



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

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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.

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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.