

Dog Control Public Space Protection Order Consultation

Analysis report — June 2023

Introduction

The council's Environmental Protection team is reviewing the dog control rules that apply to public spaces within the Chichester District. It is proposed that the current Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), which is due to end in October 2023, be extended for a further three years with a few minor changes.

Chichester District residents, businesses, community groups, and other relevant stakeholders, were invited to share their views on this proposal in a public consultation.

Summary data

- **380 responses** were received for the survey, which was available from 10 May to 7 June 2023.
- Responses were biased towards non-dog owners (**57.9%** or 216) and dog owners (**42.1%** or 157), and the majority of respondents were residents of the district (84.4% or **357**).
- The majority of respondents (**86.8%** or 329) supported the proposals for the dog fouling aspect of the PSPO.
- Most respondents (**79.8%** or 301) supported the proposals for the dogs on lead by direction aspect of the PSPO.
- The majority of respondents agreed with the proposals to continue all year round dog exclusion rules in: Priory Park (**72.1%** or 233), Bishops Palace Gardens (**78.4%** or 250), and fenced children's play areas (**96.6%** or 310).
- The majority (**82.8%** or 245) agreed that the exclusion zone on Selsey beach during part of the year should be continued.
- When asked for any comments people may have, the top three comments were categorised as: Suggesting that more enforcement is undertaken (**34**), support for the dog restriction areas (**32**) and suggestion that dogs should be kept on lead (**27**).

Methodology

To understand people's thoughts on the proposal, an online survey was created. This enabled respondents to comment on all of the proposal or just the elements they were interested in. Paper copies of the survey were available on request.

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35 respondents said their response represented more than one person.

Branding for the consultation — 'Let's Talk: Dogs in Public Spaces' — was created and used to promote the consultation in a variety of ways, including:

- Promotional posters displayed in key locations relating to the proposal.
- Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram, were used to promote the consultation.
- On the website, a campaign banner was developed for the homepage and an advertising banner was displayed at the top of each web page.
- Let's Talk Panel members were notified of the consultation and invited to participate.
- A media release was distributed to announce the start of the consultation and another reminder release was sent out in the last week.

A full list of promotions is available in Appendix A.

The last question of the survey gave respondents the opportunity to free-type their comments. These comments have been analysed and grouped into categories, with the most common responses reported. A full verbatim list is available in Appendix B.

Activity	Target Group(s)	Message(s) / Actions	Method	Cost	Responsible	Date	Status
Stage 2: Implementation							
Survey goes live	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses		Online survey		TF	10 May – 7 June	✓

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Consultation page goes live	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses		CDC website		TF	10 May	✓
Update on 'current surveys' page of website	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses	Add link to current surveys table	CDC website		TF	10 May	✓
Let's Talk Panel update	Let's Talk Panel members - 812		Email		TF	10 May	✓

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Recorded message on Switchboard and Customer Services phone lines	Chichester District residents, organisations, visitors and businesses	Contact customer services with script 'Hold' message to go live			TF	9 May ASAP – 7 June	✓

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Contact partner organisations for consultation support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chichester BID - WSCC - Great Sussex Way - University and College 	Can partners help to promote?	Email / phone		TF	10/11 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
WSCC Consultation Hub	Chichester District residents, organisations, visitors and businesses	Information on consultation hub	WSCC web		TF	10/11 May	✓
Communication with statutory consultees					SB / RW	9/10 May	✓

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	visitors and businesses						
Display posters in key locations	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses	Display posters at Priory Park and Selsey beach			RW	10 May – 7 June	✓
Existing community events	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses	Presence at the Farmers' Market — SB / RW to consider whether appropriate			SB / RW	May/June	
District Dispatch	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses	Consultation referenced in Leader's District Dispatch article in the Observer series Reminder	The Observer series		TF	May	✓
					TF	May	✓

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Email newsletters	Chichester District residents, visitors and businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiatives+ email newsletter - Contact police for Neighbourhood Watch bulletin - Contact WSCC for Your Voice newsletter (6,000 ePanel subscribers) - Contact University and College for student newsletters 	Email newsletter		TF	June	✓
					TF		✓
					TF		✓
					TF		✓
Stage 3							
Survey closes	Chichester District	Close survey	Snap Surveys		TF / JI	7 June	✓

Appendix B:

Are there any comments you wish to make on the proposed P...

Analysis : Are there any comments you wish to make on the proposed P...

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We use the woods and play area in South Harting. They provide bins and bags for picking up poo. I can honestly say I have never seen dog poo on the ground. However, other places I go to especially where bins and bags that are not provided, most outings, I see poo on the ground. I think even if Bins are provided it makes a difference. On the subject of beaches being closed off for the Summer Months I agree, where people are swimming and sunbathing it is a necessity but open Beaches such as Elmer, should still be available for dog owners and their dogs to enjoy walking and swimming in their sea. That is also part of family life

Basically this a good idea. Who will enforcing any changes so that the exemption of dogs is real.

Dogs should be kept on leads and controlled at all times.

I think dog poo should be picked up on land growing crops. There should be heavier fines for people who don't pick up dog poo in controlled areas, including people who do not correctly dispose of used dog poo bags.

Some walks take in farm lands, dogs should be on leads around live stock!

I would like dog control orders to be extended to the new housing estates built /being built in Chichester.. I do not like dogs as they make me feel anxious and would like the current areas that are dog free: Priory Park and Bishop's Palace gardens to continue as dog free. There are plenty of other spaces for dogs and it is only fair for people with children or allergies or don't want dogs around to have dog free areas in Chichester.

Too many dog owners pick up fouling and then leave bags full of faeces on paths, in and under hedges and in other places other than a bin. I frequently collect 4 or 5 abandoned bags in addition to my own. This appalling and offensive behaviour is wrong on so many ways. I should like to see eye wateringly large fines for these supremely lazy and thoughtless people. They are leaving plastic bags full of biological waste for everyone else to contend with. The resulting rise in hostility shown towards responsible dog owners is palpable. A bye law imposing huge fines would hugely improve the environment for everyone and would do us all a service. As an indication of hostility towards dog owners in the district, my daughter receives frequent abuse, and we are always afraid someone may poison our dog. This happened to us on a visit to Force 4 chandlery near Bosham in 2009, and our dog died 2 days after another customer fed something to her.

Dogs in west witterings all year around should be permitted in all zones

Whilst I feel that the PSPO isn't particularly effective in many areas as there isn't anybody to enforce it, I have no doubt that the problem of dog fouling would be much worse without it.

I would say that the majority of dog owners that I meet are very responsible for their dogs and clearing up after them. However there are a few that are too busy socialising to notice that their dog has left a deposit and therefore fail to pick it up. These are also the same people that will stand up and say how responsible they are and always clear up after their dog. There are also those lone dog walkers that are busy talking on their phone and fail to keep an eye on their dog. Again 'responsible' dog owners. An education campaign is needed to make people aware that when they are out with their dogs they need to watch them all of the time. All areas in Selsey that I walk my dog have their unofficial 'dog club' where people meet and chat and their dogs play. These meetings should be targeted by the enforcement officers. Better signage is needed at all access points to the beach, advising the dog restrictions in these areas and at all states of the tide. It's also clear to everybody that after 5 o'clock there will be no enforcement and so it becomes a free for all. The only answer to all of this is better education and more public campaigns. I don't think that you will ever solve this problem.

Please keep priory park free of dogs and cycles. It is the only safe area in Chichester District and well worth visiting frequently from Midhurst, where we have no such facility. Thank you.

Bookers Green at East Wittering Beach is well used by dog walkers, residents and visitors. Many do not pick up after their dog these include residents and visitors. There are a growing number of people who cycle along Bookers Green footpath whilst having their dog with them, these people never pick up after their dog/s and often don't realise their dog has fouled as they are too far ahead of the dog.

The Selsey PSPO is a waste of time without prominent signage and some enforcement - the existing notices are below eye level, easily overlooked and fail to communicate - they are also insufficient in number. How about marking the sea wall to indicate the zone from which dogs are excluded? How about marking the groynes? Without communication, the PSPO is not worth the paper it is printed on

I think all dogs should be on leads where there're farm animals and in Petworth park

ban on dogs on beaches is welcome as difficult to pick up after them Good to have some areas that are dog free More control over dog owners and dogs on centurian way are needed as they can be a danger to other users

The issue really is "dangerous" dogs not on a lead. There are too many instances of dogs running free, jumping up, intimidating children and old people and fighting with other dogs. There must be straightforward guidelines given to all eg via Next Door and other Council communications that restates that any dog that commits either of the above, or is reported to have committed these is likely to be investigated, fined and/or have the animal confiscated. Currently the dog world is a Wild West, with peoples dogs being regarded more and more as nuisance rather than threat. Many people are frightened of dogs, and if approached it could set off asthma, or panic attacks leading to stress or PTSD effects. Dogs must be on lead in any urban area.

I live in Southbourne and feel that the amount of dog fouling on all pathways whether highway or public footpaths around the shore line or fields is a disgrace. There are plenty of bins in the area so there really is no excuse for dog owners. In addition there are many young families moving into the area, so the dog fouling poses a risk. Could the Council provide a warden to visit our village occasionally which may encourage owners to clean up after their dogs. Or, could we have more signage, maybe on "public footpath" posts or on road name signs? Sadly it is the actions of the few that are spoiling our beautiful area for the majority. Our coastal pathways are littered with dog waste I do understand why people think because they're in the countryside it's OK not to clean it up. Maybe more information about the health hazards might help. Or, maybe when people adopt a dog, by whatever means, they are required to attend a short course on Good Dog Ownership before they can take their new pet home,?? Thank you

Increase fines for dog fouling, disobeying rules

Friends of Cebnturion Way are concerned over a number of complaints on our FaceBook group around dogs. The route is very popular and some cyclists avoid using it due to congestion and potential conflict with walkers and dog users. Most dogs are well behaved and owners considerate but some have poor control over their animals and present a danger to others and the dogs. Publicity on good practice and enforcement would be appreciated.

I agree with the proposals

1. Sidlesham Memorial Recreation Ground and Playing Fields should be added to the Dog Fouling maps where compulsory pick-up of dog faeces is mandatory. 2. People hanging bags of dog faeces from trees, bushes, gate posts, etc. should be liable to the same fines and actions taken against dog owners not picking-up after their dogs.

All dogs should be on leads at all times in public spaces, without exception. There are numerous dedicated facilities available to dogs in the vicinity that can be booked for this purpose. Too many people own dogs they can't control and people, other dogs and farm animals are always at extreme risk as borne out by the number of attacks locally. It is ridiculous to state that a dog must be put on a lead if instructed by a council officer, there is never one present. All dogs should always be on leads and under supervision and control and this is not the case.

Very happy Chichester council proposing these measures too many dog owners are not responsible especially not clearing up dog mess and allowing dogs to run in controlled

I note the dog exclusion order for Selsey is continuing, although it was removed from East Wittering and Bracklesham beaches when the current Order was put in place. Surely all beaches should have areas where dogs are excluded, for the health and safety of beach users, particularly children. I would support the re-introduction of exclusion orders for my local beaches.

Free dogs to use all year round

The penalty charge should be increased

Childrens fenced play areas need to be free of dog fouling, keep dogs out. We need some areas where people and children do not have to dodge dog poo, it is an increasing problem with more irresponsible, aggressive owners now. Wildlife must be protected, even when restrictions on beaches are in place re birds breeding people still take their dogs and laugh when they chase birds. If members of the public challenge they are met with at least verbal abuse, disgusting selfish behaviour. I love dogs but owners who do not train dogs to recall or think they can ride roughshod over everyone else are increasing, we need more enforcement of these rules that a lot just completely ignore. I have been told that if I don't like their dog jumping up and ruining my clothes with mud I should keep out of the woods, off the beach or public paths, really? Multiple dogs walked by these professional dog walkers are a nuisance, the let all the dogs run free for part of the time and no way they can see dog fouling let alone find and pick it up. On the Nextdoor website dog poo everywhere is a real topic of conversation with evident frustration that nothing can be done and it is getting worse. Why have we let it get to this, seems a losing battle now, insufficient enforcement and fines/court appearances do not happen therefore there is no deterrent. Would be interesting to know exactly how many people have been taken to task over infringement of the existing rules when poo is everywhere.

I am regularly (almost daily) chased by dogs on West Wittering and East Wittering beach when I am out running. People let badly trained dogs run wild and I have been bitten and knocked to my feet on a few occasions. There is Ambulance data available for the hip fractures etc from West Wittering beach as older people are knocked over by dogs. These areas should be covered by an order as people are coming to harm from dogs on the beaches.

Current rules are being flouted so enforcement and publicity needed

Before Covid19 there were considerably less dog owners and consequently less dogs in public places, however the rise in dog owners and the need to walk them at least once a day has had a huge impact on public safety. Sadly, some dog owners are not responsible people who do not train their animals or clean up after them. There are also those who think its OK for their dog to run up to strangers and bark or get over friendly. It is this minority group who spoil it for the rest of us and we need to keep restrictions and guidelines in place to ensure that everyone is protected from unwanted dog behaviour.

We have noticed that even when dog owners pick up the mess they then chuck the bags away instead of taking them to the nearest bin. It would be good to make that an offence.

The PSPO has stopped lots of issues around dogs and their owners and we can see less complaints being received

More onus should be put on area's such as Cemeteries with greater restrictions. Dogs should not be allowed in cemeteries at all. Many Dog walkers use Chichester Cemetery for their daily walks and with their dogs to use as their toilet breaks. Today 16th May 2023, whilst tending the graves of my and my husbands parents, I counted 6 dogs on leads, being "walked", on and among the graves. I find this repugnant. The Authorities and the General Public should show more respect. We have been Dog Owners in the past. Only yesterday we looked after our sons dog while they were in London attending a hospital appointment. We have no axe to grind but feel more respect should be shown. We have tried to contact the Cemetery Officer by telephone, left a message and are awaiting for her to return my call. We feel strongly about this subject and will be contacting our local Councillors and Gillian Keegan our local Member of Parliament.

Too many people fail to clear up after their dogs and something needs to be done

I am not a dog owner but still feel that dogs should be allowed in all public areas - this might well have to be on a lead in some places.

PSPO should also be applied to the Florence Park off Florence Road, Chichester. There is a fenced-off area of children's play equipment, but also an un-fenced climbing-wall area and a sports field. I find that the footpaths all around this park and leading to it are regularly covered in dog faeces. All sports fields should have similar PSPO protection or absolute exclusion policies put in place. Shopwyke will soon have a number of recreation areas opening up to the public (on the REDROW/New Fields and CALA/Shopwyke Lakes developments), and it would be good to have some of these areas restricted from dog exercising.

Bosham is plagued with dog mess on public footpaths, predominately because residents let their dogs off the lead and do not see or watch what they are doing. We have to carry a torch at night solely because of this problem. My proposal is that there should be a year-round obligation on dog owners in Bosham to keep their dogs on a lead when they are on a public footpath or a private road with public access. This obligation would not apply when walking on public roads. It is scandalous that we have this problem and yet nothing is being done about it.

There must be some provision to specify and include the Platinum Jubilee Country Park in the proposals (PO19 3AU) part of Minerva heights development (Haverstoke Park, Graylingwell is already on the list so has set the precedent). This relatively new large community area attracts a lot of dog walkers many of whom are reluctant to pick up and faeces can frequently be seen on the boardwalks and footpaths. The area is also the home of many wild birds including endangered species such as yellowhammer, little ringed plover, moorhen, skylark, during nesting season dogs are frequently seen chasing them. Last year a pair of nesting swans were chased away when sitting on eggs and the nest was abandoned. I would like to propose a requirement to put dogs on a lead during the nesting season. If the park continues to be beyond the remit of the order the area will attract irresponsible dog walkers.

The increase of used dogs bags in country areas where they remain dumped, when dogs could go off the paths.

Increasing numbers of businesses across the district are actively presenting themselves as 'dog friendly'. This is because a google audit shows that nationally, 'dog friendly businesses, areas and beaches' are high volume search terms. It will be beneficial economically for our area of Chichester, from a tourism perspective, to be known as dog friendly. Cleaning up after dog fouling must be strictly enforced as well as control over dog behaviour. We must remain a safe, clean, destination in which our wild life thrives. However, being openly welcoming to dogs is EXTREMELY important to visitors. Chichester cathedral, Chichester Festival Theatre and Goodwood (in particular with the new event 'Goodwoof') are some of our flagship businesses that are presenting the district of Chichester as Dog Friendly to the economic benefit of the greater visitor economy.

No reason dogs not to be allowed into Oaklands Park or Bishop Gardens. Also a lot of these questions are poorly written. Of course dog owners should pickup after their animals and most do. Bicycles aren't allowed in Oaklands Park - but they can be seen most days. Fine people not picking up after their animals.

Provided dogs are under control on leads they should be allowed anywhere. they are people's companions. If you have both children and dogs, the Dog has to be left out!! I won't visit anywhere I can't take my dog. Some children are more unruly or out of control than a Dog on a lead!

Regardless of whether people are obliged to pick up after their dog, there is often still a 'residue' remaining which is often hard to detect until too late! The paths of Chichester are awash with excrement, please let's keep as many areas dog free as possible. If dog owners choose to live in a city they cannot expect their animal to be free to roam and dump at will. Please also consider restrictions on cats that use random gardens as litter trays and destroy the wildlife.

A dogs on lead in Priory Park would suffice. I'd use it & the cafe frequently if this was the case.

I don't want to sit on the grass where a dog might have popped even though it's been picked up I don't want a dog running up to me when I'm sitting reading, picnicking relaxing. Sniffing around and some owner says either "sorry" but clearly aren't or just smile like their dog is cute and should be excused or say or do nothing at all. I don't dislike dogs persay but do not want a strangers dog near me.

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in public spaces, all year round.

Bishops Palace and Priory Park are lovely places I can never visit because I have a dog. Same as certain beaches in the summer, etc. I think dogs should be allowed in all public spaces, year round. Am happy with restrictions to be on lead in certain places, mainly because not all dog owners are responsible.

Most owners dogs are now seen as a valued part of society the owner is responsible for them and if they don't pick up after their dog heavy fines should be given. I don't think they should be allowed to run free in places like the bishops garden but on a lead on the ealkway is fine qnd easy to pick up any deposits as with other parks mentioned. thete should be designated parks where they can have freedom for those living in towns it's also fine to have a few dog free beaches it's impossible to clean up all poo if deposited on pebbled.

I feel that either Bishops Palace Garden or Priory Park, or both, should be made dog friendly. When shopping in the centre of town there's no real green space to take dogs so I think that at least one of these spaces should be made available. More than happy for it to be dogs on leads only in these spaces.

Responsible dog owners get penalised for having dogs. There should be more control on who has a dog. Perhaps we should also look at the damage cats do? Defaced ate in other peoples gardens, kill millions of birds annually. If a dog did this it'd be unacceptable, why is it acceptable for a cat to do this?

How are you going to police this as I've seen this all breached!

Whilst I have been a dog owner most of my life I think the sheer volume of dogs means their presence is becoming unpleasant and overwhelming, often undisciplined too, barking, fighting etc. Owners don't always pick up waste. There are many people who understandably don't enjoy dogs in these spaces at all. Thank you for allowing these spaces to be enjoyed, dog free.

Perhaps dogs on leads rather than total exclusion particularly Priory Park where there are events.

I am petrified of dogs and allergic. There seems to be few spaces that I can use that exclude dogs that are safe for me. Dog owners seem to have very little regard for others sharing these spaces and insist their dog is friendly when it comes near me and I should be ok with that. Also there is the dog urine on everything and people who don't pick up after their dog. Please don't degrade the dog exclusions and remember that not every one is happy about dogs everywhere in shops, pubs, restaurants and shared open spaces

Dogs are not the issue here. Unruly children and uncooperative people are the issue. (I have children myself) Clamp down on those responsible for their own actions and let the other people and dogs who deserve to, enjoy their own local area which they value so much. Living in Chichester, so many of our days/activities are dictated on where we can and cannot bring our dog. Ultimately, this leads us to spend time and money in other cities, towns and villages where our dog is more welcomed.

More places need to exclude dogs. We need more places for people only without dogs. The barking ruins most places. Dogs are stressful and dangerous to be around. There needs to be more dog free space for people who are scared of dogs too.

There are far more dogs around now, especially subsequent to the lockdowns, and therefore a relative increase in penalties and increased restrictions in the area of PSPOs is a logical action.

In all public areas dogs should be on leads. We are dog owners and take our responsibility of training and having our dog on a lead vary seriously. We wish others would do the same.

I think dogs should be on leads in all places except for enclosed dog only areas because badly maintained dogs and irresponsible owners are a danger to the public. I feel it is much better to err on the side of caution rather than risk harm through mess or dangerous incidents

If picking up after your dog fouls is mandatory, then there should be adequate buns all over the city and neighbourhoods to support this. They need to be regularly cleaned .

More dog waste bins needed in public spaces including town .

There are not enough controls on dogs. Too many people obtained dogs in lockdown and cannot control them, I am fed up of dogs coming up and sniffing me while their owners say dont worry he wont hurt you! This is not the point - I dont want dogs near me at all. I have been attacked by a loose dog on the beach. The owner had NO CONTROL over her dog at all but still had it off the lead. Too many dogs and irresponsible owners. (not the dogs' fault). More controls the better.

Although the dog exclusion is well signposted in Priory Park, this is being flouted more often in recent times so I would like to see more rigorous enforcement of this.

I regularly see dogs in Priory Park as I go in there twice a week

I think dogs should be excluded from all beaches in the area from May to September. At West Wittering, the exclusion area is restricted to the car park area which means lots of dog owners congregate beyond this. I use the beach between West and East Wittering as do others who use bicycles or buses to get there. The enjoyment of this part of the coast, especially for swimmers, is spoiled by the number of dogs. It is also a health hazard as owners do not always clear up after their dogs.

My dogs have been attacked by dog owners who didn't have collars on hos dogs let alone leads, I raised with the police not their issues, I raised with the council not their issue. Because the dog owner is well known and wesyhly in the area no one would enforce the law with him yet hos dog is dangerous. If there is someone to complain to please make it clearer on your website as that just takes you in circles. One one occasion when I asked the dog owner to control his dog he lunged at me to hit me and had to be held back by his son. All I said was mate control your dog. He went on shouting and swearing at to get off his land but I was on a public footpath. When I spoke to the head of the parish council he said the ma was probably drunk and pay him no attention.

Aggressive owners create aggressive dogs and should also be called into account

Since the Covid lockdown there are more dog owners who have never owned a dog before and as a result more irresponsible dog owners, not because they want to be but because they don't have a clue. We have been dog owners for many years before our last dog recently died and have taken full responsibility for their training and respected the needs and rights of those who do not own dogs. Although in our 70s and unlikely to have another dog, we feel strongly that people should still be able to enjoy our beautiful countryside and foreshores without dog mess and nuisance.

That all dogs should always be on a lead. So many owners don't do this and it is a risk to child safety and that of other dogs walking past.

Still find far too much dog faeces in places where it should be picked up. Personally feel that the rules need to be stricter and further reaching. No dogs in parks at all. It is impossible for owners to stop dogs urinating and even when the ones that do pick up after fouling there are still traces on the ground. There's a bridleway/footpath at westhampnett that is disgusting as it's not covered by these rules (I don't think) whoever walks dogs there NEVER clears up after them. It's a disgrace and unsafe for people to walk there with children.

1. Sidlesham Memorial Recreational Ground and the playing fields should be included in the list of areas highlighted by the Dog Fouling Maps. 2. People caught carelessly discarding bags of dog faeces, or hanging them from trees, bushes, fences and posts, should be treated and fined in the same way as a dog owner not picking up after their dog.

timings on beach exclusion areas ie 9am -5pm more poo bins and emptied on a regular basis Dog wardens on patrol to enforce PSPO's

There should be at least one public green space where dogs on leads can be permitted. It's a disservice to local residents who have to travel outside of the city centre to find a suitable green location. Businesses within the city centre benefit hugely from the trade brought in by dog owners - looking at local events like Goodwoof.

I never use Priory Park or Bishop's Palace Gardens simply because I can't take a dog with me.

Could the dog exclusion zone be extended to cover the Chichester walls walks that seem to suffer from an excess of poo that is not picked up

Much of the proposal is dependent on having adequate resources to monitor and enforce. Without having a dog warden who would regularly monitor all areas (including the Fishbourne Playing Field) the order is of little relevance. The order must have some resource to enforce and monitor. The owners of the land, specifically the Fishbourne Playing Field Association, should have been consulted in advance to ascertain their views on any potential changes in the order that relate to their land and as a minimum be a separate consultee as other land owners were. Has any thought or consideration been given to have volunteer dog wardens (or perhaps casual staff dog wardens) who could act as Council Authority officers without incurring significant cost, Residents should be allowed to exercise their dogs in Priory Park, even if they are only kept on a lead.

fully support the renewal - one thought though. I agree by far, that most dog walkers are responsible, but I do see far too many walking without regard to their dog/s walking behind them. I am convinced this is why we see so many poos left to rot because the owners are blissfully unaware of what is going on behind them - sometimes by design possibly, but, I guess, not mostly. Is there any scope to amend the PSPO to say that when dogs are off their leads they must at all times be in front of the owner - even if that means turning round to face the dog? many thanks

The idea that dogs should be put on a lead "when directed..." is a joke because there is never anyone in authority to give such direction! I live in East Wittering and the village, beach and surrounding area is very popular with dog walkers; I estimate that some 70-80% of individuals, families or groups will have one or more dogs with them. The beach and foreshore is extremely popular for dog walking and most are not on a lead. This means that as the owners are wandering off the dogs can foul the beach, stones or grass. Recently I have noticed a sharp increase in dog fouling on the stones above the beach and it is difficult to see and pick up if the owner has not actively watched the animal. These areas are also used by young children so public health concerns should be more actively observed. Many dog owners are considerate but there are also many who purposely or unwittingly do not care what their dogs do and think everyone loves their dog as much as they do; it is not the case!!

It would be good if the groynes in Selsey where Dogs are prohibited and where dogs must be on leads near East Beach park are signposted to identify that it is only that particular area. Unfortunately, several people seem to think that all dogs should be kept on leads at all times and are not allowed anywhere on the beach and not just the restricted area.

Dogs should have to be on leads at all times unless it's a dog enclosed space. They should not be off leads in parks, or grass areas where kids will play.

My issue is the few dog owners who just allow their dogs to roam anywhere without their supervision. Some examples: Walking ahead of their dog and ignoring the fact their dog could be fouling anywhere out of their sight This also goes for dogs that run ahead out of site of their owners Particularly annoying is a neighbours dog which will run up to you, going into our garage when we had the door open, barking at me when I tried to shoo it away. The owner never has the dog on the lead while walking down the road and is usually texting and paying any attention. Snide comment made when I said it should be on a lead.

Where children and sports are played should never be mixed with animals.

As a regular visitor to Bishop's Palace Garden, I am frequently asked why dogs are excluded. I suspect the answer (and for Priory Park) is that both are fenced and locked at night, whereas the other city centre parks are fully open. I have no particularly strong views, but see no reason why they should be excluded provided (a) they are well behaved and (b) that their owners clean up after them. Interesting that the new Cathedral Dean allows dogs into the Cathedral.

It is nice not to have to worry about dogs barking, sniffing and piddling everywhere. They run around, disturbing the peaceful nature of these areas. As an older person, I do not want strange dogs putting their paws on my clothes and slobbering. I find their big teeth intimidating and am fearful of being bitten. I respect dog owners and lovers, but it is reassuring to have areas without dogs.

I cycle into Chichester via the towpath most days and like to think I am a considerate user, with my bell, and sometimes stopping to one side to allow people through. Twice recently, I have had a stand-up argument with the owners of unleashed dogs, which, once I had passed them ran after me, barking, and snapping at my heels. When I stopped and talked to the owner, there seemed to be no feeling of responsibility on their part. I pointed out that the tow path is used by families cycling and if a young rider was beset by their dog, a child might end up in the canal. Still no reaction. I am told the tow path is an area where dogs are meant to be on a lead? I'm not a big fan of plastering shouty signs everywhere, but perhaps some discrete signage could be put at long intervals along the towpath to reinforce the position?

There absolutely must be dog free areas in certain places. Even if responsible dog owners pick up after their dogs, there is obviously residue left in grass and very evidently on pavements. It's bad enough to step or push a pram over this, far worse to then take that indoors. As for sitting, perhaps with a picnic in the park, and some dog bothering people and scaring them, it is not pleasant. I sincerely hope I am not in a minority and that dogs are allowed in Bishops Palace or Priory Park, that would be intolerable. There has to be common sense about this.

CHICHESTER CANAL BANK I am not sure if it comes within your area but I feel that dogs on the canal bank should be kept on leads at all times. Many dogs run free and cause a nuisance to pedestrians and particularly cyclists. You often see families cycling along the canal and I am surprised how few end up in the canal due to dogs either chasing them or running across them. Some dogs do obey their owners but the majority are not under control and are unaware of the dangers they pose to cyclists and cyclists pose to them.

Dogs should be on a lead in all built-up areas,

As a dog walker I'd like to walk around the walls with my dog and I am frustrated that this is not possible.

The protection orders should definitely remain, there are many many more dogs in the area with dog owners not respecting that not everyone is a dog lover. I have noticed much more dog fouling in the town, outside the shops which is very unpleasant. Also I have seen people with dogs in Priory Park and if you say anything, you get verbal abuse.

All dogs in public places should be on a short lead and not be allowed to urinate and foul roads, pavements, peoples fences and gardens etc.

I think the exclusion should include the city centre. There is no reason why dogs should be allowed in shops and the high street.

I think dogs should be on a lead if in a public area, I am fed up with dogs running up to me and jumping in such a way that I get muddy clothes ! I don't care if they are being friendly it's not o.k.

I believe the arrangements provide a good balance across the needs of the community - with spaces available for responsible owners to exercise their dogs, and areas where others can choose to avoid sharing the space with dogs.

For the protection of wildlife, and enjoyment of everyone, dogs should be kept on a leash at all times. Also, dog's mess should be picked up and removed by the dog owner/walker. Dogs should not be permitted to foul areas where other people walk. The Public Spaces Protection Order should be retained permanently.

I would like it to be more widely advertised as to how a member of the public should report dogs that are off lead where they are not meant to be or dogs that are out of control. If the telephone numbers were displayed in this way it might just encourage dog owners to take more notice of the rules.

Do not make exclusions unless absolutely necessary. All areas bar fenced in playgrounds can be managed well with restrictions of keeping dogs on leads where it is desirable.

Fouling is a major issue in the Witterings, even on the beach. Fines need to be increased and, most importantly, the rules have to be enforced. Dog owners have nothing to fear, they will dump poo bags anywhere they like and not pick after their dogs if they are not at risk of getting caught.

I love Chichester and the surrounding area and although we currently do not have a dog, it is disappointing to note dogs are not permitted in the Bishops Palace Gardens and Priory Park. It would enhance the area if people can enjoy their dogs walks in all green spaces; keeping dogs on leads and insisting on cleaning up after your dog would be essential. I often walk in both parks, either early morning or early evening and frequently don't see anyone but to see a dog walker or 2, would be wonderful. I hope I am not alone with this wish, especially as dogs are now accepted in the cathedral. Thank you

Make it clear that owners must pick up dog faeces and also take to bin or home, not leave bags around or will be fined. Must pick up along public access paths including through woodland, e.g. Kingly Vale

Priory park contains the city walls Which cannot be used by residents with their dog's to walk around so that put a ban on dog walkers using the city other attractions out of bounds the city walls should be assessble to all Chichester residents with dogs on leads on the priory park section This also applies to the bishops palace garden sections as well so we can enjoy the same privileges as non dog owner's

It should be recognised that non dog owners have rights too. It is seriously annoying to go to a public place and find dogs jumping up, off leads, barking etc. many children (and adults) are scared of them. Dog mess left around in bags is a serious problem for the environment and wildlife. There are far too many dog owners who feel entitled.

Just keep a sensible balanced view: Maintain some areas for people who don't like / scared of dogs. And keep certain powers to reprimand dog owners who do not respect others by not picking up poo / letting dogs run wild.

It would also be good if the council could provide dog owners somewhere secure for them to walk dogs off the lead. I live Priory Park and am sad that as a grandmother with a dog I cannot access this space together- that said I feel it's important for this space to remain dog free so that children have the freedom to run and play & parents are not worrying about keeping an eye out for any dog mess that may not have been picked up for whatever reason. I do think that there should maybe be more signs to indicate that taking dogs into/walking them through the park is not allowed, not everyone realises that this should not be done.

I see no reason for excluding footpaths and agricultural land from these rules. I live in Church Farm Lane, East Wittering and many commercial dog walkers use this lane. They, and many members of the public, seem reluctant to clean up dog poo and keep their dogs on a lead, to the detriment of our resident animals.

We have in Sidlesham a Memorial Recreation ground used for sports with a fenced off children's playground. Dogs are not on a lead and the ground is used extensively for exercising dogs. Unfortunately a small number of dog owners do not pick up the poo after their dogs. This is a health hazard for users of the ground in particular sports users. How can we better protect users from the negligent few. We are tired of harvesting dog poo.

I'm not a dog owner but take issue with the notion that dog mess needs to be bagged up on country lanes and footpaths. No one wants the countryside littered with dog bins on every corner - but even less with the bags of dog mess we find hung on gates, fences, hedges etc - or worse still, slung over the hedge into the garden. Rather than insist people bag it up, why not insist that they train their dogs to defecate somewhere off the path? Or carry a trowel to either bury it or put it out of the way? This would be far more environmentally - and socially - friendly than all these plastic bags everywhere. Mankind survived for millennia without dog bins. Of course they make sense in the towns and cities, and on housing estates - but not out here in the open countryside. A lot of nonsense is written about the health impacts of dog faeces - but they don't wipe their backsides and children play happily on the carpets on which the dogs sit - so if it really was an issue, then I think we'd know about it. If we banned everything in the countryside that created any risk whatsoever to people and/or animals, then life would grind to a halt. Let's keep the countryside open and natural - not full of dog bins and/or bagfuls of dog faeces.

Priory Park and Bishops Gardens are beautiful areas that should allow dog walking!

I would like to see far stricter and more frequent dog patrols and a dedicated phone number to report noise pollution from barking dogs and more dog waste bins in accessible places.

I think it important to have some areas where dogs are excluded. Not everyone is comfortable around dogs and not all dog owners are responsible. Priory Park especially is a lovely park for families and sports where we do not have to be on constant guard around dogs approaching our children or worry about dog fouling. There are plenty of other spaces available for dog owners.

Living in a built up city. It is nice to be able to take my grandchildren out to the open spaces that are dog free, and as such should be still protected.

Priory Park and the palace gardens are currently nice pleasant places to come to, the fact that they are dog free zones means that children are able to run and play without the fear of a dog chasing them or of ending up covered in dog mess. There are ample parks in the area to which dogs have free access to and I feel it only fair to keep these two parks as they are.

The May to September no dog rule on Selsey beaches is mostly ignored (I walk along the beach area at least once a day.). A large proportion of Selsey dog owners) or visitors) seemingly do not remove their pet's faeces. I took my grandsons onto the beach last week and there were three lots of dog faeces before we found a clean area. Neighbours in my road also have issues with dogs defecating on their gardens(although I realise that these are private places, it is disgusting having to clean up the mess most days). Dogs are usually not on leads in the Pagham Harbour Nature area, running into the nesting areas despite the signs.

I Mine is a 32kg rescue dog reactive to other dogs and he's always on the lead. Other dogs run up to mine to play and stress him and me out, no time. Please make some areas "compulsory leads on" please all the time for everyone's safety. Oakland park in particular .

We overlook Fishbourne meadows and the cows graze there during the late summer \autumn. We have seen dogs harassing the cows as they are not on a lead. Our private grounds in mill close (flats and bungalows) has a stream running through it with breeding birds and wolveroles - we have had dogs running onto our site and chasing birds - one was witnessed killing a bird. We do not allow residents to have dogs living on site - we walk around the harbour and find dog mess hanging from branches and bags left by the side of paths despite there being dog bins at the entrance to the path. I believe dogs carry disease that is detrimental to children's health so they should be banned from all play areas and areas where there are breeding birds. Thank you

I agree with all proposals for the Public Spaces Protection Order. However, I am surprised to discover that they are already in existence given the number of people who obviously do not abide by the terms of the order. I am sick to death of side-stepping piles of dog excrement along footpaths, particularly on the coastal footpath. I am disgusted by the number of doggy poo bags that are left abandoned on paths or hanging in bushes and I am hugely irritated by strange dogs, off their leads, running up to me and jumping up, often with wet and muddy paws. I do not hate dogs but despair that there are so many irresponsible dog owners who think the regulations do not apply to their dog. Also, where are the enforcement officers?? I walk the coastal footpath around Fishbourne regularly and I've never seen anyone being asked to put their dog on a lead eg when birds are nesting or causing a nuisance. Dog owners who do not pick up their dogs poo or leave poo bags hanging in bushes obviously make sure their inaction is not observed or deliberately turn a blind eye. So the dogs in public spaces order is all very well, but unless it's 'policed' it is TOOTHLESS !!! I have twice spoken to dog owners about putting their dog on a lead around nesting swans & also picking up their dog's mess, and on both occasions I was ignored. Something needs to be done to educate & inform dog owners & much firmer reinforcement of the order needs to take place.

The Bishop's Gardens and the Wall around Priory Park should be available for all dog walkers with notices informing dogs should be kept on leads and sufficient bins be made available.

There are numerous places that people are able to exercise their dogs. We have been dog owners in the past and have always been happy that there are very clear regulations where one is able to let their dogs have freedom to run. We have had young children and now grandchildren and it is very important both for the child and parents that they are able to enjoy spaces that do not allow dogs. There is nothing worse than dealing with young children who maybe afraid of dogs. The majority of dog owners are careful to pick up their dog deposits but a percentage are not.....it not pleasant dealing with dirty dog poo shoes and certainly a health hazard.

Dog fouling is a major problem in the City and should be severely penalised. More enforcement is desperately needed. I agree with the dog exclusion areas but again it is not being enforced effectively, in the Priory park for example. Finally, ALL beaches should be exclusion areas during the summer holiday season.

Absolutely right to have areas where people who are disabled, don't like dogs or are afraid of dogs can feel safe.

I believe it is very important to have dog free areas where people can relax. My children are nervous around dogs and too many owners don't take responsibility. They just say their dog is friendly when they jump up at the children. It's also important to be able to enjoy areas where you're not at risk of stepping in dog mess (even responsible owners can miss it sometimes!)

Whilst it is in everyone's right to own a dog, it is the choice of the owner to do so. The implications and impacts of owning dogs on for the wider community should be considered at all times. Children should 100% be a priority and fenced children's play areas should be a safe and welcoming place. Not all children are comfortable with dogs around them and there are many extremely poorly trained dogs which scare and intimidate not just children, but adults as well. Having designated areas where you can enjoy without dogs running around, jumping up on you and fouling is essential. It is simply not fair to extend one persons choice to own a dog and make others suffer for that choice. The fact is many dog owners poorly train their dogs, and dogs can be both unpredictable and intimidating. It really is not right to be removing these safe spaces where all can enjoy. There are plenty of fantastic open spaces, walks and fields which can be easily enjoyed by dogs and their owners. Why impact children and people who are scared of dogs so unnecessarily. Thanks

I think the Protection Order should go further and create additional areas where dogs are excluded such as Oaklands Park. Oaklands Park is also used for sports activities and despite the rules on dog fouling there is evidence of fouling in the Park so in the absence of effective prevention/enforcement it would be appropriate that dogs were precluded form the Park entirely. Dogs should either be kept on a lead or muzzled at all times in public spaces to allow people who are afraid of dogs to maintain a safe distance from them. There seems to be an increasing amount of dog attacks reported nowadays so such precautions are necessary for public safety. Suggest creation of a designated area where dog owners can exercise their pets allowing people who do not like or are frightened of dogs to go about their business without concern for their own safety. If the designated area is currently used for sports then the sports could be allocated to school/college playing fields in the area that are not fully used at the weekends.

Dogs in all public spaces should be kept on a lead at all times to prevent dog bite and attack incidents from happening regularly. That is also fair for all the users of public space! Dog owners who share share public space should be considerate of other non dog owners since NOT every one is a dog lover! A lot of people are also scared of dogs whether they are big or small. Often dog poo can be seen in the park or street not having been picked up and often dogs are on the street not on a lead. Tough rules should be applied to those dog owners who let dogs loose i.e. not on the lead and who do not clear up their dog fouling. Dangerous dogs also should wear a muzzle in the public space. There also should be better control of dogs in the public such as to confine these dogs in one place such as a dog park, where dogs are only allowed to be let off their lead, why not make the park on the side of New Park road a dog park.

I think there is a case for designating more area where dogs are to be kept on a lead. For example, we are currently upgrading the chiddren's play equipment in an area off Mill Road in Westbourne and feel strongly that this should be a 'dogs on leads only' space.

All your proposals are good (in fact I'd like them extended further) but the problem is that I see no evidence of them being enforced. I also think dogs should be kept on a lead at all times on public roads, footpaths and bridleways.

With the increase in dog ownership since the pandemic, we have experienced more incidences of dog foul in public spaces which has lead to dirty footwear. Also we have more issues with dogs coming too close to us while barking and their owners are out of sight or too faraway to control them, or just inform us that they're friendly. We are not ok with this and find it a stressor when we are accessing outdoor spaces for our wellbeing. Dog Owners need more explicit regulations in order for them to be consistent in controlling their animals in public spaces

I will be having a new dog in the near future and particularly enjoy walking in Chichester city areas esoPriory Park and Bishops Garden . Happy to always have dogs on lead in these areas and agree signs warning fines for fouling should be displayed and policed.

Dogs are such an integral part of families, more so than ever before, that to exclude a dog from certain areas also denies the family that access. Better to allow access to these areas with the proviso that dogs should be on the lead at all times.

I have said "no" to whether I agree with the existing arrangements - it's not clear whether I am or will be asked to explain that. (a) I don't think they are stringent enough. I don't see why dogs - particularly out of control dogs - are not subject to controls in all areas? Why should I or my young children have to step in sh*t when we are walking in agricultural land? (b) I say subject to controls, but of the course the controls, like all other restrictions on anti-social behaviour in CDC, are simply never enforced. If one did want to step in a pile of sh*t one would have to go no further than Chichester city centre, any day of the week.

We would use public areas far more in Chichester if we can bring our dog . Vast majority of owners are responsible and clear up after them. We don't get to use play parks as much as we could as we don't leave the dog alone and potentially unsafe. We also need more dog bins

More enforcement on people who don't pick up after their dog

I am particularly concerned about owners allowing their dogs to roam freely in sensitive areas that are used by ground nesting birds. People are unaware of the damage their dogs can do. It is particularly noticeable areas around Chichester harbour where dogs are routinely allowed to roam off their leads. Nothing is done to discourage this.

Dogs are very much part of the family, they also need a fair bit of exercise. It's heartbreaking that we have to leave ours behind when we visit a park and therefore make separate trips, when we could all go out together as is the case in all of London (where we were previously before we moved). I agree that they should be excluded from children's play areas, and think that installing a fence around some/all of the playground in Priory Park would be a great solution to this. Another of the main reasons for wanting dog access to Priory Park is that none of your larger parks have fences around them - despite being near busy roads - and that's therefore a safety risk to dogs (and small children!) Regarding Bishop's Palace Gardens. I see no reason why well behaved dogs - always on leads - shouldn't be permitted within the grounds. Thank you.

It is vital that dog exclusion zones are maintained and protected within these designated areas. Only in this way, can residents and regular walkers have any certainty and confidence that they will not encounter dogs and dog litter when using theses scarce public spaces. However, regular supervision by the Council is essential to monitor and control these spaces to ensure compliance.

Status quo and current dog control. Orders are adequate, however, without regular patrols and enforcements, CDC 'lip service' will prevail. Without enforcement, legislation is weakened to the point of being ignored.

More resource to enforce dog fouling and when people let their dogs off leads. Many get away with this.

I actually do have an issue with many other dog owners who do not have control over their dogs or take responsibility of clearing up after them. I actually would like to see the availability to walk around Bishop Gardens and Priory Park but to be kept on short leads at all times only. This would enable far more enjoyment out of my walks and I'm sure many others who own a dog reactive dog and wish to walk in public spaces without the fear of other dogs rushing up to you due to lack of control from the owner. This is actually a widespread issue, and as a former dog behaviourist, this is a common problem that dog owners have and those owners who do not know or understand what it is like to have a reactive dog, are either clueless or selfishly dismiss this. Please consider more walking spaces in Chichester, with strict rules on 'keeping dogs on short leads only' and perhaps support campaigns such as Yellow Dog Campaign and Give Me Space campaigns with advertising. More dog waste bins do also need supplying to stop people making such pathetic excuses of not clearing up.

Dogs should be on leads at all times. There is a lack of dog mess bins within the Chichester district. Many residential streets (especially in Bosham) are unlit and are covered in dog mess, which is not being cleared up. What are you proposing to do about that?

Fines should be activated more often for people who do not keep their dogs on leads in public spaces and roadside walks.

To enable dog walker and owners responsibly clear up after their dogs, there should be enough bins and even dog poo bag dispensers to make this easy and obvious.

I like dogs and walk one although I do not own it. I think these proposals are fair. There are still plenty of places for dog walking. Unfortunately many people still do not clear up after their dog. The new country park near Centurion's away is already a mess. I would like there to be more enforcement officers.

I think there should be no exclusions as to where an owner can be told to put their dog on lead. They should be safely under control in all areas including woodland and the other excluded areas. People should feel safe to walk anywhere without the threat of a dog running at them, knocking them over or being a general nuisance.

As a resident I cannot see why it is required to ban dogs from the beach for months. Most dog owners pick up after their dogs, those that don't will ignore the restriction anyway. The beaches are empty early in the morning and in the evening during the summer this is when most dogs are exercised and many swim as this is cooler. The mess left by fishermen is more dangerous than dogs walking on the beach, fishing hooks, line and holiday makers leave rubbish everywhere endangering wildlife and spoiling the beach, lighting fires and beach BBQ and burying hot coals for people to burn themselves, or leaving bins which set on fire. And yet you ban dogs and owners who litter pick regularly when walking on the beaches? Makes no sense 😞

I would like dogs to be permitted to be walked strictly on lead in Priory Park and Bishops Palace Gardens. These are lovely open spaces that I cannot enjoy as much as I would like as I have my dog with me when I exercise. I hope the 'no dogs' restriction can be lifted to 'dogs strictly on leads'. Thank you.

The reason I have responded never to Bishop Palace gardens and Priory park is that I always have my dog with me and am unable to go in these areas. For this reason I think this consultation is flawed. You will look at the answers and see these people don't use these spaces anyway! Last year a large event was held in Priory Park by the District or City council and I was unable to attend as I had my dog with me. The district/city council holding events in Priory park is discriminating against people that have dogs. My dog is my companion and can not be left at home for very long on her own. I keep her on lead in public spaces like this and I always pick up after her. Chichester is a very unfriendly dog place, not allowing dogs on leads in the two green areas in the city centre. I can't even walk her all the way around the walls as part of the walls go through Priory Park, so we have to take a detour. These rules are obviously made by people that don't have dogs.

I would use the specified areas of exclusion much more if my dog was allowed in the areas. The fact that dogs are excluded is down to the minority of dog owners not the majority. I do think in all the current exclusion areas, should dogs be allowed it should be on lead only. Can you increase the fines for failing to put dogs on lead when requested or not picking up after them?

Regularly have wardens patrol these areas to enforce the rules as too many people ignore them.

All dogs in public areas should be on a lead always. The fine of £100 is not enough but should be £500.

Dogs should be on a leash on land used for agriculture as well as in woodlands. Specifically, there need to be plenty of bins in woodlands and other recreation areas so that dog owners do not just throw away dog poo bags anywhere. A careful look around the woodland paths frequented by dog owners reveals numerous dog bags simply discarded around. That needs to stop. Council should install bins and warning signs along popular footpaths and highways.

Has CDC made any investment into surveying dog owners as to the placement of dog waste bins in the area? If not, I would recommend the same is done so as to ensure the most tactical positions are identified for dog bins. On many occasions, as a dog owner I have looked to place waste in bins but they are full, what is CDC doing to ensure popular dog walking routes are identified and therefore the usage of the dog waste bins are higher, in turn higher visits to empty the bins are actioned? Has CDC considered any advertising within regional publication's targeting those dog owners, who are a minority, in highlighting their anti-social behaviour by not collecting their dog's waste and disposing of the same?

Enforcement is the key - there seems to be none regarding dogs on leads, cleaning up after dogs, leaving bags of excrement anywhere and everywhere.

Dogs on leads residential areas at all times. Selected walking areas for dogs. No dogs without leads on farmland More bins in all areas for dog litter No dogs on neighbours property or dog fowling More street cleaning especially footpaths.

Dog Mess, presuming this only applies on a beach above the high-water mark?

I believe dog control (dogs on leads) should be extended to areas such as the Canal Towpath. Dogs NOT on leads are a major hazard for those walking and cycling on the towpath. I use this towpath 5 days a week and have often had cause to be worried about dogs on the loose. Owners rarely seem to care about other towpath users.

That more needs to be done to protect people in excluded areas.

I think the order regarding dogs on certain parts of the beach at Selsey should be all year round. There is a disgusting mess left behind

Please continue to support families with young children, pregnant women and the elderly from dogs. As a mother of babies and young children growing up in Chichester - Priory Park and Bishops Palace Gardens has been an absolute blessing and sanctuary because it's safe and clean due to being free from dogs! Babies can crawl through the grass and toddle without worrying about dog poo, we can lay down a rug and have a picnic without being hassled/jumped on or savaged by dogs off a lead or again their mess. We can also sit against a tree without worry of wee! We lived at Graylingwell for 5 years and it's beautiful. We had to stop letting the children play on the grass at Havenstoke park, the playground and no picnics because of completely irresponsible dog owners and their poo. My children kept getting poo on their shoes, clothes and hands. Thank goodness we still had clean places like Priory Park & Bishops Palace Gardens. I also had a horrible incident where a dog owner let their dog jump up on me at Havenstoke Park whilst I was heavily pregnant and felt extremely vulnerable. Another time we were sat on a green outside our apartment at Graylingwell with my baby at the time and this dog ran aggressively and made a beeline for her, I scooped her up and the dog jumped up on me. Dogs for me are now terrifying and an absolute nescience. Oaklands Park is huge and in the city centre, not a place for families but absolutely suitable for dog walkers in the city.

What concerns me is dog owners walking their dogs on extension leads which is not needed, o use a walker due to my disability, what about People who are blind using a cane and the visually impaired it was a moderately significant hazard More so when the city is very busy particularly market days, I nearly fell on many occasions Surely wouldn't it be more acceptable for dog owners to be more considerate not to use extension leads in the city It's mega risk for a member of the public is seriously injured

I agree with the proposals but would like to see the grass play area next to the play park in Carron Lane Midhurst included in the parks section.

I would welcome more stringent enforcement of the current rules. More and more often I see dogs inside Priory Park - with owners saying they have a right to stay on the paths. Despite the no dogs signs, people either are ignorant of the rule or think they are exceptions to it. Perhaps a publicity drive would help. I also think dogs should be kept on leads at all times. I use the pathway across the amphitheatre on my bike every day and at least once a week I have to stop in my tracks because a dog has run across my path. Or perhaps a fence could be reinstated along the path as it once was?

Dogs should be excluded from Roussilion and Havenstoke Park The current permitted lead length is too long Dangerous breeds of dogs should be banned from Chichester City

I would like to see dogs on leads extended to the centurion way.

I see so much dog mess left around even with this so I am fully supportive and would love to see more offensives being upheld. This is especially true in the pathway alongside the cattlemarket coming out by the east gate pub.

There is no reason why dogs on leads should not be allowed in priory park in the winter months as there are very few children or even adults at this time of year

I have recently moved to Selsey. As a dog owner I find it embarrassing that so many people are not clearing up after their dogs in public areas.

There should be more containers for dog poo bags especially in country lanes used frequently by dog owners, e.g. Ellanore Lane, West Wittering. Dog owners simply throw their bags away along the lane and sometimes they even get caught in bushes. It looks very unsightly and spoils a walk in the country.

You should consider the health benefits of dog ownership, you have allowed a lot of green spaces to be built on, and it is getting difficult to walk a dog off the lead in the Chichester area. Maybe you should ban dogs altogether instead of enabling them to have a horrible life. CHICHESTER IS NOT A DOG-FRIENDLY AREA, SO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT IT.

Happy it should continue

I would like to see more enforcement.

Sadly not all dog owners are as responsible as they should be so there is a need for these orders.

Dogs on leads should be allowed in Priory Park and Palace Gardens

I walk my dog daily along the foreshore and I have never seen an Enforcement Officer. For the PSPO to work there needs to be better enforcement.

I dont necessarily think dog exclusion is the answer in all cases. Yes to childrens play areas, but not in other areas. I would prefer to see compulsory training for owners who have a dog that they can't control or who is ill disciplined - i.e. basic recall.

The exclusion areas are not policed. Two owners with dogs were in Priory Park last wee - one walking through the children's play area. When confronted we just got abuse. No point of areas safe from dogs if not checked - where are the Park Keepers?

In many European countries it is a requirement that when a dog is in any public area then it has to be muzzled and on a lead. I believe that this approach should be adopted.

I am strongly in favour of creating many spaces where dogs may be off lead and where owners whose dogs cannot be approached and are kept on lead are actively discouraged or told to muzzle their dogs. Too many owners today are frightened if any pup or dog approaches their dog having, often, made a poor job of socialising the animal or taken on an unsuitable rescue animal. If a dog cannot safely be approached by another friendly dog off the lead then that dog should not be walked in spaces where it is reasonable for other owners to be exercising, socialising and training young dogs. Such as beaches and open spaces. The onus should not be on responsible owners to prevent their animal's natural wish to socialise this just creates another generation of dogs who are frightened when approached by another because they have learnt fear of others from being constantly recalled on sight of another.

I agree with the continuation of the order. I wish there was more enforcement of it as I see dog excrement outside my home on the pavement and on the beach.

I do think there needs to be a more pro-active approach maybe more dog wardens. The health implications for children and pregnancy's is well documented with regards to dog fouling, the issue with dogs on leads I think is a more pressing problem in light of the amount of dog attacks on both humans and animals.

The PSPO only works effectively if there are sufficient authorised officers to undertake effective control. I have kept dogs for 18 years and the standard of training and control has reduced drastically. Very few days go by when a reactive dog with little recall does not try to interact with my on lead dogs who are trained to gold level. I now only walk them off lead in 4 specific areas. A recent experience of a friend's dog being attacked shows me that dog owners no longer take CDC's enforcement officers seriously. I think Oaklands Park should be lead only and the length of Centurion Way from the southern end to Lavant should also be lead only. I am fed up with certain owners not controlling their dogs in these two areas and I have never seen an authorised officer of CDC in all the years I have walked my dogs anywhere in the district. The failure to control displacement of deer caused by Minerva heights now makes walking dogs a risky business. The displacement provision at Jubilee park is laughable. Off lead dogs chase water foul all the time and no one is doing anything to stop it. CDC should be promoting lead only walking and training.

I would like to see more areas of Chichester and the beaches unavailable to dogs. I swam last year at church Norton and there were several nasty piles of excrement on the beach.

Who is an authorised officer? Nobody knows, so this is pointless. We have restrictions on East Wittering beach as well, these weren't included here. Nobody abides by them as you can't see the signs when you are on the sand anyway, again they are pointless

I think the current rules are reasonable (as a dog owner myself). I would hope that there is no tightening of the rules around the need for dogs to be always on a leash (other than when required to be by an authorised person - NOT the general public).

Dog owners to put their dogs on leads when approaching other persons who maybe with or without dogs. Not all dogs or persons appreciate dogs approaching them unrestrained. Although I am not intimidated by loose dogs ,I am aware that some people are frightened . My dog is friendly to people and other dogs but for everyone's comfort I prefer her to be restrained when passing others

People who train their dogs, keep them on leads, pick up after the dog should not be excluded from the beach. Those who are irresponsible should be excluded. However unless these regulations are policed it is pointless. I think a time should be specified so that we can take our dogs on the beach in the early morning and the evening during the summer, when there are few if any children about. Education and support to become responsible dog owners would be a good initiative. In the USA the bins also have a bag dispenser for those who dont bring a bag, Notices about the health risk of dog poo especially to small children would help re-enforce the importance of picking up. An incentive for areas that are free of dog poo might also be an idea, and empowering good owners to support those who do not pick up would be good. And of course more bins especially in popular walking places. If we could find a way to turn dog poo into green energy that would be the best!!!

Consideration is urgently needed re dogs barking in residential area. This is a constant regular problem

Please please bring this into force. There is NO reason why any person with a dog should not clear up the faeces of that dog. We must also have areas where dogs must not be permitted children play areas one because of the risk of disease and two the more frequent attacks on children by dogs. AND not all persons like dogs so why should they have to endure dogs in all areas and possibility of coming across faeces. I love my dogs dearly but have respect for others who may not.

Enforcing the rules which apply is surely an issue. I have seen people with dogs, albeit on leads in Priory park and have actually 'reminded' them dogs are not permitted. I think it is essential that we have dog free spaces where children, adults and sports people can be sure they can enjoy the surroundings free from dogs and dog fouling. Having been knocked down by a large out of control dog up at Goodwood, I want to be sure children especially are in a dog free place to play.

Dog owners regularly flout the rules on fouling. The either do not pick up or worse leave the full bag in full view. Bags are frequently left actually hanging on the signs showing fines are in place. Enforcement is more important than the rules themselves. The percentage of owners who simply do not care has risen since lockdown when dog ownership increased. You need to do more to deter the offenders.

Dogs on leads should be allowed in Priory Park, in order to be able to access the historic wall and also to use the path through Bishops Garden. The previous consultation some 5 or so years ago, the questions posed were ridiculous and most of those objecting were not even from the local area.

I think the ruling about dogs on leads should apply to the areas, which at the moment, are an exception.

For most of the time the beaches at Selsey are used extensively by dog walkers. There are few other places to walk a dog. The beach ban as it stands is not a major problem to me, but just seems a bit pointless when I walk the dog on a cool evening in May and it is absolutely empty but the dog is not allowed on the beach. The people who fish and leave dangerous hooks etc on the beach are more of a nuisance than any dog. Also we find we have to keep the dogs on a lead along most of the sea front in the summer because there are so many fisherman on the beaches in the evening, it would be more appropriate to nominate an area where you can fish, leaving the rest of the beach free for others. Irresponsible humans leave more mess on the beach with rubbish and smouldering barbecues etc.

I always keep my dogs on a lead when out walking. If I want my dogs off lead I go to a dog park. There needs to be more dog parks. I always clean up after my dogs. I keep my dogs on a lead for their safety and because not everyone likes dogs. People should not be scared out on walks and I would not like to scare anybody especially children.

Restricting dogs from childrens play areas, and requiring leads in busy areas where children play or feisty dogs may worry those not used to dogs, does make sense. However, the sense should flow both ways. This planet does NOT only belong to humans and treating dogs like pariahs is not sensible. Dogs are an essential and positive part of many families, and have a right to be free to follow their natural instincts and sniff, investigate, play and run about. Whilst most owners are responsible and do training their pets to be sociable, even the best dogs are animals so will sometimes not follow 'human' rules. Their needs must be met as well as humans. Providing well fenced areas and gates that can be fastened. In Westbourne, we are about to lose the secure play area that is mainly used by children and dog walkers in favour of housing and gentrified parking. This will leave only the Monk's Hill Common, which is not secure - gates don't fasten so children and dogs can run out onto a 40 mph road - other entrances are not gated - fencing gaps are wide enough for small dogs to run through - loose hedges that dogs can get through.

Dogs do need to be responsibly controlled by owners. I particularly don't like when dogs are loose in Oaklands Park and I'm approached by them it is very intimidating

There are almost 13 million dogs in the UK, it is extremely difficult to go anywhere without seeing one, so it is very important to me and others to have a handful of public places that are free from dog mess and nuisance. The removal of Priory Park's and Bishop's Palace Gardens' status as havens of tranquility will be an irreparable shame and damage. Thank you.

Please remove the exclusion orders for dogs in Priory park and Bishops Palace Gardens - it is so frustrating as a dog owner that these facilities can't be enjoyed, especially in the summer months when it would be a nice way to enjoy a low cost family picnic in the city parks. Whilst I appreciate there is a risk of dog fouling, both sites are locked at night when fouling is mostly a problem (often because owners cannot see it in the dark) and are busy and well used in the day so should be fairly well self-policed. In the current cost of living crisis this seems like a quick win to allow families to enjoy a small treat.

There are significantly more dogs since 'Lockdown' . As a dog owner I recognise controls are needed and responsibilities should be enforced. Good dog owners should accept reasonable measures.

It is good to reserve dog free areas, but pointless when enforcement is either invisible or non-existent. Where restrictions exist in only part of an area, clear signs as to where dogs are allowed should be posted. In dog exclusion areas, information signs regarding wild animal access should be considered to remind visitors that it isn't always pet dogs responsible for fouling, and hence dog exclusion doesn't guarantee entirely child safe ground.

All the current restrictions should remain in place and if anything be made more restrictive - fouling not cleared up by owners, off-lead nuisance, noise and dangerous/anti-social behaviour is ever more prevalent and strict controls are the only way to ensure the peace, safety and comfort of ALL the public in open spaces.

I would like to walk freely without dogs running around off lead. My Husband was severely bitten and feel if it had been on a lead this would not have happened Designated areas are the best places for off lead dogs. I love dogs and all animals. That doesn't mean I want to be surrounded by them.

I regularly use Centurion Way and other areas in Chichester. I do not have anything against dogs, but I do get very annoyed by dog owners who generally assume that other people are dog lovers or are not concerned by the approach of their dog to passing adults, young children and other dogs that are on a lead. I find it particularly onerous that dog owners with their dogs running free, get upset because they think passers by, whether cyclists or pedestrians should be responsible for their dog(s) even when they are otherwise engaged with their mobile phone or children. Also a dog on an 'extender' lead is probably more dangerous than a 'free running' dog, because many owners consider that to be the required level of control, whatever the situation they have encountered, the lead being often being a danger in itself. Why do so many dog owners think that their dog has more importance than people. In particular Centurion Way was opened by SUstrans as part of a National Cycle Network, not as a dog walk. One would hope that getting people out into the countryside would take priority over a local dog walk.

Rules are pointless without enforcement. All of these recommendations are visibly ignored most days. Enforce them please

I have witnessed numerous "incidents" involving dogs that are so far away from their keepers that intimidating and aggressive dogs can be very frightening especially for small children.

I feel that in a city having dogs excluded from all parks is disappointing. Many families have a dog so going with children to the parks with the family dog is difficult. Dogs should be allowed outside the play areas or fenced off provision for dogs should be provided as they do in Europe. Many issues that arise from poor dog behaviour are a result from dogs not having enough off lead experience and becoming bored & frustrated. Well socialised dogs are preferable, but it is becoming difficult to do this in Chichester. My daughter lives in Ipswich and they have three beautiful parks that welcome families and dogs with the exception of the play areas. It works well and any misbehaving dog is soon dealt with by other owners. Responsible owners also know that people who are afraid of dogs or simply do not like them never allow their dogs to invade others personal space. I believe all councils should provide a dog park within the main parks so everyone is catered for. It is unfair that when you take children/ grandchildren to a park you cannot take your family dog even on a lead in Chichester & West Wittering. In East Wittering the parks welcome dogs so they are well used . Surely we all pay for equal amenities.

Dogs should be kept off all beaches where children play in summer months

When considering your proposals please can you take into account how many shops and public spaces have decided to now welcome dogs. My adult daughter has an Assistance dog and we are shocked how many spaces we visit that now have other dogs in. This makes it very difficult for the dog to work effectively. More education is also needed within the city centre and local shops about the laws and needs surrounding working dogs. Thank you

My 6 year old is scared of dogs, having had a dog approach her that wasn't on a lead or watched by the owner. Keeping some places safe for children and people who want to be able to enjoy outdoor spaces without encountering a dog is extremely important, as is ensuring people responsible for dogs clean up after them.

There are a growing number of dogs, and many are not that well controlled, so having these relatively small numbers of restrictions and restricted areas in which dogs can roam feels very reasonable in all the circumstances. Thank you

Disposable plastic bags pollute our environment and are too often left hidden under hedges or tied to trees. The definition of authorised officer is too vague and unlikely to be come across. Dog ownership carries responsibilities that are not addressed here. Sadly, I just happened across a Joshua Prowling (our local Observer Newspaper) News video including the seizure of some 40 dogs and 2 horses from a Chichester address in April due the animals' welfare neglect. Joshua then said about a lady who is taking the RSPCA to Court having had her arm amputated following being bitten by an RSPCA rescue dog she had given a home to - the lady claims the RSPCA knew the dog was dangerous, as it had previously attacked their staff. These local News items just reinforcing the need for enforced regulations.

The trial for horses on Centurion Way ended with a ban on horses because, as I understand Ridders could not pick up droppings. I have kept many dogs, and am keen that others should do too. But dogs make more offensive waste, very often not picked up and are too often out of control. As a regular cyclist, I have been chased and knocked over by dogs. If we are going to allow dogs, then allow horses too please.

Selsey B each should be year round restriction

I welcome the proposal to renew the Public Spaces Protection Order. It is a privilege for dog owners to exercise their dogs in public and it is only right and proper that in doing so, others should be protected from negative aspects.

I think dogs should not be allowed on beaches most of the year around especially the Witterings. Dog walkers take large groups of dogs that are intimidating to people. The dog fouling is an issue on the beaches as many dog owners do not pick up and dispose properly. Dogs should be kept on leads on beaches to control their behaviour and to be able to monitor their fouling

The majority of dog owners respect all users of public spaces. They also clean up After their dogs & appreciate well sited bins to dispose of poo bags. Responsible dog owners know their dog & how it will react to children, joggers, bikes & picknickers for example & will keep their dog on a lead as required. Responsible dog owners should not be persecuted because of a minority of dog owners who are not responsible.

Dog owners should be made aware that deers are present in fields surrounding the Boxgrove to Halnaker Windmill trail, so that they keep their dogs on leads in these areas. I have witnessed dogs chasing deer in these areas and have recently heard of deers being killed by dogs.

Off lead dogs that are not under control and have attacked or run up and jumped on leashed dogs has increased massively on centurion way. It's become a place where bike riders are put in danger sometimes, children and adults that don't like dogs running up to them now actively avoid centurion way and also owners pay no attention to what they're dog is up to as its such a 'safe space' for the dogs as no cars etc around which has lead to more dog poo not being picked up (as they've got not no idea they've done it as not watching their dogs. Also allowing off lead dogs to run up and sometimes jump on dogs that are on a lead is completely unacceptable. Centurion way is meant to be accessible for everyone but the number of off lead dogs has meant many people avoid it. I think all dogs should be on lead down centurion way or at least proper signage to keep them under control and keep them out the way of people and dogs not wanting them to be jumped on. Also dogs getting into the farmers fields, the west dean farmer a few years ago that lost all their sheep after an off lead dog chased them. This also could have been avoided

Dog ownership is taken for too casually . Potential owner should be vetted prior to being allowed to own a dog , training should be mandatory with regular and random assessment carried out

I would like to see the dog exclusion order extended to include all publicly accessible recreation grounds throughout the district and not just those areas shown in the PSPO maps. The PSPO dog exclusion should include any such recreational open spaces which may have an extant Bye-Law

Am not keen on the use of plastic bags for clearing up dog mess. It's just more plastic in landfill. Wherever possible I think dog owners/walkers should use the 'stick and flick' method.

dog owners are becoming less conscientious about cleaning up after their dogs. Public parks should be dog free due to the very real threat of Toxocariasis for children and teenagers playing.

Has anyone actually been penalised for breaking these orders? If so it would help to give statistics and details to deter others as currently seems like you can break the rules with no consequence

I am disabled and rely on a mobility scooter to shop, socialise and get around in general, I have a constant problem with dogs off of leashes that go into attack mode when I go anywhere near them on my mobility aid. I would welcome much tighter laws on dog control.

How is this being controlled and monitored? How is this being advertised? Please bring back dog licences as a way of some control. People do not control their dogs or clear up as there is no one to tell them, advise them or stop them. If people cannot call their dogs back they should be on lead. If there was more people monitoring it then people would think twice before not picking up or letting uncontrollable dogs loose.

Please have sufficient staff to enforce the Protection Order. There is an increasing problem with dog fouling across the district and not only is it a public health hazard, it does not set a good impression when wanting to welcome tourists to the district. I never see anyone out enforcing the order. Whenever I am out walking, in town or countryside and across the district, I have to look at the ground instead of the scenery to avoid dog fouling. Please also increase the number of areas where dogs should be on a lead and enforce it properly with sufficient staff. My daughter is now scared of dogs because owners seem to think it is okay for their dogs to bound up to people without checking whether people are happy with this. It is a real problem in the Petworth Park Sports Ground, people ignore the signs asking them to keep their dogs on leads. In one case we were having a picnic in the sports ground and a dog ran up and started eating our food - this is not acceptable. The owner didn't seem to think it was a problem. You read increasing reports of dog attacks because not all dogs are trained and under control. They can be dangerous and the council has a duty to protect residents and children.

Dogs should be on a lead and owners should always pick up .

I love dogs, however Many more people now own dogs and many do not seem to be able to control them and/ or are not sensitive to the safety or need for space of non dog owners. Unfortunately this increased ownership is now having a detrimental impact on the environment. A new approach is now needed. Dog poo in urban areas and full Dog poo bags in country areas being left not cleared up is an increasing problem. Every walk i take I encounter poo on paths or mown grass areas and discarded full dog poo bags by paths. We need to make it illegal to drop a poo bag anywhere but in a designated poo bin or in home refuse. Signs in country areas saying a stick and flick into the hedgerow is fine, leaving a bag is not. Because of the increased population we now need more areas without dogs. More park areas so you can walk without worrying about Dog poo. Shopping areas Shops selling clothing or food Restaurant and pubs where food is served You could tax dogs to help fund policing?

I am not sure that the fouling of public footpaths is sufficiently covered perhaps this could be looked at. I am thinking of specifically public footpaths in the countryside.

The Bishop's Palace Gardens doesn't have enough signs showing that dogs are not allowed.I have frequently seen people with dogs in the gardens,without leads, running freely.The condition is not enforced well enough. Similarly,alongside the canal, dogs run free and go into the canal itself.

Why is Bracklesham Bay not included in this dog exclusion order? It needs to be,

It is a great shame that a selfish few dog owners generate all of this. Please be aware that the majority of dog owners are respectful of others and their surroundings. Animals including dogs have rights to be respected as well as humans, but no human especially a child should be put at risk.

It would be nice to take dogs on leads in Bishop Palce Gardens

I would like to see some evidence of enforcement of these rules , in particular in Priory Park, and some play areas, where people continue to take dogs. On a couple of occasions, when I have mentioned the 'no dogs' rule to a dog owner, I have been met with antagonism. I have not seen a dog in the Palace Gardens

some dog owners will never comply. they are above the law. keep up good work.

No comments to make.

I'm alarmed by the growing number who are exercising a number of dogs and presumably are paid to do so. For example, at West Wittering in April 2023, I encountered two women with nine dogs between them: they all barking and off the lead on a narrow path through the dunes. I felt threatened and nervous by the dogs' behaviour and seeming lack of control of the walkers. I challenged them and both said they could legally have five dogs per person. I take issue with this ratio and the fact they were effectively one pack of nine animals. I'm 74 and love dogs. I was doing my regular beach run but am very apprehensive of meeting these women again. If I'd had any of my younger grandchildren with me, I'd have beaten a very hasty retreat. No-one can properly control and manage five dogs off the lead, keep other people safe and clear up their faeces. I think this issue needs to be clarified.

Fishbourne Parish Council strongly supports the PSPOs in Fishbourne Playing Field and the Fishbourne Meadows. However the Council is very concerned about the quantity of fouling in both areas, which is particularly unacceptable in the Playing Field where young children play football and other sports. The Council has also discussed out of control dogs in the Meadows which, as well as being anti-social, cause disturbance to birds and other wildlife in this sensitive area. These orders must be supported by enforcement. There is no longer a dog warden employed by the District Council, but provision must be made for enforcement patrols to visit these spaces and be seen to issue fines to dog owners who contravene the rules.

I believe there should be certain public areas where it should be a requirement for ALL dogs to be kept on leads at ALL times. These areas might include, for example, busy public footpaths and town centres.

Please do not allow dogs into Priory Park it is so important to be able to let children play on the grass without worrying about their safety. Dogs should be kept on leads in busy areas like the City centre; this would also help to stop owners ignoring their dog when they fouled the street.

I think dogs on leads should be allowed in all spaces

Dog owners generally believe they can control their animal but usually can't. This results in the dog approach ING or confront ing people and animals. Keeping the rules simple would remove any doubt so I suggest a dogs must be kept on a lead at all times in public places where they are allowed.

Dogs should be kept on a lead when walked on FP125 / Coastal Path and the beach to the west side of the Bill up to Hillfield Road. The significant increase in footfall has resulted in yet more instances of owners "not picking up". This is a hazard to health for the many children that play on the beach and frequently find themselves smeared with dog poo.

There should be more action when dog owners allow their dogs to foul and then don't pick it up. If they bag and leave the waste, they should be doubly fined.

Make sure dog owners keep dog on leads on Florence Park and to dog for dog fouling.....why do some dog owners pick up dogs mess and leave there dog bags on the pavement

There needs to be some spaces for dogs to run free

Why can't you extend the ban on dogs using Selsey Beach for all the beaches in Selsey during the summer. It is disgusting having to sit on a beach that isn't within the area where dogs are allowed on them and their owners let them foul the beach and swim

The rules seem to be adequate, however enforcement is nowhere near adequate. Fouling is a big problem and seems to be getting worse. You need to be out on the street and enforce the rules , give a few fixed penalties out. This will slow things down a bit. Currently dog fouling is out of control.

Warn people that young children can catch toxocariasis from dog fouling, which can lead to blindness or brain damage, hence the importance of excluding dogs from play areas. Not enough information is given to the public about this danger. There used to be a sign at the end of Shore road in East Wittering with this warning, now unfortunately gone. Too many dog owners cover their dogs' poo with sand or expect the tide to take it away. Young children playing in the sand are at risk of damage to the eyes or the brain. Explain why it is important as eggs have a strong protective layer which allows the eggs to survive in the environment for weeks in the soil.

Rather than bans for dogs on beaches, have them on leads and under control, cleaned up after etc Or allowed access early morning and evenings rather than all day. Keeping dogs away from children's enclosed play areas just makes sense.

I live in Portfield Area/Charles Avenue, there are no dog bins at all on the whole estate, with more people owning dogs since the Lockdown this ought to be taken into consideration, there are not any waste bins either. Please can we have at least a couple of bins. Many thanks

Many a time I've seen dog poo in bags chucked on the ground. How do you identify culprits? How many people do you actually prosecute/ fine?

I agree they should continue, but I don't think they go far enough. I think dogs should be excluded from west wittering headland for environmental reasons and for the public's benefit.. there are so many spaces that dogs can be walked but this area is really beautiful and can be very constrained during high tide which pushes people and dogs closer. The disregard of dog owners to allow their pet to trample within the dunes and the marsh is really disrespectful. With dog fouling I think the penalty should be higher, and more enforcement to encourage people to follow the rules. I almost step in dog poo every day because there is so much left everywhere.
