
- Disagree This is unreasonable as much of the green space in Caerphilly town is utilised by sports teams on a part time basis i.e Morgan Jones park, Virginia park, fields off crescent road etc. These green spaces are all that's left and are for the many and not the few No
- Disagree This measure will be penalising people who do not have the ability to walk their dog elsewhere. Not every dog owner is able to take their dog to the local hills or mountain. We have a lot of older residents and less mobile people in the area and this would mean significantly fewer options for dog walk locations and their joint ability to enjoy the outdoors. Meanwhile, the local sports / play fields will go unused for days on end. These green spaces belong to all of us, and should be accessible and available for all to use in a responsible fashion. The real problem is that some people fail to pick up after their dog in any location, or that dogs walk themselves without a person with them to check if they have fouled. The current restrictions require dog owners to remove dog faeces in public placesif this is 'policed' effectively, it will result in people picking up after their dog everywhere - not just on sports/playing pitches. So if the current restrictions cannot be

effectively enforced as it is, how will the new restrictions be enforced more effectively? My greater concern is relating to broken glass and general litter in public spaces, including playgrounds, sports fields etc. I almost dread the morning after a sunny evening, as I know litter will be strewn around our green spaces, including the sports pitches, and we will then be spending time ourselves litter picking.

Disagree This morning I went to my local rugby pitch to let me collie off the lead for a run & game of fetch, I couldn't use the top half of the field as it was covered it smashed glass & litter, I have picked up litter previously here, but this was disgraceful, if you think of banning dogs & dog walkers you will be banning free litter pickers. Also if people cannot follow the rules of pick up your dog mess, they won't follow the rules of stay off the field. Only responsible dog owners will be punished. If you don't ban me & my dog from my local pitch I will continue to pick up litter from humans, if you ban me, you will have a problem with smashed glass & rubbish, also probably still see mess from owners that think rules don't apply to them. I don't think this ruling will help the dog mess problem. But I still go to my local field most days, have not seen any dog poo. Just lots of litter. As a young lady I feel safe walking my dog off lead on a flat area where I can see entry & exit. I can also see people approaching. I see why these guys proposals are in place, but put signs for dog walkers at the start of the fields & provide a roll of poo bags, that would be cheaper than having a warden. If you ban dogs you should close of the fields completely & have for rugby use only as like I said above you will have a big litter problem.

Disagree This only effects responsible dog owners. For many people these fields may be the only place a person is able to take their pet for exercise. Responsible dog owners will be picking up their dogs faeces anyway regardless of any order, irresponsible dog owners will not comply with any bans implemented. Its a nice idea that this will resolve the dog fouling problem but in reality it will change nothing. The only way dog fouling will be reduced would be to have more wardens visible on the street but I understand budget constraints likely stop this.

Disagree This reduces down the number of areas to safely walk a dog. I walk my dogs early in the morning at my local rugby field and river in Trelyn Park, Fleur de lys and always pick up after them and put them on a lead if there are other dogs or kids down the fields. Taking this away, gives me nowhere local, other than roads tk walk my dogs Why are current laws with dog owners not picking up.after their dogs enforced. I have never seen anyone present at my local playing fields to enforce these laws. The bigger issue is the number of youth present on playing fields at weekends and the number of broken bottles and waste. Perhaps the local.pllice should do more to enforce rules and ensure safety in these areas

Disagree This rule does not solve the issue. If you want less dog related issues then incentivise good dog ownership, not punishing all dog owners like a classroom of children. N/A Even if this additional amendment is added, how will it be enforced? This is not practical for anyone. Government spaces are owned by the council so that they can be used by the community, dog owners should respect its use by young children just as much as the council should respect responsible dog owners who control the effects of their dogs while being present on playing fields.

- Disagree This rule will not stop dog owners who dont care about the rules, it only puts more presure on law abinding dogs owners to seek out dog exercise locations further away from there homes. Thus making them use there cars more creating more traffic and pollution for Caerphilly.
- Disagree This will be very difficult to police. Morgan Jones Park is one of the few green spaces left for dogs and restricting this area will not be good for dogs. It will lead to travelling elsewhere.
- Disagree This will limit places to walk dogs and mine is a well behaved dog who has brilliant recall therefore does not cause any problems
- Disagree This will not make the slightest bit of difference to the type of person who does not pick up after their dog. They will more likely continue to walk their dogs in these areas and not pick up after them. Many of these now football or rugby pitches were once for the use of the whole community. Why is one element of the community more important than another? By their very nature sports pitches are flat which make them accessible for older/ less mobile members of our communities. Why is their well-being - both physical and mental less important than the well-being of people who play sport. This is a very short sighted reactive proposal which will cause division in communities. Also, let's be realistic , it will never be policed , just as now fines for not picking up dog faeces/ littering are not. You need to think outside the box.
N/a N/a
- Disagree This will not stop irresponsible dog owners, only the one's who comply at the moment. Also CCBC cannot / doesn't enforce current orders.
- Disagree This will significantly limit green space for those with dogs. These spaces are open to the public - not just for those playing on them on an ad hoc basis. The issue with dog fouling is not on pitches but everywhere. The main issue is pavements and pretty much everywhere you walk and therefore you need to be concentrating your efforts on enforcing the regulations you already have in place, not making up ridiculous new ones which penalise dog owners without any real justification. Local parks and pitches are often the only local place where elderly dog owners can walk their dogs and therefore this suggestion with adversely affect the vulnerable and impact their independence.
The problem is lack of enforcement and fines for those who don't pick up after their dogs. This proposal is ridiculous and will not solve any issues because dog fouling is everywhere. The most irresponsible dog owners don't bother letting their dogs off lead and therefore the majority of faeces is lining the pavements of the borough
- Disagree This would be hugely restrictive to the ability of responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs. It effectively bans dogs being off lead in all parks which include a marked pitch (this is most local parks). A dog does not recognise a marked pitch and even with the most well trained dog whilst off lead could wonder onto a pitch. It also will only affect responsible owners, those irresponsible owners will take no notice, whilst everyone else will be left to walk their dogs on streets. This will cause harm to dogs who may get limited off lead time, this can cause

frustration and boredom which can build into greater behaviour issues. I read a statement from yourselves in response to the RSPCA's objections claiming that there are plenty of country parks in Caerphilly. This is fine if you live close or have a car but what about those who don't? I also would not want to have to drive to my morning dog walk each day (not great for the climate either). Given the health benefits of dog walking you should be encouraging and supporting dog ownership not restricting the ability for people to get out and enjoy a walk with their dog.

Leave the current restrictions as they are but police them more effectively. Have a greater education campaign about responsible dog ownership. In my experience dog fouling in parks is often because of people not keeping a close enough eye on their off lead dog and missing them fouling rather than walking away on purpose - have more of a campaign pointing this out to people. Have a positive attitude to dogs in general and promote the health benefits of walking a dog several times a day. Encourage and advertise dog classes and groups particularly for new puppies where positive dog ownership can be encouraged. Realise that dog owners in general are on your side and hate fouling as much as everyone else, don't pitch owners and non owners against each other.

- Disagree This would limit the amount or areas people can walk dogs, which means they may walk their dogs less, impacting the welfare of the dogs and the wellbeing of the owners. This would also punish responsible dog owners. Faeces can be easily removed by owners, and usually is by the majority. Ensuring that there is adequate signage that encourages people to remove faeces in these areas would be preferable to an exclusion, as well as ensuring that all nearby 'poo bins' are emptied regularly. N/A
- Disagree This would mean we couldn't use the showfield as a family. We only walk around the edges and my dog is always on a lead so we know she is safe. Please can you try leads only before banning them completely Try only dogs on leads allowed before banning them.
- Disagree This would rule out areas for exercise for many families and would not solve the problem of irresponsible dog owners.
- Disagree Those of us who are responsible dog owners don't need any further restrictions put in place as our dogs are kept under control and we clean up after them without fail. It is the problem of dog owners who need to be educated to control their dogs and to pick up after them which I'm afraid will never be resolved because those type of people simply cannot be told just like motorists who persistently flaunt the rules of the road! They are despicable human beings. Don't make it a blanket ban, just tighten up on those individuals who should never have the privilege of being dog owners
- Disagree Those that break the existing rules will continue to break the new rule, they will continue to allow their dogs to access sports pitches, defecate and not pick it up. On Sunday morning I walked my dog, picked up and binned what she did and continued my walk. I came across a huge deposit obviously left fairly recently by a large dog, right in the middle of the velvety smooth cricket pitch and just left there. I picked it up and binned it myself and I know several responsible owners who've done the same. That owner will never follow rules, will continue to access restricted areas and leave behind what their dog has done. So please don't penalise responsible people Litter, glass etc are an equally dangerous issue

- Disagree Toxocariasis is very rare – there are approximately two cases of illness due to infection per million of the population a year. On the rare occasions when human infection occurs, it usually only causes mild, flu-like symptoms. Toxocara antibodies are present in fewer than 2 in 100 healthy adults in the UK, who have previously been exposed to infection with no ill effects. The fact that Toxocariasis can be caused by dogs, cats and foxes, whilst only dogs are to be excluded does very little to address the issue. The majority of domestic pet dogs are regularly treated with worming products and therefore do not carry the Toxocara eggs in their faeces. Fewer cats are regularly wormed, and I'm 99.9% certain that no one takes the trouble to worm a fox. Although I am a dog owner myself, and also run a successful dog care business, I don't feel the need to exercise any of my own, or client dogs on any sports pitches within the Borough. The risk of injury to dogs from discarded bottles (glass and plastic), sports tape and bandages left lying around, as well as the risk of contracting a myriad of illnesses from the amount of phlegm and saliva on pitches and surrounding areas, causes me to avoid these places. For the elderly residents of the Borough, those who don't drive or have mobility issues, their local park may be the only place they can access without needing to rely on others. Walking their dog may be the only activity that gets them out of the house, the only opportunity to meet other humans and maybe strike up a conversation. Their well being is just as, if not more important than that of the thousands of sports players. Health and well-being doesn't have to rely on organised sport; being out in the fresh air with a purpose is just as valid for many people.
- Disagree Unfair to the majority who abide by the rules. There will always be a minority who spoil it for everyone.
- Disagree Unless the pitches are fenced off it will be impossible to prevent a dog from inadvertently straying onto the marked area if they are off the lead. As a responsible dog owner I always pick up my dog's mess. Dogs enjoy the freedom to run unleashed and shouldn't be restricted in this regard. A responsible dog owner such as myself would keep their dog leashed until it had defecated to ensure the area of defecation could be controlled. I wouldn't want to be in the position of facing prosecution if my dog strayed into the marked pitch as part of his daily exercise. Being a female of aging years, I welcome the close proximity of my local green spaces to exercise my dog. The field is open and busy which creates a safe environment for me to walk my dog alone. If I am restricted from walking in the fields then I would have to walk in other less safe areas. If the council wish to restrict dogs from entering the marked pitches then they should consider fencing off the areas to create a defined, restricted area where there is no room for doubt or challenge if a dog owner was prosecuted.
- Disagree Unless you plan to have designated dog fields for example then no I do not agree with this decision. Dogs are surely entitled to have the exercise they need as well. A safe space for dogs and dog owners to go to. There are limited options as it is. What's the alternative option then? Walk dogs around the streets so you'll find more irresponsible dog owners leaving dog poop in the streets and sides of roads instead? You must come up with an alternative solution or this is unfair for dogs.
- Disagree Unnecessary and prejudicial. Authoritarian solutions are a 19th Century conceit and are not effective. You admit it is a small numbers of dog owners who are irresponsible yet you are quite willing to punish the overwhelming majority of dog owners for the sins of the few. I know from my own area in North Wales complaints about dog fouling rose over 500% after these draconian laws were brought in

because picking up was the social norm and to fit in you had to pick up. The dogs could communicate naturally through body language off the lead and a socialized dog is a safe dog .

Disagree Unnecessary for the majority of dog owners. More enforcement required for actual offenders

Disagree Very few green spaces to walk/run dogs, be a shame to restrict them from pitches that are used so infrequently. Have never seen an irresponsible dog owner not picking up after pet although I can imagine it does happen, I don't think it warrants exclusion of all dogs from pitches. Better enforcement of dog owners not picking up would be needed.

Disagree Walking my dog on these pitches I see no problem from dog mess in fact the issue I see on these playing fields are rubbish and broken glass from humans so maybe they should be banned as this is a bigger more important issue the council should be looking into. Why should one or two irresponsible pet owners spoil it for the rest of us.

Disagree Waunfawr park has minimal area for dogs to run freely off the lead. If this law was to come into play, the dogs in the area would have to be kept on leads at all times. There is a concrete path which they would be allowed to walk on and not much else, apart from the banking on the road side of the park? This doesn't make much sense at all. I understand the reasons behind this law wanting to be put in place, but this park in particular has minimal to no grass area that the dogs would actually be allowed to go on. There is no other park or grassed area in Crosskeys for dogs to enjoy either. It would mean us having to drive somewhere to take the dog off the lead which isn't great for the environment either.

Disagree Waunfawr park in crosskeys is completely made up of sportfields. There would be nowhere in the park left to exercise the dog. It is not right that everybody has to lose out because of the minority disgusting people who do not pick up Just as some disgusting footballers defecate by the trees, saying they haven't the time to run off the pitch to the toilets. That is just as disgusting. Would it make it fair to ban all sports on the fields because of a few disgusting players? NO it wouldn't be fair. just as it isn't fair to the dog walkers who are responsible. I have mental health condition and the park is opposite my house and is the only place I feel safe enough to go to with my dog to exercise her and myself. The park is all sport field leaving others nowhere to go. There should be someone who can call by the park and fine the people who are caught leaving the dog mess

Disagree We are limited to areas where we can walk our dogs in the local areas as it is. Canal has been closed for a number of weeks, entranced to sirhowy valley walk in crosskeys has been closed. These local parks and fields are the only place we can walk our dogs unless we drive.

Disagree We have a sports pitch by us which is often used by owners to play fetch/games or exercise with their pets jogging etc. Regularly pass as part of walk and have never seen people using the pitch for sport or exercise regardless of the season so it is nice to see the area utilised,

especially responsibly. I have never noticed any issues of dog fouling etc. on the pitch which I understand would not be at all appropriate given it's intended use. I'm aware however that this could change case by case across the borough. I feel the biggest issue in our area for safety on recreational pitches and children's parks, as it is on walks/areas of beauty, is antisocial behaviour. There is an extensive amount of broken glass, rubbish, food waste, used sanitary products and other used personal items that pose serious hygiene risks (never mind objects you wouldn't want children to come across in what should be their personal and safe play areas) regularly accumulating. Commercial bins, rubbish and trolleys are consistently stolen, dumped and set on fire which can cause a lot of distress for individuals trying to safely navigate and avoid areas with children and pets. N/A

Disagree We have to cross a pitch to reach the fields to walk to the parc the sports field is strewn with human litter- i understand there are a minority of selfish dog owners who allow their dogs to foul & they should be prosecuted however the focus should be on selfish people littering/allowing their dogs to foul instead of a blanket ban on dogs

Disagree We need somewhere where is safe to walk the dog. It's just taking away the only thing some people have safe place to walk their dogs.

Disagree We remove our dog faeces on our walks and see others doing so. Ultimately if you restrict access to these areas, the conscientious people who currently pick up mess will not enter, but those who do it anyway will have no qualms going into these areas. You will only restrict walking areas for those that care

Disagree We've had to clean up items which my dog could choke on or swallow and cause serious harm on far more than people picking up after dog mess. The amount of litter that was left on the playing field in Morgan Jones park due to members of the public is 100 to one for dog mess. If people used the dog bins provided it shouldn't matter where there dog goes so just re-enforce those rules, don't add to them. In the winter when it's dark it's sometimes the only place we can walk the dog before the sun goes down, that is safe. If there is no one on the field and I clean up after my dog, why shouldn't I use it? As a single women walking my dog. If I was not be able to go to the park it would mean I would have to travel to a more remote or an unfamiliar place which could be unsafe for me. As I am diabetic it's also important to go the park and not further afield in a more remote place In case of an urgent medical emergency. If the current restrictions are followed there would be no need to add to these rules. Unfortunately the minority sometimes spoil it for the majority, so re enforcing the rules would prevent this.

Disagree What about cats that roam and poo no one picks that up

- Disagree What about people who don't drive? Everyone deserves the right to exercise locally with their dogs! I think this is a disgusting idea to ban dogs, I'm down the fields surrounding crosskeys every day and there is never any problems! This is unnecessary. If this will be the case you need to come up with areas within a few minutes walking distance where people are able to get exercise with their dog.
- Disagree What other open fields are there for them to exercise. Providing dogs are in good control I don't see an issue.
- Disagree When ccbc decides to do something about the anti social behaviour which results in smashed bottles making it unsafe for my dog to walk on a path will be the day I stop walking my dog safely on the grassy terrain of a field.
- Disagree When games aren't in play, we should be able to use the fields as long as all dog poo is picked up and taken home.
- Disagree When I walk my dog, I pick up all the litter left on the field by sports people and spectators. Obviously, I won't be doing this if I'm banned from using the field. As someone who suffers from anxiety and depression, the field is the only place near my home where I can relax with my dog. Walking around the roads is stressful. If absolutely necessary, dogs must be kept on the lead.
- Disagree When not in use, nice area for dogs to run and play. Fine bad owners, don't make the good owners suffer even more restrictions. Age and caring responsibilities. Less choice of walk areas the less time and fitness you have Allow dogs but only when pre-arranged sports fixtures are not in play.
- Disagree When the last football field in Llanbradach was made, I asked the question how would this affect dog walkers and the answer was that they would still be able to use it. This is the last bit of land in Llanbradach available to dog walkers to walk their dogs on. The river bank when the river is up and flowing fast is an unsafe place to be.
- Disagree When the sports pitches are not being used dog owners should be allowed to take their dogs for a walk there. Responsible dog owners clean up after their dogs. I have often taken my well behaved dog when watching my daughter play in football matches. If they are banned from these areas it is unfair to dog owners.
- Disagree Where are dog owners going to go to exercise their dogs?
- Disagree Where are we expected to exercise our dogs? They won't be able to chase a ball around the perimeters of the marked fields, when other owners are trying to do the same. I walk my dog most days and play ball with him, to enable him to have a good run about. Caerphilly is a Borough of dog lovers and so many exercise their dogs daily. Many people have more than one dog and it will be difficult to pass multiple dogs when trying to keep to the perimeters. I understand the dangers of dog mess being left around - and I think people should be heavily fined if caught. However, dogs are living creatures and they have a right to exercise too. It is unfair to penalise good owners and their dogs, due to the actions of the irresponsible few.

- Disagree Where else are people meant to take their dogs? The streets around Blackwood are littered with broken glass due to a lack of upkeep from the council and now you want people to walk their dogs through there? Really? Whoever is getting a backhander from this needs sacking.
- Disagree Where else are the green areas not a sports field? Picking up and removing mess is already required so enforce this requirement more effectively. You'd need to enforce no dogs so enforce the removal.
- Disagree Where else are they meant to run around and get exercise? It will be of detriment to locals not being able to take their dogs out close to home and make it much harder especially for the elderly.
- Disagree Where else are they supposed to go especially in hot weather where they can get shade and not be on hot tarmac.
- Disagree Where I live in Maesycwmmmer our football/rugby field is not marked and is never used by any sports teams. In fact the majority of people that use it are dog owners, we have no problems there, and I don't ever see dog poo left behind. It's a good space for dogs to be able to run free as surrounding fields and owned by a farmer, which would be unacceptable to let your dog off the lead as there could be livestock. I have a medical condition which means I cannot drive or walk long distances, Maesycwmmmer field is within walking distance and means I can throw a toy for my dog and he can get the exercise he needs whilst avoiding me being in a great deal of pain. I think Maesycwmmmer fields should be available to the public and their dogs.
- Disagree Where I live in Penybryn the football field is a public access way to the fields behind & Penallta park. I feel Dogs should be allowed access to a sports pitch if that pitch has an access route to other walks/ areas. Many people in the village use the route as their daily exercise routine. I feel the rubbish from the teams that play football on the pitch is awful.
- Disagree Where then are we allowed to walk out dogs?
- Disagree Where they are 2 pitches in one public open space/park... you should combine the ruby and football pitches into one mixed pitch area... so dog walks can have half of the public open/space or park to exercise with they dogs for for training ,searches, agility, thrown the.ball, flyball, dog dancing, heelwork retrieve work and other doggy activities.we need a area in each public park or open space as well. Dogs lower high blood pressure bring children with autism out out of there locked world dogs guide blind people dogs help deaf people dogs help disabled people all our working dogs need a place to exercise relax and play on there down time.. Yes I have a dog because of depression to get me out and about on doctor's advice but if you stopped us exercising in all our public spaces and parks my mental health will suffer I will have to use more mental health services and if there's no safe places for walking with a dog I will have to put the dog into to a shelter. I will then need to use loneliness services as I live on my own. My physical health will also suffer as I would be unable to go out as I have anxiety panic attacks with my social phobias so unable lto go out without my companion dog. Even even now professional

stadiums are mixed Use with Swansea Liberty Stadium having the Ospreys rugby team and Swansea City football club. Newport Rodney Parade has Newport Dragons, Newport RFC see and is home to the Newport County football team.. And the principality stadium in Cardiff hold Rugby Union and rugby league and also association football matches which is all mixed use. Public Open spaces and parks Should cater for all of us to use including dogs paws.

Disagree While I agree with dogs not being allowed in children's park areas, 90% of the time these sports and recreation fields are NOT being used for sports or training purposes. These fields are brilliant for taking the dog for a quick walk or run around to get them their exercise if people aren't able to take them further afield to non council owned lands. You're penalising the majority for the actions of the minority, if you're concerned about dog faeces on the field maybe consider some sort of hygiene patrol of the areas to ensure people are tidying up after their dogs and fining them accordingly if they are not. Many members of the community are elderly and unable to take their dogs any further than the local sports field, and would then have to rely on family members or paid services to walk their dogs for them depriving them of that exercise and time to bond with their dogs.

Disagree While I appreciate the aim I think this is disproportionate. How will you be able to enforce this? Not allowing the use of public spaces by dog owners just encourages people to treat dogs unfairly. Dogs bring so much to so many people and again you are punishing the many because of the few. As a woman living with a disability the potential of not being able to use these green spaces in the future scares me. How to I care for my dog effectively as well as myself if you continue to put barriers in the way? If I have to walk further to exercise my dog on challenging days then I am putting myself at risk. I think you need to consider the impact on both dog and owners well-being. Consider how you enforce the current rules for the minority who do not clean up after their dog. Make it easier to dispose of dog poo, more bins in better locations (how do you stop people who put it in a bag and then dump the bag?). I also think you need to consider the treatment of other animals faeces - for example horses, encouraging horse owners to remove this from public paths in populated areas and on paths by main roads may encourage others to clear up their dog poo. I know that there are challenges that come from clearing up after horses but it sets a bad example and encourages others to think that if this is ok then me not clearing up what in comparison is a minor amount is ok when it isn't.

Disagree Whilst I have no problem with the existing measure that are in place I don't think you should penalise responsible dog owners by banning dogs from sports fields as this would leave us with nowhere to take our dogs. Also you need to think of elderly people whose only option is to walk their dogs on these fields.

Disagree Whilst I live in an area where I will still be able to exercise my dog and myself in the process, I note that there are many areas where letting a dog off lead would not be possible. I feel this penalises responsible dog owners from local green places and could have a detrimental impact on the mental health as well as physical health of those without the means of a car to travel to such a place. As per Q7 it could adversely affect those who do not drive, the elderly, those with limited mobility and or those nervous who will only feel safe to exercise

locally with their dog I agree that some areas should be dog free but it should be balanced with access to dog friendly exercise areas which should have CCTV and actively and publicly fine those who allow their pets to foul and not pick up

Disagree Whilst I think that it is a good idea for dogs not to be allowed on the football pitches, in both the parks in Llanbradach the football pitches and children's playgrounds take up nearly all of the space available. So, I feel that there should be some space allocated for people to walk and exercise their dogs as well. But as things stand with the situation in the parks in Llanbradach I feel like it is slightly unfair on the dog walkers It would be nice to develop spaces for dog walkers to safely walk their dogs and keep the sports pitches clean

Disagree Why are YOU wanting to exclude dogs from sports fields? What assumptions are you making? The council has so many problems why are you focusing on this? Your narrative does not explain why you want to do this or what the benefits are? Would this affect dogs for the blind and guide dogs? Does this proposal exclude guide dogs? Dog walking is great help to those with mental health issues, where do people take their animals if sports fields are banned? This seems like a fascist policy Why dont you buy a field or use what you have to open an enclosed field for dogs. You could charge a small fee, make money, would be self funding and would give people a place to bring 'mans best friend'. There white popular these days.

Disagree Why know there is dog poo every where ,there is more to this than the countries letting on ,give it a year or so and all football fields will have houses built on them That's a load of nonsense Most of the football pitches you lot in Caerphilly don't have a clue where they are or what they look like ,get off your backsides and talk to the people

Disagree Why penalise all for the few. Better signage and education is needed Let's not use a sledgehammer to crack a nut. Compromise and education should prevail

Disagree Why penalise the majority of responsible dog owners when more awareness to educate the offenders would be a better way of solving the issues. Better and More signage instructing cleaning up of dog mess Raise offender awareness More dog bins

Disagree Why punish ALL dog owners for the mindless few & YOU CCBC need to allocate more places for us responsible dog owners to walk our dogs off lead for both human & dogs mental health. Every dog owner I have encountered while out walking my dog has always picked up after their dog has fouled, or they would get a backlash of abuse if they didn't, Why not encourage people to report the useless minority that don't, instead of a blanket punishment to us all . Think of everyone's mental health that will be affected while you restrict where we can walk our dogs especially people who can't drive & can only walk locally, THINK BEFORE YOU CONDEM PEOPLE TO A MISERABLE LIFE .

Disagree Why should I stop my 2 year old dog from her happy places? It's not the dogs fault! I am aveey sensible dog owner - and why should this be taken away from quality time I spend with my dog playing a simple game of fetch?

- Disagree With reference to my area the pitch is only used for maybe three times a week for a maximum of 2.5 hours, so seems slightly unfair to responsible owners at early hours of the day and late evening when normal exercise would take place.
- Disagree With the rules already in place, as in above question, there is no need to exclude dogs from playing pitches. It is unfair that all dogs will suffer from loosing access to these areas because certain individuals are not following the rules outlined above. I personally have 2 playing fields very local to my home and use these to exercise my dog as do many other dog owners in the area. Without access to these, there would be a significant lack of green area to exercise dogs in the local area.
- Disagree You are putting dog owners all into one category, most are responsible owners and clean up after their dogs. There are the odd few that don't and you have fines in place if that is to happen, maybe this should be better enforced. You should also have to consider then making a number of existing fields in the same area strictly enclosed for dogs only. There aren't enough of these in the area and now you're trying to force dogs out of parks/fields with marked pitches on without offering an alternative area for them. In my opinion you are simply doing so to ease the need for council workers to clear dog waste bins in these areas as they are usually overflowing/infrequently emptied.
- Disagree You can only get the disease by ingesting, or swallowing eggs from faeces. Freshly deposited faeces pose no threat, the eggs only become infective after about three weeks, so if mess is cleared up immediately there is no danger. Responsible dog owners will always abide to clean up after their dogs. Banning exercise on the sports fields will not deter the irresponsible dog owners. They will always feel above the law. Dogs need exercise off lead to stay happy and healthy, please don't alienate the responsible people. The people who have no other access to alternative walks with their dogs but on their local welfare grounds. Do not remove yet another right of access to our green spaces. I would like to see park wardens and cctv in all council owned areas. To deter all littering whether it be from dogs or humans. I have no end had to report broken glass and nitrous oxide and carbon dioxide cannisters littered in many of the areas I walk my dogs. I have also had expensive vet bills from such incidents involving broken bottles.
- Disagree You have taken away all the green areas in Caerphilly Town centre there is no where for dogs to be let off the lead to run safely. Its unfair on the responsible dog owners. You provide no where else for us to go.
- Disagree You haven't got any money to help with the mi ers institute in cefn Fforest but can find money to do thisow Always dogs to have somewhere to roam of leads
- Disagree You need to make this clear that it is the actual playing surface, not the whole field area. Many of us walk our dogs round marked fields but not across them. It is frequently the only place to walk on grass. You are in danger of penalizing the majority of responsible owners because of the minority of irresponsible ones. Make the proposal clearer.

- Disagree You say it for the sport they dont play everyday we take at pet over there for they exercise I stick to the rules I've always use the showfield never any trouble you are punishing are pet from exercise on a daily basis
- Disagree you should exclude children, especially the little brats that drink alcohol and throw bottles on to the pitch. I am not going to walk my dog around the outskirts of the football pitch in Islwyn park when it is nothing more than bogland. No-one EVER plays football on it, so why not abolish it and make it into a dog park and exclude everyone without a dog. Teenagers throwing bottles to be excluded would be a good start. God only knows how the council are going to police it, they haven't got enough staff to pick up litter or man CA sites for 7 days a week. Perhaps the council should care more about litter on these sites, broken glass cutting paws, plastic waste ending up being blown into rivers. Don't even get me started on the shopping trollies - which apparently are not the councils problem!
- Disagree You state dogs to be banned on council owned playing fields. I thought this belonged to the people of Blackwood not the council. Interesting to know who owns it. The 3 pitches cannot be in use during school terms time so why are you banning dogs. How are you going to control antisocial behaviour. My dog cut her paw on glass so if your stating you own it are you legally responsible for the maintenance and payment of vet bills too. Put signs up to inform dog owners to keep clear of pitches when children are using them so we all get to enjoy the open space. Lord Tredegar left it to us to enjoy so let us do just that. There are fields behind pencoed avenue and also behind Cefn forest institute. How many fields do you want ?
- Disagree You want to get the sports teams to clean up their own mess first!!! Disgraceful that they leave water bottles, tape, rubbish all over the sidelines without even cleaning up before they leave.
- Disagree You will be forcing us to create further pollution by using our car to take the dog for a walk. Those who use the field for sports are not everyday making the field abandoned.
- Disagree You would reducing the amount of areas that dog owners can walk their dogs by a drastic number if this should happen. You could potentially be putting dog owners in harms way by forcing them off areas where they may feel safe to walk their dogs. There are already a small amount of areas where dogs can be let off, don't take another area away.
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Being disabled we oy go around half the pitch and my dog wait they get home.

- Agree I use Islwyn Park for exercise on a regular basis as I live very close to it. As someone who used to play rugby on the pitch as a child I know how horrible it is to find dog faeces in the grass but I still see dogs using the playing area in that way. It's all very well for owners to pick up after their dogs but I'm sure they're not removing every trace. I well recall a time when dog owners didn't have to pick up after their pets and the awful smell there was in some areas of Islwyn Park and the Harold Finch Memorial Park on hot days in the summer. The improvement in more recent times has been very welcome.
- Agree I used to coach kids football and run a junior club and we would pick up 2 carrier bags of dog mess before a game. Its appalling the number of dog owners who don't pick up their mess.
- Agree I will only agree if those areas are fenced off so making it clear to dog owners that their pets are not allowed on the pitches. I would like my little dog to be allowed to run off lead at least once a day, if the areas are fenced off as suggested.
- Agree I'm a dog owner and never allowed my dogs on a playing field. Also never understood why owners felt the right to allow their dogs. I coach the U12s at oakdale RFC and prior to each use of the fields we check and there's not once I can honestly say we've not found dog excrement on the fields. My opinion is that the world we live in today there's rules and regulations people are having to adapt to and the banning of dogs on playing/marked areas should be implemented ASAP. The above is irrelevant and we should be putting Childrens health and safety first.
- Agree I'm a youth football coach and our pitch always has dog's muck on there. You can excuse it if it was just now and again when dog owners don't see it happen but it happens so often some dog owners must deliberately be leaving it on the pitch. I'm a dog owner myself and my dog often accompanies me on the pitch when I'm cutting the grass but I always walk my dog off the pitch first so she can go to toilet and always have poop bags with me in case.
- Agree If boundaries are abused than it should be clear to all users not to abuse them. A thorough check on access to areas that can be used for dogs allows proper consideration for vulnerable and disabled to access areas that are fully accessible to them. Risk assessments should be carried out to inform of any impacts that could be unnecessarily minimize any impacts to vulnerable groups. Are there fields allocated for dog walkers within the borough - council land. Will there be sufficient accessible green spaces e for outdoor dog walking?
- Agree if only one child/person gets covered in faeces its too many the areas mapped out at aneurine park is not correct as its a multi playing area and needs to be put right. all grassed areas should not be used by dogs only allocated fenced areas. then there will be no excuses or any reason for dogs to be let loose on playing fields
- Agree I'm fed up taking my grandchildren over to the sports grounds and find dog mess everywhere. N/A More enforcement required.

- Agree I'm surprised this has to be enforced, to be honest, as I would have thought it was common sense. There is absolutely no reason to walk dogs on marked pitches - there are plenty of other open spaces throughout the Borough.
- Agree In 2019 my partner was playing football and cut his knee. He visited Ystrad Mynach for stitches but 2 days later was admitted to the Royal Gwent Hospital due to an infection caused my dog faeces! He was in hospital for 2 weeks on IV antibiotics and underwent 3 operations to clear the infection! This should never happen to anyone ever again! N/A Not only should rules be in place to stop dog walkers allowing their dogs on areas where sports are played, the sports areas should be fenced off to prevent this!
- Agree Increased health and safety
- Agree Irresponsible owners
- Agree Irresponsible owners allow dogs to foul on playing fields. Even a small amount of faecal matter into an open wound can cause major issues so keeping dogs off the field gives less of a risk to adults/children who use these pitches for playing. There are plenty of other spaces to walk your dogs.
- Agree It does not bear thinking of should a child get dogs mess on their hands or face or in a cut. They're playing fields for people not for dogs. It will make things easier for coaches children and adults and safeguard the use of pitches
- Agree It is completely wrong that irresponsible people allow they're dogs/horses in Rhymneys case as they are EVERYWHERE at the moment to defecate on ground where young children play. I myself have had to wash faces off my sons cut legs on both the eisteddfod field and the top pitch at the memorial park. I feel I am a responsible dog Ower and never allow my dog off a lead. I live right by the park gates and will definitely be affected by this proposal as its my dogs daily walking place. I feel more dog bins need to be placed throughout Rhymney but feel a PSPO will be a complete waste of our money as this is the least of our problems in Rhymney at the moment. The anti social residents that had been place to live our high Street/ Royal Arms/ the old library have made it a frightening place to walk. We are stuck with high drug abuse littering fly tipping these are what needs urgent attention from yourself not a quick buck to be made from normal law abiding citizens who feel like we as a village have been then over by these people.
- Agree It is essential that the chance of dog faeces being found on the football or rugby pitch should be eradicated.
- Agree It is obvious sports grounds/ recreation grounds should be free from dogs for users to play safely from faeces and out of control dogs. I know of 2 rugby players whose eyesight has been damaged from toxocarasis. Perhaps more dog wardens, and welfare grounds to be patrolled by a caretaker, heftier fines to be issued for those breaking the regulations.
- Agree It is one small step in the direction of proper control of dogs in our society.

- Agree It is only right that dogs should be excluded from sports/ playing fields as the dangers to those using the facilities could lead to serious injuries and or disease.
- Agree It is truly unfair that individuals who hire council facilities are unable to use them in a safe manner. Ban all dogs from all publicly used facilities. It's truly awful when the majority of responsible owners have to pay for the irresponsible minority No Larger fines for irresponsible pet owners. Hopefully they will think twice if they may get reported and fined. It's disgusting they do not pick up after their dogs especially in areas well used by the public.
- Agree It is unthinkable that people playing on these pitches should have to come into contact with dog faeces. I am quite happy with the proposals.
- Agree It reduces the possibility of passing germs from dog mess to young children that use the facility.
- Agree It shouldn't even be up for debate, allowing a dog on a sports pitch is totally irresponsible. Even if their faeces is picked up there will be some left which goes as a danger
- Agree It would be one less thing to worry about when my children are playing on them.
- Agree It would make it safer for the people who play on these pitches. We wouldn't have to walk the pitch and clean up other people's dog mess. Just get your dog wardens doing their job and patrol the areas and hand out fines.
- Agree It's a hazard to sportsmen, women and children who use any sports fields for recreation or training
- Agree It's a massive health hazard. Myself, family and friends have had dog mess on our clothes, hands, faces and equipment regularly when we have used the sports fields. Blackwood showfield is the worst I've seen for mess, it's out of control and happy the council will step in and try to make it safer for the users of the sports fields. No. All that will not effect. I hope it effects the amount of dog mess we get covered in hopefully though
The Blackwood showfield and surrounding area have been taken over with thousands of dog walkers and being used as a dog toilet. It is absolutely stinking there to the point it is almost unusable for sport due to the health hazards of your children becoming covered in dog mess. I'm so happy the council are taking account of duty of care and remedy this very dangerous and serious health hazard. Let's hope we can all get back to enjoying the field soon. You will need enforcement agents to fine culprits who flout the rules otherwise no one will take notice. Thanks you
- Agree It's a proven health hazard and there is no need to allow dogs to foul pitches
- Agree It's dangerous with dog foul and sticks that have been thrown on the pitch. It's definitely a safeguarding issue.

- Agree It's not hygienic to have to play sports where there is or had been dog poo or pee It would be nice where possible to segregate the land /park so there is a place for dog walkers... like the grounds around Libanus playing fields
- Agree It's common sense really that dogs can and do disrupt sports events, also in most outdoor sports a lot of people end up on the floor and they shouldn't have to be risking getting covered in dog faeces while playing.
- Agree It's dangerous with the chances of getting infections from dogs mess . Only today while children were kicking a ball about on Waunfawr park football pitch a man walked his dog straight across the pitch and yep the dog did a mess on the pitch the bloke picket up but on inspection not all had been removed . Last week two boys kicking rugby ball on the rugby pitch when a large dog bounded after the ball took the ball in his mouth and ran around with the ball ? The owner had no control over this dog and yes the dog took no notice while the boys ran after the dog to get the ball back ! Finally the bloke got hold of the dog took the ball of him gave it back to the boys only for the dog to snatch it back . I told the bloke for god's sake put the dog on a lead the bloke only laughed and walked away with dog !! If this had been to small children they would have been petrified . People seem to be more protected towards there dogs than people or more importantly children in this park Waunfawr park and firestation field .
- Agree Its disgusting to see people's dogs defecating on sports pitches that children use
- Agree It's my dog, it is a well behaved dog and obeys my commands, instantly. I didn't see it foul the play area. When walking a dog in a Council controlled area, it should be on a short lead. Also even very young children should be educated in picking up dog mess and correctly disposing of it by taking it home.
- Agree It's unbelievable that they are allowed on sports fields where children are playing football and rugby. If they are playing rugby they are more likely to be on that ground where dogs have been walking or God forbid poking. What if they get it on their hands? I think the majority of people with children will agree with the proposal to ban dogs. The people against the proposal are probably the dog walkers who can't be bothered to find somewhere else to walk their dogs. I hope the council will put the health of the children first and foremost in mind when making their decision.
- Agree I've been attacked by a dog off lead in that field while walking my dog on lead numerous times (more than 20) and my disabled wife was also attacked while trying to walking our dog on a lead around the same field. I reported it to the police - Nothing happened because I didn't have any proof - 3 months later The very same dog was off lead and acting aggressive and caused my mother's dog to have a heart attack and die - It wouldn't have happened if that dog was on a lead. I've personally witnessed and recorded on video the same aggressive dog attacking other dogs being walked around the pitch while the careless owner either runs laps (ignoring her dog) or she's 3 fields over and the dog isn't even in her line of

sight while it's being a nuisance. I feel that this proposal will make it much safer for my disabled wife to be able to go for a walk without getting attacked by dogs... again.

Agree I've just joined gelligaer football team and the amount of dog mess we have to pick up off the pitch before and during the match is ridiculous

Agree I've lived near the eisteddfod field in rhymney 18 years. I'm fed up of seeing people let their dogs run about shitting everywhere, and not picking it up. Fed up of people out there at 6 am calling their dogs. I've also recently seen ferocious dogs being let loose there with no muzzles. My dogs have never been on that pitch for those reasons. Stop the lot of them, there's plenty of other places to walk dogs.

Agree I've seen dog owners playing with their dogs on the pitch and the dogs are often off the lead so there's no way they can clean up every-time they mess - but saying that an alternative site should be provided - Dogs promote healthy exercise and there is no-where allocated for dog owners to take their dogs - where they can let them off a lead and have fun anymore.. so if you take it away you have to provide an alternative. No As mentioned previous - if you supply dog owners with a safe alternative area to exercise their dogs then maybe they will stop using parks and cycle paths - We cycle and avoiding dog mess and irresponsible dog owners with dogs on long leads is so irritating - and probably why cyclist want use them . The cycle paths should be for cycles only - if you want them for walkers and dogs then you need to make them wider - so lanes can be allocated.

Agree Kids play sports on the grass and don't want them covered in dogs mess. Even if the owner picks it up, they cannot pick it all up. There are still traces of it there.. Kids play sports on the grass and don't want them covered in dogs mess. Even if the owner picks it up, they cannot pick it all up. There are still traces of it there..

Agree Kids safety All dogs should be kept on leads when in public places

Agree Kids/adults don't want to be playing in fields covered in dogs mess

Agree Last thing a parent wants a one of their children catching a disease. More officials and cameras to catch people dog fowling.

Agree Many owners are considerate but the dangers of faecal residue still remain. There should be no doubt that dogs should be kept off playing fields. I am not a dog owner but have been in the past.

Agree Many times I have found dog mess on my local playing field. Also at Morgan Jones' Park by the goal posts. Irresponsible dog owners are ruining these spaces for people to make use of This will positively impact my disability (ASD) as I get severe anxiety over my family using my local playing fields due to dog mess I would like to see these actually enforced. Perhaps dedicated dog parks/ fields would help so that dogs have somewhere they can go and exercise that isn't where children play

- Agree Marked areas should be respected I am a registered guide dog user and regularly use the showfield, blackwood to walk and free run for exercise my guide dog. My dog will spend before and after all walks in our specially allocated dog run in our garden. I feel that there are not enough dog bins or refuse in the showfield as they are regularly overflowing and a disgrace. This needs to be addressed by the council before blaming others
- Agree Marked pitches are where children are more likely to come in contact with dog faeces as sometimes it is impossible to clean up all the mess Also wonder how much Council tax will increase if this is to be policed effectively
- Agree My child won't use the playing field as they are afraid of dogs off the lead, however, unless there is an official policing this change then the dog owners will not obey the rules and carry on as before.
- Agree My children play football on council owned pitches and don't want them to end up with dog faeces on their boots or person if they fall. I don't think it is a big ask for dogs to stay off playing fields or for faeces to be picked up by owners. We are constantly dodging dog faeces on pavements on walk to school.
- Agree My children play on this and it will avoid having dogs scaring my young children while playing. It will also avoid illness from dog faeces.
- Agree My children play sports on the field and I worry for their safety considering the amount of dog mess that is all over the fields. The wording should include the fine for not complying and who to contact should you have evidence of someone not abiding to the rules and the clean up website.
- Agree My reasons are given above... The amendment merely strengthens current regulations. N/A None
- Agree My son and husband play rugby we need to keep them safe!!!
- Agree My son plays a lot of sport and there is nothing worse than finding or stepping into dog muck when you are in the middle of a game of Rugby or football, it's disgusting!
- Agree My son plays rugby and do not want dog mess where he plays
- Agree My son plays rugby and he and his team have often found they have fallen onto dog faeces.
- Agree My son plays rugby on a council pitch and I've frequently had to pick up poo from the pitch. Not very pleasant!
- Agree My son plays rugby on Newbridge canal fields (which seem to be missing from the .pdf), you regularly see dog owners and dog faeces left on the fields, this is a health hazard and disgusting Please add Newbridge Canal Fields to the marked sports area map

- Agree My son plays sports on a number of these fields and the amount of times he or one of his teams mates has landed up with dog faeces on them is not acceptable. This is so dangerous and because of these irresponsible dog owners, all dogs should be ban from entering the playing fields.
- Agree My sons play rugby in oakdale and numerous of occasions there is dog poo on the field which can have a detrimental impact on the health of children if not identified and they get it all over them. There is no excuse to not pick up after your dog and just pure laziness if you don't.
- Agree My sons play sport and it's disgusting that the pitches have so much poo on them. One of the pitches is now called 'Poo pitch'
- Agree Need to remove this hazard from playing areas.
- Agree No child should have to play with animal mess on the pitch he going home with dog an No children should have to go home with animal mess after playing on a sports field I will say in dog owners defence there is not enough dog bins around in most areas should be in lanes as well
- Agree No dog should be on any playing pitch. You can't always guarantee you will be able to get it all up from the grass
- Agree No matter how careful a dog owner is it's impossible to clean up completely after a dog.
- Agree No matter how careful you are it's easy for soil and ground areas to become infected from dog fouling. Children and adults can pick up nasty infections.
- Agree No one wants to play a sport they love and land in dog mess either adult or child. It can be dangerous if it goes in an open wound. Plus coaches/teams/supporters/parents don't want to clean up dog mess left behind by owners who do not clear up after their animals before any matches can start. It is bad enough they have to clear pitches before any matches. I also feel that All Dogs should be kept on leads at all times whilst in public especially around playing fields, sports grounds and parks to avoid dogs chasing children trying to enjoy time out of their home whether it be organised events or just playing training on their own or in small groups Please see note above regarding keeping dogs on leads at ALL times in ounblic places
- Agree Not all dog owners are responsible and don't pick up, also even when mess is picked up traces remain and this is awful for people playing sport No
- Agree Not all dog owners care about mess behind left on sports fields etc. It's a danger for children and adults who use these facilities for recreation purposes.
- Agree Not allowed to foul on football pitches

- Agree Not nice for people play sport in the local community to clean up after messy owners
- Agree Not only to avoid faeces, but also to enable use by all children (not just those who like dogs) As faeces deposited on surfaces will contaminate the surface, consideration should be given into requiring owners to carry a spray to clean/disinfect the area concerned.
- Agree Obvious to understand the reason why! Even though most of these rules has been ongoing for a while I have never seen any warning signs and have never seen any officers patrolling council playing fields. It would be a good idea to increase the number of warning signs (make them large and visible so that they can be easily seen and read!).
- Agree On the playing fields in Machen many dogs are off the leads and let loose with no control on the playing field. Even people driving to the welfare ground stay in the car and let the dogs run around to 'do their business'. These playing fields are very busy with senior and many junior teams for both football and rugby.
- Agree Our child's rugby team has to repeatedly pick up dog foul that has been left by its owners.
- Agree Our children play on these pitches and should not have to run the risk of coming into contact with dog waste and excrement.
- Agree Our local playing field is very often covered in dogs mess
- Agree Owners can't be relied upon to clear up after their dogs.
- Agree Owners have proven without doubt that they cannot be trusted to pick up faeces from open playing fields.
- Agree Parks are mainly for children to play and have fun and for adults to sit and relax and enjoy the surroundings without watching dogs dropping faeces in front of them which don't always get fully picked up and can be a danger to some Just totally against dogs running loose in parks and playing fields if people do walk their dogs in these areas they must be kept on leads
- Agree People abuse facilities and don't pick up after their dogs
- Agree People are allowing their dogs to foul on sports fields and children's play areas as well as footpaths Although I agree with keeping dogs off sports pitches I feel that these areas should remain an open and public space for everyone to use and should not be sold off to sports clubs or developers
- Agree People are not following the rules People just don't follow the rules
- Agree People are not responsible enough with their dogs or dog mess. Dogs go after the ball and children when the matches are in progress. No Not before time.

- Agree People has the right of enjoying this spaces without dogs, not everyone is comfortable around animals and we need to repect that.
- Agree People in the area do not clean up after themselves. Not only do I know of a dog which tried attacking someone I know the other day. Earlier on it the year a friend of a friend was attacked in memorial Park and had her finger bitten. We can not as of yet control who should be allowed or shouldn't be allowed to have a dog. But what we can control is cleaning up after our dogs and there mess. People do not so I'm sorry to say to all those against this decision. I support it and if you had cleaned up after your dog in the first place we would not be having this debate. Being disabled. This will definitely help make my life easier by not having to avoid the mess. N/A
- Agree People should be able to enjoy outdoor activities without annoying dogs & dog mess.
- Agree Personally I agree with this proposal, but foresee that some dog owners, especially elderly or disabled dog owners, may find this proposal very limiting in where they can exercise their dogs without being on the lead. This may impact on dog and owner welfare, increase car journeys to other types of unrestricted open space, or them resorting to exercising their dogs in unsuitable and potentially unsafe areas (wasteland, quite domestic streets, rear access lanes etc.) Does impact me directly but see possible impacts for elderly or disabled dog owners in Q7.
- Agree Players need protection
- Agree Players shouldn't have to avoid poo on playing fields
- Agree Playing fields are what they say they are no dogs should be on there Start to fine peolpe the pop bags everywhere is disgusting where's your dog warden? More pop bins
- Agree Playing fields should be for sports only. Dogs can exercise and play elsewhere None More CCTV needed to catch dog owners who break the laws. More dog waste bins needed as much as normal bins
- Agree Playing fields should be kept clean. Unfortunately there are some dog owners who aren't responsible enough to clean up after their dogs.
- Agree Please see above box this should be in this box cannot cut and paste.
- Agree Please see above. A draconian step but necessary to keep sports players regardless of age or gender safe it is a good thing As stated in first answer but repeated here. As a whole Abercarn Welfare Ground should be covered by these new proposals not just the Rugby playing Field. The Cricket pitch is marked by an enclosed boundary line and also there are marked Junior football pitches on the Cricket outfield as well
- Agree Plenty of other places to walk dogs. They shouldn't be walked on a field for human use I have young children and I avoid playing with them on green spaces because Of dogs

- Agree Plenty of surrounding land in my area so not a problem but in others it could have the effect of more pavement walking. The owners who do not clean up now will probably continue wherever they walk. Could litter also be addressed. Many sports fields are left littered with plastic bottles after use. This should be addressed by the clubs and the council.
- Agree Primarily the dog poo, secondary dog control around children playing
- Agree Protecting the health of sports people of all ages
- Agree Provided that spaces remain for dogs to receive exercise.
- Agree Purely from a hygiene perspective and not all dog owners clear up the faeces but also health and safety.
- Agree Really not fair on children and adults who use the sports pitches and a health hazard. We need more staff to enforce these changes. The notice at the entrance to the park is no hood on its own, someone needs to be patrolling and enforcing one the public hear about a few fines being issued then there might be change in behaviour.
- Agree Risk of infection from dog faeces. Dogs don't need to walk on the pitches. There are plenty of areas for people to walk their dogs. If these changes are made, please ensure clear signage is placed where dog owners are forbidden to take their dogs. This will help responsible dog owners accidentally being fined because they didn't know they weren't allowed to take their dog in that area. Also, enforcement officers need to be in place to fine dog owners who do not clean up after their waste. I see too much dog waste on all paths I walk.
- Agree Safety
- Agree Safety
- Agree Safety and hygiene
- Agree Safety of sports people
- Agree Safety of young people is paramount. My only concern is how the Council intends to ensure that the regulations are are strictly adhered to.
- Agree Same answer as above
- Agree Same as a children's play area or multi use games area Some specific enclosed dog exercise areas would help
- Agree

Agree

Agree

Agree Act now not whe it's too late. People get used to change.

Agree

Agree Glad something hopefully is being done about it, the green over by me on castell maen constantly has dogs on it. And theres a football pitch laid out

Agree Same as above children should be able to play safely without fear of dogs and without needing to be put at risk with dog waste left on the grass.

Agree Same as above to keep our area clean and tidy There is a lot of rubbish on our streets, not being cleared

Agree No

Agree there are four rugby pitches on fire station playing fields Crosskeys. I know the council rents the pitches out but only one is ever used. I have passed by the playing fields many times in my fifty years of living in Risca and I have only ever seen the same one pitch ever used. How about fencing the one pitch off from the other three and turn it into a dog park at least the place would get used by people in stead off never being used.

Agree same as above. upsetting, dangerous and un hygienic if you roll in dog faeces

Agree Same as question 5 you will always find dog mess on playing fields Dogs should not be allowed on any council fields

Agree Same reason as above No will collection of fines be handled by courts which can be costly or by the Council. ?

Agree Same reason as above !!

Agree Same reasons as above

Agree Same. I think this is very important. With the constant reduction in green space.

Agree Saves kids being full of it when playing

Agree CCTV needs to be installed it's the same eoe who let their dogs foul catch them and fine them it's the only way

Agree

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Agree See above . Same applies.

Agree See above and it is messy and dangerous for the public.

Agree More dog foul bins and regularly cleaned out every few days. They always seem to be overflowing.

Agree

Agree N/A This issue needs to be policed. I have never seen an officer patrol Ystrad Mynach Park to enforce restrictions.

Agree Don't be silly.

Agree See box above for reasons. Dogs should never be allowed on games pitches Bring back park keepers to keep lazy and thoughtless dog owners accountable for their dogs behaviour. Our parks and playing area are there for the benefit of Caerphilly residents and visitors, such a shame that a few feel it's necessary to spoil them

Agree See my comment above I would also suggest the fences in area is wheelchair accessible It's all well and good making these decisions but who will police? I do feel that 99% of dog owners are considerate and pick up they're dog waste so with this in mind it does seem to penalise us good owners

Agree See response above. N/A We want to see all dogs banned from areas where humans may have a picnic and /or recreational activities. All dogs must be kept on leads e.g.the areas around the moat surrounding Caerphilly Castle where dogs are often seen terrorising the wildfowl.

Agree Seen lots of dog mess left on bryn field where both football and rugby training regularly take place I am wondering how this will be enforced though? All too often issues are reported in regards to dog fouling, roaming etc and nothing seems to be done

- Agree Seen players land in dog poo and have serious injuries from it!
- Agree Should go further dogs should be on leads at all times in public areas. Specific dog parks should be set up for dogs to be let off leads in a safe environment. Should go further dogs should be on leads at all times in public areas. Specific dog parks should be set up for dogs to be let off leads in a safe environment.
- Agree So as there is no dog mess and no danger of dogs reacting to players N/A None
- Agree Some dog owners are a disgrace and deserve to be punished
- Agree Specifically because of the danger to health from dog faeces.
- Agree Sport areas should be a safe environment for the users to enjoy their pastime without the fear of coming into contact with dog faeces.
The biggest concern I have at present is with the increasing failure of Caerphilly Council to empty the overflowing dog & general litter bins in the Sport / playing fields. This encourages irresponsible dog owners to leave their dog & general litter, using the mindset of — “ If the council can’t empty the bins then why should I bother picking it up” Please actively look at this failure within the authority - Thanks.
- Agree Sport is important for youngsters and dogs should not be allowed to roam freely on these pitches because it is very easy for poo to be missed and unacceptable that this should then affect the play.
- Agree Sport is the primary function of these spaces- they are not parks. Our children and sportspeople need to be protected.
- Agree Sport pitches should be for sports only and not for dog exercise. There are plenty of other areas for walking dogs. Sport participants should have peace of mind that should they fall, be tackled etc that they are not going to be in the awful position of finding themselves with dog faeces plastered all over them. This carries health implications of a serious nature and they should be protected.
- Agree Sports and playing fields are important to the health and wellbeing of their users, particularly in these times. The council is doing an excellent job of maintaining these in good condition. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible people who abide by the rules and regulations. Unfortunately, the minority tarnish their good reputation.
- Agree Sports fields are for sport This is long over due , but how will it be marshalled
- Agree Sports fields are for sports not for walking dogs
- Agree Sports fields are not toilets. I stopped my son using the Showfield as a child as it was covered in dog mess.
- Agree Sports pitches are no place for dogs

- Agree Sports players and children should NOT have to play while running the risk of ending up in dogs mess, unfortunately some owners just do not care enough to pick it up
- Agree Sportsmen and women should not have to tolerate dog mess on their pitches. Enforcement is key to the effectiveness of the proposal. The proposal has my full support, well done to CCBC. I sincerely hope it passes and is enforced.
- Agree Stated above
- Agree Strongly agree Living in fochriw sometimes the football field has almost a flock of sheep on them why do you not fine farmers the mess in the streets and the danger and damage they cause is terrible
- Agree Strongly agree with this. Without hesitation. Being a member of a rugby club in the area. Myself and others from junior age groups through to senior age groups are constantly removing faeces from on and around the field of play. This selfish act by dog owners must be stopped immediately, before there are any serious incidents involving individuals and the faeces. The council have an obligation to look after the welfare and safety of individuals who are using the public playing fields. If these are the measure you need to impose to stop dogs from messing where children and Adults partake in team sports, then I for one will give my backing. There needs to be a hefty fine in place if owners are found to be disobeying the new proposed laws
- Agree Strongly agree, dog faeces causes massive issues in sports wounds. Irresponsible dog owners need to be punished
- Agree The amount of dog excrement on some of the pitches is obscene. This needs to be implemented AND enforced. The irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs foul on pitches need to be educated as to why the restrictions are being brought in too. The regulations will only work if they are enforced.
- Agree The amount of dog faeces on sports pitches is alarming and dangerous. There are plenty of other areas in the borough where dogs can be walked
- Agree The amount of dog mess in the area and on playing fields has increased. This is where children play sports. Also dogs are left to run onto playing fields while children are on them
- Agree The danger of all sorts of nasty life changing infections can be picked up by sportsmen and women who come into contact with uncollected faeces must be of concern.

- Agree The dangers of dog fouling are well documented. As a father and a coach of an U11s football team, I think it is entirely acceptable and proportionate to introduce these measures. As a dog owner, I would have no objection to complying with these measures. There are plenty of great areas to walk dogs, and pitches are not necessary. I am not aware of any equality issues. I have none.
- Agree The dogs that are go on the marked pitches are those that have been let off their leads and allowed to run with no control. This is when dogs defecate and owners ignore it. Extra dog bins and rubbish bins are needed at the Bryn playing fields in pontllanfraith possibly at every entry/exit to the park.
- Agree The football pitches where my grandson plays football is used as a dog field and there is always dog mess
- Agree The health dangers to adults and children playing sports coming in to contact with dog shit on playing fields,owners should face hefty fines and these fines then use to improve facilities. N/A N/A
- Agree The health implications of dog fscas following contact are avoidable if this is implemented,
- Agree The health of the people who legitimately use the sports fields outweighs the effects on dog owners.
- Agree The mess is very dangerous fir the children playing on the fields. I've found that every pitch my son plays is full of mess. I've had to change him in several occasions.. People don't pick it up.
- Agree The reason is simple, it is not healthy or safe for dogs to urinate or defecate on areas where children and adult play sports Increase the fine to £300 and also fine people who get caught throwing the poo bags in hedges and back lanes
- Agree The same answer as above, applies to both questions No
- Agree The same reason I have given in Q5 above. To achieve maximum compliance amongst dog owners with the proposals the Council must; 1) ensure adequate numbers of enforcement officers patrol our parks. If there is little or no visibility of such officers, the proposals will soon be ignored. 2) enforce the proposals and if necessary fine dog owners and pursue them in court for persistent disregard of the 'rules'.
- Agree The same reasons as above
- Agree The sports field needs to be clear of dog faeces for it to be safe for children and adults to use. Maybe a dog warden randomly patrolling the park/field. A supply of doggie waste bags supplied at lamppost outside the park and village.

- Agree There are considerable health risks from dog faeces, particularly toxocariasis with eggs surviving in soil for many months. Clear notices and fines if not compliant that if dog waste bins are full that owners take their dogs faeces home. Requirement for dogs to be on lead near nature spots such as Castle View Lake so that wild fowl are not disturbed
- Agree There are plenty of mountains etc to walk a dog a park is for children. My son was bitten by a dog off his lead in a park when I went to see the owner the dog was still running around off his lead very irresponsible.
- Agree There are plenty of areas where they can take their dogs. So there is no need to take their dog on pitches.
- Agree There are plenty of places to exercise dogs other than recreation grounds where sports are played and children run around. I should be able to take children out without having to check their shoes every 5 mins to make sure they haven't stepped in dog mess. Also I want them to feel safe rather than being mowed down and jumped on all over by an off the lead, or even on the lead, dog.
- Agree There are plenty of places we can take our dogs for a walk. I hope that all dog owners will take responsibility and not take their dogs on playing areas.
- Agree There are too many dangers posed by dog fouling, and too many irresponsible dog owners to ensure that it's safe. There are places for dogs and places for sport and children, and that is how it should remain
- Agree There has been a huge improvement with most dog owners being responsible however the easiest way to keep certain areas free from dog mess is to keep them dog free. None
- Agree There is a health risk to users of these facilities if dogs faeces are present and not picked up by the dog's owner. There are sufficient green spaces within the Borough where dogs can be walked so there is no reason why people should wish to walk their dogs on marked sports/playing pitches
- Agree There is far too much dog fowl on the playing fields even if a dog owner picks it up it can never 100 percent be clean it's a health hazard for anyone using the fields and there are plenty of green spaces for dogs to be exercised. No
- Agree There is hardly any reason to explain why we agree with this proposal. The vast amount of dog poo desecrating our villages is a sad reflection on the sense of social responsibility of many pet owners. I find these PC excuses offensive. If, for whatever reason, you cannot pick up after your dog, then you should not have one. We give these proposals our unconditional support.

- Agree There is no need to exercise a dog on a sports pitch. The risk to the health of those getting this mess in cuts, eyes etc can have serious consequences. Club volunteers should be picking up dog mess before games to ensure kids and adults don't end up in it. As a mother and life long participant in sport I feel these proposal directly affect me in a positive way.
- Agree There is no need to walk them on the pitches when there are so many footpaths and cycle-paths in the area. It is only lazy dog owners who want to drive to the nearest park and sit in their car while their dog runs around the pitches or they throw balls for them. These are not responsible dog owners and often don't clear the dog faeces. Even when picked up, the faeces can leave infection in the ground.
- Agree There is no place for dogs on the sports pitch
- Agree There is no reason to take a dog on to the sports or playing pitch
- Agree There is nothing worse than children trying and playing football on a field that dogs freely go on. Not only is it disgusting but it can cause infection and blindness in people with eye complaints I think you should have more people patrolling certain areas where dog fouling is rife and fine more people.
- Agree There is risk of persons coming into contact with dog faeces on sort pitches and play areas. N/A
- Agree There should be no faeces of any kind on sports fields. Both children and adults should have access to sports fields and pitches that are not contaminated by dog faeces or sewer spills. Have some form of deterrent re all of these rules to make them enforceable as otherwise people will continue to act irresponsibly re litter and dog waste. The Borough I lived in previously brought in on the spot fines for all littering and non pick ups of dog waste. The litter problem (which was nowhere near as bad as it is in CCBC) improved hugely once people became penalised for acting irresponsibly.
- Agree There shouldn't be issues with dog faeces etc on pitches that are used by sports teams, particularly children N/A
- Agree There's no need for dogs to be on playing fields
- Agree There's so much dog mess around and this can cause blindness.
- Agree These areas should be a safe place for children to play sport and not have to worry about dogs feases. I often see owners actually drive to these areas let the dogs out to run around the pitch whilst the owner sits in the car
- Agree These sports/playing pitches are there for children to play on not for dogs to be walked on, I agree there are dog owners who clean up after their dogs but you cannot clean every trace of feases and as this can cause health risks to children i believe dogs should be walked elsewhere, there are plenty of walks to take dogs.

- Agree They are sports pitches that need to be protected as such and not exercise grounds. The danger from the faeces getting into a cut and causing serious ill health is too great. We live by a pitch and whilst most dog owners are good, you cannot always pick it all up, especially if the dog has loose motions. No
- Agree They're are plenty of other green spaces we can walk or dogs. I've had children fall in dog mass in local playing fields. They were lucky it was only on their legs!
- Agree This is fine. I'm only interested in Morgan Jones Park. The red section of the map is clear and can only possibly relate to the already sectioned off area. No other part of this map is red so dogs must be allowed on these areas. Clearly other people are allowed in the green areas too. They do not, however, have exclusive access. This is a public park and a facility open to anyone essentially. This actually a fact as the gates are never, ever locked except the ones near the bowling green which are locked at weekends. Access to the car park is permanent. There are signs on the gates on Mill Road saying that they will be locked daily between certain times. They aren't and an explanation is required for this. On Friday/Saturday 13th/14th August a stolen golf buggy was brought into the park and set ablaze. What a terrible waste of resources fir the fire service to have to comer in extinguish it. If the gates had been locked it would not have happened although inevitably the fire would have been set elsewhere. There is a comedy mention on the map page of the Police. There is not a station and apart from the very occasional powerless PCSO are an invisible presence. So point 4 on the map page is another fantasy situation. Most significant is the relatively recent use of the red area for recreational football/ purposes by children (mainly girls). I'm all in favour of this as there are so many obese children already in the area. They presumably pay a rental of some sort. It had better not be a part of my extortionate Council Tax bill. But generally, this is laudable, good for the kids and beneficial for society. What is not good and in fact borderline criminal (of course no one about to police anything) is the attitude of some parents and other observers. They set up areas in the green section and lay claim to it being theirs. It is not as the map clearly shows. When I go down the Saturday and Sunday, I shall take all this with me. They bring their own dogs who run around befouling the green and red areas. Most incredibly they allow their children to defecate and urinate on the tump side of the pathway. When approached about this outstandingly egregious behaviour "the toilets are too far away". What sort of society is this? These tragically are parents bring up the next generation (if there is one of any consequence). They are arrogant, rude, feel entitled, park their massive cars that are ruining the Earth wherever they want and don't care about anyone. The council if it can be bothered, which would frankly be miraculous needs to do something.
- Agree This is vital for anyone using the fields Health and Wellbeing
- Agree This needs to be clearly marked however. Playing fields are also seasonal, ie football season limits. In this case it should be allowed in the off season, similar to beaches and appropriate signage should be provided.
- Agree This prevents any harm to individuals if dogs were to be prohibited Not all dog owners pick up after their dog has fouled an area

- Agree This problem is not just ongoing but appears to be getting worse and even when responsible owners pick up the result is never 100% successful. All of these rules are fine, providing they are enforced !
- Agree this should be expanded to all areas in these parks
- Agree This should have been proposed and enforced a long time ago. I am a dog owner, and I would never take my dog onto a sports field due to the health risks to those who use it. I also think fines for those who do not clean up after their dog should be huge, and repeat offenders should not be allowed to have pets.
- Agree This should prevent dog fouling on the pitches used by Bargoed RFC at Bargoed Park. Dog fouling has historically been a problem on the marked pitches within Bargoed Park. None I commend the Council for introducing the orders to cover marked pitches to protect the sports people of the Borough. Dog walkers will still have plenty of open spaces outside the marked pitches on which to exercise their dogs. Indeed many dog owners also have members of their families who regularly use the pitches which need to be protected.
- Agree To avoid contamination of these areas. I have no issue with banning dogs from actual playing pitches but the council needs to provide areas for dog walkers in the same way as they provide areas for rugby and football and playgrounds. Some walkers are unable to travel to walk their dogs and rely on these spaces and dog walkers should be treated equally with other people needs for open space close to housing. I do NOT agree with banning dog walkers from the spaces around the pitches.
- Agree To avoid dog fouling, which would be a health risk, and very unpleasant to all ages playing sport.
- Agree to keep every 1 safe
- Agree To make these spaces safer for people to enjoy. Some children/adults are intimidated by dogs running towards them and pouncing on them.
- Agree To prevent dog faeces being deposited on playing fields which necessitates the removal by club volunteers before matches or training. If it is not spotted children and players can easily fall into or tread in the faeces with obvious health and safety and hygiene implications. Children playing will not check. N/A I notice the Ynys in Pengam is not included in the list of playing fields affected. My understanding is that it remains a designated council playing field and is being brought back into use. As such it should be included.
- Agree To stop dogs going on to football and rugby pitches. Even urine can harm the humans. On your diagrams (64) of the pitches you have highlighted in red at Waunfawr Park you have not mentioned or highlighted the three junior rugby pitches along side New Park Road Risca NP11 7AE. This is where I see more dog owners running their dogs on the junior pitches and not picking up their dogs waste. The dogs urinate on the rugby post all the time and nothing is done about it. I'm sure if your children were playing on these pitches you would do something about it. Dogs

are a major reservoir for zoonotic infections. Selected diseases associated with dogs Campylobacteriosis. Tapeworm (Dipylidium canis) Hookworm. Rabies. Roundworm (Toxocara) Brucellosis. Capnocytophaga. Cryptosporidiosis. Leptospirosis is a disease caused by a bacterial infection which can lead to severe kidney and liver damage in dogs and can be spread to humans

- Agree To stop irresponsible owners from letting their dogs foul on playing fields. The council MUST start fining people who do not pick up dog mess. Where are the dog wardens. Put more dog mess bins around the village and along cycle paths. There are none on the path between new tredegar to abertyswg (only at the start in new tredegar). What's the point of having fines if the council does not use dog wardens to fine the irresponsible owners. No deterrent
- Agree Too few dog owners clear up after their animals. It's not only sports areas that they should be banned from. Far too many instances of dog fouling on the streets.
- Agree Too many dog owners not taking responsibility of their dogs allowing them off the lead jumping on children and adults. The amount of times I've heard dog owners tell me its ok my dog is friendly when it's not OK when they have jumped all over me with muddy paws, scared my six year old and upset my dogwood is on her lead. Don't get me started on dog fouling and people who think it's OK to leave bags of dog faeces on the side of the road/field etc.
- Agree Too many dogs off the leads in children's areas. Too much dog mess in the fields and parks. No
- Agree Too many dogs on green spaces where children play..eg Showfield Blackwood, Sports fields at Heolddu, Bargoed
- Agree Too many irresponsible dog owners At Senghenydd, the cricket pitch in between the 2 highlighted pitches should be included as it is used by both Senghenydd RFC's minis section and Aber valley FC minis. There are no markings as different age groups specify different size pitches and many games may take place simultaneously.
- Agree Too many irresponsible dog owners allow their dogs to foul on sports pitches, even those that clean up after.
- Agree Too much dog mess left in children's play areas/ Training fields.
- Agree Too many irresponsible dog owners not picking up their dog mess. Also even when the mess is picked up there is always some left on the grass meaning that children can still fall in it. To ensure the safety for all children playing sport pitches should be fenced off this then stopping dogs going onto the pitch and mass gatherings of young people who leave behind smashed glass and plenty of rubbish.
- Agree Totally agree and about time

- Agree Totally agree and this has been needed for many years. Some dog owners seem to think it's their right to walk dogs across areas where young children play daily. More so than ever before hygiene is paramount and dog mess on sports pitches should not be tolerated. Dogs off leads should also not be allowed especially around people the dog doesn't know - owners often say he's ok he won't bite - it's an animal how can they be sure.....
- Agree Totally agree with it!! n/a well done ccbc
- Agree Totally agree, however, adults and children have to walk through areas where dog fouling may have occurred to get to the playing pitch. I have seen school children with their teachers sitting in grass areas away from these no dogs allowed areas. Dog mess can never be fully removed and dogs should be kept away from all school areas and never be off the lead. Why would any of the proposals affect any of the above as individuals. I do not understand why picking up your dog mess and respecting no dog areas would offend any dog owner and why you would listen if anyone did. Enforce these proposals. Any area that has a sport/playing field and/or near a school should be a no dog area unless guide dogs. Dogs should always be on a lead especially around playing children, the noise and running around may excite the dog and cause it to attack. Dog owners are complacent, they never believe their dog would bite. More officers need to be on patrol and fining anyone who breaks these simple rules, no exceptions.
- Agree Totally agree. Even when picking up dog mess at times there's still some left on the grass - a child playing rugby/football could slide through this! Many dog owners let their dogs off leads with many running over to others using the field - at times these people are not comfortable with dogs and could deter them from using the green open space in the future. Seeing a dog run at children when not on a lead is heart in mouth at times thinking the worst. This should have been done a long time ago. Some people are so lazy and letting their dog off a lead on a sports field is just lazy and irresponsible as a dog owner.
- Agree Totally agree. If you spend time down on the sports fields in Aberbargoed, you will often see people drive up and let their dogs loose onto the fields. Many won't even leave their car, so it's obvious they have no intention on cleaning up the mess. What has any of the above got to do with being a responsible dog owner. Unless you're registered blind I suppose, then you're not able to detect what your dog has done.? Just happy to see more being done about irresponsible dog owners
- Agree Unfortunately some dog-owners do not pick up their dog mess which is not only disgusting but also a health hazard for people who play sports on these pitches.
- Agree Unfortunately there are a minority of dog owners who spoil it for the others. Irresponsible, not picking up any mess, or even bagging mess and throwing the bags in the bushes or somewhere

- Agree Unfortunately, the dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs spoil it for the majority of dog owners that do. As a parent as well as a dog owner I like my children to play freely and participate in organised sports in a safe environment and that includes free of dog mess. N/A
- Agree Very unsafe for people to play and risk falling in dog mess Ban people from keeping dogs if they are caught not picking up after their dogs or taking them into childrens playgrounds
- Agree Visit any sports site and you will see dog faeces over the playing surface Environmental wardens must use their powers to fine these offenders and encourage members of the public to provide information
- Agree We are giving this reason because there a too many people who simply don't listen with the rules that you have to pick up after your dog. It is quite worrying when you have children playing sport where dogs may have fouled and owners haven't cleaned up after them. We get so annoyed with people are so irresponsible for their pets.
- Agree we have a football pitch an park and dogs run around off lead Proposals couldn't come fast enough owners need prosecuting.
- Agree We have to walk the pitch at Fields Park picking up dog faeces off the field before the game N/A I dont know what more say. Its dangerous to players if they get the dog faeces into a wound. But how are yoi going to control it. Its very quiet at Fields Park. Unless Cameras momitoring the fields of perminant people at the venues i cant see much changing
- Agree We have to walk the pitch before every game to make sure it's clean. One day someone is going to get dog poo in a cut. It's very dangerous. There are bin provided to put it in. We have had games stopped by referees because of dog poo on the pitch. Having cleaned off the day before.
- Agree We run a rugby league club in Aneurin Park and regularly see dogs defaecating on the pitch, which is not healthy for our players.
- Agree We see the football trainers having to do a poo picking patrol before each match. It's awful for them! Na EXTRA LARGE SIGNS AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE PARK/PITCH AREA MUST BE ERECTED. MAKE THEM BRIGHT COLOURED SIGNS I.E. BLACK & RED ! PUT A TELEPHONE no & WEBSITE ADDRESS ON THE SIGNAGE SO RESPONSIBLE RESIDENTS CAN REPORT IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS FLOUTING THE RULES. IF THE RESTRICTIONS ARE AGREED - Publicise them regularly with frequent updates about how many people have been reported/fines and for what pitches - to get the MESSAGE OUT to residents in the Borough! Have a regular yearly advertising campaign to reiterate the dog ban on pitch message. I would like to know MOST IMPORTANTLY how the Council will strictly ENFORCE this ? Will the council accept photos from residents of persons and their dogs flouting the rules - and if necessary the Council circulate this information online for residents to identify unknown offenders. ?..?

- Agree We were unable to walk on THE Showfield in Blackwood during lockdown as we were sick and tired of being jumped on by loose dogs. It effected our mental health and limited our exercise opportunities. My grandson has been terrorised there too after having several of his footballs deflated by dogs. They now terrify him. Suggest maybe a designated dog area cordoned off in public places leaving children and the elderly feeling safe in their community to walk and exercise which is so important for health and well being.
- Agree Well there is plenty of space for everyone, so they should be doing it ,out of courtesy anyway.
- Agree What possible sensible argument could there be to the contrary? What possible sensible argument could there be to the contrary?
- Agree What they leave behind is totally unacceptable even if the owner cleans up after it some residue is always left behind and a danger to people playing games on pitch More signs and obvious patrols are needed.
- Agree When a dog poos it's not only poo that comes out so even if they do pice it up there's still liquid left that can be dangerous to people children useing the sports field and not all owners pick it up so if all dogs are banned there's no argument
- Agree When my son played football on the weekend, we had to do a check of the pitch to ensure all dog fouling was removed in order for them to play their match. I agree that most dog owners are very responsible, however these restrictions would help enforce the same decency on the irresponsible owners. Not applicable
- Agree Where dogs run free owners do not always notice (intentionally or not) when their dog has left faeces on the pitch/field. Also, dogs off the lead often chase/harass my child when they are playing with a ball on the field. More than making more rules however - these need to be enforced. The amount of dog faeces in my local area within the parks used by mostly children is unbearable, let alone the pavements in the borough.
- Agree While it is a shame that all dog owners are penalised for the actions of the few it is the only way to safeguard children playing.
- Agree While most dog owners are brilliant some don't care and risk is too high for those using the facilities.
- Agree Why should children and other sports people have to run the risk of dog faeces or urine on grass they are playing on? not applicable
- Agree Why should people have to play football etc , run around on a surface that could be contaminated by dogs faeces??? I think it should be the law , that no dog should be allowed outside of its own garden without a lead on , no dog should be allowed near any playground or marked pitch and a much greater fine should be awarded for any dog fouling anywhere where the owner has not picked it up and the person should me named and shamed

Agree With playing fields, there is higher likelihood of direct contact with hands and face, whereby anyone is more susceptible to serious illness.

Agree Yea I agree dogs shouldn't be allowed anywhere near rugby/football pitches cause any of the players fall into dog mess can cause serious problems I think it's the best idea to not allow dogs into children's play areas. But the biggest one is not allowing them onto rugby/football pitches. I hoping things can be done to help all the local teams thanks

Agree Yes - but looking at the maps of the sports pitches you have produced there does not seem to be much space between the edges of the sports pitches and the dog friendly zone - perhaps a 5m distance around the pitches would allow the teams and spectators a little more space

Agree Yes - however it is important that signage is introduced to clearly advise this and it is clearly accessible to all. Ponty park signage is terrible for example and I know so many people who have been caught out and that is not just. As a compromise, designated dog parks should be introduced in Caerphilly, gated and with water access - similar to what Ponty park have. Our four legged friends need somewhere to play and socialise with other dogs, it's important for their development and mental health. Put the onus on users to call out others for not picking up after their dogs using marketing and signage. Provide dog waste bags as they do in parts of RCT. You see them helpfully positioned on their lampposts. More dog waste bins are also needed in places heavily walked by dogs.. we walk up Caerphilly Mountain and through Wernddu forest regularly as they're on our step and we only have one bin to use, which is always full. Furthermore, I wanted to note here that our dog injured himself on broken glass in the forest last week. On another occasion he found a used tampon, we have also come across what looked like a human make shift toilet. I should stress we only moved to the area in March which isn't a long time to have come across all of this. The forest is being ruined by disrespectful wild campers. In these times, beautiful walking spots are so important and with there being emphasis put on being green and saving environment, CCBC need to be doing more to help keep these non official areas of natural beauty pure and free from foul and dangerous waste to pets, children and adults alike. Perhaps clear signage to say wild camping is illegal and a fine will be imposed if caught. Deterrent, punishments are needed to reduce these places being ruined and taken advantage off.

Agree Yes because even as a Dog owner and Treasurer of Local mini and junior rugby who book and use Waunfawr and Firestation fields the bad dog owners who cannot be bothered to control or clean up after their dogs cause no end of problems prior to training and games as we as parents have to patrol the pitches to clear dog mess, rubbish and broken glass. Employee people to actually enforce these orders and not just a 9 - 5 job people walk their dogs 24/7

Agree Yes for safety sake Whilst I completely agree with these measures the dog mess bins are not covering the village enough and are not emptied often enough

Agree Yes I agree children and adults play on these fields why should they have to play in fields where dogs are aloud to foul and owners don't do the duty of picking it up. Everytime I take my children to the park across the sports field I'm furious how much dog mess is left on the football pitch.

Agree Yes it should be clean and safe for all sports teams We still have plenty of places to walk Every owner /dog has the right to feel safe when out . If a lead is on then this would happen. I believe that all people using the fields for sport deserve to know that it is safe to do too

Agree Yes please, the sooner the better. I feel that increase in irresponsible dog ownership during pandemic is destroying quality of outdoor space for all. To put it in context, I was given a dog last year, but decided to rehome it after a very short time into the place in the country. I can understand that dog wants to run free, but dog also must be on the lead at all times in a busy residential area - it was just unfair for all. in Penyrheol Park there are so many kids, but sometimes outnumbered by dogs; it's accident waiting to happen. We have responsibility to prevent it. Green spaces for residents :-)

As a council tax payers we would like to enjoy our parks and sport areas again.

Agree You cannot guarantee that All dog owners will pick up the mess, and athletes safety is a priority in this case

Agree Young children play on these pitches and irresponsible dog owners can potentially cause harm to these young children by not picking up dog mess after them.

Agree

Agree Need to have wider availability of biodegradable bags etc for dog mess and or more information about various options!

Agree

What a ridiculous question

Agree

More needs to be done by the powers that be, even the police could do nothing, had it been my children who got attacked I would now be on a murder charge

Agree

The council should increase council tax for all homes with dogs given the additional cost of faeces waste.

Agree

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Agree You the council need to look at the amount of smashed bottles around Oakdale rugby ground this is posing a serious problem to dogs and children play on the surrounding paths and skate park.

Agree

More dog bin are needed- particularly in Parc Penallta

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Agree Make sure the signs are clear and monitor the situation. I.e There are signs on north gates of Penmaen park that whilst visible are faded/damaged and people still take dogs in there.

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Agree Need more ways to report people who are breaking these rules and more clear signage.

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Agree There should be more dog friendly areas for dogs and owners to be able to exercise

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Agree Designated dog walking areas/fields needed

Agree For many years the local residents have had to put up, and complain about, anti social behaviour since the building of the new overflow car park in Machen Welfare (grasscrete). When this was laid there seemed to be a rush by Machen Welfare to open the car park before the grass had any chance to grow through the plastic (grasscrete). It has since been abused by motorists using this area to handbrake turn, wheel spin and race on the now exposed plastic surface - as grass has never been allowed chance to grow. This has not only caused severe damage to the grasscrete car park

but continues to be an attraction and focal point which attracts vehicular antisocial behaviour. The impact and cost of this far exceeds the impact of the occasional dog mess on the playing field yet nothing seems to have been done. Regards from a very frustrated resident of Machen Welfare

Agree

Agree Please put bins in country parks, mayb bags won't be left on the ground or hung on trees.

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Agree The old tennis court by the rugby pitch in Oakdale, would make a good designated dog exercise area. Fenced off, with dog waste bins and basic dog agility equipment, would be so much nicer than the current unused covered in glass waste area

Agree

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Agree Could dog owners be given areas within their boroughs so their dogs can run freely around, perhaps protected dog walking areas.

Agree

Agree

Agree Dogs faeces in cemetery on graves. Unless a guide dog,then dogs shouldn't be allowed.

Agree

Agree Would be useful if the council actually emptied the dog bins. Most are missed and not collected for weeks or until so one complains.

Agree No.

Agree i would just like to recommend that the path around the showfield should be completed to enable dog walkers to stick to the path and review the rubbish bins as they are always overflowing and there is litter everywhere especially on the weekend by replacing the bins for bigger ones or more bins.

Agree

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Agree I don't believe any responsible dog owner should be adversely affected These proposals are fine in principle - but without adequate investment in dog wardens or officers to patrol these areas it seems superfluous, a complete waste of time as nothing will change in practice.

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Agree More needs to be done to prosecute owners who blatantly disregard the rules and regulations set by local councils and law. Not just for public areas but also highways and footpaths. We've all had enough.

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Agree It should be an offence to leave dog poo in bags in public spaces or footpaths.

Agree

Agree I believe the policy should be when walking in Public all dogs should be on lead. We are getting an other Dog as soon as we can venture out. We have be in Shielding since last March 2020 due to illness.

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Agree I have mobility problems and am very concerned about the lack of flat dog walking paths and areas in the Pontllanfraith district. Many of the footpaths are uneven.

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Agree I am very concerned about dogs not being supervised at Penyfan Pond. I am a daily walker and see several people each day allowing their dogs to run amock whilst they are having snacks at the cafe. I also have tell people to clear up their dogs faeces as they are unaware as they walk ahead of their dogs

Agree

Agree In order for this proposal to work you will need a council employee at every playing pitch within the borough at all times. You will also need to board or fence in every single marked pitch to keep dogs off them, especially if you plan on not having a warden to monitor them. Otherwise, this will be fruitless as people will still walk their dogs on pitches.

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them.

N/A There should be 'dog only' fields where dogs can be let off their leads, these could need to be local so that all individuals can use

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Its a great idea plenty of other places to walk the dog just not on a playing field for sports

Agree

Agree Dogs are Not the issue in our village it's sheep. There are sheep droppings every on side walk cycle paths front gardens rugby field around play areas etc. You are constantly walking in it. You make an effort and plant flowers and shrubs and the sheep come along and eat them. Council's been informed but nothing done. Children and Adults are playing and training on the field rolling in it and not knowing. This is very dangerous. It's not dogs being the issue it's SHEEP.

Agree

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Agree Regular visits by proposed nominated officers because frustrated that not everyone keeps to the rules

Agree

Agree Dogs should not be off lead in any public spaces. The council should provide 'fenced secure areas' for dogs to use and be able to run off lead.

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Agree Owners of dog fouling in back lanes and all public places should be fined heavily!!

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Agree I am looking at this from two personal points of view, 1 as a dog owner and 2 as a coach of a child's football team. I 100% agree that dogs should not be allowed on marked sports pitches, but also find it difficult to identify open spaces to walk my dog. A perfect solution to this is to fence off the sports pitches, as has been done to children's play parks and gym areas. For example the showfield in Blackwood, the child's play park and the gym are fenced off, so dogs are unable to enter these. If the marked football pitches were also fenced off, this would allow the sports fields to be kept free of dogs and potential dogs mess and also allowing plenty of open space for dogs to run around. If you are proposing dogs are kept off the fields, there should be measures in place to prevent this and a fence is the perfect solution. If not, you will need to provide open areas that are specifically for dog owners to walk their dogs, without worrying about them wandering on to sports pitches. Other wise, there will be less and less places for dog owners to walk their dogs safely and without the prospect of getting fined.

Agree

Agree The amount of dog waste throughout pontlottyn is disgusting there is nowhere near enough bins in the village especially on the river path along the recreation ground the only bin is at the start of the walk so people just bag the mess and leave on the side of the path however if bins were provided at various distances along the route they would be able to put it in a bin a vehicle can get to more than half of the route so there isn't any excuse of not being accessible to clean from your point of view

Agree Dogs should be kept on a lead in all populated public places.

Agree More waste bins are needed along routes not just at entrances to walks..

Agree The maps showing the green and red areas where dogs are and aren't allowed respectively, show areas where dogs are currently allowed in green. this includes children's parks for example and could lead to confusion. Please could you address this when reporting the results of the survey.

- Don't Know As long as the pitches and areas are clearly marked Why do I need to be different to be affected????? I'm a dog owner it affects me... you're pushing people from safe places to walk dogs to unlit unpopulated areas.. dogs need to socialise like humans ... dog theft is a huge problem at the moment.... Are the council proposing nice, flat areas of grass where dog walking can take place??? These areas will need to be clearly marked out on the ground, agree in principle, but if some jumped up council official tells me my dog is a nuisance without any training then or experience of owning a dog then it's a pointless exercise and I won't be listening
- Don't Know I am concerned that dogs need a run and to be exercised close to home for practical reasons of owners, time and access to a car to travel which could disproportionately affect those with some protected characteristics, and i dont want the dogs to suffer or by not being walked or to put strain on farm land if they decide to exercise dogs there as the public have shown total disregard for livestock and countryside during the lock downs and need educating again . Dog poo is also toxic to farm and wild life . I understand that people playing on fields shouldn't have to risk dog poo either and if its a major problem if rather see more wardens than a ban or a ban from the pitches yes but not from the surrounds You forgot sex as a protected characteristic, which is different from gender. And the 2 shouldn't be conflated . . I think it may adversely affect women who still have major responsibility for home life and care even whilst working outside the home, increasing womens load . It may also affect the elderly or disabled people without cars and may have a detrimental effect on all users mental health .
- Don't Know As above . We must be able to access the outdoors for our enjoying and exercise is very important to meet up with like minded people .not say I'm not saying dogs must not go onto the football pitches or play park . But we .use be allowed to walk around these areas. As previously said this was brought up a few years ago .
- Don't Know I agree as long as people can still walk dogs outside of the the marked pitch area/fenced of area
- Don't Know The majority of adults can follow the rules, it's a shame others can't, they spoil it !!, animals are a big part of family life these days !!.. and much loved..!! Personally I'm afraid of dogs , so I'm happy to walk past a dog on a lead , I'm more at ease, same for my daughter and granddaughter s .. , Hopefully you at the council can come to a happy decision for all concerned with this matter, and look at all the points of the residents .. !!..
- Don't Know Why I hate seeing dogs mess on sports field it is equally bad to see discarded bottles and cans etc left by the sports club especially the members of Cascade Youth Club Football Club whom seen to have a total disregard of taking their rubbish home My husband and I are both pensioners and walk around the local football field - always picking up after our dog. We are not able to walk to any other green area as it's too far.

- Don't Know Would this prevent dogs being walked in areas where there are paths and pitches as this could limit people's use of outdoor areas restricting their own access to wellbeing exercise provide Ensure that dog waste bins are readily available and emptied regularly so that people do not allow dogs to foul anywhere or owners to dispose of waste inappropriately
- Don't Know I understand the reason for proposing this. I just don't see how it can be enforced, it's also not practical. You can't control the dog poop at the moment how can you control this? It will end in arguments amongst members of the public I think. Also as an example, I have to walk on the football field by me to get to the farmers field. There are not many dog walking areas either to go. So people use the football field. It's public use so I don't see how it can be fair. The main issue is the dog poop. Sort that out first. More dog poo bins, more policing of dog walkers not picking up poop (bring back dog wardens?)
- Don't Know In some places that's the only place to walk a dog unless your walking the streets we need more bins in place to be able to dispose of the stuff and not carry it a mile or sometimes even home to be able to dispose of it tidy and more patrols in these areas to make sure people are cleaning up after their dogs
- Don't Know Playing sports pitches yes dogs shouldn't be on them, but recreation area should have a fenced off perimeter fence inside the main area creating a partitioned off area where dogs can be walked without getting in the way of sports being played, cameras fitted to catch any fouling and fines used to pay for this.
- Don't Know I agree as the amount of off lead dogs everywhere and the amount of dog foul is disgusting and needs to be dealt with however will these pitches be marked better as someone who uses Blackwood show field I struggle to know where the pitch starts and ends
- Don't Know The council should bring this in but you should add a dog play park where they can play and run without worrying about other people complaining about what your animal is doing
- Don't Know For some people who can't walk far, eg elderly, maybe they can't walk that far. If you take all sports fields away where will they go. Fence off the actual field but allow a walk way round it. Fence the pitch off but make a walk way round it for dog owners to walk. In Wattsville there is a top field which could be completely fenced off. The football club are trying to take over the bottom field too, which means nowhere to exercise your dog. There's enough room down the bottom field for a dedicated enclosed dog park as well as 3 or 4 football pitches which will barely be used in the day. Where are the dog wardens? Bring back dog licences and get more dog wardens in. There should be more bins on the Sirhowy valley walk as people leave their dog poo bags everywhere. People are also using dog bins for rubbish. There are NO rubbish bins over the walk at all.
- Don't Know As above

- Don't Know I understand the problem of irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul playing fields. However there is a shortage of alternative green spaces to exercise dogs in most towns. Keeping and exercising dogs is also a leisure and social activity and if we have nowhere convenient to exercise dogs, there will be unhappy dogs and owners which also leads to public health problems. I would favour higher fines/penalties and more policing of dog fouling.
- Don't Know Can the pitches be fenced in allowing dog walkers to use the remaining areas? Would make more sense? Fences around pitches to prevent animals accessing them?
- Don't Know I live very close to the showfield in Blackwood and I walk my dog there around three times per week. I agree that dogs shouldn't be allowed in the children's play area or within the lines of the marked out football/rugby pitches. But I would still like to be able to walk my dog around the showfield avoiding the pitches. My dog is always on a lead and we don't walk within the actual marked football pitches.
- Don't Know As long as faeces is removed by the owners I don't see the issue with dogs on sports pitches as there is not tonnes of green spaces in caerphilly for dogs to roam free in a safe contained environment Park wardens/PCSO's to monitor the parks. I believe individuals drinking and smashing bottles on these pitches are causing more hassle for myself as a individual who uses bargoed park for rugby and other fitness and aberbargoed pitches for football. There has been numerous times where we have had to refrain from using certain areas of the pitch due to these circumstances.
- Don't Know I can see the benefits of a blanket ban but i dont see how Ccbc would be abel to control this as they can not or seem not to control the current situation with dog mess on streets from non responsible dog owners. No I would like to know more information on how this would be controlled is there going to be more patrols? and if so how will these be payed for? what would be the consequences off not following the rules and how would these be implemented? I do see the benefit of this ban but yet again it will not stop it or improve the situation, this action would seem to make things more difficult for responsible owners. I look forward to any response
- Don't Know
- Don't Know However, an alternative area needs to be found for residents in some areas to walk their dogs. For example, within my local area (Cefn Hengoed) there is only this one place in the village that is green where dogs can currently be walked. It feels very much like the responsible owners among us are being penalised for those that don't clean up after their dogs and therefore make the pitch unsafe. Whilst policing the picking up of dog faeces is difficult for a council with limited resources to do, it seems unfair that we lose the ability to safely and responsibly walk our dogs on some of the last remaining green spaces left in the borough - with the majority being given planning permission for redevelopment into buildings/housing. Could an alternative area within Cefn Hengoed be found for us to safely walk our

dogs free from intimidation by local youths and of a suitable size/space? villages/areas whom will be losing their only green space for dog walking.

The provision of a dog walking area for residents in

- Don't Know I agree with the idea in theory but the majority of parks and open spaces blend one area into others like playgrounds, picnic areas, playing fields and footpaths giving no physical boundaries. I propose that the marked playing fields to be fenced off to safeguard the public using the playing areas and to safeguard dogs and there owners
- Don't Know Dogs need areas to run and play with other dogs, this will greatly limit those areas. Dog owners need to be encouraged to walk and socialise their dogs, areas need to be close to home. Unexercised and unsocial dogs create other problems within the community, such as excessive barking and behaviour issues.
- Don't Know I would never allow my dog to go onto a marked sports pitch or playing field when it is being used and I also ensure that my dog doesn't foul on the pitches in Bargoed, where I live but I have allowed my dog to run on the pitches when I am exercising her. I completely understand the concerns regarding dog faeces on playing fields but it needs to be dealt with everywhere as do irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs. I would also like to see the issue of smashed glass addressed to.
- Don't Know As long as we can walk around the outskirts of the said pitch. Unless the said pitch is blocked off with railings I will still use the pitch. I always pick up after my dog and not all dog owners should be tarred with the same brush!
- Don't Know I myself don't walk my dog across pitches, but I would imagine if you do take your dog to for e.g. watch your children play sports this would be a inconvenience.
- Don't Know There are a number of dogs in the area that wander around unaccompanied defecating and attacking other dogs.
- Don't Know If all other measures to control dog fouling have been tried and failed, then banning dogs from sports pitches would be a last resort.
- Don't Know During the last year has highlighted that public open spaces are needed more than even with the current pandemic, it would be best practice for the proposal to be introduced, but managing it is a nightmare without putting physical barriers and controls in place to best protect people in the community. Investment is desperately needed protect the local communities by means of fencing off marked pitches, employing parkkeepers/rangers to manage open spaces. Its not only a dog issue there's a worrying anti social issue among young people gathering and drinking in these open spaces in the evenings, on many occasions i have come across littering, smashed glass bottles on market pitches and recently a broken beer bottle planted in the ground on a marked rugby pitch which could of caused serious injury.

Don't Know I dnt agree with dogs being exclude from nearly Every think It will affect me I'm a oap with walking disabilities n can only walk where its flat n plenty of seats Surely as we getting older n get disabilities we should be thought of not just children n sport people they be old one day n be sorry that they got nowhere to go in their old age that they can also enjoy

Don't Know

Don't Know I agree that owners should clean up after their dogs and not doing so is disgraceful but many sports/playing pitches are marked out within the grounds of large parks so I'm not sure if you are proposing to ban dogs completely out of a park with a pitch marked out.

Dogs are part of families or owned by individuals, a dog needs to be exercised properly to have the right temperament and behaviour in the home. Dogs should have designated exercise areas that are safe to use by them and their owners whether that be as a family or individual. Places like canal paths and country walks are sometimes too busy with joggers, bikes and walkers for dogs to have a decent walk due to dodging others. Everyone should have equal rights to exercise whether they own a dog or not.

Don't Know These pitches would need to be well known as I frequently walk my dog off the lead. He recalls on commend and therefore I would need good visible signage to indicate what is a used sports field as many are not actually used

Don't Know Re; Dog Exclusion and sport pitches • Excluding dogs from areas that are not enclosed could pose enforcement problems - we would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries. • We feel that exclusion zones should be kept to a minimum, and that excluding dogs from all sports pitches for long stretches of the year is unnecessary. In some cases sports pitches may account for a large part of the open space available in a public park, and therefore excluding dogs could significantly reduce available dog walking space for owners. • We would urge the Council to consider focusing its efforts on reducing dog fouling in these areas, rather than excluding dogs entirely, with adequate provision of bins and provision of free disposal bags Dogs Trust has been made aware that Caerphilly County Borough Council is planning to introduce a series of Public Space Protection Orders. As the UK's largest dog welfare charity, we would like to make some comments for consideration. Dogs Trust's Comments 1. Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order: • Dogs Trust consider 'scooping the poop' to be an integral element of responsible dog ownership and would fully support a well-implemented order on fouling. We urge the Council to enforce any such order rigorously. In order to maximise compliance we urge the Council to consider whether an adequate number of disposal points have been provided for responsible owners to use, to consider providing free disposal bags and to ensure that there is sufficient signage in place. • We question the effectiveness of issuing on-the-spot fines for not being in possession of a poo bag and whether this is practical to enforce. 2. Re; Dog Exclusion Order: • Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries. • Dogs Trust would highlight the need to provide plenty of signage to direct owners to alternative areas nearby in which to exercise dogs. 3. Re; Dog Exclusion Order and beaches: • With phone calls often

being made to the RSPCA and Police alerting to dogs being left in hot cars in coastal areas, we would urge you to consider the danger animals may be put in, and the difficult decisions owners have to make, by not being allowed to take their dogs onto the beach. • If the Council does choose to implement this order, Dogs Trust would encourage looking into a compromise between beach goers and dog owners, e.g. allowing dogs onto the beach in the evenings or early mornings, or having dog friendly sections on the beaches. • Strict dog exclusion restrictions can also lead to a decrease in dog friendly tourism for businesses along the coast, which in turn could have a negative impact on the local economy.

4. Re; Dog Exclusion and sport pitches • Excluding dogs from areas that are not enclosed could pose enforcement problems - we would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries. • We feel that exclusion zones should be kept to a minimum, and that excluding dogs from all sports pitches for long stretches of the year is unnecessary. In some cases sports pitches may account for a large part of the open space available in a public park, and therefore excluding dogs could significantly reduce available dog walking space for owners. • We would urge the Council to consider focusing its efforts on reducing dog fouling in these areas, rather than excluding dogs entirely, with adequate provision of bins and provision of free disposal bags

5. Re; Dogs on Leads Order: • Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead. • Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns – this includes the need for sufficient exercise including the need to run off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act. • The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety of, well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead.

6. Re; Dogs on Lead by Direction Order: • Dogs Trust enthusiastically support Dogs on Leads by Direction orders (for dogs that are considered to be out of control or causing alarm or distress to members of the public to be put on and kept on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised official). • We consider that this order is by far the most useful, other than the fouling order, because it allows enforcement officers to target the owners of dogs that are allowing them to cause a nuisance without restricting the responsible owner and their dog. As none of the other orders, less fouling, are likely to be effective without proper enforcement we would be content if the others were dropped in favour of this order.

7. Re; Taking more than a specified number of dogs onto a land: • The behaviour of the dogs and the competency of the handler need to be taken into consideration if considering this order. Research from 2010 shows that 95% of dog owners have up to 3 dogs. Therefore the number of dogs taken out on to land by one individual would not normally be expected to exceed four dogs. The PDSA's 'Paw Report 2018' found that 89% of veterinary professionals believe that the welfare of dogs will suffer if owners are banned from walking their dogs in public spaces such as parks and beaches, or if dogs are required to be kept on leads in these spaces. Their report also states that 78% of owners rely on these types of spaces to walk their dog. I would also like to bring your attention to the similar recommendations stated in the Government's 'Anti-social behaviour powers -Statutory guidance for frontline professionals' document, pages 52/53. We believe that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and that the majority of dogs are well behaved. In recognition of this, we would encourage local authorities to exercise its power to issue Community Protection Notices, targeting irresponsible owners and proactively addressing anti-social behaviours. Dogs Trust works with local authorities across the UK to help

promote responsible dog ownership. Please do not hesitate to contact should you wish to discuss this matter. We would be very grateful if you could inform us of the consultation outcome and subsequent decisions made in relation to the Public Space Protection Order

Don't Know I agree children's playing fields should be kept safe and clean. However, concerned that green spaces in ystrad Mynach are limited and the council currently has plans to limit them further, meaning their plans with this rule would leave dogs with even less option in the village I live in. There also seems to be more issue with broken glass and rubbish on the fields and paths than dog mess.

Don't Know Some dog on leads are fine but only on a lead No Again owners just need to keep there dog on a lead and clean up the mess the dog does.

Don't Know

Don't Know I would principally agree, except for those few people for whom are the only places to exercise their dog- say the elderly or infirm (people and dogs!); if those make sure they are scrupulous about cleaning up and about when they use those spaces = NOT when other activities or taking place O would not object the greatest problem with any of these measures is the lack of enforcement; we already have decent rules about cleaning up after dogs or dogs not being dangerously out of control; however mess and anti- social behaviour are ever increasing- I assume because the chance of being caught and fined are low; when I approach owners (males in particular) who leave dog mess in local lanes I get abuse

Don't Know I regularly use the Bryn recreational playing field, always keeping to the outside. Many people however take dogs on the marked pitches when not in use, in particular off-lead so they can have a run. Whilst I completely agree that dogs should not foul the marked areas, it needs to be noted that there are fewer and fewer areas to exercise your dog by walking from the house. This has been exacerbated by all the housebuilding going on and the Council is effectively encouraging people to get in their cars to travel to areas where you can give a dog proper exercise, which is counter-intuitive. As stated at Q7, taking away areas for exercising dogs adversely affects all but in particular for older people and those with a disability. The Council needs to place many more dog litter bins on streets but also in places like the above playing field. There are only two bins and if your dog doesn't foul when near one of these bins, you have to carry it for some time. I do this but there are always those who don't so more bins, very regularly emptied, would help. There are some who'll never pick up but the Council should be helping the majority who do the right thing by making life a little easier - and ensuring there are no excuses for the minority!

Don't Know I agree that they should not be on the children's play areas however some elderly and vulnerable people that cannot take their pets on very long walks will find this very difficult . Dogs shouldn't be aloud to go in past the lines on the pitch but I do not see the harm of them walking on the outer side as long as anything left by the dog is picked up The elderly would find not having a field to walk their dogs very difficult my

dad for one cannot take his dogs on long walks and uses the field but always carry's bags and uses them in the correct manner Children also love seeing dogs in the fields as long as owners are walking their dogs on leads around other dogs and disposing of any doggy bags in the right manner I don't feel it should be stopped it will affect the older generation

Don't Know The Bathsfield Risca is not on your map. Football and rugby is played on there

Don't Know I understand the reasons why the council would like to ban dogs from playing has the things needs to be put in place before the council can implement. NA The council will need to provide fencing around the playing fields to enclose pitches e.g. Morgan Jones Park. Also people who hire the playing field needs to be told that area is what they are hiring and not the rest of the field because this is likely to cause conflict within the community.

Most of us clear up our dogs mess it's not fair to tarnish us all Due to my disability I need to sit close to my car at the park which sometimes is close to the pitch. I clean up my dogs mess!!

the show field is a great meeting place for everyone with or without a dog lets look after it also why not cordon off the sports pitches so dogs cannot run on them having a dog warden keeping an eye on the showfield

Sports pitches are provided for members of the public who want to play sports what are you providing for dog owners to exercise their dogs and themselves

ANNEXE 4

Q1	Q1a	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9
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Gadewir y dudalen hon yn wag yn fwiadol

The Kennel Club's Response to Caerphilly County Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

Submitted on 14th June 2021 by: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB, email: kcdog@thekennelclub.org.uk

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare, and training. Our objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. We campaign for and advocate on behalf of dogs and their owners and, as part of our external affairs activities, engage with local authorities on issues such as Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). We also run KC Dog, the UK's largest dog owners group, which was established to campaign against unreasonable access restrictions for dog owners and to monitor emerging access-related issues.

The Kennel Club is the only national organisation named by the UK Government as a body that local authorities should consult prior to introducing restrictions on dog walkers and is considered the leading canine authority on dog access. As such, we would like to highlight the importance of ensuring that PSPOs are necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. We also believe that it is essential for authorities to balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users.

Response to proposed measures

Exclusion

The Kennel Club does not typically oppose Orders to exclude dogs from playgrounds or enclosed recreational grounds, such as skate parks, tennis courts, or beaches and promenades, as long as alternative provisions are made for dog walkers in the vicinity. Children and dogs should be able to socialise together quite safely under adult supervision, with having a child in the home the biggest predictor for a family owning a dog.

We can support reasonable 'dogs on lead' Orders which can, when used in a proportionate and evidence-based way, include areas such as cemeteries, picnic areas, or on pavements in proximity to cars and other road traffic.

However, we will oppose PSPOs which introduce blanket restrictions on dog walkers accessing public open spaces without specific and reasonable justification. Dog owners are required to provide their dogs with appropriate daily exercise, including "regular opportunities to walk and run", which in most cases will be off lead while still under control.

Their ability to meet this requirement is greatly affected by the amount of publicly accessible parks and other public places such as beaches and promenades in their area where dogs can exercise without restrictions. This section of the Animal Welfare Act was included in the statutory guidance produced for local authorities by the Home Office on the use of PSPOs.

Accordingly, the underlying principle we seek to see applied is that dog controls should be the least restrictive to achieve a given defined and measurable outcome – this is the approach used by Natural England. In many cases, a seasonal or time of day restriction will be effective and the least restrictive approach, rather than a blanket year-round restriction. For instance, a "dogs on lead" order for a picnic area is unlikely to be necessary in mid-winter.



The Government provided clear instructions to local authorities that they must provide restriction free sites for dog walkers to exercise their dogs. This message was contained in the guidance document for DCOs, and has been retained in both the Defra/Welsh Government and Home Office PSPO guidance documents, with the Defra guidance for PSPOs stating 'local authorities should ensure there are suitable alternatives for dogs to be exercised without restrictions'.

Dog fouling

The Kennel Club strongly promotes responsible dog ownership, and believes that dog owners should always pick up after their dogs wherever they are, including fields and woods in the wider countryside, and especially where farm animals graze to reduce the risk of passing Neospora and Sarcocystosis to cattle and sheep respectively.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ further proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing Orders in this respect.

These proactive measures can include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog faeces can be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog.

Means to pick up

Whilst we support proactive efforts on behalf of local authorities to encourage responsible dog ownership, measures to require owners to pick up after their dogs must be fair and proportionate. We would not like to see responsible dog owners penalised unfairly.

The Kennel Club has concerns regarding the proposal to introduce an offence of not having the means to pick up. Responsible owners will usually have dog waste bags or other means to clear up after their pets. However, if dog owners are approached at the end of a walk they may have already used the bags that they have taken out or given a spare bag to someone who has run out, for example. Such behaviour is encouraged by Green Dog Walker schemes.

It is also plausible that such proposals could, in certain circumstances, perversely incentivise dog walkers to not pick up after their dog. Dog walkers could be made to decide between using their final waste bag and risk being caught without means to pick up, or risk not picking up in order to have a means to pick up should they be stopped later on their walk. It is reasonable to assume a proportion of dog walkers would choose the second option if they believed this was the least likely route to being caught, especially if the penalty for not picking up was the same as not being in possession of a means to pick up. Local authorities may wish to consider introducing a clause which provides an exemption for those who have run out of bags but are able to prove that they were in possession of and made use of these during their walk.

It is essential that an effective communication campaign is launched in the local area to ensure that people are aware of the plans and have an excess supply of dog waste bags with them. Additionally, appropriate signage should be erected to inform that those who are not familiar with the local rules are not unfairly caught out.



The most effective spot checks that the local authority could carry out are those which catch offenders in the act of not picking up, rather than guessing behaviours on the basis of what dog owners are or are not carrying with them. For example, in the absence of waste bags, owners trying to flout the measures could theoretically point to any number of items on their person that they intend to use. This gives rise to concerns about the ease with which local authorities could successfully enforce this law when trying to define whether or not dog owners have a means of picking up. Alternatively, an irresponsible owner looking to avoid a fine could simply tie one bag to their dog's lead or collar but not actually use it.

Cornwall Council considered introducing a similar means to pick up measure, but subsequently decided against doing so as they deemed it to be disproportionate and concluded that the requirement would be 'toothless', as it would be highly unlikely to be enforceable in a magistrates court. If the Council proceeds to introduce such a measure, it is essential it provides greater clarity to dog walkers on how to comply with the Order.

On lead by direction

The Kennel Club strongly welcomes 'On lead by direction' Orders. These allow responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs off lead without restriction providing their dogs are under control, whilst simultaneously giving the local authority powers to restrict dogs not under control.

We recommend that the authorised officer enforcing the Order is familiar with dog behaviour in order to determine whether restraint is necessary. There exists the possibility that a dog, through no fault of its own, could be considered a 'nuisance' or 'annoyance' to someone who simply does not like dogs.

We encourage local authorities to make use of more flexible and targeted measures at their disposal, including Acceptable Behavioural Contracts and Community Protection Notices. Kennel Club Good Citizen Training Clubs and our accredited trainers can assist owners whose dogs run out of control due to them not having the ability to train a reliable recall.

Appropriate signage

It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs, The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 makes it a legal requirement for local authorities to –

“cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to -

(i) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and

(ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be).”



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Assistance dogs

The Kennel Club welcomes the exemptions proposed in this Order for assistance dogs. We urge the Council to review the Equality and Human Rights Commission's guidance for businesses and service providers when providing any exemptions for those who rely on assistance dogs. The guidance can be viewed here: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses.pdf>

However, we would suggest further consideration of the wording contained within the Order, specifically with reference to 'registered charity'. While a proportion of assistance dogs relied upon by disabled people are trained by charities, many are not. A number of reputable assistance dog providers are members of Assistance Dogs UK. This umbrella group currently has eight member organisations, which can be viewed here: <http://www.assistedogs.org.uk/>. It is important to note that the membership of Assistance Dogs UK is not a definitive list of all UK assistance dog organisations and may change during the currency of the PSPO. It also does not provide for owner trained assistance dogs.

We therefore encourage the Council to allow for some flexibility when considering whether a disabled person's dog is acting as an assistance dog. The Council could consider adopting the definitions of assistance dogs used by Mole Valley District Council, which can be found here:

https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/1/b/83072_-_Completed_PSPO.pdf
or that of Northumberland County Council:

"(4) The term "Assistance Dog" shall mean a dog which has been trained to assist a person with a disability.

(5) The expression "disability" shall have the meaning prescribed in section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or as may be defined in any subsequent amendment or re-enactment of that legislation".

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23 June 2021

Dear Mr Mumford,

Re: Exclusion of dogs from marked playing pitches

Alongside our response to the Public Spaces Protection Order consultation relating to dog control, we are writing to raise our concerns regarding access restrictions for dog owners, with a proposed new measure excluding dogs from marked playing pitches. We have been contacted by a number of local dog walkers who are understandably concerned about the potential impacts of this exclusionary measure.

As the leading national organisation on dog access, The Kennel Club regularly engages with local authorities on PSPOs to ensure that restrictions are both proportionate and evidence-based.

Regarding sports pitches, we ask local authorities to consider whether or not access restrictions are absolutely necessary. If they are deemed to be so, time or seasonal restrictions may be more appropriate than a continuous exclusion order. We are aware that in many areas, dog walkers do allow their dogs to exercise on playing fields when they are not in use.

We believe that banning dogs from marked sports pitches is counterproductive, and will unfairly punish responsible dog owners and result in these walkers and their dogs being displaced onto other areas of land nearby, creating new conflicts where previously none existed. Given the difficulty of predicting the effects of displacement, the Council should consider whether alternative sites for dog walkers are suitable and can support an increase in the number of dog walkers using them. For example, the All-Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare has previously highlighted the increased risk to livestock if dog walkers are displaced to farmland.

As well as this, Councillor George highlighted his concerns relating to the presence of disease on sports pitches that dogs use. The risk of toxocara remains incredibly low: to pose a risk, dog faeces must go uncollected for between ten and fourteen days. Banning dog walkers that are compliant with rules will likely result in fewer people with waste bags walking across the pitches picking up after less responsible dog walkers. It is also worth noting that cat and fox faeces are also a big source of toxocara – so regardless of whether dogs fouled on the pitch, there would still be an ongoing risk. Indeed, once contaminated, the soil remains ‘dangerous’ for a considerable time period.



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We hope that you take these views into consideration when deciding whether to implement this measure. Should you have any comments or wish to discuss this point any further, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing william.pickworth@thekennelclub.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Consultation Response

FROM THE RSPCA IN WALES

Consultation response: Caerphilly County Borough Council's Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control July 2021

RSPCA Cymru welcomes the opportunity to respond to Caerphilly Council's formal consultation on its proposals to amend a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - made under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 - in relation to dog control.

THE COUNCIL IS PROPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO DOG CONTROL, NAMELY:

- EXCLUDING DOGS FROM ALL ENCLOSED CHILDREN'S PLAY AND MULTI-USE GAMES AREAS
- REQUIRING DOGS TO BE KEPT ON LEADS IN ENCLOSED MEMORIAL GARDENS
- REQUIRING DOG OWNERS TO REMOVE DOG FAECES IN PUBLIC PLACES
- REQUIRING DOG OWNERS TO CARRY AN APPROPRIATE RECEPTACLE FOR DEALING WITH THE WASTE THAT THEIR DOGS PRODUCE (THAT IS TO ALWAYS HAVE THE MEANS TO PICK UP THEIR DOG FAECES)
- REQUIRING DOG OWNERS TO PUT THEIR DOGS ON A LEAD WHEN DIRECTED TO DO SO BY AN AUTHORISED OFFICER ON ANY PUBLIC LAND WHERE THE DOG IS CONSIDERED TO BE OUT OF CONTROL OR CAUSING HARM OR DISTRESS TO PREVENT A NUISANCE

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS?

Yes. The RSPCA is supportive of the local authority retaining provisions contained within its existing PSPO, and feel these are proportionate measures which encourage responsible dog ownership.

Dog owners have a responsibility to ensure their pet does not foul - so it is absolutely right that the local authority clearly requires owners to remove faeces in public places. RSPCA Cymru would also urge the Council to also look at educational or promotional schemes around responsible dog ownership in areas or hot spots where dog fouling is a regular issue.

We would also urge the local authority to ensure any authorised officer directing dog owners to take particular actions - for example requiring them to put their dog on a lead in certain situations - has the appropriate experience, knowledge and training to impose these conditions; and to ensure the welfare of the dog is not compromised. Officers should ensure any instruction to place dogs on a lead is supplemented with general advice that a dog should still be regularly exercised off the lead in other safe, appropriate situations.

The RSPCA particularly welcomes the ongoing requirement in Caerphilly to require all dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle or bag to pick up dog faeces if their dog has defecated at any time on land listed within the Order. This promotes responsible dog ownership and compliance with dog fouling laws - and we believe will help foster more positive relationships between dog and non-dog owners in the local area.

Due to the comfort and support that owners can receive from their dog, we also welcome proposals to continue to allow dogs in memorial gardens on a lead. This will help owners who otherwise may have no choice but to leave their dog tied up outside the cemetery which is stressful for the dog and poses them at risk of theft. Furthermore, it avoids the risk of those attending memorial gardens leaving their dog in their car which would place them at risk of causing unnecessary suffering and potentially being charged with an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 - especially during spells of warmer weather.

The RSPCA understands the value of local authorities ensuring that certain sections of open space may be dog-free, such as children's play areas and purpose built multi-use games areas - so are comfortable with the continued reference to dogs not being allowed in children's play areas within the PSPO.

THE COUNCIL IS PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO DOG CONTROL TO INCLUDE:

-THE EXCLUSION OF DOGS FROM ALL COUNCIL OWNED MARKED SPORTS/PLAYING PITCHES

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE DOGS FROM ALL COUNCIL OWNED MARKED SPORTS/PLAYING PITCHES?

No. We are concerned by the Council's plans to amend existing PSPO restrictions to exclude dogs from Council-owned marked sports and playing pitches.

Excluding responsible dog owners from allowing their dogs onto a marked sports playing pitch would be restrictive, especially if adequate space nearby was not available and would prohibit the dog from expressing normal behaviour, and may also prove confusing for dog owners as many of these pitches are seasonal with limited or no signage or fencing.

RSPCA Cymru believes that although dog faeces can be a nuisance to the people that use the sports pitches, they can, should and are easily removed by responsible dog owners; so imposing the restriction on all will punish the responsible dog owners and impose a negative view of dog ownership within the community. Additionally, we believe that the provisions that make it an offence for an owner not to pick up their dog's faeces and the need to carry an appropriate dog faeces receptacle go some way to mitigating the issues associated with areas such as marked sports pitches and therefore would urge local authorities to consider other means before adopting this disproportionate exclusion.

Such a provision has historically proved unpopular with dog-owners. In 2018, Cardiff Council reversed proposals to ban dogs from marked sports pitches following protests and objections from hundreds of local residents¹. The RSPCA was supportive of these objections as we felt that the ban was disproportionate and was detrimental to the welfare of hundreds, if not thousands, of dogs from the local area.

¹ RSPCA Cymru news - [RSPCA Cymru concern over plans for dog ban on capital's marked sport pitches](#), 5 October 2018

We urge Caerphilly Council to reconsider amending its PSPO, and thus not exclude dogs being walked on Council-owned marked sports and playing pitches. We fear these proposals risk demonise responsible owners and their pets, and could threaten dog welfare where someone doesn't have sufficient alternative walking spots near their home. The challenges this can pose was highlighted during recent coronavirus-related lockdown restrictions, where people were unable to travel further to walk their dogs and had to rely on walking spots near to their homes.

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**Caerphilly County Borough Council
Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014**

Caerphilly County Borough Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2021

Caerphilly County Borough Council (“the Council”) hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order (“the Order”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) and all other enabling powers hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Caerphilly County Borough Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2021:
2. This Order will come into force on _____ 2021 and will remain in force for a period of three years unless varied or discharged by further orders of the Council:

3. **Introduction**

- (a) The failure to “pick up” after a dog has fouled on publicly accessible land is an important issue in the local environment generally, the effect of which is detrimental on the quality of life of the community at large. It causes risks to health and defaces the land and is therefore important that the community recognise the need to clean up after their dogs and to ensure that they have with them at all times an appropriate receptacle to do so.
- (b) When not properly supervised and kept under control dogs that are allowed off a lead in public areas may cause a nuisance and injury to members of the public and other animals.
- (c) Dogs in children’s play areas can become aggressive if startled. They may also defecate in these areas, which may cause a health risk to the children using them.
- (d) The Order is made because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the behaviour set out above has had and is likely to continue to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people within the County Borough. Furthermore that the effect is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature and is or will be unreasonable and justifies the requirements set out in this Order which seeks to prevent or reduce the detrimental effects of the activities referred to above, by imposing reasonable restrictions and requirements on people whilst in charge of dogs on public land.

4. **Definitions**

(a) “Authorised Person(s)” means a constable or a person authorised by the _____ Council under Section 68 of the Act.

(b) “Appropriate Receptacle” means any bag, or receptacle which is designed _____ for the purpose of holding dog faeces for disposal.

(c) “for the purpose of this Order a “disability” means a condition that qualifies as _____ a disability for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 and a “disabled person” _____ means a person who has such a disability.

5. **Restrictions and Requirements**

- (a) The effect of the Order is to impose the restrictions and requirements as set out in Parts 1 to 5 below.

Part 1 – Dog Fouling

1. If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Part of the Order applies, and the person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless he can show that:-
 - (a) They have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) The owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to him failing to do so;
2. This Part of the Order applies to all public places in the County Borough of Caerphilly.

For those purposes a “public place” means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
3. For the purpose of this Part of the Order:-
 - (a) Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for this purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;
 - (b) Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces, shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

Part 2 – Carry Appropriate Receptacle

1. If a person who is in charge of a dog at any time on land to which this part of the Order applies does not have or produce when requested by an Authorised Person, an Appropriate Receptacle for picking up dog faeces, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:-
 - (a) they have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
2. This part of the Order applies to all public places in the County Borough of Caerphilly.

For those purposes a “public place” means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

Part 3 – Dogs On leads In Enclosed Memorial Gardens

1. A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time that person takes a dog onto or permits a dog to enter and/or remain in any of the enclosed Memorial Gardens set out in Appendix 1 without being controlled by a lead of not more than two metres in length unless that person can show that:-
 - (a) They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to him failing to do so.
2. For these purposes, a “lead” means any rope, cord, leash or similar item used to tether, control or restrain a dog, but does not include any such item which is not actively being used as a means of restraint so that the dog remains under a person’s close control.

Part 4 – Dogs On Leads By Direction

1. A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time on land to which this part of the Order applies, they fail to comply with a direction given to them by an Authorised Officer to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than two metres in length for such period and/or in such circumstances as directed by the Officer, unless that person can show that:-
 - (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) The owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land, has consented (generally or specifically) to him failing to do so.
2. For these purposes, as “lead” means any rope, cord, leash or similar item used to tether, control or restrain a dog, but does not include any such item which is not actively being used as a means of restraint so that the dog remains under a person’s close control.
3. This part of the Order applies to all public places in the County Borough of Caerphilly.
For these purposes, a “public place” means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
4. For the purposes of this Part of the Order, an Authorised Person may only direct a person to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.

Part 5 – Dog Exclusions In Children’s Play Areas/Multi Use Games Areas –

1. A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog on to, or permits the dog to enter or remain on, any of the enclosed children’s play areas/multi use games areas listed in Appendix 2 to this Order, unless that person can show that:-
 - (a) They have a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - (b) The owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land, has consented (generally or specifically) to him doing so.

Part 6 – Excluding dogs from marked playing pitches/areas –

2. A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog on to, or permits the dog to enter or remain on, any of the marked playing pitches/areas in Appendix 3 to this Order, unless that person can show that:-
 - (c) They have a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
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Exemptions

1. The provisions in **Parts 1 and 2** of this Order shall not apply to a person who:-
 - (a) Is registered as partially sighted or blind, in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

- (b) Is registered as “sight-impaired”, “severely sight-impaired” or as “having sight and hearing impairments which, in combination have a significant effect on their day to day lives”, in a registered compiled under Section 18 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014; or
 - (c) Has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination, or ability to live, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, such that the person cannot reasonably be expected to remove the faeces.
 - (d) Has some other disability, such that a person cannot reasonably be expected to remove the faeces.
2. The provisions in **Part 5** of this Order shall not apply to
- (a) A dog trained by a registered charity to assist a person with a disability and upon which a disabled person relies for assistance.

Other Matters

1. For the purpose of this Order a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
2. Where the person in charge of a dog wishes to rely upon any of the exemptions set out in this Order, the burden will be on that person to prove that they satisfy the requirements of the exemption being relied upon.

Offence

It is an offence for any person without reasonable excuse

- (a) To do anything that a person is prohibited from doing by this Order
- Or
- (b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under this Order

Any person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

Fixed Penalties

An Authorised Person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence under this Order. A person will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100 or a discounted amount of £75 if paid within 7 days. Failure to pay the fixed penalty will result in prosecution.

Appeals

Any challenge to this Order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits any of the areas affected by this Order. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have power to make the Order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that a requirement of the legislation was not complied with in relation to the Order.

Dated the

day of

2021.

The Common Seal of
Caerphilly County Borough
Council was hereunto affixed
in the presence of:

Authorised Officer

DRAFT

APPENDIX 1
Enclosed Memorial Gardens

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Aberbargoed War Memorial Gates	Commercial Street, Aberbargoed
Abercarn War Memorial	High Street, Abercarn
Abertysswg War Memorial	Walter Street, Abertysswg
Argoed Memorial Plaque	Village Hall, New Road, Argoed, Blackwood
Bargoed & Gilfach War Memorial	Saint Gwladys Church, Church Place, Bargoed
Bedwas War Memorial	Community Council Offices, Newport Road, Bedwas
Blackwood War Memorial	Lewis Lewis Avenue, Blackwood
Brithdir Cenotaph	Saint Paul's Memorial Gardens, Harcourt Terrace, Brithdir
Caerphilly Cenotaph	Castle Street, Caerphilly
Cefn Fforest War Memorial	Central Avenue, Cefn Fforest, Blackwood
Cefn Fforest War Memorial Gates	Cefn Fforest Miners' Welfare Ground, Twynyffald Road, Cefn Fforest
Celynen Collieries Institute Memorial Tablet	Celynen Collieries & Workmen's Institute and Memorial Hall, High Street, Newbridge
Crumlin War Memorial	Mining School Hill, Crumlin
Cwmcarn War Memorial	Memorial Park, Ivor Street, Cwmcarn
Cwmfelinfach War Memorial	Glanynant Gardens, Cwmfelinfach
Deri Memorial Garden	River Row, Deri
Fochriw Memorial Stone	Brook Row, Fochriw
Garden of Peace War Memorial & Clock	Commercial Street, Gilfach
Gelligaer War Memorial	Saint Catwg's Church, Church Road, Gelligaer
Hafodyrynys War Memorial Gates	Miners' Welfare Association Recreation Ground, Hafodyrynys
International Brigade Dedication Plaque	High Street Steps, Blackwood
International Brigade Volunteers Memorial	Abertridwr Community Centre, Thomas Street, Abertridwr
Llanfabon Parish War Memorial	Saint Mabon's Church, Cilfynydd Road, Llanfabon
Llanbradach War Memorial Statue	Park View, Llanbradach
Machen War Memorial	Commercial Road, Machen, Caerphilly
Maesycwmmmer Community Garden Memorial Plaque	OAP Hall, The Crescent, Maesycwmmmer
Markham War Memorial	Pantycefn Road, Markham
Nelson War Memorial	Commercial Street, Nelson
New Tredegar War Memorial Statue	Saint Dingat's Church, James Street, New Tredegar
Newbridge New War Memorial	Meredith Terrace, Newbridge
Newbridge Cenotaph	Saint Fagan's National History Museum, Cardiff
Oakdale War Memorial	Aberconway Gardens, Oakdale
Pengam & Fleur-de-Lys War Memorial	Saint David's Road, Pengam
Pontllanfraith War Memorial	Civic Centre, Pontllanfraith
Pontlottyn War Memorial	Chapel Street, Pontlottyn
Pontymister War Memorial	Memorial Gardens, Commercial Street, Pontymister
Pontywaun School War Memorial	Twyncarn Day Centre, Brookland Road, Pontymister
Rhymney War Memorial	High Street, Rhymney
Risca War Memorial	Saint Mary Street, Risca
Senghenydd War Memorial Clock	High Street, Senghenydd
Tirphil War Memorial Clock	Station Row, Tirphil
Tir-y-Berth & Glan-y-Nant War Memorial	New Road, Tir-y-Berth
Treowen Village Memorial	Treowen Green, The Ellipse, Treowen, Newbridge
Trethomas Stone of Remembrance	Navigation Street, Trethomas, Caerphilly

Troedrhifwuch War Memorial

Rudry Parish War Memorials

Wyllie War Memorial

Ystrad Mynach & Hengoed Cenotaph

Bute Town

High Street, Troedrhifwuch

Saint James' Church and Churchyard, Rudry

Glanhowy Road, Wyllie

Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Fawr Way, Ystrad Mynach

Merthyr Road PrinceTown

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APPENDIX 2
Children's Play Areas/Multi Use Games Areas

Enclosed play areas

Abertysswg Village Green
Angel Britannia
Ashman Close Cwm Farm
Attlee Road Blackwood
Badham Close Cwm Farm
Bargoed Community Centre
Bargoed Community Centre Gym
Bargoed Park
Bartlett Street
Bridge Street Woodland View Abercarn
Bridge Street Ynysddu
Brynawel Wattsville
Butetown Rhymney
Cefn Fforest Welfare Ground
Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre
Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre Youth Shelter - not fenced
Cefn Road
Civic Centre Pontllanfraith
Clos Gwynne Cwm Farm
Crumlin Park
Cwm Calon
Cwm Las Llanbradach
Diamond Park
Dickens Court Graig Y Racca
Dol y Pandy
Draethen Village
Duffryn Terrace Wattsville
Fairview Pengam
Feeder Row Cwmcarn
Fernlea Risca
Ffwrwm Road Machen
Fields Park Newbridge
Forge Mill Ystrad Mynach
Fox Avenue Pentwynmawr
Garfield Street Blackwood
Glyn Derw, Deri
Grange Close Trecenydd
Hafodyrynys Welfare
Hanbury Street - Pengam
Hartshorn Court Lansbury Park
Hendredenny
Herbert Avenue
Hill Street Rhymney
Hollybush Rugby Ground
Kendon Hill Crumlin
King George Field Abercarn
King George Field Markham
Lewis Street Aberbargoed
Lewis Street Aberbargoed Gym
Llanbradach Park
Llanbradach Park Skate
Llanfach

Llanfach Youth Shelter
Llwyn Yr Eos, Nelson
Machen Welfare
Maes y Graig Street Gilfach
Maesycwmmmer Park
Manmoel Village
Marne Street Cwmcarn
Morgan Jones Park
Morgan Jones Park Gym
Morgan Jones Park Water Play
Mount Pleasant Cascade
Nelson Skate Park
Oakdale Rec Skate Park
Oakdale Recreation Ground
Paddy's Pond Skate Park
Panteg Terrace Newbridge
Parc Cwm Darren Playground
Parc Penrhos
Park Lane Tredomen
Oakdale Terrace, Penmaen
Penybryn
Penyfan Close Trinant
Penylan Road Argoed
Penyrheol Gym
Penyrheol Park
Penyrheol Park New Skate Park
Phillipstown Community Centre
Pontymister Athletic
Porset Park
Porset Park Skate Park
Rhodfa Ganol Fochriw & Gym
Rhymney Park
Rhymney Park Kickwall
Rifleman Street Risca
Risca Park
River Glade Machen
Royal Crescent, Treowen
Rudry Park
School Street Pengam
School Street Tirphil
Senghenydd Park
Senghenydd Park Skate
Showfield Blackwood
Showfield Gym
Springfield Pontllanfraith
Stanley Street Cwmfelinfach
Station Road Ystrad Mynach
SunnyView Pontlottyn
Tanybryn Pontymister
Tennyson Terrace Brithdir
The Bryn Trethomas
The Wern Nelson
Thorncombe Road Blackwood
Tiryberth Welfare
Treowen Skate Park
Twyncarn Road Pontywaun
Ty Coch
Ty Sign Playarea
Virginia Park
Warne Street

Waunfawr Park Playarea
Waunganol Park Bedwas
William Street Tiryberth
Willow Court Panside
Windsor Avenue Newbridge
Woodfieldside
Woodland Terrace Senghenydd
Wyllie Playground
Yew Street Aberbargoed
Ystrad Mynach Welfare

MUGA's

Abertridwr Park MUGA
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William Street Gilfach MUGA
Ynysddu MUGA

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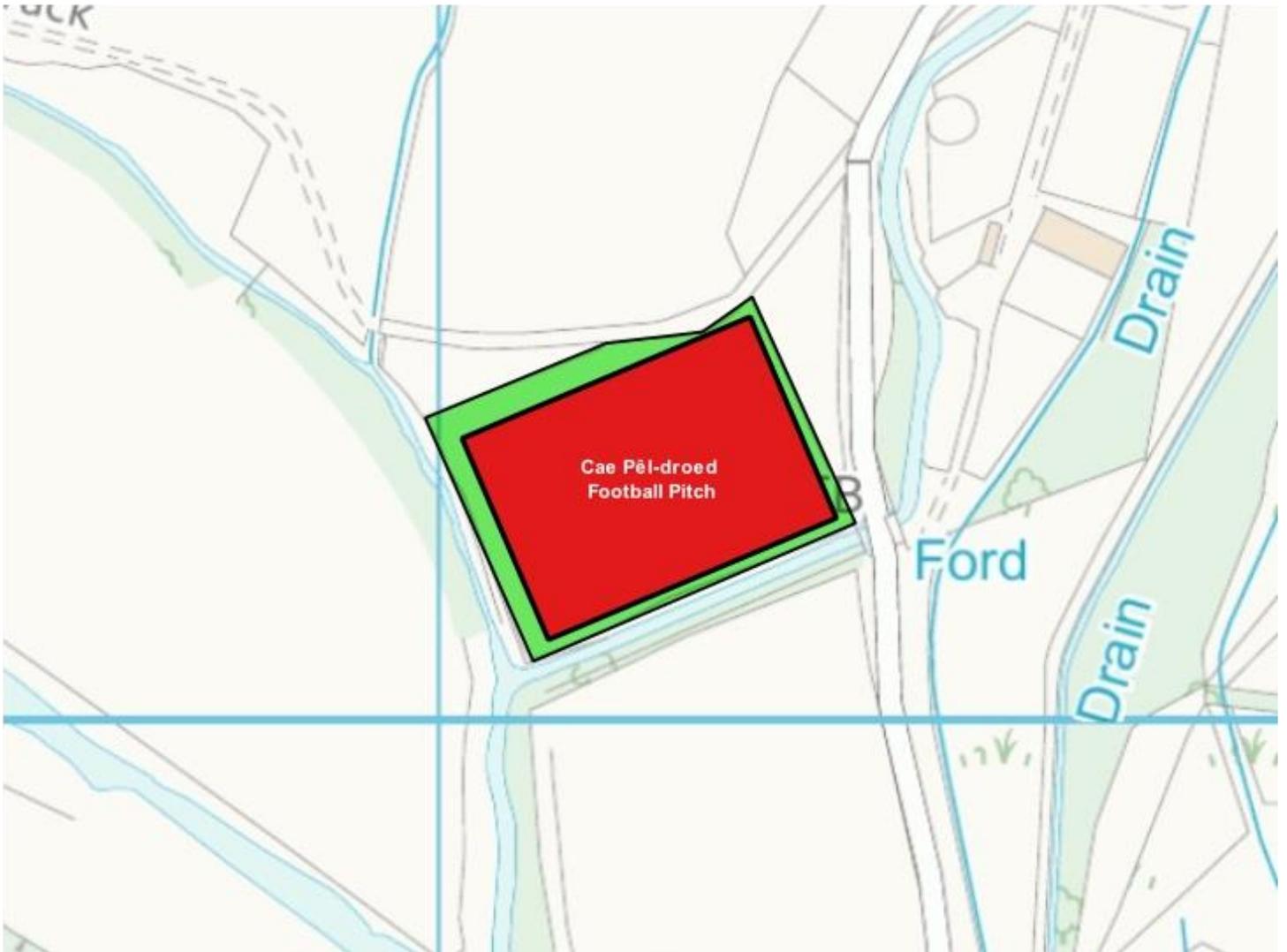
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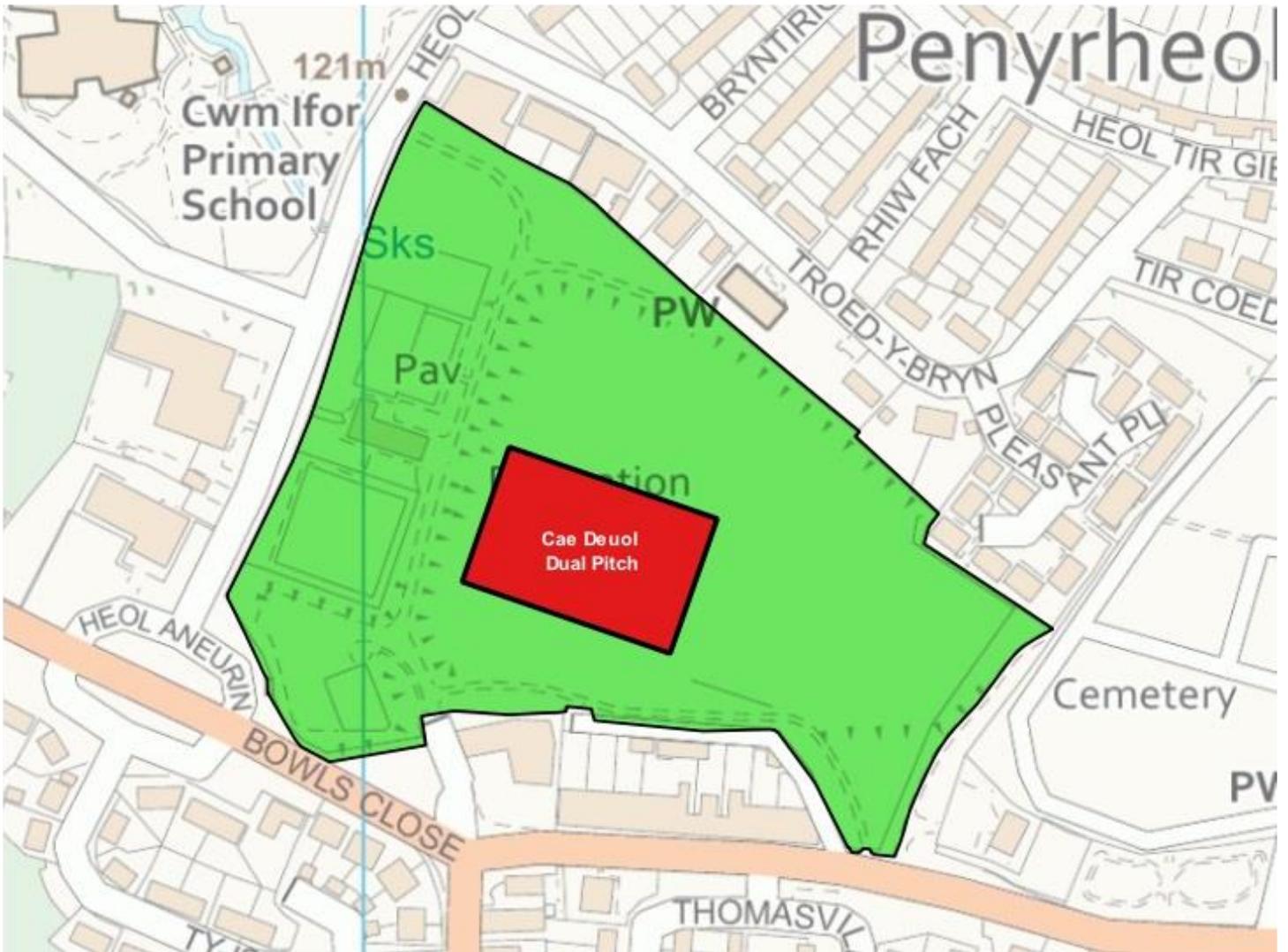
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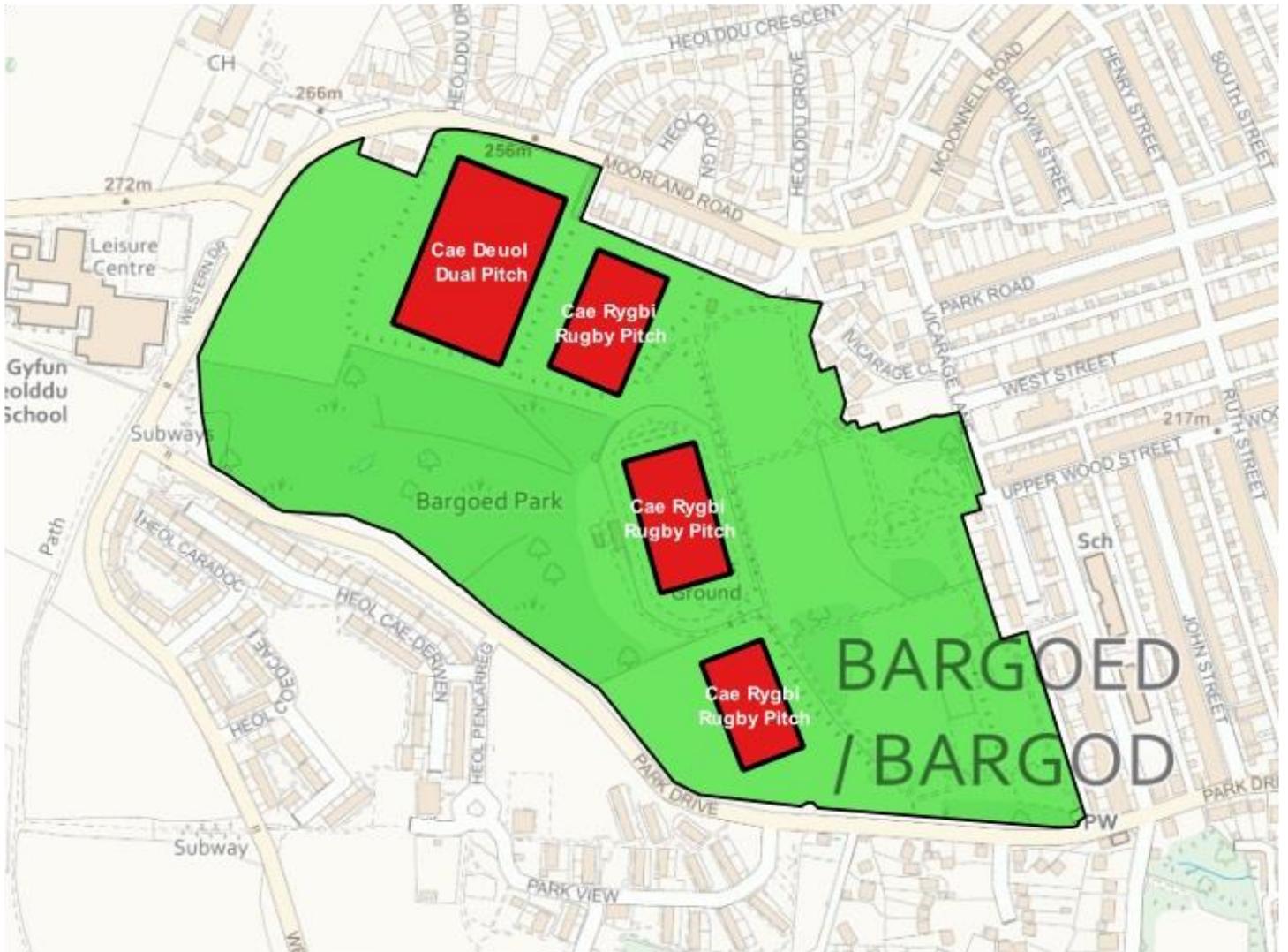
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Bargoed Park

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Brithdir Welfare Ground

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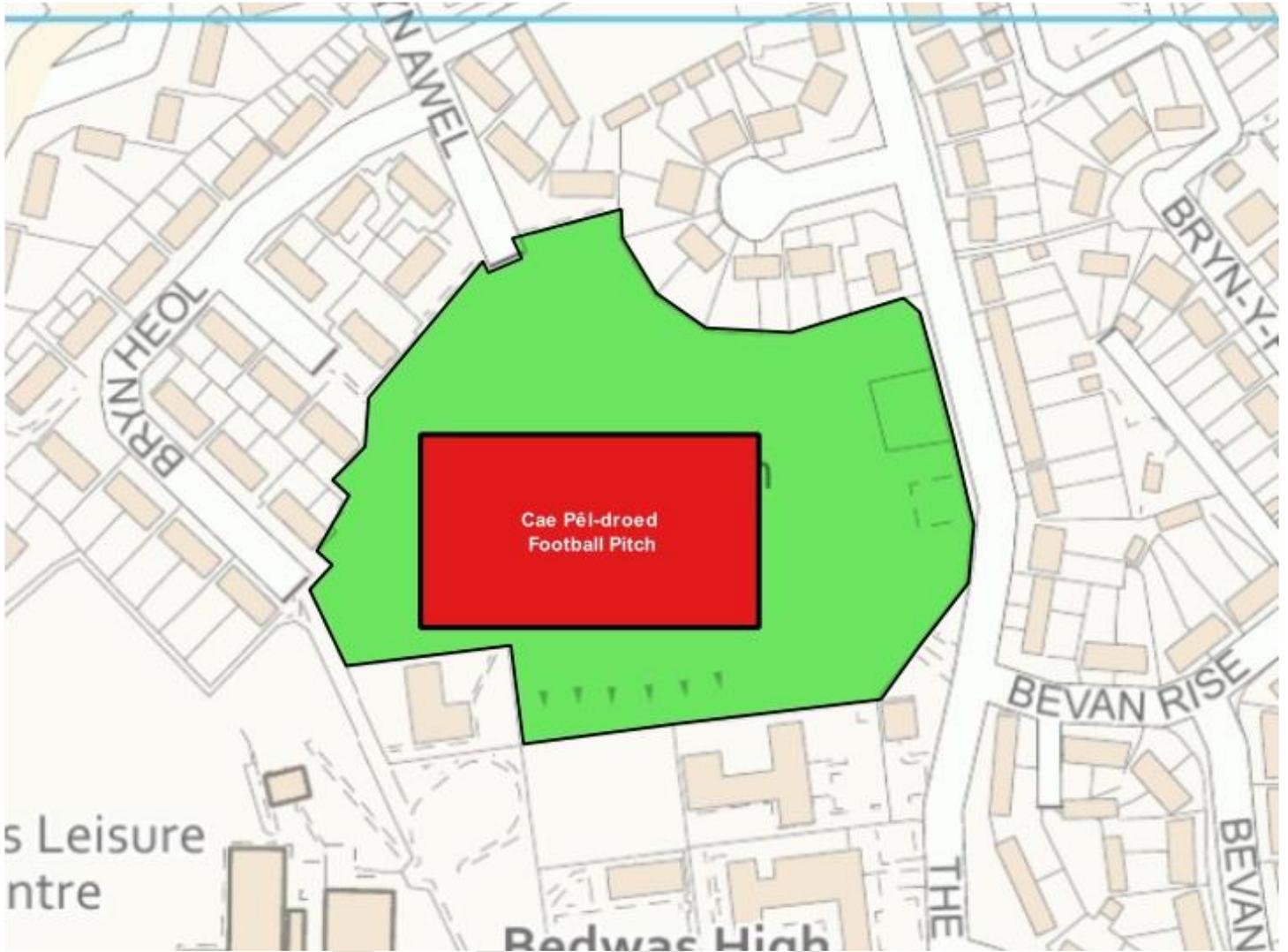
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Bryn Recreation Ground, Pontllanfraith

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Cascade Football Field, Penpedairheol

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Castle Gate Football Field

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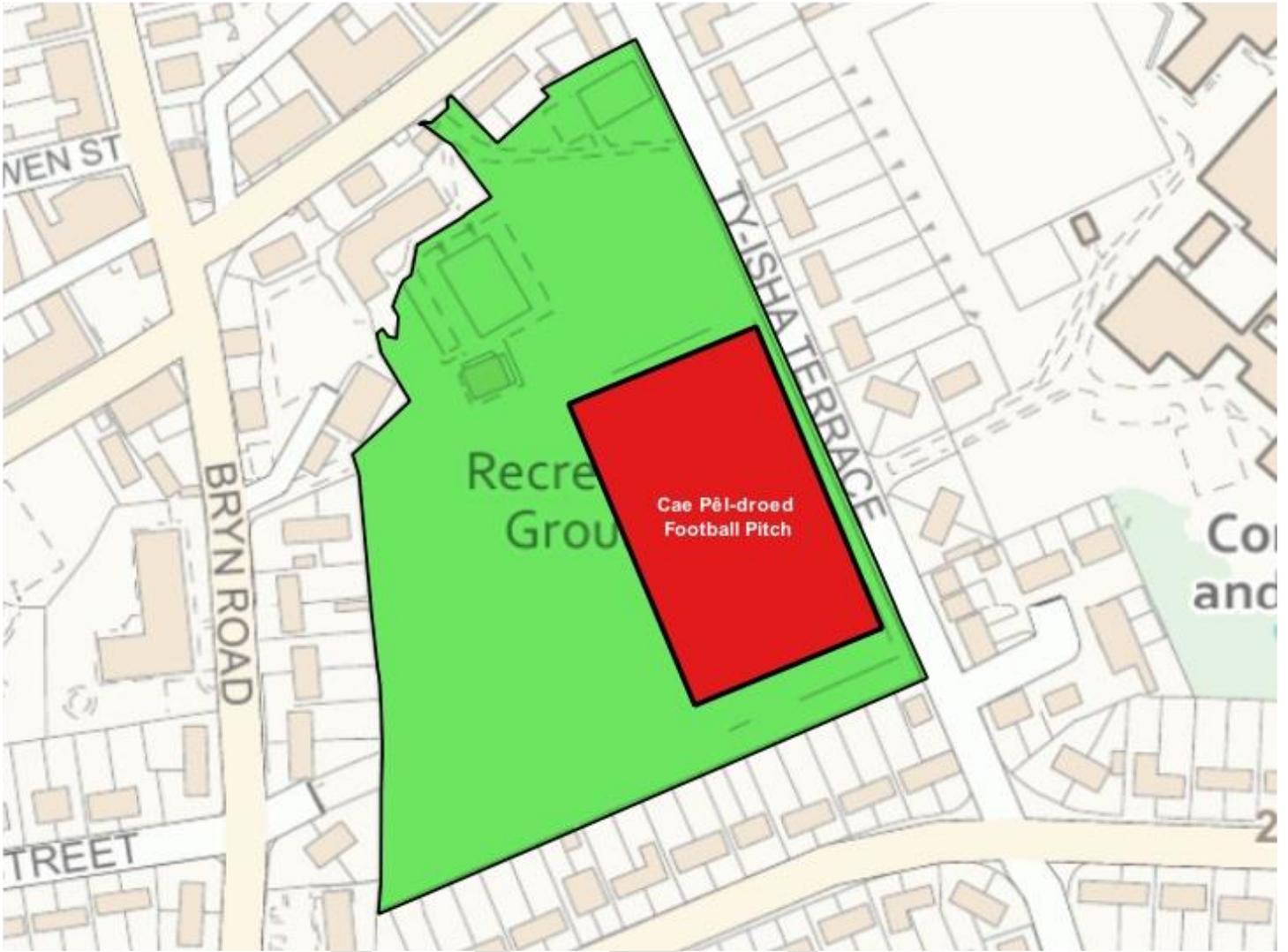
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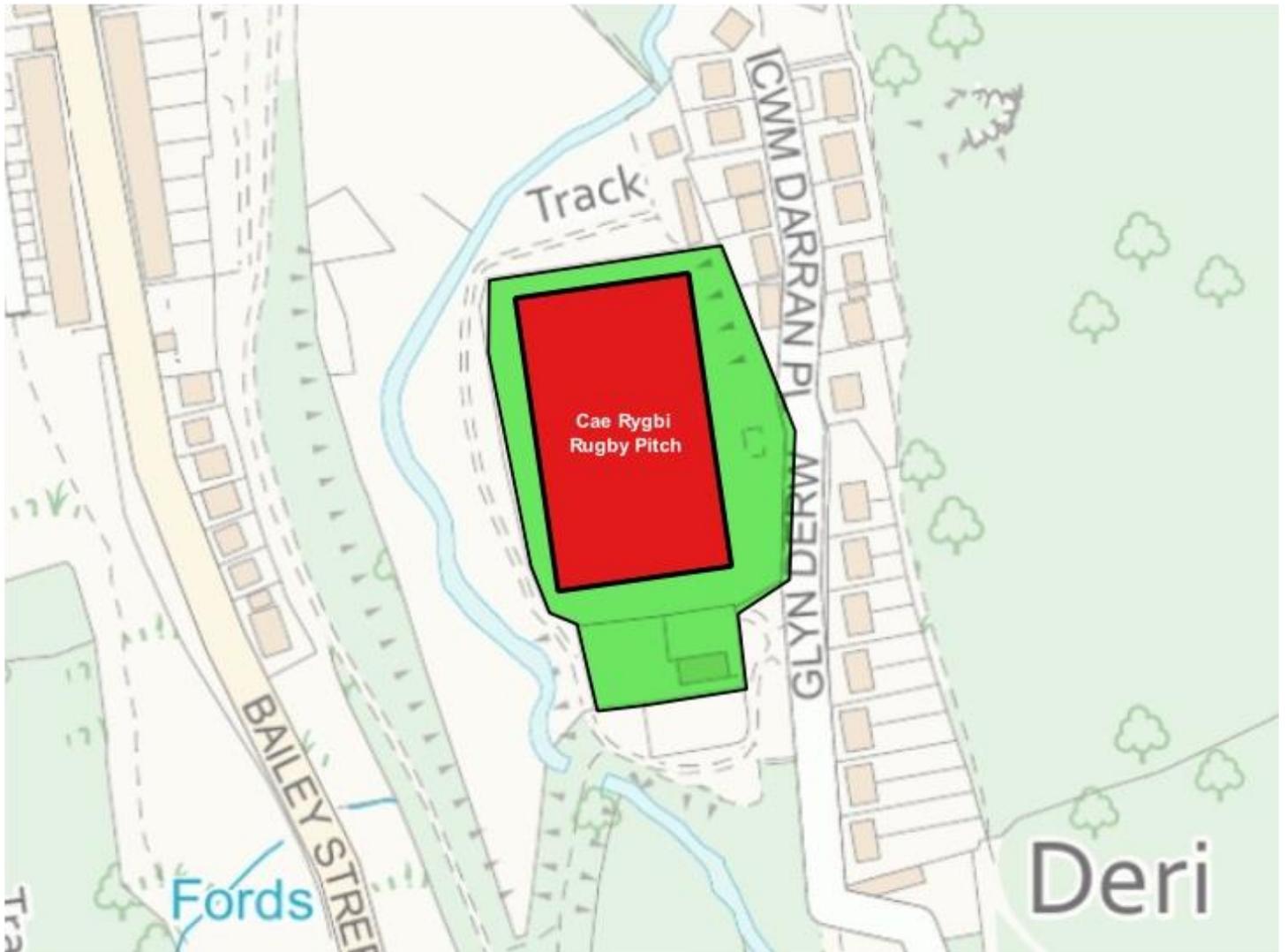
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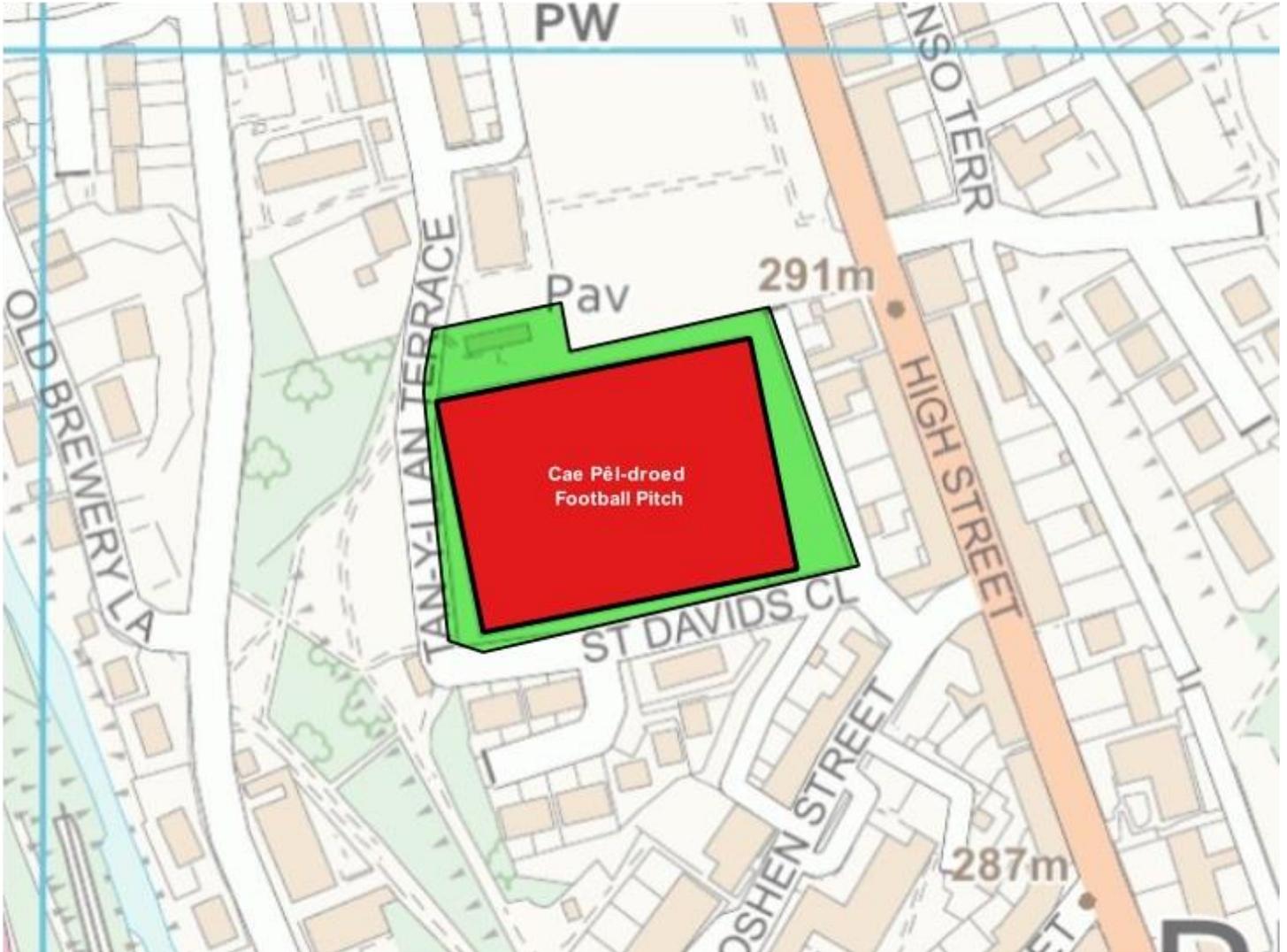
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Cae Chwarae Feeder Row

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Feeder Row, Playing Fields

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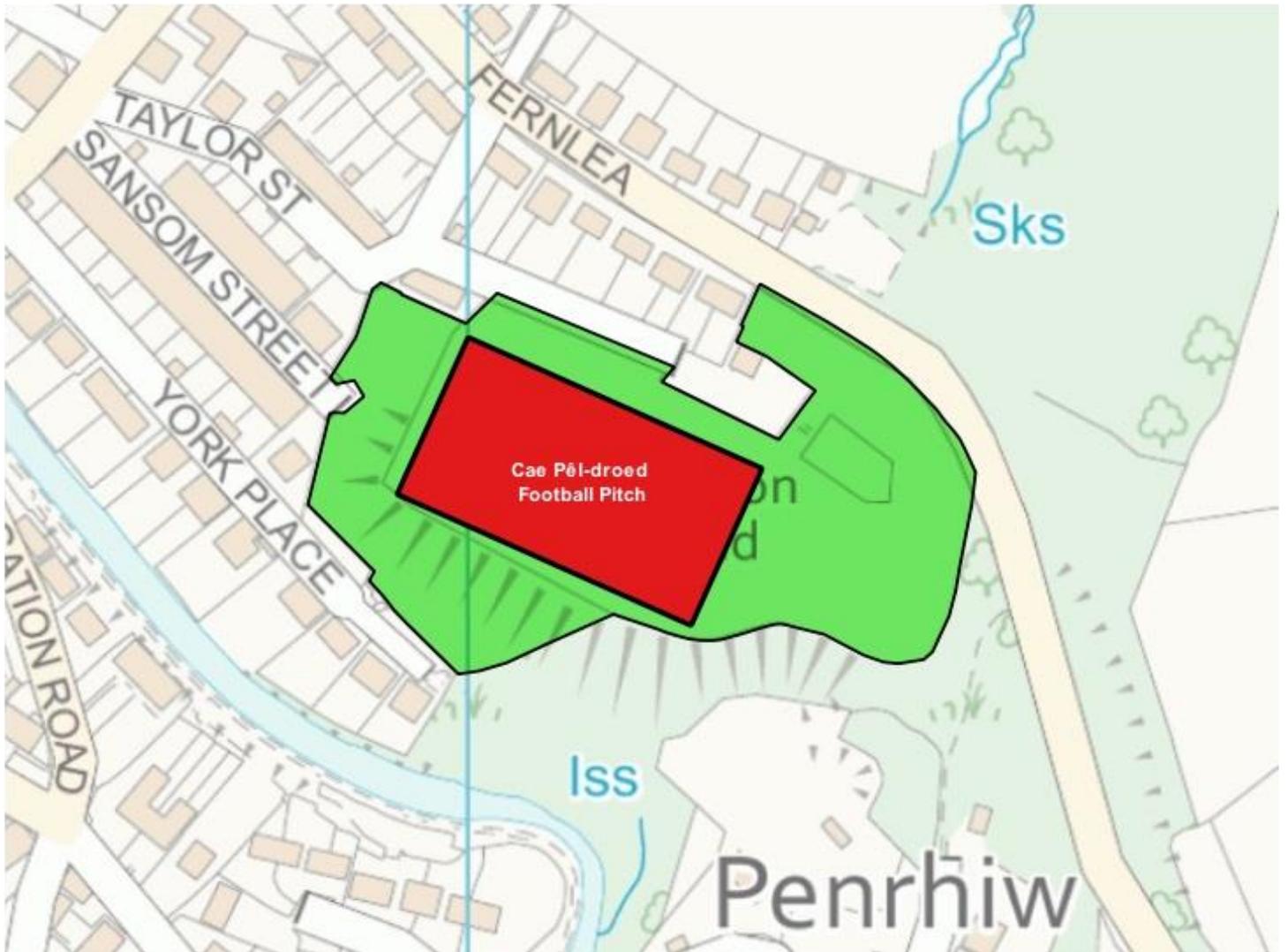
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Fernlea Recreation Ground

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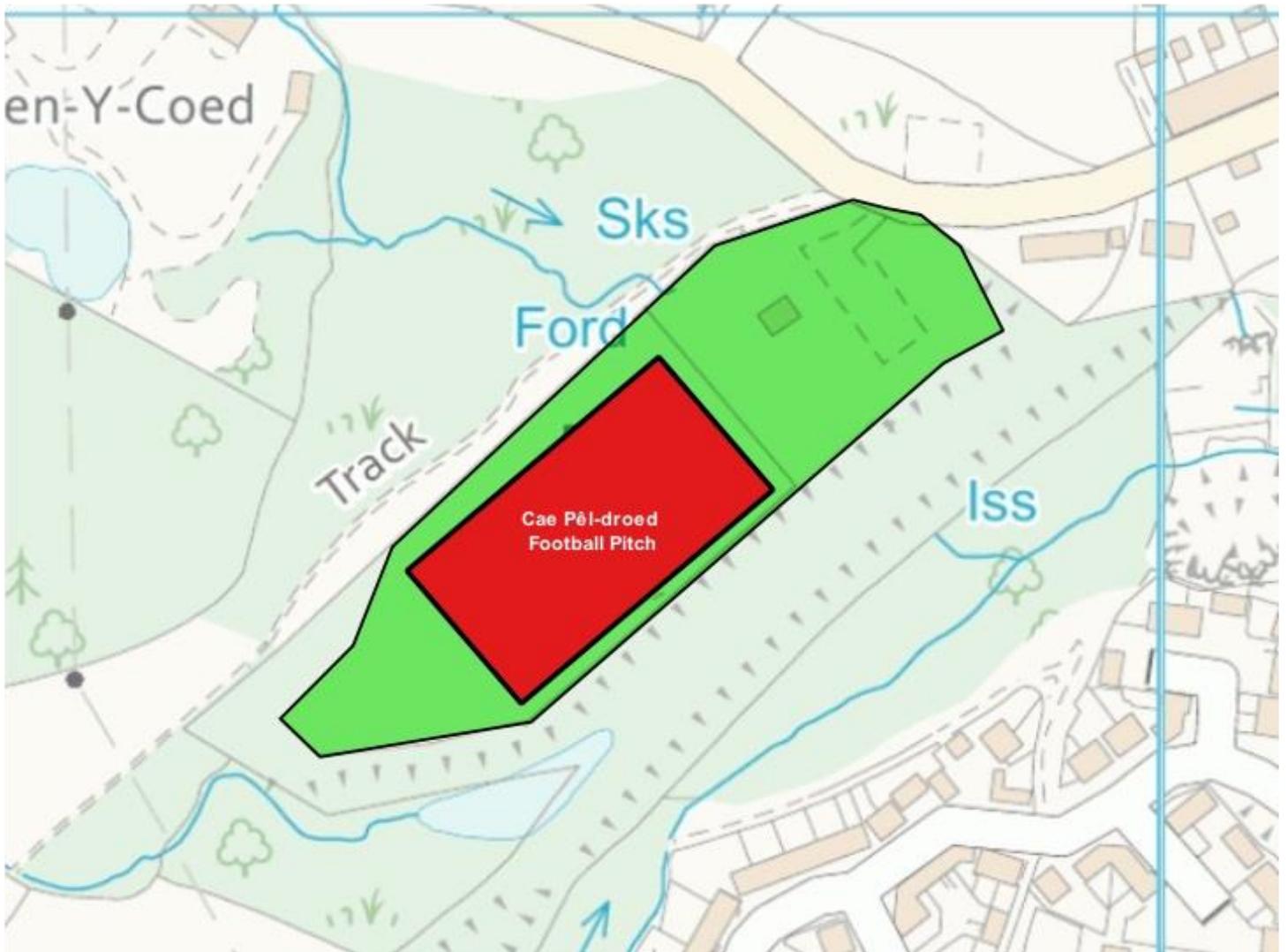
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Fields Park Recreation Ground

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Caeau'r Orsaf Dân, Crosskeys

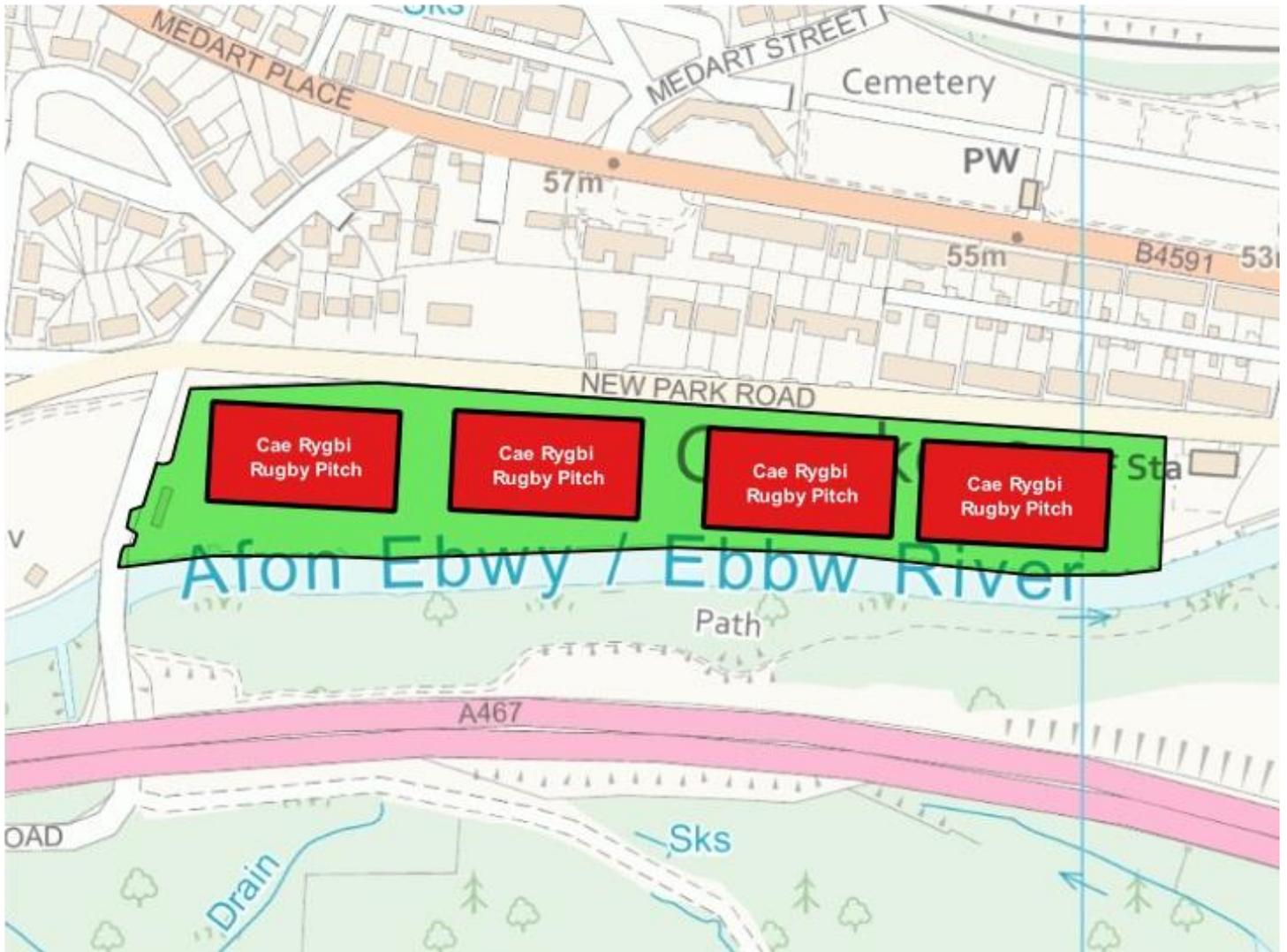
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Fire Station Fields, Crosskeys

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Fochriw Football Field

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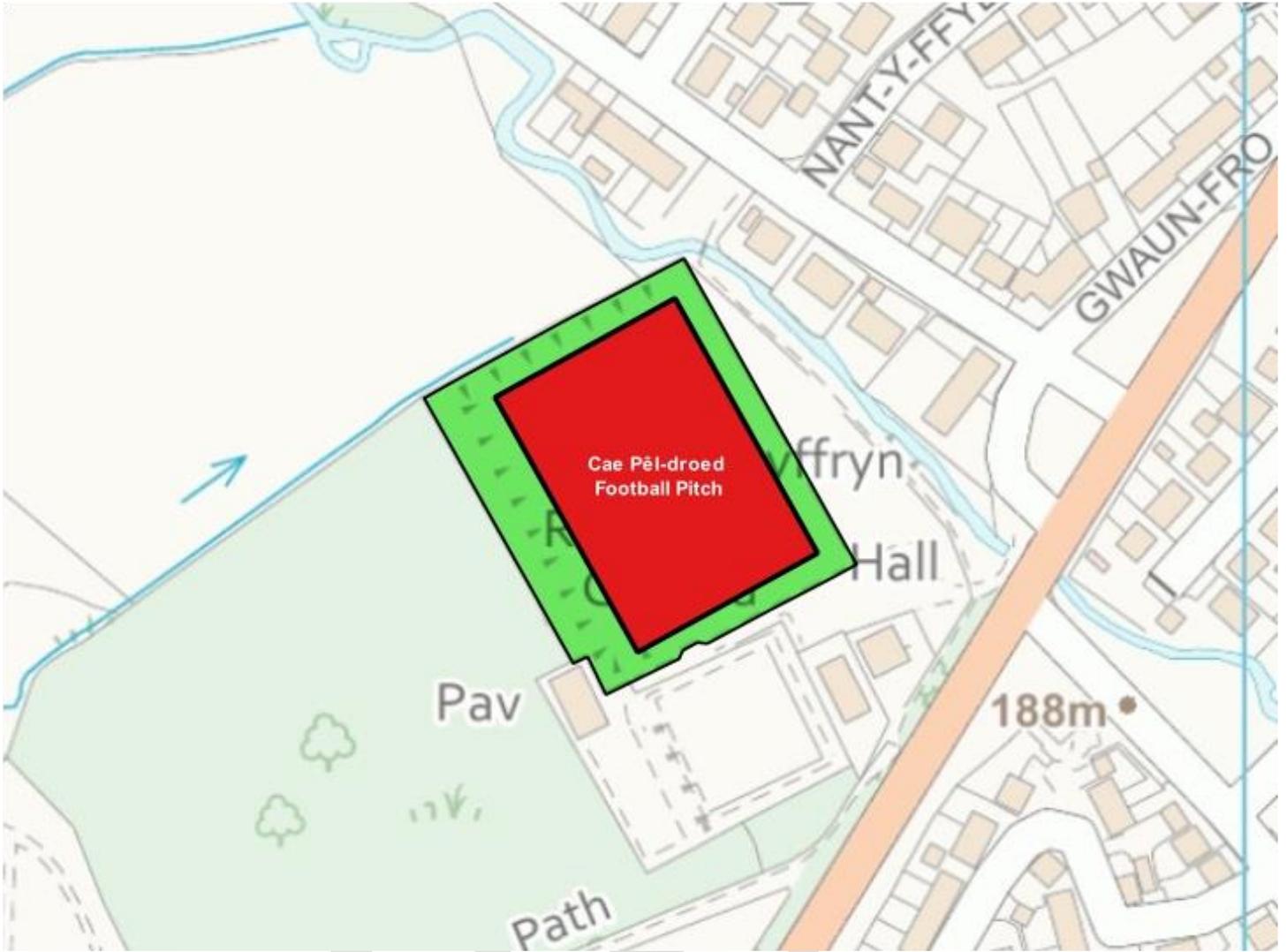
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Gelligaer Welfare Ground

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Gelliwen Football Field

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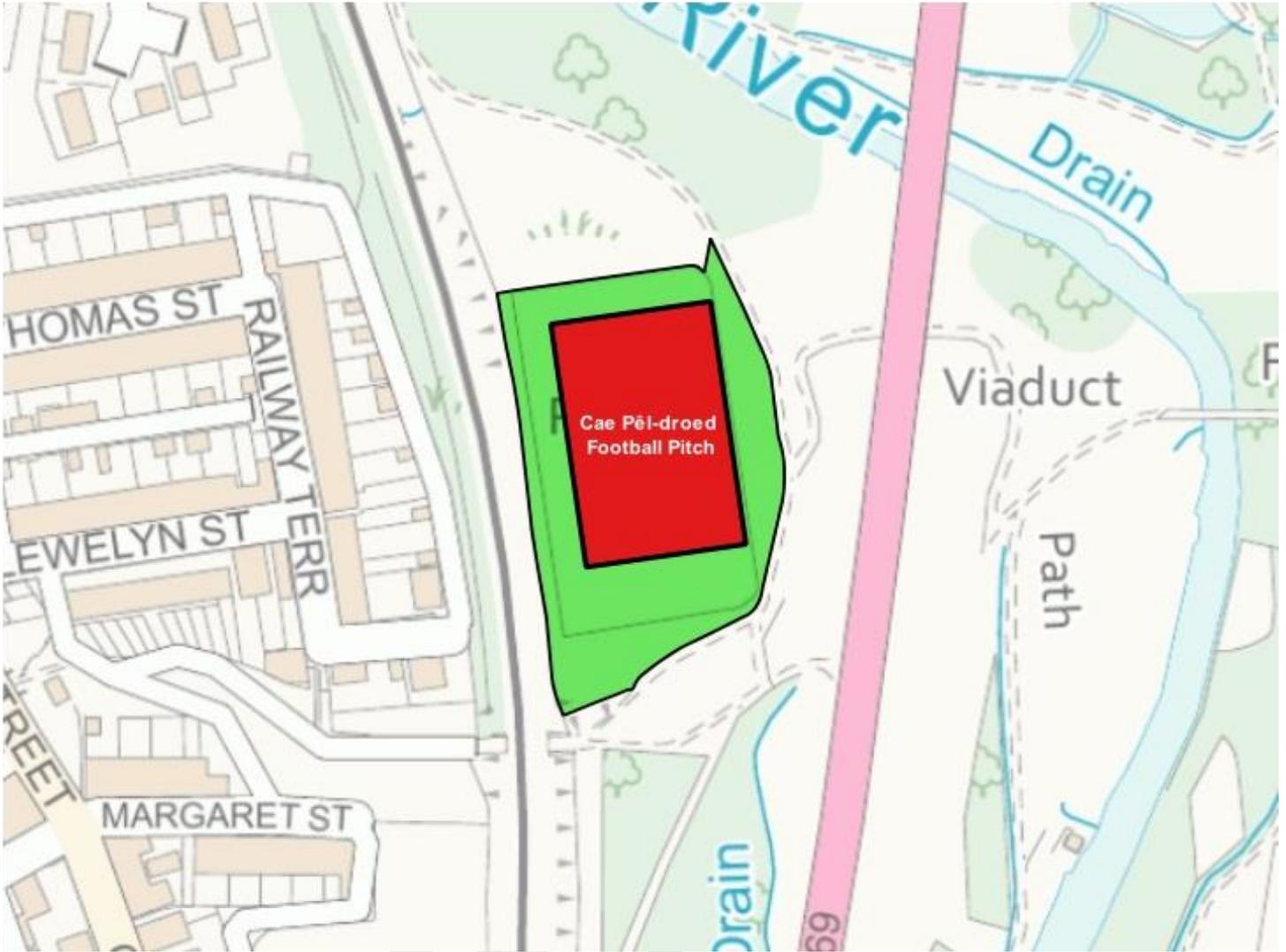
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Graig Y Rhacca Playing Field

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Parc y Llwyni, Tredegar Newydd

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Grove Park, New Tredegar

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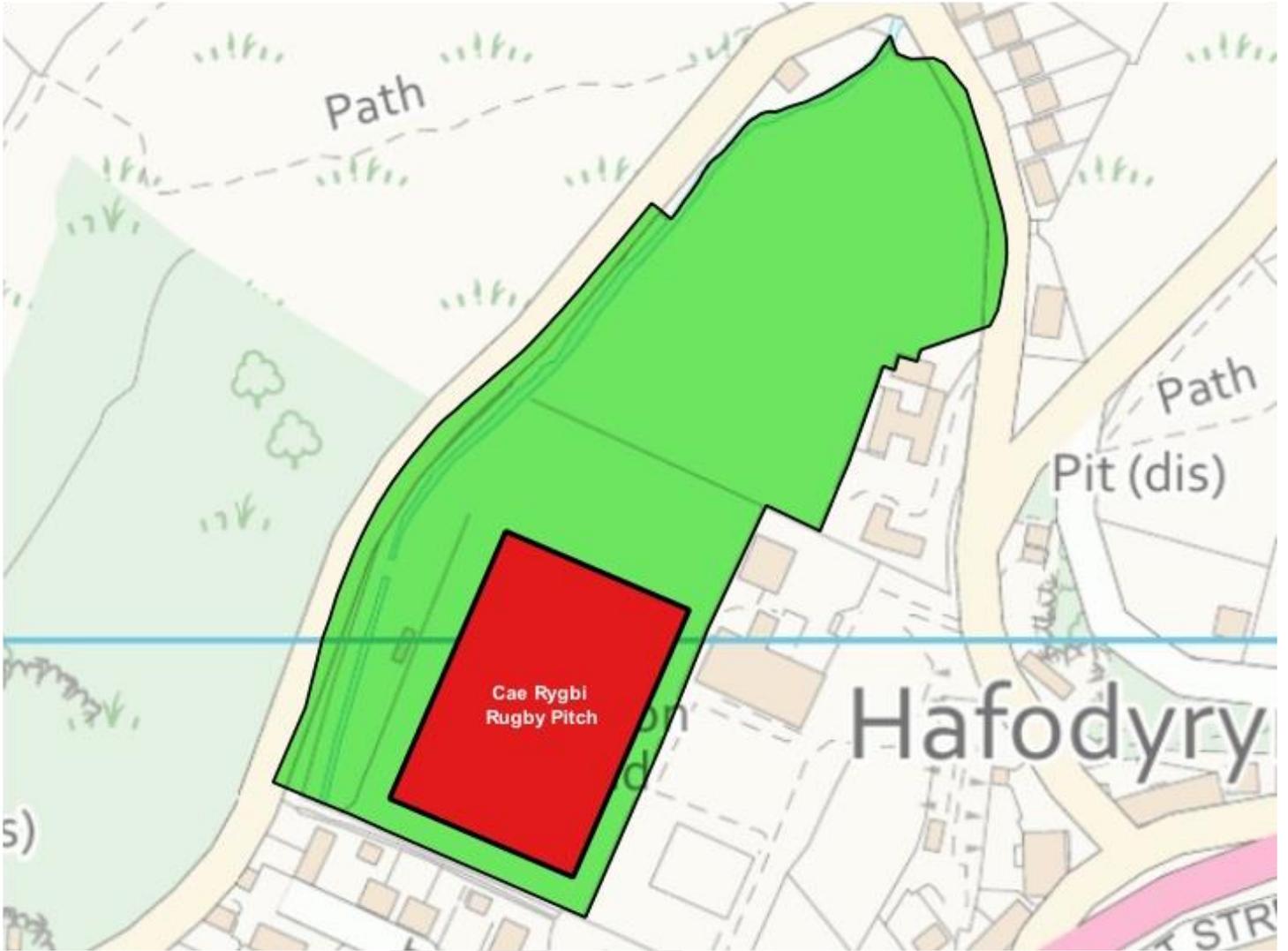
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Hafodyrynys Recreation Ground

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Hollybush Recreation Ground

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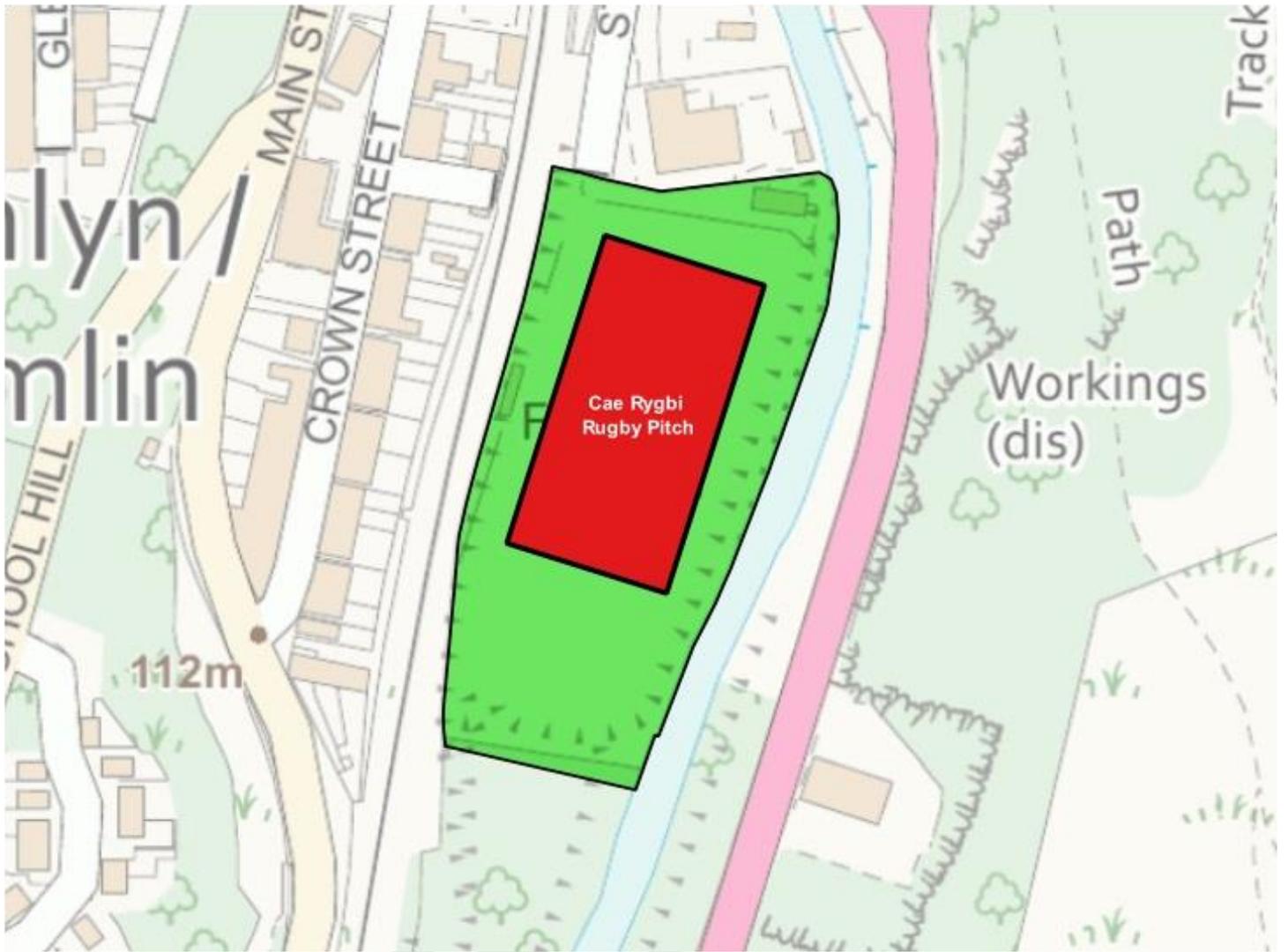
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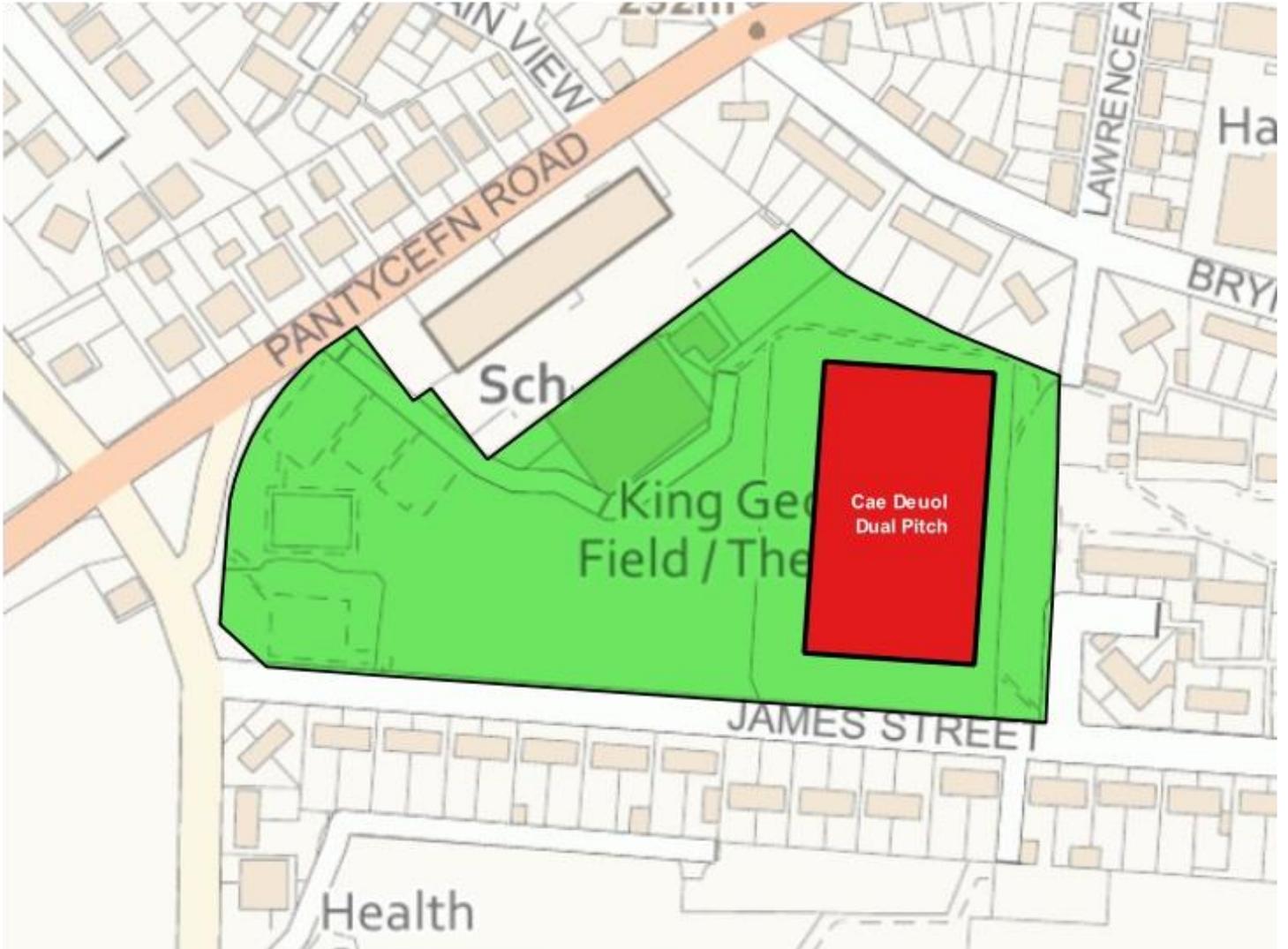
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King George Recreation Ground

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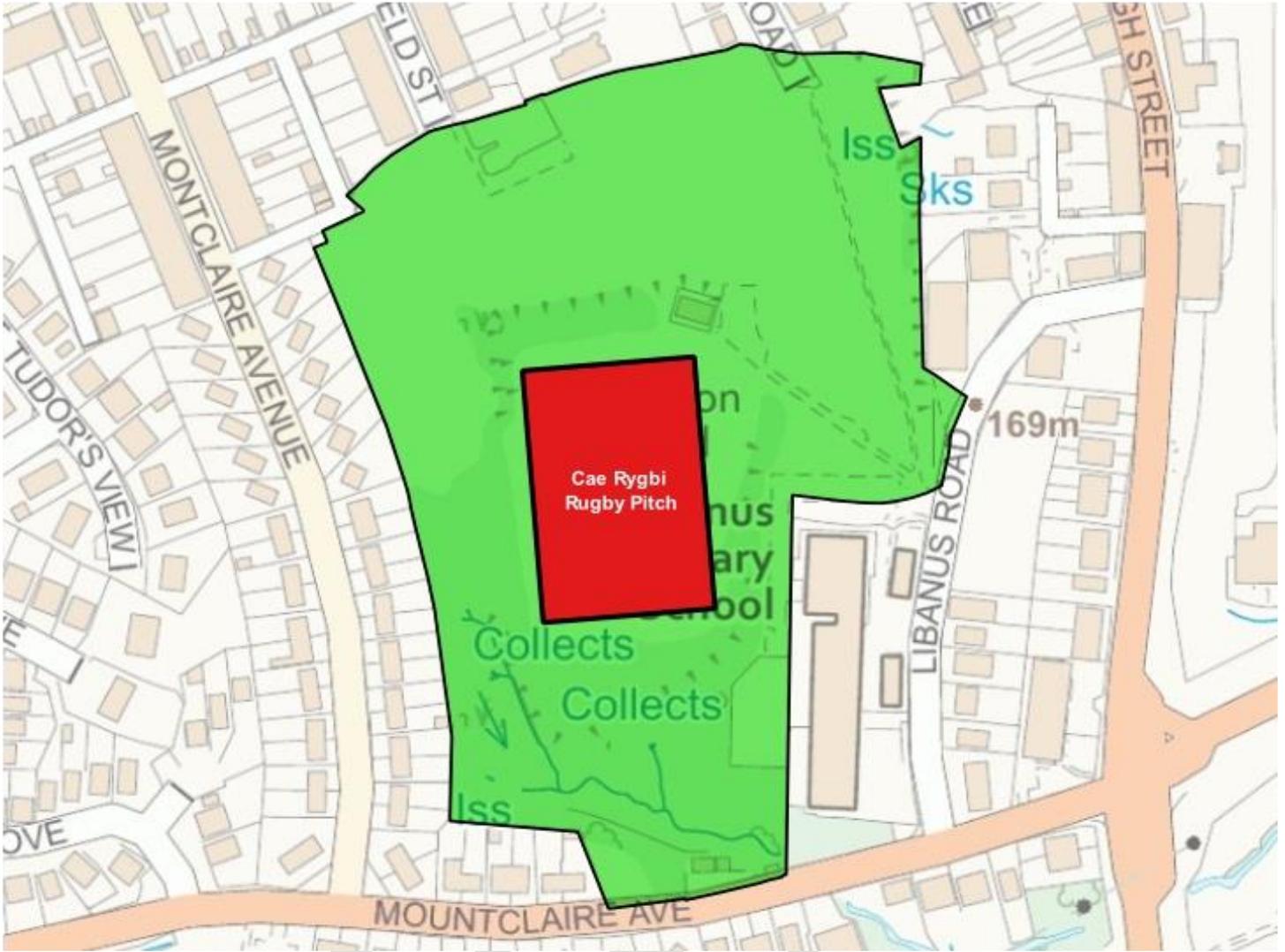
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Libanus Recreation Ground

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Llanbradach Welfare Ground

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Llanfabon Playing Field

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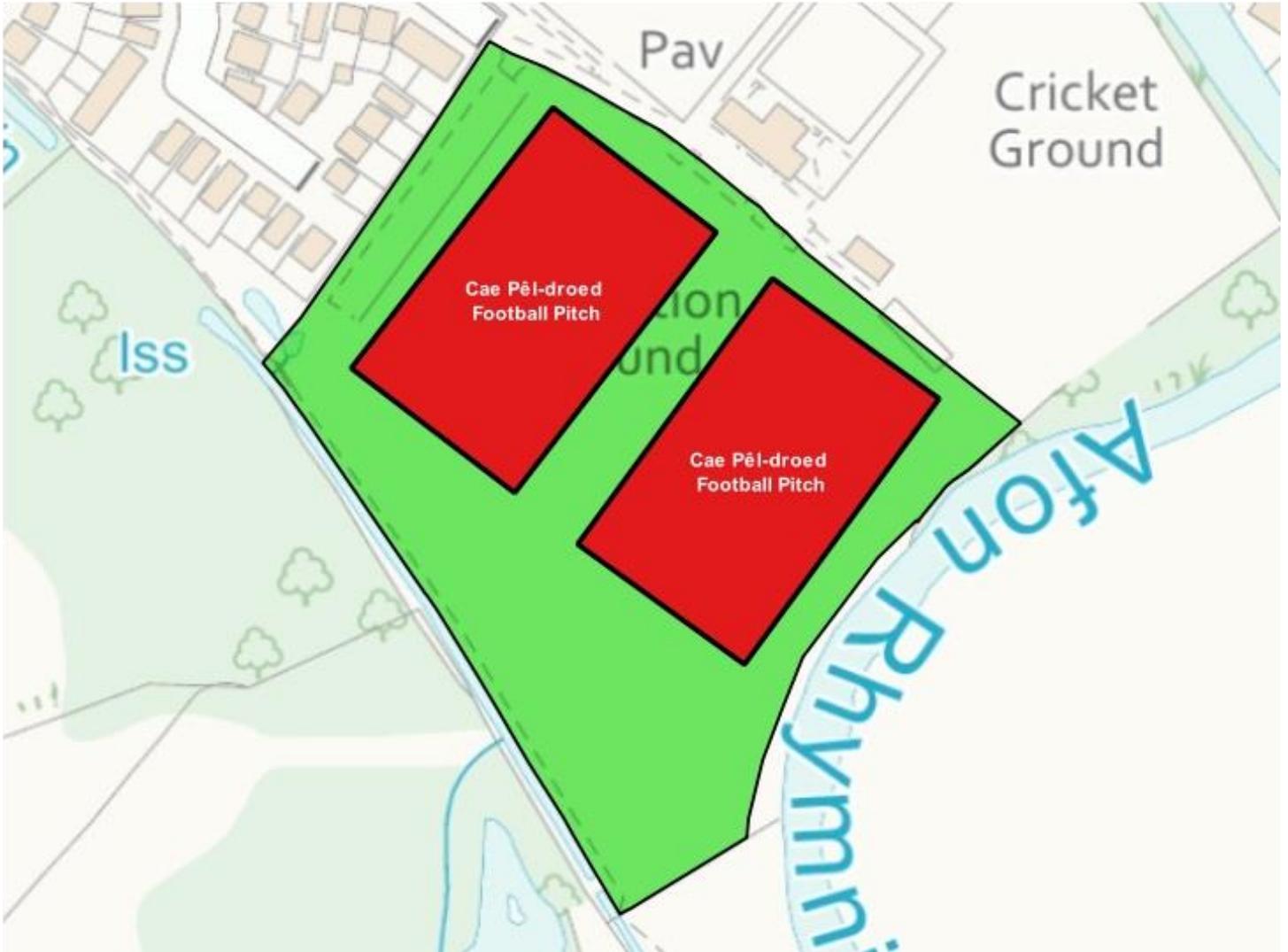
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Machen Welfare Association Ground

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Maesycwmmmer Football Field

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Nelson Rugby Ground

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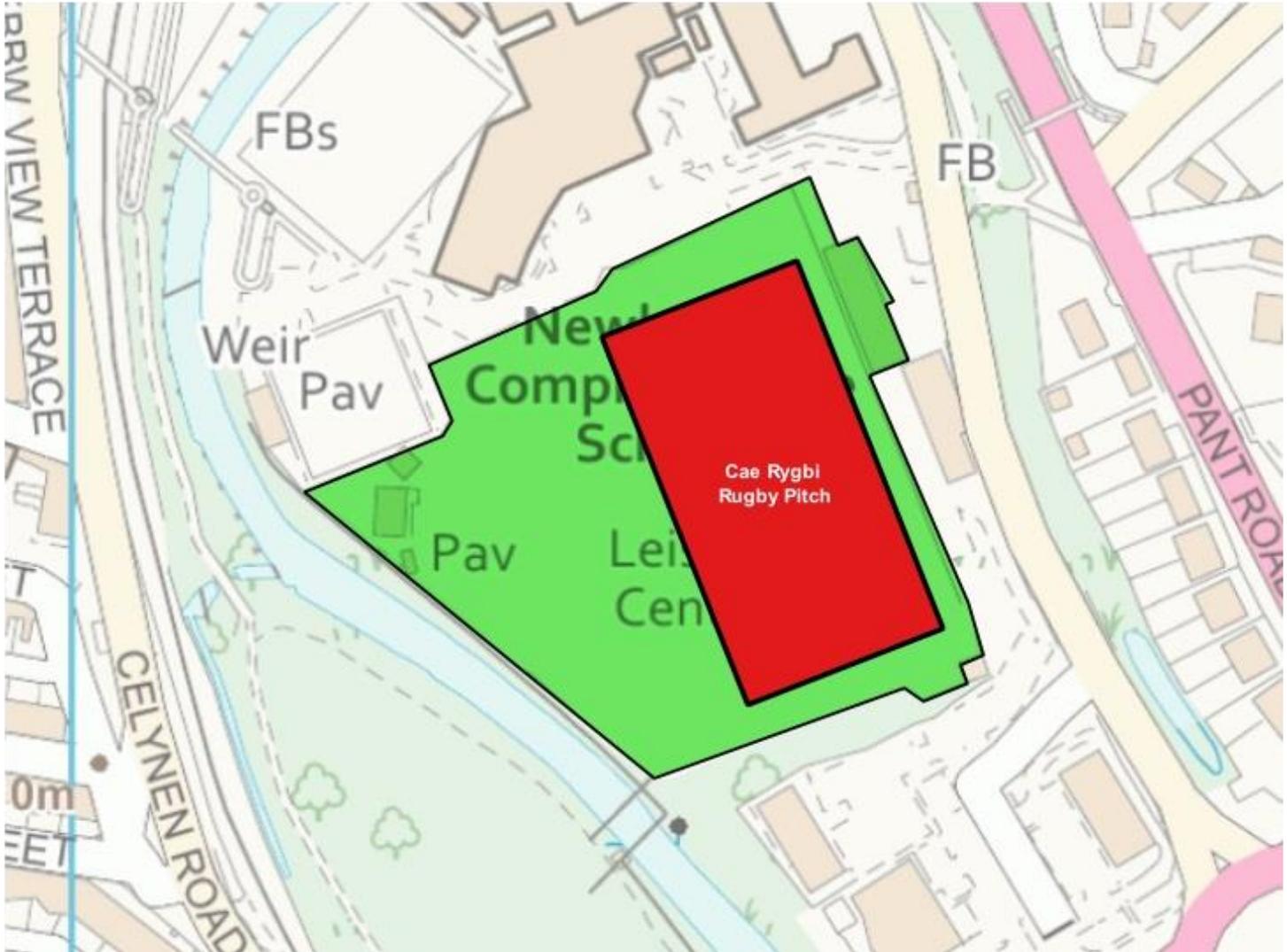
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Newbridge Welfare Ground

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Oakdale Recreation Ground

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Cae Pêl-droed Owain Glyndŵr

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Owain Glyndwr Football Fields

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Pantside Recreation Ground

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Pentwynmawr Recreation Ground

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Phillipstown Playing Fields

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Pontlottyn Welfare Ground

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Pontymister Athletic Ground

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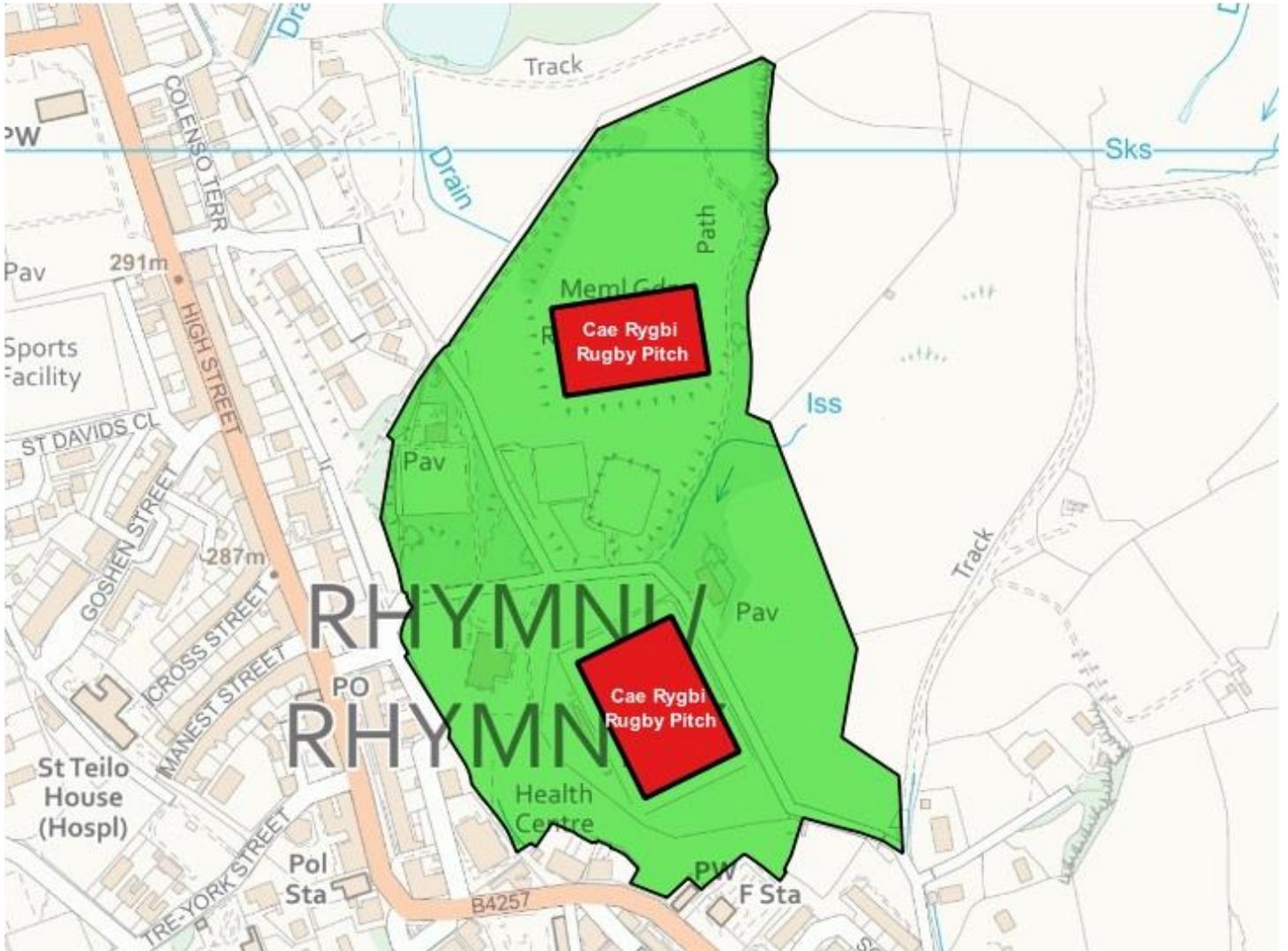
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Rhymney Memorial Park

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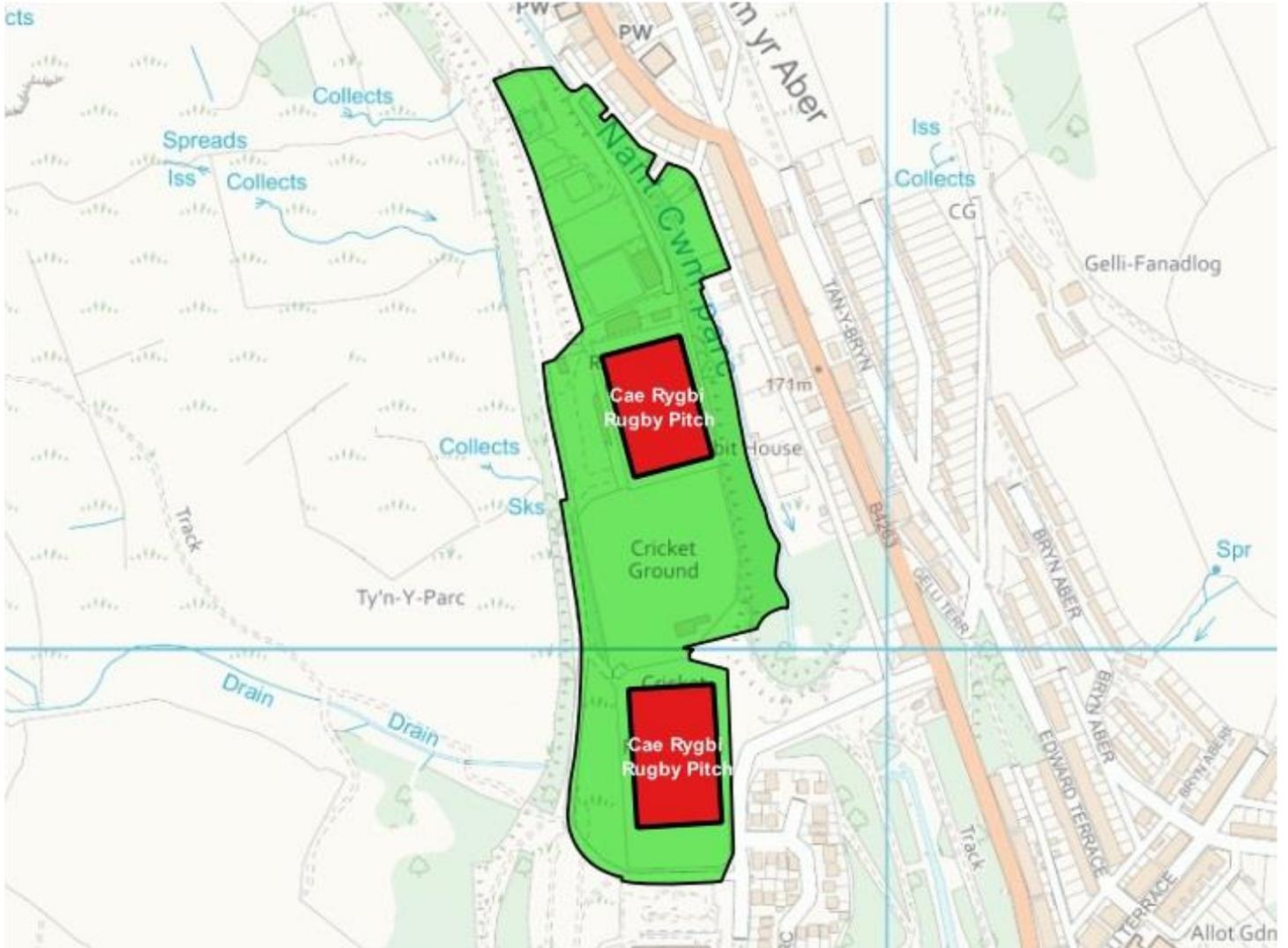
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Senghenydd Rugby Ground

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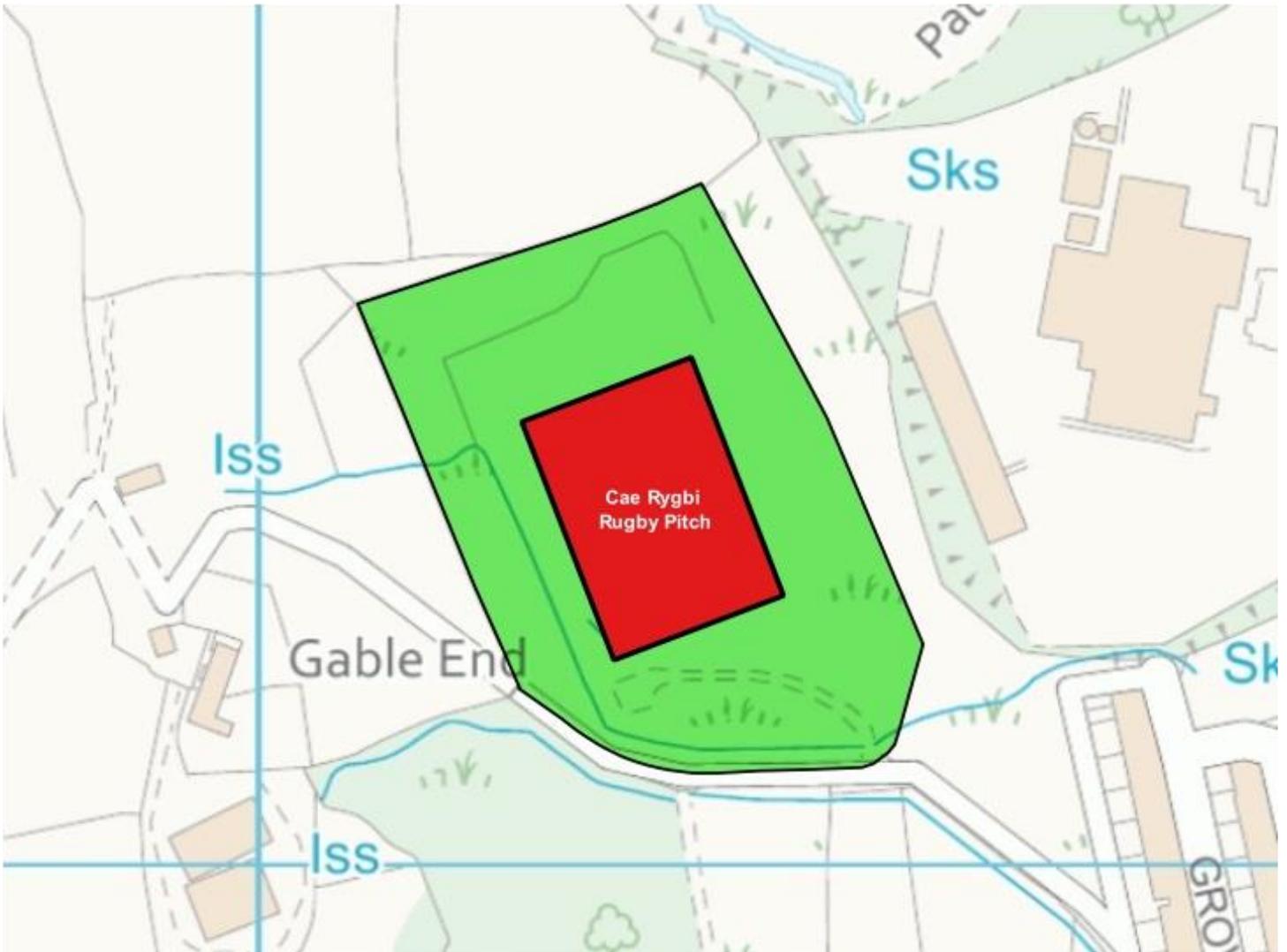
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The Show Field, Blackwood

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Tir y Berth Football Fields

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Trecenydd Football Field

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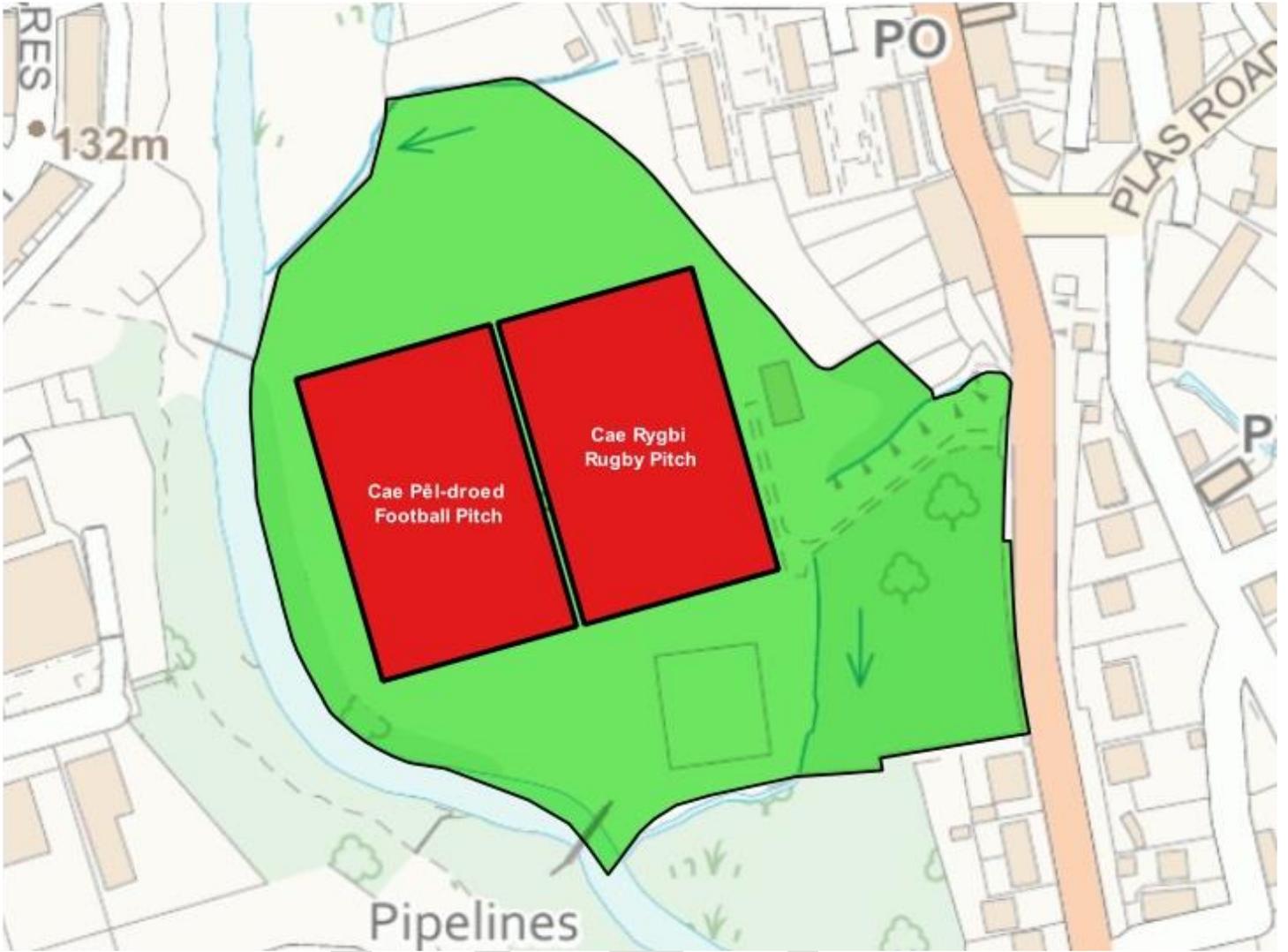
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Trelyn Recreation Ground

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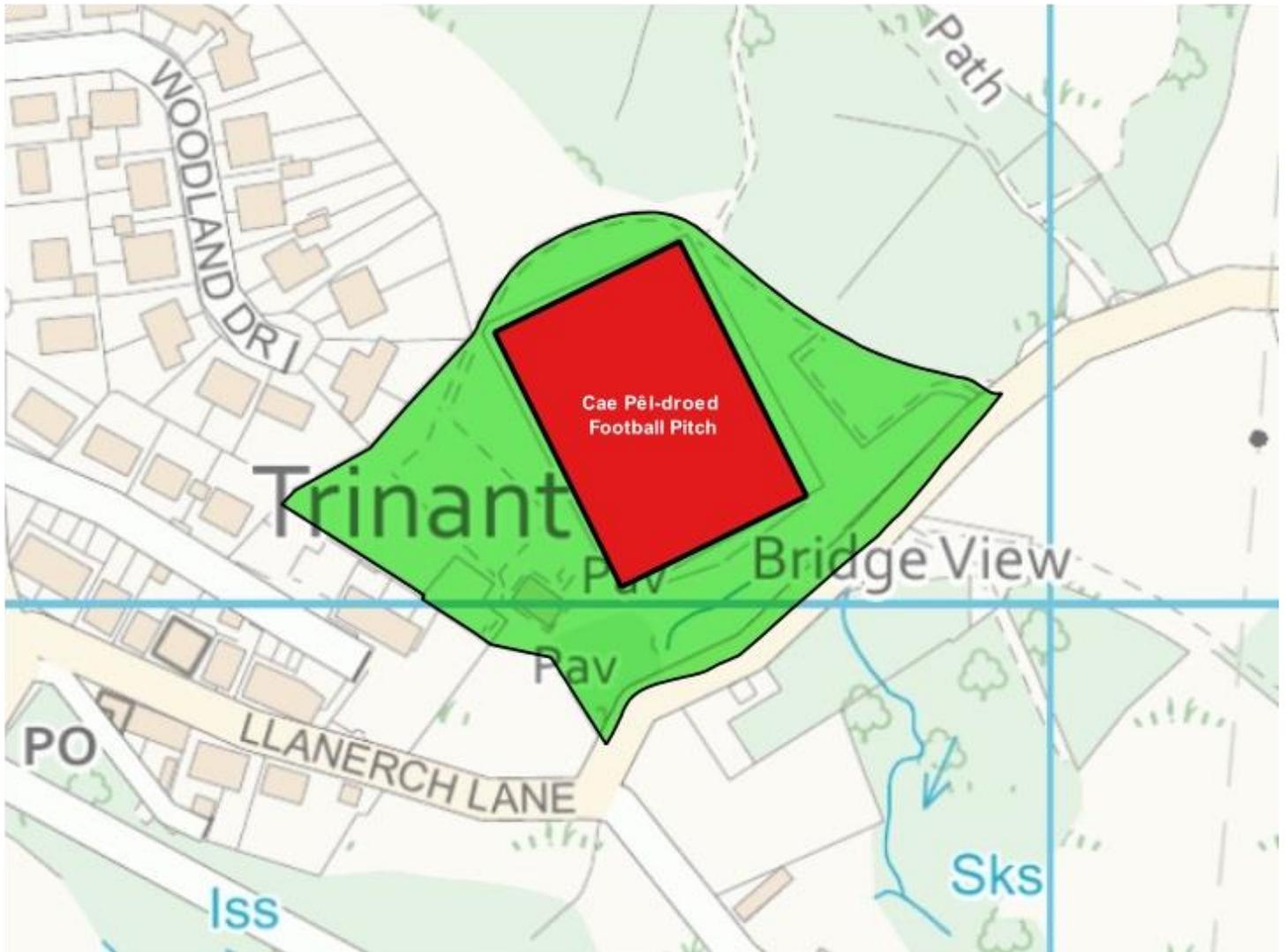
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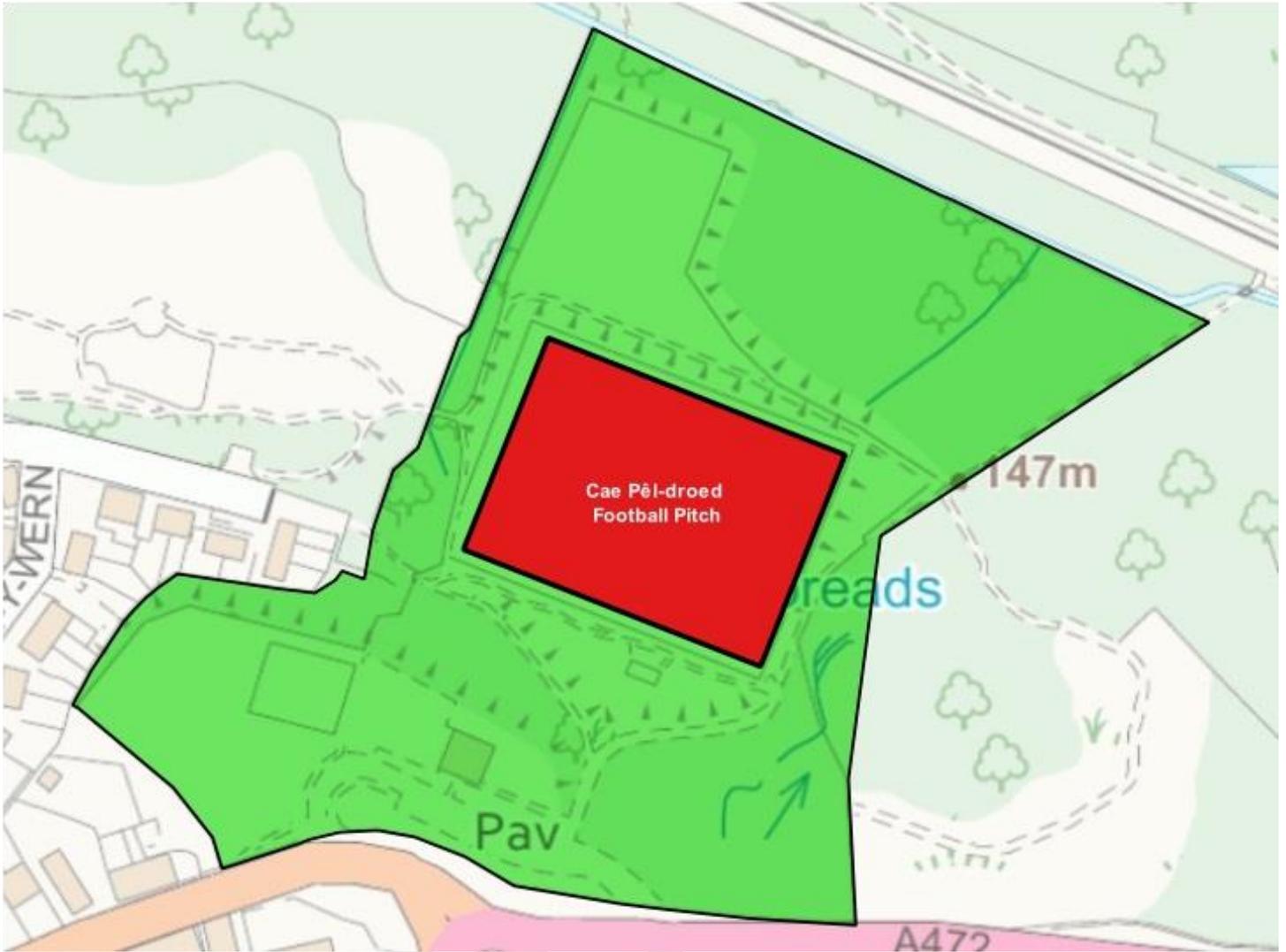
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Wern Football Field, Nelson

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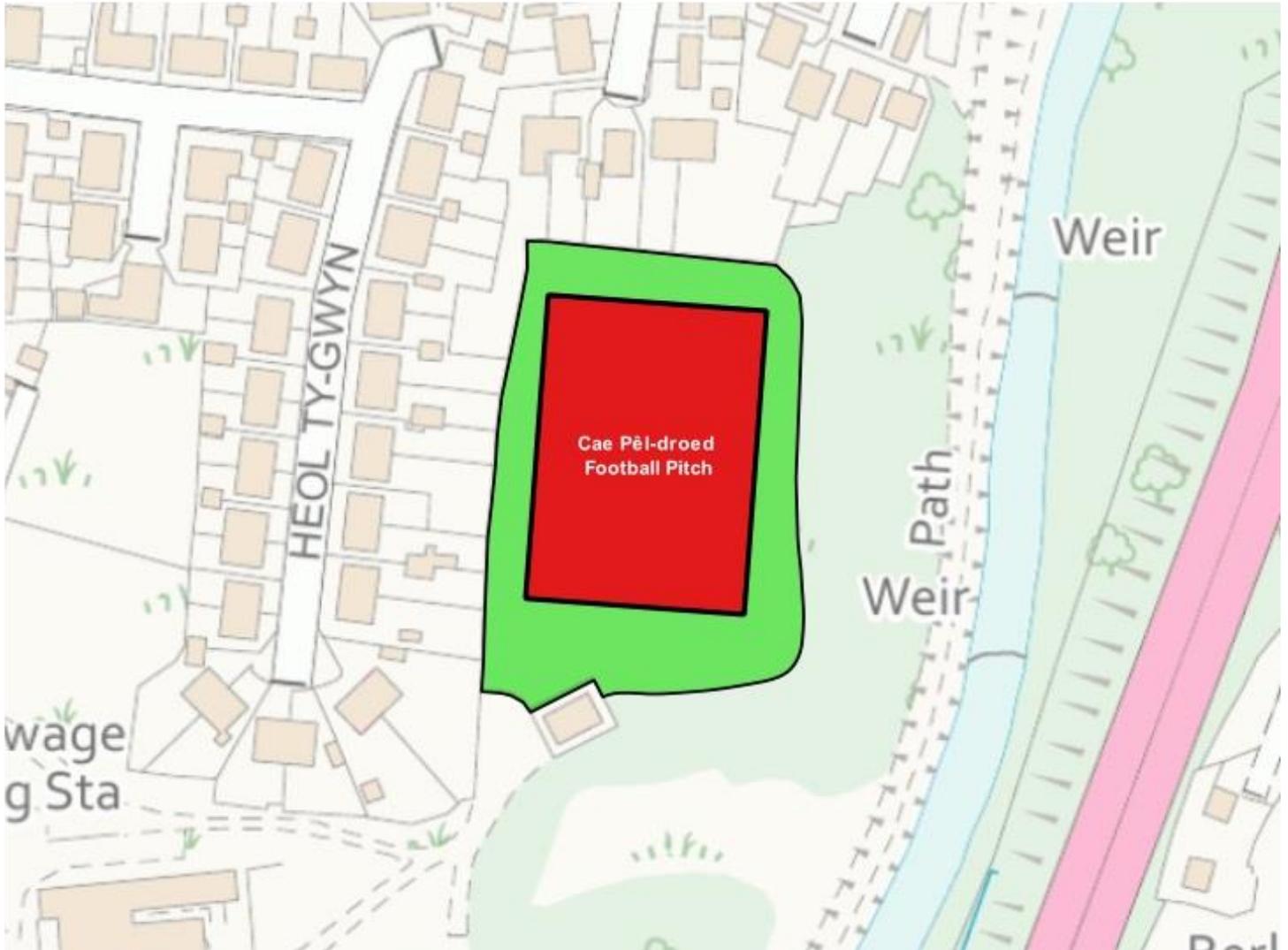
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Wing Field Football Field (Cwm Las)

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Wood Field Side Recreation Ground

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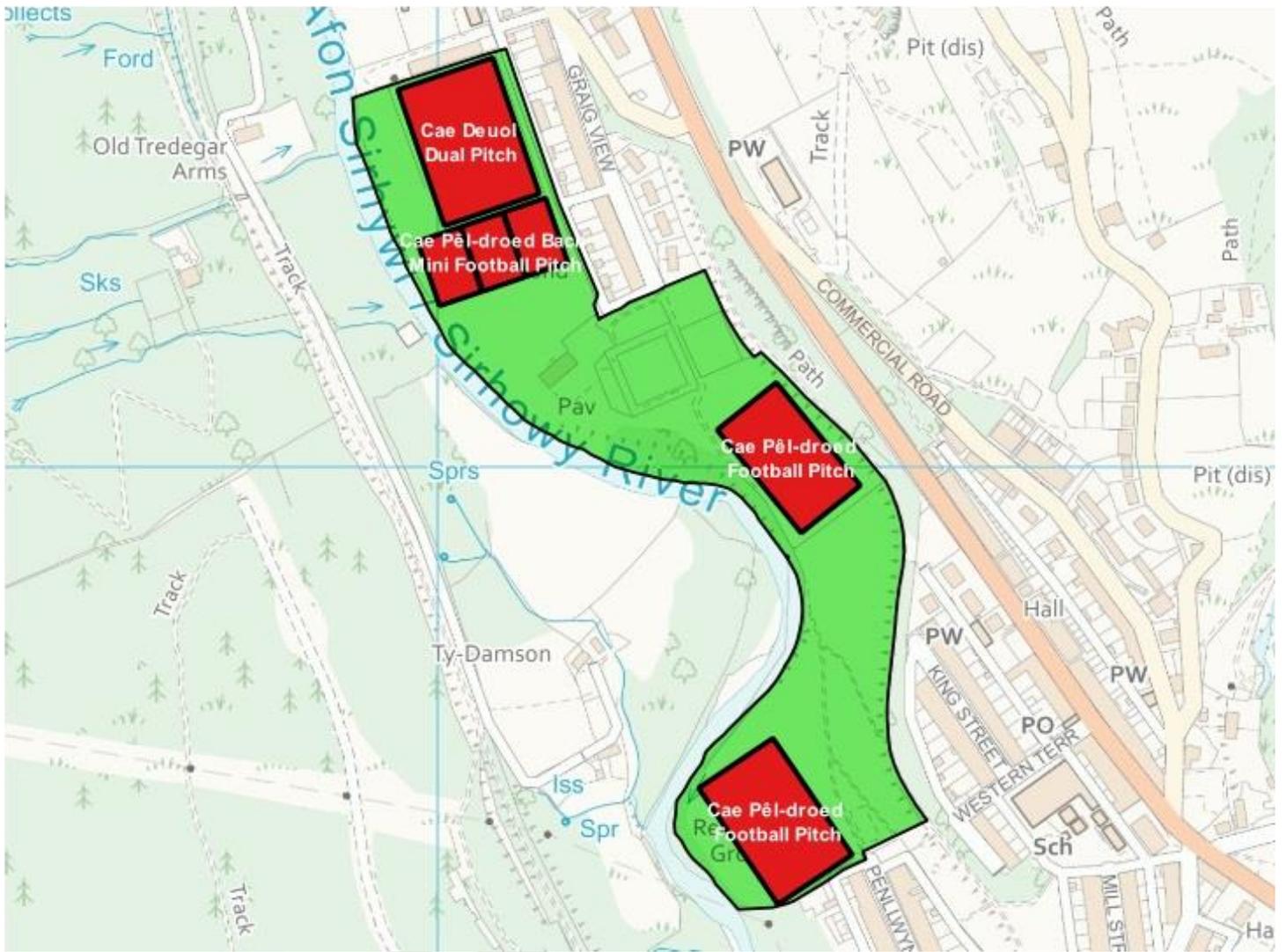
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Ynysddu Recreation Ground

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Ystrad Mynach Park

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CABINET – 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DRINKING ALCOHOL IN A PUBLIC PLACE

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on the outcome of a public consultation regarding the extension and proposed amendments to the existing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for anti-social behaviour (ASB) and drinking alcohol in a public place.
- 1.2 To seek Cabinet approval for the variation of some existing PSPO areas to include anti-social behaviour restrictions and on introducing a number of new areas within the PSPOs (Appendices 3-5).

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Public Space Protection Orders were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and are used by local authorities to deal with anti-social behaviour problems in a geographical area by imposing conditions on the use of an area. The aim of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, free from anti-social behaviour.
- 2.2 At its meeting of 22nd June 2021 Environmental and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee endorsed a proposed public consultation on proposed extension and amendments to the existing PSPO for ASB and drinking alcohol in a public place. A public consultation was launched on 23rd July for a period of 6 weeks. This report provides details on the outcome of the consultation and proposed draft PSPOs (Appendices 3-5) for approval.
- 2.3 The consultation outcome and proposed Order was considered by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 26th October 2021 and the views and comments of Scrutiny Committee are detailed in the consultation section (Section 10) of this report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the views and comments of Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet be noted as detailed in the consultation section (Section 10) of this report.
- 3.2 That Cabinet approve the draft PSPOs relating to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in a public place attached at Appendices 3-5.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To protect and enhance community safety in the identified areas.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Safer Communities Action Area of the Well-being of Future Generations Wellbeing plan identifies that feeling unsafe in a community has a significant impact on quality of life, whether someone is a direct victim of crime and disorder, or fears that they may be at some time in the future. One of the priority areas of the Safer Communities area of the action plan is to work with regional partners to create safe, confident communities and promote community cohesion to provide reductions in crime and disorder, reductions in anti-social behaviour and to improve community confidence and cohesion.
- 5.2 Use of PSPOs in areas highlighted by the community or partners agencies as being focal points for anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder, and by having open public consultation on the restrictions that should be brought in to these areas to target the reported behaviour is directly supportive of the Wellbeing Plan aims.
- 5.3 PSPOs introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) can be used to regulate activities in particular public places, to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. Whilst the Act allows local authorities to regulate activities in public places, the legislation specifies certain requirements which must be considered prior to making an Order.
- 5.4 A local authority may make a Public Space Protection Order if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met. The first condition is that activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality or it is likely that the activities will be carried on in a public place and that they will have such an effect. The second condition is that the effect or likely effect is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, is likely to be such as to make the activity unreasonable and justifies the restriction imposed by the Order.
- 5.5 Extending, varying and introducing the new areas as proposed through this consultation will assist in targeting the anti-social behaviour occurring in these areas. It is likely that if the Orders are not in place then there will be an increase in the amount, or the severity, of the anti-social behaviour in the Restricted Areas due to there being a decrease in the consequences of behaving in such a manner and reduction in the powers of Enforcement Officers to target those responsible.
- 5.6 Please note that the PSPOs in place over the last 3 years have provided grounds for targeted enforcement patrols and the powers for authorised persons (Police and

Community Safety Wardens) to engage persons behaving in an anti-social manner at an early stage. This may involve moving them on or issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to effectively disrupt the anti-social activity and prevent it escalating to the point of becoming criminal activity (e.g., Criminal Damage or Violence offences).

- 5.7 The consultation was launched on 23rd July and was open to residents and stakeholders for a period of six weeks. The consultation period was preceded by wide scale communication via the Council's website and social media accounts. Communication continued through a variety of media throughout the consultation period with a view to raising awareness of the consultation and increasing the response rate.
- 5.8 The key consultation tool was a survey. This was made available bilingually to residents for online completion via the Council's Website and shared on social media. Paper and alternative formats were available on request. A poster and leaflet were also developed to raise awareness of the consultation with a total of 3,000 A5 leaflets and 330 posters were distributed to various locations across the county borough.
- 5.9 Stakeholder groups were contacted directly via e-mail and invited to respond to the survey. Those contacted included: Gwent Police - Chief Constable, local Inspectors, Sergeants and Crime And Disorder Reduction Officers (CADROs). The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner, Community Safety Partners and Town Council representatives.
- 5.10 Throughout the consultation period a total of 127 surveys were completed online. Of those who responded to the survey, 84% of the respondents were residents living in the county borough. A total of 94% of people agreed with the proposal to extend the current PSPOs for a period of three years. A total of 96% agreed to vary some areas to include restrictions for anti-social behaviour. A total of 87% agreed with the proposal to introduce new areas whilst 10% had no view. A report of the consultation and all comments received are attached as an Appendix to this report (Appendix 1).
- 5.11 The existing PSPOs and proposed changes are detailed below. Within the comments of the survey some respondents suggested additional areas that they would like to see covered by a PSPO. All of these suggestions were investigated appropriately, and Police call data analysed to determine sufficient evidence to justify establishing a PSPO. On this basis it is proposed that the following areas will be added to the list of new areas to be covered by a PSPO:
- Hengoed Railway Station
 - Birchgrove, Tirphil, New Tredegar
 - Rhymney Library Car Park
 - Pengam Eco Park including Dylan Avenue
 - Crosskeys Train Station
 - Risca Road, Crosskeys

5.12 PSPO - Caerphilly County Borough Council Bus Stations at Caerphilly, Blackwood, Bargoed and Nelson and the Passenger Bridge and Train Station at Caerphilly

This PSPO was introduced in 2017 as a result of multiple community reports and complaints to agencies of considerable ASB in these areas. Gwent Police and the CCBC Community Safety Wardens continue to patrol and monitor these areas due to the number of continued reports of ASB. Over the last three years Gwent Police have received 244 complaints of ASB and crime and disorder at Blackwood bus station alone. The Community Safety partner agencies have needed to arrange specific operations to target ASB at the station and have used the restrictions in place to move people on, issue ASB referrals and Fixed Penalty Notices when required. It is therefore proposed to renew this PSPO for a further three years to assist with the enforcement of these issues.

5.13 PSPO - Caerphilly County Borough Council Bus Shelters and Bus Stops

This PSPO was also introduced in 2017 for the same reasons as the Bus Station PSPO above. Local knowledge of Police Crime and Disorder Reduction Officers (CADROs) and Community Safety Wardens continues to suggest that these bus stops and shelters are focal points for people gathering in the locality. Having a PSPO in place to restrict certain behaviours in these areas has allowed persons to be moved on or stopped from engaging in activities (e.g., loitering and drinking alcohol in a public place) which would otherwise progress to anti-social behaviour. It is therefore proposed to renew this PSPO for a further three years to assist with the enforcement of these issues.

5.14 PSPOs – Drinking alcohol in a public place

Since 2006 the Council has used powers to restrict anti-social drinking in designated public places by introducing several DPPOs. The historic DPPOs (which transferred to PSPOs in 2017 under the new legislation) cover 31 areas across the county borough which cover 280 specific locations such as streets, lanes and parks. Under these PSPO areas it is an offence for an individual to continue to consume alcohol having been requested to stop by an authorised officer.

5.15 The legal powers conferred upon Police Officers and Community Safety Wardens by these PSPOs are used regularly and are considered to provide an effective additional tool to assist them in addressing ASB and crime and disorder associated with the consumption of alcohol. However, enforcement is limited since these only cover alcohol restrictions. A lot of the areas covered are known ASB hotspots and Police and Community Safety tasking priority areas.

5.16 After consultation with the Police and key Community Safety partners it is proposed to vary a number of these existing areas to include ASB restrictions. A full list of these areas is listed under Appendix 2 and the areas to be varied are highlighted. The proposed wording for the proposed additional ASB restrictions for the varied PSPO will include:

- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent, or offensive manner.
- No person shall damage or deface any part of this area.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall litter, graffiti or deliberately set fires within this area.

- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- No person shall be in possession of an off-road vehicle in this area.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

5.17 New PSPO areas

Through consultation with Gwent Police the following areas have been identified as meeting the criteria for a new PSPO:

Trethomas River Walk

Both adults and young people congregate in groups in the area along Trethomas River Walk, in particular at the area of the “wooden fish carving”. Groups drink alcohol, leave behind litter including empty cans and broken glass bottles. They use foul language and are intimidating to passers-by including families who are trying to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. This has been discussed locally at Bedwas Police tasking meetings and reports of littering at the location have been reported by the CCBC Rivers Officer. The location has also been patrolled regularly by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

It is difficult to quantify the call data as there is no specific Police beat code for this location, however feedback from residents, and officers indicate that there is an issue here that has become persistent in nature.

Cwrt Coch Street Play Area, Aberbargoed

For the year 2020-2021 there have been 27 reports of ASB in the area of Cwrt Coch Street, Aberbargoed and the area known as the Aberbargoed Park. There has also been a great deal of community tension highlighted on social media regarding the area. Complaints have been received from local councillors and residents. The range of anti-social behaviour includes large gatherings of young people causing a nuisance, noise nuisance, littering, off road bikes and quads. This area has been discussed at the Safer Caerphilly Partnership Tasking and has been part of a patrol plan by the local Neighbourhood Policing team.

Ystrad Mynach Park

For the year 2020-2021 there have been 28 Reports of ASB linked to Ystrad Mynach Park, Caerphilly Road. Historically there have been reports of ASB also recorded at the park as a result of large groups of young people gathering and causing a nuisance by consuming alcohol and deliberate fire setting. Tragically, the area has also been highlighted following the death of a child due to a drugs overdose at the location. Incidents recorded at the park include: gangs of young people causing trouble, deliberate fire setting, fighting at the location, being intoxicated, and setting a tree on fire. Due to the levels of ASB in the area Ystrad Mynach Park has previously been highlighted as a Gwent Police “Your Voice Priority” identified by members of the public via a public survey. Previously several Dispersal Notices have been issued to prevent offending in this area.

Newbridge – High Street, Celyn Road, Bridge Street, Land surrounding Newbridge Leisure Centre including the car park, Calzaghe Bridge.

Historically Newbridge has been an ASB hotspot for Caerphilly Central Policing team. Recently the problem has resurfaced and has involved some serious incidents.

Community tensions increased following an incident involving over 40 young people. Some of whom damaged cars and smashed the front window of a house as they made their way over Calzaghe Bridge. Two dispersal notices have been issued in recent weeks and the area is now a Gwent Police Your Voice Priority. The ASB can be widespread and the areas listed above are the main focal points for young people to gather.

- 5.18 It is proposed to renew/vary and introduce these new areas under a PSPO for three years. A full list of all areas covered by a PSPO is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 5.19 Extending these Orders will assist Officers in targeting the anti-social behaviour which occurs in these areas. It is possible that if the Orders are not renewed then there will be an increase in the amount, or the severity, of the anti-social behaviour in the Restricted Areas due to there being a decrease in the consequences of behaving in such a manner and reduction in the powers of Enforcement Officers to target those responsible.

5.20 **Conclusion**

Having regard to the requirements of Section 59 of the Act set out in paragraph 5.2 above and the responses to the consultation outlined above it is clear that the conditions required to make the proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders have been satisfied. The above proposals aim to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy our public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. Cabinet are asked to approve the PSPOs detailed above and attached at Appendices 3-5 for a period of 3 years prior.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 There are no assumptions associated with this report.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The reduction of anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder in public places across the county borough will benefit children, young people and adults and help provide clean and safe areas for communities to enjoy. No negative impacts have been identified

[Link to full Integrated Impact Assessment](#)

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There will be a financial cost of appropriate signage at the new PSPO sites and the varied sites. This will be met through existing budgets.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Temporary increase in workload initially, due to erecting new signage. Any additional

restrictions imposed may increase the potential for staff to be placed in confrontational situations. However, the proposals provide additional powers intended to moderate and de-escalate adverse behaviour. It will be important to ensure that the necessary training and procedures are in place so that staff are able to assist with the expectations in relation to enforcement of these proposals.

- 9.2 The consultation outcome and proposed Orders were considered by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 26th October 2021 and the views and comments of Scrutiny Committee will be presented verbally to Cabinet.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 This report has been sent to the consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

- 10.2 The consultation outcome and proposed Order was considered by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 26th October 2021:

- One Member raised the number of anti-social behaviour complaints received for Blackwood Bus Station and asked if the nature of complaint had changed over the three years or was it dominated by one factor. The Community Safety Officer advised that complaints were mainly associated with youth annoyance and drug-taking and highlighted that this location was a priority area.
- One Member sought clarification on the proposed PSPO extension as he couldn't find the information for specific wards within the report. The Community Safety Officer outlined how the PSPO would be extended in all existing areas for a further 3 years. Also, that further areas had been suggested as part of the consultation process and that some of these locations would now be covered by the PSPO.
- One Member asked about anti-social behaviour at Panside, Crossways Road in Newbridge. The Member believed that the main problem was behind nearby shops. The Community Safety Officer advised that discussions had taken place with the Police and the area initially identified had been by the bus-shelter, but that consideration would now take place on including the carpark behind the shops. Officers have since determined that the relevant criteria are met and this location has now been added to the list at Appendix 2 and the draft Order at Appendix 3.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014

Author: Natalie Kenny, Community Safety Officer

Consultees: Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Environment and Neighbourhood Services
Cllr. D.T. Davies – Chair of Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
Cllr. A. Hussey - Vice Chair of Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny
Mark S. Williams – Corporate Director, Economy & Environment
Rob Hartshorn, Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services
Rob Tranter, Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer
Steve Harris, Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer
Lynne Donovan, Head of People Services
Ceri Edwards Environmental Health Manager
Anwen Cullinane, Senior Policy Officer (Equalities & Welsh Language)
Liz Sharma, Consultation and Public Engagement Officer
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Insp. Lysha Thompson, Gwent Police
Paul O'Neill, Senior Youth Service Manager
Michaela Rogers, Youth Offending Service Manager
Mike Headington, Green Spaces and Transport Services Manager
Stephen Mock, Solicitor
Rachel Thornett, Tenancy Enforcement Manager
Jared Lougher, Sport & Leisure Development Manager
Lisa Lane, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Background Papers:

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Statutory guidance for frontline professionals.

Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee report 22nd June 2021 entitled “Public Space Protection Order Review”

Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee report 26th October 2021 entitled ‘Public Space Protection Orders – Anti-social Behaviour and Drinking Alcohol in a Public Place’

Appendices: The documents attached are not fully accessible for further information please contact the report author.

Appendix 1 ASB PSPO Report of Consultation
Appendix 2 List of PSPO areas
Appendix 3 Draft PSPO Order Anti-Social Behaviour Drinking Alcohol in a Public Place 2021
Appendix 4 Draft PSPO Order Bus Shelters and Bus Stops 2021
Appendix 5 Draft PSPO Order Bus Stations 2021

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & DRINKING ALCOHOL IN A PUBLIC PLACE (23/07/2021 – 02/09/2021).

Summary Report

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can be used to regulate activities in particular public places to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour. As such, these Orders provide an opportunity to enhance the Council's enforcement ability to respond to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in a public place. Caerphilly County Borough Council introduced several PSPOs in 2017 to address anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in a public place.

At its meeting of 22nd June 2021 Environmental and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee endorsed a proposed public consultation on the extension, renewal and amendments to the existing PSPOs for ASB and drinking alcohol in a public place. A public consultation was launched on 23rd July for a period of 6 weeks. This summary report provides details on the outcome of the consultation.

Method

The consultation was open to residents and stakeholders from the 23rd July 2021 for a period of 6 weeks.

The consultation period was enhanced by a variety of communication methods such as messages via the Council's website and social media accounts and leaflets and posters that were distributed across the county borough to raise awareness of the consultation.

The key consultation tool was a questionnaire. Due to the restrictions imposed due to Covid 19 the consultation was carried out primarily online.

The survey was made available bilingually to residents for online completion via the Council's Website and shared on social media. Posters were displayed in prominent locations at parks, shops etc., a paper survey was also available on request.

Stakeholder groups were contacted directly via e-mail and invited to respond to the survey. Those contacted included: Gwent Police - Chief Constable, local Inspectors, Sergeants and Crime and Disorder Reduction Officers (CADROs). The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner, Community Safety Partners and Town Council representatives.

Key Findings

Throughout the consultation period a total of 127 surveys were completed online. Of those who responded to the survey, 84% of the respondents were residents living in the county borough. A total of 94% of people agreed with the proposal to extend the current PSPOs for a period of three years. A total of 96% agreed to vary some areas to include restrictions for anti-social behaviour. A total of 87% agreed with the proposal to introduce new areas whilst 10% had no view. A breakdown of the survey and all comments received are included below.

Breakdown of Replies

Of the 127 respondents to the survey, 126 replied in the medium of English and 1 in the medium of Welsh.

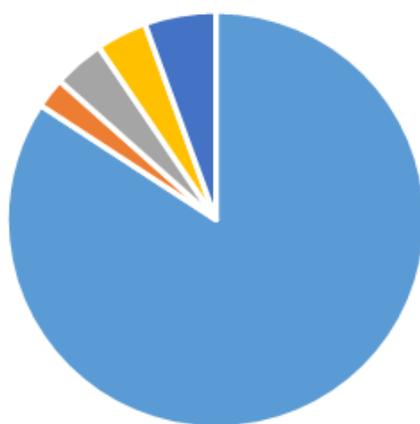
Responses	#	%
English	126	99.21
Welsh	1	0.79
	127	

Question 1

Of the 127 respondents, 107 are residents of the county borough, 3 represent a business within the borough, 5 are elected members of CCBC, 5 represent a charity or organisation and 7 did not fit these categories.

I am completing this survey:	#	%
Resident of the County Borough	107	84.25
Businessperson	3	2.36
Elected member	5	3.94
Representative of a charity/organisation	5	3.94
Other	7	5.51

Question 1



- Resident of the County Borough
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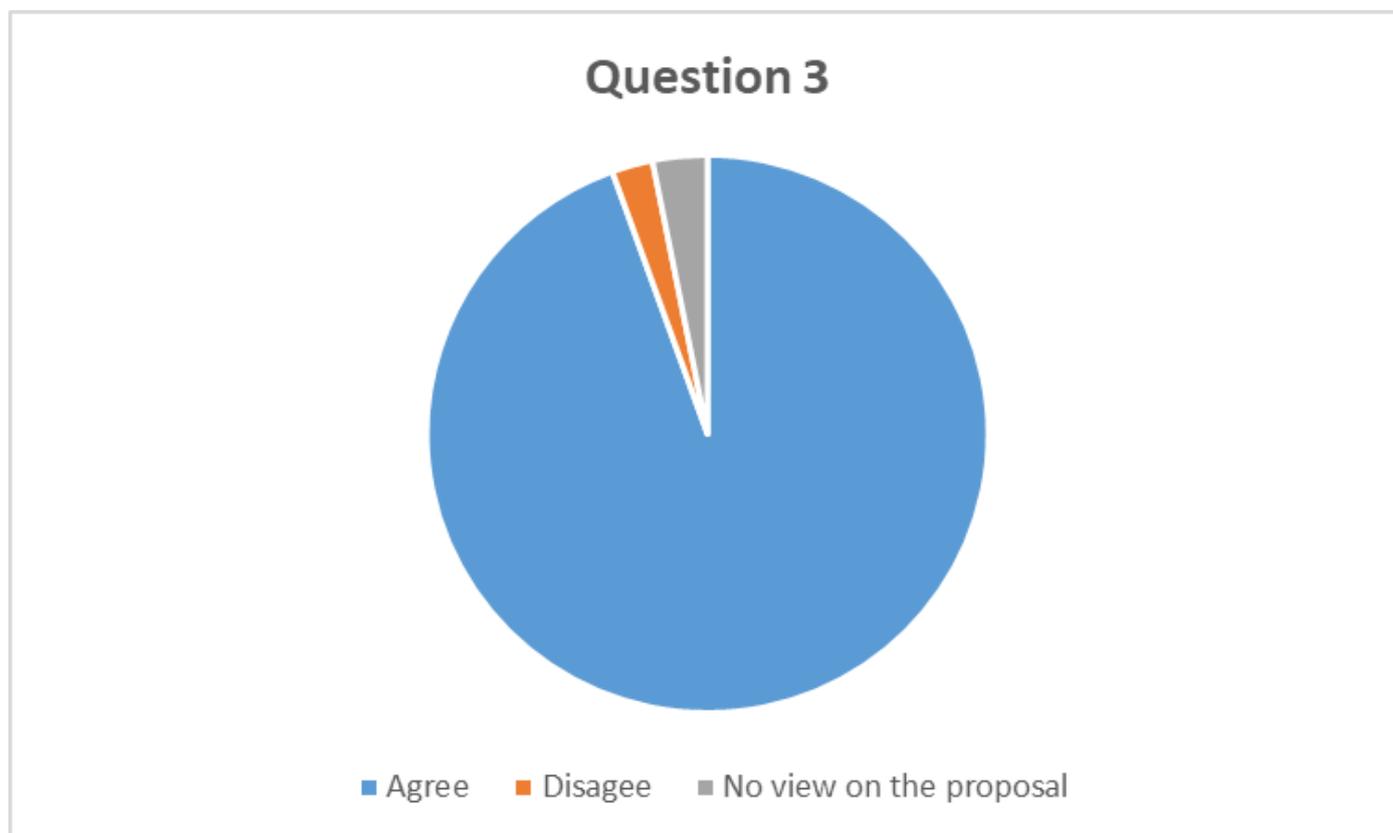
Question 2

Postcode – Aligned with comments

Question 3

Of the 127 respondents, 120 agree with the proposal to extend the existing PSPOs, 3 disagree and 4 have no view on the proposal.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to extend the existing PSPOs relating to anti-social behaviour at bus stations, bus shelters, bus stops and the Passenger Bridge and Train Station at Caerphilly for a further 3 years?	#	%
Agree	120	94.49
Disagree	3	2.36
No view on the proposal	4	3.15



Question 4 – Comments *only postcodes providing a comment listed

Cf82 8fr	To feel safer as my children grow old enough to use them independently
NP12 3st	This is necessary for public safety and reassurance.
NP122hl	This will help eliminate intimidating circumstances
Cf82 8aw	Makes people feel safer when using public transport.
NP12 2QE	the issues still remain...
cf81 8ja	young people are congregating to drink in these areas and this is causing a nuisance to the residents there is also a lot of litter and fire risks
CF82 7FN	ASB complaints are continuously reported around these locations and the PSP's allow Police and CCBC staff to enforce as and when is necessary.
CF82 7FN	The bus stations, bus shelters and bus stops are a frequent issue for ASB and persons congregating. The PSPO's allow the Police and CCBC staff to continue to tackle the problems.
CF82 7FE	With such a large number of anti-social Behaviour in Ystrad Mynach and the very little response from both the council and police any extra extension to these orders should be passed. and then followed up by both the council and police using these powers to stop all the anti - social behaviour.
CF83 3PU	All of the above passenger transport locations suffer from ASB extending the PSPO's will give the appropriate agencies the power to deal with those causing ASB and also act as a deterrent.
CF83 2AZ	A tougher approach needs to be taken with anti social behaviour, which appears to be on the increase
CF83 3SJ	No resident of Caerphilly should feel they need to avoid an area due to antisocial behaviour
Cf831fw	Hopefully it will make it safer for people as long as its enforced
Cf831fy	Caerphilly Town centre and Dafydd Williams Park are becoming a no go area for residents. The abuse we are having to put up with, the drunken behaviour and drug taking is not acceptable. I'm sick to death of having to smell the smoking of pot on our streets and public area's. The area opposite sports direct is a place to openly buy and make their joints of weed.
Cf83 1sl	To make/keep area safe for all
Cf83 1jt	I'm sick of seeing kids drinking , smoking drugs openly in these areas. These are areas that need to be kept safe f
Cf831hs	There are continuous problems in certain areas so I would welcome this extension.

cf838pe	why not allow people shelter from the rain if they behave
CF83 1JQ	I am the owner of AVIARY located at 42 Cardiff Road and the antisocial behaviour at the public areas outside my premises is disgusting. Constant drunk people fighting and dealing drugs.
Cf831te	Happy
NP23 7SU	Offences have occurred in train and bus stations.
NP22 5JZ	Gangs of youths gathering seems to lead to ASB
CF81 9PH	I feel intimidated by the crowds of youths at the railway station and other areas and hate the mess they leave behind
NP12 0DA	The majority of these are things which no one should really be doing anyway.
Np225dj	Asb is rife in these areas making it feel unsafe for decent hardworking people, Litter mess and filth is not what I want to see
Np225lq	It says Caerphilly I live in rhymney and I hope the proposal is meant for up here too as it's getting out of hand
NP24 6AY	Whilst the problem has not gone away having measures as this in place is to a tool to tackling issues provided the resources are available with respective agencies to enforce them.
NP24 6AY	Areas across the Upper Rhymney Valley are blighted by anti social behaviour, much of this is fuelled by alcohol. PSPO's are an added tool for the Police and CCBC Wardens to deal with this behaviour which has an adverse impact on the quality of life for local residents.
CF831SF	I agree that all reasonable action should be taken to reduce anti social behaviour in the area. This appears to be a proportionate use of council powers to reduce anti social behaviour.
Np22 5nb	The children are drunk in the nights causing you to be afraid to walk up the high street. They keep kicking the door to my property at stupid times throughout the night and just shout abuse
cf81 8xf	prevention and reduction in crime and disorder to provide community reassurance
CF83 3AY	I agree with extending the existing PSBOs as I believe it helps reduce anti-social behaviour, it also helps residents feel safer when outdoors within the Caerphilly area.
Cf83 4bg	There has been several incidents over the last few months and I think this needs to be brought in
Cf83 4bs	If people continue to act up its needed.
Cf819dz	It will allow other residents to feel safe in these areas.
cf83 3bb	to prevent antisocial behaviour

cf83 3bx	There should be no anti social behaviour anywhere in a public space
CF832NU	For good social behaviour
cf838db	Sonething ahs to be done to reduce the ASB
Cf83 4ep	Need to be kept as crime is hitting a high With more youngsters getting into trouble
CF82 8FS	Young people have been allowed to get away with bad behaviour and no consequences for too long.
cf831ax	This behaviour stops me from going out
Cf83 2qr	I believe anti social behaviour needs more control. Especially near the Energlyn train station and the car park and nearby wooded area.
Cf83 3nu	Too many young people causing social piblems locally
CF83 4BJ	Makes the train station and surrounding area a safer place for the public.
CF834AZ	Groups hanging around can be threatening
Cf83 2tp	Extend it by all means but has it worked in the past? Probably not. Question is at what cost? and will it be worth it?
CF81 8QP	OUR TOWN CENTRES ARE NO GO AREAS ON WEEK ENDS
Np22 5df	People should feel safe when using public transport, people hanging around in groups at bus stops can be intimidating
NP11 7PF	Too many youngsters hanging around
NP12 3QW	To keep the general public safe.
CF83 2DD	We have had trouble on the playing field Castell Maen estate also I see various drink and drug taking at the back of the travel lodge on the Castell Maen estate.
NP11 6EP	Make places safer particularly for women
Np11 7at	I understand with the pandemic children have been kept in but now lockdown is over they are out of control. It desperately needs addressing and policing.
NP225LP	I don't live in Caerphilly so doesn't affect me
Np115gy	I don't agree that you have to give your name to any authorised person unless it is a valid reason or that to be told to leave an area if the person is not doing any harm to anybody else

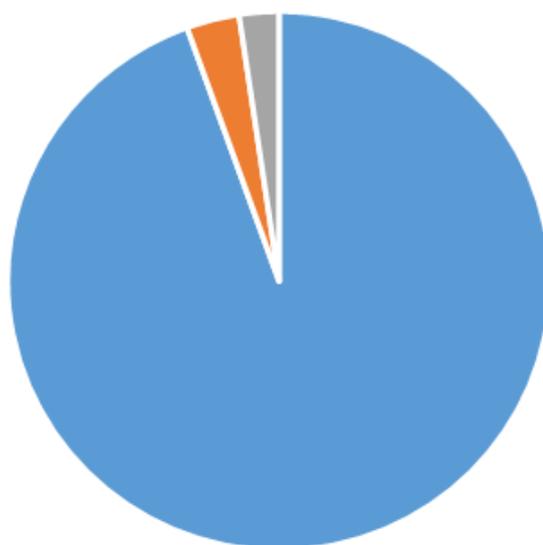
Cf827rb	Hengoed Railway station is plagued by antisocial behaviour, from mid afternoons onwards. There is drug use, underage drinking, littering, vandalism and generally intimidating behaviour on a regular basis
Cf83 3RT	Want to feel safe whilst travelling at any time of the day and not threatened by people loitering especially now covid exists.
NP12 3LD	This will be better for safety in all aspects
NP12 3AE	This proposal is reasonable and can only mean that the areas mentioned above are more inviting and safer to those who wish to use the services that it is there to serve.
NP12 1GW	There should be zero tolerance to drinking alcohol in public places as described. It leads to public disorder and is intimidating for the general public. CCBC should take a lead on this issue and the legislation should be there so that effective action can be taken when required.
NP115FA	We need real presence in Newbridge especially on the weekend. 12 & 13 year olds are congregating in large numbers. They have attacked a resident of ebbw view terrace and recently one Friday afternoon abused a lady who was in a mobility chair until she cried.
Cf82 7ds	Helps prevent anti social behaviour and keep areas safe for all members if the community
Cf83 1bb	This remains a problem
Np12 3rf	So that goes facilities can be used without fear of ASB
np11 3hz	anti social getting worst
Cf831ax	The impact of this behaviour is having a detrimental effect on residents
CF83 3FZ	Caerphilly has become an anti social place. I do not feel safe at any time of day in caerphilly

Question 5

Of the 127 respondents, 120 agree with the proposal to extend the existing PSPOs to control drinking alcohol in a public place for a further 3 years, 4 disagree and 3 have no view on the proposal.

	#	%
Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to extend the existing PSPOs to control drinking alcohol in a public place for a further 3 years?		
Agree	120	94.49
Disagree	4	3.15
No view on the proposal	3	2.36

Question 5



■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ No view on the proposal

Question 6 – Comments *only postcodes providing a comment listed

Cf82 8fr	Long term orders show it won't be tolerated.
Cf82 8aw	Parks are for playing not sitting around drinking
NP12 2QE	The issues still remain...
cf81 8ja	the alcohol unfortunately causes anti social behaviour and litter and is a nuisance to the residents who live in the areas
CF82 7FN	PSPO are beneficial in stopping the congregation of groups drinking and leading to further incidents later in the day, it will give the local Police and designated council staff the much needed powers to tackle the problem in a positive way which have detrimental effect on residents and other persons within the locality.
CF82 7FN	PSPO are beneficial in stopping the congregation of groups drinking and leading to further incidents, it will give the local Police and designated council staff the much needed powers to tackle the problem in a positive way which have a detrimental effect on residents and persons within the locality.
CF82 7FE	there is such a big issue with teenages in ystrad park and by the dog track drinking alcohol and drug use that something has to be done. there has already been one death what will it take before both the council and police do something.
CF83 3PU	Alcohol plays a large part in ASB and extending the PSPO's to control drinking in public spaces will give the appropriate agencies the relevant powers to deal with this problem.
CF83 2AZ	As previous response
CF83 3SJ	It is unsightly and threatening to see the lurid behaviour.

Cf831fw	Anti social drinking especially around caerphilly Castle have made it unpleasant for families using the park grounds.
Cf831fy	Lots of drunken behaviour, especially Daffydd Williams Park. The mess left with bottles and cans is completely unacceptable and an embarrassment when tourists are visiting the castle.
Cf83 1jt	Too many people drinking and causing anti social behaviour. Our town should be a safe place but unless this behaviour is stopped it will impact on ordinary decent people
Cf831hs	Alcohol and drugs is at the root of most problems relating to public order issues
cf838pe	Why stop 99% of good natured people doing as they wish for a bad apple 1%
CF83 1JQ	People DO NOT need to drink on the streets freely in town.
Cf831te	Agree
CF83 4ED	So many youngsters are drinking and it's just ridiculous
NP23 7SU	Offences have been committed as a result of drinking alcohol in public places.
Cf831au	This is happening more and more, groups of teens drinking and smoking in public park
NP22 5EA	We have issues on our High Street in Rhymney and the Memorial Park and Eisteddfod with youths drinking, smashing bottles and our crews are constantly cleaning this up. This is not sustainable and we need to go further with the PSPO's and ensure they are patrolled more frequently.
CF81 9PH	There is no justification for young people to gather in crowds to drink, they are not old enough to buy alcohol and also is becoming worse with drug abuse
NP12 0DA	This just seems sensible
Np225dj	Plenty of places to have a drink pubs or at home not in public places sets a bad example to youngsters
Np225lq	I don't think the people doin this will listen they just move on to the next bus stop bench etc when the officers are out of sight
NP24 6AY	Whilst the problem has not gone away having measures as this in place is to a tool to tackling issues provided the resources are available with respective agencies to enforce them.
NP24 6AY	Please see previous answer.
CF831SF	Similar to my previous response, this appears to be a sensible approach.
Np22 5nb	The drinking of younger people is getting ridiculous. They are out of control and make the public afraid to walk about due to the large groups

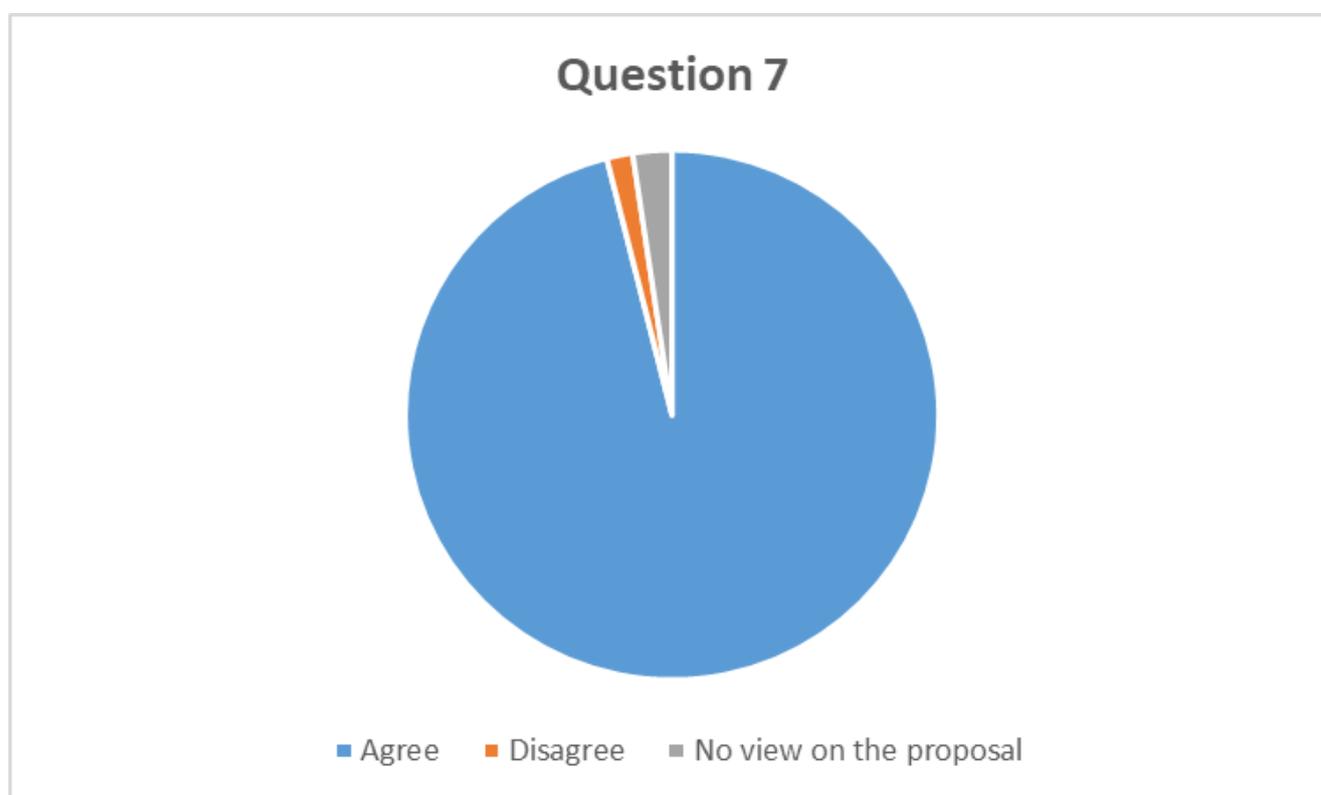
cf81 8xf	provides additional powers to reduce ASB and crime
CF83 3AY	I do not believe that it is acceptable to drink in a public place.I also believe drinking leads to anti-social behaviour.(There are no toilets in public places to name just one of the anti-war social behaviours that it leads to). It is also an activity that is easily accessible to under age drinkers.
Cf83 4bg	I don't need my children to have to witness any of this
Cf83 4bs	Too easy to become a target if groups loitering around
Cf819dz	Resident safety
cf83 3bb	to prevent antisocial behaviour
cf83 3bx	This proposal gives the person the option to drink until asked not to do so by which time they will have consumed alcohol and would not take kindly to be asked to stop. It should be made illegal so that the law is clear
CF832NU	Drinking should be done in licensed premises or at home
Cf83 4ep	There seems to be more people drinking on the streets
cf831ax	Constantly being woken by anti social behaviour at morgan jones park by drinkers with loud music and loud vocalisation.
Cf83 2qr	Same answer as previous question
Cf83 3nu	Far too many youngsters gathering in parks & elsewhere with alcohol
CF83 4BJ	Improves public safety and keeps communities cleaner.
No121ja	Services already work
Cf83 2tp	Again have we data to to justify it's success? Has it worked in the past? and at what cost?
CF81 8QP	PUBLIC SAFTY IS PARAMOUNT
Np22 5df	There is no reason why anyone needs to drink alcohol while walking around the streets and I believe those who do are far more likely to then become antisocial.
NP11 7PF	Too many people drinking alcohol causing damage, public disorder and litter
NP12 3QW	When people drink and get drunk in a public areas the rest of the general public do not feel safe if you have to walk past these groups of people. It's very intimidating.

CF83 2DD	Needs to be a visual deterrent.
NP11 6EP	Make area more pleasant for everyone.
Np11 7at	We all know drinking leads to bad behaviour
NP225LP	Don't want to pass intoxicated people in the streets
Np115gy	I don't agree If the person is not doing harm to anybody
Cf827rb	Will help control known troublesome hotspots
Cf83 3RT	Children and adults need to set an example to all younger generations that drinking alcohol and drugs is not a way of life,, especially when young teenagers putting themselves at risk by drinking.
NP12 3AE	I would like to think one year was long enough, but very often you will see the problem comes back as soon as the order runs out. with 3 years, this would reduces work in resubmitting the proposal again.
NP12 1GW	As previously stated
NP115FA	They cannot behave themselves so they need dispersing.
Cf82 7ds	Prevents anti social behaviour and possible reduction in litter/smashed glass
Np11 7ar	To reduce anti social behaviour
np11 3hz	loads of problems
CF83 3FZ	Alcohol, although not every time, has been a reason for anti social behaviour

Question 7

Of the 127 respondents, 122 agree with the proposal to vary some areas under the PSPOs to include anti-social behaviour restrictions for a further 3 year, 2 disagree and 3 have no view on the proposal.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to vary some areas under the PSPO to include anti-social behaviour restrictions for a further 3 years? (Please tick one)	#	%
Agree	122	96.06
Disagree	2	1.57
No view on the proposal	3	2.36



Question 8 – Comments *only postcodes providing a comment listed

NP12 3st	This is helpful for public safety and allows police to deal with other crime whilst authorized personnel deal with ASB
NP122hl	All of the above makes our county a nicer place to live
Cf82 8aw	People should behave
cf81 8ja	as previously stated

CF82 7FN	ASB impacts on the quality of life of residents and other persons within the vicinity. By introducing further measures to combat it is a very step and it gives the Police and Council employees further powers to deal with the most problematic areas.
CF82 7FN	ASB impacts on the quality of life of those experiencing it, further measures to allow the Police and CCBC staff to have more enforcement powers is very positive.
CF83 3PU	PSPO's give various agencies relevant powers to deal with a range of issues which occur in various public spaces throughout the Caerphilly County Borough.....affecting the quality of life of law abiding citizens.....they are an important tool in combatting these issues.
Cf831fw	There are some new hospitality businesses open in caerphilly Town that have added some class to the area and they have my 100% backing.
Cf83 1jt	We should have a safe place to live and on occasions due to this sort of behaviour we dont
CF83 1JQ	Zero police Presence in town allows people to cause issues.
Cf831te	Agree
NP23 7SU	There have been offences committed as a result of many of the points shown above.
NP12 0DA	These seem like things no should be doing anyway.
Np225dj	No asb it's as simple as that
Np225lq	As above
NP24 6AY	Whilst the problem has not gone away having measures as this in place is to a tool to tackling issues and act as a deterrent provided the resources are available with respective agencies to enforce them.
NP24 6AY	Anti Social behaviour has a negative impact on the quality of life for many residents in our communities. It is often but not always low level but as it is for some a daily occurrence, it can be hugely frustrating for people living nearby. The Police & CCBC Wardens need added tools to help to combat this issue.
CF831SF	Any appropriate action to reduce anti social behaviour, anti social drinking and littering is welcomed.
Np22 5nb	More presence will make them think more before they start abusing people. Also, due to the large amounts in the group's it is intimidating and makes people with mental health issues fear going to the shops
cf81 8xf	to improve the image and reputation of Caerphilly and prevent crime and disorder
CF83 3AY	I find the anti-war social behaviours listed above very intimidating as a woman.
Cf83 4bs	Same as previous reason.
Cf819dz	Resident safety

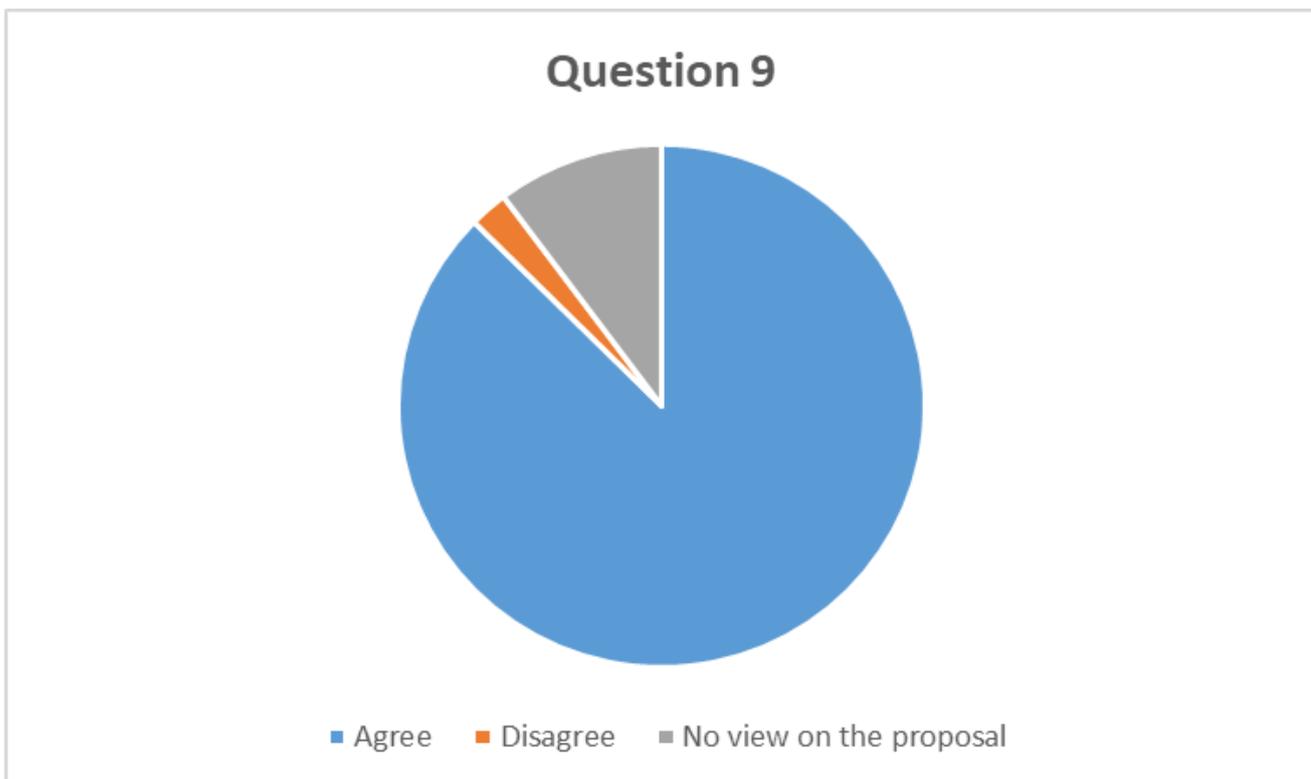
cf83 3bb	the authorities must have the legal power to prevent antisocial behaviour
CF832NU	Keep our county clean and appealing
cf831ax	Vehicles being driven around the park late at night, some with no lights like the golf buggy.
CF83 8EB	<p>I resource the area with Police Officers and there is a need to have the order in place to make timely and spontaneous decisions. The area mentioned has had lots of problems with young people, particularly during school term as this area is a direct route that school children use and congregate. Offences range from basic Anti social behaviour to Crime and Disorder. This route/area has been a hot spot for these offences.</p> <p>Alcohol fuel behaviour and generally in the wrong direction, particularly the young. Members of the community need to go about their daily life without being harassed alarmed or distressed by all ages who are not drinking alcohol responsibly.</p>
Cf83 3nu	Just a general breakdown in unlawful unrest locally. Need Police to be seen on beat as a deterrent
CF83 4BJ	Keeps Caerphilly Borough cleaner and safer and a more pleasant place to be.
Cf83 2tp	See previous comments
CF81 8QP	DEFINATLY NEEDED , DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE IS OUT OF HAND
Np22 5df	To improve the area and to improve the lives of residents.
NP11 7PF	Too much trouble happening in Crosskeys
NP12 3QW	You need these restrictions as some people don't know how to behave in public and have very little respect for others.
CF83 2DD	Damage has occurred at the playing fields as well as lots of alcohol litter broken glass etc at the park. Very worryingly to us as we moved here for these facilities and now do not use them and thinking of moving out of Caerphilly.
NP11 6EP	Carry on because it's working
NP225LP	Anti social behaviour affects a lot of people in different ways
Np115gy	I disagree that you have to give your name and address if the person haven't committed an offence
Cf83 3RT	When children set fires to all the bins in our area, they didn't know that smoke can also be life threatening than the actual fire itself, burns can be very painful life changing,, as they don't know what they are burning ,, people with asthma, breathing problems,, emergency services are already stretched,, education in schools about fire should be taught as first aid
NP12 1GW	Keep the anti-social behaviour orders in place and extend to other areas if there is an issue

NP115FA	The children who are congregating on a weekend their behaviour is feral.
Cf831ax	More needs to be done to secure parks and buildings to act as a deterrent to this behaviour.
CF83 3FZ	As a resident of Churchill Park, off road vehicles are a major problem. Even children in the streets, as the parents have bought the vehicles for the children, yet will not tame them to a place where they can be used legally. Therefore they are used in the streets as a vehicle, with no reasonable doubt as if it was a push bike

Question 9

Of the 127 respondents, 111 agree with the proposal to a new PSPO for a period of 3 years, 3 disagree and 13 have no view on the proposal.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to introduce a new PSPO for a period of 3 years?	#	%
Agree	111	87.40
Disagree	3	2.36
No view on the proposal	13	10.24



Question 10 – Comments *only postcodes providing a comment listed

NP12 3st	Yes for reasoned previously outlined, it is a necessary project.
cf81 8ja	to prevent gangs of young people drinking and causing a nuisance I also believe the river area in gilfach should be included as every Friday dozens of young people congregate in and around this area drinking, playing very loud music, shouting and being a general nuisance
NP11 4EP	Due to the rise in teenage anti social behaviour.
CF82 7FN	Sitting on Hub Tasking meetings with multi agency partners the highlighted areas are problematic for ASB and great a heavy resource demand. PSPO's in these areas could be a positive step forward to hopefully reducing the issues at the locations.
CF82 7FN	The areas mentioned are continuously mentioned in Multi agency meetings as problematic. The locations demand a significant amount of resources and the PSPO's will be a further positive step in allowing the Police and CCBC to combat the issues.
cf83 8ep	needs to include Bedwas
CF82 7FE	you should also have the river bank by dog track in Ystrad Mynach as you can get upto 40 teenages drinking and taken drugs on an night of the week.
CF83 3PU	All of the above named areas are ASB Hotspots where groups of people congregate /drink alcohol (many are underage)and cause ASB and criminal damage. The PSPO's are an important tool in tackling these issues
CF83 3SJ	Is Morgan Jones included in this list?
Cf831fw	Don't live in these areas
Cf83 1sl	I don't know these areas so can't comment
Cf83 1jt	These are places families should be able to go to safely
cf838pe	a waste if time if there are insufficient police to enforce it. they cant even stop asb outside bedwas police station mess room in the adjacent park.
CF83 1JQ	Caerphilly town centre needs to be a major point in clamping down. It is the epicentre.
NP23 7SU	I am aware of serious offences being committed particularly in Ysyrad Mynach Park.
NP22 5EA	I believe locations in Rhymney should be added to the list. Rhymney High Street, War Memorial Park and Rhymney Library considering the amount of complaints we have received.
NP12 0DA	These are things which no one should be doing anyway.
Np225dj	These are family areas not for drug users and drinkers

Np225lq	I don't live here
NP24 6AY	Having measures as this in place is to a tool to tackling issues provided the resources are available with respective agencies to enforce them.
NP24 6AY	Not familiar with these areas.
CF831SF	Earlier this year I took my wife and daughters for a walk to Trethomas river walk and there was a huge group of drunk people (one women was screaming swearing and couldn't stand up). It was lunchtime!! Any reasonable action to remove this behaviour from our public places is welcomed.
cf81 8xf	to prevent crime and disorder and reassure the community
CF83 3AY	I think it will benefit all the residents that live close to these areas or frequent these areas.
Cf83 4bg	I don't live in the above area therefore it wouldn't effect me
Cf83 4bs	Why should some people spoil others enjoyment?
cf83 3bb	these areas have a history of antisocial behaviour.
CF832NU	Good behaviour
CF83 8EB	<p>I resource the area with Police Officers and there is a need to have the order in place to make timely and spontaneous decisions. The area mentioned has had lots of problems with young people, particularly during school term and holidays. Offences range from basic Anti social behaviour to Crime and Disorder. This route/area has been a hot spot for these offences.</p> <p>Alcohol fuel behaviour and generally in the wrong direction, particularly the young. Members of the community need to go about their daily life without being harassed alarmed or distressed by all ages who are not drinking alcohol responsibly.</p>
cf83 2nf	If council is proposing these measures I assume there is some evidence for the need.
Cf83 3nu	Needs people to be protected from being able to feel safe in their own community.
CF83 4BJ	Keeps the areas safer. I work in Newbridge and a to social behaviour around the leisure centre has caused injury and upset to a number of people in the community.
Cf83 2tp	See previous comments
Np22 5df	I do not live in thoughts areas so it's not for me to comment
NP11 7PF	I care about where I live in Crosskeys as we have extremely bad antisocial behaviour and nothing is being done

NP12 3QW	The presence of a PSPO in any public area can only be a good thing and gratefully appreciated. It will make people think twice about their intended bad behaviour in the first place and hopefully prevent it from happening.
CF83 2DD	Visual deterrent is needed
Np11 7at	I really think you need to add crosskeys corner, crosskeys train station to the order
Np115gy	I disagree that you have to give your name and address if the person haven't committed an offence
Cf83 3RT	We have a beautiful landscape and rubbish everywhere is saddening to look at,, bad for the environment and nature,,,this year I have seen more butterflies than ever due to all the extra beautiful wildflowers around. High school children should go out litter picking with their teachers one a month in the vicinity of their school,, its shocking in the woods by rugby pitch off pontygwindy Road and woods behind aldi.. Teach young break the bad generation don't care attitude and care for yourself, self responsibility self respect be nice to yourself,, we need bees, trees, clean rivers, etc to survive needs to be taught
NP12 3AE	the proposals are very acceptable
NP12 1GW	Anti social behaviour orders should be in place where required
NP115FA	The areas mentioned in Newbridge really need patrolling. As soon as the police disappear they re-appear
Np11 7ar	Crosskeys is experiencing more ASB & should be included . These proposals will move the problems from Newbridge to Crosskeys . Only a few minutes train ride away !!
np11 3hz	it is getting worst
CF83 3FZ	I. Use Riverside walk. Frequently. The amount of misuse, arson and damage is appalling.

Question 11 *only postcodes providing a comment listed

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals including any suggested variations/amendments to the PSPOs. These comments will be used to inform any future proposed changes.	
cf81 8ja	I also believe the river area in gilfach should be included as every Friday dozens of young people congregate in and around this area drinking, playing very loud music, shouting and being a general nuisance. There are 30 to 40 people every Friday going to the river behind the Capel and basin football field and it is a nightmare when they are going to and from the area because of the sheer number of them and the noise and drinking
CF82 7FN	Birchgrove, Tirphil, New Tredegar NP24 6AH needs to be considered for a PSPO. Annual complaints during Spring and Summer are being received by CCBC Tenancy Enforcement Section and Gwent Police from residents about tenants from Birchgrove Flats and other undesirable characters frequenting the vicinity. The complaints are centred around general ASB, Noise Nuisance (shouting, screaming, swearing etc) and criminal offences. The catalyst for this behaviour can partly be attributed to groups of persons consuming alcohol in public places at the front of the Birchgrove Flats and the vacant / disused ground opposite. The frequent consumption of alcohol throughout the day leads to further incidents. The area has heavily become resource dependent by Gwent Police, TES, CSW's and has been established as a POP plan area. The introduction of a PSPO will be beneficial in stopping the congregation of groups drinking and leading to further incidents later in the day, it will give the local Police and designated council staff the much needed powers to tackle the problem in a positive way which is having a detrimental effect on those residents within the locality.
cf83 8ep	needs to include Bedwas
CF82 7FE	its all good and well you extending these orders, the council and police need to start using them. some nights of the week and on the weekends ystrad park is a no go after certain time of night. and as i live on the forge mill estate we have to put up with the teenages stealing our bins to burn them over the park.
CF83 3PU	PSPO's can inly be truly effective if enforced consistently by the various agencies (Community Safety Wardens /Police Officers and Community Suport Officers)
Cf831au	Morgan Jones park needs to be made safer for families to be able to use it as it should in the evenings instead of it being used as a meeting place for drinking and drugs for teens
NP22 5EA	I agree with extending it but I feel Rhymney has been left out and considering the issues that have been presented to Council officials and Gwent Police I can't believe they are not on the list now.
NP22 5JZ	Rhymney War Memorial Park Library Car Park in Rhymney iestffodd field rhymney
Np225dj	I would like to see security in these areas at night and day
Np225lq	They should be jailed not moved on
NP24 6AY	The designation of the area as a PSPO is only as good as the awareness that exists in our communities, therefore communications, local signage and the ongoing enforcement of the order are hugely important. If these things are not followed up the PSPO become a token gesture.

Np22 5nb	The amounts of youngsters drinking is starting to get out of hand. They are intimidating, abusive and due to their age they shouldn't even be drinking. I shouldn't have to fear going to my property at night and wondering whether my door is going to be safe through by some children
CF83 3AY	Community police will need to visit these areas on a regular basis to enforce these public space protection orders.
cf83 3bb	these proposals will not have a detrimental effect on people who are law abiding
CF832NU	Laws must be upheld and people who break them punished
Cf83 4ep	Abertridwr & Senghenydd needs more patrolling as there is a lot of Drug abuse going on in there area
Cf83 2qr	I would like to see a PSPO added which covers the area near Energlyn train station
Cf83 3nu	I have said all I need to say, thanks.
CF83 3JB	Morgan Jones Park in Caerphilly is an area of concern for drinking. This should be tightened up.
CF81 8QP	IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE ORDERS WERE INFORCED WITH SOME GREATER REGULARITY, MUCH OF THIS TYPE OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVOIUR GOES UNPUNISHED, THE RESIDENTS HAVE NOW BECOME SO USED TO A.S.B IT HAS NOW BECOME THE NORM
NP11 7PF	More help is needed in Crosskeys as the antisocial behaviour is getting beyond and with the behaviour from the residents of the solar strand and the Westwood villas it can be quite scary
Cf83 1bw	The areas should be extended to include Morgan Jones park in Caerphilly
NP12 3QW	Hopefully more locations throughout Caerphilly County Borough can be included as time goes on. Everyone should be able to feel 'safe' when out in public areas.
Np11 7at	Please think about adding Crosskeys corner and train station to the list as the kids hang around here every night from all areas causing mayhem.
Cf831ap	What about Morgan Jones Park? Being verbally abused by teenaged sitting loitering around drinking littering you name it they're doing it.
Cf83 3RT	Education,, when I spoke to children who wanted come see fire engines arrive to put out bin fires in the parks plus surrounding area, they were not aware what was burning or that smoke from fires is can be extremely li dangerous. Also keeping environment and water clean for our health and food to grow education.
NP12 3AE	could the above proposals be added onto Cefn fforest and Pengam Eco Park, including Dylan Avenue as this is the main entrance to the park.
NP115FA	These children hang around the old post office that houses ex criminals a lot.
CF83 3FZ	More dog bins would be good

Question 12 *only postcodes providing a comment listed

If you feel that any of these proposals will affect you as an individual because of any of the following (age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious belief or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents) please give details below.

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals:

NP12 2QE	No
Cf83 1hq	It would prevent me and my family taking alcohol to a picnic as is our right
Np225dj	Should sexuality also be included on this list
NP24 6AY	No
Cf83 4dx	Of feel that these proposals will have a positive effect of they are policed because as a woman I would feel safer.
CF834DB	The proposals will protect people, protect the environment and encourage law abiding people to engage more in the community without fear for their safety.
NP12	MANY RESIDENTS ARE AFRAID TO USE OUT DOOR AREAS IN OUR TOWN CENTERS IN THE EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE GANGS OF YOUTHS WHO GATHER DRINKING ALCOHOL AND INDEED DRUG MISUSE MANY PLACES ARE LITTERED WITH BROKEN GLASS AND LOADS OF NOX CANISTERS
Cf83 1bw	I am happy with all the restrictions you are planning and happy for you to introduce more. If you abide by the law then you won't get into trouble. It's that easy. The laws need to be there for the people that think they can do what they want and when they want. We've become a society of 'it's all about ME' and they have total disregard for others. I've found that the majority of people these days have very little respect for others or their elders.
NP12 1DE	Anybody have the right to be in public places without giving a name or address if no crime is being committed
CF83 8DE	This anti-social behaviour needs stopping now before someone gets seriously hurt.
NP11 4QY	being disabled i think it is needed

Annex A: ASB PSPO Questionnaire 2021

Annex B: ASB PSPO Public Consultation Flyer

Gadewir y dudalen hon yn wag yn fwriadol

Have your say on plans to vary, extend and introduce new Public Space Protection Orders relating to drinking alcohol in a public place and anti-social behaviour.

Formal Consultation 2021

Caerphilly county borough council has several existing powers in relation to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in public places within the Borough. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has allowed the Council to introduce a range of restrictions that have helped control anti-social behaviour in our communities.

The Council is proposing to continue using these powers through:

- extending the current PSPO's for a further 3 years,
- varying some of the existing areas to include additional restrictions for anti-social behaviour,
- introducing several new areas.

These changes are covered by four proposals which are detailed below.

It is recommended that you read the background information before completing this questionnaire.

I am competing this survey:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | As resident of the County Borough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | As a business person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | As an elected member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Representing a charity or organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |

Please give details below

What is your postcode?

Proposal 1

Extend the current Public Space Protection Orders relating to anti-social behaviour at bus stations, bus shelters, bus stops and the Passenger Bridge and Train Station at Caerphilly.

The Council is proposing the continuation of the existing restrictions for a period of three years at the above PSPO locations in relation to anti-social behaviour, namely:

- No person shall loiter unless they are waiting for public transport or waiting to meet somebody using public transport.
- No person shall remain in the area if reasonably asked to leave by an authorised person.
- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner.
- No person shall soil, damage, deface or detach any part of the premises.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall be in possession of an open container of alcohol, or paraphernalia for the consumption of controlled drugs.
- No person shall be in possession of a potentially dangerous item. A potentially dangerous item is any item, which in the opinion of an authorised person, may be used to harass, alarm or distress any person or damage, deface or soil any property.
- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

A full list of all areas covered by the PSPOs are included within the background information.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to extend the existing PSPOs relating to anti-social behaviour at bus stations, bus shelters, bus stops and the Passenger Bridge and Train Station at Caerphilly for a further 3 years? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:

Proposal 2

To extend the current Public Space Protection Orders for a further 3 years to control drinking alcohol in a public place.

The Council is proposing the continuation of the existing restrictions in PSPO areas in relation to drinking alcohol in a public place for a period of three years, namely:

- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person or constable

A full list of all areas covered by the PSPOs are included within the background information.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to extend the existing PSPOs to control drinking alcohol in a public place for a further 3 years?
(Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:

Proposal 3

To vary the Public Space Protection Order in some areas to include anti-social behaviour restrictions in addition to controlling the drinking of alcohol in a public place for the next 3 years.

The Council is also proposing to vary the conditions in some of the areas covered under these PSPO's to include restrictions for anti-social behaviour namely:

- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent, or offensive manner.
- No person shall damage or deface any part of this area.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall litter, graffiti or deliberately set fires within this area.
- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- No person shall be in possession of an off-road vehicle in this area.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

The proposed areas have been highlighted on the full list of areas covered by PSPO's contained within the background information.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to vary some areas under the PSPO to include anti-social behaviour restrictions for a further 3 years? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below. These comments will be used to inform any future proposals to amend the PSPO:

Proposal 4

To introduce a new Public Space Protection Order for 3 years in relation to anti-social behaviour.

The Council is proposing to introduce a new PSPO that will introduce anti-social behaviour restrictions at the following locations:

- Trethomas River Walk
- Cwrt Coch Street Play Area, Aberbargoed
- Ystrad Mynach Park
- Newbridge – High Street, Celynen Road, Bridge Street, Land surrounding Newbridge Leisure Centre including the car park, Calzaghe Bridge

The proposed new anti-social behaviour restrictions are:

- No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent, or offensive manner.
- No person shall damage or deface any part of this area.
- No person shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person.
- No person shall litter, graffiti or deliberately set fires within this area.
- No person shall wilfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- No person shall be in possession of an off-road vehicle in this area.
- Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person, of breaching the relevant provisions shall give his name and address when requested to do so by an authorised person.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to introduce a new PSPO for a period of 3 years? (Please tick one)

Agree

Disagree

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below:

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals including any suggested variations/amendments to the PSPO's. These comments will be used to inform any future proposed changes.

If you feel that any of these proposals will affect you as an individual because of any of the following (age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious belief or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents) please give details below.

Please use the box below to make any additional comments you may have relating to the above proposals:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please return your survey in the post to Natalie Kenny, Community Safety Officer, Community Safety Team, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7PG.

Public Consultation

on the Public Spaces Protection Orders relating to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in a public place.

Date opened: Friday 23rd July 2021

Date closes: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Overview: Caerphilly County Borough Council is inviting local people to have their say on the proposal to vary, extend and introduce new Public Space Protection Order's (PSPO) relating to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in a public place within Caerphilly County Borough.

Why are we consulting: Caerphilly county borough council has several existing powers in relation to anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol in public places within the county borough. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has allowed the Council to introduce a range of restrictions that have helped control anti-social behaviour in our communities. The Council is proposing to continue using these powers through:

- extending the current PSPO's for a further 3 years,
- varying some of the existing areas to include additional restrictions for anti-social behaviour,
- introducing several new areas.

Ways to give your views: The QR Code will direct you to the online survey.
(a postal survey available on request)

Date results are expected: 7th September 2021

Expected outcomes: Support for the proposal, which promotes safe access to public places throughout the county borough.



Ymgynghoriad Cyhoeddus

ar y Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Agored Cyhoeddus sy'n ymwneud ag ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol ac yfed alcohol mewn man agored cyhoeddus.

Dyddiad agor: Dydd Gwener 23 Gorffennaf 2021

Dyddiad cau: Dydd Iau 2 Medi 2021

Trosolwg: Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili yn gwahodd pobl leol i ddweud eu dweud ar y cynnig i amrywio, ymestyn a chyflwyno Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Agored Cyhoeddus sy'n ymwneud ag ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol ac yfed alcohol mewn man agored cyhoeddus ym Mwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili.

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- ymestyn y Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Agored Cyhoeddus presennol am 3 blynedd arall,
- amrywio rhai o'r ardaloedd presennol i gynnwys cyfyngiadau ychwanegol ar ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol,
- cyflwyno sawl ardal newydd.

Ffyrdd o fynegi eich barn: Bydd y Cod QR yn eich cyfeirio at yr arolwg ar-lein. (*arolwg drwy'r post ar gael ar gais*)

Dyddiad disgwylidig y canlyniadau: 7 Medi 2021

Canlyniadau disgwylidig: Cefnogaeth ar gyfer y cynnig, sy'n hyrwyddo mynediad diogel i fannau agored cyhoeddus ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol.



1. Caerphilly County Borough Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) with Anti-Social Behaviour restrictions

Bus Stations

- Nelson Bus Station
- Bargoed Bus Station
- Blackwood Bus Station
- Caerphilly Bus Station

Bus Shelters and Bus Stops at the following locations:

- Chartist Way, near Frost Place, Blackwood
- Chartist Way, Gibbs Close, Blackwood
- Panside, Crossways, Newbridge
- Twynyffald Road, Cefn Fforest, Blackwood
- Newbridge Comprehensive School, Newbridge
- Crown, Bryn Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood
- Abertridwr Square, Abertridwr, Caerphilly
- Penllwyn Circle, Edge Hill, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood
- Pen-y-Dre, Rhymney
- Glan-y-Nant, Rhymney
- Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol, Caerphilly

2. Caerphilly County Borough Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) with restrictions for Drinking alcohol in a public place

Additional restrictions on anti-social behaviour are proposed for those locations highlighted.

Ward	PSPO Area / Streets
Twyn Carno	<u>RHYMNEY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • Upper High Street • Church Street •
Moriah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • War Memorial Park • Eisteddfod Field
Pontlottyn	<u>PONTLOTTYN</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchant Street • High Street • Stuart Street • Picton Street

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Street • River Road • The Recreation Ground • Railway Station
Darran Valley	<p><u>FOCHRIW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grove and adjoining land including the youth shelter and kick wall area • Pontlloftyn Road • Land surrounding Fochriw Community Centre • Cae Glas Newydd and its rear lanes • Car park at Cae Glas Newydd
Aberbargoed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of Commercial Street from Bedwellty Road junction including • Bedwellty Road (at traffic lights) • All junctions and access points to following side roads and access lanes along the length of Commercial Street: • School Street, Cwrt Coch Street, Elm Street, Church Street, George Street, James Street, Byron Road (both sides of Commercial Street included) • Also to all alleyways and access points to back lanes along full length of Commercial Street <p><u>BRITANNIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel Lane • Britannia Walk • Salway Avenue • Farm View
Bargoed	<p><u>BARGOED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower High Street • Upper High Street • High Street • Heolddu Road • McDonnell Road • Hanbury Road • The Square, Bargoed • Children's Playground, Ilancayo Street
Gilfach	<p><u>GILFACH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Street, Gilfach • Vere Street, Gilfach
St Cattwg	<p><u>GELLIGAER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Hill • St Cattwgs Avenue • Heol Edward Lewis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford Street including subway connecting with Castle Hill <p><u>PENPEDAIRHEOL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llwyn Onn • The Square • Hospital Road • Pengam Road from the Square to its junction with Haulwen Road • Pengam Road from the Square to its junction with Glyngaer Road • Hengoed Road from the Square to its junction with Rolls Avenue • Rear lane running parallel with Hengoed Road between Hospital Road and Berthanllwyd Street
Hengoed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath/cycleway adjoining A469
Pengam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard Lane • Hodges Crescent • Britannia Terrace • Britannia Villas • The Ecopark
Ystrad Mynach	<p><u>YSTRAD MYNACH TOWN CENTRE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining Commercial Street • Central Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Church Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Lisburn Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Oakfield Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Lewis Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Junction Lewis Street/Bedwlwyn Street • Bedwlwyn Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Junction at Bedwlwyn Street and Bedwlwyn Road • Bedwlwyn Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Davies Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Footpath/cycleway adjoining A469 • Pengam Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Rear of Sports Centre and School fields to footpath

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All School grounds and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • A472 to junction with Lewis Street
New Tredegar	<p><u>NEW TREDEGAR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Street • James Street • Tredegar Road <p><u>PHILLIPSTOWN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derlwyn Street and its rear lanes • Penrhyn Terrace and its rear lanes • Fothergills Road and its rear lanes • Jones Street • Footpaths and steps connecting Derlwyn Street, Jones Street, Penrhyn Terrace and Fothergills Road • Fernhill Terrace and its rear lanes • Cefn Rhychdir Road and its rear lanes • Pritchard Terrace and its rear lanes • Meadow Terrace and its rear lanes • Dafolog Terrace and its rear lanes • Farm Terrace and its rear lanes • Land surrounding Phillipstown Community Centre • Car park adjacent to Phillipstown Community Centre • Grassed area on Bedlwyn Road • Bedlwyn Road

Ward	PSPO Area / Streets
Argoed	
Blackwood	<p><u>BLACKWOOD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloomfield Road • Pentwyn Road • Cefn Road • High Street • Woodbine Road • Wesley Road • Hall Street • George Street and its rear access lanes • William Street and its rear access lanes • Bridge Street and its rear access lanes • David Street • Thorncombe Road • Playground at Thorncombe Road

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeland Place • Gravel Lane • Garfield Street • Playground at end of Garfield Street • Ladysmith Road • Albion Terrace • Land off Hall Street and the Citizen's Advice Bureau Car Park • Bus Station • Thornecombe Road No. 1 Car Park • Thornecombe Road No. 2 Car Park • Thomecombe Road No. 3 Car Park • High Street Car Park • Cliff Road Car Park • Car Park adjacent Red Lion, High Street • Wesley Road Car Park • Woodbine Road Car Park • Bus Station Car Park • Gordon Road • The Park, Libanus Fields • Showfield, Greenwood Road • Sunnybank Road • Twynyffald Road • Ty-Isha Terrace • Bryn Road • Apollo Way Estate • Apollo Way • Chartist Way • Gibbs Close • Palmer Place • Waunllwyn Crescent • Parfitt Place • Croeso Square
Cefn Fforest	<p><u>CEFN FFOREST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare Ground • Bryn Road • The Square, Cefn Fforest Avenue • Twyn Gardens
Crumlin	<p><u>CROSPENMAEN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football field at end of Meadow Walk, Overdale Walk, Grove Walk, Shelley Close, Byron Place, Cherry Grove and Willow Park <p><u>TRINANT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinant Terrace
Penmaen	<p><u>OAKDALE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakdale Square • Central Buildings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberconwy Place • Central Avenue • Park Terrace • St David's Avenue • Footpath between Cliff Road and St David's Avenue
Pontllanfraith	<p><u>PENLLWYN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Sannan Road • Heol Trelyn • Mynyddislwyn Close • Highmead • Penymead • Rhymney Close • Broadmead • Fleur de Lys Avenue <p><u>PONTLLANFRAITH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newbridge Road and its rear lanes • Brookfield Road • Llanarth Road • Islwyn Terrace and its rear lanes • Musselwhite Court • Millbrook Road • Islwyn Park • Courthouse Car Park off Blackwood Road
Crosskeys	<p><u>CROSSKEYS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waunfawr Park • Gladstone Street from junction with Cobden Street • Cobden Street • Waunfawr Road • The Footpath surrounding Waunfawr Path and allotments leading to Gladstone Street • Entrance to Pandy Park • Gladstone Street to cycleway entrance • Length of cycleway alongside Waunfawr Park
Abercarn	<p><u>ABERCARN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • Distillery area <p><u>CWMCARN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamesville • Newport Road • Chapel Farm subway • Grandstand, Abercarn Welfare Ground
Risca East	<p><u>RISCA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Street • Car Park and land surrounding shops, junction of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elm Drive and Holly Road, Ty Sign Car Park and land surrounding shops, area bounded by Elm Drive, Aster Close and Thistle Way Elm Drive Manor Way
Risca West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tredegar Street Commercial Street Danygraig Road including land under the flyover carrying the A467 Tredegar Grounds, Risca Park Lane linking Sarn Place to St Mary's Street Lane to the rear of Commercial Street, Pontymister Park Road Station Road Fields Road Baths Field

Ward	PSPO Area / Streets
Llanbradach	<p><u>LLANBRADACH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oak Terrace and its rear lanes Station Road Car Park at the corner of Oak Terrace and Station Road The Square High Street and its rear lanes Llanbradach Park
Aber Valley	<p><u>ABERTRIDWR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Square High Street (from The Square to its junction with Brook Street) Church Road (from The Square to its junction with Tridwr Road) Clos Morgan Gruffydd Thomas Street (from The Square to inunction with Cross Street and Kings Close) King Street (from inunction with Kings Close to High Street) Tridwr Road (to inunction with Ilan Road) Kings Close William Street Cross Street

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plas Nant • Farm Close
Penyrheol	<p><u>PENYRHEOL, CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troed y Bryn • Bryntirion • Rhiw Fach • Heol Tir Gibbon • Tir Coed • Bryn Glas • Gelli Deg • Pleasant Place • Bryn Teg • Maes Hir • Cae Glas • Heol Aneurin from its junction with the B4263 to its junction with Heol Tir Gibbon • Penyrheol Park • Car Park rear of Penyrheol Park • Area surrounding shops at Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol from Glan Ffrwd to Heol-Y- Gogledd • Station Terrace <p><u>HENDREDENNY ESTATE, CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groeswen Road • Raglan Court • Groeswen Drive at junction with Groeswen Road • Entrance to Pembroke Court • Monmouth Court
Morgan Jones	<p><u>CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piccadilly Square • Mill Road and its rear lanes from its junction with Piccadilly Square to its junction with Churchill Park • Morgan, Jones Park • Crescent Road Car Park • Castle Street • St. Cenydd Road <p><u>CHURCHILL PARK, CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis Drive and its rear lanes • Howard Drive and its rear lanes • Dyfed Drive and its rear lanes • Davies Drive and its rear lanes • Dylan Drive and its rear lanes • Footpath from Lewis Drive to Pontywindy Industrial Estate • Footpath to the rear of Dylan Drive

<p>St Martin's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dafydd Williams Park and grounds surrounding Caerphilly Castle • Caerphilly Bus Station • Railway Terrace • Station Terrace • Twyn Car Park • Play area rear of Bartlett Street • Cenotaph Area • Twyn Square • Station Square • Cardiff Road and its rear lanes south of its junction with St Martin's Road and King • Edward Avenue • Castle Street • Clive Street • Pentrebane Street • Stockland Street • St Fagans Street • Park Lane • Bradford Street and its rear lanes • Clifton Street • White Street and its rear lanes • Station Terrace • Bartlett Street and its rear lanes (from its junction with White Street to Cardiff Road) • Broomfield Street and its rear lanes • Windsor Street and its rear lanes • Salop Street and its rear lanes • Market Street
<p>Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen</p>	<p><u>BEDWAS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Street and its rear lanes • Children's Park and grassed area adjoining the police station • St Mary Street and its rear lanes • St Catherine's Close and lanes at the rear <p><u>TRETHOMAS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cenotaph and surrounding area • Navigation Street • Newport Road and lanes leading to Bryn y Fran Avenue and Heol yr Ysgol • Parade of shops at Llanfabon Drive including the rear lane joining The Bryn • Waste land at the rear of Llanfabon Drive and Bryn

	<p style="text-align: center;">Awel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRAIG Y RHACCA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penllwyn Walk
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3. Caerphilly County Borough Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) - proposal to include the following new areas:

- 3.1 Trethomas River Walk, Caerphilly.
- 3.2 Cwrt Coch Street Play Area, Aberbargoed.
- 3.3 Ystrad Mynach Park, Ystrad Mynach.
- 3.4 Newbridge – High Street, Celynen Road, Bridge Street, Land surrounding Newbridge Leisure Centre including the car park, Calzaghe Bridge.
- 3.5 Hengoed Railway Station, Hengoed.
- 3.6 Rhymney Library Car Park.
- 3.7 Birchgrove, Tirphil, New Tredegar
- 3.8 Pengam Eco Park including Dylan Avenue.
- 3.9 Risca Road, Crosskeys.
- 3.10 Car Park behind Spa, Old Pant Road, Newbridge.



**CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**

**Caerphilly County Borough Council (Anti-Social
Behaviour & Drinking Alcohol in a Public Place) Public Spaces
Protection Order 2021.**

Caerphilly County Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 59, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68, and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers hereby makes the following Order.

- 1.0** This Order may be cited as the Caerphilly County Borough Council (Anti-Social Behaviour & Drinking Alcohol in a Public Place) Public Space Protection Order 2021.
- 2.0** The Order shall come into operation on 2021 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter unless varied or discharged by further orders of the Council.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1** One of the Council's priorities is to work with regional partners to create safe, confident communities and promote community cohesion to provide reductions in crime and disorder, reductions in anti-social behaviour and to improve community confidence and cohesion. Public Spaces Protection Orders introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) can be used to regulate activities in particular public places, to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2** The Order relates to areas across the county borough that have been identified by the community or partner agencies as being focal points for anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.
- 3.3** The Order is made because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities at the Restricted Areas are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will have such an effect, and that the effect is, or will be, of a persistent or continuing nature and is, or will be, unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order. The activities at the Restricted Areas having been or likely to be carried out and have or likely to have a detrimental effect include:
- damage to property
 - anti-social behaviour
 - drinking alcohol in public
- 3.4** In making this Order consultation has taken place with the Chief Constable, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Elected Members, the Town and Community Council's, and Community Safety Partners.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 "Authorised Person(s)" means a person authorised for the purposes of Section 63 and 68 of the Act by the Council.

5.0 RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and requirements within any part of the Restricted Areas.
- 5.2 No person within the Restricted Areas shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person or constable.
- 5.3 No person within the Restricted Areas shall be in possession of an open container of alcohol.
- 5.4 Section 63 of the Act applies to the prohibitions set out in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Order namely that where a constable or authorised person reasonably believes that a person:

- (a) Is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of prohibitions 5.2 and/or 5.3 of this order; or intends to consume alcohol in breach prohibition 5.2 and/or 5.3 of this order

The constable or authorised person may require that person:

- (b) Not to consume alcohol, or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
- (c) To surrender anything in that person's possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol

It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with a requirement imposed by a constable or authorised person under section 63.

A person guilty of an offence is liable on conviction in the Magistrates' Court to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

- 5.5 In addition to the above restrictions a number of the restricted areas have been identified as areas experiencing high levels of anti-social behaviour. These areas have been highlighted on the list below and have the following restrictions applied:

- 5.5.1 No person within the Restricted Areas shall behave in a disorderly, indecent, or offensive manner.
- 5.5.2 No person within the Restricted Areas shall litter, graffiti or deliberately cause damage within this area.
- 5.5.3 No person shall willfully obstruct or impede an authorised person in the execution of their duty.
- 5.5.4 No person shall be in possession of an off-road vehicle within the Restricted Areas.
- 5.5.5 Any person reasonably suspected by an authorised person, of breaching any restrictions or requirements within this order shall give his name and address

when requested to do so by an authorised person.

5.6 Section 67 of the Act applies to the prohibitions and requirements set out in paragraphs 5.5.1 to 5.5.5 of this Order namely:

(1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse-

(a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by paragraphs 5.5.1 to 5.5.5 of this Order, or

(b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under paragraphs 5.5.1 to 5.5.5 of this Order,

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order.

(4) Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence under this section but see point 5.4 above.

6.0 FIXED PENALTY

6.1 A constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed any offence under this Order. A person in receipt of a fixed penalty notice will have up to 14 days to pay the fixed penalty £100.00 (or a discounted amount of £75 if paid within 7 days). Failure to pay the fixed penalty will result in the matter being referred for prosecution.

7.0 APPEALS

Any challenge to this Order must be made by application to the High Court by an interested person within the period of six weeks beginning with the day the order was made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits and of the Restricted Areas. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds:

- that the Council did not have power to make the order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements
- that of the requirement of the legislation was not complied with in relation to the Order.

1. Caerphilly County Borough Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) with Anti-Social Behaviour restrictions

Bus Stations

- Nelson Bus Station
- Bargoed Bus Station
- Blackwood Bus Station
- Caerphilly Bus Station

Bus Shelters and Bus Stops at the following locations:

- Chartist Way, near Frost Place, Blackwood
- Chartist Way, Gibbs Close, Blackwood
- Panside, Crossways, Newbridge
- Twynyffald Road, Cefn Fforest, Blackwood
- Newbridge Comprehensive School, Newbridge
- Crown, Bryn Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood
- Abertridwr Square, Abertridwr, Caerphilly
- Penllwyn Circle, Edge Hill, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood
- Pen-y-Dre, Rhymney
- Glan-y-Nant, Rhymney
- Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol, Caerphilly

2. Caerphilly County Borough Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) with restrictions for Drinking alcohol in a public place

Additional restrictions on anti-social behaviour are proposed for those locations highlighted.

Ward	PSPO Area / Streets
Twyn Carno	<p><u>RHYMNEY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • Upper High Street • Church Street • Rhymney Library Car Park
Moriah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • War Memorial Park • Eisteddfod Field
Pontlottyn	<p><u>PONTLOTTYN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchant Street • High Street • Stuart Street • Picton Street • School Street • River Road • The Recreation Ground • Railway Station

Darran Valley	<p><u>FOCHRIW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grove and adjoining land including the youth shelter and kick wall area • Pontlottyn Road • Land surrounding Fochriw Community Centre • Cae Glas Newydd and its rear lanes • Car park at Cae Glas Newydd
Aberbargoed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of Commercial Street from Bedwellty Road junction including • Bedwellty Road (at traffic lights) • All junctions and access points to following side roads and access lanes along the length of Commercial Street: • School Street, Cwrt Coch Street, Elm Street, Church Street, George Street, James Street, Byron Road (both sides of Commercial Street included) • Also to all alleyways and access points to back lanes along full length of Commercial Street • Cwrt Coch Street Play Area <p><u>BRITANNIA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel Lane • Britannia Walk • Salway Avenue • Farm View
Bargoed	<p><u>BARGOED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower High Street • Upper High Street • High Street • Heolddu Road • McDonnell Road • Hanbury Road • The Square, Bargoed • Children's Playground, Ilancayo Street
Gilfach	<p><u>GILFACH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Street, Gilfach • Vere Street, Gilfach
St Cattwg	<p><u>GELLIGAER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Hill • St Cattwgs Avenue • Heol Edward Lewis • Oxford Street including subway connecting with Castle Hill <p><u>PENPEDAIRHEOL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llwyn Onn • The Square • Hospital Road • Pengam Road from the Square to its junction with Haulwen Road

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pengam Road from the Square to its junction with Glyngaer Road • Hengoed Road from the Square to its junction with Rolls Avenue • Rear lane running parallel with Hengoed Road between Hospital Road and Berthanllwyd Street
Hengoed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath/cycleway adjoining A469 • Hengoed Railway Station
Pengam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard Lane • Hodges Crescent • Britannia Terrace • Britannia Villas • The Ecopark including Dylan Avenue
Ystrad Mynach	<p><u>YSTRAD MYNACH TOWN CENTRE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining Commercial Street • Central Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Church Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Lisburn Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Oakfield Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Lewis Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Junction Lewis Street/Bedwlwyn Street • Bedwlwyn Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Junction at Bedwlwyn Street and Bedwlwyn Road • Bedwlwyn Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Davies Street and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Footpath/cycleway adjoining A469 • Pengam Road and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • Rear of Sports Centre and School fields to footpath • All School grounds and all rear lanes and access lanes adjoining • A472 to junction with Lewis Street • Ystrad Mynach Park
New Tredegar	<p><u>NEW TREDEGAR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Street • James Street • Tredegar Road <p><u>PHILLIPSTOWN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derlwyn Street and its rear lanes • Penrhyn Terrace and its rear lanes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fothergills Road and its rear lanes • Jones Street • Footpaths and steps connecting Derlwyn Street, Jones Street, Penrhyn Terrace and Fothergills Road • Fernhill Terrace and its rear lanes • Cefn Rhychdir Road and its rear lanes • Pritchard Terrace and its rear lanes • Meadow Terrace and its rear lanes • Dafolog Terrace and its rear lanes • Farm Terrace and its rear lanes • Land surrounding Phillipstown Community Centre • Car park adjacent to Phillipstown Community Centre • Grassed area on Bedlwyn Road • Bedlwyn Road • Birchgrove, Tirphil
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Ward	PSPO Area / Streets
Argoed	
Blackwood	<p><u>BLACKWOOD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloomfield Road • Pentwyn Road • Cefn Road • High Street • Woodbine Road • Wesley Road • Hall Street • George Street and its rear access lanes • William Street and its rear access lanes • Bridge Street and its rear access lanes • David Street • Thorncombe Road • Playground at Thorncombe Road • Homeland Place • Gravel Lane • Garfield Street • Playground at end of Garfield Street • Ladysmith Road • Albion Terrace • Land off Hall Street and the Citizen's Advice Bureau Car Park • Bus Station • Thorncombe Road No. 1 Car Park • Thorncombe Road No. 2 Car Park • Thomecombe Road No. 3 Car Park • High Street Car Park • Cliff Road Car Park • Car Park adjacent Red Lion, High Street • Wesley Road Car Park

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodbine Road Car Park • Bus Station Car Park • Gordon Road • The Park, Libanus Fields • Showfield, Greenwood Road • Sunnybank Road • Twynyffald Road • Ty-Isha Terrace • Bryn Road • Apollo Way Estate • Apollo Way • Chartist Way • Gibbs Close • Palmer Place • Waunllwyn Crescent • Parfitt Place • Croeso Square
Cefn Fforest	<p><u>CEFN FFOREST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare Ground • Bryn Road • The Square, Cefn Fforest Avenue • Twyn Gardens
Crumlin	<p><u>CROSPENMAEN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football field at end of Meadow Walk, Overdale Walk, Grove Walk, Shelley Close, Byron Place, Cherry Grove and Williw Park <p><u>TRINANT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinant Terrace
Penmaen	<p><u>OAKDALE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakdale Square • Central Buildings • Aberconwy Place • Central Avenue • Park Terrace • St David's Avenue • Footpath between Cliff Road and St David's Avenue
Pontllanfraith	<p><u>PENLLWYN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Sannan Road • Heol Trelyn • Mynyddislwyn Close • Highmead • Penymead • Rhymney Close • Broadmead • Fleur de Lys Avenue <p><u>PONTLLANFRAITH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newbridge Road and its rear lanes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookfield Road • Llanarth Road • Islwyn Terrace and its rear lanes • Musselwhite Court • Millbrook Road • Islwyn Park • Courthouse Car Park off Blackwood Road
Crosskeys	<p><u>CROSSKEYS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waunfawr Park • Gladstone Street from junction with Cobden Street • Cobden Street • Waunfawr Road • The Footpath surrounding Waunfawr Path and allotments leading to Gladstone Street • Entrance to Pandy Park • Gladstone Street to cycleway entrance • Length of cycleway alongside Waunfawr Park • Risca Road
Newbridge	<p><u>NEWBRIDGE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • Celynen Road • Bridge Street • Land surrounding Newbridge Leisure Centre including surrounding land and the car park • Calzaghe Bridge • Car Park behind Spa, Old Pant Road
Abercarn	<p><u>ABERCARN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street • Distillery area <p><u>CWMCARN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamesville • Newport Road • Chapel Farm subway • Grandstand, Abercarn Welfare Ground
Risca East	<p><u>RISCA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Street • Car Park and land surrounding shops, junction of Elm Drive and Holly Road, Ty Sign • Car Park and land surrounding shops, area bounded by Elm Drive, Aster Close and • Thistle Way • Elm Drive • Manor Way
Risca West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tredegar Street • Commercial Street • Danygraig Road including land under the flyover carrying the A467 • Tredegar Grounds, Risca Park • Lane linking Sam Place to St Mary's Street

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lane to the rear of Commercial Street, Pontymister • Park Road • Station Road • Fields Road • Baths Field
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Ward	PSPO Area / Streets
Llanbradach	<p><u>LLANBRADACH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Terrace and its rear lanes • Station Road • Car Park at the corner of Oak Terrace and Station Road • The Square • High Street and its rear lanes • Llanbradach Park
Aber Valley	<p><u>ABERTRIDWR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Square • High Street (from The Square to its junction with Brook Street) • Church Road (from The Square to its junction with Tridwr Road) • Clos Morgan Gruffydd • Thomas Street (from The Square to inunction with Cross Street and Kings Close) • King Street (from inunction with Kings Close to High Street) • Tridwr Road (to inunction with Ilan Road) • Kings Close • William Street • Cross Street • Plas Nant • Farm Close
Penyrheol	<p><u>PENYRHEOL, CAERPHELLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troed y Bryn • Bryntirion • Rhiw Fach • Heol Tir Gibbon • Tir Coed • Bryn Glas • Gelli Deg • Pleasant Place • Bryn Teg • Maes Hir • Cae Glas • Heol Aneurin from its junction with the B4263 to its junction with Heol Tir Gibbon • Penyrheol Park • Car Park rear of Penyrheol Park

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area surrounding shops at Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol from Glan Ffrwd to Heol-Y- Gogledd • Station Terrace <p><u>HENDREDENNY ESTATE, CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groeswen Road • Raglan Court • Groeswen Drive at junction with Groeswen Road • Entrance to Pembroke Court • Monmouth Court
Morgan Jones	<p><u>CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piccadilly Square • Mill Road and its rear lanes from its junction with Piccadilly Square to its junction with Churchill Park • Morgan, Jones Park • Crescent Road Car Park • Castle Street • St. Cenydd Road <p><u>CHURCHILL PARK, CAERPHILLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis Drive and its rear lanes • Howard Drive and its rear lanes • Dyfed Drive and its rear lanes • Davies Drive and its rear lanes • Dylan Drive and its rear lanes • Footpath from Lewis Drive to Pontygwindy Industrial Estate • Footpath to the rear of Dylan Drive
St Martin's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dafydd Williams Park and grounds surrounding Caerphilly Castle • Caerphilly Bus Station • Railway Terrace • Station Terrace • Twyn Car Park • Play area rear of Bartlett Street • Cenotaph Area • Twyn Square • Station Square • Cardiff Road and its rear lanes south of its junction with St Martin's Road and King • Edward Avenue • Castle Street • Clive Street • Pentrebane Street • Stockland Street • St Fagans Street • Park Lane • Bradford Street and its rear lanes • Clifton Street

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Street and its rear lanes • Station Terrace • Bartlett Street and its rear lanes (from its junction with White Street to Cardiff Road) • Broomfield Street and its rear lanes • Windsor Street and its rear lanes • Salop Street and its rear lanes • Market Street
<p>Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen</p>	<p><u>BEDWAS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Street and its rear lanes • Children's Park and grassed area adjoining the police station • St Mary Street and its rear lanes • St Catherine's Close and lanes at the rear <p><u>TRETHOMAS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cenotaph and surrounding area • Navigation Street • Newport Road and lanes leading to Bryn y Fran Avenue and Heol yr Ysgol • Parade of shops at Llanfabon Drive including the rear lane joining The Bryn • Waste land at the rear of Llanfabon Drive and Bryn Awel • Trethomas River Walk, Caerphilly <p><u>GRAIG Y RHACCA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penllwyn Walk



CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
Public Space Protection Order covering various
Caerphilly County Borough Council Bus Shelters and Bus Stops

Caerphilly County Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 59, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68, and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers hereby makes the following Order

1. The Order shall come into operation on 2021 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter unless varied or discharged by further orders of the Council.
2. The Order relates to the bus shelters and bus stops defined edged red on the attached maps (referred to in this Order as the Restricted Areas) a list which is referred to in the Schedule to this Order.

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 The Order is made because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities at the Restricted Areas are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will have such an effect, and that the effect is, or will be, of a persistent or continuing nature and is, or will be, unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order. The activities at the Restricted Areas having been or likely to be carried out and have or likely to have a detrimental effect include:

- damage to property,
- anti-social behaviour
- drinking alcohol in public.

3.2 In making this Order consultation has taken place with the Chief Constable, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Elected Members, the Town and Community Councils, and Community Safety Partners.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 "Authorised Person(s)" means a person authorised for the purposes of Section 63 and 68 of the Act by the Council.

5. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

5.1 The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and requirements within any part of the Restricted Areas.

5.2 No person shall loiter in the Restricted Areas unless they are waiting for public transport or waiting to meet somebody using public transport.

- 5.3 No person shall remain in the Restricted Areas if reasonably asked to leave by an authorised person or constable.
- 5.4 No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner within the Restricted Areas
- 5.5 No person shall damage, any part of the Restricted Areas.
- 5.6 No person shall be in possession of a potentially dangerous item. .A potentially dangerous item is any item, which an authorised person or constable reasonably believes may be used to harass, alarm or distress any person or damage, any property.
- 5.7 No person shall willfully obstruct or impede an authorised person or constable in the execution of their duty.
- 5.8 No person within the Restricted Areas shall be in possession of paraphernalia for the consumption of controlled drugs.
- 5.9 Any person reasonably suspected, by an authorised person or constable, of breaching any of the prohibitions or requirements set out in this Order shall when requested to do so by an authorised person or constable provide their name and address
- 5.10 No person within the Restricted Areas shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person or constable.
- 5.11 No person within the Restricted Areas shall be in possession of an open container of alcohol.
6. Section 67 of the Act applies to the prohibitions and requirements set out in paragraph 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order namely
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- (a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order, or
- (b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order,
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale
- (3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order
- (4) Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence under this section (but see section 7 below)

7. Section 63 of the Act applies to the prohibitions set out in paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 of this Order namely that where a constable or authorised person reasonably believes that a person:

- (a) Is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of prohibitions 5.10 and/or 5.11 of this order; or intends to consume alcohol in breach prohibition 5.10 and/or 5.11 of this order

The constable or authorised person may require that person

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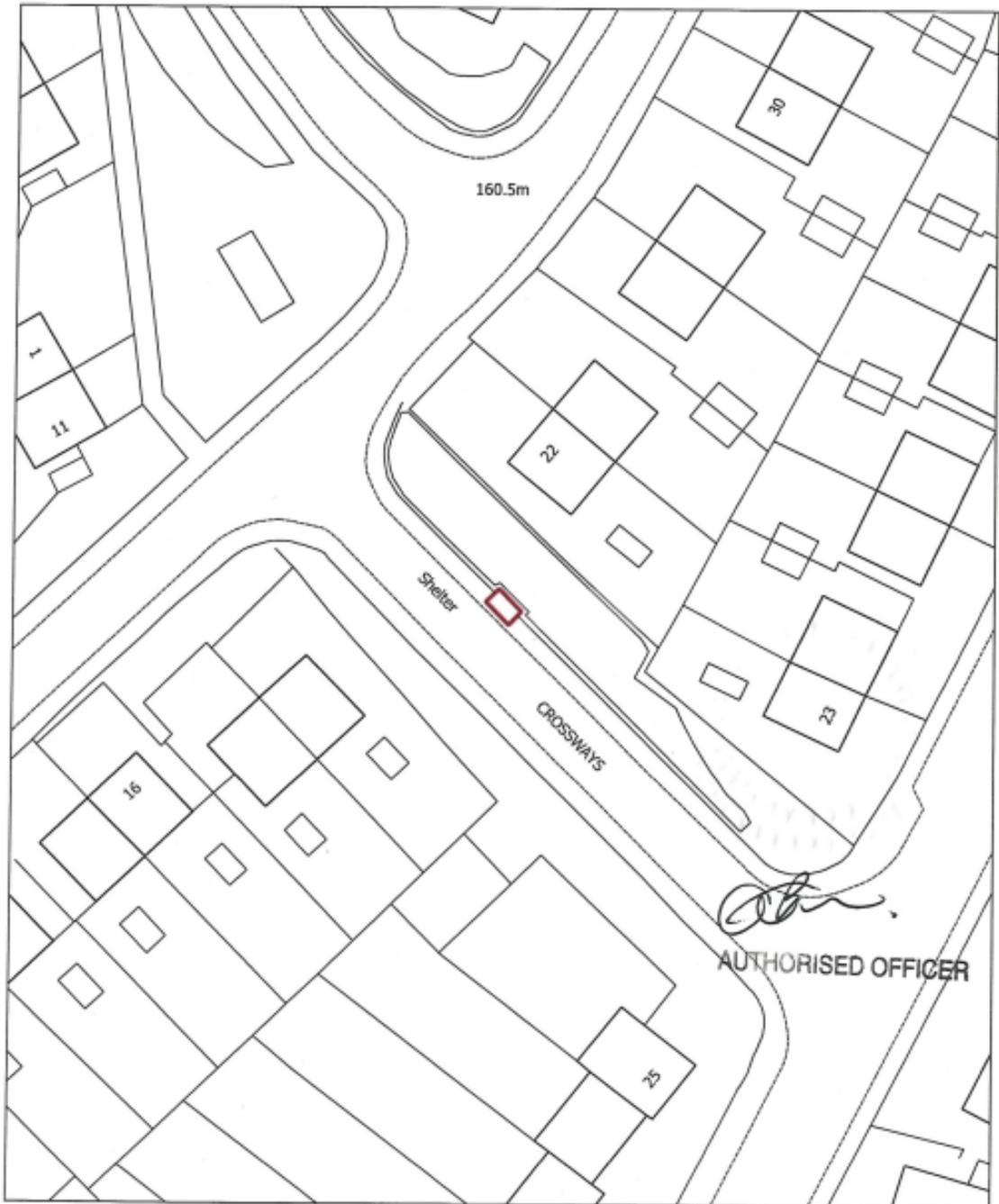
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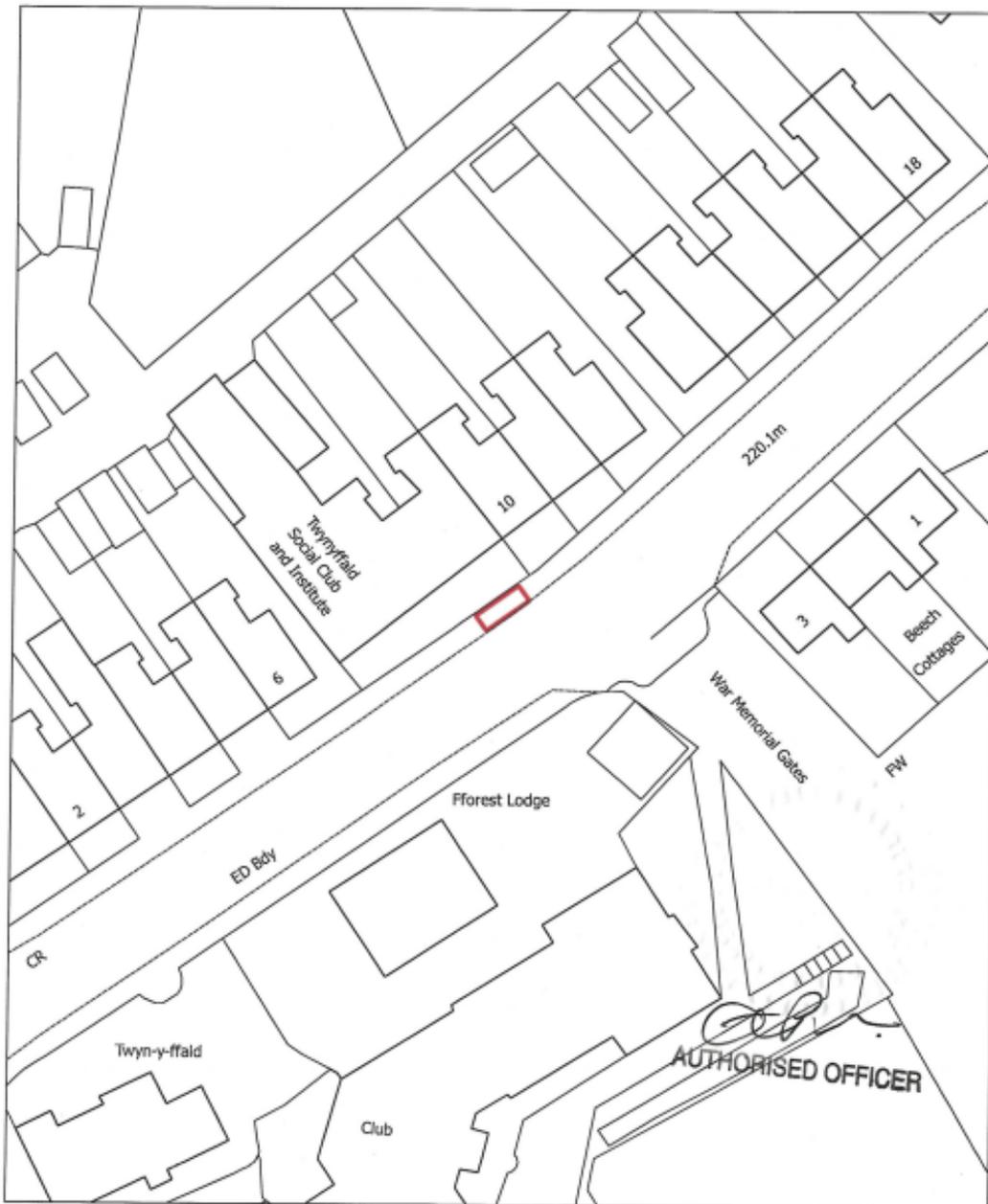
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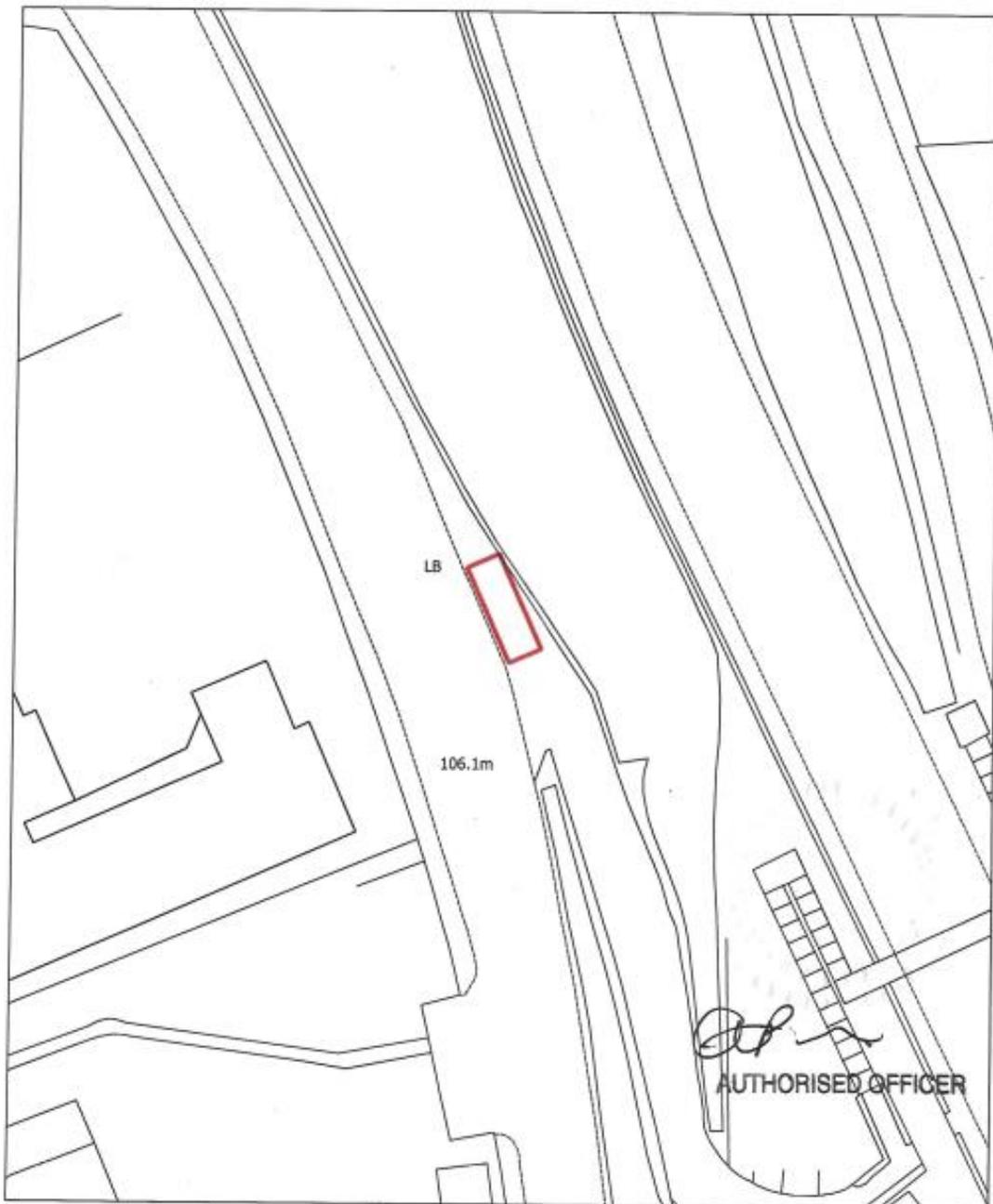
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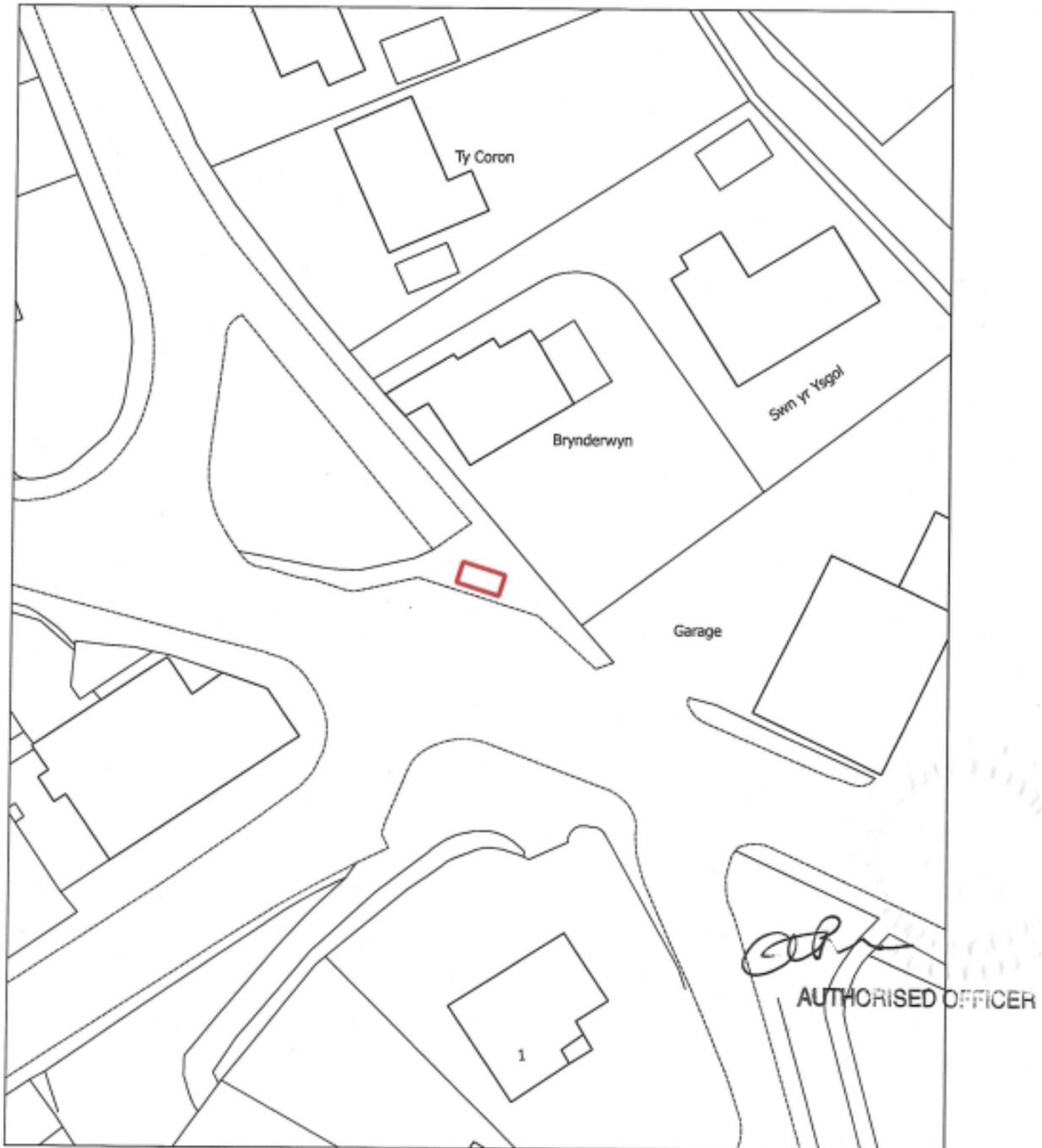
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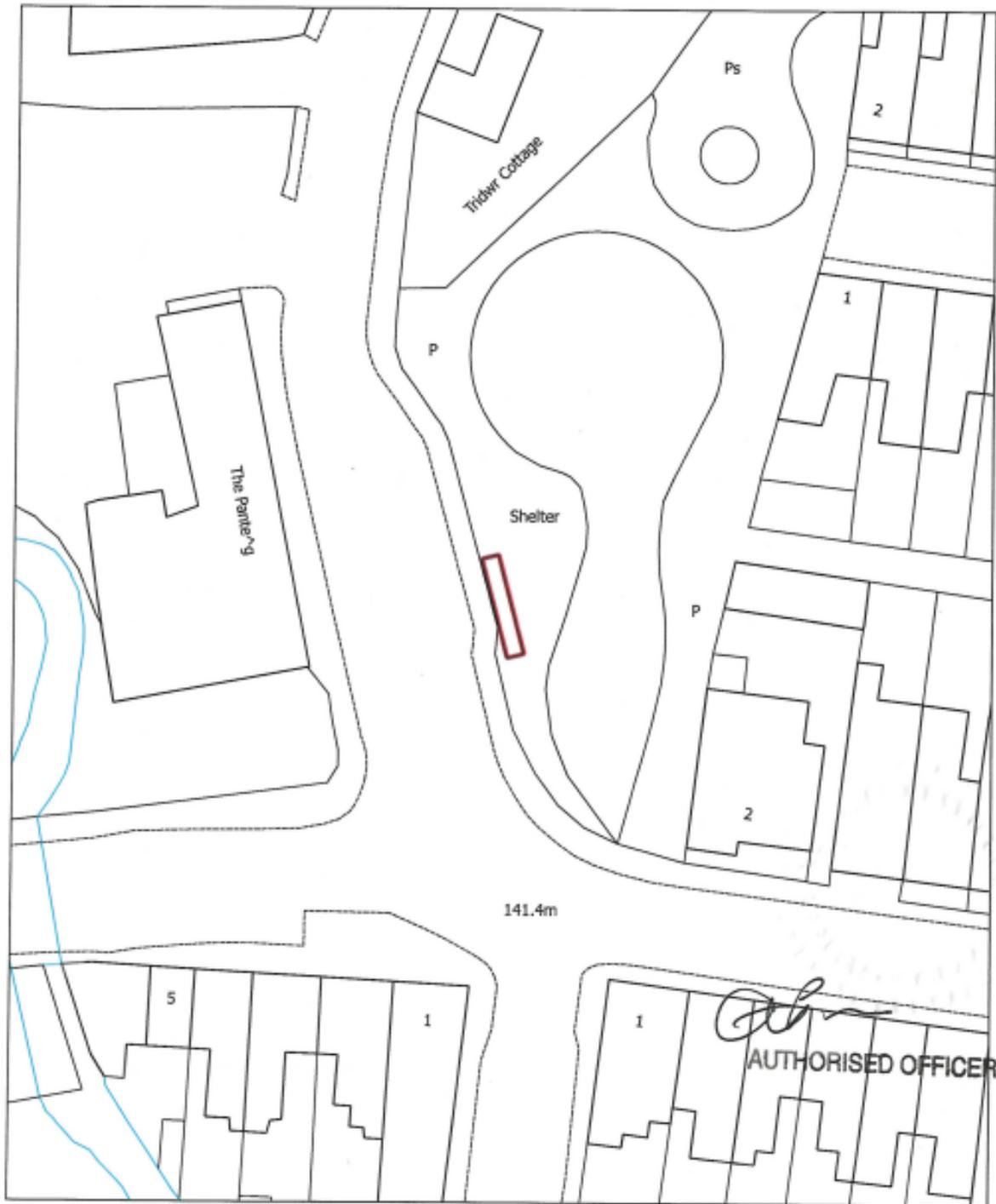
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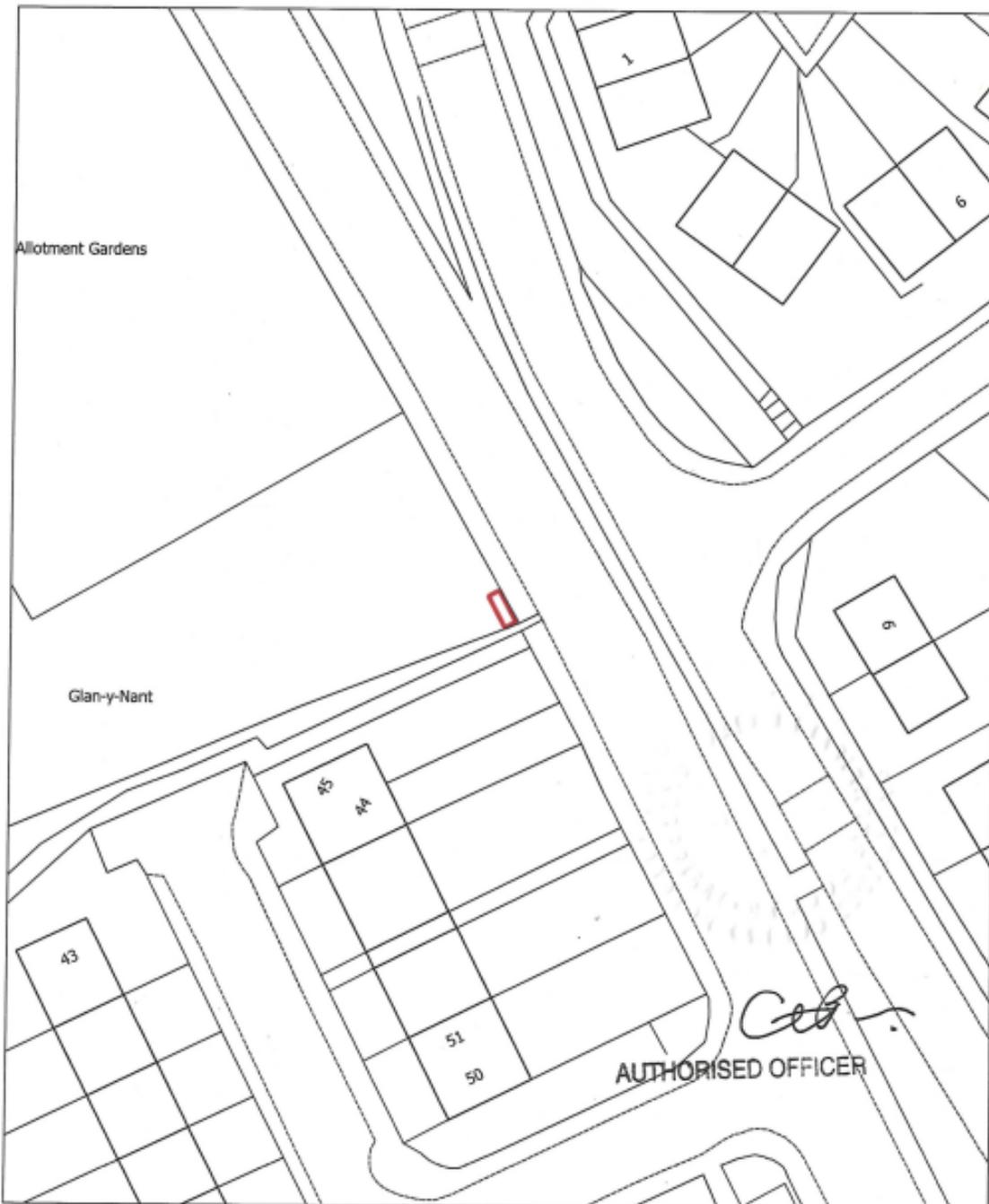
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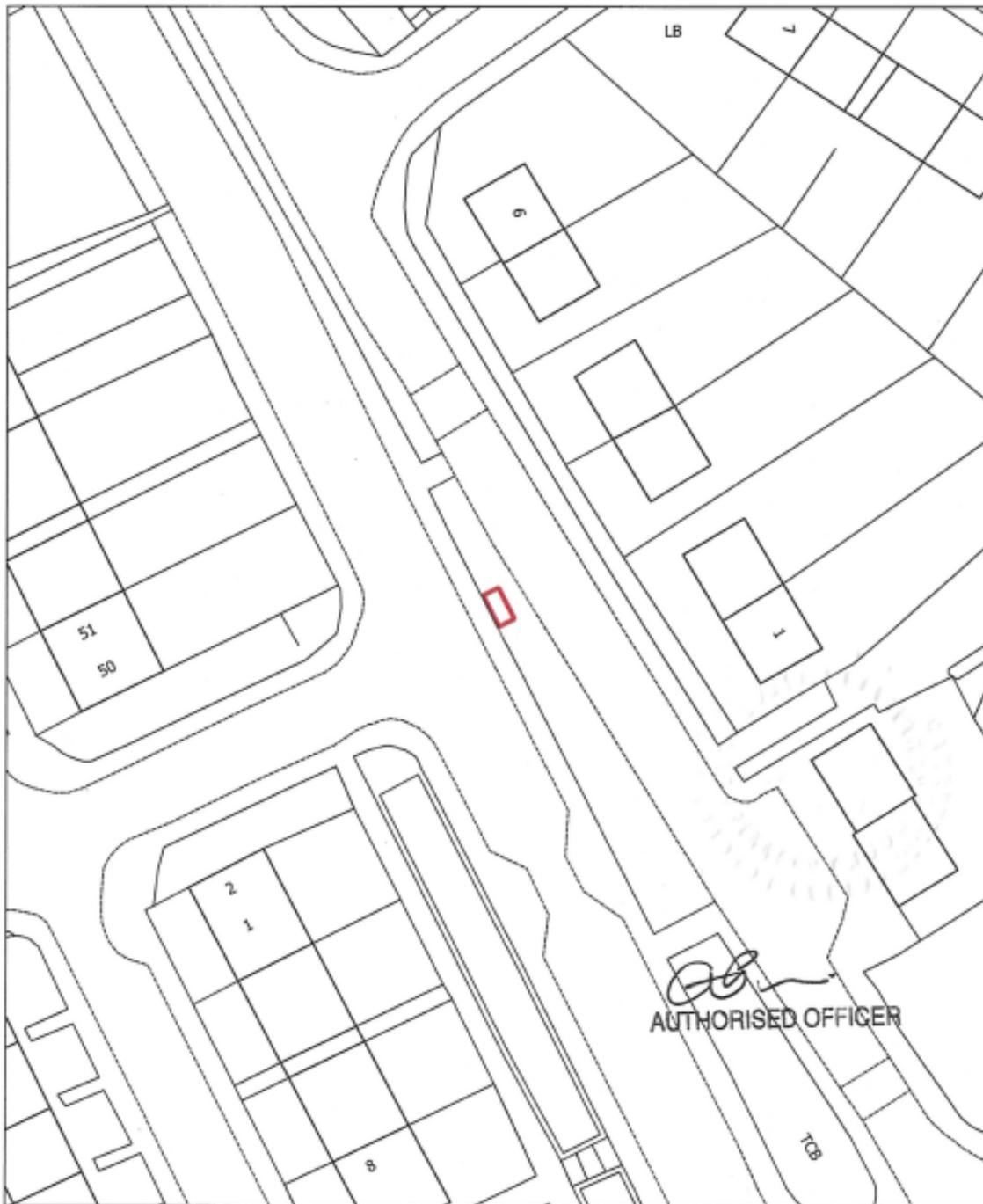
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Was hereunto affixed
In the presence of

Authorised Officer



CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
Public Space Protection Order covering the
Caerphilly County Borough Council Bus Stations At
Caerphilly, Blackwood, Bargoed & Nelson and the Passenger Bridge and Train
Station at Caerphilly

Caerphilly County Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 59, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68, and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers hereby makes the following Order

1. The Order shall come into operation on _____ 2021 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter unless varied or discharged by further orders of the Council.

2. The Order relates to the areas defined edged red on the attached maps known as Caerphilly Bus Station, Blackwood Bus station, Bargoed Bus Station, Nelson Bus Station and the passenger bridge and train station at Caerphilly (referred to in this Order as "the Restricted Areas")

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 The Order is made because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities at the Restricted Areas are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will have such an effect, and that the effect is, or will be, of a persistent or continuing nature and is, or will be, unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order. The activities at the Restricted Areas having been or likely to be carried out and have or likely to have a detrimental effect include:

- damage to property
- anti-social behaviour
- drinking alcohol in public

3.2 In making this Order consultation has taken place with the Chief Constable, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, relevant community representatives, the Town Councils, Elected Members and Community Safety partners.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 "Authorised Person(s)" means a person authorised for the purposes of Section 63 and 68 of the Act by the Council.

5. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and requirements within any part of the Restricted Areas.
- 5.2 No person shall loiter in the Restricted Areas unless they are waiting for public transport or waiting to meet somebody using public transport.
- 5.3 No person shall remain in the Restricted Areas if reasonably asked to leave by an authorised person or constable
- 5.4 No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner within the Restricted Areas
- 5.5 No person shall damage any part of the Restricted Areas.
- 5.6 No person shall be in possession of a potentially dangerous item. A potentially dangerous item is any item, which an authorised person or constable, reasonably believes may be used to harass, alarm or distress any person, or damage any property.
- 5.7 No person shall willfully obstruct or impede an authorised person or constable in the execution of their duty.
- 5.8 No person within the Restricted Areas shall be in possession of paraphernalia for the consumption of controlled drugs.
- 5.9 Any person reasonably suspected by an authorised person or constable of breaching any of the prohibitions or requirements set out in this Order, shall when requested to do so by an authorised person or constable, provide their name and address
- 5.10 No person within the Restricted Areas shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person or constable.
- 5.11 No person shall be in possession of an open container of alcohol within the Restricted Areas
6. Section 67 of the Act applies to the prohibitions and requirements set out in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order namely
- (1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse-
- (a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order, or

- (b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order,
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale
 - (3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order
 - (4) Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence under this section (but see section 7 below)
7. Section 63 of the Act applies to the prohibitions set out in paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 namely that where a constable or authorised person reasonably believes that a person:
- (a) Is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of prohibitions 5.10 and/or 5.11 of this order; or intends to consume alcohol in breach of prohibition 5.10 and/or 5.11 of this order

The constable or authorised person may require that person
 - (b) Not to consume, alcohol, or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
 - (c) To surrender anything in that person's possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol
 - (d) It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with a requirement imposed by a constable or authorised person under section 63.
 - (e) A person guilty of an offence is liable on conviction in the Magistrates' Court to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

8. FIXED PENALTY

A constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed any offence under this Order. A person in receipt of a fixed penalty notice will have up to 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100, (or a discounted amount of £75 if paid within 7 days). Failure to pay the fixed penalty will result in the matter being referred for prosecution.

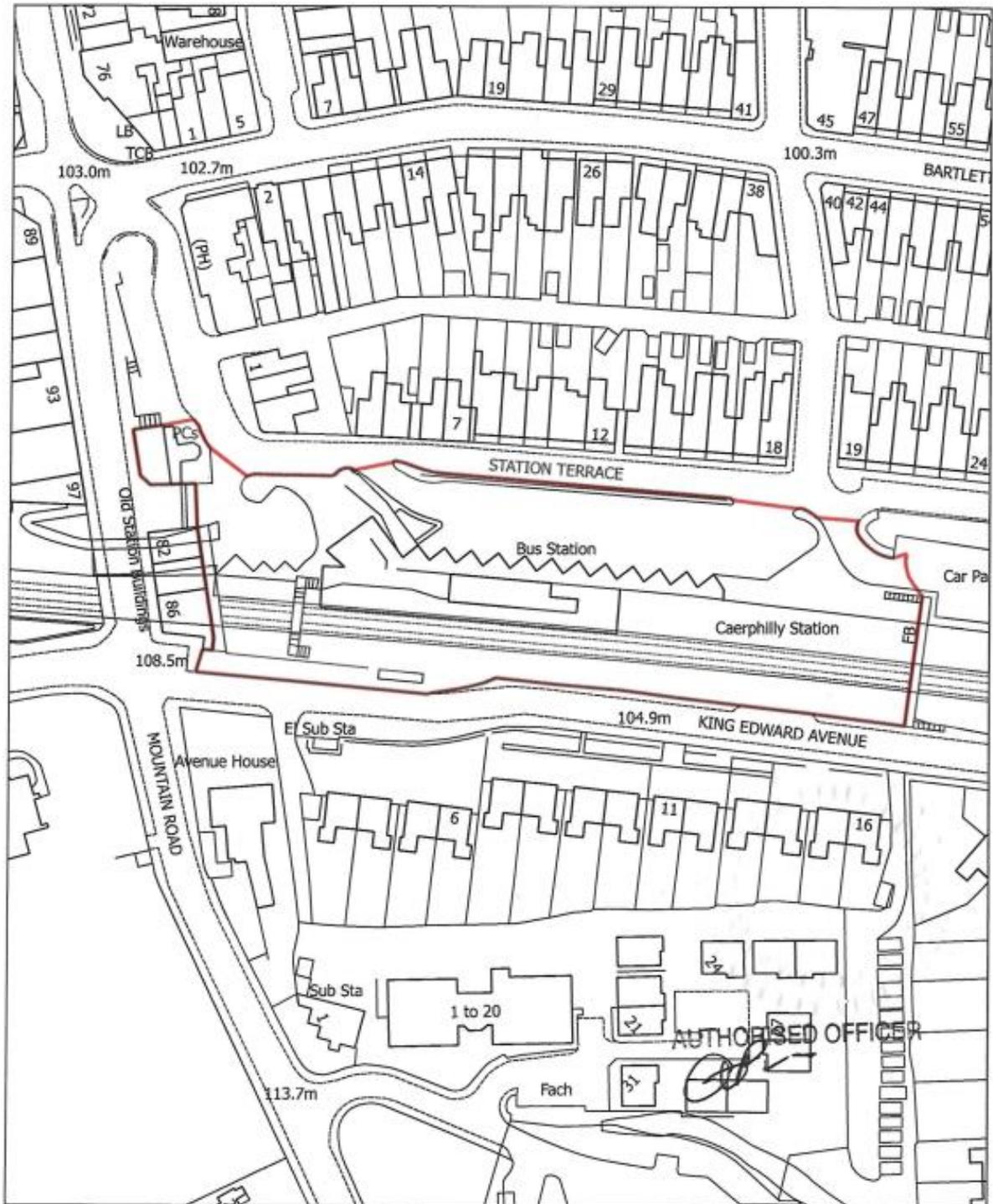
9. APPEALS

Any challenge to this Order must be made by application to the High Court by an interested person within the period of six weeks beginning with the date on which the Order was made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits any of the Restricted Areas.

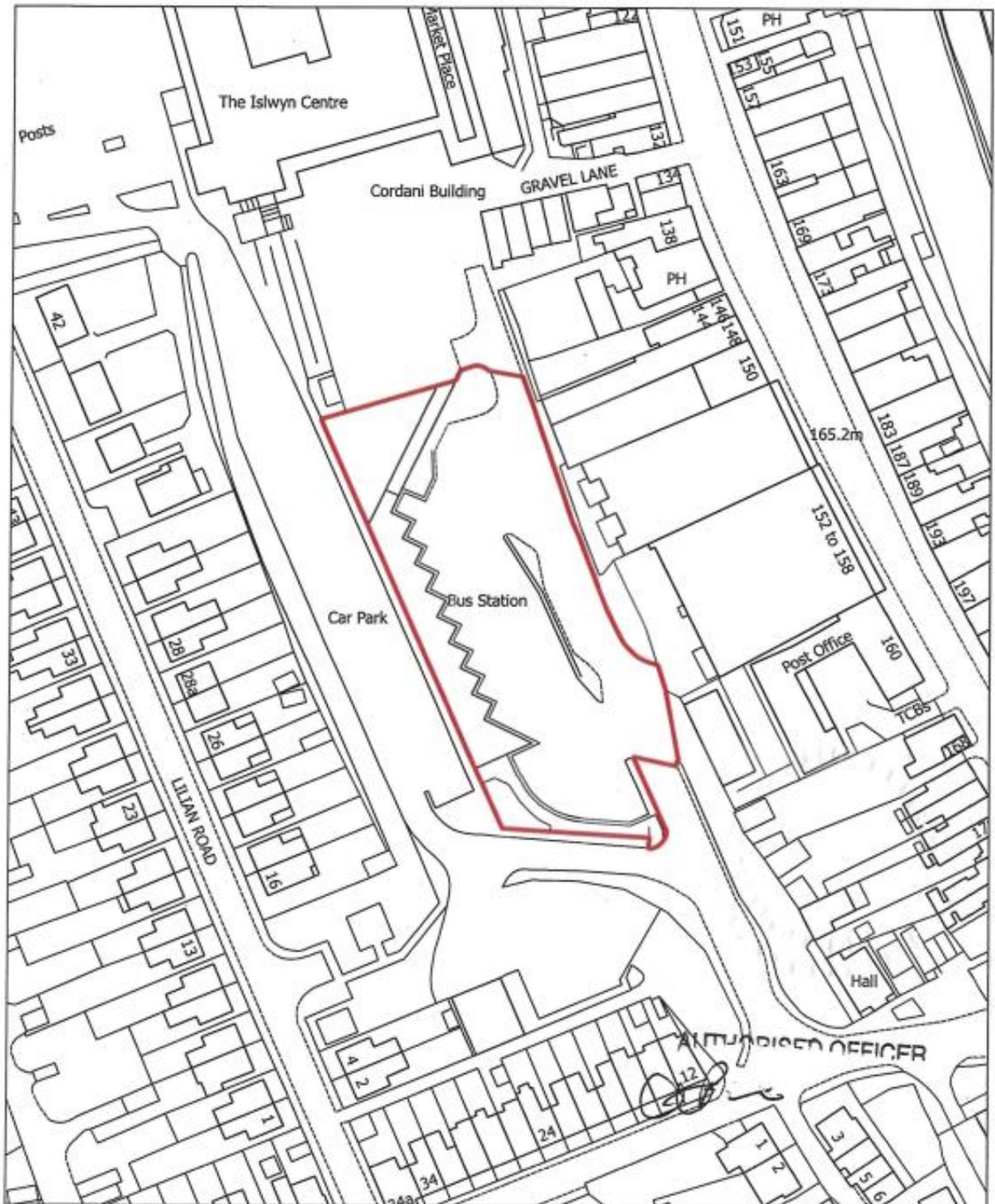
This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds:

- that the Council did not have power to make the order, or to include prohibitions or requirements
- that a requirement of the legislation was not complied with in relation to the Order.

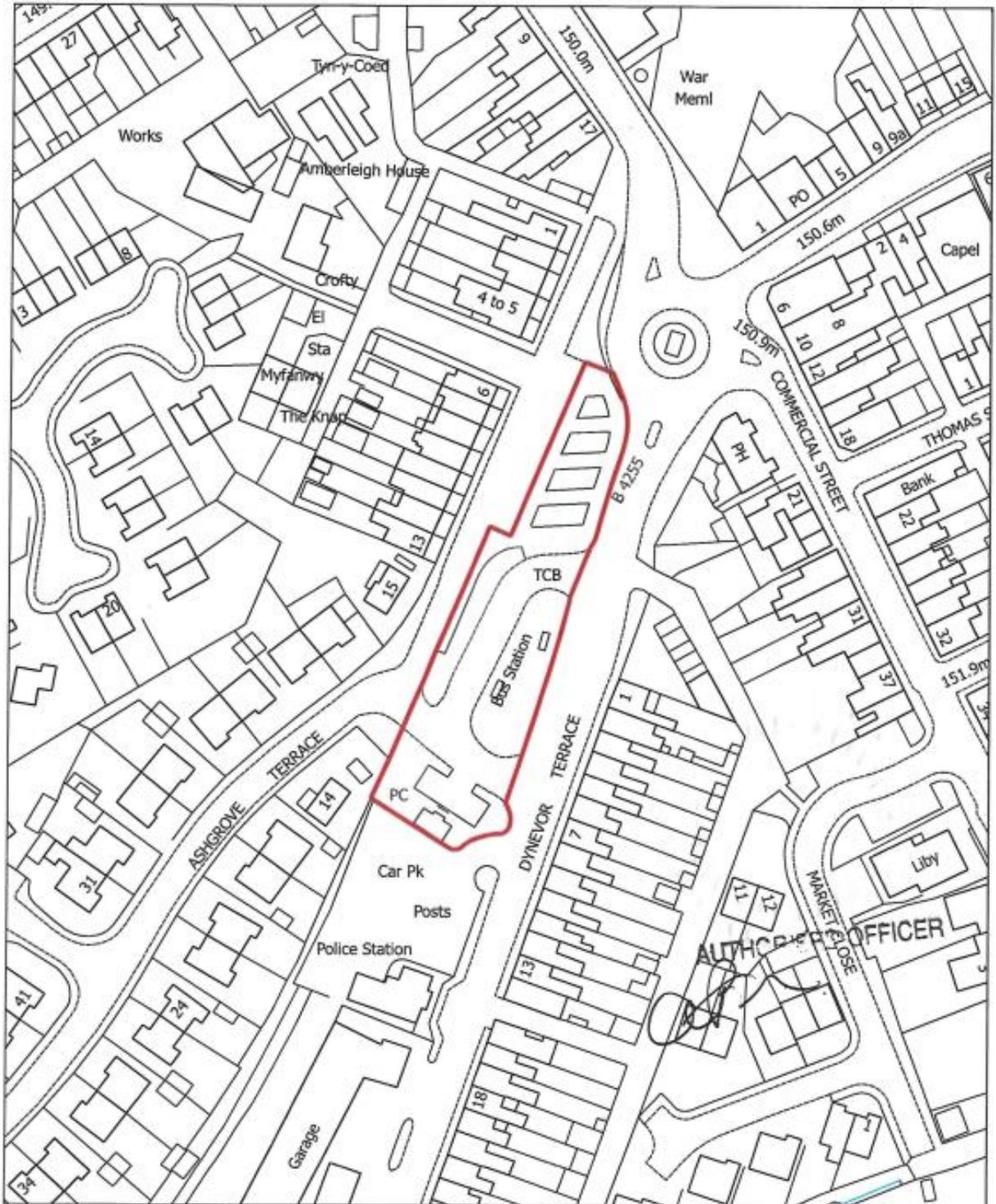


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CABINET – 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUPS

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek the approval of Cabinet on a trial of a revised format for the Town Centre Management Group meetings. The revised format is being proposed to encourage business and other stakeholder attendance and involvement in the future development of our towns.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The existing Town Centre Management Groups (TCMGs) have operated for a number of years and have developed from their original purpose to focus on practical issues that relate to the town centres (such as car parking, anti-social behaviour and the effect of Traffic Orders) to also consider how best to promote town centres.

2.2 The current Terms of Reference were approved by Cabinet in September 2012, whereby membership of the TCMGs was defined as:

- Caerphilly County Borough Council (the appropriate Cabinet Member and Local Ward Members);
- Gwent Police;
- Community/Town Council;
- Chamber of Trade and representatives of other constituted retail groups;
- Shopping Centre Managers (where they exist);
- Civic Society/Conservation Group (where they exist);
- Other constituted organisations recognised by the Council as being stakeholders in the relevant town centre.

All the above organisations (except for the Council and Town/Community Councils) have been required to nominate a representative to attend the TCMG meetings.

2.3 The number of active Chambers of Trade/retail groups has reduced since 2012 and it has been acknowledged that there has not been an appropriate level of business representation and engagement via the TCMGs. In order to address this, having regard for the available resources and the need to support post covid recovery, it is proposed to change the format and operation of the meetings to encourage increased business and other stakeholder attendance and engagement at the meetings.

- 2.4 Following successful business networking events held by the Business Enterprise and Renewal Team in 2018 & 2019, it is suggested that the meetings become breakfast/evening events that focus on information sharing and networking opportunities. By holding the events outside of the working day, business owners/representatives are more likely to be able to attend without impacting upon the operation of their business. It is also proposed that the meetings be held at a venue within each individual town centre to make attendance more convenient.
- 2.5 The Terms of Reference for the TCMGs will need to be amended in line with the proposals and a draft is included as an appendix (Appendix 1) to the report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Cabinet:
- i) Approve the proposal to trial an alternative model of the TCMGs for a period of 12-months.
 - ii) Acknowledge that a further report outlining the results of the trial period be considered after the trial period ends allowing a decision to be taken at that stage on the preferred model of delivery.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 A revision to the format of the TCMGs will encourage the attendance and engagement of businesses and other town centre stakeholders at the meetings, which it is anticipated will make the Groups more effective in line with their Primary Purpose (as defined within the TCMG Terms of Reference).

5. THE REPORT

Background

- 5.1 The existing Town Centre Management Groups have evolved historically from the practice of the former Rhymney Valley District Council, which operated Town Centre Management Committees for Caerphilly and Bargoed town centres. Following Local Government reorganisation in 1996, a report was presented to Caerphilly County Borough Council advocating that the Caerphilly Town Centre Management Committee model be continued in a revised format i.e. Town Centre Management Groups.
- 5.2 The 1996 report outlined that the Caerphilly TCMG would act as a consultative forum for proposals affecting the town centre, with a particular focus on practical issues such as:
- Traffic Orders & street lighting issues.
 - Car parking.
 - Collection of refuse.
 - Vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
 - Progress with the Caerphilly Development Strategy.
- 5.3 The group was to comprise representatives of:

- CCBC local Ward Members.
 - Police.
 - Chamber of Trade.
 - Community Council.
 - CCBC Officers.
 - Castle Court Shopping Centre.
 - Civic Society.
- 5.4 The Council subsequently resolved to establish a Caerphilly TCMG, and this was quickly followed by similar groups in Bargoed and Blackwood. The remit of all three groups was to serve as a sounding board for opinions and suggestions regarding the town centre, and where financial or policy decisions were to be made to refer these back to the Council.
- 5.5 Following a significant number of developments in the early 2000s such as the publication of the Community Strategy, The Smart Alternative Regeneration Strategy and the Communities First programme, along with the appointment of a Town Centre Development Manager, it was felt that the TCMGs needed to refocus their role to concentrate on wider development issues and the promotion of the respective town centres. As such, the primary purpose of the TCMGs was redefined as a consultative forum for all stakeholders with an interest in the economic, physical, and social well-being of the town centres.
- 5.6 Revised Terms of Reference reflecting the changes outlined in paragraph 5.5 were presented to Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 13th December 2005.
- 5.7 Following the success of the TCMGs in Bargoed, Blackwood and Caerphilly, it was felt that the TCMGs should be utilised in the other principal town centres within the County Borough. An Assistant Town Centre Manager was appointed in 2011 and the Council's "Unique Places" model of town centre management was subsequently expanded to Risca town centre, followed by Ystrad Mynach town centre.
- 5.8 To coincide with the additional town centre management operational model, the TCMG Terms of Reference were revised to include the establishment of TCMGs in Risca and Ystrad Mynach town centres. A provision was also included for Newbridge town centre as the sixth principal town centre in the County Borough.
- 5.9 The revised Terms of References were approved by Cabinet on 11th September 2012. The Terms of Reference have not been amended since.
- 5.10 When the TCMGs were first established, there was an underlying assumption of partnership operation. However, the engagement of retail businesses and other stakeholders within the TCMGs has been mixed. The operation of Chambers of Trade or other retail groups has dwindled in recent years, meaning that there has been little or no engagement with these key stakeholders via the TCMGs when the meetings were operating in their prior format (pre-Covid).
- 5.11 It should be noted that due to only constituted groups being able to attend TCMGs, the number of available business/retail representatives was limited.

Proposed new Business Engagement Model

- 5.12 During 2018 and 2019 the Business Enterprise and Renewal Team held a series of Business breakfast events. The events were hosted by local businesses with invites being sent to other local companies.
- 5.13 The breakfast events were short, sharp, and focused and they included presentations by Officers and/or partner organisations on matters that were of interest/benefit to local business. This gave entrepreneurs the opportunity for discussion and the ability to share experiences and best practice. Importantly businesses were also able to network with each other and partner organisation representatives and importantly learn how to become involved with the Caerphilly Business Club.
- 5.14 These events were very well attended by the business community and positive feedback was received via evaluation questionnaires. In particular, it was noted that a local event being held outside of the working day made attendance convenient and did not interfere with operational requirements. Businesses also noted that the information provided at the events was of use to them and the operation of their businesses. A summary of the findings is included at Appendix 2.
- 5.15 Given the success of these events as a suitable forum for information-sharing and consultation with business, it is considered that this format should be replicated for business partners in our town centres.
- 5.16 The TCMG model is extremely resource intensive and it is considered that it does not presently engender the required sense of town centre ownership with the business community that is needed if our towns are to continue to be successful. It is therefore proposed to trial a series of breakfast and/or evening meetings at venues within each town centre over the next 12 months to determine if this alternative approach is more convenient and effective for business.
- 5.17 Invites will be sent to existing members of the TCMGs as well as the wider town centre business community (within the relevant town centre boundary, as identified in the Local Development Plan). The meetings will consist of presentations on pertinent information with group discussions and will provide opportunities for businesses to engage and network with each other and with partner organisations.
- 5.18 It is proposed that the formal TCMG meetings be suspended whilst the new approach is piloted, initially for a 12-month period.
- 5.19 The meeting structure will be more informal and encourage participation from attendees in wide group discussions or via conversations in the post-meeting networking. The networking opportunity will form part of the agenda to encourage participants to engage in this element of the meeting. Speakers and other organisations will be present to engage and answer questions or queries. Examples of subject matter that will be the focus of the breakfast/evening meetings are:
- Consultation on strategic documents that impact upon the town centre.
 - Partner organisation initiatives, such as those to reduce or combat retail crime.
 - Major developments, such as housing or employment sites.
 - Regeneration projects/initiatives.
 - Training/development opportunities.
 - Cyber security and technology support for businesses.
 - Presentations from organisations offering various support mechanisms for

businesses.

- 5.20 It is felt that this format will be more beneficial to all town centre stakeholders for a variety of reasons, including:
- The meetings will be held in a local venue at a time outside of business hours to enable business attendance.
 - Stakeholders can be represented even if they are not part of a formal organisation (such as a Chamber of Trade).
 - Expert speakers will be able to attend and offer advice and support on a wide range of aspects that are pertinent to town centres.
 - Attendees can network and facilitate business to business contact.
 - Workshop/training sessions can be delivered.
- 5.21 It should be noted that these meetings will be held physically wherever possible and virtually on occasion when Covid restrictions are operational.
- 5.22 It is recognised that the Terms of Reference will need to be amended to reflect the new format. A revised document is attached to this report at Appendix 1. Further to the 12-month pilot period a further report will be presented to Scrutiny and Cabinet to report on the pilot and to determine which town centre engagement model to pursue thereafter having regard for the findings from this pilot.
- 5.23 Members are asked to note that the Town Centre Improvement Group (TCIG) meetings will not be affected by the proposals and will be reconvened to feed into the revised stakeholder model.

Conclusion

- 5.24 The business community is at the heart of our town centres and an engagement model that facilitates more business involvement is fundamental to making our town centres a success.
- 5.25 Due to low attendance by the business community at the TCMG meetings, it is felt that the revised format will encourage business and stakeholder involvement in the meetings and make them a more effective and dynamic consultative forum for business partners.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 It is assumed based on evidence from other successful business events that the suggested format will increase business and stakeholder attendance and engagement.

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

- 7.1 The content of the report links with *A Foundation for Success (Regeneration Strategy 2018-2023)* objectives in relation to "Supporting Business":
- SB3: Creating an environment that nurtures business – The importance of town centres and the businesses that wish to operate within them is recognised, as well as the need to accommodate the needs of those businesses.

- SQL4: Maximise the tourism potential of the County Borough to become an established tourism destination – Ongoing town centre and environmental improvements, along with improvements to accommodation and the night-time economy are key aspects of this priority and engagement with relevant businesses is key.
- SQL7: Refocus on town centres to serve the needs of residents and businesses – the vitality and viability of town centres should be enhanced by working in partnership with the business community to attract new investment and sustain confidence. Active and effective engagement with the business community is imperative to delivering this target.

8. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The proposed changes to the format of the TCMG meetings will have a neutral impact on protected characteristics and people who are socio-economically disadvantaged.
- 8.2 The proposals will contribute to the existing delivery of the well-being objectives of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Corporate Plan. The recommendations in this report will assist the Authority in its duties as a public body under the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to contribute to the following well-being goals:
- A prosperous Wales.
 - A resilient Wales.
 - A healthier Wales.
 - A more equal Wales.
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language; and,
 - A Wales of cohesive communities.
- 8.3 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out the sustainable development principles against which all public bodies in Wales should assess their decision-making. The aim of the legislation is to ensure the well-being of future generations through maximising the contribution public bodies make towards the well-being goals. The principle is also known as the five ways of working and the following are relevant in relation to this report:
- Long Term – Developing long-term aspirations and improvements to our town centres requires effective engagement with the town centre community.
 - Prevention – Business and community concerns with town centre problems or issues can be raised quickly and effectively to prevent escalation and long-term implications.
 - Integration – Private and public sector partnership is more effective through active engagement, which can be achieved through effective forums such as the TCMGs.
 - Collaboration – The TCMGs are inherently collaborative groups when operating effectively.
 - Involvement – The TCMGs aim to involve all interested parties in consultation and engagement.
- 8.4 A full copy of the IIA can be accessed here:
<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/IIA/ccbc-integrated-impact-assessment>

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The cost of hiring appropriate venues and any other requirements for the meetings will be met through the Business Enterprise and Renewal Team's core Town Centre

Management budget.

10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The organisation and running of the meetings will be incorporated into the Business Enterprise and Renewal Team's work programme. Officers from other departments may be required to attend meetings, but this is an established commitment from the established and long-term operation of the TCMGs.

11. CONSULTATIONS

- 11.1 The draft report has been circulated to the consultees listed below and all comments incorporated into the report and/or the appendix.
- 11.2 Several consultees requested that meetings are held three times per year as opposed to two. As the new model is being trialled, two meetings will be held in each of the Principal Towns per year for the first twelve months, but the frequency of meetings thereafter will be a consideration for the follow-up report.
- 11.3 Of those consultees that commented on the timing of meetings, an evening meeting was preferred.
- 11.4 One of the Blackwood members raised several specific queries on the report, which are addressed by way of officer responses in bold italics below:
- 11.4.1 It is essential to have more engagement and communication with traders outside of the formal meetings. ***This will resume as part of the Council's "Unique Places" model of town centre management, although it is important for members to recognise that during Covid the associated restrictions and necessary diversion of resources impacted upon this.***
- 11.4.2 That the Terms of Reference be amended to include representatives from taxi associations, Aldi, Asda, McDonald's, Blackwood Miners' Institute and the Local Health Board. ***Taxi Associations have not historically been invited to these groups, but the Terms of Reference have been amended to include them as an acknowledgement of them being stakeholders in the town centre. The Terms of Reference have also been amended to include local supermarkets, such as Aldi. It was also requested that membership be open to the landlord of The Marketplace Shopping Centre. The shopping centre will be invited and can nominate a representative who could be the centre manager or the landlord. The Local Health Board will be invited to specific meetings as and when required as guest speakers.***
- 11.4.3 That resources and engagement needs to be targeted, including an action plan with objectives and timescales, along with a definition of what resources the Council is putting in along with engagement procedures. ***The resources and engagement methods are outlined in paragraphs 5.12-5.23. The aim of the new model is to provide pertinent and appropriate information to businesses at the time of the meeting, as such it would be difficult to formulate an action plan for these groups.***
- 11.4.4 Can a summary of the feedback received at the breakfast meetings referred to in paragraph 5.14 be provided. ***This is included at Appendix 2.***

- 11.4.5 It was queried why TCMG Chairs were not invited to the breakfast events referenced in paragraph 5.14. ***For clarity, these were business networking events aimed at the private sector in a specific geographical area and were not town centre focused events.***
- 11.4.6 Why weren't the Community Safety, Argoed Town Council and Newbridge Members consulted on the report? ***The Council's Community Safety team will continue to be invited to meetings and will have the opportunity to engage where appropriate, as such they were not consulted on this report. Only Town/Community Councils whose boundary incorporates a principal town centre have been consulted on the report. Newbridge town centre does not currently operate under the Council's model of town centre management as it is not a Principal Town.***
- 11.4.7 It was requested that a business sector member sit on each Scrutiny Committee to provide input. ***This decision would be outside the remit of this report.***
- 11.4.8 Liaison with supermarket Community Champions on their engagement methods with community groups that operate within town centres was suggested. ***The TCMGs focus is on engagement with the business community, and as such the supermarket Community Champions would be able to attend the meetings as the supermarket's representative.***
- 11.4.9 The reporting mechanism for the TCMGs was also queried as they are not decision-making committees. ***As per the Terms of Reference, like any consultative committee, the minutes of the TCMGs are referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee and any matter requiring a decision is referred to Cabinet.***
- 11.5 The report was considered by Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 19th October 2021 where it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the trial of the new format. During the meeting, Members did raise some points in relation to the trial format, which will be considered by Officers before the first meetings are held:
- 11.5.1 There may be a need to hold the meetings virtually while Covid restrictions exist, particularly as it is anticipated that the new format meetings will commence in early 2022. However, face-to-face meetings that encourage and facilitate business networking will be held as soon as restrictions allow.
- 11.5.2 Officers will liaise with businesses in each of the town centres prior to the first round of meetings to encourage attendance at the events. One breakfast and one evening meeting will be held in each town centre to gauge which suits each individual business community best.
- 11.5.3 it was agreed that the meetings concentrate on town centre businesses but that opportunities to invite a wider geographical audience could be considered after the initial 12-month trial period.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Local Government Act 2000. This is a Cabinet function.

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Lynne Donovan, Head of People Services
Cllr. Eluned Stenner, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Towns and Property
Cllr. John Ridgewell, Chair of Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
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Cllr. Alan Higgs, Aberbargoed Ward Member
Cllr. Carol Andrews, Bargoed Ward Member
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Cllr. Diane Price, Bargoed Ward Member
Cllr. Lindsey Harding, Gilfach Ward Member
Cllr. Nigel Dix, Blackwood Ward Member
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Cllr. Nigel George, Risca East Ward member (and Vice-Chair of Risca TCMG)
Cllr. Arianna Leonard, Risca East Ward Member
Cllr. Philippa Leonard, Risca East Ward Member
Cllr. Robert Owen, Risca West Ward Member
Cllr. Ross Whiting, Risca West Ward Member (and Chair of Risca TCMG)
Cllr. Donna Cushing, Hengoed Ward Member
Cllr. Teresa Parry, Hengoed Ward Member
Cllr. Alan Angel, Ystrad Mynach Ward Member (and Chair of Ystrad Mynach TCMG)
Cllr. Martyn James, Ystrad Mynach Ward member (and Vice-Chair of

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Bargoed Town Council
Blackwood Town Council
Caerphilly Town Council
Gelligaer Community Council
Risca Town Council

Background Papers:

Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 13th December 2005, Agenda Item No. 7(1)
Cabinet – 11th September 2012, Agenda Item No. 2(1)

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Town Centre Stakeholder Groups Terms of Reference (2021)
Appendix 2 Breakfast event feedback summary

**Town Centre Stakeholder Groups
Terms of Reference**

Primary Purpose

To pilot the new model of town centre business engagement to enhance the town centre management function for the Principal Town Centres for an initial 12 months prior to reporting the outcome of the pilot to Scrutiny and Cabinet for consideration.

Town Centre Stakeholder Groups will operate in Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly, Risca and Ystrad Mynach, as consultative and engagement forums for all stakeholders with an interest in the economic, physical and social well-being of the Principal Town Centres. Each Town Centre Stakeholder Group will:

- Maintain a dialogue between Council representatives and key stakeholders in the Town Centre;
- Act as the link between the services provided by the Council and the Town Centre business community;
- Influence and monitor the future development and diversification of the Town Centre;
- Assist in the development of regeneration initiatives which may impact upon the Town Centre;
- Contribute to the preparation of Placemaking Plans and Masterplans for the Town Centre;
- Consider operational issues that may affect the day-to-day running of the Town Centre.

Meeting Structure

The meeting structure will be more informal and encourage participation from attendees in wide group discussions or via conversations in the post-meeting networking. The networking opportunity will form part of the agenda to encourage participants to engage in this element of the meeting. Speakers and other organisations will be present to engage and answer questions or queries. Examples of subject matter that will be the focus of the breakfast/evening meetings are:

- Consultation on strategic documents that impact upon the town centre.
- Partner organisation initiatives, such as those to reduce or combat retail crime.
- Major developments, such as housing or employment sites.
- Regeneration projects/initiatives.
- Training/development opportunities.
- Cyber security and technology support for businesses.
- Presentations from organisations offering various support mechanisms for businesses.

This format will be more beneficial to all town centre stakeholders for a variety of reasons, including:

- The meetings will be held in a local venue at a time outside of business hours to enable business attendance.
- Stakeholders can be represented even if they are not part of a formal organisation (such as a Chamber of Trade).
- Expert speakers will be able to attend and offer advice and support on a wide range of aspects that are pertinent to town centres.
- Attendees can network and facilitate business to business contact.

- Workshop/training sessions can be delivered.

It should be noted that these meetings will be held physically wherever possible and virtually on occasion when Covid restrictions are operational.

Membership

- Chamber of trade;
- Representatives of town centre businesses;
- Local supermarket representatives;
- Community/Town Council;
- Shopping Centre Managers (where they exist);
- Civic Society/Conservation Group (where they exist);
- Taxi Association (where they exist);
- Youth Forum representative;
- Police;
- Caerphilly County Borough Council (the Cabinet Member for Customer, Performance and Enterprise and Local Ward Members).

Each organisation (with the exception of Town/Community Councils) will be able to send one representative. Town/Community Councils can nominate two representatives. The Clerk of relevant Town/Community Councils may also attend as a non-voting member.

Administrative Support

Business Enterprise & Renewal Team – Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Frequency

Stakeholder Meetings will take place as a minimum twice a year initially, and on any other occasion when the Cabinet Member for Customer, Performance and Enterprise deems appropriate.

Agendas

It will be the responsibility of the Principal Officer – Town Centres & Business Support to prepare the Agenda. Any member of the Town Centre Stakeholder Group wishing for an item to be placed on the agenda, should send the request by e-mail, or in writing to the Principal Officer – Town Centres & Business Support, no later than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

**Town Centre Stakeholder Groups
Appendix**

Wards Eligible To Attend Town Centre Stakeholder Meetings

Bargoed TCSG - Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Gilfach

Blackwood TCSG - Blackwood, Cefn Fforest

Caerphilly TCSG - Morgan Jones, St. Martins, St. James

Risca TCSG - Risca East, Risca West

Ystrad Mynach TCSG - Hengoed, Ystrad Mynach

Caerphilly Business Breakfast Network Events 2018/19
Evaluation Summary

1. Was the duration of the event

Too Long	Too Short	Just Right
7%	5%	88%

2. Was the event beneficial for your business needs?

Yes	No
94%	6%

3. Did you make any new contacts that might lead to new business?

Yes	No
80%	20%

4. Which day would you prefer breakfast events to be held on?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10%	29%	27%	25%	9%

5. How would you rate your overall satisfaction of this event?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
73%	22%	4%	1%

6. Would you attend another breakfast network event?

Yes	No
96%	4%

Venue/Arrangements

Were you happy with:

7. The venue?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
71%	20%	8%	1%

8. The seating?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
70%	22%	6%	2%

9. The catering?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
65%	27%	7%	1%

10. The Speaker?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
83%	9%	8%	0%

11. The administration of the event?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
86%	11%	3%	0%



CABINET - 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: GEORGE STREET REAR WALLS, CWMCARN

REPORT BY: ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE /
CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to deploy Private Sector Housing Capital monies to assist private sector homeowners at George Street, Cwmcarn to fully participate in a priority retaining wall and steps replacement programme planned for council owned properties during 2021/22 and 2022/23. The scheme will not be able to proceed without inclusion of the privately owned properties.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The rear retaining walls of properties at 1 to 46 George Street, Cwmcarn, are in an advanced state of structural disrepair. Caerphilly Homes is due to undertake a retaining wall replacement programme to the council owned properties at George Street in order to achieve compliance with WHQS as most of these properties are currently designated as 'acceptable fails due to timing and remedy'.
- 2.2 Officers, having studied the defective walls and associated party structure steps consider that, due to the design and construction of the existing structures, the programme to the 30 Council owned properties can only be achieved if the walls and steps to the 16 privately owned properties are undertaken at the same time. Realistically, however, to encourage full participation by private owners would inevitably require the offer of financial assistance in the form of grant aid.
- 2.3 This report looks at the reasons for the renewal programme being undertaken and for proposing to offer support to the private owners in the form of 100% grant aid. The report also outlines potential funding sources to facilitate such an offer.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that, in addition to the Housing Revenue Account funding the works required to the Council properties:
- Financial support be offered to homeowners at 1 to 46, George Street for the

renewal of the rear retaining walls and steps and associated works in the form of a 100% grant.

- Funding for the inclusion of private sector properties in the scheme should be made available from existing Private Sector Housing Capital balances.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To facilitate the improvement of Council properties in George Street, Cwmcarn in order to achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard and to address the significant structural disrepair of the retaining walls and steps in George Street, by adoption of an holistic, tenure blind strategic approach to the physical regeneration of George Street by way of a Group Repair scheme.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 1 to 46 George Street, Cwmcarn comprise pre 1919 traditionally constructed terraced properties constructed along the contours of the valley. The properties are two storey to the front elevation. three storey to the rear, with basements accessed externally. The rear door into the properties is at first floor level, accessed first via shared party steps to the garden then jointly constructed steps up to the rear door.
- 5.2 All are large 4 bed houses, 16 of which are now privately owned, although it is likely that all would have originally been within Council ownership. Historically a small number were proactively marketed for sale when void due to high maintenance costs and low demand and others were sold through the Right to Buy. Caerphilly Homes have a limited number of 4 bed homes with most in high demand for families with 3 or more children. However, the George Street properties are low demand, primarily due to the tiered and steeply sloping gardens.
- 5.3 In order to improve the rear gardens the levels of many have been raised in an ad hoc manner by various tenants and owners, and some Council properties have been let in a condition that has not allowed the ingoing tenant to start their tenancy with a readily useable garden space. The design and condition of the rear of the properties means that many families with very young children are not able to use the rear gardens at all.
- 5.4 Most of the Council owned walls are likely to have been pointed under a planned maintenance contract some 15 to 20 years ago. Most walls are heavily overgrown with a covering of vegetation. Whilst generally the walls are upright there is evidence of disrupted pointing, missing stonework, some movement and bulging within them to varying degrees with some overloaded by ad hoc structures constructed above.
- 5.5 The issue of the rear walls has been raised over many years and in 2015 routine repairs were placed on hold pending WHQS, due to the scale and difficulty of the project. The rear walls to numbers 33 & 34 collapsed in January 2015 and the rear lane was temporarily closed for safety reasons. Surveys of the retaining walls were undertaken by colleagues in Property Services and Building Control with the rear wall to number 18 identified as dangerous and taken down by Caerphilly Homes in February 2015. Emergency powers were used by Building Control to demolish the retaining wall of a private property in June 2016.

- 5.6 It has not been possible to adequately enforce tenancy conditions as the gardens have become increasingly inaccessible for residents. Whilst it was initially anticipated that the issues to the rear retaining walls and steps would be addressed by the WHQS programme in 2019/20 the sheer scale and complexity of the required scheme of works and the perceived inability to address the Council properties in isolation from those that were privately owned rendered this impossible and, whilst significant external works were undertaken to the houses and upper steps, only minimal works were undertaken to most rear gardens. When cleared, it was identified that many had been contaminated with sewage due to fractures along the length of the main sewer which had not been noticed because the areas were so overgrown. Remedial works were undertaken by Welsh Water in late 2019.
- 5.7 For WHQS purposes the Council properties have been classified as 'acceptable fails due to timing and remedy' but it is considered that these walls now need to be rebuilt as a matter of some urgency. Walls to two adjoining Council owned properties (5 & 6) have now deteriorated to such an extent that they have just had to be taken down for safety reasons and the gardens battened back as a temporary measure pending the outcome of this report. Colleagues in Property Services have undertaken topographical surveys and produced construction drawings and anticipated costings for the renewal of the walls and steps in the street, and the creation of safe, useable gardens, and have confirmed that, from a practical perspective, due to the design and construction of the existing walls and steps the scheme cannot be undertaken without inclusion of the private sector properties.
- 5.8 It is recognised that the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the private sector properties falls to the owner and, in most other planned maintenance schemes, owners having exercised their right to buy are not afforded financial assistance to repair their homes in line with the planned maintenance ambitions of the council in respect of its own stock. There is though merit in making an exception in respect of George Street for the reasons stated above. In addition, strategically planned renewal has enormous benefits in respect of economies of scale, quality control and a finished product that is both aesthetically pleasing and represents value for money.
- 5.9 A 'tenure blind' approach such as this has been taken on a number of occasions previously by way of Housing Action Area initiatives, Priority Neighbourhood schemes and Renewal Area activity. Whilst funding for such schemes has, in the main, come from Welsh Government, we have on occasions used corporate capital funding for work programmes, including at Graig Y Rhacca and Lansbury Park.
- 5.10 It is estimated that the rebuilding of the walls and steps will cost around £44,000 per pair of properties, although this may be reduced if agreement can be reached with residents on providing a single continuous wall rather than renewing the lower rear steps, which would also improve and increase the size of the gardens. Whilst the cost of the works to the Council properties can be funded from the Housing Revenue Account, this funding stream cannot be utilised for the private sector properties. Using the cost estimates, full participation by the homeowners would require budget provision of £352,000. To maximise participation 100% grants would need to be awarded without applying a means test or post grant ownership conditions, by way of a Group Repair scheme.
- 5.11 There is funding available to assist owners at George Street using underspends in the Private Sector Housing Capital Programme, with Covid restrictions significantly affecting private sector housing programmes in 20/21. There are also capital monies available from improvement grant deposit balances.

Conclusion

- 5.12 The rear retaining walls and party steps to the 30 Council and 16 privately owned properties at 1 to 46 George Street are in an advanced state of disrepair and are required to be renewed as soon as possible in order to ensure the safety of residents and the wider community, and the integrity of the housing stock. A comprehensive reconstruction scheme has been developed and funding has been identified for the works required to the Council owned homes, however these walls and steps cannot be renewed in isolation from the walls and steps of the adjoining private sector properties. Approval is being sought to deploy approximately £352,000 of available Private Sector Housing Capital monies for the cost of reconstruction works to the private sector properties by way of a Group Repair Scheme.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The projected costs are estimated to reflect the prepared reconstruction proposal but will be subject to a full tender process in line with Standing Orders. Current contractor and material shortages make it difficult to provide accurate estimates at this time.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 As the report proposes that 100% grant assistance be offered to the private owners of properties at 1 to 46, George Street and that no post completion grant conditions would be imposed requiring that the grants be repaid an Integrated Impact Assessment is not required.
- 7.2 If the proposal is approved a comprehensive engagement exercise would be undertaken with the residents of 1 to 46, George Street regarding the proposals, and to seek consent from the individual private owners to proceed with the proposed scheme of works.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The total cost of the scheme is approximately £1m, of which the HRA will be responsible for £660k, in relation to the proportion of council tenanted properties. The remainder of the scheme relates to the proportion of private owners and will be approximately £352k. Officers are satisfied that funding for the private sector element of this initiative can be made available from within the existing Private Sector Housing Capital Budget allocation and balances, and funding is available from the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for the works required to the Council owned properties.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 The report was presented to the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 19th October 2021. Members discussed and clarified the works required and noted the

extent, urgency and unique nature of this scheme, which cannot proceed without the inclusion of the privately owned properties. The Scrutiny Committee therefore unanimously approved the proposal to deploy Private Sector Housing Capital balances to assist private sector homeowners alongside council owned properties at George Street, Cwmcarn to fully participate in the priority retaining wall and steps replacement programme, outlined within the report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 N/A

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Appendix 1 - Photographs of George Street

Appendix 2 – Street plan

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Appendix 1 – George Street Walls



Rear Elevations of George Street.





Example of Shared Lower Steps



Example of Upper Steps



Examples of Rear Retaining Walls



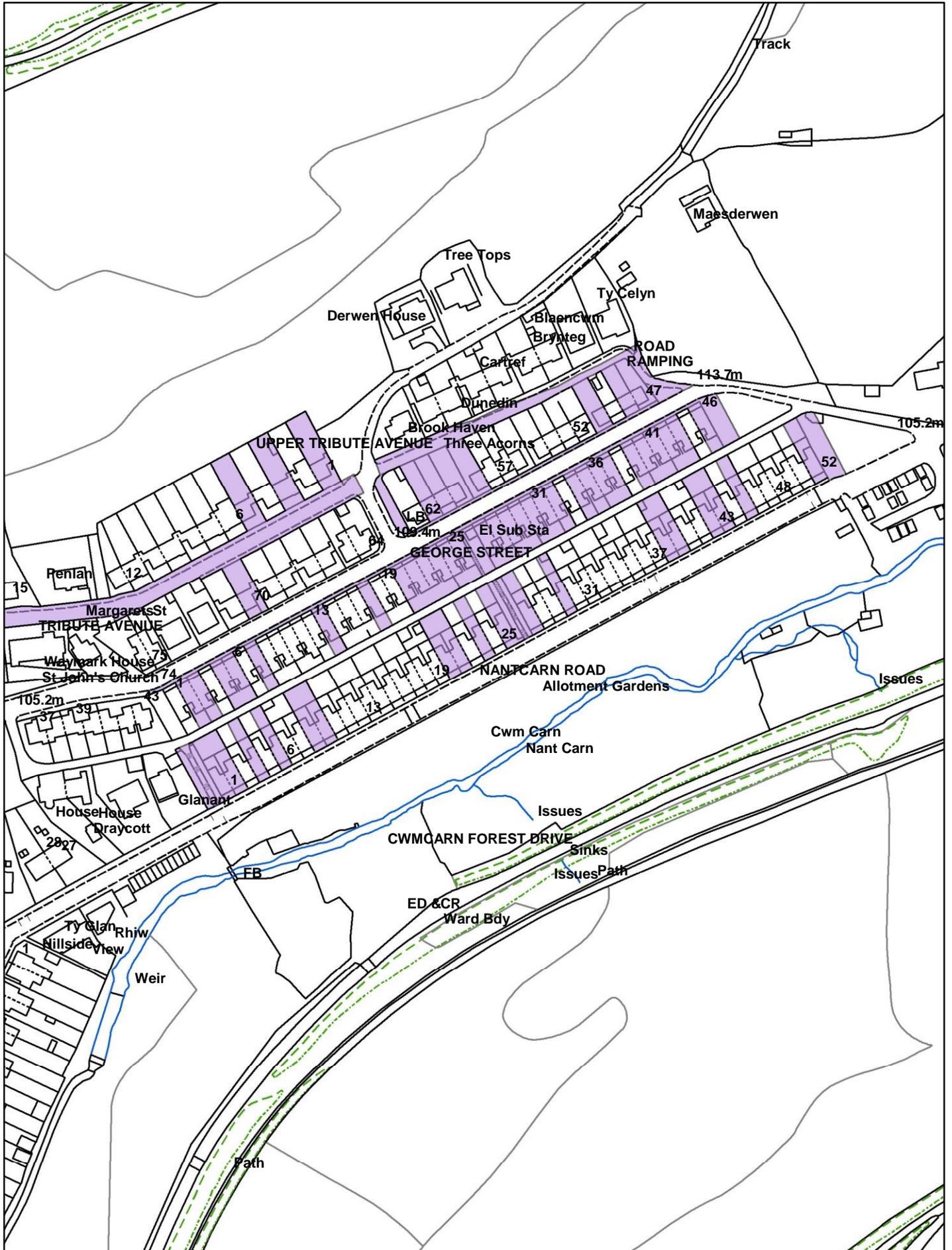
Examples of Rear Retaining Walls







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CABINET – 10TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY REDUCED BUS FARE SCHEME

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Members views on the proposal for Caerphilly CBC to finance a reduced bus fare scheme for five weekends prior to Christmas 2021.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Bus travel has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, with passenger numbers plummeting, and the requirement for social distancing and additional cleansing requirements adding further burdens and costs on operators. Whilst Welsh Government and local authorities have stepped in to support the sector with substantial financial assistance, the number of passengers currently travelling remains low and is approximately 60% of the pre pandemic figures. Caerphilly CBC is therefore considering introducing a reduced bus fare scheme, where passengers would pay a reduced single journey fare of £1 for five weekends leading up to Christmas. The first weekend being the 20th and 21st November 2021. This would be an effort to boost passenger numbers on local bus services and provide additional support for local business and traders at this important trading time of the year.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to financially support a temporary reduced bus fare scheme leading up to Christmas 2021.
- 3.2 In the event of the proposed scheme being supported, Cabinet is asked to agree that the total cost of up to £55k is funded from the previously approved Covid-19 Earmarked Reserve.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To seek the Cabinet's views and agreement to invest Council funds into a reduced bus fare scheme, encourage the use of sustainable transport use and support the local economy during the pre-Christmas trading period.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Wider Context

- 5.1.1 Bus travel has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Passenger numbers have plummeted, whilst social distancing and additional cleansing requirements have placed added burdens and costs on operators.
- 5.1.2 WG and local authorities (LAs) have stepped in to support the sector with substantial financial assistance to date. However, the number of passengers currently travelling remains low and is approximately 60% of the pre pandemic figures.
- 5.1.3 It has been proposed that a reduced bus fare scheme for the five weekends prior to Christmas 2021 will entice new and old passengers to use the bus services within the Borough, with the aim of long-term increased patronage and service sustainability.

5.2 Key Features of the scheme

- 5.2.1 The scheme aims to promote bus travel by offering a £1 reduced fare on all single journeys taken within the borough for the five weekends prior to Christmas, starting on the weekend of the 20th and 21st November and finishing on the weekend of 18th and 19th of December. These dates coincide with the town centre Christmas Markets.
- 5.2.2 The scheme will operate from the first bus journey on each route, with the last discounted ticket issued to passengers that board the bus prior to 19:00.
- 5.2.3 In addition to bus promotion, the scheme aims to encourage more people to the borough's towns to support local businesses and traders at this important Christmas trading period.

5.3 Risks

- 5.3.1 Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Caerphilly benefitted from a good bus network coverage. Since that time there have been a number of service reductions, particularly with evening and Sunday services.

From the 51 services operated through Caerphilly borough, only 13 have a Sunday service operating – 10 of which are subsidised by the Council.

- 5.3.2 The bus industry is currently experiencing a number of issues including challenges around pay and conditions combined with a critical shortfall of drivers; this is resulting in many short notice service cancellations and full-service withdrawals across the South East Wales region. This is a particular concern for the largest bus operator within the borough, Stagecoach. Should the scheme go ahead Cabinet must be mindful of the potential negative reaction from members of the public if services are cancelled without notice, and passengers are unable to travel – especially if they have already made their outbound journey.
- 5.3.3 Should new passengers be attracted to use the bus service and receive a bad experience; it could result in passengers not utilising the service again in future.
- 5.3.4 Stagecoach drivers are currently undertaking industrial action over a pay and conditions dispute. This action is planned to run until the 13th November. There are currently no indications that the action will cease earlier than this date, and it is possible

they might be extended if negotiations breakdown. It is possible that following industrial action, the company and/or trade union may prohibit overtime from being worked. The subsequent result to bus services for the end of November/early December could be significant, however this is unconfirmed.

- 5.3.5 In addition to the above, Stagecoach has informed the Council that from the 29th November they intend to make further service reductions to three journeys by reducing the frequency from half hourly to hourly.
- 5.3.6 Should approval for the scheme be given, there will be limited time to promote it between Cabinet's ratified decision and the first weekend.
- 5.3.7 With town centre parking continuing to be free across the borough in November and December, this could impact the potential number of people that would pay to travel, where they have access to their own vehicle and no additional costs other than fuel.

5.4 Conclusion

- 5.4.1 Whilst the introduction of the temporary reduced bus fare scheme will offer an opportunity to promote bus usage and encourage more people to the borough's towns to support local businesses and traders at this important Christmas trading period, any decision to implement the scheme must be considered against the backdrop of the risks outlined above.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 it has been assumed that the Stagecoach industrial action is successfully resolved and there is no further adverse impact on local bus services but this is not guaranteed.

7. SUMMARY OF INTERGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 As an operational matter with no impact of strategic issues the Council's full Integrated Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Payment to the bus operator will be purely based on passenger numbers with the shortfall of the normal fare for each passenger travelling being paid by the Council. It is estimated that the maximum cost to support this scheme will be in the region of £67,000. This is based on the total bus revenue taken by bus operators within Caerphilly on the weekend of the 7th and 8th of December 2019. Re-imburement to operators will be capped at this pre pandemic amount, which was also a Christmas Market day in Caerphilly. With bus operators receiving £1 from each paying passenger, it will be offset against the outstanding revenue shortfall, resulting in an approximate overall scheme maximum cost to the Council of £55,000.
- 8.2 No assumptions have been made on promotional costs.
- 8.3 There are no external funding avenues to support this scheme, and there are no funds within the service budget. As such funding would need to be identified from other areas

within the Council. It is therefore proposed that the total cost of up to £55k is funded from the previously approved Covid-19 Earmarked Reserve.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 Discussions have taken place with the bus operators that operate within the Caerphilly borough. Four of the five operators have expressed an interest in taking part in the scheme, whilst the fifth operator only serves four bus stops within the county boundary.

10.2 All responses from consultees have been included in the report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 The following enabling statutory powers apply to the ITU service.

- Transport Act 1985
- Transport Act 2000
- Transport (Wales) Act 2006
- Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008

12. URGENCY (CABINET ITEMS ONLY)

12.1 The report seeks an urgent decision to allow implementation of the scheme in the run up to the Christmas period in order to support local businesses in our town centres. It is therefore requested that this report is exempt from call in due to its urgent nature.

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Background Papers:
None

Appendices:

None

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