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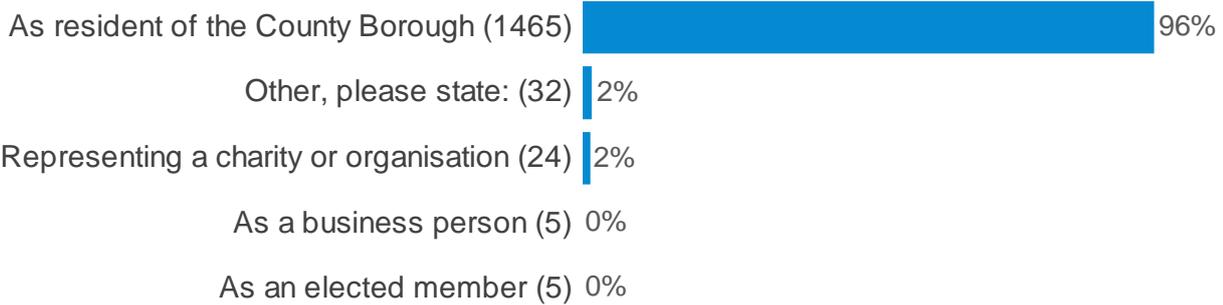
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## I am completing this survey:



## 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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**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

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- 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

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

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

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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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.

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

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- 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.

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

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- 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.

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

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- This a reasonable requirement that dog owners behaved responsibly.

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- All dogs should be on lead

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

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

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- 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.

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

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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

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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

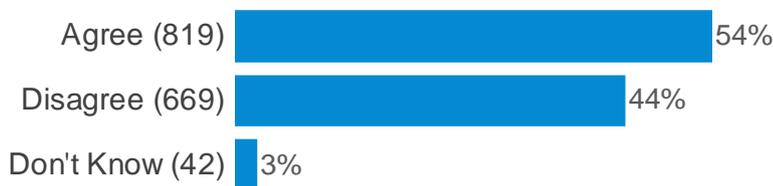
I feel that the existing levels of control are adequate but the removal of waste from dog waste bins and bins in general is not up to standard at all.

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

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

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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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 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 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.

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 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.