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A meeting of the **Cabinet** will be held Virtually on **Tuesday 6 October 2020** at **9.30 am**

MEMBERS: Mrs E Lintill (Chairman), Mrs S Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Briscoe, Mr A Dignum, Mrs P Plant, Mr A Sutton and Mr P Wilding

AGENDA

1 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair will make any specific announcements for this meeting and advise of any late items which due to special circumstances will be given urgent consideration under Late Items.

2 **Approval of Minutes** (Pages 1 - 12)

The Cabinet is requested to approve as a correct record the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 8 September 2020.

3 **Declarations of Interests**

Members are requested to make any declarations of disclosable pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests they might have in respect of matters on the agenda for this meeting.

4 **Public Question Time**

In accordance with Chichester District Council's scheme for public question time as amended by Full Council on 24 September 2019 the Cabinet will receive any questions which have been submitted by members of the public in writing by noon two working days before the meeting. Each questioner will be given up to three minutes to ask their question. The total time allocated for public question time is 15 minutes subject to the Chairman's discretion to extend that period.

KEY DECISIONS

5 **Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control 2020** (Pages 13 - 101)

The Cabinet is requested to consider the report and make the following resolution:

That Cabinet authorises the making of the attached Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control 2020 relating to the dog behaviour and geographical areas set out in appendices 1 and 2 to the agenda report.

6 **Council Tax Review of Locally Defined Discounts and Premiums** (Pages 103 - 108)

The Cabinet is requested to consider the report and make the following resolution:

That the Council Tax Discounts and Premiums proposed in the appendix to the agenda report be applied for the 2021-2022 financial year.

OTHER DECISIONS

7 **Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC) - Statutory Consultee Status** (Pages 109 - 125)

The Cabinet is requested to consider the report and make the following resolution:

That Cabinet agree that a letter of support be provided to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy in its bid to be awarded Statutory Consultee Status on planning matters.

8 **Events Strategy and Events Policy** (Pages 127 - 152)

The Cabinet is requested to consider the report and make the following resolution:

That, subject to consideration of any comments referred by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the proposed Events Strategy for the period 2020 – 2025 and Events Policy for Chichester district be adopted.

9 **Late Items**

- a) Items added to the agenda papers and made available for public inspection
- b) Items which the Chair has agreed should be taken as matters of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be reported at the meeting

10 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There are no restricted items for consideration at this meeting.

NOTES

- (1) The press and public may be excluded from the meeting during any item of business wherever it is likely that there would be disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in section 100A of and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
- (2) The press and public may view the report appendices which are not included with their copy of the agenda on the Council's website at [Chichester District Council - Minutes, agendas and reports](#) unless they contain exempt information.
- (3) A key decision means an executive decision which is likely to:
 - result in Chichester District Council (CDC) incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the CDC's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or
 - be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the CDC's area or
 - incur expenditure, generate income, or produce savings greater than £100,000

NON-CABINET MEMBER COUNCILLORS SPEAKING AT THE CABINET

Standing Order 22.3 of Chichester District Council's Constitution provides that members of the Council may, with the Chairman's consent, speak at a committee meeting of which they are not a member, or temporarily sit and speak at the committee table on a particular item but shall then return to the public seating area.

The Leader of the Council intends to apply this standing order at Cabinet meetings by requesting that members should *normally* seek the Chairman's consent in writing by email in advance of the meeting. They should do this by noon on the Friday before the Cabinet meeting, outlining the substance of the matter that they wish to raise. The word normally is emphasised because there may be unforeseen circumstances where a member can assist the conduct of business by his or her contribution and where the Chairman would therefore retain their discretion to allow the contribution without the aforesaid notice.

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Cabinet** held Virtually on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 9.30 am

Members Present Mrs E Lintill (Chairman), Mrs S Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Mr M Bell, Mr R Briscoe, Mr A Dignum, Mrs P Plant, Mr A Sutton and Mr P Wilding

Members Absent

In attendance by invitation

Officers Present Mr T Ayling (Divisional Manager for Planning Policy), Mr S Ballard (Senior Environmental Protection Officer), Mr N Bennett (Divisional Manager for Democratic Services), Mr A Buckley (Corporate Improvement and Facilities Manager), Mr M Catlow (Group Accountant (Technical and Exchequer)), Ms H Chivers (Planning Policy Officer), Mrs K Dower (Principal Planning Officer (Infrastructure Planning)), Ms Stephanie Evans (Environmental Coordinator), Mr A Frost (Director of Planning and Environment), Miss L Higenbottam (Democratic Services Manager), Mrs J Hotchkiss (Director of Growth and Place), Mrs T Murphy (Divisional Manager for Place), Mrs D Shepherd (Chief Executive), Dr Andrea Smith (Climate Change Officer) and Mr J Ward (Director of Corporate Services)

27 **Chair's Announcements**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Tony Dignum who had re-joined the Cabinet. She also thanked Cllr Martyn Bell for his service to the Cabinet as he would be stepping down from his role following the meeting.

There were no apologies for absence.

28 **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 be approved as a correct record with a hard copy to be signed at an appropriate point.

29 **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

30 **Public Question Time**

The following public questions were submitted:

Public Question submitted by Mr Harry Nix:

Will you include our proposals into the LCWIP to improve St Pancras, Chichester for cyclists and pedestrians, given there is local support for this initiative?

Response from Cllr Penny Plant:

Thank you for your question. CDC will, subject to today's Cabinet resolution, go out to public consultation on its draft for consultation LCWIP. The LCWIP has been designed to accord with, but not overlap, existing plans for the local highway network. These have in the main been brought forward by West Sussex County Council as the local Highway Authority and are namely the Sustainable Transport Package and the Local Transport Improvement Programme. Whilst the LCWIP consultation is aimed at consulting on what is included in the consultation draft LCWIP rather than new ideas, we will treat your question as an early consultation response. As such we will forward your suggestion to WSCC Highways with any other new ideas that arise as consultation responses such that they can comment on the merit, or otherwise, of any such proposals at that time. We will then consider whether to amend the LCWIP prior to its adoption.

Public Question submitted by Mr T Broughton:

It is pleasing to read in the 'Draft Climate Emergency Detailed Action Plan' that the truth about how the Chichester District can become net zero is becoming plain to see; especially with regard to the sector 'Energy Supply'. However, the way that this data is presented is hard to understand. MWh/ha is not tangible. The area of the District is 78600ha, so presenting the data in MWh is much easier to understand. Better still is to present, in addition, the number of wind turbines required and area of solar. For example, using the data presented in the Action Plan and industry standard components, this would mean the following would need to be installed by 2030: 150GWh of large-scale wind or 27 large turbines; and 204GWh of small-scale wind or 3900 small-scale wind turbines; and 16GWh large scale solar or 23ha. (Although note that there is already 68GWh (98ha) of large scale solar in the Chichester District!)

In conclusion, a pathway to net zero is needed so using a modelling tool like SCATTER to generate this pathway is desirable, but could the information presented in the Action Plan please be done so in a more understandable manner? Additionally, it is disappointing that the Action Plan states: 'Establish a renewable energy generation working group when time resources permit.' In order to meet the target of renewable energy installations by 2030 will require a working group to start work immediately. Especially as the local

Distribution Network Operator, SSEN, are currently working on their plans for 2023-2028 now, including the development of Local Area Energy Plans.
Response from Cllr Penny Plant:

SCATTER is a modelling tool designed to assist local authorities. It estimates the greenhouse gas emissions for individual local authorities and then models the effect of different measures to reduce those emissions. Local authorities can select from a pre-set list of measures. While it is designed to help local authorities map a pathway to net zero by 2050, you can use the data to see how to reach other targets, such as the one for Chichester district.

SCATTER saves individual local authorities months of highly technical work and enables them to quickly see the challenges we face. However, as the climate emergency action plan flags, it does not fully capture local circumstances, so the output given in the supporting technical information section must be seen as indicative rather than being specific steps that we need to take as a district. So it must be seen as a starting point rather than a fully formed and locally specific set of actions.

SCATTER was produced by a consultancy called Anthesis, funded by the UK government's Department for Energy and Industrial Strategy. However, the project is now closed and the methodology behind SCATTER is not open source. This again underlines the point about seeing it as a tool to inform the plan, rather than a ready-made plan. I agree that describing some of the measures from SCATTER in terms of the number of typical wind turbines etc. makes it easier to understand the scale of action required and I think the work you have done on that is very helpful – and in itself demonstrates the partnership approach that we need in the district to meet the challenge ahead of us. So thank you.

On the renewable energy working group, in light of this information about the network operator and subject to consideration by Cabinet today, we can re-assess the order given to starting up groups or engaging with existing groups and projects on greenhouse gas mitigation issues. However, we would always aim to support others in the district that can move faster on specific projects where those projects aligning with CDC policies.

Public Question submitted by Ms L Withers:

My question references the agenda item on approval of the Draft Climate Emergency Action for public consultation. The public consultation on this critical plan represents a first and fantastic opportunity to build widespread public awareness that the CDC has declared a climate emergency and why it has done so, and also to begin the process of engaging as many people as possible in agreeing and acting on the measures that must urgently be taken at district level to help avert or, at least minimise, the effects of the impending climate and ecological crisis. Other councils have recognised that to be successful climate emergency strategies must be community owned and that the views of local people must be central to the work that shapes it. Lewes DC, for example, is currently running a three-month program of stakeholder engagement on its draft plans using facilitated discussions on strategic areas to support active, informed reflection and input that will help shape its final

plan. Other councils are holding Citizens' Assemblies involving dozens of representatives from their communities to guide and support their actions on the crisis.

How will CDC ensure that:

a) the public consultation on its Draft Action Plan will reach beyond the “usual suspects” to include as many and as diverse as possible crosssection of the community;

b) that people are supported and empowered to give their views on an issue on which many of us do not have specialist or technical expertise;

c) that the input from the consultation will be reflected in the final plan; and d) that the outcomes of the consultation will also be used to inform and, if necessary, refine CDC’s COVID-19 Recovery Plan and Future Services Framework so that it reflects and reinforces agreed actions to respond to the climate emergency?

Response from Cllr Penny Plant:

Thank you for your question. It’s really important to us that we involve residents, businesses and other organisations in this critical project and we will be encouraging as many as possible to take part in our consultation.

Should the draft Climate Emergency Action Plan report be approved in today’s meeting, we will be launching our consultation on the 25 September and inviting people to have their say on it. We have developed a comprehensive consultation plan, outlining how we will engage with people. As with all of our consultations, we will be in touch with our Let’s Talk Panel members to make them aware of the consultation. People can sign up to the Let’s Talk Panel on our website. The panel is made up of almost 600 members who have opted to be notified of new consultations. A key part of our consultation will involve engaging with partners, such as environmental groups, local community groups, parish councils and businesses, and gathering as much feedback as possible. We will also be promoting the consultation in a range of other ways. We will ask our partners to help us spread the word that it is taking place, including parish councils, residents associations and business associations. There will also be advertising banners and news articles on our website; updates to local media organisations; information in our email newsletter; posters in key locations; and, we will encourage our staff to promote the consultation when they speak to members of the public. We have developed a consultation web page where people can view the plan and find out about the importance of this work, including: what has been done so far in this area; the purpose of the action plan; and, how people can get involved. As part of this, we have created a set of frequently asked questions to add background information and context. The consultation will include a survey will be easy to complete. The consultation will be used to develop the action plan which will then return to Environment Panel and later to this Cabinet.

The action plan has two parts to it: firstly, what CDC is doing to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions and secondly, how CDC can bring together individuals

and organisations in the district together to develop projects to tackle the area's emissions. We are propose that working groups made up of organisations in the district work together to develop practical solutions to reduce emissions and to have a public information campaign focussed on behaviour change.

We are also proposing another engagement route which directly addresses the concerns raised about involving people from all sectors of our district and how to promote engagement on this issue which has scientific and technical dimensions to it. We therefore propose holding a Citizens' Jury made up of a dozen or so people who will reflect the demographic profile of people in the district. They will not be drawn from environmental groups necessarily. Instead they will be requested to participate on the basis of their characteristics e.g. age, income, ethnicity, working/caring responsibilities. These jurors will be able to question experts on climate change over 2-3 days, allowing them to make informed recommendations to the council on the development of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

In terms of the Covid 19 Recovery Plan, this is a short-term plan to aid recovery over the next 12 months. The various environmental strategies are long term priority areas for the Council. The Climate Change Action Plan will be a "live" document evolving over time and therefore the outcomes of the above consultation exercises and any future ones, will continue to shape the policies.

Public Question submitted by Dr K McNicol:

Action 10

In regards to minimising emissions and achieving high levels of energy efficiency from new housing.

What levels are you aiming for?

What factors will influence the levels you are trying to achieve?

Why has the submission been delayed from 2020. to 2021?

Action 18

Are the Strategic Wildlife Corridors currently protected or can they be destroyed before the implementation of habitat improvements projects in October 2022- March 2026?

Response from Cllr Penny Plant:

Thank you for your question. On Action 10, we are aiming for the highest levels of energy efficiency and renewable energy provision that do not prevent new development being economically viable. This assessment takes into account the viability impact of other policies in the local plan, for example the provision of affordable housing, transport and educational infrastructure. The preferred approach draft of the Local Plan review proposed a policy requirement of a 19% improvement on current building regulations and an additional 10% renewable energy generation

requirement on top of that. Should the work currently underway on the overall viability assessment show that even higher standards are possible then we will give serious consideration to that. However, the government has consulted on the proposed Future Homes Standard and currently on the Planning White Paper. Both of these propose a much more centralised approach to construction standards, based around the Building Regulations. Should such changes be introduced then the Local Plan Review will have to change to be in conformity with them. This is the major unknown factor that is likely to influence the final plan policy. The submission of the Local Plan Review has been delayed in order to allow for further work on land availability and development constraints (for example the A27 and nutrient inputs to the harbours) needed to inform a robust development strategy.

On Action 18, the plan policy specifically on Wildlife Corridors carries little weight as yet, and depends on the overall timetable for plan submission and examination. The survey and other evidence gathered so far does help protect the proposed corridors from inappropriate development as existing general biodiversity policy and guidance can be used more robustly where strong site specific evidence of ecological value exists. The environment team are working closely with Development Management on any applications that may affect proposed corridors to minimise or avoid any potential impacts.

Public Question submitted by Rhiannon Parry Thompson:

My question references the agenda item on approval of the Draft Climate Emergency Action for public consultation. There is, presently, no specific reference in the Draft Action Plan to the role of Trade Unions with regard to consultation, engagement and implementation. Trade Unions are often on the front line of the climate and ecological crisis; climate crisis mitigation and adaptation policies to decarbonise will affect workers directly. Trade Unions have a proven ability to deliver progressive change on working conditions, health and safety, and equality and are at the forefront of climate action: fire fighters dealing with devastating impacts from floods to fires; manufacturing workers forging ahead with the technology to build more electric vehicles; teachers climate-proofing the curricula; other public sector workers working to decarbonise their operations. The TUC, and individual trade unions are developing robust green recovery plans and policies. Building the recovery from Covid-19 represents a once in a generation challenge and is an opportunity to take the urgent action needed to build a greener and fairer economy that protects jobs, health and planet. Trade unionists, with the other stake holders referenced in the draft plan, will be the catalyst for achieving a greener, fairer recovery and a pathway to a net-zero Chichester.

My question, therefore, is this: Will the Action Plan ensure that the voice of CDC trade union branches and the Chichester Trades Council is heard in the Action Plan? Will officers and councillors actively engage with the trade union movement in Chichester as part of stakeholder engagement and, ultimately, in the implementation of the Plan?

Response from Cllr Penny Plant:

The response to the previous question about public consultation and engagement is also relevant to this question, but rather than repeat the information already given, I would emphasise that the proposed technical working groups present the major opportunities for trade unions to become involved in the implementation of the plan alongside employers and community groups. We would welcome all efforts by trade unions branches locally to respond to the consultation and to encourage their members to respond to it as well. Where actions will involve CDC staff – for example a revised Staff Travel Plan, we will be consulting with the Chichester District branch of Unison.

31 Chichester District Council Annual Report 2019-20

The Chair introduced the item and explained that each of the Cabinet members would provide an outline of their portfolio area at the next Full Council meeting.

In a vote the following recommendation was agreed:

*** RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL**

That the Annual Report 2019-2020 be received.

32 Tangmere Strategic Development Location - Chichester District Council (Tangmere) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020

Cllr Taylor introduced the item and explained that two supplements had been sent to members the day before. The first an addendum to the report and the second an amended restricted appendix 3. The council's legal advisor Mr Robin De Wreede was invited to speak. He provided further clarity on the addendum that had been circulated and confirmed that there remained no agreed timetable put forward by the landowners to date.

Miss Chivers responded to a request to clarify whether the cost could vary prior to April 2021. She explained that the current figure represents officers best estimate.

The Chair then invited Cllr Oakley to ask a question. Cllr Oakley requested confirmation that ward members would be included in the consultation referenced in recommendation 3.2. Cllr Taylor confirmed that would be the case.

In a vote the following resolution and recommendations were agreed:

RESOLVED

That the revised timetable identified in section 6 of the report be noted and approved.

***RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL**

1. That the Council authorises the use of Compulsory Purchase powers as set out in Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to

compulsorily acquire the Order Land identified within Appendix B, and in particular that the Council makes the Order;

2. that the Director of Planning and the Environment be authorised, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning Services and local ward Members, to:
 - a. settle the final form and content of the Order and all associated documentation and take all action needed to pursue the Order and secure its confirmation;
 - b. negotiate, agree terms and enter into agreements with interested parties including agreements for the withdrawal of objections or undertakings not to enforce the Order on specific terms including where appropriate removing land or rights from the Order or to request the modification of the Order by the Secretary of State;
 - c. implement the Order powers following confirmation of the Order and so acquire title to and/or take possession of the Order Land.

33 **Approval of the draft Infrastructure Business Plan 2021-26 for consultation (with the City, Town and Parish Councils and key Infrastructure Delivery Commissioners)**

Cllr Taylor introduced the item. She drew attention to the following funding allocations:

- The removal of IBP 398, funds originally allocated for 2020/21 as per paragraph 3.9 of the report and its replacement by projects set out in paragraph 3.16 of the report.
- The addition of IBP 840, £60,000 allocated for 2021/22
- The addition of IBP 841, £500,000 allocated for 2022/23 delivery
- The addition of IBP 593, £2.1 million allocated for 2025/26 delivery
- The addition of IBP 842, officers have requested £575,000 over 5 years
- The addition of IBP 844, officers have requested £880,000 for 2022/23

In a vote the following resolution was agreed:

RESOLVED

That the Draft Infrastructure Business Plan 2021-26 (Appendix 1) be approved for consultation (with the City, Town and Parish Councils, neighbouring local authorities including the South Downs National Park Authority and key infrastructure Delivery Commissioners) for a period of six weeks from 5 October to 16 November 2020.

34 **Chichester City Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**

Cllr Plant introduced the item.

Both Cllr Briscoe and Cllr Dignum welcomed the plan. Cllr Dignum also raised caution over raising expectations of the funding available. Mr Ballard responded by explaining that funding should be made available from the Department for Transport. Officers are also in the process of prioritising projects for inclusion in the IBP and

bids for CIL funding could also be made in future. He added that the council is better placed to bid for funding with a Plan.

In a vote the following resolution was agreed:

RESOLVED

That the draft Chichester City Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan be approved for consultation.

35 Draft Climate Emergency Detailed Action Plan

Cllr Plant introduced the item.

Mrs Evans then drew members attention to the website <https://solartogether.co.uk/chichester/home> which had launched at the beginning of the month as referenced in action 3b on the Plan. She then explained that with regard to action 3c officers from the council's housing team had put forward a consortium bid for a green homes grant.

Cllr Briscoe and Cllr Sutton both welcomed a Citizens Jury rather than a Citizens Assembly. Cllr Sutton also welcomed the housing initiative which sits within his portfolio.

In a vote the following resolution was agreed:

RESOLVED

That the Draft Climate Emergency Detailed Action Plan be approved for public consultation.

36 2019-2020 Treasury Management outturn report

Cllr Wilding introduced the item. He outlined an amendment to recommendation two as stated in the resolution below.

In a vote the following amended resolutions were agreed:

RESOLVED

1. That the Treasury activity summarised in the report, taking into account any comments provided by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee be considered.
2. That the Cabinet notes the matters reported in sections 5.2 to 5.4 of the report and agrees no further action is required by the council to mitigate the loss.

37 **Appointment to Cabinet and Panels**

The Cabinet agreed the following resolutions as set out on the agenda front sheet:

RESOLVED

1. That it be noted that the Leader appointed Cllr Tony Dignum as Cabinet Member for Growth, Place and Regeneration from 20 August 2020.
2. That it be noted that Cllr Martyn Bell steps down from the Cabinet following its meeting on 8 September 2020.
3. That Cllr Tony Dignum be appointed to Chichester District Parking Forum as Chair of the Forum in place of Cllr Martyn Bell.
4. That Cllr Tony Dignum be appointed to Chichester District Growth Board in place of Cllr Martyn Bell.
5. That Cllr Tony Dignum be appointed to the National Farmers Union Liaison in place of Cllr Martyn Bell.

38 **The provision of Parking Services on behalf of West Sussex County Council**

Cllr Dignum introduced the item. Mrs Murphy added that the council had and continues to work closely with West Sussex County to monitor the parking services offer including the impact on resources now and for the future.

In a vote the following resolutions were agreed (including amended recommendation 2):

RESOLVED

1. That the additional services required to be delivered by CDC's Parking Services on behalf of WSCC (at no additional cost to CDC) as a variation to the current Agency Agreement, as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report be approved.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Growth and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Holder for Growth, Place and Regeneration to agree minor amendments to the terms of the agreement.

39 **Late Items**

There were no late items.

40 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Cllr Lintill proposed and read the part II resolution in relation to agenda items 15 and 16 which was seconded by Cllr Taylor.

The Cabinet then voted to go into part II.

RESOLVED

That with regard to agenda items 15 and 16 the public including the press should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 namely Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

41 Income Strip and Wrapper Lease

Cllr Wilding introduced the item and the amended recommendation as stated below.

Mr Ward responded to a question from Cllr Dignum.

In a vote the following amended resolution was agreed:

RESOLVED

That Cabinet agreed to uphold the recommendations from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

42 Southern Gateway

Cllr Lintill left the meeting and the Chair passed to Cllr Taylor.

Cllr Dignum introduced the item.

Mrs Hotchkiss explained that section 6.3 would no longer be required. Cllr Dignum agreed with the suggestion to delete recommendation section 6.3.

Mr Hotchkiss responded to questions from Cllr Bell and Cllr Plant.

In a vote the following resolutions including amended recommendation 2 were agreed:

RESOLVED

1. That the update summary of the progress made in signing the Development Agreement in section 4.9 and the site acquisitions summary in section 4.10 be noted.
2. That section 6.3 of the report be removed with the remaining actions as set out in section 6 of the report approved.

The meeting ended at 11.36 am

CHAIRMAN

Date:

Chichester District Council

CABINET

6 October 2020

Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control 2020

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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet authorises the making of the attached Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control 2020 relating to the dog behaviour and geographical areas set out in appendices 1 and 2 to the agenda report.**

3. Background

- 3.1. The legal and procedural background to the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Dog Control was set out in the previous Cabinet report dated 7 July 2020.
- 3.2 The power to make and extend a PSPO rests with local authorities, in consultation with the police and other interested stakeholders that may be affected, and once made, can be in force for any period up to a maximum of three years and then reviewed.
- 3.3 A local authority can make a PSPO in respect of any public space within its administrative boundary. The definition of public space is wide and includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
- 3.4 The restrictions and requirements included in a PSPO may be wide ranging or targeted on specific behaviours by particular groups and/or at specified times, and may either prohibit an activity or place restrictions on it. In bringing in an order the Council must be satisfied that the activity or behaviours have been or are likely to be detrimental to the quality of life of those in the locality, persistent and unreasonable in nature and can only include matters defined by the legislation.
- 3.5 The Council has considered other controls for inclusion in the PSPO, such as controlling professional dog walkers who walk multiple dogs at once. There is little evidence to support including such a provision at the present time though we welcome complaints and evidence that will inform future PSPOs on all relevant matters.

- 3.6 The control of dogs is an emotive subject with views of non-dog owners and dog-owners being considered in conjunction with the needs of the dog. The Animal Welfare Act 2006 for instance makes it a legal requirement for those responsible for dogs to provide them with 'suitable exercise' which means regular opportunities for a walk and run off lead.
- 3.7 Any significant change to the draft PSPO, such as inclusion of new dog exclusion zones or provisions for the control of professional dog walkers would require a further period of consultation.
- 3.8 The draft PSPO was considered by the Environment Panel following the end of the public consultation period. No further amendments were made to the draft document.

4 Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 That an appropriate PSPO remains in force so that the public benefit from a safe, protected environment, free of nuisance dog-behaviour.

5 Proposal

- 5.1 That the PSPO be approved to control behaviour associated with irresponsible dog ownership as set out in the draft PSPO attached at appendix 1. That the Cabinet confirm the areas detailed in the draft PSPO shown in appendix 2 that should be covered by the PSPO.
- 5.2 The only significant change in the draft PSPO is the proposed deletion of the dog exclusion zone at East Wittering beach and Bracklesham beach. It is considered that this change from the current PSPO is supported by the consultation responses referred to in paragraph 6.2 below.

6 Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 The Council is not required to extend the PSPO and may determine, in spite of the majority of consultation responses, that there is no need for a PSPO to control behaviours relating to irresponsible dog ownership. Evidence in the form of dog nuisance complaints and records of the number of interactions with members of the public about dogs does not support non-extension of the PSPO.
- 6.2 The main alternative to the consultation draft PSPO would be to keep the East Wittering and Bracklesham dog exclusion zones. There is a majority of consultation responses supporting the deletion of these two dog exclusion zones, including East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council and so the recommendation is to delete these two dog exclusion zones.
- 6.3 Members queried whether the provisions of the PSPO could be broadened to include non-adopted roads (by deleting the word 'adopted' from paragraph 1, schedule 1 of the draft for adoption PSPO as at Appendix 1). However, advice from Legal Services suggested that this would raise complex enforcement issues and would also bring some private land into the auspices of the PSPO and, as such, require further consultation. As such, the draft PSPO, Schedule 1, 1 relates to 'adopted roads' as per the consultation version PSPO.

7 Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Council can enforce the recommended PSPO via staff in the Environmental Protection Team, enforcement officers employed under a Section 101 agreement with East Hampshire District Council and the council Foreshores Officers will also enforce the PSPO on the beaches.
- 7.2 In terms of publishing and enforcing the Order, the Council will replace existing PSPO signs where necessary. The cost of this work will be met from existing budgets and where possible, pictorial signs will be used to represent the controls which hopefully will eliminate the need for replacing signs as and when the legislation changes. The details of the PSPO will also be publicised both in writing via various outlets and via social media.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 In conjunction with the Council's Public Relations Team, a full public consultation was carried out between 17 July 2020 and 14 August 2020. This consultation was also brought to the attention of various partner agencies and other local stakeholders including parish councils and major land owners. A summary and analysis of the comments received is provided in appendices 3 and 4.

9 Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 The PSPO Dog Control enables the Council to deal with dog-related nuisance in the District.
- 9.2 The primary operational risk of not having a PSPO is that nuisance behaviours are dealt with less effectively by the Council. The consultation gives a breakdown of public views on whether the behaviours which the draft PSPO covered should be seen by the Council as being so serious as to require those additional powers. The risk of proceeding with powers which are beyond those which the public considers are required are that those powers are seen to be unfair or unreasonable to the detriment of the reputation and effectiveness of the Council.

10 Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder If supported a PSPO will directly address aspects of antisocial behaviour.	✓	
Climate Change and Biodiversity		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact See background papers	✓	
Safeguarding and Early Help		✓
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		✓
Health and Wellbeing		✓
Other (please specify) eg biodiversity		✓

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- Appendix 1 – Draft PSPO Dog Control 2020 and Schedules
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CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - DOG CONTROL 2020

This PSPO shall come into effect on 16 October 2020.

Chichester District Council (the Council) in exercising of the power under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been met, makes the following order.

Part A – THE FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS

The Order applies to the land specified and shown on the plans in Schedule 1 of this Order (the “Restricted Areas”).

- (1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time, fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless –
 - i. He has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - ii. The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who –
 - i. is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
 - ii. has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

- (3) For the purposes of this article –
 - i. a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
 - ii. placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;

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- iii. being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;
- iv. each of the following is a “prescribed charity” –
 - a. Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
 - b. Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281)
 - c. Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

PART B - DOGS ON LEAD BY DIRECTION

The Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 2 of this Order (the “Restricted Areas”).

In this Order “an authorised officer of the Authority” means an officer authorised by the Council or authorised by another Authority given powers to discharge the Environmental Enforcement Functions within the Council’s administrative area under Agency Agreement.

- (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 8 metres in length, unless –
 - a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
- (2) For the purposes of this article –
 - a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
 - b) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on any land to which this Order applies or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

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PART C - THE EXCLUSION OF DOGS

The Order applies to the land specified and shown on the plans in Schedule 3 of this Order (the “Restricted Areas”).

- (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, during the periods specified in Schedule 3 he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this Order applies unless –
- a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who –
- a) Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
 - b) Is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
 - c) Has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance
- (3) For the purposes of this article –
- a) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog; and
 - b) Each of the following is a “prescribed charity” –
 - 1. Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
 - 2. Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281)
 - 3. Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

PENALTY

A person guilty of an offence under this Order commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

Date:

Signed:
Andrew Frost
Director of Planning and Environment

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SCHEDULE 1 – FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS

This Public Space Protection Order applies to all land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access within the administrative area of the Council, falling within the following descriptions:

1. All adopted roads, highways and carriageways together with any adjoining footpaths, cycleways or verges constituting highway land.
2. The entire width (including adjoining verges) of any footway, footpath, bridleway, cycleway or pedestrianised area to which the public have access.
3. All public parks, pleasure grounds, sports grounds, recreation grounds, playing fields, village greens, cemeteries, closed churchyards and other public open space owned or maintained by the Council and which are not otherwise subject to an order of the Council banning dogs from the use of such land.
4. All beaches foreshores and promenades which are not otherwise the subject of this Public Space Protection Order banning dogs.
5. All public parks, pleasure grounds, sports grounds, recreation grounds, playing fields, village greens, cemeteries, churchyards or other open public spaces owned or maintained by any City, Parish or Town Council within the administrative area of Chichester District Council and which are not otherwise subject to a byelaw of the City, Parish or Town council excluding dogs from the use of such land.
6. All nature reserves established under section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and public open space owned or maintained by West Sussex County Council (in this order known as “County”) and which is not otherwise subject to an Order of County excluding dogs from the use of such land.
7. The following specified areas shown edged by black lines on the plans attached to this order being.
 - a. Fishbourne Meadows – Plan No. 1
 - b. Fishbourne Playing Field - Plan No. 2
 - c. Fernhurst Recreation Ground - Plan No.3
 - d. Maybush Copse, Cot Lane, Chidham – Plan No. 4
 - e. Quay Meadow (Bosham) - Plan No. 5
 - f. Brandy Hole Copse (Chichester) - Plan No. 6
 - g. The sports area at the Cowdray Ruins (Midhurst) - Plan No. 7
 - h. West Wittering Estate - Plan No. 8
 - i. East Head (West Wittering) - Plan No. 9
 - j. Cakeham Estate - Plan No. 10
 - k. North Mundham Playing Field - Plan No. 11
 - l. Petworth Park Sports Ground - Plan No. 12
 - m. Havenstoke Park, Graylingwell – Plan No. 13

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8. The communal footpaths and communal grassed areas within the ownership or control of Hyde Housing or any successor in title to it.

(Note: Land placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners is excluded from the Public Space Protection Orders by statute (The Controls on Dogs (Non-application to Designated Land Order) 2006).

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PSPO DOG CONTROL

SCHEDULE 2 – DOGS ON LEAD BY DIRECTION

This Public Space Protection Order applies to all land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access, with or without payment, within the administrative area of the Council, other than land which is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under Section 29(1) of The Forestry Act 1967.

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SCHEDULE 3 – EXCLUSION OF DOGS

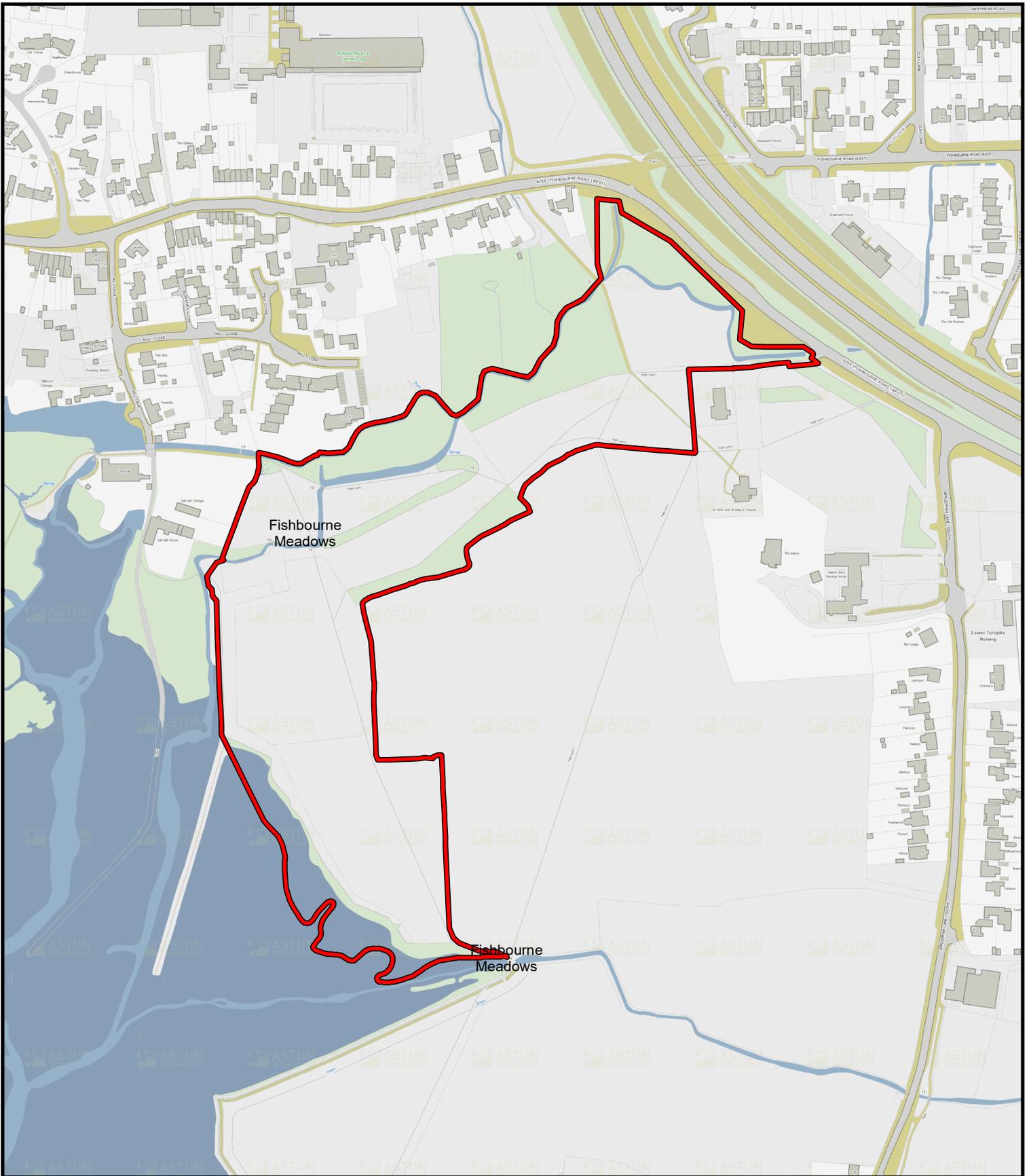
This order applies to land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access within the following descriptions:

1. All children's play areas which are (1) enclosed by means of a fence and/or gate and (2) owned or maintained by Chichester District Council or by any city, parish or town council within the administrative area of Chichester District.
2. Bishop's Palace Gardens (Chichester) – Plan No. 14
3. Priory Park (Chichester) – Plan No. 15
4. The foreshore and beach, Selsey – from groyne E26 to E33 – Plan No. 16

For the areas detailed in paragraphs 1, 2 & 3 of Schedule 3 above, the exclusion of dogs shall apply at all times

For the area detailed in paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 above, the exclusion of dogs shall apply between 1 May to 30 September of each year.

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Location **Fishbourne Meadows**

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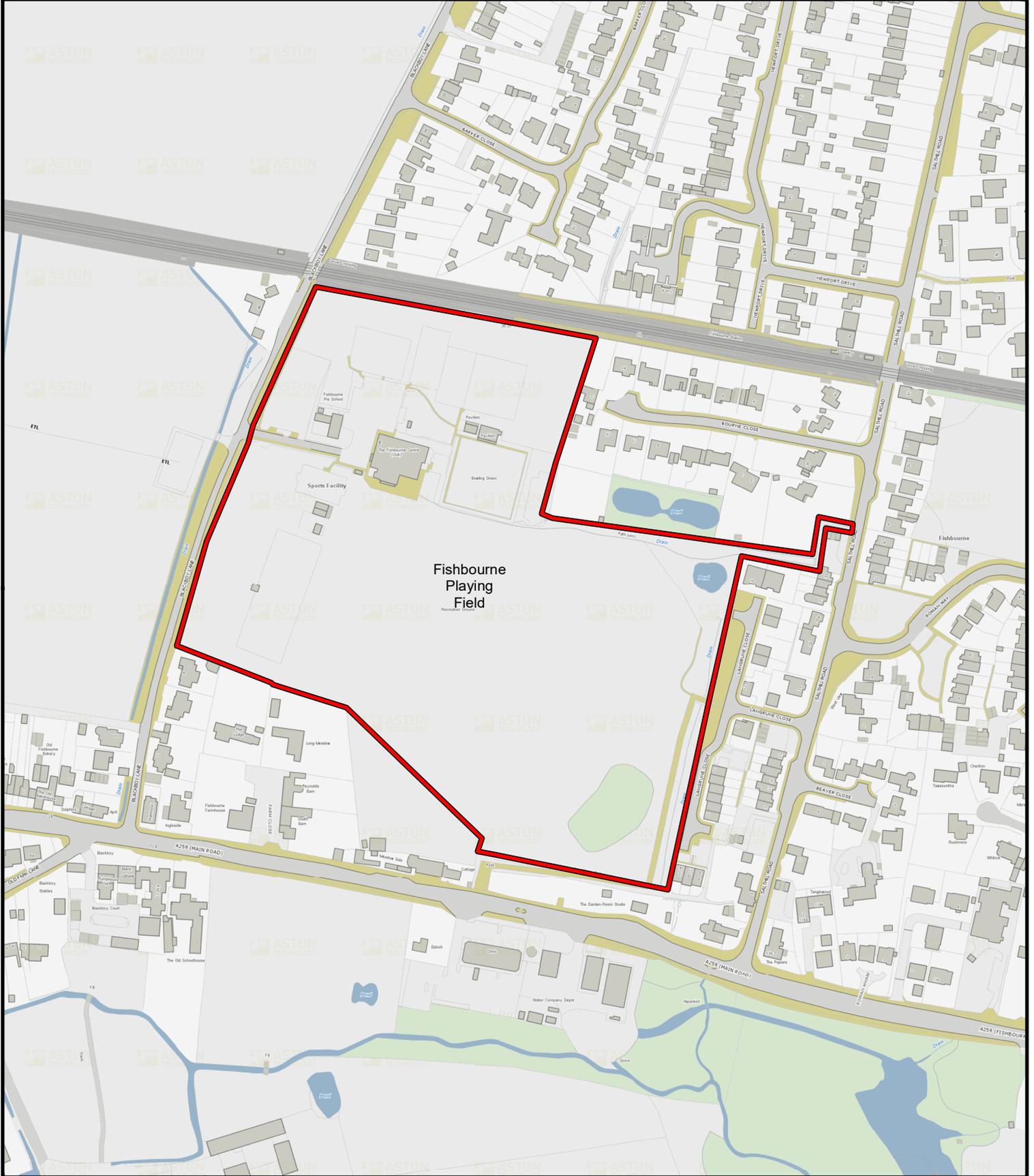
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Fishbourne
Playing
Field



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Location **Fishbourne Playing Field**

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Location **Fernhurst Recreation Ground**

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Maybush
Copse, Cot
Lane, Chidham



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Location **Maybush Copse, Cot Lane, Chidham**

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Location **Quay Meadow, Bosham**

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Brandy
Hole Copse
(Chichester)



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Location **Brandy Hole Copse (Chichester)**

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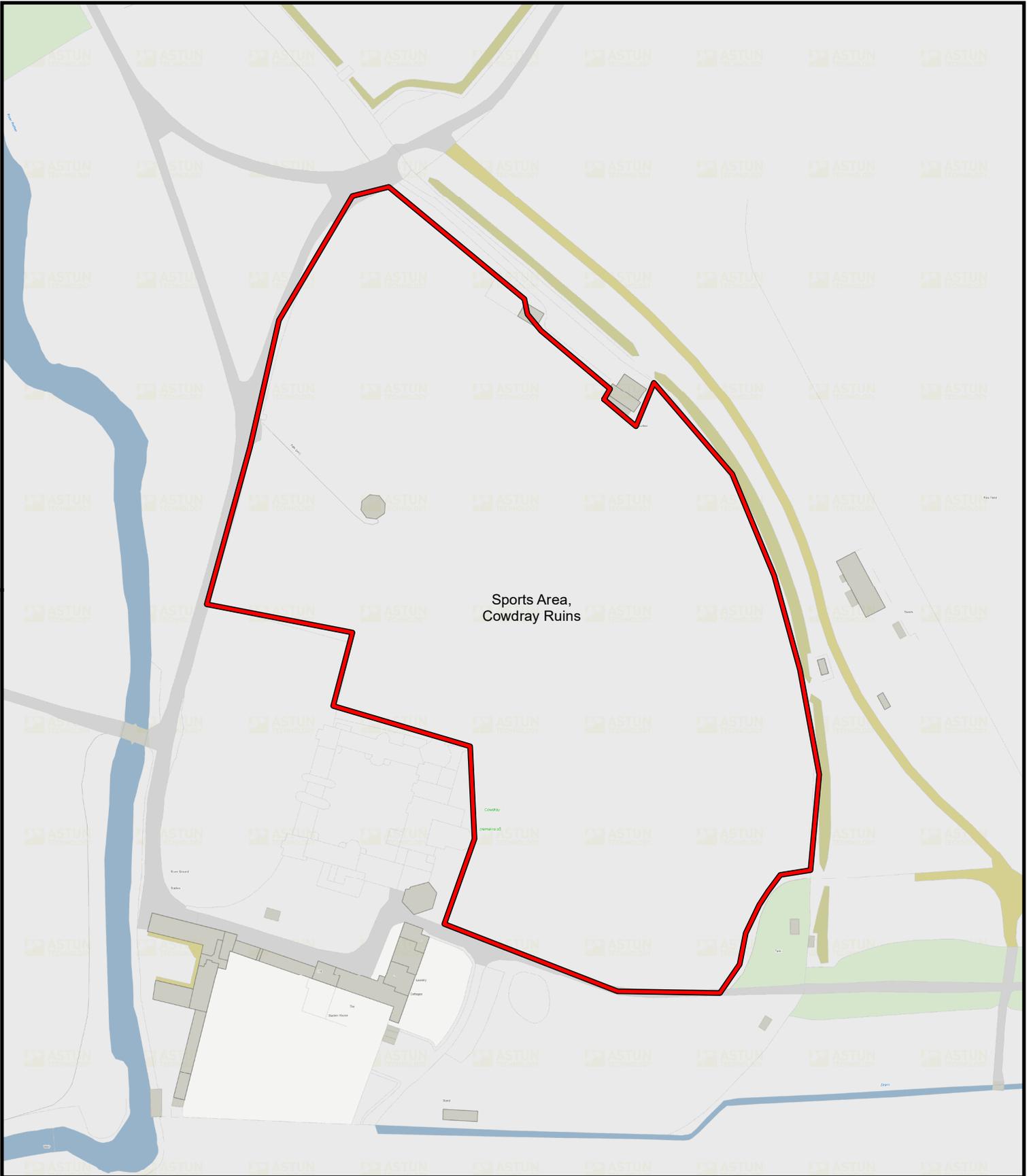
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Location **Sports Area, Cowdray Ruins**

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Location **West Wittering Estate**

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Location **East Head, West Wittering**

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Location **Cakeham Estate**

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Location **North Mundham Playing Field**

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Sports Ground,
Petworth Park



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Location **Sports Ground, Petworth Park**

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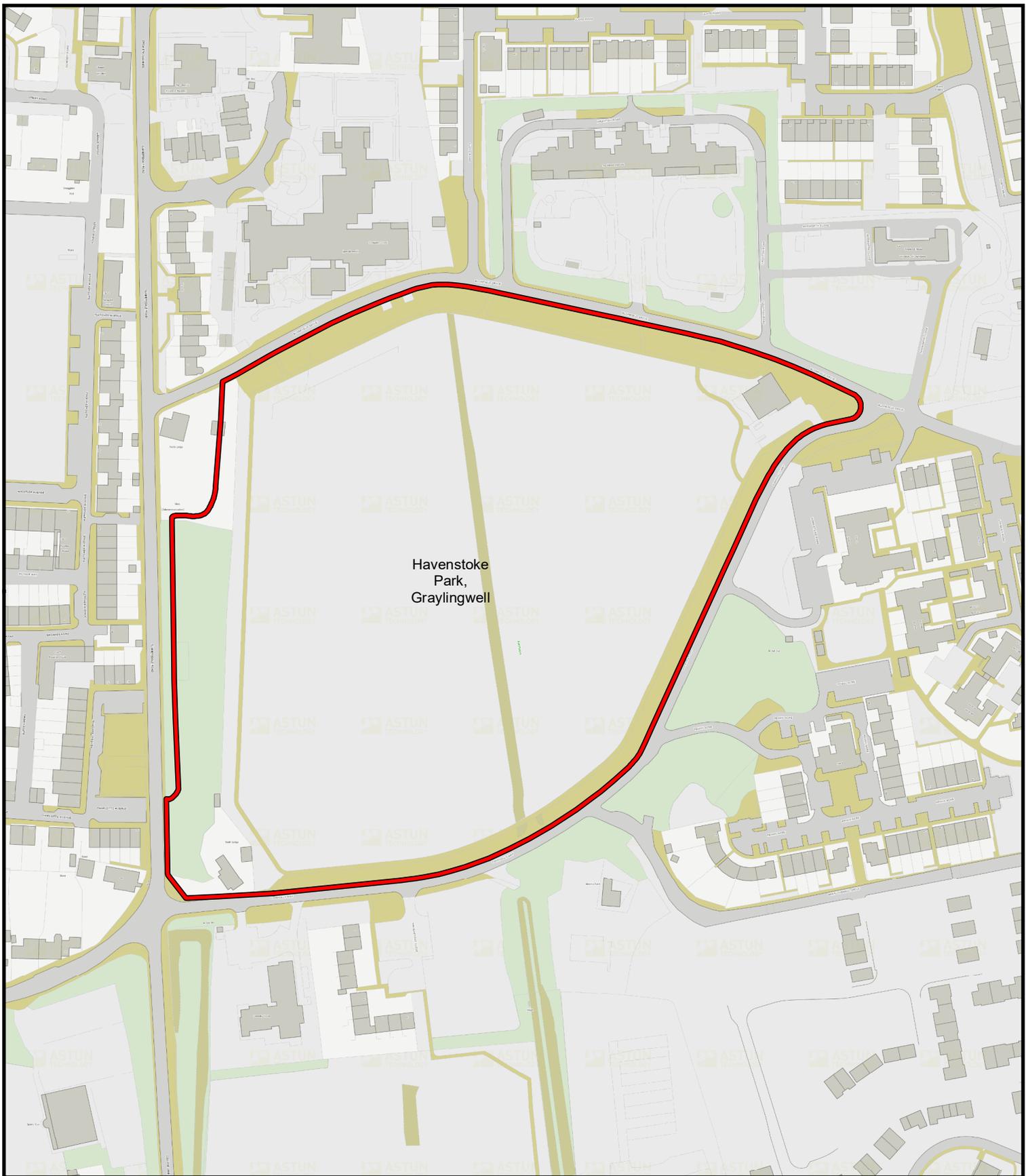
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Havenstoke
Park,
Graylingwell



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Location **Havenstoke Park, Graylingwell**

PSPO – Control of Dogs 2020 - Fouling of Land by Dogs

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Location **Bishops Palace Gardens**

PSPO – Control of Dogs 2020 - Exclusion Area

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Location **Priory Park** ,

PSPO – Control of Dogs 2020 - Exclusion Area

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Location Selsey Beach & Foreshore (groyne E26-E33)

CDC PSPO – Control of Dogs 2020 Exclusion Area

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Dog Control Public Space Protection Order Consultation

Analysis report — August 2020

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 2020, 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.

Executive Summary

- **407 responses** were received for the survey, which was available from 17 July to 14 August 2020.
- Responses were fairly evenly split between dog owners (**51.3%** or 204) and non-dog owners (**48.7%** or 194), and the majority of respondents were residents of the district (**386**).
- The majority of respondents (**97.2%** or 313) supported the proposals for the dog fouling aspect of the PSPO.
- Most respondents (**91.5%** or 292) 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 (**70.7%** or 239), Bishops Palace Gardens (**81.7%** or 276), and fenced children's play areas (**97.6%** or 331).
- Most respondents (**59.8%** or 192) said they supported the removal of the exclusion zone at East Wittering beach. Of the responses, **5** parish councils agreed with the proposal and **3** disagreed, while **4** community groups agreed and **3** disagreed.
- The majority of respondents (**59.4%** or 192) agreed with the proposal to remove the exclusion zone at Bracklesham beach. Of the responses, **5** parish councils agreed with the proposal and **3** disagreed, while **4** community groups agreed and **3** disagreed.
- The majority (**73.8%** or 236) agreed that the exclusion zone on Selsey beach during part of the year should be continued. Of the responses, **7** parish councils agreed with the proposal and **1** disagreed, while **8** community groups agreed and none disagreed.
- When asked for any comments people may have, the top three comments were categorised as: Proposing an area for inclusion in, or an amendment to, the PSPO (**35** mentions); highlighting dog fouling as an issue or identifying a dog fouling hotspot (**34** mentions), and; highlighting the need for enforcement of the PSPO (**33**).

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.

407 responses were received for this survey, which was available from 17 July to 14 August 2020.

16 respondents said their response represented more than one person, so if we take these numbers into account, the views of **842 individuals** were recorded in this consultation.

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 (a full social media reach breakdown is included in Appendix A).
- On the website, a campaign banner was developed for the homepage and an advertising banner was displayed at the top of each web page.
- 486 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.

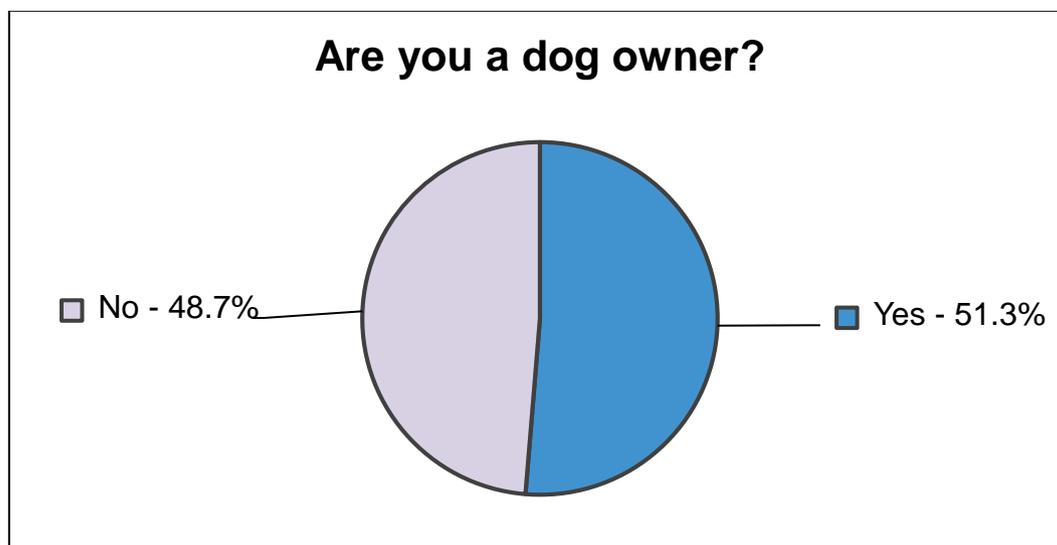
A full list of promotions is available in Appendix B.

133 respondents joined the Let's Talk Panel at the end of the survey.

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 C.

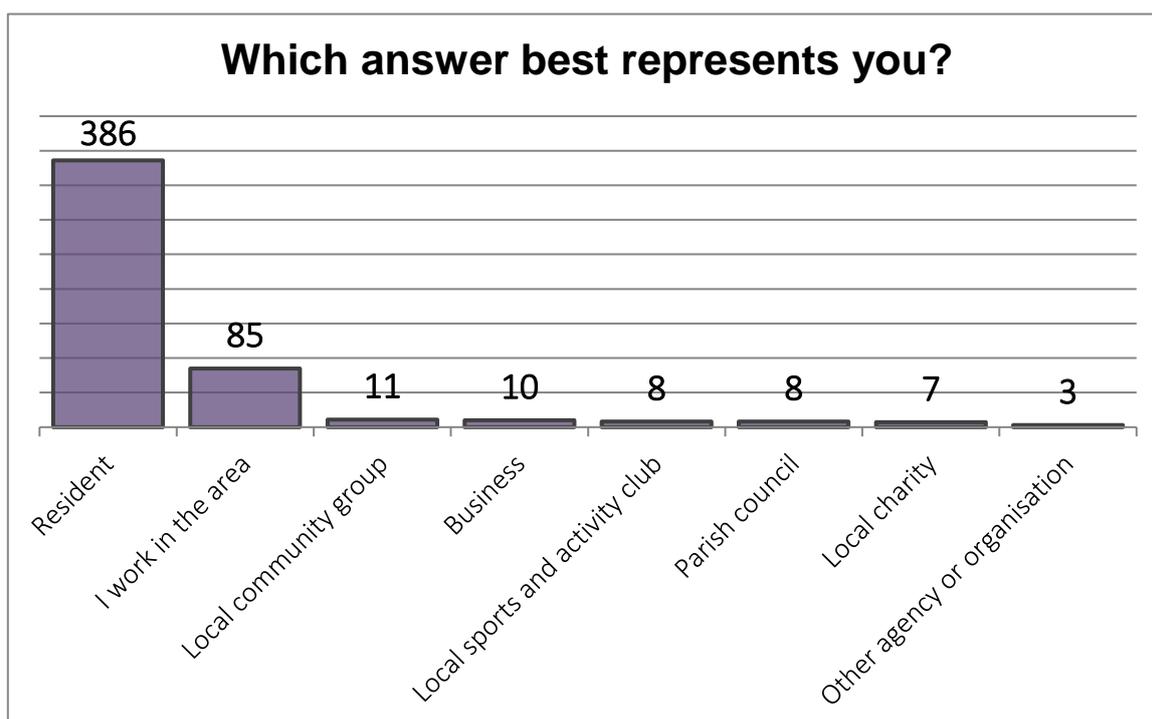
Section One: Respondent Profile

398 respondents answered the question 'Are you a dog owner?' 204 respondents (51.3%) answered 'yes', while 194 (48.7%) answered 'no'.



Respondents were asked to select which answer best represents them from a list of options. The majority of respondents (386) told us they are district residents.

The graph below breaks down the full results. As respondents could select more than one choice, percentages have not been included.



3 respondents selected 'Other' and specified: Chair of School Governing Body (1); work for Chichester District Council (1), and; Chichester Harbour Conservancy (1)

Of those who live in the district, **28.3%** (95 individuals) said they live in Chichester City. The table below shows the number and percentage of respondents from different areas across the district, from the most responses to the least.

Which area of Chichester District do you live in?		
Area	Percent	Count
Chichester City	28.3%	95
The Witterings	18.5%	62
Selsey	7.4%	25
Southbourne	5.1%	17
Fishbourne	4.2%	14
Lavant	3.3%	11
Midhurst	3%	10
Donnington	3%	10
Tangmere	2.7%	9
Birdham	2.4%	8
Petworth	2.1%	7
Westhampnett	2.1%	7
Chidham and Hambrook	2.1%	7
Bosham	1.8%	6
Sidlesham	1.5%	5
Nutbourne	1.2%	4
North Mundham	0.9%	3
Harting	0.9%	3
Funtington	0.9%	3
Boxgrove	0.9%	3
Easebourne	0.6%	2
Oving	0.6%	2
Westbourne	0.6%	2
Bury	0.3%	1
Plaistow	0.3%	1
Rogate	0.3%	1
Stedham	0.3%	1

10 respondents ticked 'Other' and specified an area in the district, as below:

Bracklesham Bay	3
West Dean	1
Camelsdale	1
Fittleworth	1

Hunston	1
Westergate	1
Shopwhyke	1
Lynchmere	1

There were no responses from Fernhurst, Wisborough Green, or Ifold. However, the results are fairly representative in terms of the distribution of respondents across the district and the proportion of responses from each area.

Of the **79** respondents who don't live in the Chichester District, most said they regularly visit (**39.2%** or 31) the district, **36.7%** (29) said they regularly walk their dogs in the district, and **24.1%** (19) work in the district.

If you don't live in the Chichester District, please select an answer that best represents you		
	Percent	Count
I regularly visit the Chichester District	39.2%	31
I regularly walk my dog in the Chichester District	36.7%	29
I work in the Chichester District	24.1%	19

There were far more female respondents (**66.4%** or 269) than male (**31.9%** or 129) in this consultation. **1.7%** (7) did not wish to disclose their gender.

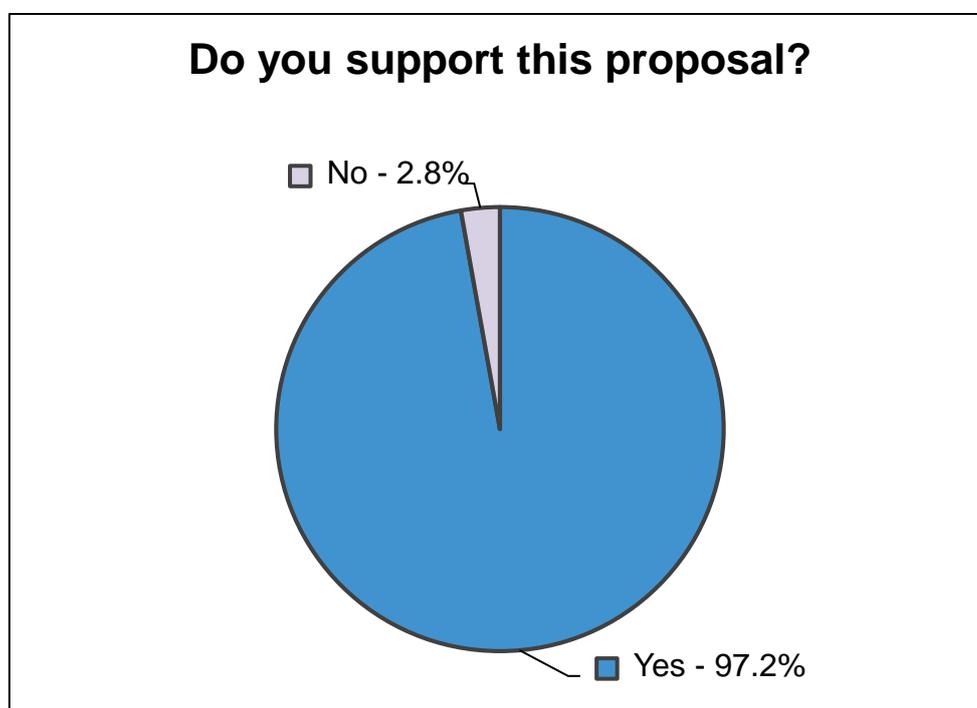
Section Two: Dog fouling

325 respondents (80.4%) chose to give their views on proposals for dog fouling rules.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the following proposal:

The proposal: Currently, the rules exclude areas beside roads with a speed limit of more than 40mph. There are some footpaths and cycleways in these areas that people have told us they use, so it is proposed that the dog fouling offence would apply to these areas as well.

The majority of respondents (97.2% or 313) said they supported the proposal, while 2.8% (9) did not.



Similarly, 97.2% of respondents (313) said they supported the following proposal, while 2.8% (9) did not:

The proposal: To specifically include 'cycleways' in the order to make it clear that the dog fouling offence would apply to these areas as well.

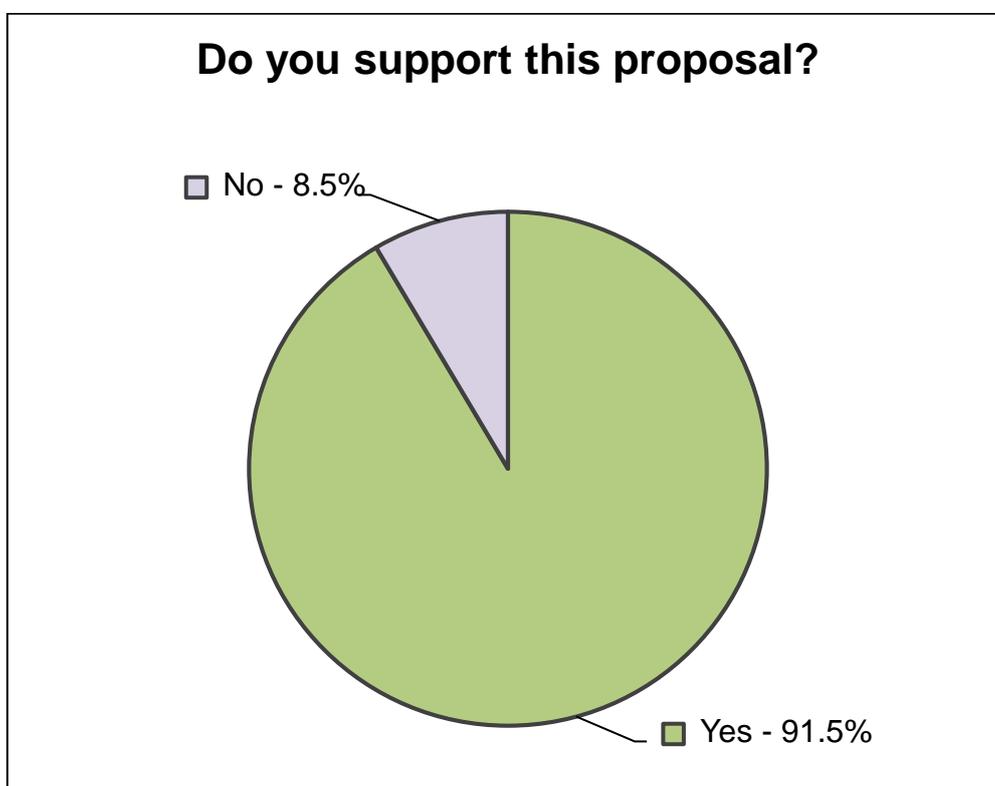
Section Three: Dogs on leads

319 respondents (79%) chose to give their views on proposals in this section.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the following proposal:

The proposal: That the Public Space Protection Order for dogs to be put and kept on a lead when directed continues to apply to the whole of the district except for Forestry Commission land, which is exempt from this order.

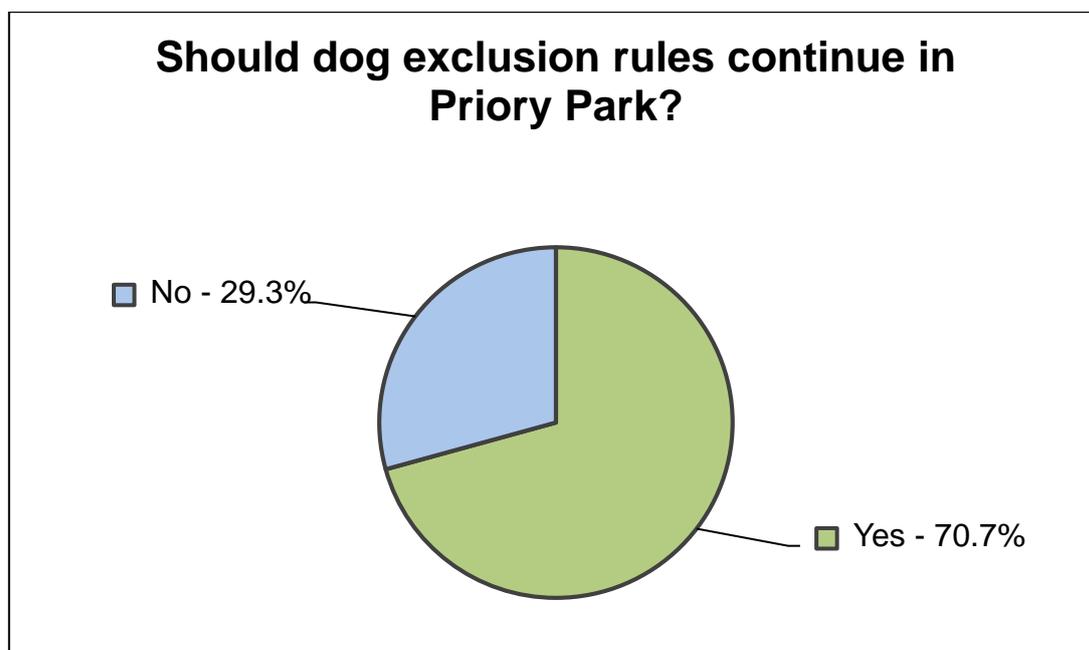
The majority of respondents (91.5% or 292) said they supported the proposal, while 8.5% (27) did not.



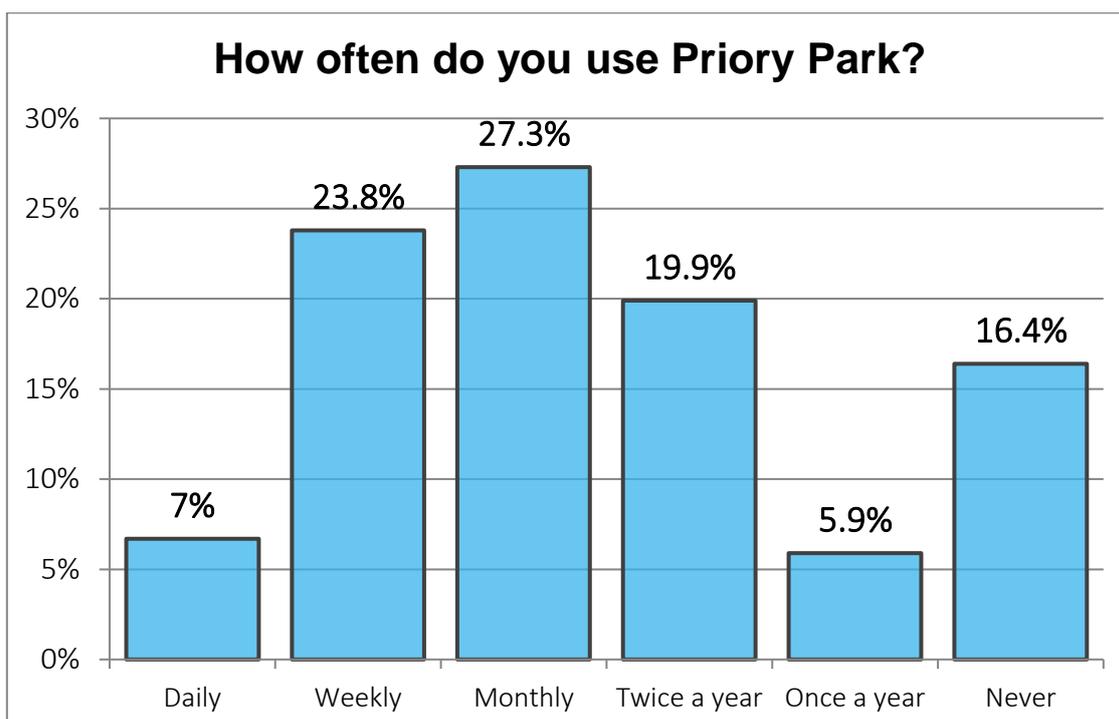
Section Four: Exclusion of dogs — all year round

347 respondents (86.1%) chose to give their views on dog exclusion areas **all year round**.

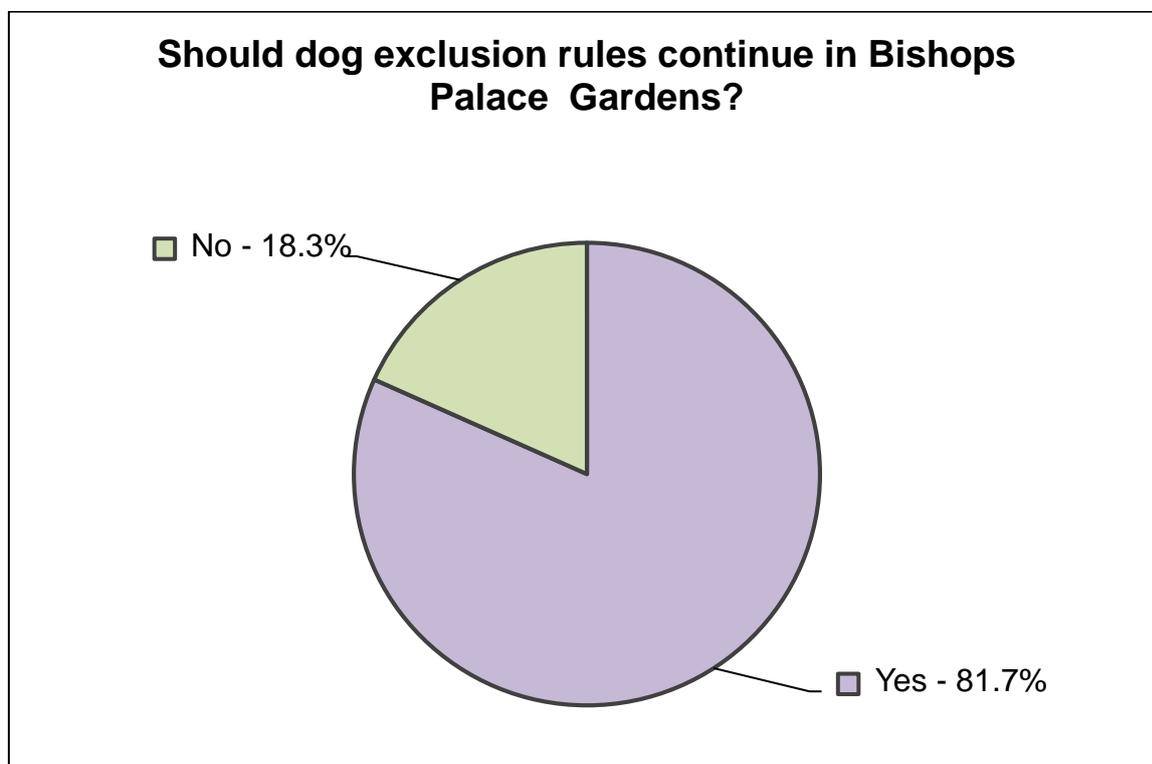
When asked whether the dog exclusion rules should continue in **Priory Park**, **70.7%** (239) respondents agreed, and **29.3%** (99) disagreed.



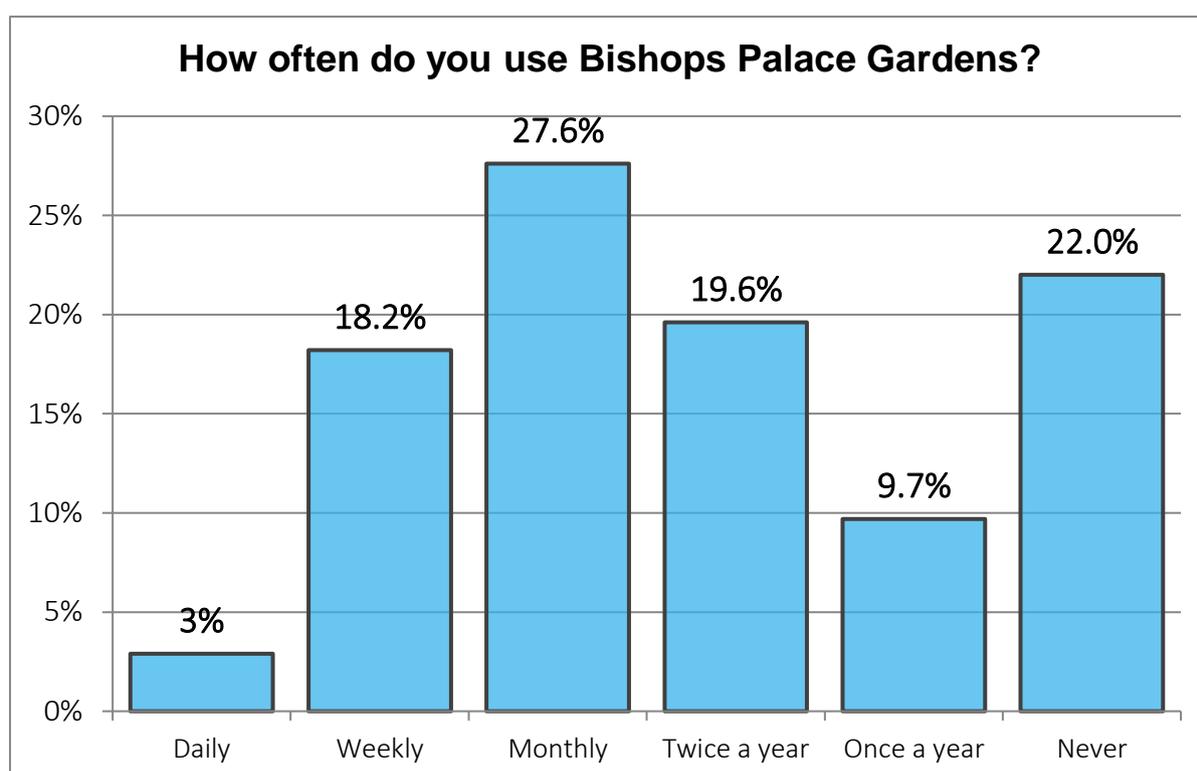
Of those that responded, most said they use the park monthly (27.3% or 93). The following graph shows the full results.



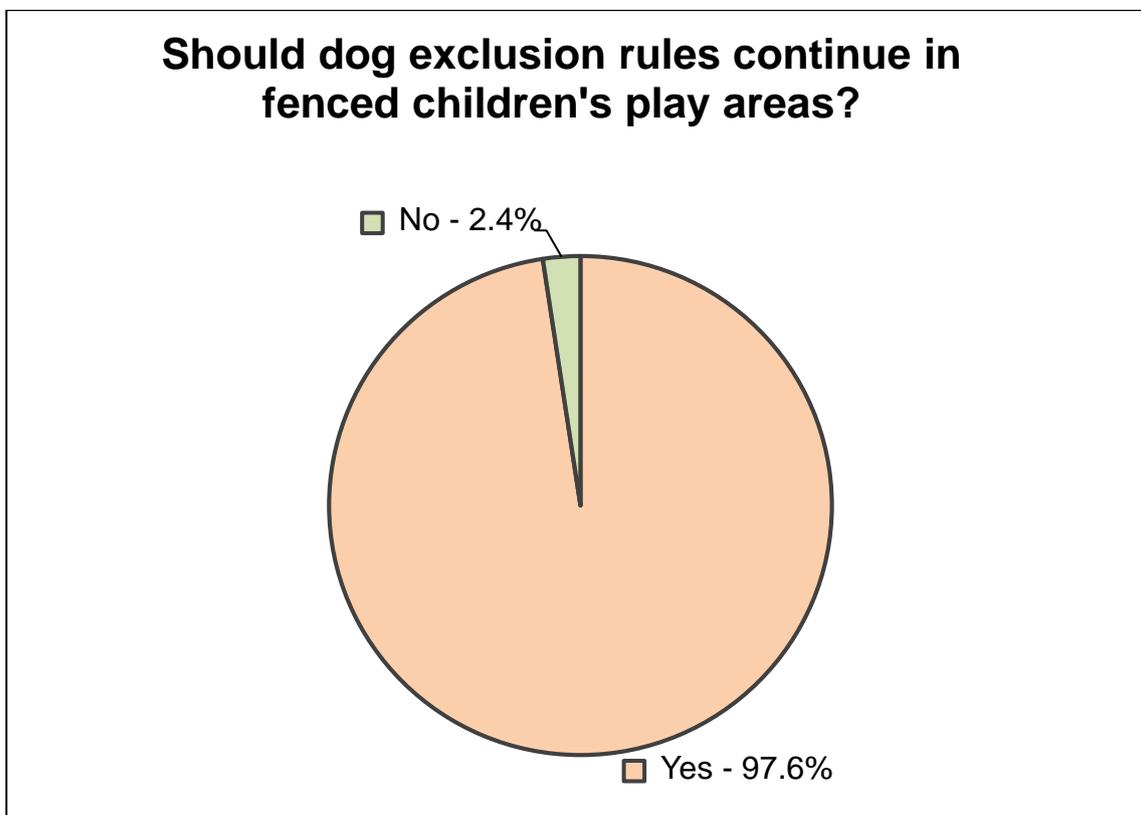
Asked whether the dog exclusion rules should continue in **Bishops Palace Gardens**, **81.7%** (276) respondents agreed and **18.3%** (62) disagreed.



Of those that responded, the majority (**27.6%** or 94) said they use the park monthly. The following graph shows the full results.



Respondents were also asked if they agreed to an extension of the dog exclusion rules in **fenced children's play areas**. The vast majority (**97.6%** or 331) said they agreed and **2.4%** (8) disagreed.



Section Five: Exclusion of dogs — parts of the year

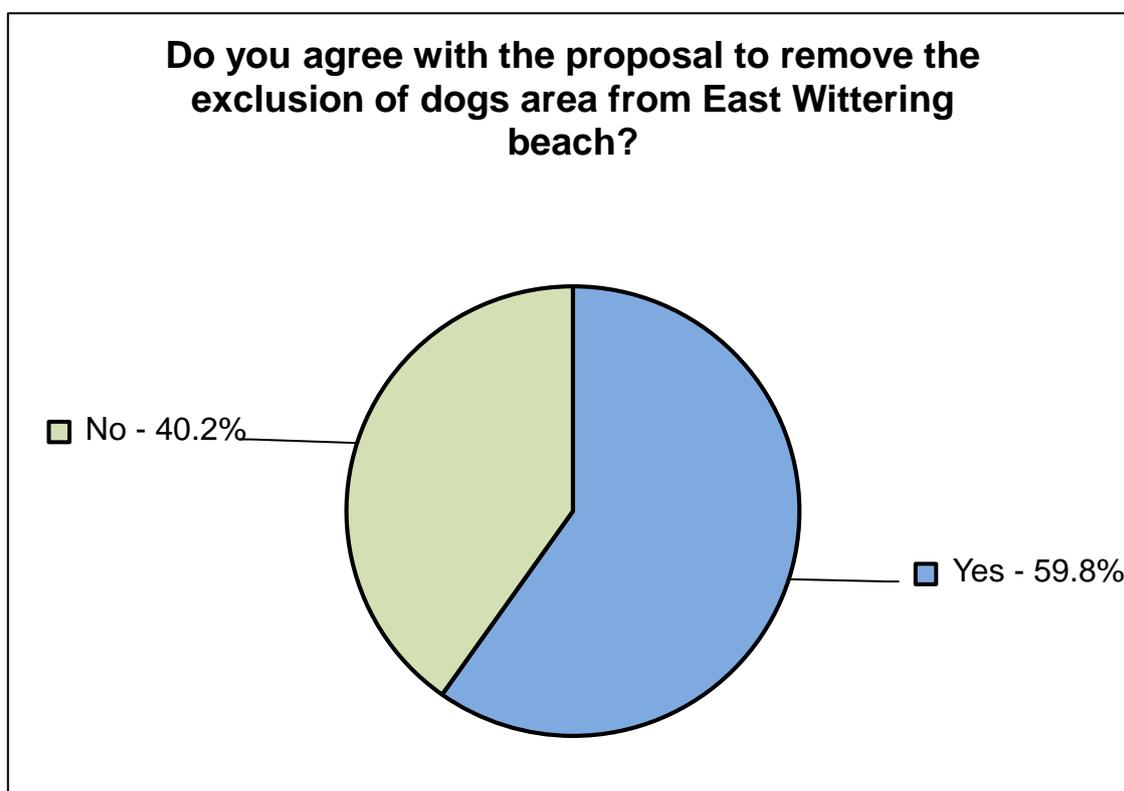
328 respondents (**81.2%**) chose to give their views on exclusions areas for **parts of the year**.

Respondents were asked whether they supported the following proposal:

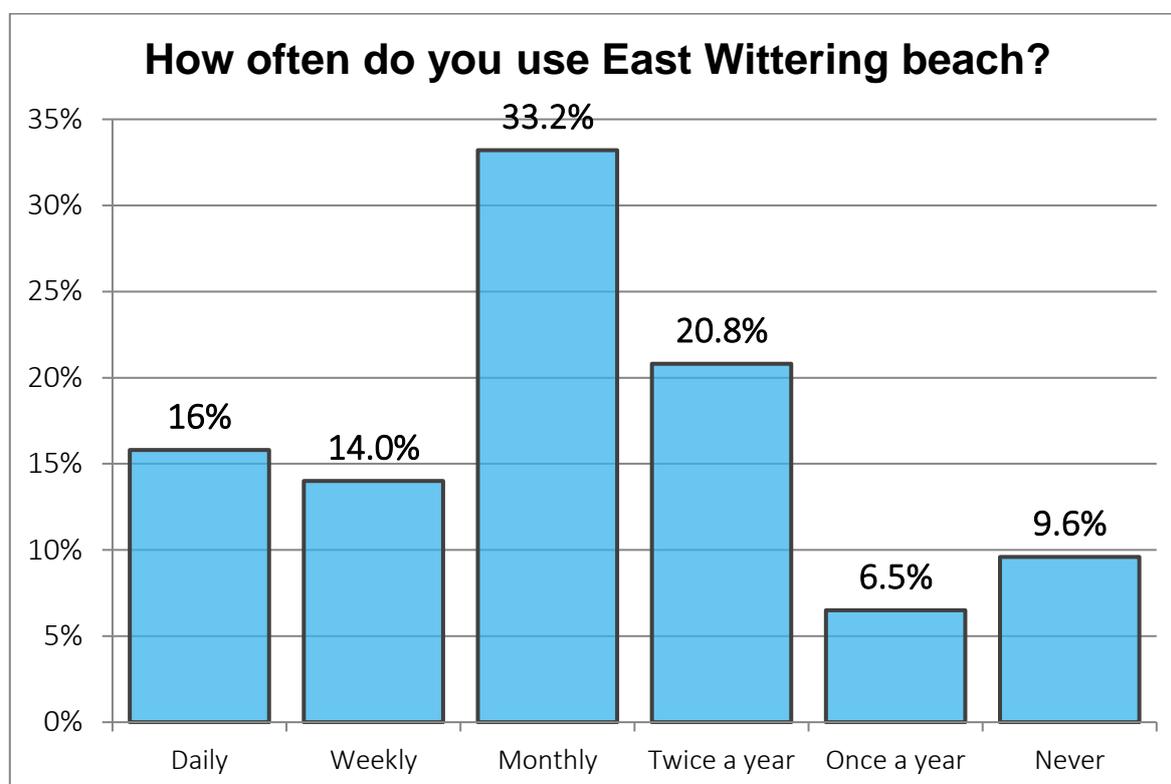
East Wittering Beach proposal: To remove the exclusion of dogs area from the beach between Groyne A49 and A51 from May to September. We have included a map of this area on our consultation webpage at www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces

Respondents were reminded that the dog fouling offence and requirement to put a dog on a lead when directed would still apply, and that it is proposed that dogs will continue to be excluded from an area of Selsey beach from May to September.

Most respondents (**59.8%** or 192) said they supported the removal of the exclusion zone at East Wittering beach, while **40.2%** (129) did not.



The following graph shows how often respondents use East Wittering beach.



Of the respondents who said they visit East Wittering beach **monthly or more often** (200), the majority (**57.5%** or 115) agreed with the proposal, while **42.5%** (85) disagreed.

Of the respondents who said they were representing parish councils, **5** agreed with the proposal for East Wittering beach, while **3** disagreed.

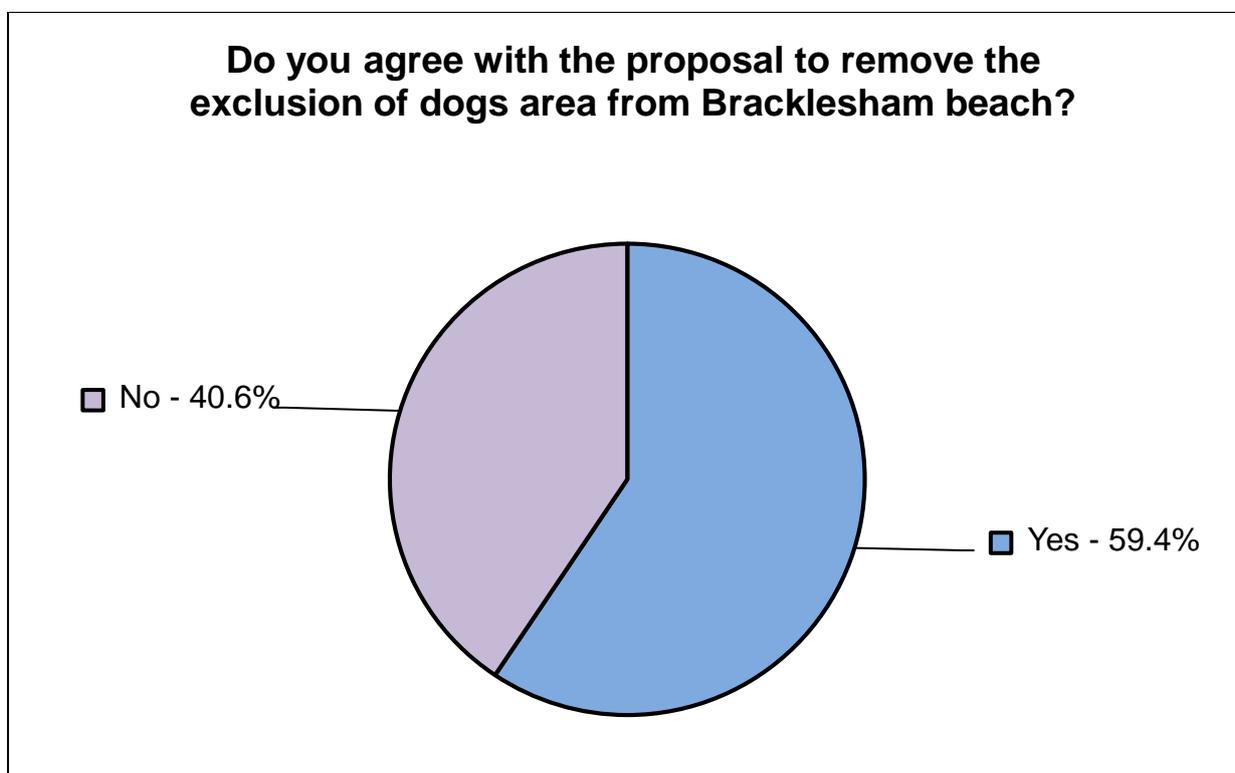
Of the respondents who said they were representing community groups, **4** agreed with the proposal for East Wittering beach, while **3** disagreed.

Respondents were then asked whether they supported the following proposal:

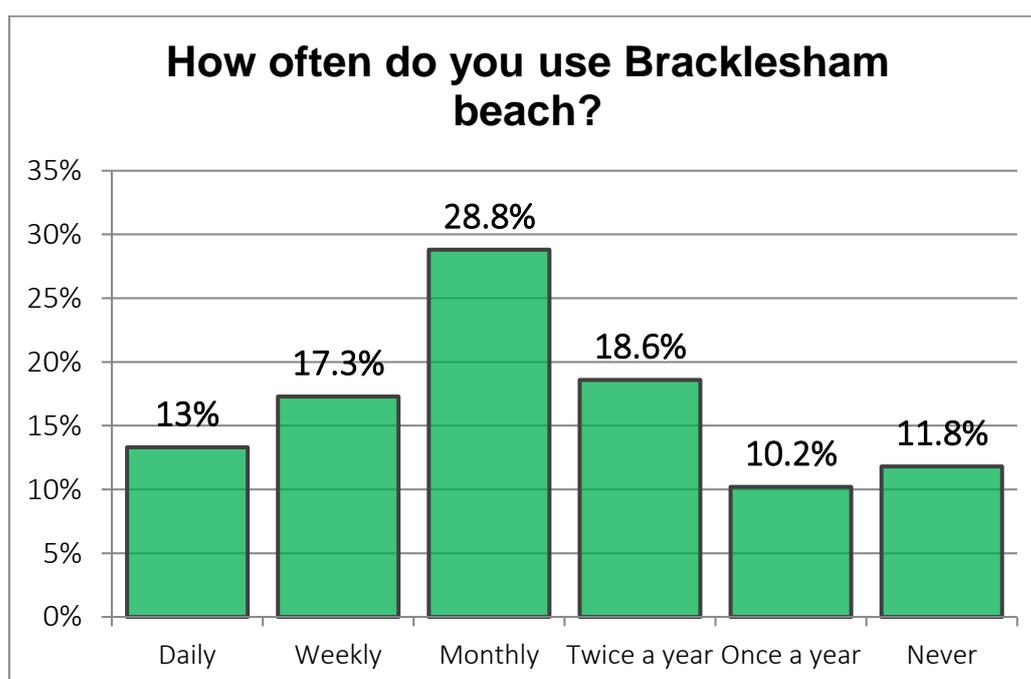
Bracklesham Beach proposal: To remove the exclusion of dogs area from the beach between Groynes A21 and A25 from May to September. We have included a map of this area on our consultation webpage at www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces

Respondents were reminded that the dog fouling offence and requirement to put a dog on a lead when directed would still apply, and that it is proposed that dogs will continue to be excluded from an area of Selsey Beach from May to September.

The majority of respondents (**59.4%** or 192) said they supported the removal of the exclusion zone at Bracklesham beach, while **40.6%** (131) did not.



The following graph shows how often respondents use Bracklesham beach.



Of the respondents who said they visit Bracklesham beach **monthly or more often** (192), the majority (**56.7%**) agreed with the proposal for Bracklesham beach, while (**43.2%** or 83) disagreed.

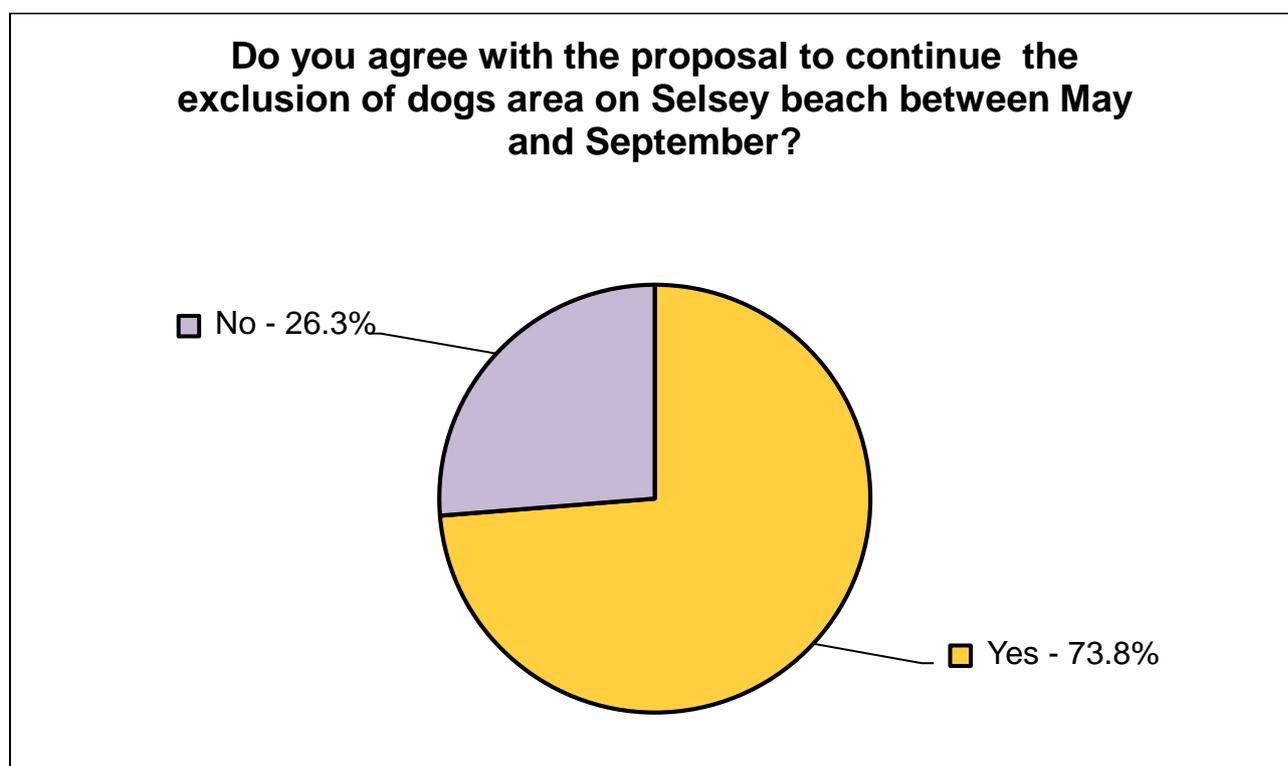
Of the respondents who said they were representing parish councils, **5** agreed with the proposal for Bracklesham beach, while **3** disagreed.

Of the respondents who said they were representing community groups, **4** agreed with the proposal for Bracklesham beach, while **3** disagreed.

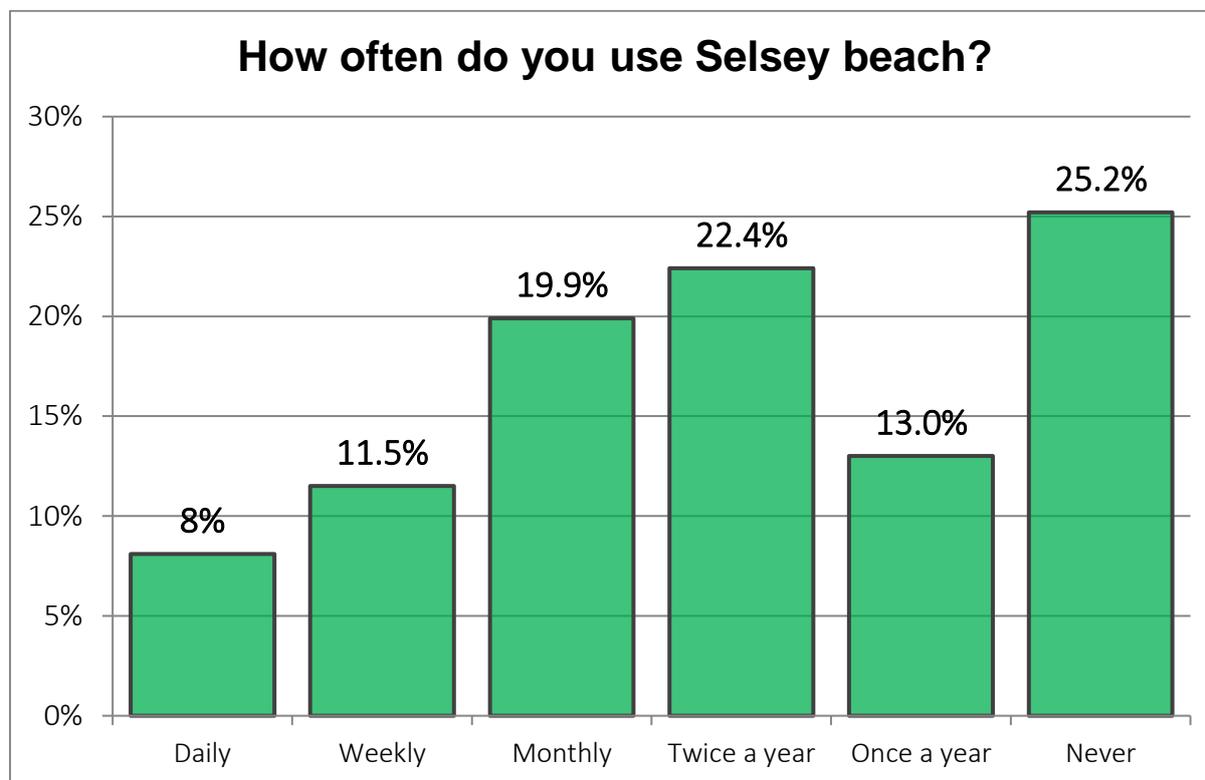
Respondents were then asked if they agreed with the following proposal:

Selsey Beach proposal: To continue with the exclusion of dogs from an area of the beach between Groynes E26 and E33 from May to September. We have included a map of this area on our consultation webpage at www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces

Most respondents (**73.8%** or 236) agreed that the exclusion of dogs area on Selsey Beach during part of the year should be continued, while **26.3%** (84) did not.



The following graph shows how often respondents use Selsey Beach.



Of the respondents who said they visit Selsey beach **monthly or more often** (127), the majority (**69.2%** or 88) agreed with the proposal, while **30.7%** (39) disagreed.

Of the respondents who said they were representing parish councils, **7** agreed with the proposal for Selsey beach, while **1** disagreed.

Of the respondents who said they were representing community groups, **8** agreed with the proposal for Selsey beach, while none disagreed.

Section Six: Comments

When asked if people would like to comment on the proposals, **221** provided comment.

A full list of comments can be seen in Appendix C, and because of the broad nature of the comments, we would recommend reviewing these. However, the main comments have been categorised in the table below. Some comments have been included in more than one category because they raise a number of points.

The top three types of comments were: proposing an area for inclusion in, or an amendment to, the PSPO (**35**); highlighting dog fouling as an issue or identifying a dog fouling hotspot (**34**), and; highlighting the need for enforcement of the PSPO (**33**).

Type of comment	Count	Type of comment	Count
Suggested area for inclusion in, or amendment to, the PSPO	35	Support for proposals	13
Dog fouling hotspot or issue	34	More bins or more frequently emptied	12
Need for enforcement	33	More of a deterrent e.g. higher fine	9
Keep dog-free areas	32	There is a lack of space to walk dogs	4
Dog access should not be limited for responsible owners	26	Clarity needed around dog exclusion areas	4
All dogs should be on leads in public spaces	21	Dog poo bag dispensers should be provided	3
More signage needed	18		
Dogs should be allowed in Priory Park	15		

Mentions of **proposed areas for inclusion in, or amendments to, the PSPO** are included below:

“It is apparent that defined areas are all if not on beaches or parks in The City. What about areas apart from these mentioned ie All towns North, East and West?”

“Future consideration to dogs on lead during certain periods at Oaklands Park. To allow sports groups to operate safely and without dogs straying through sports group.”

“Parts of Bosham suffer hugely from dog mess, particularly when the nights are longer so residents cannot see what their dog is doing. Bosham has more visitors than any other village. PLEASE can you make it mandatory that a dog MUST be kept on a lead when walking on pavements, foot or cycle paths, or on Quay Meadow. The Trippet around Shore Road is nothing more than a 'dog mess alley' over the winter and the Council should take steps to stop it.”

"I wish you'd extend the order to ensure that people control their dogs and fouling when passing properties that are on footpaths and bridleways. Only a small handful of dog owners seem to respect this, many allow their dogs to run wild, or allow their dogs to walk well behind them, this is when a lot of dog fouling takes place. I would also like to see it be a legal requirement to have the means to clear up after your dog at all times."

"The area for Selsey is not extensive enough.- it should run from the Oval field east to the car park and West to the Lifeboat Station. Some Areas particularly from the Oval lane to White Way are not maintained and therefore encourage dog owners to let the dogs run free and assume they can foul the area with impunity. There are no signs and no dog warden. Most of this activity takes place early in the morning and late in the evening. Lack of maintenance gives owners the excuse they don't see the dog fouling. If dogs were kept on a lead there would be no excuse. Maintenance of the flood defence bund (which has now become an unofficial foot path also allows this area to be a dog fouling area)"

"The proposal for exclusion zone in Selsey does not go far enough. Ideally, there should also be an exclusion zone for the beach between Lifeboat Way going east to the actual Lifeboat Station. Only last week my wife and I were sitting on the beach opposite the bottom of Beacon Drive when we were seriously disturbed by 2 racing black dogs, giving such a fright that my wife was still shaking for over 10 minutes. When we called the owners to task they were quite dismissive and said others didn't have their dogs on leads. The same dogs sped off and attacked 2 small dogs on the green sward where the poor old lady with them was screaming. They were typical of about 50% of the dog owners here who do not control their dogs but allow them to harass people and other dogs. Even if there is not an exclusion zone as I suggest, there should be more signs which should not just say it is an offence not to clear up after one's dog, but should say "You must by law keep your dog under control at all times. If necessary, keep it on a lead. The Dangerous Dogs Act applies to all dogs" Also say "You must also not allow your dog to bark excessively and create a public nuisance." "Respect for other people and the environment is required by law.". I suggest also that these requirements are included in your FAQs on the website, which currently is almost apologetic to dog owners. There is only 1 sign relating to dogs at the bottom of Lifeboat Way and no more for a long way east. There should be more."

"Could you please look into reintroducing restrictions in Selsey on west beach."

"Dogs should be on a lead in pedestrian areas. Fouling on any footpath or walking route path should be penalty offence. Any fouling should be moved to an area at least 1 metre from a footpath. Dogs should not be allowed in shops unless they are assistance dogs."

"Brandy Hope Copse needs dogs to be kept on leads at all times."

" think dogs should be kept on a lead on narrow public paths on which cycling is also permitted: eg Centurion Way and canal towpaths. Even though dog off the lead maybe "under control", the close proximity puts both cyclist and animal at risk. This is a safety issue."

"... Also people should keep dogs on leads when walking near roads I have seen so many near misses where dogs are nearly caused an accident as owner not had under control."

"I think dogs should be kept on leads on the narrow footpaths surrounding Chichester Harbour and in Donnington."

"I do not feel that dogs should be allowed on beaches between May and September when the beaches are being used for families with young children. We are fed up with irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to exercise off lead. On two occasions this year our granddaughters have been terrorised by out of control dogs. It's also alarming the number of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the beaches without clearing up after them."

"Dog should be kept on a lead in all parks and open spaces within Selsey except for the designated dog run areas provided (Manor Green Park and Hillfield Road Park.)"

"...Dogs should restrained in certain areas only."

"Dogs should be allowed on beaches - out of season/out of hours"

"We particularly welcome the inclusion of Maybush Copse and Fishbourne meadows, sites held by the Chichester Harbour Trust, both subject to dog fouling. We welcome the dogs-on-leads by direction throughout Chichester Harbour which should be enforced at key times for feeding and roosting migratory birds. There may be an argument that due to the extensive disturbance caused by dogs to feeding birds in the SSSI/SPA that greater controls may be required at key sites and this option should be kept under review, especially with the increased housing numbers arising from the new Chichester Local Plan."

"Also can something be done to ensure people keep dogs on leads on bridleways and in far areas to protect riders and farm livestock."

"Dogs should be on a lead on Southbourne Recreation Ground... Since Lockdown the dog mess on the fields in Southbourne has got considerably worse. This is a popular area for both dog walkers and people taking their children for a walk as it is a safe space with no traffic. To have to be continually looking down for dog mess takes away some of the enjoyment of a walk in the countryside. I accept that it is not possible to enforce dogs being on a lead on the footpaths across the fields but I do feel that dog owners should be considerate of other users of the public footpaths."

"All sports fields and clubs should be free of dogs for health reasons. Prior to rugby and football matches, members have to remove fouling on the pitches. With children especially playing I find this unacceptable and a huge health risk."

"I am amongst other things a walker and a cyclist and I find that it is common for dogs to be out of owners control particularly on Centurion Way. I would like the Council to be more proactive in this area because dogs running loose can be hazardous."

"I regularly visit Church Norton beach and take my children as well as my nephews. There are increasing numbers of dogs off lead and fouling this beautiful area. Is it possible please to put up a sign to advise dog owners of their responsibilities and the rules regarding this stretch of beach? Given that it is so close to, and part of Pagham bird sanctuary surely dogs should be kept on leads at all times? It would be extremely helpful to have some clarification."

"Dogs are animals that need to run around, not be confined to a lead. Perhaps have a compulsory lead area (where picnics etc can be enjoyed) and an area where it's not compulsory?"

"I am concerned about the increasing number of dogs around Chichester Harbour and beaches in the West Wittering area. The peace and tranquility of many areas is now disturbed by dogs which are often not well controlled by their owners. This must have an adverse affect on the wildlife. I welcome the banning of dogs on many beaches in the summer. However, it does mean those areas not covered by the ban are even more popular with dog owners eg East Head and the beach between East and West Wittering. Unfortunately it is those like me, who use public transport or bicycles to access these areas who are adversely affected by the constant barking of dogs and the health hazards they create for swimmers and surfers. I would like the ban to be extended to all beaches in the summer."

"As landowner of East Head, National Trust, we have an interest in the Dog's in Public spaces Protection Order that covers East Head. Our experience of the current order is that a few persistent dog walkers treat it as non-existent with dog fouling continuing. This is partly due to the lack of enforcement and people thinking they can get away with it. As a Charity we have a very limited budget for managing East Head and, especially now, can not afford the cost of bringing in an Enforcement Officer as we are considered a 'Private' landowner.

We have much correspondence with visitors and local people regarding the increasing numbers of dogs being exercised at East Head and the negative impacts they have on the wildlife and other visitors. The Ranger team also witness this behavior and attempt to communicate with the owner(s). These conversations highlight the impacts of dog fouling and dogs running off the lead have. Especially during the ground nesting bird season and in the winter when the Harbor plays host to 1000's of wintering birds. We would like the council to include a Dog's on lead by direction Order at East Head to help us manage this very sensitive wildlife site (SSSI) and popular visitor destination. This summer we trialed a Dog's on Leads policy within the dunes and most people abided by it apart from a few persistent visitors and I feel having the new order would help us very much.

Dogs should be kept on a lead in the Fishbourne Meadows at all times as we have witnessed them attacking ducks, moorhens here and harassing the cattle when they are there."

"Please can we have a "dogs on a lead" order / exclusion zone on the shingle beach, on the WEST side of The Selsey Bill, where FP 125 crosses private land, between WSCC's public footpath marker posts on BOTH North and South sides of the footpath. This can be signposted on the railings at the Eastern end of the Marine gardens sea wall and the footpath's sign posts. The impact on foreign travel of CV-19 has meant a significant increase in the number and character of visitors to our beaches. Many new visitors are with small children and others with dogs. As usual, it is a minority of the dog owners do not "pick up" after their animals, but they create ALL the dangers of faeces infection to the children who play on the shingle. I have observed a number of parents dealing with their children having trodden on, or fallen on / sat upon dog Poo."

"I think you should consider making it a requirement to have dogs on leads in certain areas, possibly some beaches etc"

"Dogs should be on leads at all times during the year around City centres, beaches ,public Parks ,open spaces and narrow lanes,these are also used by pedestrians. Dogs and cyclists should be omitted from the city centre. Dog fouling around this area has increased over the past year. Dog permits should be issued for guide dogs. Homeless who own dogs should not be allowed in city centre."

"My biggest problem with dogs, is at East Lavant and West Dean, on the bridle way from East Lavant to West Dean along the river, and then on the same bridleway from Binderton

Up to the Trundel, where some dog owners refuse To keep their dogs under control, and the dogs attack our horses and sometimes the sheep! Owners and professional dog walkers, have flooded to the area due to Covid, and cannot recall their dogs and think it is ok to verbally abuse us horse riders as we wait for the owner to grab their dog. Some dogs chase, attack and bite our horses. So, many rider accidents and near misses occur, because of uncontrollable dogs. Please can all dogs be kept on leads when on a public bridleway?"

"...dogs on leads within these zones [exclusion zones along the beach]"

"1. There is next to no enforcement of the rules on East Wittering beach where I live. 2. It would be better to have the exclusion zone between the two beacons at the end of Shore Road and the end of Barn Walk. This would make the zone more obvious for dog owners. 3. I would prefer the exclusion zone operate all year round. East Wittering beach is well used throughout the year and dog fouling on the stones occurs year round!"

"The area around Whitehouse Farm is well used by dogwalkers and fouling has significantly increased. Have the council considered plans for restriction in the new SANG that is being created? This is likely to be commissioned during the period covered by this protection order. It would be a shame if such a community asset was not included from the outset and the area kept clean and safe for all users."

"Footpath 215 at the end of Farm Lane, Southbourne, has a real issue with dog faeces. Tighter regulations along this path would be welcome. More could be done to keep dogs off the inter-tidal zone all around the Harbour, particularly from September to March. A blanket ban over the winter months would be welcomed and consistent with the work of Bird Aware Solent. Richard Austin, AONB Manager"

"Shore Road in Bosham, The Trippett between Shore Road and The Drive together with foot paths approaching these areas should be considered for specific dog controls since dog fouling is a particular nuisance in these areas."

"What about Westhampnett -- it's becoming impossible to use the path between Stane st and Westerton avoiding the dog [mess]. There's been a big increase in dog ownership with the influx of brought about by the new builds. Nearly all owners walk their dogs off the lead once they are away from traffic, presumably so they can trip up other pedestrians, which is a serious menace to children. How will the enforcement of these PSPO be carried out? Who is going clear up all the mess? How about an appropriate dog tax (not just a boon for vets and dog food)? Should we be encouraging dog ownership to boost GDP (I'll get a dog too)? Most of these dogs are kept in houses not fit for dogs, let alone humans -- and it'd be nice to see the council give priority to pedestrians (and children) and cyclists."

Amongst those that have highlighted dog fouling as an issue, some **specific hotspots** were identified, as follows:

Dog fouling hotspot	Count
Selsey	4
Bracklesham and East Wittering beaches	3

Dog fouling hotspot	Count
Whitehouse Farm and nearby area	1
Southbourne (incl. footpath 215 at the end of Farm Lane)	1

Bosham (incl. Shore rd, The Trippett)	2
Norton Crescent	1
West Wittering Sea Estate	1
Camelsdale	1
Chichester footpaths and recreation fields	1
Florence Park	1

Petworth	1
Tangmere playing field	1
Church Norton	1
Southbourne recreation ground	1
Westhampnett (incl. path between Stane St and Westerton)	1

Of the remaining comments, **4** comments suggested enclosed areas for dogs to be exercised; **4** comments suggested that more harm is caused by humans than dogs, citing littering and vandalism; **3** suggested sharing information about how the PSPO has been, and will be, enforced.

Single mentions were received as follows: dogs should be muzzled near children’s play areas; dog licences should be reintroduced, and; responsible dog ownership information should be promoted.

6 comments that have also been included in other categories referenced family members who have been frightened by dogs.

There were a number of comments that did not fit into the categories above or contained detail that would have been lost if not quoted in full — these comments are shown below:

“It's not the dog's fault - it's the irresponsible owners that let the side down.”

“Requiring a dog to be put on a lead when asked is only the tip of the iceberg, it must be made EXPLICITLY clear, by PUBLIC NOTICES to all dog owners that they are responsible for the harm, damage and distress caused to others, people and pets, and that they are LEGALLY liable for causing harm or threat or distress, to third parties. Children and older adults are very sensitive to being approached or jumped up by dogs, and when this happens the inevitable response from the owner is “their dog is harmless”, this IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. People, especially those of a nervous disposition, or have been mauled/intimidated by dogs in their past can have panic attacks, palpitations and there is a risk of heart attack caused by stress when a dog bounds up and jumps up at one of these sensitive people. There is a legal liability here, just as much as punching someone person to person, in the street. Owners are completely unaware of their responsibility and should be told of the situation. Some people are frightened to go to places where there are aggressive dogs, and aggressive owners (they often seem to go together). Also dogs attacking other dogs in unprovoked events, dogs are valuable and vets bills to repair bitten limbs and bodies fall to the owner of the hurt dog. This is WRONG. It is assault, on property, if you will. I call it cruelty. Something MUST be done.to stop this iniquitous tide. Some owners have no control over their dogs.”

“I would like to know the results of enforcement. How many fines in Tangmere which is persistently fouled.”

“Being over 70 years old easy access to the beach to walk our dog is important. At some places the shingle banks are very steep and difficult to negotiate.”

“Fully agree dogs should be kept on leads other wise they are not covered by insurance and any claim involving dogs would have to go through home insurance do not know if everyone realises this or worse Court Action. Saying that before lockdown depending on season if beach is deserted I see no reason why they cannot run free as I have done at the Witterings it is all down to common sense. I have also been bitten by a retriever that ran at me not on lead mine were ended up in A & E this was a local dog who we have seen many times so you just never know.”

“Under the PSPO there should be a way that irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs off the lead and that subsequently frighten people (whether young or old or someone who is afraid of dogs) can be warned and fined if they continue to let their dogs run free and show no empathy for the grief their animal is causing to others. This is happens a lot on the Centurion Way.”

“Instead of excluding dogs perhaps you should think about excluding the actual dog owners. Because it is the dog owners that are at fault and it is the dogs that are taking the rap. In my opinion most people shouldn't even own a dog because they simply have no idea how to handle or train them. Most people will try to humanise their dogs and that is THE worst thing you can do to a dog. And too many people do not have a clue how to train or read a dog. For instance, when a child gets bitten. Dogs will NEVER bit for no reason. They will always give a warning but most people don't have a clue how to read those warnings. PEOPLE NEED TO BE EDUCATED IF THEY ARE TO BE DOG OWNERS. Anyone owning or intending to own a dog should, by law, be required to go to certificated training courses so that they are educated in how to bring up/manage a dog. Us responsible dog owners get penalised for those irresponsible dog owners and it is actually the dogs that suffer. Not us. I am also of the opinion that dog licences should be brought back.”

“I feel that people should pick up dog excrement on paths and from all verges on all roads regardless of a speed limit. I feel that there should be a requirement for all dogs to be kept on a lead if the owner does not have full recall of a dog/s. In c-19 times, I don't think it's in the interest of public safety for dogs to intrude on a 2m space around an owner holding their dog/s on a lead. If a dog runs towards other dogs but returns to their owner when called, that's fine. If a dog fails to return to the owner or the owner has to collect their dog by going near to the member of the public, it's wholly unacceptable. I feel it should come with a heavy fine eg: £500 which might encourage proactive and preventative dog management rather than a dismissive or irresponsible attitude (or worse) putting other dog walkers at risk. I have experienced this sort of poor conduct and an owner saying they 'don't care' about c-19 precautions or any risk to others that their behaviour might create.”

“Encourage sensible dog ownership. Encourage dog unfriendly people to be kinder to dogs off lead having fun & exercise.”

“If you make it that all dogs must be on lead in parks and beaches it will mean that dogs in flats that require physical and psychological exercise will be not able to. As dogs in flats do not have the option of use of a garden. Dogs require both physical and psychological exercise with the new proposals it is discrimination against those in flats. Every dog owner should be responsible when they take on a dog, but how is it fair for those who use the beach and parks responsible with control of their dogs to be punished by the few that dont. I often take my dog to the beach and park as it is both good physical and psychological exercise that means my dogs needs are met.”

“Your use of the term "cycle lanes" could be construed as ambiguous. Do you mean shared pavements - there are already no fouling rules associated with pavements and there is no indication here of that changing. If you mean cycle lanes on roads, fouling rules on a road would apply. You will need to distinguish the temporary "COVID" lanes in anything to do with cycle lanes. I am increasingly concerned that the pedestrian routes in this area are being rebranded as "shared" paths. More must be done about protecting pedestrians and dogs on "shared" paths. I have received abuse from cyclists telling me to get out of the way on what they think is a shared path and is not. My dog has nearly been run over. My husband is partially sighted uses a symbol stick and has also had abuse from cyclists. The protected area of Fishbourne meadow is being ruined by cyclists who ignore the signs and damage the gates. Thanks to some obsessed district councillors, every cyclist in the area thinks they can ride on any pavement or path in the district. I look forward to winter when the COVID cyclists will get back into their cars.”

“The Order is all very well. But too many dogs owners just ignore it and it never seems to be policed. Frankly it is in my opinion just totally useless and also makes this survey a purely paper exercise. I am a dog owner myself (a responsible one) and I have given up taking other dog owners to task about not picking up their dog poo; not controlling their dog - letting it jump all over other dogs and people in many cases while they are on their phone ignoring it; not putting on lead when they can't control it; having multiple dogs off lead and letting them run all over the place. I have been in the park and bitten by a dog which came out of nowhere and had all the hassle of having to go to A&E, the owner not bothering to apologise - just saying 'she hasn't done that for ages'. When I politely bring these issues up, all I get is 'well what are you going to do about it?' or a whole load of expletives. There is a guy at Graylingwell with a dog that attacks others who visits every day. Everyone just scatters when he arrives. He either ignores anyone who speaks to him or squares up to them (he's a big guy). I appreciate that you can't have any resource out there monitoring dogs when you can't even stop the nightly boy racers, or the travellers who let their dogs run rampant and use the park as a toilet. However, what would be helpful is some advice on what the average person can do when they see people ignoring the Order. Without that, I rest my case that this is pretty useless!”

“The 'no cycling' rule is also being ignored in Priory Park. Perhaps larger signs are needed.”

“Areas identified for exclusion of dogs must be enforced more rigorously. There is a minority who conveniently "look the other way" or have insufficient control over the dogs. Why not post up statistics of how many owners have been warned and or fined for an offence showing where and when and contact details for members of the public to report offences.”

“Although i live in grayling estate we have a lot of green areas where dogs roam of the leads and foul the grass and parents let there children walk the dogs and dont clear up the mess,we are meant to have wardens here but i never see them,so i welcome any rules which are made also i think dog licences should still be law like northern ireland who still issue them.”

“There are already to many regulations. We need a bit of common sense and live and let live.”

Conclusions

- More than half of respondents (**51.3%** or 204) were dog owners. The majority of people are residents of the district (**386**), with **28.3%** living in Chichester City. Females were in the majority (**66.4%** or 269), with males making up **31.9%** (129) of respondents and a further **1.7%** (7) did not wish to disclose their gender.
- The majority of respondents (**97.2%** or 313) supported the proposal apply dog fouling rules to roads with a speed limit of over 40mph, and exactly **the same proportion** supported the inclusion of 'cycleways' in the order. One comment was received in relation to the 'cycleways' proposal and this is included in the uncategorised comments.
- Most respondents (**91.5%** or 292) supported the proposal that all dogs should be put and kept on a lead in public areas (except for Forestry Commission land) if directed to do so by an authorised officer.
- When asked whether the all year round dog exclusion rules should continue in:
 1. Priory Park — **70.7%** (239) respondents agreed
 2. Bishops Palace Gardens — **81.7%** (276) respondents agreed
 3. Fenced children's play areas — **97.6%** (331) respondents agreed
- Most respondents (**59.8%** or 192) said they supported the removal of the exclusion zone at East Wittering beach, and the majority of respondents (**59.4%** or 192) agreed with the proposal to remove the exclusion zone at Bracklesham Beach.
- The majority (**73.8%** or 236) 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:
 1. Proposing an area for inclusion in, or an amendment to, the PSPO: **35** mentions
 2. Highlighting dog fouling as an issue or identifying a dog fouling hotspot: **34** mentions
 3. Highlighting the need for enforcement of the PSPO (**33**)

Appendix A – Social Media Reach

Social media campaign results:

- 272 total clicks (246 on Facebook, 25 on Twitter and 1 on LinkedIn)
- 42,253 total reach (29,800 on Twitter and 12,500 on Facebook)
- 42 retweets / shares
- 46 total likes
- Positive engagement rate of 4.8%

One Facebook post was boosted over 3 days and accounted for 208 of the total clicks above.

Appendix B – Consultation promotion

- Contacting local organisations (Parish Councils, leisure centres, hospitals, WSCC etc.) to support promotion of the consultation
- Members provided with posters and link to the consultation page for promotion in their areas
- An email was sent to **486** Let's Talk Panel members
- Posters were displayed in key areas relating to the proposals (Selsey Beach etc.)
- The consultation was promoted on social media – see Appendix A for a full breakdown
- A press release was sent out promoting the consultation and another to remind people of the deadline
- Promotions were shown on the front page of the council website. An advertising banner was also displayed at the top of every page, reaching **89,639** people with **64** click throughs
- The survey was sent to all CDC staff and placed on the intranet and Workplace

Appendix C – Full comments

Are there any comments you wish to make on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order? Please comment below.

All dogs should be kept on leads, in Public Spaces, at all times. With the advent of Covid-19, this is even more important. The welfare of dogs should never be placed ahead of Public Health or the protection of other animals, e.g. the lambing season.

the fine for mnot clearing up after your dog should be £500, the current £100 is ignored. all dogs should be banned from the beach because , owners dont look after them and dont clear up after them , and i am a dog lover.

Would like to see some patrols/checks in Priory Park as people have been flouting the no dogs rule particularly during lockdown. While some have just missed the signs, others deliberately flout the rule and are quite rude when it is pointed out to them. The 'no cycling' rule is also being ignored in Priory Park. Perhaps larger signs are needed.

Please do more to monitor and charge those who break the law when it comes to clearing up after dogs and controlling them. I live in Petworth and you have to walk through the town and in the park and other spaces watching the ground because of the amount of dog mess there is. Owners also need to do more to control their dogs and this should also be enforced. My young daughter is scared of dogs and this is because they run up to her and scare her. The owners are nowhere to be seen. This is in the Petworth Park sports ground and wider park area where dogs should be on leads, but people just ignore the signs. The amount of dog mess left is appalling when there are so many young children who use the park as a play area, even more so during the coronavirus outbreak. People don't clean up after their dogs or control them and this is because there is no visible deterrent to stop them breaking the law. There need to be far more wardens on patrol across the district. This would make the district a much nicer and visually appealing place to visit as well as make it much safer for all children to play in without the fear of them stepping in dog mess or even worse catching a disease from it, or being bothered by dogs who aren't being controlled.

The amount of fouling seems to be increasing and any attempts to decrease it are important for public health.

It is apparent that defined areas are all if not on beaches or parks in The City.What about areas apart from these mentioned ie All towns North, Easr and West.

Some people's dogs can be very intimidating: they come up to you and will not leave you alone and the owner does not care to control them. Also, if you are running on the beach, dogs will chase you. This is really quite frightening at times.

Areas identified for exclusion of dogs must be enforced more rigorously. There is a minority who conveniently "look the other way" or have insufficient control over the dogs. Why not post up statistics of how many owners have been warned and or fined for an offence showing where and when and contact details for members of the public to report offences.

Free dog poo bags in allocated dog exercise areas would preclude the excuse of 'I forgot my bag, I used my last one' etc. It would also assist the good samaritans that clear up after others that don't care. More signage in these areas may help but more prosecutions would be better.

There are already too many regulations. We need a bit of common sense and live and let live.

I moved to this area 12 years ago I live on the beachfront and I have two dogs. You have allowed this area to get very built up, the beaches are now very crowded. There is no one looking after it, or enforcing anything. I always pick up my dog's poos and generally I have noticed most people do on Bracklesham beach. I think it would be rather unfair if you were to stop residents walking their dogs on the beach. Please be aware there are very few places one can walk dogs around here, without a car journey of around 45 minutes. However, it seems to be fine for people to defecate in our gardens. To have BBQs outside our houses, play loud music and leave their mess. It seems that Jet skis can zoom around all day too. Not to mention the drones people keep flying over our houses. So, how sad it is that we will no longer be able to enjoy walking with our dogs and watching them run free. Why can you not have some wardens on the beach to monitor things? The forsure office has no control or desire to do anything about anything it would seem.

Most dogs and dog owners are a joy to engage with. I would not want to restrict responsible dog owners who understand where their dogs can be taken without their presence becoming an issue. I realise rules are needed for the few dog less considerate dog owners.

As long as dog owners remain responsible for their animals and ensure that all fouling is picked up then I think that dogs should be allowed at the beach any time of year.

Dogs either off leads or on extended leads, often multiple dogs, on cycle and foot paths. We often use Centurion Way which has suitable off lead area towards Hunters Race. Dogs running free and fouling in public parks or playing fields where people both play sport and picnic. Suggest you should learn from our cousins in Australia....where we also walk play and bike....who have sensible rules which are generally observed.

Shore Road in Bosham, The Trippett between Shore Road and The Drive together with foot paths approaching these areas should be considered for specific dog controls since dog fouling is a particular nuisance in these areas.

Future consideration to dogs on lead during certain periods at Oaklands Park. To allow sports groups to operate safely and without dogs straying through sports group.

One of the annoyances we sometimes have is with dog owners that pick up their dog(s) mess and then decide to hang the poly bag in or on our hedge. Dog owners should be instructed to put these bags in bins where provided or to take them home for disposal.

As a responsible dog owner, I feel it is unfair to stop access to parts of the city, eg unable to walk round the entire city walls, enjoy Priory Park responsibly with our dog or to cut through Bishops Garden with dog on lead. It is not unreasonable that dogs are kept on leads at all times in these places. Dogs have no need to be near childrens play area. As we have seen in 2020, humans seem to leave more rubbish & worse behind them on beaches/in parks than animals. Dogs & cycles aren't permitted in Priory Pk, yet cycles are used fairly often & never seen them stopped. We always pick up after our dog.

As a dog owner I am horrified if other owners do not act responsibly- anything that ensure a more harmonious relationship between owners and not should be applauded

Some of us are not dog owners and object to those who are that allow their dogs to run free whilst either on the mobile or chatting to friends, having no knowledge of what their dog is doing. I have had many experiences when I have had to request a dog owner to control their dog and keep it away from my food and clothing on the beach. Twice I have had an abusive response in the dog free area telling me they have every right to be there. Surely we can be allowed just a small part of the beach to be dog free? As it is, we have to put up with dogs in just about every eating establishment in the area. Hopefully your survey will take into account the percentage of dogs owners and non dog owners and use that percentage in the results.

Parts of Bosham suffer hugely from dog mess, particularly when the nights are longer so residents cannot see what their dog is doing. Bosham has more visitors than any other village. PLEASE can you make it mandatory that a dog MUST be kept on a lead when walking on pavements, foot or cycle paths, or on Quay Meadow. The Trippet around Shore Road is nothing more than a 'dog mess alley' over the winter and the Council should take steps to stop it.

There are not enough enforcement officers

I wish you'd extend the order to ensure that people control their dogs and fouling when passing properties that are on footpaths and bridleways. Only a small handful of dog owners seem to respect this, many allow their dogs to run wild, or allow their dogs to walk well behind them, this is when a lot of dog fouling takes place. I would also like to see it be a legal requirement to have the means to clear up after your dog at all times.

Dogs should always be on a lead in public spaces and should not be allowed in certain areas where children play on equipment.

It's not the dog's fault - it's the irresponsible owners that let the side down.

The exclusion area on East Beach Selsey is very unclear as hardly anyone knows the groaners numbers. I have lived on Kingsway for 16 years and I can never work out which part of the beach the exclusion notice applies to

Yes whilst I am pleased to see the lifting of some of the exclusions I am more concerned about the human waste that is left on beaches in the district. BBQs, bottles, food wrapping etc etc. People are worse than dogs in the region and perhaps some restrictions on their behaviour should be considered in advance of dogs.

I think dog walkers should be allowed to walk around the walls in Priory Park so long as the dogs are on a lead. Dogs should remain banned from the grass.

Requiring a dog to be put on a lead when asked is only the tip of the iceberg, it must be made EXPLICITLY clear, by PUBLIC NOTICES to all dog owners that they are responsible for the harm, damage and distress caused to others, people and pets, and that they are LEGALLY liable for causing harm or threat or distress, to third parties. Children and older adults are very sensitive to being approached or jumped up by dogs, and when this happens the inevitable response from the owner is "their dog is harmless", this IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. People, especially those of a nervous disposition, or have been mauled/intimidated by dogs in their past can have panic attacks, palpitations and there is a risk of heart attack caused by stress when a dog bounds up and jumps up at one of these sensitive people. There is a legal liability here, just as much as punching someone person to person, in the street. Owners are completely unaware of their responsibility and should be told of the situation. Some people are frightened to go to places where there are aggressive dogs, and aggressive owners (they often seem to go together). Also dogs attacking other dogs in unprovoked events, dogs are valuable and vets bills to repair bitten limbs and bodies fall to the owner of the hurt dog. This is WRONG. It is assault, on property, if you will. I call it cruelty. Something MUST be done to stop this iniquitous tide. Some owners have no control over their dogs.

This order is currently not being adhered to and there are numerous dogs being allowed onto the exclusion zone at Bracklesham. Dogs that are allowed to run free in this area are able to poo wherever they wish. I have on occasion been sitting on the pebbles and a loose dog has pooped close to me. The beach is large and able to sustain an area for people that do not wish to share it with dogs.

Although I have answered that I do not use the areas mentioned very often I do feel that for regular users to find dogs fouling beaches and play areas anti-social.

In general I find there are far too many dogs being walked in the area of East Wittering Beach. I do not support the relaxation of dog walking restrictions on East Wittering beach. This will just increase the number of dogs on a beach which should be focussed towards use by people and children in particular.

Dog owners should be made aware that it is polite to put a lead on a dog if the other owners dog is on a lead.

I have opposed removal of the exclusion zones because it is only fair to have some space for people who do not want to interact with dogs. There are a great many dog owners who use the beach, many with more than one dog. I'm sure they would respect the small exclusion area when there is so much space for them. I have supported the dog fouling proposals as I believe owners should clear up dog waste

regardless of where they are, including the exempted areas such as woodland. Habitual clearing up would lead to a more pleasant environment for everyone.

I would like to see more enforcement as most days dogs are racing around with little control how about the rule with regard to horses on the beach which happened today about 3.30 some horses get skittish which was about a month ago when I had the grandchildren with me with the rider shouting move away move away if they little control they should not be on a busy beach at peak times.

I feel that dogs on leads should be allowed in Priory Park. Also we pick up our dogs mess, but there is a problem if for some reason the dog does a very runny toilet, there is now way you can pick it up

We like to walk to Bracklesham beach and sit for a while .we tried to sit for a while a few days ago but there were More dogs than people . They were uncontrolled and fouling the beach and a couple of them were fighting . The beach wardens we're taking no interest when I asked them quite politely if this was ok .i got no response . Surely it Is Not a lot to ask to have a small area dog free . I am not a dog hater. But I do think that they have plenty of space on the rest of the beach . Some people have several dogs which are not kept in control .We have nowhere left to go to sit and relax without dogs running amok around us

Most owners are considerate. Maybe the council could consider cracking down on the antisocial few. Where there are bins for dog waste, they sometimes need emptying more frequently, or 2 bins placed on a post instead of one.

Dogs should be on a lead in pedestrian areas. Fouling on any footpath or walking route path should be penalty offence. Any fouling should be moved to an area at least 1 metre from a footpath. Dogs should not be allowed in shops unless they are assistance dogs.

Excluding dogs from Priory Park and the Bishops Palace Gardens precludes dog owners from doing the complete Walls walk.

To enable dog owners to see the sign that excludes dogs from said areas in East Wittering and Bracklesham , the signs should be made much clearer and more visible . The existing ones are lost amongst the many other signs and people can't understand which groynes are which . I've witnessed dog owners not understanding and going ahead anyway . Thank you .

In Camelsdale, we do have a problem with dog owners failing to pick up after their dog on some of the pavements. I do occasionally see dog control/patrol wardens in Camelsdale Recreation Park, but not driving around the streets. If more visible street patrols happened-it probably wouldn't need to be too often-I think the dog fouling of pavements would reduce.

Dogs on beaches are a menace. They are seldom under control. Owners often consider that the tide will remove any deposits. They bark incessantly because they are excited by the sea and the space, while their owners look on them fondly as they 'enjoy' themselves. Well we residents do not. This is a wonderfully peaceful area, enjoyed by adults and children alike. The beach is no place for dogs, neither the sand nor the salt water is good for them, nor the heat with no shade to protect them, nor fresh water for them to drink. I like dogs, but there's a right place for them and the beach is not it.

As an elderly person who lives by the beach it would be great to be able to exercise myself and my pet by walking the whole of Bracklesham Bay, which is my nearest open space.

I agree with your proposals

While I totally agree with rules governing dog fouling anywhere, the notices for the beaches are few and far between so visitors are not always aware of regulations. There are far too few doggie bins, which discourages visitors from clearing up after their dogs. To have a realistic chance of enforcing the rules more doggie bins and doggie bag dispensers are needed.; the bins need to be cleared more frequently especially in summer months. If finance permits more obvious visits by dog wardens would help.

Fines for not picking up dog mess should be made bigger. When the holiday makers are here I would suggest that there should be a supply of bags at strategic places near the beaches as holiday makers sometimes do not remember to pack bags.

Brandy Hope Copse needs dogs to be kept on leads at all times. The current DPO doesn't make it clear CDC ever intends to enforce this and as such users of BHC see no need to comply. The DPO should cover BHC specifically.

We have noticed this year that many dog owners let their dogs off a lead on West Wittering beach. My understanding is that between May and September owners are not permitted to let their dogs off a lead in popular areas of the beach. If correct, this rule should be much more strictly enforced. If not correct, then consideration should be given to letting dogs off leads to specific, clearly identified areas of West Wittering Beach and East Head All year, and such areas should be kept to small areas of each location. Generally, dog owners assume that non-dog owners love dogs as much as they do. This is not true, and dogs off leads cause a real nuisance, and danger in some cases to others enjoying these open spaces. Enforcement of all bye laws relating to " dogs in public" needs to be much more effective.

I would love to be able to take my dog into Priory Park, even if the rules meant she needed to stay on lead.

There are many dogs in the Bracklesham & Witterings areas, and unfortunately a lot of owners do not keep their dogs under control on the beaches and foot paths. Dog poo is left over the beaches and footpaths. Dogs run around the beaches, sniffing people, clothing, food bags etc. It is very unpleasant. I love dogs, but they need to be kept under control. Unfortunately people with dogs do not understand that there are many people who do not like dogs, and may even be afraid of them. Recently I was on the beach with young children, when a dog came sniffing around all our belongings including food bags, but when I tried to shoo the dog away, I was verbally attacked by the owner in a very unpleasant manner. She spat in my face and said she has every right to let her dog run around the beach. This was actually on the exclusion area of Bracklesham beach! Many times I have called out to a dog owner that their dog has fouled the footpath or beach. Mostly they then clear it up, but they would not have done if they had not been embarrassed into doing so. Tangmere playing field suffers greatly from dog fouling.

Dogs should be on leads at all times during the year around City centres, beaches ,public Parks ,open spaces and narrow lanes,these are also used by pedestrians. Dog owners are not all responsible. Some ride cycles alongside them. Dogs and cyclists should be omitted from the city centre. Dog fouling around this area has increased over the past year. Public are not compliant with existing rules!!. Residents should have more protection from the council. Dog permits should be issued for guide dogs. Homeless who own dogs should not be allowed in city centre.

How are the areas going to be monitored and offenders dealt with? At the moment the dog warden/s seem powerless to do anything about owners/dogs who offend unless caught in the act. There are not enough wardens with enough time to make the proposals worthwhile 'policing'. Could do with cctv cameras to catch irresponsible owners and constant monitoring. I have a piece of my garden that is accessible by dogs and they use it for defecation. There is virtually no chance of catching offenders due to timings and resources - could be that offences take place early in morning or late evening. I also feel the penalties should be increased greatly so maybe offending owners will take notice and such events should be publicised in local papers and on local TV news programmes. I realise this not in the brief but why is it TV programmes on dogs don't ever mention the responsibility of owners to clean up after their dogs.

As a previous dog owner, walker and cyclist, it's my opinion that most dog owners are responsible. We have all met and argued with the few that aren't. Please do not penalise everyone for the reckless actions of a small number of people. With consideration, dog walkers, cyclists and walkers can co-exist happily and most of the time we do.

My biggest problem with dogs, is at East Lavant and West Dean, on the bridle way from East Lavant to West Dean along the river, and then on the same bridleway from Binderton Up to the Trundel, where some dog owners refuse To keep their dogs under control, and the dogs attack our horses and sometimes the sheep! Owners and professional dog walkers, have flooded to the area due to Covid, and cannot recall their dogs and think it is ok to verbally abuse us horse riders as we wait for the owner to grab their dog. Some dogs chase, attack and bite our horses.

So, many rider accidents and near misses occur, because of uncontrollable dogs. Please can all dogs be kept on leads when on a public bridleway? Many thanks

Personally, I'd like to see dogs on leads in ALL public spaces ALL year round. Too often they are out of the owner's control, and are a menace to small children, well controlled dogs, and livestock.

I was a childminder and am now a grandparent and I have lost count of the times when children in my care have been frightened by dogs not on a lead and the times we have been on the beach when a dog has left a poo which has been left even after I have complained. The beach should be a safe clean place for children and adults and sadly on occasions dogs will spoil this. I might also add that horses are a danger and have no place on the beach at all

I think there should be much better signage used for all the dog control areas, and they must be checked regularly as they get taken down by probably dog owners.

For the safety of children and the elderly in these areas I believe these dog restrictions should stay in place on beaches and play parks. There are plenty of beach areas for dog owners to walk there dogs, we are only proposing that a small area of our beaches are exclusion zones. During summer months the children and parents plus the elderly, should be worry free from whether that dog bites or not, or if it's going to run or jump up causing injury, it only takes the once, even the most well behaved dogs can and will bite. I am in no way against dogs I actually like them, but mixing them with children on a hot day on a busy beach is asking for trouble. Thanks for reading my comments. Sue

Please can you increase the signs within Priory Park to make it clear that Dogs are not allowed. Today 4 holiday makers walked in with their dogs, large dogs - not child friendly and I had to politely point out the sign. There should be a large clear sign advising dogs are not allowed. This should continue, because Priory is a family park, where sports, running and children play. It would be totally spoiled to have dog mess and dogs running around a city park.

I think dogs should be kept on a lead on narrow public paths on which cycling is also permitted: eg Centurion Way and canal towpaths. Even though dog off the lead maybe "under control", the close proximity puts both cyclist and animal at risk. This is a safety issue.

I would like to know the results of enforcement. How many fines in Tangmere which is persistently fouled.

Priory park is a family area however we cannot currently enjoy it as a family as we cannot take our dog with us. Would be very happy for it to be a requirement for them to be kept on a lead at all times.

The grass verge adjoining the car park in Northern Crescent is a particularly bad area for dog fouling. This is a year round problem and the worst offenders are residents. Another bad area are the alleyways linking one street with another on the Sea Estate West Wittering, i.e. between Northern Crescent and Foxwarren Close and between Foxwarren Close and Harrow Drive. If a dog owner does deign to pick up after their dog often they will toss the bag on the side of the path.

I do find that residents of the Witterings area who walk their dogs are on the whole very responsible & always pick up after their dogs. You may find that day visitors don't often consider this! BUT- why do you not have rules for visitors picnicking on our beaches? I have friends at east wittering and take their dog & mine for walks along Bookers Green and find on most days crowds of people sitting around picnic table & seats having barbecues eating & drinking and dropping their rubbish on the grass & leaving it there although green bins are within sight. One had the audacity to state that there are people paid to do this! One group emptied the coals of barbecue Yesterday a 20ft area was taped off as they were celebrating a 50 birthday taking in several benches and picnic tables! The Shore pub has a large car parking area they could have used. This also stops local elderly people from sitting or strolling there. Please put up signs so that ALL visitors can understand that this behaviour cannot be tolerated!

Being over 70 years old easy access to the beach to walk our dog is important. At some places the shingle banks are very steep and difficult to negotiate.

Continue with concerns about dog waste being left in plastic bags - sometimes in our own bins which are well inside our garden, in our twitten leading to the sea, beside our fence, tucked under the beach huts & thrown into the longer grassy area.

The Covid crisis has both exacerbated and highlighted the problem of sharing open spaces with dogs. I am fed up with being jumped on by dogs and continually having to avoid dogs that are not on leads as are my grandchildren aged 1,3 and 5. They were nearly tripped up several times at West Wittering beach by dogs this week even though we were in the no dogs area. I have never ever seen a dog warden anywhere. There are too many, thoughtless, careless and selfish owners who think that they and their animals should be allowed to do exactly as they please regardless of everyone else. The countryside is littered with both bagged and unbagged dog mess. If you step off the path into a green space so that you can self distance from walkers or cyclists coming the other way you will most likely find yourself standing in a dog toilet. There should be more restrictions on dogs and more dog free open spaces that are enforced all year round not less and harsher penalties for dog owners who flout the rules.

The Council should look to use advanced technology to monitor public car parks and re-deploy the wardens to other areas such as enforcing Public Spaces protection rules

Not all children like dogs, they run up to them a frighten them, the dogs pee on things left on beach & other areas, the owners always say there dog won't hurt but we don't know that A priority should be to let children & families enjoy the beach, play areas & outside park in a safe environment. There are reports everyday in our community of dogs causing harm & attacking other dogs Also people should keep dogs on leads when walking near roads I have seen so many near misses where dogs are nearly caused an accident as owner not had under control Kids safety must be a priority

I think dogs should be kept on leads on the narrow footpaths surrounding Chichester Harbour and in Donnington.

All questions seem eminently sensible. As a responsible dog owner I wish that more could be done about those people who are not.

I do not feel that dogs should be allowed on beaches between May and September when the beaches are being used for families with young children. We are fed up with irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to exercise off lead. On two occasions this year our granddaughters have been terrorised by out of control dogs. It's also alarming the number of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the beaches without clearing up after them.

It would be useful to have more council owned, fence enclosed areas for dog owners to allow their dogs to be exercised off the lead, where it is safe and there is not a risk they could harm/scare a child or farm/wildlife.

I note that West Wltinger beach and Emperor Way in Fishbourne have boxes where they supply dog poo bags. I would suggest that this is extended to areas around the city, particularly around the 3 areas included in this survey. I would also suggest increasing the number of bins/poo bins along Centurion Way and other popular public spaces.

Loss of green space due to house building and development means there is limited safe space to walk dogs on or off the lead in the city. Many of the existing parks are close to busy roads and therefore not safe to walk dogs off leads.

The existing rules are regularly ignored and there needs to be better signage and more regular patrols by the beach inspectors. Warnings should be in writing and details of the offender recorded. Loose animals should be impounded if possible. The disgusting mess left by some dog owners needs to be published and drawn to the attention of the Parish Councils responsible.

Dog should be kept on a lead in all parks and open spaces within Selsey except for the designated dog run areas provided (Manor Green Park and Hillfield Road Park. Dog fouling in Selsey is overwhelming and there is never a dog warden in duty here. Dogs are meant to be kept on a lead on the sea wall at all times but very few are and I have never seen a dog warden patrol in Selsey.

I thoroughly support CDC's courageous move in excluding dogs from sensitive or inappropriate dog exerting areas. I have been increasingly disappointed by the apparent sense of entitlement shown by other dog walkers: Allowing dogs off lead even when signs ask for care regarding wildlife, No cleaning up after dogs or if they do bag they then chuck the filled bag into bushes or ditches. Walking several dogs without voice or lead control Dog walkers with too many dogs milling off lead Throwing balls for dogs that charge through undergrowth or wildflowers after it Abandoned balls joining other polluting plastic in water courses I have 2 dogs and while we're not saints I do not let them chase wildlife and take pride in cleaning everything up, sometimes even other people's neglect

Selsey suffers from dog fouling everywhere. I think dogs should be on a lead at all times except in dogs exercising area.

Please make the signs excluding dogs from the beach at Selsey visible - at the bottom of the railings is useless - it's not seen by most people. There should be clear paint marks on the seawall tarmac denoting the excluded areas so that it is visible and obvious. It would also be helpful if it could be enforced!

It is very difficult to find anywhere dog friendly these days and the more exclusions there are the more crowded it becomes in dog friendly areas. Fishermen on the beach make far more mess and leave dangerous tackle around and people generally leave more rubbish and dangerous items like broken glass. Yesterday I found a dirty poo filled nappy on the sea wall in Selsey not far from a bin.

Can you make it an offence with £100 fine to leave bagged dog poo along footpaths. Take it home or use a bin

Dog owners routinely do not remove their waste so the dogs should be in areas where children (and other adults) are present. On the beach owners regularly allow dog to run free and conveniently avoid seeing that they have defecated on the sand, etc. Even when some dog owners bag their dog waste, many routinely through the bag into bushes, into gardens or along the highway and hedges - often hanging for weeks before removal. Dogs should be restrained in certain areas only.

As long as dogs are on leads when beaches busy why shouldn't one member of our family be able to enjoy some nice weather for a swim and chill out. Instead of cold weather.

Fully agree dogs should be kept on leads otherwise they are not covered by insurance and any claim involving dogs would have to go through home insurance do not know if everyone realises this or worse Court Action. Saying that before lockdown depending on season if beach is deserted I see no reason why they cannot run free as I have done at the Witterings it is all down to common sense. I have also been bitten by a retriever that ran at me not on lead mine were ended up in A & E this was a local dog who we have seen many times so you just never know.

I have a nervous dog and always have him on a lead so that I can maintain control of him. Other dog owners do not always have their dogs on a lead and very often have little or no control over their animals or if they do, the dog is normally so far

ahead or behind their owner, that their response to a situation comes too late. This is not to keep only my dog under control, but also there are people who are frightened or wary of dogs when off leads and I feel that within a public space all dogs should remain on leads to avoid unnecessary confrontation and distress.

If dogs are kept on lead I see no reason for them being excluded from large parts of the City Walls and and from Priory Park. During lockdown I have walked the City Walls daily and had I had a dog, I would have loved for it to accompany me. I agree that Bishop's Palace Garden should remain dog-free. I feel dogs should be kept on lead on pavements at all times. Dog fouling happens under the cover of darkness and by dogs walked off lead.

Enforce dog licences and fines should be bigger.

Overall the changes make sense and should be supported

When I first moved to the Witterings, I was impressed to see that there was a sign at the end of Shore Road informing people of the danger of toxocariasis due to dog fouling. I had mentioned this to Ray Lowe who was a councillor at the time. Why not ask for all dogs to be on a lead? Not all dog walkers control their dogs, always assuming that children love being approached by dogs when they can be intimidating to those children, and sometimes to adults as well.

Instead of excluding dogs perhaps you should think about excluding the actual dog owners. Because it is the dog owners that are at fault and it is the dogs that are taking the rap. In my opinion most people shouldn't even own a dog because they simply have no idea how to handle or train them. Most people will try to humanise their dogs and that is THE worst thing you can do to a dog. And too many people do not have a clue how to train or read a dog. For instance, when a child gets bitten. Dogs will NEVER bit for no reason. They will always give a warning but most people don't have a clue how to read those warnings. **PEOPLE NEED TO BE EDUCATED IF THEY ARE TO BE DOG OWNERS.** Anyone owning or intending to own a dog should, by law, be required to go to certificated training courses so that they are educated in how to bring up/manage a dog. Us responsible dog owners get penalised for those irresponsible dog owners and it is actually the dogs that suffer. Not us. I am also of the opinion that dog licences should be brought back.

Under the PSPO there should be a way that irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs off the lead and that subsequently frighten people (whether young or old or someone who is afraid of dogs) can be warned and fined if they continue to let their dogs run free and show no empathy for the grief their animal is causing to others. This is happens a lot on the Centurion Way.

The requirement to put a dog on a lead after it has been a nuisance is pointless as the damage is already done. Dogs should be on Leads in public places. This is not just for dangerous dogs but also for respect of those who are scared of dogs. The council should consider fenced dog play grounds for dogs to play off lead. Unfortunately many dog owners do not clean up after their dogs. This is not acceptable on a public beach and influences my responses here.

There should be dog free areas on all beaches. Unreasonable for those without dogs to sit on the beach with dogs running around, which they will do. Dogs pee on the beach where children are playing. There are people who don't like dogs and children who are frightened of them. They have a right to enjoy the beach as much as dog owners. There are too many irresponsible dog owners as it is Hence the number of dog poo bags strewn around the countryside . Yesterday walking back to the car park from the beach at West Wittering Beach big pile of dog poo. Dogs racing round the car park. Too many out of control dogs. Please leave sections of the beach dog free. There will be no way to police problems with dogs. There are huge number of places you can walk a dog without disturbing others on the beach. The beaches are just too full. This will exclude a lot of people in favour of dogs. Why not restrict to 7-9 am and last two hours of the day if they have to be there at all.

It is vitally important to have stronger measures to keep dogs out of Priory Park.

I agree to the proposals made.

With respect to owners being required to control their dogs when order to do so by an official. This should be a requirement regardless of where it is. Forestry Commission land should not be excluded from this requirement.

I think the rule for dogs to be on leads in Oval Field Selsey should be enforced.

I don't agree with dogs on the beach during May - September. People do not and will not pick up excrement from their dogs, especially when they are running around wild and excited and some distance from their owners. These dogs hurtle over people's picnic rugs and generally cause disruption etc. and it seems very few people are able to control their dogs.

West Wittering should be included, if it isn't already? Dog wardens should be more visible

I feel that people should pick up dog excrement on paths and from all verges on all roads regardless of a speed limit. I feel that there should be a requirement for all dogs to be kept on a lead if the owner does not have full recall of a dog/s. In c-19 times, I don't think it's in the interest of public safety for dogs to intrude on a 2m space around an owner holding their dog/s on a lead. If a dog runs towards other dogs but returns to their owner when called, that's fine. If a dog fails to return to the owner or the owner has to collect their dog by going near to the member of the public, it's wholly unacceptable. I feel it should come with a heavy fine eg: £500 which might encourage proactive and preventative dog management rather than a dismissive or irresponsible attitude (or worse) putting other dog walkers at risk. I have experienced this sort of poor conduct and an owner saying they 'don't care' about c-19 precautions or any risk to others that their behaviour might create

The exclusion of dogs from play areas and beaches must continue. Since lockdown dog ownership has increased dramatically and with it an increase in irresponsible owners.

You seem to have made the wording complicated on this survey! I don't think dogs should be allowed in children's play parks- it would be nice if they could have their own Like other countries! Owners should always - where they are capable of it - pick up the poop Dogs should be allowed in priory park and bishop palace gardens (always on a lead) Dogs should be allowed on beaches - out of season/ out of hours

Better signage regarding exclusion zones along the beach & dogs on leads within these zones.

Totally agree with your proposals as a dog walker I think a few more bins would help in the war against dog fouling. Combined litter bins along the sea front to get the message across.

I do not have a dog but like to see them in areas used by the general public. As long as rules on picking up are followed I would like to see dogs allowed everywhere.

Dog fouling is becoming more of a serious problem. The best way of keeping areas clean is to exclude dogs completely. This will obviously not please the majority of people who keep dogs. So at least try and keep certain areas free from dogs so that people can then choose where they wish to visit and walk.

I feel the dogs exclusion order for Bracklesham and East Wittering beaches should remain in place. During the summer I, along with many other people doing the same, take my grandchildren onto the beach and do not want to encounter dogs whilst we are playing and generally enjoying the beach. I also walk along the beach on my own. With the best will in the world, dogs' mess will not all be immediately cleared up and I do not wish to endanger the health of my grandchildren and other children by their encountering dogs' mess at close quarters. Even for adults, it is offensive to inadvertently step on dogs' mess. Many dog owners do not clear up after their pets and some that do just leave the bag wherever they see fit. My home is adjacent to one of the footpaths to/from the beach and I often have to clear up dogs' mess or discarded poo bags from the footpath; I have even had a poo bag thrown over my wall, into my garden. Please leave the exclusion zones in place, at least for the summer months, and find a suitable way of creating signs to this effect. The current signs are rather small and easily missed, so maybe this could be rectified. It is not a good reason to change a law just because people say they do not see the signs; more publicity is needed for people to see before they go onto the beaches.

I believe dog walking should always be on a lead where there are none dog walkers using the same space with the exception of 'wide open spaces' on the basis that dogs need some where for dogs to run freely. More of concern is dog fouling.

We particularly welcome the inclusion of Maybush Copse and Fishbourne meadows, sites held by the Chichester Harbour Trust, both subject to dog fouling. We welcome the dogs-on-leads by direction throughout Chichester Harbour which should be enforced at key times for feeding and roosting migratory birds. There may be an argument that due to the extensive disturbance caused by dogs to

feeding birds in the SSSI/SPA that greater controls may be required at key sites and this option should be kept under review, especially with the increased housing numbers arising from the new Chichester Local Plan.

As a resident of Selsey and the owner of two small dogs we find the present restrictions ridiculous and restrictive to local dog owners who in the main are far more responsible than day trippers and visitors to the area who constantly drop litter and park in residential areas. Selsey is known as being dog friendly and surely there are enough rules and regulations with the current pandemic causing difficulties with the business community. Please leave us alone to enjoy our healthy hobby with our dogs and we will continue to clear up poo and other peoples litter and debris.

Wherever I see dogs and owners in open spaces, often there has been left behind a disgusting scattered trail of dog excrement in plastic bags, dropped in hedgerows and casually tossed about. Particularly in areas near to car parking. I would ask the council to monitor dog owners in this respect. To have dogs running free on cycle paths is inviting danger.

It seems that this strikes a fair balance between the needs of dog owners and the 'wants' of the general public. Although instances of fouling and poorly controlled dogs are found from time to time, both are generally well controlled. Unfortunately the lock down has resulted in more dog fouling, particularly in areas not particularly witnessed before, like the footpath and beach at Church Norton. Let us hope that this represents only a temporary change.

I have lived in Bracklesham for 16years. In that time, I have NEVER seen a dog warden patrol the beach. I am war disabled. My wife drives me to the beach. Some days it is not possible to appreciate the scenery because you are constantly looking where you put your feet, there is so much dog excrement. In recent weeks, Bracklesham beach has been awash with free-roaming dogs - owners frequently bringing up to four. On one occasion at West Wittering, I was broadsided by an unrestrained dog and thrown to the ground- I have spinal injuries. The owner just laughed. The Foreshore Staff at B.Bay have informed me in the past that they have confronted almost 40 owners in the space of one hour illegally exercising their dogs- to no effect. Owners simply ignore signs. Signs should be far bigger. Bracklesham beach is frequented by young families. Dog excreta carries Parvo virus which can leave children blind. Owners let their dogs defecate on the beach. It is only a matter of time before a baby or young child is blinded and the Council, which has been utterly negligent in enforcing "no dog" zones, is rightly held to account in the Courts. I assure you that if you sent a dog warden to Bracklesham on a warm weekend and fined just the dog owners who are parked in the car park who send their animals right across the concrete hardstanding onto the beach, you would make a tidy profit- even after the warden's pay was included. Please do not change the dog by-laws. Dogs are blighting Bracklesham !

Enforcement and fines should be made on a more regular basis

Please consider that although dog owners adore their fluffy friends, it's really welcome that there are places that non dog lovers can avoid them. Particularly on beaches it is crucial to have dog free areas. Even if responsible owners pick up, often there are still traces of poo and that is disgusting on a beach. In addition, the marshland and Woodlands exemptions should be removed. Walkers use those areas too and it is horrible when there is dog poo in otherwise beautiful areas.

Encourage sensible dog ownership. Encourage dog unfriendly people to be kinder to dogs off lead having fun & exercise.

As an owner of two dogs that I walk daily in Selsey I am disappointed that dog fouling is increasing and has definitely got worse since the start of lockdown in March. People have no shame and many do not pick up in either the park where I go or the footpaths leading to it. I'm not sure what the answer is as there are plenty of dog waste bins, although I would like to see these all changed to dual purpose bins for both litter and dog waste.

You state that most dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dog, but is this really true? What evidence do you have to support this? This is not the evidence on our pavements and in our parks. There are very few places that are dog free and Priory Park and Bishops Palace Gardens are a merciful haven from stepping, sitting or lying in dog poo. Please keep it as such. Thank you. Ps it would be helpful if you published on your website how effective your dog wardens have been in issuing fixed penalty notices for such offences because the evidence would suggest there is currently no deterrent whatsoever.

In children play areas all dogs should be muzzled.

Fishbourne playing Fields are part of the Dog Control area. I am not aware if any prior engagement with the Fishbourne playing Fields Association (FPFA) was undertaken in advance of the consultation to ascertain if any changes to dog use within this area should have been considered or not and which could then have been covered by the consultation?

When on beaches or elsewhere I feel dogs should be kept on a shortish leash and not the extendable type that seems to go on for yards. I regularly experience a dog or dogs on very long leashes and the owners appear to be unaware of persons walking or indeed cars passing along some estate roads without pavements

1. There is next to no enforcement of the rules on East Wittering beach where I live.
2. It would be better to have the exclusion zone between the two beacons at the end of Shore Road and the end of Barn Walk. This would make the zone more obvious for dog owners.
3. I would prefer the exclusion zone operate all year round. East Wittering beach is well used throughout the year and dog fouling on the stones occurs year round!

Owners should clear up after their dogs regardless of where it is.

Please make it clear to everybody what the guidelines are for walking in public

spaces - whether dogs off the lead that are well behaved are allowed etc. Sometimes members of the public say "your dog should be on a lead" when it is unclear whether this is true or not. I am all for well behaved dogs being able to enjoy the countryside.

My husband and myself use this walk daily. People totally ignore the dog rules and if you say anything they are very rude. If the council were to put up double sided signs along tamarisk walk for dog owners to clearly see from the grass area and the beach side it might help. I have a granddaughter who loves to play on the beach but is frightened of dogs. If you adopted the same idea as felpham where the signs are very clear and they have dog patrols it would a great help. There was a lady walking her dog in the wrong area and a she was removed.

I believe dogs should be on a lead at ALL times in public spaces

Please put more dog poo bins along the beachfront at East Wittering and Bracklesham. There aren't enough. One needed at the end of shingle walk, nab walk - also on the path from charlmead.

I think dogs should be kept on leads in public places, there are leads which still allow space for dogs to run around. I use the beach every day and always bothered by dogs running up to me, owners rarely care. I think dogs should be kept on leads, if someone wishes to pet the dog etc they can do so. I should have a choice to not be bothered by someone else's dog no matter how big or small. Dog fouling is getting out of hand, larger fines and a reporting structure is needed with photos to highlight areas. Perhaps install webcams which local warden can monitor. I know many people who are not comfortable/don't like dogs, dog owners just don't understand or care and the beach shouldn't be used as a public toilet for dogs or to exclude the public who are not comfortable near dogs.

Can something be done to stop people hanging plastic bags of dog poo in bushes on footpaths? Also can something be done to ensure people keep dogs on leads on bridleways and in far areas to protect riders and farm livestock. Thank you if you can help with this.

Dogs can be dangerous animals & they all should be on a lead unless under control. Too many irresponsible dog owners these days who break the rules and cause issues for beach & park goers. Restrictions should be kept in place but they need to be policed as we see out of control dogs off the lead in restricted areas nearly everyday.

Dogs should be on a lead on Southbourne Recreation Ground. Not everyone is a fan of dogs and are often scared of them. Dog Owners need to understand that people are scared of dogs and it is not sufficient to say "oh he won't hurt you" and get offended because fear of the dog is shown. Additionally dog owners should pick up their dogs mess on the farmers fields. Since Lockdown the dog mess on the fields in Southbourne has got considerably worse. This is a popular area for both dog walkers and people taking their children for a walk as it is a safe space with no traffic. To have to be continually looking down for dog mess takes away some of the enjoyment of a walk in the countryside. I accept that it is not possible to enforce dogs being on a lead on the footpaths across the fields but I do feel that dog

owners should be considerate of other users of the public footpaths.

More regular dog bin cleaning... fining dog owners who do not pick up fouling

Dog fouling is a risk to health, lack of bins is a problem and irresponsible owners.

Dogs off lead and cyclists or runners do not mix well. These areas dog owners should be required to keep dogs on a lead. There should also be good large spaces where dogs can run free off lead to more than compensate for this.

I live very close to East Beach in Selsey and walk along the beach every day with my dog on a lead. I would like to see the introduction of a paddock area for dogs on the small grassed triangular area adjacent to the East Beach car park. The area that I refer to is the smaller area on the left as you proceed from the car park up the steep pathway towards the beach. This area is seldom used for any other purpose in my experience and, although there are other paddocks for dogs in Selsey, neither of them are on that side of the town. An alternative would be to place one next to the skateboarding/BMX track area over on the larger field.

No

More signs should be put up regarding dog etiquette I.e if you and your dog come across a dog on the leash, you should put yours on. Also, reinforce that dogs should not be off the lead in the parks.

Enforcement is a problem. Along the shore and footpaths in the village, people do not pick up their dogs' mess so walkers have to watch where they put their feet. Sometimes they put it in a bag and then leave the bag. I have never seen an enforcement officer and I walk along the shore and footpaths at least once a week. Some people clearly think that if their dog goes in the grass at the side of the path, they don't need to clear it up. But especially at the moment with people social distancing, people walk off the side of the path. How is the law enforced?

Hi. People should pick up poo but there are literally no bins on commons around Midhurst and it isn't policed at all. I like to take my dogs to the beach but not on very hot days but maybe for an evening swim. This is cold before May and sometimes after September

Dogs allowed to be off lead and owners not controlling their dogs i.e. dogs running up to other dogs When they are on lead . dogs off lead with runners/ joggers and dogs way behind these people and fouling and not being picked up as cannot see what their dog is doing !! Not in control of their dog . Too busy with their ear phones in !! People driving and parking early in morning fields back of Scotts Farm Elms Lane walking their dogs and allowing them to foul public footpath , not picking up even though a council ' poo bin ' by path . Many a time I have picked up after these

dogs have been there . Even though farm land still a public footpath so should be made to pick up after dogs . Not enough ' poo bins ' or even rubbish bins . Especially summer time they are not emptied and overflowing!!!

As a dog owner I would like to feel I can enjoy our public spaces (in particular Priory Park/Bishops Palace Gardens) and the beaches with my dog ie without restrictions except that ALL DOGS should be on leads which I always do. Unfortunately not all dog owners keep their dogs on leads in public spaces. My dog has been attacked twice by dogs not on leads here in Birdham. Both dogs were large and the owners said it was unusual. In one case I was also injured. My dog is 2+ years and medium sized and also entire. The only way to stop dog with no leads is a penalty as per dog fouling which is not too bad in Birdham.

In Chichester there are not enough places that have strict rules for dogs to be on leads. I think all dogs should be on a lead unless in a safe place like an enclosed secure field, woodland etc. Not all dogs like other dogs or people and when you have a dog owner with their dog off the lead, allow their dog to go up to a dog on the lead is not ok. If all dogs are on leads there would be more control and it would keep dogs and owners safer. All the laws set out for owners and there dogs are not monitored sufficiently. My question is where, who monitors these laws in Chichester? Where is the information? Who patrols areas where dogs will be walked? To hold dog owners accountable.

Unfortunately I feel that it is not necessarily the dogs fault - but the owners , there needs to be some areas where you can You can go with out the constant hinderance of dogs , even if they dont pose an aggressive threat they can be Overwhelming and uninvited, this can create an unwelcome advance , I've had many dogs in my life and always follow the rule s Sadly some owners dont value other people's personal space - we need to have some areas that are just people friendly . Something as simply as being able to sit and enjoy the out door space with out a dog jumping all over you , there are plenty of places to excise dogs , my family love going to priory / bishop palace gardens , peaceful and well kept , go to hotham park full of dogs running about , chaos and dog poo - litter , please keep our parks pur children to be safe and enjoy .

Dogs should be allowed in certain public places and beaches as long as owners are responsible and keep them on a lead and clear up after them.

Far more damage is being done by humans eg. littering, vandalism, public nuisance, fireworks etc. than by offlead dogs. Dog Fouling isn't acceptable though and should be fiend. Personally I always take extra poo bags and pick up any dog pops I come across on walks. It should also be made clearer to the general dog walking public that if they see a dog on lead they must being their own dog under control and not let it approach the dog on lead

The dogs on beaches questions is a bit confusing, might be worth making it clearer.

But will there be staff resources to monitor the dog fouling? The fouling on the ground doesn't bother me as much as the ridiculous and unsociable habit of putting it in a bag and then dumping the bag. It never rots and the plastic pollutes the environment for thousands of years.

Owners have limited areas where they can safely walk their dogs so I think it would be a good idea to allow dogs in beaches after a certain time maybe in the evening when most of the visitors have gone home I've seen more mess from visitors on the beaches than dog mess and most owners would pick up after their dog Local dog parks in Chichester would be a good idea and give dog owners a safe place to walk their dogs

I have commented that I have never visited the currently excluded areas but that is only because I don't go out without my dog and so I can't go there but I would VERY MUCH LIKE to go to all these places (excluding Selsey) with my very well behaved and usually leashed (unless in an empty rural area or private field) dog in busy public areas all year round.

We own a dog. All dog owners must clean up after their dogs. There is nothing worse than a child covered in dog poo. Even our own dog has rolled in the grass and emerged covered in foul dog mess It takes an age to clean off and is unacceptable Fines should commence at £1,000 for a first offence. It might make people realise that at £1 for 50 poo bags are very cheap

TBH I rarely use Priory Park and Bishops Palace gardens because I have a dog and I generally walk through town with her. I do however think it's a good idea to have dog free zones because many people think it's ok to let their dog foul and not pick it up. I would love to take my dog to these parks but other people can't be trusted. It would be a shame to make East Wittering dog free. West Wittering is already during the summer and I think that is enough really.

Please enforce dogs being kept on leads with the fines. My dog is reactive and I am sick of dogs just wandering up to her, causing her to react usually by lunging or snarling, whilst owners trail behind, don't call them back and don't apologise .

All dogs should be on leads in an agricultural setting at all time. Especially during the lambing season.

All sports fields and clubs should be free of dogs for health reasons. Prior to rugby and football matches, members have to remove fouling on the pitches. With children especially playing I find this unacceptable and a huge health risk.

Notices should ensure that is clear that ALL WORKING DOGS ARE NOT BANNED. Far too many people challenge those with working dogs ie guide dogs canine partners dogs for good etc. This is discriminatory

If you make it that all dogs must be on lead in parks and beaches it will mean that dogs in flats that require physical and psychological exercise will be not able to. As dogs in flats do not have the option of use of a garden. Dogs require both physical

and psychological exercise with the new proposals it is discrimination against those in flats. Every dog owner should be responsible when they take on a dog, but how is it fair for those who use the beach and parks responsible with control of their dogs to be punished by the few that don't. I often take my dog to the beach and park as it is both good physical and psychological exercise that means my dog's needs are met.

Dogs should be kept on leads in all public spaces. I have a child that is very scared of dogs and having one run up to them in the park or on the beach is happening more and more. Owners are now more likely to be seen and then have to calm them while trying to keep the dog away.

I feel dogs shouldn't be on beaches, but some owners are very irresponsible. That some don't clean up after their dogs. I was on the beach in the witterings last year and watched the owner walk away from the dog that had defecated. I said to her, 'Why did you not clear up?' and she told me to 'eff off'.

There is a need for more signs and greater fines to be enforced regarding dog fouling. I am a responsible dog owner and always clear up after my dogs, but have noticed a big increase in the amount not being cleared up in my local area. This gives dog owners a bad reputation.

It would be good to make all residents have their dog on a lead at all times, too many times my dog who is always on a lead is set upon by free running dogs and the owner struggles to get them back. There should be a bigger fine for not clearing up dog mess.

I have five dogs and I am disabled, I always pick up what my dogs leave, and it annoys me when I find other dogs' poo on the path that I am walking on, so much so I will pick up that dog's mess too. I would like to see MORE dog parks that are free or cheaper than 10.00 for 55 mins. Could the council designate more areas for people to be able to walk their dogs in a safe manner, not near roads, not near children, not on housing estates, and where they can run off the lead in a safe place.

I feel that there has been a big increase in dog mess being left on footpaths and on recreational fields in Chichester.

I am amongst other things a walker and a cyclist and I find that it is common for dogs to be out of owners' control particularly on Centurion Way. I would like the Council to be more proactive in this area because dogs running loose can be hazardous.

Dogs should be allowed while on lead in all public parks.

I regularly visit Church Norton beach and take my children as well as my nephews. There are increasing numbers of dogs off lead and fouling this beautiful area. Is it possible please to put up a sign to advise dog owners of their responsibilities and the rules regarding this stretch of beach? Given that it is so close to, and part of, Paqham bird sanctuary surely dogs should be kept on leads at all times? It would

be extremely helpful to have some clarification. Many thanks

I wish for no restrictions on beach areas for dogs. Dog owners do not tend to bring dogs out on hot days anyway but rather later in the day when families are going home after a long day at beach . Yes to £100 fine for irresponsible owners that do not clean up after dogs.

This is all well and good but without any enforcement of the bye-laws, it would have no positive effect at all. In Selsey at East Beach sea wall, a Selsey Town Council or CDC dog warden is badly needed to issue maximum fines with no warnings. If littering was also part of their remit it would be of zero cost and may even result in additional revenues which could be used for the benefit of everyone elsewhere. The softly softly approach isn't working, especially at Selsey East Beach. As a daily user of the sea wall, I am both shocked and disgusted by the dog mess deliberately being left by dog owners (young and old) many of which let their dogs run free and pretend they don't see the dogs messing. I have spoken to a great many people, most having stepped in dog mess; all of which want more done to properly enforce the byelaws and bring it to an end. Warnings don't and haven't worked!! The council taxpayers and young children out and about, deserve to be able to walk on what are public footpaths without fear of both dogs attacking them due to not being on a lead ("he won't hurt you") and the excrement they create!

Have the Council considered re-introduction of a dog licence? The charge could be added to council tax bills for dog owners and the funds could go directly to employ more dog wardens, more waste bins and the cost of emptying them. It could also pay for bag dispensers so dog owners have no excuse Not sure why residents without dogs should contribute to any of this via council tax

The Order is all very well. But too many dogs owners just ignore it and it never seems to be policed. Frankly it is in my opinion just totally useless and also makes this survey a purely paper exercise. I am a dog owner myself (a responsible one) and I have given up taking other dog owners to task about not picking up their dog poo; not controlling their dog - letting it jump all over other dogs and people in many cases while they are on their phone ignoring it; not putting on lead when they can't control it; having multiple dogs off lead and letting them run all over the place. I have been in the park and bitten by a dog which came out of nowhere and had all the hassle of having to go to A&E, the owner not bothering to apologise - just saying 'she hasn't done that for ages'. When I politely bring these issues up, all I get is 'well what are you going to do about it?' or a whole load of expletives. There is a guy at Graylingwell with a dog that attacks others who visits every day. Everyone just scatters when he arrives. He either ignores anyone who speaks to him or squares up to them (he's a big guy). I appreciate that you can't have any resource out there monitoring dogs when you can't even stop the nightly boy racers, or the travellers who let their dogs run rampant and use the park as a toilet. However, what would be helpful is some advice on what the average person can do when they see people ignoring the Order. Without that, I rest my case that this is pretty useless!

Dogs are animals that need to run around, not be confined to a lead. Perhaps have a compulsory lead area (where picnics etc can be enjoyed) and an area where it's not compulsory?

I don't use Priory Park as often as I cannot take my dog. I use the beach often and it's really confusing for dog owners to understand what but of the beach are off limits and you have to walk through them to get to the bits you are allowed to take your dogs on.

I feel that Priory Park could be partly open to dogs on leads, including the walls walk. We love walking our dog around the walls, it feels safe & it's a shame it can't continue through Priory Park. There is plenty of wide open space for everyone to use there. Bishops Palace Gardens on the other hand, is very different. It's a garden not a park & a place for quiet reflection. They are two very different places in my eyes.

I don't agree with excluding dogs from open public areas (such as priory park and beaches) however I do appreciate that dog owners who do not pick up after their dog(s) spoil it for everyone else. I am a dog owner and ALWAYS pick up after my dog - there is absolutely no excuse not to, but I do understand that as people cannot be guaranteed to do so, some areas are better protected by the exclusion of dogs altogether. Please consider an increased number of dog waste bins in sparser areas. There are a good number of dog waste bins in Tangmere but we could do with one on the airfield as it's a prime dog walking spot.

I think we should be able to walk dogs on ANY public land owned by the council apart from children's play areas I also think we need more enclosed areas to free run dogs with allocated poo bins in

Dogs should be banned from all beaches 12 months of the year as very few owners clean up after them even on the shingle besides which the majority of owners ignore the regulations when it's in force.

I don't own a dog. I feel that they are more and more of them, and that they are being allowed into more and more areas eg shops, cafes. Dog exclusion areas should remain or be extended; dogs can be aggressive, and even if they aren't, can be frightening to children, older people and those who have had a previous bad experience with them. Also, even if owners diligently pick up all dog mess (which of course they don't) some vestiges will remain on the grass or pavement, which can then get on the hands of eg those sitting on the ground to have a picnic. This is a health risk, as well as being extremely unpleasant. So it is important to keep some parks completely dog free so people know to go there to avoid such risks, or for those with young children who might well not want to be greeted by large enthusiastic dogs! Might it be possible to ban non-biodegradable dog mess bags in the area? That could help the problem of those who leave bags in the countryside which will stay there for ever unless picked up.

I think it's important to have varied places to be able to walk your dogs. I think if they can't go to one park then that should be sign posted very well. I think that dogs should be able to enjoy going to the beach especially in the summer months. Again signs should be much clearer to where you can and can't take your dog. I agree

that children's play area shouldn't be shared by dogs.

I am concerned about the increasing number of dogs around Chichester Harbour and beaches in the West Wittering area. The peace and tranquility of many areas is now disturbed by dogs which are often not well controlled by their owners. This must have an adverse affect on the wildlife. I welcome the banning of dogs on many beaches in the summer. However, it does mean those areas not covered by the ban are even more popular with dog owners eg East Head and the beach between East and West Wittering. Unfortunately it is those like me, who use public transport or bicycles to access these areas who are adversely affected by the constant barking of dogs and the health hazards they create for swimmers and surfers. I would like the ban to be extended to all beaches in the summer.

Please keep priory park free of dogs

More needs to be done in order to enforce against dog fouling. The area around the amphitheatre behind the cattle market car park is always dotted with dog poo, both me and my 2 year old often step in it, despite being careful to look out for it. More also needs to be done to clean dog poo out through the city

The fine for dog fouling on pavements and in parks should be increased and better enforced. Since lockdown there has been a big increase in the amounts of dog mess in Florence Park and the surrounding roads. It's horrible with two small children and it's a health risk. I feel like dog owners know that nothing will happen so they don't bother picking up after their dog/s.

Dogs are not the problem it is their owners :)! As a family with 3 small children I support the exclusion of dogs from playgrounds and from designated areas of beaches during the summer season. As a parent I want to be confident that I can keep a watchful eye on my children near/in the sea without unnecessary distractions. My children must to be safe to have healthy fun in the outdoors without the disturbance of out of control dogs investigating picnic baskets, jumping up and making a nuisance of themselves and owners not clearing up after them. This is in addition to the fact that Chichester District's beaches have excellent rated water. We could lose this rating if we opened all beaches up to dogs from dog fouling/urinating, polluting our beaches and waters. Like wise on pavements, cycle routes etc. tougher regulations are needed to instill in dog owners their responsibility to clean up after their dogs and dispose of the results responsibly.

As landowner of East Head, National Trust, we have an interest in the Dog's in Public spaces Protection Order that covers East Head. Our experience of the current order is that a few persistent dog walkers treat it as non-existent with dog fouling continuing. This is partly due to the lack of enforcement and people thinking they can get away with it. As a Charity we have a very limited budget for managing East Head and, especially now, can not afford the cost of bringing in an Enforcement Officer as we are considered a 'Private' landowner. We have much correspondence with visitors and local people regarding the increasing numbers of dogs being exercised at East Head and the negative impacts they have on the wildlife and other visitors. The Ranger team also witness this behavior and attempt

to communicate with the owner(s). These conversations highlight the impacts of dog fouling and dogs running off the lead have. Especially during the ground nesting bird season and in the winter when the Harbor plays host to 1000's of wintering birds. We would like the council to include a Dog's on lead by direction Order at East Head to help us manage this very sensitive wildlife site (SSSI) and popular visitor destination. This summer we trialed a Dog's on Leads policy within the dunes and most people abided by it apart from a few persistent visitors and I feel having the new order would help us very much.

People should be allowed to bring their dogs to public places but they should have to be on a leash where children wildlife or plants could be damaged all dog owners must clean up after their dogs the provision of more dog waste bins and signs would help this many people leave litter and cause more problems than dogs

There should be more bins for dog waste and they should be emptied far more often or made bigger. Cyclist should also take more responsibility for there behaviour, and go at an appropriate speeds when there are people about. No one want to tread in dog poo, no more then they want to see all the rubbish on the sides of the roads or all the fly tipping both due to disrespectful people and County Council cut backs. So if you really want to get your house in order. deal with these issues which cause as much or if not more distress then Dogs running loose and people failing to pick up dogs poo.

There should always be dog friendly areas on the beaches, there is no need to ban them completely. Just let owners know of large fine if there dogs foul. Or must he kept on lead if any chance of aggression

A sensible balance to support responsible dog owners while preserving dog free spaces.

If your removing an exclusion of dogs using the area the proposal they MUST be kept on a lead and fines for failure to pick up dog foul.

I totally disagree with dogs being on beaches during the summer months when children are playing, swimming and picnicing with their parents. During the hot weather in Selsey, many families were on the beach, often with 2 or 3 dogs, running around loose, doing their daily business anywhere on the beach, without the owners being aware or interested. I think that if dogs have to be on the beach, they should always be kept on a lead. Having been a dog owner in the past, I know that that it is completely unnecessary to have a dog on a beach at all. Our dogs were always left at home in the cool, especially on family days out. Children play on the beach, swim in the sea, and eat food. Dogs and dog waste should be kept off of the beaches especially during the summer months. I understood that, when I moved here that dogs were not allowed on the beach at all from March to September. I have seen in written somewhere but large notices should be put up periodically along the beach from one end to the other stating this. We have no dog wardens here and the amount of dog waste left around the beaches and streets is appalling. When there used to be a dog warden coming down to Selsey on a regular basis, the beaches and streets were much cleaner than they are now. Standards have dropped considerably over the last couple of years. The winter months are

possibly a different matter but I still think that there should be some control over the beaches.

Being a responsible dog owner and seeing many businesses now opening their doors to be dog friendly. I've seen a larger presence of people entering shops or sitting down for a drink or even food. I think relaxing the rules on where dogs can go can only do good when managed correctly. As dog owners we also recognise that many still don't pick up after their dogs. This would be a number 1 problem and needs to be clamped down on much harder!

Looks to be a sensible solution

The area around Whitehouse Farm is well used by dogwalkers and fouling has significantly increased. Have the council considered plans for restriction in the new SANG that is being created? This is likely to be commissioned during the period covered by this protection order. It would be a shame if such a community asset was not included from the outset and the area kept clean and safe for all users.

Dogs should be on lead at all times in public space/areas. They should not be allowed to run up to anyone as many do at present. They then lick etc and it seems we are expected to like dogs.

Dogs should be kept on a lead in the Fishbourne Meadows at all times as we have witnessed them attacking ducks, moorhens here and harassing the cattle when they are there

I support all changes that are permissive of dogs being allowed in most public spaces, but encouraging/enforcing good ownership practices.

Footpath 215 at the end of Farm Lane, Southbourne, has a real issue with dog faeces. Tighter regulations along this path would be welcome. More could be done to keep dogs off the inter-tidal zone all around the Harbour, particularly from September to March. A blanket ban over the winter months would be welcomed and consistent with the work of Bird Aware Solent. Richard Austin, AONB Manager

Ruins enjoyment of beach with dog fouling and owners unable to control their dogs. I have witnessed dogs running up to people and children snapping and growling and owners have no control or they say ' oh he's been shut in the car so he's grumpy ! They put on a lead and then take them off. Footpaths are full of dog fouling especially at the start of walks when they are let out of the car . There is nothing worse than treading in it. More dog bins to be provided and emptied regularly (even litter bins are often full to the brim and not emptied regularly) I have

never seen a dog warden on patrol in all my years of walking so people will not be bothered about fines unless enforced.

Please can we have a "dogs on a lead" order / exclusion zone on the shingle beach, on the WEST side of The Selsey Bill, where FP 125 crosses private land, between WSCC's public footpath marker posts on BOTH North and South sides of the footpath. This can be signposted on the railings at the Eastern end of the Marine gardens sea wall and the footpath's sign posts. The impact on foreign travel of CV-19 has meant a significant increase in the number and character of visitors to our beaches. Many new visitors are with small children and others with dogs. As usual, it is a minority of the dog owners do not "pick up" after their animals, but they create ALL the dangers of faeces infection to the children who play on the shingle. I have observed a number of parents dealing with their children having trodden on, or fallen on / sat upon dog Poo. Thank you

No thank you except to encourage tolerance by everyone.

I rarely go to bishops Palace garden and priory Park currently because dogs aren't allowed. If they were I'd go more often.

Although I am strongly against Dogs on Beaches and have indicated so here, the whole restriction is pointless (as now) if there is no enforcement.

there is a problem at the moment where people are filling their poo bags and leaving them on open land where a stick and flick principle will do, eg woodland. The poo in the bag then forms a greater risk. I find that birds usually eat unbagged poos straight away and while they are doing that, they arnt eating smaller birds. Would it be an idea to make stick and flick signs available. Its not the poo thats a problem, its the poo bags

I think that Dogs on leads should be allowed in Priory Park

I would like to see more enforcement in Priory Park Chichester

More bins required-general waste and dog waste. More notices required.

It appears that people allow their dogs to run free in Oaklands Park and Graylingwell Park. Dogs should absolutely not be permitted in Priory Park or the Bishop's Garden. The latter two open spaces have become even more crucial during the Covid-19 pandemic, including for families with young children. People should be able to use them without fear of dogs' excrement.

It is of paramount importance that loved and well used spaces should be safe for everyone and free from infection from dog excretion I have many concerns about the number of people who already flaunt the current rules about dogs on West and East wittering beaches and I'm very concerned about the danger to children's eyesight when they have come in contact with dog faeces . I doubt many owners

understand this and would welcome anything the council can do to inform dog owners of the dangers to others.

Enforcement of dogs on lead, require better policing, Enforcement of dogs fouling, require better policing. (In my opinion) Emsworth being a prime example of the rules being broken. The Mill pond area in particular.

Your use of the term "cycle lanes" could be construed as ambiguous. Do you mean shared pavements - there are already no fouling rules associated with pavements and there is no indication here of that changing. If you mean cycle lanes on roads, fouling rules on a road would apply. You will need to distinguish the temporary "COVID" lanes in anything to do with cycle lanes. I am increasingly concerned that the pedestrian routes in this area are being rebranded as "shared" paths. More must be done about protecting pedestrians and dogs on "shared" paths. I have received abuse from cyclists telling me to get out of the way on what they think is a shared path and is not. My dog has nearly been run over. My husband is partially sighted uses a symbol stick and has also had abuse from cyclists. The protected area of Fishbourne meadow is being ruined by cyclists who ignore the signs and damage the gates. Thanks to some obsessed district councillors, every cyclist in the area thinks they can ride on any pavement or path in the district. I look forward to winter when the COVID cyclists will get back into their cars.

More poo bins required - they need to be wherever we have public use rubbish bins. The requirement to put a dog on a lead rule - there's never anyone around! I think you should consider making it a requirement to have dogs on leads in certain areas, possibly some beaches etc

Although i live in grayling estate we have a lot of green areas where dogs roam of the leads and foul the grass and parents let there children walk the dogs and dont clear up the mess,we are meant to have wardens here but i never see them,so i welcome any rules which are made also i think dog licences should still be law like northern ireland who still issue them,

Sadly there are too many dog owners with little understanding of the harm they and their dogs can do. Therefore the rules and punishments need to be modified.

Could you please look into reintroducing restrictions in selsey on west beach

For health and safety it is essential that there are some dog free areas. Even if waste is picked up there is contamination. Dogs not on leads are a particular nuisance on public footpaths such as along by the canal and put me off walking

The proposal for exclusion zone in Selsey does not go far enough. Ideally there should also be an exclusion zone for the beach between Lifeboat Way going east to the actual Lifeboat Station. Only last week my wife and I were sitting on the beach opposite the bottom of Beacon Drive when we were seriously disturbed by 2 racing black dogs, giving such a fright that my wife was still shaking for over 10 minutes. When we called the owners to task they were quite dismissive and said others didn't have their dogs on leads. The same dogs sped off and attacked 2 small dogs on the green sward where the poor old lady with them was screaming. They were typical of about 50% of the dog owners here who do not control their dogs but allow them to harass people and other dogs. Even if there is not an exclusion zone as I suggest, there should be more signs which should not just say it is an offence not to clear up after one's dog, but should say "You must by law keep your dog under control at all times. If necessary keep it on a lead. The Dangerous Dogs Act applies to all dogs" Also say "You must also not allow your dog to bark excessively and create a public nuisance. Respect for other people and the environment is required by law.". I suggest also that these requirements are included in your FAQs on the website, which currently is almost apologetic to dog owners. There is only 1 sign relating to dogs at the bottom of Lifeboat Way and no more for a long way east. There should be more.

The area for Selsey is not extensive enough.- it should run from the Oval field east to the car park and West to the Lifeboat Station. Some Areas particularly from the Oval lane to White Way are not maintained and therefore encourage dog owners to let the dogs run free and assume they can foul the area with impunity. There are no signs and no dog warden. Most of this activity takes place early in the morning and late in the evening. Lack of maintenance gives owners the excuse they don't see the dog fouling. If dogs were kept on a lead there would be no excuse. Maintenance of the flood defence bund (which has now become an unofficial foot path also allows this area to be a dog fouling area,

My granddaughter (8) is frightened, indeed terrified of dogs from earlier attacks when she was 2.5 and 5 years old. The only place she can be taken is Priory Park, at Felpham Beach (Arundel District) or fenced play areas. Beaches south of Chichester are difficult to get too because of heavy road traffic ! There are too many dogs owners who have little control of their dogs. And, when confronted, are cocky and abusive - antisocial behaviour ? Please keep dog free areas and indeed create more open spaces - parks etc. dog free - or at least make it mandatory dogs are on leads in parks.

What about Westhampnett -- it's becoming impossible to use the path between Stane st and Westerton avoiding the dog shit. There's been a big increase in dog ownership with the influx of brought about by the new builds. Nearly all owners walk their dogs off the lead once they are away from traffic, presumably so they can trip up other pedestrians, which is a serious menace to children. How will the enforcement of these PSPO be carried out? Who is going clear up all the mess? How about an appropriate dog tax (not just a boon for vets and dog food)? Should we be encouraging dog ownership to boost GDP (I'll get a dog too)? Most of these dogs are kept in houses not fit for dogs, let alone humans -- and it'd be nice to see the council give priority to pedestrians (and children) and cyclists.

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PSPO - Other Consultation responses with a position statement from CDC

1	Local visitor or resident	email 20-08-2020
2	Ian Milne, Easebourne Parish Council	email 28-07-2020
3	Louise Collis, Fittleworth Parish Council	email 19-08-2020
4	Councillor Simon Oakley	email 28-06-2020
5	Sam Tate, East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council	Telephone conversation 02-09-2020
6	Zoe Neil, Selsey Town Council	Telephone conversation 02-09-2020 Email 17-09-2020
7	The Kennel Club	email 14-08-2020

Detail of Consultation Responses:

1. Local resident or visitor raised the following issues:
 - a) Would like more dog exclusion areas/larger dog exclusion areas.
 - b) Raise concern about dog faeces by the edge of the sea and on walking routes along the coast.
 - c) Raises concern about the number of dogs on the beach.

Chichester District Council's response to the resident/visitor

The dog exclusion zones extant under the current PSPO have proven unenforceable due to access to the zones walking parallel to the shoreline, the inability to provide clear signage at lower parts of the beach and the prevalence of visitors without local knowledge. Larger and more numerous dog exclusion zones would be likely to suffer from similar issues to those described and, in the event that they were better understood by dog walkers using the beach, then they might squeeze dog walking into smaller areas causing higher densities of dogs in other areas. Dog fouling will remain an enforceable issue on the beaches including the privately owned West Wittering Estate and Cakeham Estate beach areas.

2. Easebourne Parish Council raised the following issues:
 - a) Request that Easebourne Park is included in the PSPO as a dogs on leads at all times area.

Chichester District Council's response to Easebourne Parish Council

The Parish has not supplied evidence that would meet the tests for inclusion of the area in the PSPO. Likewise CDC has no records on its database that evidences activities that have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the vicinity that is, or is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature, is or is likely to be, unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed. Nevertheless the area is included in the draft PSPO by the provisions for fouling and dogs on lead by direction

which can be the subject of enforcement. A change such as requested would also need to be subject to a consultation exercise at a future date.

3. Fittleworth Parish Council raised the following issues:
- a) Requests that Fittleworth Recreation Ground, School Lane, Fittleworth (FRG) be included in the PSPO as a dog exclusion zone.
 - b) Notes that the FRG is situated directly in front of the Sports & Social Club and used by all age groups to play football and cricket as well as being the location for the children's Playground and Youth Area.
 - c) Notes that the area is sometimes subject to fouling which is not picked up.
 - d) Notes the health dangers associated with dog faecal matter and cites the protection of children's health as the need for the dog exclusion zone.

Chichester District Council's response to Fittleworth Parish Council

The Parish has not supplied evidence that would meet the tests for inclusion of the area in the PSPO. Likewise CDC has no records on its database that evidences activities that have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the vicinity that is, or is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature, is or is likely to be, unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed. Excluding dogs would be excessive as dog fouling is already covered by the draft PSPO (and current PSPO).

4. Councillor Simon Oakley raised the following issues:
- a) Requests that CDC includes, at Schedule 1.7 of the Order (Fouling of Land by Dogs), the WSCC owned land at the old Tangmere Airfield.

Chichester District Council's response to Councillor Simon Oakley

Elaine Sanders, WSCC Head of Assets, Asset Management and Estates responded by email to CDC officers (cc Councillor Oakley) (17-07-2020) that WSCC did not propose to request that the old Tangmere Airfield be included in the revised PSPO.

5. East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council:
- a) Confirm that the parish council are pragmatic about the challenges of signage and enforcement and accept the changes proposed ie the deletion of the no dog zone at Bracklesham and East Wittering.

Chichester District Council's response to East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council

Weighing the parishes pragmatic view with the wider consultation responses, which support the removal of the No Dog Zones, the recommendation to Cabinet will be to adopt the revised PSPO without the two No Dog Zones; one at Bracklesham and the other at East Wittering.

6. Selsey Town Council:
- a) Confirm that Selsey Town Council has not responded to the consultation.

Chichester District Council's response to Selsey Town Council

CDC has indicated to Selsey Town Council that their 17-09-2020 discussion of the consultation draft revised PSPO will be too late to be considered as part of the public consultation response. STC did however confirm on 17-09-2020 that it supports the council's proposal.

7. The Kennel Club raised the following issues:

- a. As a general principle, The Kennel Club highlight the importance for all PSPOs to be necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. It is also important that authorities balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users.
- b. The Kennel Club encourage councils to use a wider definition of "assistance dog" to include "a dog trained to assist a person with a disability", rather than "dog trained *by a prescribed charity* to assist a person with a disability" as included in CDC order.

Chichester District Council's response to the Kennel Club

The measures in the CDC proposed order are consistent with the Kennel club's recommendations. On the definition of "assistance dog" this has not proven to be a point of dispute in the enforcement of the existing PSPO and therefore CDC is not proposing to change this. Enforcement Officers are trained to have due regard to disability in their consideration of what may constitute a reasonable excuse for activity that may breach a PSPO, and therefore not constitute an offence.

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6 October 2020

Council Tax Review of Locally Defined Discounts and Premiums

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Council Tax Discounts and Premiums proposed in the appendix to the agenda report be applied for the 2021-2022 financial year.**

3. Background

- 3.1. The Local Government Finance Act (LGFA) 1992, as amended by the LGFA 2003 and LGFA 2012, requires the authority to set a taxbase between 1 December 2020 and 31 January 2021. The 2021-2022 taxbase report will be prepared for Cabinet's consideration on the 8 December 2020.
- 3.2. The level of locally defined discounts and empty homes premium impacts on the calculation of the taxbase.
- 3.3. The Local Government Finance Act 2003 provided devolved powers for billing authorities to make decisions on the level of council tax discount which can be applied to certain dwellings. These dwellings must be placed in a prescribed class.
- 3.4. The current prescribed classes are shown below

Prescribed class A	Not a main residence, which is furnished and occupancy is restricted by a planning condition.
Prescribed class B	Not a main residence but remains furnished.
Prescribed class C	Unoccupied and unfurnished. (Vacant)
Prescribed class D	Requires or is undergoing major repair works or is underdoing structural alteration.

- 3.5. Billing authorities have the power to increase council tax on properties which have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for over 2 years. This is known as the 'empty home premium'.

- 3.6. At the November 2017 budget, the Chancellor announced the Government's intention to legislate to increase the maximum level of empty home premium billing authorities could charge. The Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwelling) Act 2018 brought in this power with effect from the 2019-20 financial year. The maximum charges are set out below;

Maximum level of Premium	Length of time a property must be empty	Effective date Premium can be charged from.
100%	2 - 5 years	1.4.2019
200%	5 - 10 years	1.4.2020
300%	More than 10 years	1.4.2021

- 3.7. At its meeting on 1 October 2019 the Cabinet resolved that for 2020-2021 financial year a 100% premium shall apply for properties that have been unfurnished and unoccupied for more than two years and a 200% premium shall apply for properties empty for over 5 years.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. The approval of the recommendations in this report will provide certainty in respect of the locally defined discounts and empty homes premium when preparing the council taxbase for the 2021-2022 financial year.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. To encourage owners to bring their properties back into use as soon as possible, the empty homes premium for properties that have been empty for between 2 and 5 years be set at 100% for the 2021-2022 financial year.
- 5.2. To encourage owners to bring their properties back into use, the empty homes premium for properties that have been empty for more than 5 years but less than 10 years be set at 200% for the 2021-2022 financial year.
- 5.3. To encourage owners to bring their properties back into use, the empty homes premium for properties that have been empty for more than 10 years be set at 300% for the 2021-2022 financial year.
- 5.4. That the locally defined discounts proposed in appendix 1 be applied for the 2021-2022 financial year. It is proposed not to change the level of any local discounts.

6. Alternatives that have been considered

- 6.1. To continue with the empty homes premium at 100% for all properties over 2 years. This option would not encourage current owners of properties that have been empty for over 5 years to bring their property back into use. There would also be a cost to this in terms of revenue lost to the Council and the precepting authorities.
- 6.2. Reduce the empty homes premium to between 0% and 99%. This option does not encourage owners to bring their empty homes back into use. There would also be a cost to this in terms of revenue lost to the Council and the precepting authorities.

7. Resource and legal implications

- 7.1. Finance: Maintaining the empty homes premium at current levels will continue to generate additional Council Tax income of £18,000 for Chichester District Council. The proposed increase to the empty homes premium for properties empty for longer than 10 years will generate an estimated additional Council Tax income to the Council of £2,000.
- 7.2. Increasing the empty homes premium will cause no additional resource or legal implications.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. No specific consultation has been undertaken on the proposals in this report. However a review of the council tax discounts and empty homes premium was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 September 2018.
- 8.2. The Director of Housing and Communities and the Cabinet member for Revenues and Benefits have been consulted on the level of discounts and premium for the 2021-2022 financial year and they are happy with the proposals.

9. Community impact and corporate risks

- 9.1. Since April 2013 there has been a reduction in taxbase resulting from implementation of the local council tax reduction scheme. The income generated from locally defined discounts has helped to off-set this loss.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Climate Change and Biodiversity		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact		X
Safeguarding and Early Help		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		X
Health and Wellbeing		X
Other (please specify)		X

11. Appendices

- 11.1 Summary of locally defined discounts and premium.

12. Background papers

- 12.1. None

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Council Tax Review of Locally Defined Discounts and Premiums

Appendix 1

Locally defined discounts and premia	2020/2021	Proposal for 2021/2022
Prescribed class A and B second homes to include those with planning restrictions.	Nil discount	Nil discount
Prescribed class C vacant, unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties.	Nil discount	Nil discount
Prescribed class D properties in need of or undergoing major repair.	Nil discount	Nil discount
Empty homes premium (properties that have been vacant for more than 2 years but less than 5 years)	100%	100%
Empty homes premium (properties that have been vacant for more than 5 years but less than 10 years)	200%	200%
Empty homes premium (properties that have been vacant for more than 10 years)	200%	300%

Prescribed classes A and B relates to unoccupied, furnished properties, i.e. second homes. At its meeting on the 1 October 2019 Cabinet resolved that for 2020/2021 financial year a zero discount shall apply. It is proposed to continue to set a zero discount for 2021/2022, as the Council does not accept that there is a valid reason for treating second homes more favourably than first homes.

Prescribed class C relates to unfurnished properties. At its meeting on 1 October 2019 Cabinet resolved that for the 2020/2021 financial year a zero discount shall apply for unoccupied and unfurnished properties. It is proposed to continue to set a zero discount for the 2021/22 financial year, as local authority services continue to be provided. This will also encourage owners to keep valuable housing stock in use by bringing them back into full occupancy as swiftly as possible.

Prescribed class D relates to properties in need of or are undergoing major repair works to render the property habitable or undergoing structural alterations, or less than six months has elapsed since the completion of such works. On the 1 October 2019 Cabinet resolved that for 2020/2021 financial year a zero discount shall apply. It is proposed to continue to set a zero discount for the 2021/2022 financial year. This will encourage owners to bring properties back into the available housing stock as quickly as possible by refurbishing properties in need of major repair in a timely manner. In terms of structural alterations the Council does not accept that those property owners who are making this type of alteration should be treated more favourably than other property owners in the district.

The Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018 brought in the power for councils to increase the maximum levels of the empty homes premium.

At its meeting on the 1 October 2019 Cabinet resolved that for 2020/2021 financial year a 100% empty homes premium be charged for properties vacant for between 2 and 5 years. In respect of properties that have been empty for over 5 years Cabinet resolved to increase the premium to 200%. It is proposed for the financial year 2021/22 to maintain these levels of premium. From the 1 April 2021 the level of

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empty homes premium for properties empty for longer than 10 years can increase to 300% and it is proposed to charge this maximum for the financial year 2021/22.

Bringing empty properties back into use forms part of the Council's housing strategy and the extra cost of an empty homes premium may encourage owners of long term empty properties to bring them back into use.

Chichester District Council

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6 October 2020

Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC) - Statutory Consultee Status

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2. Recommendation

2.1 That Cabinet agree that a letter of support be provided to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy in its bid to be awarded Statutory Consultee Status on planning matters.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 21 August the Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC) wrote to CDC requesting that the District Council provides a letter of support in its bid for the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to recognise the Harbour Conservancy as a Statutory Consultee in the determination of planning applications and planning policy formation. Their bid to achieve this status follows the outcomes of the 2019 Glover Review of protected landscapes, which recommends that bodies that manage AONBs be recognised as Statutory Consultees.
- 3.2 The letter from the CHC indicates that following discussion with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Defra has agreed to recommend to MHCLG that the Conservancy is awarded Statutory Consultee status, provided it can demonstrate sufficient local support for the change. The Conservancy has already received letters of support from Natural England, the Environment Agency, Historic England, Sussex Wildlife Trust, and Sussex Ornithological Society and is now seeking the support of CDC, Havant Borough Council, West Sussex County Council and Hampshire County Council, as the Local Planning Authorities for the area covered by the AONB.
- 3.3 CHC have set out 5 main reasons for seeking Statutory Consultee status, which are:
- The high level of development pressure in and around the AONB;
 - The recommendation of the Glover Review that all AONBs should become Statutory Consultees;

- The status of the Conservancy as a legal entity (this means that the foundations for becoming a Statutory Consultee are already in place);
- It's high level of involvement in the planning application process (the Conservancy responds to 300 planning applications per year and employs a Principal Planning Officer to respond to these applications as well as operating its own Member-led Planning Committee, to consider strategic applications);
- There is presently no Statutory Consultee for landscape matters affecting Chichester Harbour AONB.

3.4 CDC currently engage with the CHC on planning matters in essentially the same way as with Statutory Consultees such as Natural England. They are consulted on planning applications and the formation of planning policy within the AONB boundary.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

4.1 That appropriate consultation and liaison arrangements are in place between CHC and the District Council to support good quality and sound decision making.

5. Proposal

5.1 The CHC are requesting the support of the District Council in its bid to become a Statutory Consultee on planning matters. Given that CDC currently consult with the Harbour Conservancy in much the same way as with other Statutory Consultees, it is not expected that the change of status would result in any material difference in the way in which the Council, as the Local Planning Authority, engages with the CHC.

5.2 However, as currently drafted, the Council's Constitution does specify that where an application is to be determined contrary to an objection raised by a Statutory Consultee, that application must be considered by the Planning Committee. This is not currently the case with representations made by the CHC and so this may mean that a number of additional planning applications will need to be reported to the Planning Committee for a decision each year.

5.3 Statutory Consultee status would increase the weight of comments by the CHC (in relation to its functions) both at planning application stage, but also at appeal. In respect of the latter, this will be of assistance to CDC in advancing its case on areas of concern set out in the grounds of refusal put forward by the CHC. The CHC proposals will therefore support the Council's priority of managing our built and natural environments to promote and maintain a positive sense of place.

6. Alternatives Considered

6.1 The Council could object to the CHC's bid for Statutory Consultee status. However, as a change in its status is not anticipated to affect the way in which the Council engages with CHC there would be no benefit in doing so. There are also likely to be benefits in increasing the weight to be given to the representations of CHC on planning applications at appeal.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

7.1 The change to Statutory Consultee status may increase the workload of the Planning Committee, which could then result in further resource implications. However, should

this result in a significant increase in the workload of the Planning Committee, it is within the Council's powers to amend its constitution to deal with such an issue.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Notification of the receipt of the request from the CHC has been circulated on the Member's Bulletin.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 None

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following? If you tick "Yes", list your impact assessment as a background paper in paragraph 13 and explain any major risks in paragraph 9		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact		X
Safeguarding and Early Help T		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		X
Health and Wellbeing		X

11. Appendices

- 12.1 Letter from CHC dated 21 August 2020

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 Landscapes Review: Glover Report September 2019

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21 August 2020

Dear Mr Frost,

Request

Letter of Support (or Letter of No Objection) for Chichester Harbour Conservancy to become a Statutory Consultee on Planning Matters

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is a unique organisation in that it is the only Statutory Harbour Authority responsible for an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Straddling the boundary between Hampshire and West Sussex, the AONB was designated for its national landscape importance in 1964. The Conservancy was established by its own Act of Parliament in 1971.

At 29 square miles, Chichester Harbour is the largest natural estuary in South East England (Appendix 1). It is no coincidence that it is also the busiest recreational sailing and boating Harbour in the country.

Statutory Consultee Status

In planning terms, the Conservancy is currently a 'Non-Statutory Consultee'. At its Board Meeting of 27 January 2020, Members formally resolved to seek a change of status to 'Statutory Consultee'. The main reasons for this were as follows:

- The high level of development pressure in and around the AONB. This was recognised in our 5-year Management Plan (2019-24) and the need to lobby for Statutory Consultee status (Appendix 2).
- Proposal 6 of the Glover Review, published in September 2019, recommended that all AONBs should become Statutory Consultees (Appendix 3).
- The Conservancy is a legal entity, established through the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act of 1971. This means that the foundations for becoming a Statutory Consultee are already in place.
- The AONB has a resident population of around 10,000 people, and the Conservancy responds to 300 planning applications per year. A Principal Planning Officer is employed to respond to these applications. The Conservancy operates its own a Member-led Planning Committee to consider strategic applications.
- There is presently no Statutory Consultee for landscape matters at Chichester Harbour AONB. A change of status would address this anomaly.



I have already had several positive discussions with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) about Chichester Harbour Conservancy becoming a Statutory Consultee. Defra have agreed to recommend the change to the Ministry for Housing Communities & Local Government (MHC&LG) provided we can demonstrate sufficient local support.

In addition to the enclosures already cited, please find correspondence from Natural England, the Environment Agency, Historic England, Sussex Wildlife Trust, and Sussex Ornithological Society, as Appendices to this letter.

Request

I am now writing to the four Local Planning Authorities to request letters of support (or no objection) for the proposed change of status. These are: West Sussex County Council; Hampshire County Council; Chichester District Council; and Havant Borough Council.

As you are aware, the Conservancy directly works with many officers at Chichester District Council. However, our single point of contact for the Management Plan is Tom Day. I have copied him into this correspondence.

Should you have any comments or questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

R. Austin

**Dr Richard Austin
AONB Manager
Chichester Harbour Conservancy**

Cc: Cllr Adrian Moss, Cllr Graeme Barrett, Cllr Penny Plant, and Mr Tom Day, Environmental Co-ordinator.



1. What are the functions of the Conservancy?

- a. The Conservancy has two functions, the conservancy, maintenance and improvement of: a) the Harbour, for the use of pleasure craft and other such vessels; and b) the amenity area, for the occupation of leisure and recreation and the conservation of nature. These functions extend to cover the facilities (including navigational facilities) in the Harbour and the regard for conserving the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside.

2. Is Natural England already the Statutory Consultee for landscape matters?

- a. When commenting on domestic and business applications within Chichester Harbour across both Hampshire and West Sussex, Natural England (the Statutory Consultee) are deferring comments on landscape matters to the Conservancy (the non-Statutory Consultee). Natural England support the proposal that AONB Partnerships should be Statutory Consultees in their own right.

3. Why is a change of law required? What will that achieve that a Memorandum of Understanding would not?

- a. The Glover Review did not recommend Memorandums of Understanding as a solution. In practice, Memorandums tend to be effective for short-term agreements. A change in the law would be a long-term and permanent measure.

4. Why should the Conservancy become a Statutory Consultee?

- a. It will be the 50th anniversary of the Conservancy in 2021. It is an independent and professional special purpose local authority and the principal guardian of AONB. It is only right that the organisation should be a Statutory Consultee.

5. Are there any risks to this change of status?

- a. None that are obvious. The Conservancy would not be taking powers away from any of its partners. This is about recognising that the Conservancy has effectively been considered by the Local Planning Authorities as a Statutory Consultee for many years, and the legislation should change to reflect that close working relationship.

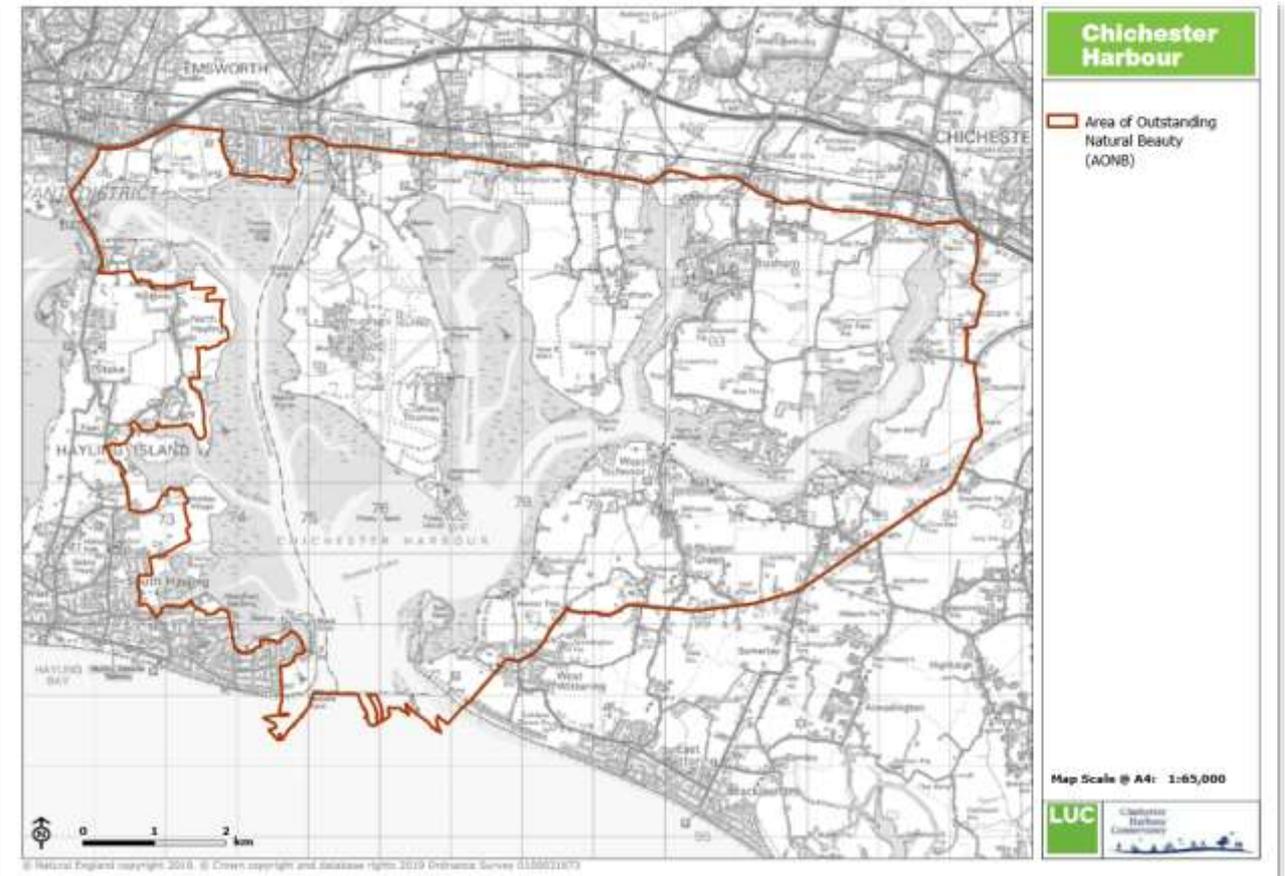
6. Will the Conservancy be a Statutory Consultee for applications outside of the AONB?

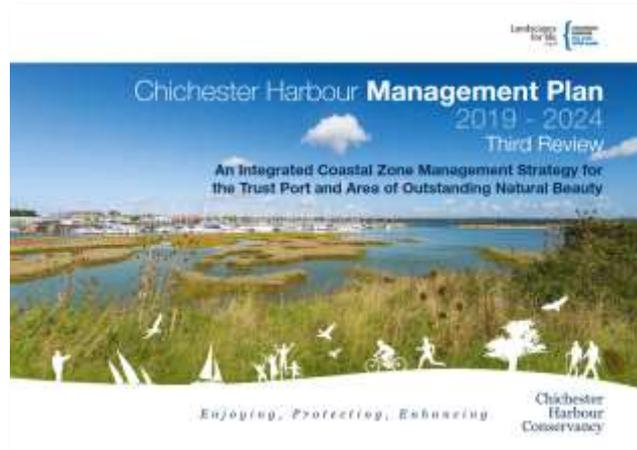
- a. Unlikely. The Conservancy will still expect to be consulted on anything outside the AONB that affects the character, setting and landscape of Chichester Harbour, but it is anticipated that the Conservancy responses in these circumstances will not carry the same weight as applications inside the AONB.



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Chichester Harbour Conservancy is defined as a "non-statutory consultee" in planning law. LPAs engage with non-statutory consultees to identify clearly the types of developments within the local areas in which they have an interest, so that any formal consultation can be directed appropriately, and unnecessary consultation avoided. In the coming years, Chichester Harbour Conservancy will lobby Government to become a 'statutory consultee'. If successful, this means there will be legal requirements for the LPAs to consult with the Conservancy on all applications inside the ACNBL, with an additional formal duty placed on the Conservancy to respond. Chichester Harbour Conservancy also aspires to be recognized as a special case in the National Planning Policy Framework, like the Broads Authority, which also has similar purposes around navigation, recreation and nature conservation.

As a general principle of design in the environment, all proposals should be informed by a clear process of contextual analysis, understanding the site, its features and surroundings. More particularly within the ACNBL, this will include an understanding of when the finished development will be seen from in the wider landscape, whether from land or water, both within and adjacent to the ACNBL.

Overall, it is the natural landscape and trees/vegetation which should predominate in rural/coastal locations. Theoretical design principles should be used to prepare design and access statements to support planning applications. Where proposed development is likely to have an adverse impact either on landscape character or visual amenity, a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) should also be provided.

The Chichester Harbour Landscape Character Assessment should be referenced by developers when formulating proposals. As part of making their Local Plans, Havant Borough Council and Chichester District Council commissioned their own landscape capacity/sensitivity studies to help determine where new development might most appropriately be accommodated.

Those seeking to develop can seek a legal determination as to whether the development they wish to carry out requires planning permission. This is called a Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Development.

Enforcement

Where appropriate, the Conservancy will set out its view as to why it may be expedient for the LPA to take planning enforcement action to remedy any actual or anticipated breach of planning control and (where appropriate) will offer support for the LPA case should an Appeal be lodged against any formal Notice being served to remedy identified breaches.

The Conservancy will, where appropriate, assist the relevant LPA with evidence of harm to the ACNBL to either (or both) assist in the LPAs assessment as to the expediency (or other relevant threshold or requirement) of formal enforcement action being taken in relation to suspected or anticipated breaches of planning controls within or affecting the ACNBL.

Planning enforcement can be a long and drawn out process and those seeking to develop in the ACNBL will always be encouraged to seek professional guidance from a competent source at the earliest opportunity. The Conservancy, like its partner LPAs and some other government agencies, offers a pre-application consultation service.





Landscapes Review

We want our national landscapes to work together with big ambitions so they are happier, healthier, greener, more beautiful and open to everyone.

Final Report



Proposals

Proposal 1: National landscapes should have a renewed mission to recover and enhance nature, and be supported and held to account for delivery by a new National Landscapes Service

Proposal 2: The state of nature and natural capital in our national landscapes should be regularly and robustly assessed, informing the priorities for action

Proposal 3: Strengthened Management Plans should set clear priorities and actions for nature recovery including, but not limited to, wilder areas and the response to climate change (notably tree planting and peatland restoration). Their implementation must be backed up by stronger status in law

Proposal 4: National landscapes should form the backbone of Nature Recovery Networks – joining things up within and beyond their boundaries

Proposal 5: A central place for national landscapes in new Environmental Land Management Schemes

Proposal 6: A strengthened place for national landscapes in the planning system with AONBs given statutory consultee status, encouragement to develop local plans and changes to the National Planning Policy Framework



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Sent via e-mail only

Dear Richard

Natural England is the government's advisor on the natural environment.

Our vision is of "Thriving Nature for People and Planet". Our ambition is not just to improve nature, but to see it thriving everywhere, because we recognise that a healthy natural environment is fundamental to everyone's health, wealth and happiness. Our definition of nature encompasses natural beauty, wildlife, the geology that underpins natural character and habitats and our cultural connections with nature. We include the whole natural world on earth and at sea, in towns and cities as well as the countryside. We believe this is necessary for people, with the benefits of contact with nature being more and more accepted and evidenced, and for our planet, with nature based solutions being a win-win in contributing to net zero and restoring resilient ecosystems.

Our mission is therefore all about "Building partnerships for nature's recovery", reflecting the need for us to work with and through a wide range of people and the need for rapid action to re-build sustainable ecosystems thereby protecting and restoring habitats, species and landscapes to allow nature to thrive everywhere. Our work over the next few years will reflect the priorities set out in Government's 25 Year Environment Plan to meet the government's ambitions for agriculture, fisheries and the natural environment as we leave the EU, respond to the commitment to net zero by 2050. The four main goals include:

- Resilient Landscapes and Seas** – a resilient network of land, water and sea that is rich in plants, wildlife and character and provides wide benefits for people
- Sustainable Development** - achieve thriving nature and beautiful land & seascapes through our engagement in the planning and licensing systems to enable society to prosper
- Greener Farming and Fisheries** - supporting farming and fisheries to operate in harmony with the environment
- Connecting People with Nature** - to secure health, wellbeing and enjoyment benefits for individuals and society

NE England submission to the Glover review recommended that AONB partnerships should become statutory consultees on planning matters and we continue to support this.

I look forward to seeing how this element of the Glover review evolves and whether you secure local stakeholder support in advance of any plans developed with Defra.

Yours

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James Seymour
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11th August 2020

Dear Richard

Re: Chichester Harbour Conservancy becoming a Statutory Consultee

We understand that you are seeking to become a statutory consultee in the planning process and are currently in discussions with Defra to become a "test case" to implement the recommendations made through the Landscapes Review. Thank you for your request for a letter of support which you made to Jackaline Mellan on 16 July.

The Environment Agency works to create better places for people and wildlife, and support sustainable development.

Having worked with you and your colleagues on a number of planning related matters over the years we have observed how you seek to ensure the landscape and environment of Chichester Harbour are protected and enhanced.

We are committed to working with you as a key partner in this location to deliver our aspirations for healthy air, land and water as set out in our Action Plan - EA2025, the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan and the forthcoming Environment Bill.

We wish you well as you develop your plans with Defra.

Yours sincerely,

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20 August 2020

Dear Richard

Your proposal to pilot statutory consultee status in planning

We have welcomed the Chichester Harbour Conservancy's commitment to promoting and protecting the historic environment of the harbour over the past decade or more. Your instigation of the Chichester Harbour Heritage Partnership and consideration of the historic environment and heritage assets in the Chichester Harbour Management Plan 2019-2024 have been particularly welcome. The Plan sets out useful action for conservation and, as a partner, we appreciate the opportunities this has provided to work with local authority archaeologists and others concerned with intertidal and terrestrial heritage in the AoNB. We look forward to working more with you in coming years, including on planning matters if you are successful in your bid to host a pilot scheme for statutory involvement in the planning system.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Richard

Chichester Harbour Conservancy and AONB's application to become a Statutory Consultee

The Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) is the conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. With over 33,000 members, SWT focuses on protecting the wonderfully rich natural life that is found across our towns, countryside and coast.

I understand that the Chichester Harbour Conservancy and AONB is seeking to become a statutory consultee in the planning process. SWT fully supports this request and sees it as a necessary step to ensure that the unique wildlife and habitats of the AONB are protected and enhanced into the future.

Chichester Harbour is a vital component of the country's Nature Recovery Network, acting as a core area containing internationally important and irreplaceable habitats, such as saltmarsh. As set out in the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan, sites such as Chichester Harbour, have a vital role to play in restoring wildlife as well as providing many additional benefits such as carbon capture, water quality improvements and greater public enjoyment.

There is a great deal of development pressure in the area and as we move into an era of biodiversity net gain, carbon credits and natural capital investment, it is vital that the Chichester Harbour Conservancy and AONB are consulted on all development in and around the AONB. The Conservancy and AONB must be in a position to use their extensive local and on the ground knowledge to ensure that development protects and enhance this exceptional place and that opportunities for real environmental gains can be seized in line with the statutory Management Plan.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is a unique organisation, being the only Statutory Harbour Authority with responsibility for an AONB and with purposes that extend beyond that of other AONBs, to include leisure, recreation and the conservation of nature. SWT strongly believes that the addition of the responsibilities of a statutory consultee will compliment this position and benefit the wildlife and people of the Harbour into the future.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Richard Austin,
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Dear Richard,

The SOS supports Chichester Harbour Conservancy becoming a Statutory Consultee on Planning matters.

The Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) is the county bird club and with 1900 members we are one of the largest county Bird Clubs in Great Britain. We record the birds seen in Sussex and have a database of over 5 million records of birds in the county. We publish the 250-page Sussex Bird Report annually plus periodic avifauna documenting the state of birds in Sussex. Our Recorder and the SOS Records Committee determine whether records of designated "description" (rare) species that are not handled by the British Birds Records Committee should be accepted and entered into our database of birds recorded in the county, or be considered not proven. We actively work to protect birds and their habitats in the county. More details about us can be found on our website www.sos.org.uk.

We understand that Chichester Harbour Conservancy and AONB are seeking to become statutory consultees in the planning process.

Given the importance of Chichester Harbour for birds in Sussex, the SOS fully supports your request to become a statutory consultee.

Chichester Harbour's prime ornithological importance is as a major site for wintering waders and waterfowl with an average of over 45,000 birds recorded on Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) counts in the five winters 2014/15 through 2018/19. It is of International importance for wintering Dark-bellied Brent Goose and (with The Wash) holds the second largest population of this species in the British Isles with an average of 13768 in 2014/15 through 2018/19. (The largest population is in the much larger Thames Estuary WeBS site). It is also of national importance for 14 other wintering species: Shelduck, Red-breasted Merganser, Grey Plover, Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Knot, Sanderling, Dunlin, Redshank, Greenshank, Mediterranean Gull and Little Egret. The majority of the Chichester Harbour WeBS site is in Sussex, although its western shores and the western half of the channel



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leading to Emsworth are in Hampshire. The Sussex part of Chichester Harbour holds more wintering wetland birds than any other site in the county.

Per the Chichester Harbour Management Plan 2019-2024, we know that Chichester Harbour Conservancy is a unique organisation, as it is the only Statutory Harbour Authority with responsibility for an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Its purposes extend beyond that of other AONBs, to include leisure, recreation and the conservation of nature. Aided by the fact that it has a full-time Planning Officer, we believe that it has a well-proven ability of being able to discern whether development and recreational pressures threaten to harm the AONB or its wildlife.

Whilst the SOS recognises that development must occur we are opposed to it occurring on sites where it would significantly harm birds. With ever increasing development in the areas surrounding the AONB we can see that there is ever-growing recreational pressure on the Chichester Harbour AONB, as well as direct development pressures.

We, therefore, believe that Chichester Harbour would be in even safer hands if Chichester Harbour Conservancy were made a statutory consultee on all planning matters within the AONB, especially given its responsibility for the conservation of nature.

The Conservancy therefore has the SOS's full support in seeking to become a statutory consultee on planning matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Events Strategy and Events Policy

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2. Executive Summary

To introduce the Council's proposed Events Strategy for the period 2020 – 2025 and associated Events Policy.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That, subject to consideration of any comments referred by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the proposed Events Strategy for the period 2020 – 2025 and Events Policy for Chichester district be adopted.**

4. Background

- 4.1 It is recognised that events can provide significant benefits for a host destination and are acknowledged as opportunities to stimulate tourism and economic growth by showcasing the destination and attracting visitors from outside the area. Events can help to boost the local economy by encouraging tourist visits and local people to stay local; raise the profile of an area, highlighting the unique features and benefits; enhance community pride and togetherness.
- 4.2 During 2019 officers began the process of developing the council's Events Strategy to establish a year round programme of events that meets the needs of the District's communities. Promoting Chichester District in order to raise the profile of the area, and positively contribute to the local economy and cultural experience, creating a destination experience in line with council priorities and Visions.

4.3 The Council already has robust procedures for hire of land for events on our own land which identifies terms and conditions of hire, health and safety requirements in addition to restrictions imposed on some sites. It was however considered that in addition to the Strategy, an Events Policy was required to provide a clear framework for the programming and operation of events to take place on CDC owned and managed land.

5. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 5.1 The desired outcomes of the Events Strategy are set out in the document (Appendix 1) as four key priorities, namely;
- **Chichester district is a place that welcomes events** – actively promote the district as an events destination and welcoming host, and attract new events. Supporting event organisers, and forming strong relationships so there is a mutual understanding of what is expected and what is needed to hold a successful event in the district.
 - **Chichester district is a place that supports events** – ensure the district has the correct support in place and the appropriate facilities and infrastructure to host events.
 - **Chichester district establishes a year round calendar of events** – facilitate and support a district wide events calendar which enhances the district's tourism offer, profile and economy, working collaboratively with event, venue and tourism partners.
 - **Create a CDC managed events programme** – introduce events created and managed by CDC, with the aim to create footfall and promote the businesses in the districts city and towns, celebrating the heritage and culture of the district, promote civic pride and provide entertainment for residents and visitors.
- 5.2 The Events Policy (Appendix 2) provides a framework to identify what type, scale and number of events can take place on council owned and managed event spaces. This helps to make it clearer for event organisers and also considers the impact events can have on local communities and park users. The Events Policy applies primarily to parks and open spaces but also applies to car parks and other areas of land owned by the Council.

6. Proposal

- 6.1 Events can provide significant benefits for the district including stimulating tourism and economic growth by showcasing the destination and attracting visitors from outside the area. Events can also help to boost the local economy, raise the profile of an area, and enhance community pride and togetherness.
- 6.2 Adoption of the Events Strategy and Policy will provide a framework for the programming and operation of district events, responding to the results of the community consultation, and promoting the district as a destination for well managed events.

7. Alternatives Considered

- 7.1 Do not adopt the Events Strategy and Policy, continuing as we currently are using the current Hire of Land terms and conditions to authorise events on council land. This does not offer any guidance or support to officers when deciding on the number, scale or type of events acceptable for CDC sites.
- 7.2 This would also not promote that Chichester District Council are keen to welcome events who complement and bring value to the district.
- 7.3 Noise levels for events were to be included in the Events Policy but it is considered that the current Code of Practice (COP) being used 'The Noise Council's COP on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts (1995) is outdated and not reflective of the music industry in 2020. A national working group has been established to review the COP and council officers are members of this group. Unfortunately the review has been put on hold as a result of Covid-19 but the group are expected to reconvene in early 2021.
- 7.4 The reviewed guidance is likely to give rise to some fundamental changes which are likely to result in different music noise levels. It is also likely to introduce new parameters with regard to bass level measurements and safeguards.
- 7.5 It is therefore suggested that we are not too prescriptive with music noise levels until new guidance is released. The policy therefore includes 'the council shall ensure that event organisers comply with all relevant guidance and legislation relating to the control of noise and the protection of the immediate and local environment.' We would also require certain events to produce a noise management plan (NMP) to be approved by the Environmental Protection Team prior to the event going ahead.

8. Resource and Legal Implications

- 8.1 There is no anticipated additional resource or legal implications associated with this report.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 As part of the development of the Events Strategy, a public consultation exercise was undertaken during the summer of 2019. To gain a more accurate representation of all demographics, specific consultation surveys were carried out with Chichester College (both at the Chichester and Brinsbury campuses) and University of Chichester. The consultation received 296 responses. Of these, 22 said their response represented their organisation/group with the total response capturing the views of 1,613 individuals.
- 9.2 The majority of respondents, 62.8%, felt there are not enough events in Chichester District, and the top three types of event respondents wanted to see were Music, Food & Drink and Arts/Culture. The two most popular places respondents wanted to see more events take place were in parks and green spaces and city/town centres. Of the 224 respondents who ticked parks and green spaces, 186 provided examples of the parks and green spaces they would like to see more events take place in, with Priory Park receiving 116 mentions and Oakland's Park 79. The summary of the consultation exercise can be found at Appendix 3.

9.4 Whilst the over-riding theme of the consultation results is for more events throughout the district, it is important for the council to engage in and where possible encourage events that complement and bring value to the district. It is also important to consider the infrastructure needs of an event and if the particular host area is able to suitably accommodate that event.

9.5 The draft Event strategy and policy was presented to OSC on the 15 September and verbal update on the comments will be provided by the officers.

10. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

10.1 The development of the events strategy and policy should have a positive impact on the community as it responds to the results of the community consultation, promoting the delivery of events within the district but also considers the impact events can have on local communities and park users.

11. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact		X
Safeguarding and Early Help		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		X
Health and Wellbeing		X

12. Appendices

12.1 Appendix 1 – Events Strategy

12.2 Appendix 2 – Events Policy

12.3 Appendix 3 – Summary of Events Strategy consultation (May to July 2019)

13. Background Papers

None

Events Strategy for Chichester District 2020-2025

Foreword

Chichester District Council has recognised the benefits of establishing a coordinated approach to a programme of events, acknowledging the opportunities associated with hosting events and the benefits these can bring to the district.

The events strategy has been developed to embrace opportunities and raise the profile of the district in order to become a leading visitor destination.

It recognises that the district has a varied landscape with urban, coastal and rural areas, and comes with infrastructure limitations. The aspirations within the strategy are sympathetic to the district's uniqueness and aims to achieve collaboration in forming a coordinated approach to a programme of events.

The strategy is the first of its kind from Chichester District Council and will be used to shape the future of events within the district, and is supported by a public consultation.

It sets out the need to be open for business and ready for events to organisers, but also highlights the opportunity for the council to produce our own range of events to provide an attraction for our local community and economy.

Cllr Alan Sutton

Cabinet Member for Housing Communications, Licensing and Events

Vision

To establish a year round programme of events that meets the needs of the District's communities. Promoting Chichester District in order to raise the profile of the area, and positively contribute to the local economy and cultural experience, creating a destination experience in line with council priorities and Visions.

About this Strategy

Events can provide significant benefits for a host destination and are acknowledged as opportunities to stimulate tourism and economic growth by showcasing the destination and attracting visitors from outside the area. A positive experience for an attendee at an event can prompt them to become a destination advocate.

Events can help to boost the local economy by encouraging tourist visits and local people to stay local; raise the profile of an area, highlighting the unique features and benefits; enhance community pride and togetherness.

The importance of events has been recognised by Parliament with the recent confirmed continuation of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the UK Events Industry, the purpose for which is to; represent the UK events industry in Parliament, highlight the value of the industry, engage with politicians and industry representatives and to ensure that the UK benefits from the success of large internationally prominent events. The APPG advocates that events provide a mechanism for attracting visitors without the need for expensive, tourism-based investment and infrastructure.

The Visit Chichester Destination Management Plan 2019-2023 (DMP) also highlights the benefits of events, promoting events-based tourism as a source of delivering local economic and social benefits that outweigh their cost.

The DMP suggests it is important for the district to build a strong destination brand, which includes creating an 'experience' through events and activities, giving people a specific reason to visit an area. The DMP specifically recognises music tourism as an opportunity to build the district offer via events, and sees events generally as a tourism product.

Local authorities are also recognising the strategic importance of major events and plan accordingly to attract investment if required, they understand that events act as a platform for transformation of their area and actively promote and enhance their 'offer'.

"Festivals organised and/or funded by local government and participated in and attended by the local community can be seen as communications vehicles, and viewing them as such helps to clarify their objectives and, therefore, their potential "feel good" factor in the community, through celebration and entertainment, to promoting pride in the region, acceptance of cultures, community cohesion, a feeling of belonging, and more active citizenship (*Derrett, 2002; Quinn, 2005; Richards & Wilson, 2004*).

A robust approach to events in the Chichester District is important as it will:

- Benefit the economy
- Make the district a more attractive place to live, work and visit
- Support the longer term developments of the district

Background

The Chichester Vision is an inspirational document outlining the issues and aspirations of the city and its community, the content of the document was produced from a number of partners and extensive community engagement. One of the areas highlighted from the Vision was the need and desire to establish a year round programme of widely publicised events, festivals and activities, in order to create a leading visitor destination.

The Towns Visions, including Petworth, Midhurst and Selsey also all highlight the importance of events for local economies and communities, the findings of which are from surveys and workshops in the local communities.

Chichester District currently plays host to several events, the most recognised are those that take place at Goodwood, namely Festival of Speed, Revival and the Qatar Goodwood Festival. Similarly other established venues in the district are also well known for the large, well-attended event such as the Gold Cup at Cowdray Park.

CDC owns twelve areas of open recreational spaces where several events take place each year. Depending on the size and nature of the event some may require licenses, and a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) both of which are managed by the Licensing & Events Team. In addition to the regular sporting fixtures approximately 21 events took place in 2019 on council owned land, the most common themes being food or music, and all of which were managed by external operators. Whilst there are already many valuable events in the district, there is potential to host more.

There is also an opportunity for CDC to manage events, expanding on the success of the 2019 Summer Street Party, organised by CDC with support from Chichester BID, the aim of which was to create an exciting summer evening event to attract footfall into the centre and to help support the retail offer, the event was a great success and there is potential for it to grow.

The town councils within the district also host successful events, including the Midhurst Christmas Festival and Summer Carnival procession, the Petworth Christmas event and regular farmers markets and Selsey's Screen on the Green and Selsey Festival.

Whilst Chichester district already has a great calendar of events, there is potential for there to be a more joint up approach across the district, with the town councils and CDC coming together regularly to discuss ways in which the events benefit the district as a whole.

We are at a time where there is an opportunity to bring a distinctive new edge to the district, enhancing the attractiveness of the areas assets, generating an appealing new buzz about the district, ensuring people of all ages feel it's 'theirs'.

To bring focus to the priorities and aims proposed later on in the strategy, events have been categorised as follows:



Headline Events

Headline Events are high profile, large scale events with the purpose being to attract visitors from across the UK, to encourage overnight stays and increase dwell time, and to promote and showcase the district to a large audience.

Feature Events

Medium to large scale events, generally hosted on CDC land and require authorisation under the Licensing Act 2003 and other statutory regulations, and will also require a Safety

Advisory Group(SAG). They tend to have a theme (i.e. food, music, arts, sporting) and can be recurring or one-off, and attract visitors from the district and surrounding counties.

City & Town Events & Markets

City and Town based events which are predominantly aimed at local residents and those from surrounding counties. The events encourage a sense of community, showcase and celebrate the location and promote the districts cities and towns as community hubs and help to create a destination experience.

Community Events

Community events are organised and attended by local communities, including charitable events, primarily neighbourhood focused.

Consultation Results

A public consultation was undertaken between May and July 2019, 296 responses were received to the questionnaire, some respondents said their views represents more than one person, with this taken into account the views of 1,613 individuals were recorded. Another consultation was also conducted with Chichester College, whereby 250 16-18 olds responses were recorded.

- The majority of respondents do not currently attend events in the district, those that do tend to be markets or open air film events. The main reasons for people not attending events is because they are unaware of what's on, or there is not enough interest for them to attend and the most common way people hear about events in the district is through social media or word of mouth
- Respondents feel as there are currently not enough events in the district, music and food and drink were the two most popular types of events people would like to see more of.
- Parks/green spaces and city and town centres were the most popular places people would like to see more events, with less wanting more events in the country or in coastal areas.
- Low cost came out as the as the main factor to attract people to events, and almost half of respondents would like to see more markets across the district specifically food and craft markets.

Evaluation results from the 2019 Chichester Summer Street Party demonstrated that a high proportion of visitors came into the city centre that day especially for the event, demonstrating how events can be used to promote or enhance an area. A large number of those visiting said that they visited High St businesses as a result of attending, and nearly all of those asked would recommend the event to family and friends and would like to see more events like this in Chichester.

Whilst the over-riding theme of the results is for more events throughout the district, it is important for CDC to engage in and where possible encourage events that complement and bring value to the district. It is also important to consider the infrastructure needs of an event and if the particular host area is able to suitably accommodate that event.

The district has its challenges when it comes to hosting events, the following needs to be recognised in order to manage expectations:

- CDC Hire of Land
 - o We have limited number of suitable spaces for events to take place, with the majority of these being in Chichester City Centre
 - o The largest spaces and most suitable spaces are close to residents and a major tourist destination, both of which impact the number, size and type of events we are able to host
- Chichester City Centre
 - o Limited performance space available for large gatherings
 - o Narrow city centre streets don't provide an ideal setting for events
- Restrictions
 - o Strict planning restrictions in the district
 - o The district consists of a large area of natural beauty
 - o Transport links, limited especially to smaller towns

Early consultation is also key for larger events to be a success, keeping all partners/stakeholders informed and involved consistently throughout the whole event process, minimising any potential issues or ramifications further down the line.

Our Priorities

Priority 1: Chichester District is a place that welcomes events

Actively promote the district as an events destination and welcoming host, and attract new events. Supporting event organisers, and forming strong relationships so there is a mutual understanding of what is expected and what is needed to hold a successful event in the district.

Aims:

- 1.1 Work collaboratively with partners to promote the district as an events destination.
- 1.2 Promote the district to potential event organisers; develop relationships with other councils and event organisers to promote the district.
- 1.3 Ensure information is up to date and readily available for organisers, including a dedicated events page on the CDC website and access to the Events & Promotions Officer.
- 1.4 Work with established event venues across the district, such as Godowood to cross promote their calendars, capturing attendees before and after event their events encouraging them to visit more of the district.

Priority 2: Chichester District is a place that supports events

Ensure the district has the correct support in place and the appropriate facilities and infrastructure to host events.

Aims:

- 2.1 Have a consistent approach to use of CDC land through the production of an 'Events Policy: Parks & Open Spaces'. The development of this document will help to

determine what events are suitable for a particular site as well as other factors including; frequency, size and scale, noise allowance etc. and subsequently these factors will determine the appropriate hire fee.

- 2.2 Provide support to enable event organisers to deliver safe and well managed events, with thorough pre-event communications and a robust SAG process.
- 2.3 Ensure current guidelines are fit for purpose, including events information on CDC website and information relating to events including hire of land, licenses, road closures, SAG's and Street Trading.
- 2.4 Evaluate what infrastructure is available to host events and if further infrastructure is required to help promote successful events. For example water and electricity supply to our event spaces.

Priority 3: Chichester District establishes a year round calendar of events

Facilitate and support a district wide events calendar which enhances the district's tourism offer, profile and economy, working collaboratively with event, venue and tourism partners.

Aims:

- 3.1 As a district we will aim to host the following number of events from each of the category's summarised earlier in the strategy, the following are the targets for the next 5 years:
 - Headline – At least 1
 - Feature – 5-10
 - Town & City – 5-10
- 3.2 Work collaboratively with partners via Visit Chichester to determine future events, working closely with Visit Chichester to identify opportunities to develop new events to extend the tourism season.
- 3.3 Work with Visit Chichester to create a non-public facing events calendar that all partners can contribute to, to assist in identifying gaps and avoid potential date clashes.
- 3.4 Work with Visit Chichester to create a public facing 'go to' events calendar for the district.

Priority 4: Create a CDC managed events programme

Introduce events created and managed by CDC, with the aim to create footfall and promote the businesses in the districts city and towns, celebrating the heritage and culture of the district, promote civic pride and provide entertainment for residents and visitors.

Aims:

- 4.1 Establish a series of CDC managed feature events throughout the district that complement the towns and city centres, working closely with local businesses, town councils and other partners.
- 4.2 Following on from the success of the Chichester Summer Street Party 2019 introduce the event model into the districts towns and establish an annual event.
- 4.3 Develop proposals for potential sponsors to fund CDC events.
- 4.4 Creation of a 'Destination Market' with various zones celebrating local producers and makers, with supplementary street food, children's activities and entertainment.
- 4.5 Development of markets within the district, having an agile approach to what markets there currently are and identifying the potential for new markets.

Reviewing Progress

The strategy relies on working in partnership and building relationships with key partners across the district, including Visit Chichester, Chichester BID, Chichester City Council, Petworth, Midhurst and Selsey Town Councils, and all of the vision groups across the district.

An annual action plan will be developed by the Events & Promotions Officer, and progress in delivering the strategy will be reported through the city and towns visions.

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Aims of the Events Policy

To support the vision of Chichester District Council's Events Strategy to establish a year round programme of events that meets the needs of the District's communities. Promoting Chichester District in order to raise the profile of the area, and positively contribute to the local economy and cultural experience, creating a destination experience in line with council priorities and Visions.

The policy will provide a clear framework for the programming and operation of events to take place on Chichester District Council owned and managed land. This policy applies primarily to parks and open spaces but also includes car parks and other areas of land owned by the Council.

Objectives of the Events Policy

- a) Support and enable cultural, educational and leisure activities which widen access to the district's parks and open spaces and increase participation from all sectors of the community.
- b) Encourage events and activities that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors, encouraging healthy living and promoting diversity.
- c) Enable the Council to offer parks and open space as venues for events within its financial resources.
- d) Encourage the use of local products, services and people where possible to support the local economy.
- e) Attract visitors and event organisers to the district to bring investment, jobs and prosperity to the local economy through the promotion of Chichester District as an event destination.
- f) Manage events so as to protect, preserve and enhance the historic and natural environment of our parks, open spaces and wider district.

The Events Strategy identifies four tiers of events: **Headline, Feature, City & Town, and Markets & Community Events.**

Headline events are high profile, large scale events with the purpose being to attract visitors from across the UK, to encourage overnight stays and increase dwell time, and to promote and showcase the district to a large audience.

Feature events are medium to large scale events that tend to have a theme (i.e. food, music, arts, sporting) and attract visitors from the district and surrounding counties.

City and Town based events are predominantly aimed at local residents and those from surrounding towns and cities. The events encourage a sense of community, showcase and celebrate the location and promote the districts cities and towns as community hubs and help to create a destination experience.

Markets and community events are organised and attended by local communities, including charitable events, primarily neighbourhood focused.

Events staged on Chichester District Council land vary in scale and audience but fall into five main categories:

- Events organised by registered charities for the purpose of raising money for local and national charities.
- Events organised by voluntary groups or organisations for the purpose of benefiting the local community and/or raising money for local and national charities.
- Commercial events of local, national and international importance or significance that support the aims and objectives of the Events Strategy and promote the district to a wider audience and encourage visitors to the district.
- Events and activities that aim to enhance the environment of the park or open space, educate users, encourage participation and promote the leisure activities or opportunities available.
- Council organised events.

Event Programme

A programme for events for Chichester District Council land will be developed annually. The following priorities will apply to the development of this programme:

- a) Regular annual events will normally be given priority but the Council will not guarantee the provision of a site to any event or organising body based on previous use alone.
- b) The Council will give priority to those events that have a record of being well promoted and managed, offering a safe and high quality visitor experience.
- c) The Council will aim to achieve a well-balanced programme of events across the parks and open spaces, and other sites to minimise disruption to regular users.

Venues

CDC owns twelve areas of open recreational spaces across the district where several events take place each year. These are:

- Oaklands Park, Chichester
- Priory Park, Chichester
- Bishops Palace Gardens, Chichester
- New Park Road, Chichester
- Jubilee Gardens, Chichester
- Sherborne Road, Chichester
- Whyke Oval, Chichester
- Amphitheatre, Chichester
- Florence Road, Chichester
- East Beach, Selsey
- Lifeboat Way, Selsey
- St Annes Hill, Midhurst

In addition, some of the council's car parks and Estates managed land may also be available for some events.

Permitted Events

Each sites suitability for events varies but generally permitted events include the following:

- a) Sporting and recreational events;
- b) Arts and cultural events;
- c) Food and drink events;
- d) Markets
- e) Children's activities;
- f) Music events;
- g) Shows, exhibitions and craft fairs;
- h) Funfairs (operators must be members of the Showman's Guild);
- i) Circuses' (exclusion of live animals);
- j) Drama and theatre performances;
- k) Historic re-enactment;
- l) Military festivals;
- m) Environmental and horticultural demonstrations;
- n) Private hire, where admission tickets are not on sale to the general public;
- o) Other events not included here as approved by the Cabinet Member for Community Services & Culture

Programme Exclusions

The Council will not give approval for events on its land of the following nature:

- a) Any event likely to provoke unreasonable disturbance, public disorder and nuisance.
- b) Any event that includes the use of performing animals, except those which are normally regarded as domesticated in the United Kingdom.
- c) Any event that would cast doubt on the integrity of the Council.
- d) Any event the Council believes may be of questionable public morality or decency.
- e) Balloon and Chinese lantern releases are not permitted for environmental reasons.
- f) The Cabinet Member for Community Services & Culture will have the discretion on determining whether a proposed event falls within the programme exclusions.

Site Specifics

Due to a number of different factors associated with each open space there are some guidelines developed for different areas to be considered when programming events on these sites. This includes number, frequency, scale and type of event which will be considered in line with the following guidelines for each site annually:

Table for each site identifying exclusions to be agreed including numbers of events or policy regarding frequency, noise etc

- Oaklands Park, Chichester
- Priory Park, Chichester
- Florence Road, Chichester
- Sherborne Road, Chichester
- Whyke Oval, Chichester
- New Park Road, Chichester
- Jubilee Gardens, Chichester
- Amphitheatre, Chichester
- Bishops Palace Gardens, Chichester
- East Beach, Selsey
- Lifeboat Way, Selsey
- St Annes Hill, Midhurst

Oaklands Park, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties including Chichester Festival Theatre, rugby and football played on site during winter season and softball during the summer season.			
Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	Up to 3 per annum	Minimum 6 weeks	*
Feature	Up to 10 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Priory Park, Priory Road, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, cricket played on site during summer season, archaeology on site, events in Guildhall, access limitations.

Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	Up to 2 per annum	Minimum 6 weeks	*
Feature	Up to 8 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Florence Park, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, football played on site during winter season, limited local parking available.

Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	Up to 3 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Sherborne Road, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, football played on site during winter season, limited local parking available.

Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	0	N/A	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Whyke Oval, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, football played on site during winter season, limited local parking available.

Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	Up to 3 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

New Park Road, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, football played on site during winter season.

Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	Up to 3 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Jubilee Gardens, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, limited space due to footpaths and mature planting throughout the site

Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	0	N/A	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Amphitheatre, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties.			
Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	0	N/A	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Bishops Palace Gardens, Chichester

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties, access limitations, permission required from the Bishop for any events within the park.			
Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	Up to 3 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

East Beach, Selsey

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties.			
Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	Up to 3 per annum	Minimum 6 weeks	*
Feature	Up to 4 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

Lifeboat Way, Selsey

Restrictions: limit noise due to neighbouring properties.			
Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	Up to 4 per annum	Minimum 4 weeks	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

St Anne's Hill, Midhurst

Restrictions: Access Restricted			
Category	Number of Events	Frequency limit	Music noise level (if applicable)
Headline	0	N/A	*
Feature	0	N/A	*
City & Town	Unlimited	Fortnightly	*
Markets and Community	Unlimited	N/A	*

* The Noise Council's COP on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts (1995) is currently being reviewed but once this work is completed, this information will be included in this policy. In the short term the council shall ensure that event organisers comply with all relevant guidance and legislation relating to the control of noise and the protection of the immediate and local environment

Charges

The following conditions will apply in respect to charges for events held on Chichester District land:

- a. Hire fees and service charges will be levied for the use of Council land and these fees will be reviewed and approved annually by the Cabinet. These fees will be published on the Council's website.

- b. A deposit for use of Council land will be required from all events organiser in advance for refuse removal and/or reinstatements and repairs following events.
- c. Registered charities will be offered the hire of land for raising money for local and national charities at no charge. An administration charge and charges for services supplied by the Council during the event will apply. Other fees may apply such as licensing requirements etc.
- d. Non-profit making and local community groups which are not registered charities will be offered free use of parks and open spaces to stage events to raise money to support their work in the community or for local charities. An administration charge and charges for services supplied by the Council during the event will apply. Other fees may apply such as licensing requirements etc.

Environmental Protection

The parks and open spaces within the district are a valuable environmental resource, therefore the following actions will be taken by the Council to protect them:

- a) The Council shall ensure that event organisers comply with all relevant legislation relating to the control of noise and the protection of the immediate and local environment.
- b) Organisers will be encouraged to work with local residents and the relevant authorities to minimise the impact of events on the local community. Where considered appropriate by the Council, organisers will be required to inform local residents in advance of events that may cause local disruption.
- c) The protection of the park environment will take precedence and will be considered when planning events.
- d) The Council does not allow the release of balloons or Chinese lanterns on any sites due to the environmental impact caused by such an activity.
- e) In the case of severe weather, the Council reserves the right to cancel the event or require the event organiser to introduce additional measures where public safety matters arise and/or to avoid excessive damage to the fabric of the park or open space. Such requirements will be at the event organiser's expense. If it is necessary to cancel an event due to severe weather, the Council will not be liable for any costs. The decision to cancel an event due to severe weather will be taken by the Council following consultation with the Safety and Resilience Team, whose decision will be final.
- f) In the case of severe winds creating dangerous conditions, the Council reserves the right to cancel the event or require the event organiser to cordon off areas where the public may be at risk. Such requirements will be at the event organiser's expense.

Event Promotion and Programming

The following conditions will apply to the promotion of events:

- a) The Council will publicise events in parks and open spaces on its events page of its website www.chichester.gov.uk where possible.
- b) Promoters and organisers of events remain responsible for the marketing and promotion of their event and shall be required to comply with the relevant licensing and planning legislation.
- c) The Council seeks to offer a wide and varied programme of events to the public in meeting the objectives of this Policy. Applications for events in parks and open spaces will be dealt with on a first come first served basis, excepting that recurring annual events will be given priority if they are staged on regular dates.
- d) The Council will advise prospective event organisers of the forthcoming year's events. The Council will seek to avoid a clash of similar events by creating a district wide events calendar and advising against events of similar character and attraction in the same location at the same time or close timeframe to each other.
- e) The Council will consider events on the basis of those permitted events and prohibited events as referred to above. References may be required and taken up where the content of an event needs further confirmation. The Council accepts no responsibility for the impact of refusing an event.
- f) Flyposting for events will not be permitted and the necessary permissions must be obtained for any promotional banners or posters erected. On the Highway, permission must be obtained from West Sussex County Council as the Highway Authority. The cost of removing any unauthorised promotional material will be deducted from the returnable deposit paid by the event organiser.

Operational Requirements

The following general operational conditions apply for staging events on Chichester District Council land:

- a) Event organisers cannot hold an event on Council land without the Council's written permission. This permission will be granted at the discretion of the Council and only following satisfactory completion of the Event Application documents, compliance with Hire of land Terms and conditions, evidence of insurance and suitable risk assessments. Larger events will also need to submit an event management plan.
- a) The majority of events are held during the period 1 April to 30 September each year but events outside of this time will also be considered.
- b) Operating hours for events will be between 9am to 12am (excluding set-up and set-down). In exceptional circumstances an extension of these hours may be sought from the licensing authority
- c) Events where admission is charged for entry into an event, will be permitted. However, the Council will seek to minimise the impact that these events have on regular park users.
- d) Bonfires are not permitted on Council land as part of any event.

e) The Council will inform local resident associations and park user groups of the event programme for each park and will consider their views during the planning stages for each event. Organisers of larger events will be encouraged to liaise directly with these groups to understand any concerns and limit the impact their event might have on local communities.

Monitoring of Standards and Customer Satisfaction

The following conditions for monitoring standards will apply:

a) Organisers will be required to take appropriate action during their event and for future events to learn from their experiences and seek to improve on the event and the impact on local residents. The Council may require a clear Action Plan setting out the lessons learnt and the improvements to be incorporated in future years before approving subsequent events.

b) No event organiser shall make an assumption that there is any form of agreement or contract with the Council for continuation of annual events.

c) The Council will monitor standards, customer satisfaction and feedback and will liaise with organisers to instigate improvements where appropriate.

Licensing

The following conditions will apply regarding the licensing of events staged on council land:

a) If required, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, event organisers will be required to obtain Temporary Event Notices or Premises licence for their event.

b) The event organisers will be responsible for ensuring that their event complies with the relevant Temporary Events Notice or Premises Licence. Compliance will be strictly monitored by the Council's Authorised Officers.

c) Organisers, during all licensable activities, shall be required to promote the four licensing objectives: i. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder; ii. Public Safety; iii. The Prevention of Public Nuisance; iv. The Protection of Children from Harm.

d) Organisers shall be required to read, understand and put into practice measures and conditions which may be attached to any relevant permission under the Licencing Act 2003 and supporting legislation or advice.

Insurance

Event organisers shall meet the following insurance requirements:

a) Organisers will be required to obtain and provide evidence to the Council of Public and Employers Liability Insurance to a minimum value of £10 million.

b) This minimum figure is subject to review and may be updated at any time on the advice of the Council's insurers.

c) Event organisers will be responsible for ensuring that all participants and contractors are adequately insured.

Health and Safety

Event organisers shall be required to provide evidence where required by the Council that they are complying with:

- a) All relevant Health and Safety Legislation;
- b) Depending on the nature and/or size of an event, the event organiser may be required to attend/consult with the Safety Advisory Group of the Council. This group is composed of all the Emergency Services, the Highways Authority, Environmental Health and Licensing.

Safeguarding Children and Adults

Event organisers shall meet the following insurance requirements:

- a) Event organisers will need to address safeguarding within their risk assessment and event management plans.
- b) All event organisers will be required as a minimum to provide evidence of procedures for dealing with lost children.

Events Consultation 2019 Results Summary

Responses Received

296 responses were received, 22 respondents said their response represents more than one person, so if we take these numbers into account **the views of 1,613 individuals were recorded** in this consultation.

54 of the respondents requested that they would like to be involved in an events focus group.

Respondent Profile

48% of the respondents said they live in Chichester City, 7.8% work but do not live in Chichester District, 6.5% Selsey, 6.1% regularly visit but do not live in Chichester district.

39.8% said they live in a two person household, 24.8% live in a four person household and 19% live in a three person household, 10.9% live alone or live in a household with five or more people (5.4%).

The majority of respondents (65.5%) do not have any children under 16 years old living in their household and only 1 individual said they have four or more children under 16 living in their household.

Age profile:

16-24: 4.6% 25-34: 14.1% **35-44: 22.5%** **45-54: 25.2%** 55-64: 18.3% 65+: 15.3%

There were far more female respondents (70%) than male (27.6%).

Survey Results

The majority of respondents (**83%**) **said they already attend events in Chichester District**, of the 244 respondents who currently attend events within the district 180 listed which events, markets and films events were the most frequently mentioned, with theatre, music, sporting events following behind and Novium and Goodwood also featuring high.

Out of the 50 respondents who said they did not attend events in Chichester District 35 provided a comment to explain reasons why. The two most frequent reasons were that people are unaware of events in their area and that there are no events they're interested in.

Most respondents said they hear about events on social media (67%) or through word of mouth (56.7%).

The majority of respondents, **62.8% feel there are not enough events in Chichester District** and 21.5% said they feel there is currently about the right amount of events, 14%

said they were unsure how they felt about the number of events and only 0.7% said there are too many events.

The top three types of event respondents would like to see in the district were **Music, Food & Drink and Arts/Culture events.**

The two most popular places respondents would like to see more events take place were parks and green spaces and city/town centres. Of the 224 respondents who ticked parks and green spaces, 186 provided examples of the parks and green spaces they would like to see more events take place in, with **Priory Park receiving 116 mentions and Oaklands Park receiving 79.** Of the 221 respondents who ticked city/town centres, 193 provided examples of which town/city with Chichester receiving 175 mentions, Midhurst 20 and Petworth 12.

The majority of respondents (**86.5%**) would like to see more events during the summer months, **80% would like to see more during Spring**, 66.7% said Autumn and 55.9% said Winter.

When asked what would encourage you to attend an event, 233 provided comments, the top three being; **free/affordable events, family friendly events and 'on a subject I', interested in'.**

Almost half of respondents (47%) would like to see more markets in the district's towns and cities, 28% said they didn't mind and 20.9% said they did not want to see any more markets, with the remaining 5.7% being unsure.

Of the 139 respondents who said they'd like to see more markets, 107 provided more information about the markets, e.g type, location, day etc. **The three top comments were food and drink, craft and weekend markets.**