

Dog Control PSPO

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Do you own a dog/s?



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Are you a professional dog walker?



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What is your postcode? (This is to help us understand the distribution of respondents geographically and if views differ)

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To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should be excluded from:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Don't visit the area
Ball Courts	68	18	1	4	2		1
Childrens Play Areas	81	10		2	1		
Multi Games Areas	68	17	6	1	2		
Tennis Courts	71	12	3	3	3		2
Open Spaces	25	9	11	16	33		

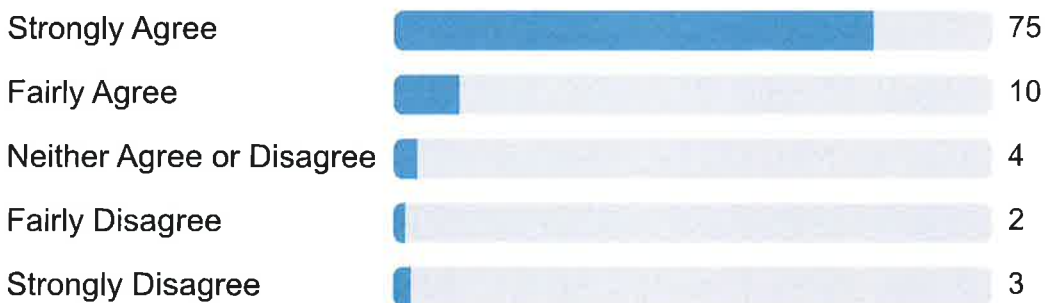
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The Council are proposing a restriction on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at any given time to a maximum of four dogs. They are looking at this as there has been a number of complaints regarding aggressive dogs, lack of control and dog straying without the owner's control.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed restriction on the number of dogs walked by a person at any given time?



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In the past 12 months have you been affected by dog fouling in Spelthorne?



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Do you consider uncollected dog waste to be a problem in the Spelthorne area?



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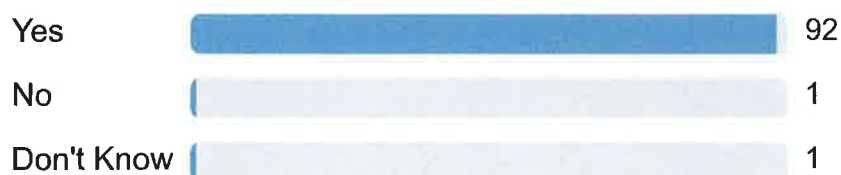
If yes, how frequently do you see uncollected dog waste?



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Do you agree or disagree with the requirement of the proposed order that a person in charge of a dog must clear up after their dog immediately and carry with them the means to clear up after their dog?

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We recognise that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control while they are out. However if they are not properly supervised and kept under control they can cause nuisance or injury to members of the public or other animals and may even cause road traffic accidents. We believe that for welfare reasons, dog owners should be able to exercise their dogs off the lead in open spaces. We also believe for the reasons mentioned above that it may be necessary to require that a dog owner puts his/her dog if requested to do so by an authorised officer which includes a Local Authority Enforcement Officer, a Police Officer or a Police Community Support Officer. There are also a number of areas where dogs must be on leads at all times such as in Council car parks, Cemeteries and Leisure Centre car parks.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed requirement that dogs must be placed on a lead if requested by an authorised officer?



Strongly disagree  0

Don't know  0


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To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should always be on a lead in Council Maintained car parks, cemeteries and Council Leisure Centre car parks.

Strongly agree  77

Fairly agree  9

Neither agree or disagree  4

Fairly disagree  1

Strongly disagree  3

Don't know  0

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Currently, dog control restrictions do not apply to all people and the Council wants to ensure that any restrictions placed on dog owners and handlers are reasonable and take into account particular groups of where it is not possible to comply.

The order does not apply to a person in control of a working assistance dog which has been trained to assist a person who has a disability or any emergency services, Armed Forces or other agencies in charge of an assistance dog.

To what extent do you agree with this exception?

Strongly agree  54

Fairly agree  27

Neither agree nor disagree  6

Fairly disagree  4

Strongly disagree  2


Don't know.  1

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Do you consider yourself to have a longstanding illness, disability or infirmity? *(The definition of a disability in the Equality Act 2010 is a "physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities")*

Yes  12

No  75

Prefer Not To Say  7

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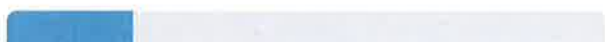
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What age bracket do you fall into?

18-24  3

25-34  1

35-44  20

45-54  19

55-64  25

65+  19

Prefer not to say  7

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Order?

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