

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.

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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.

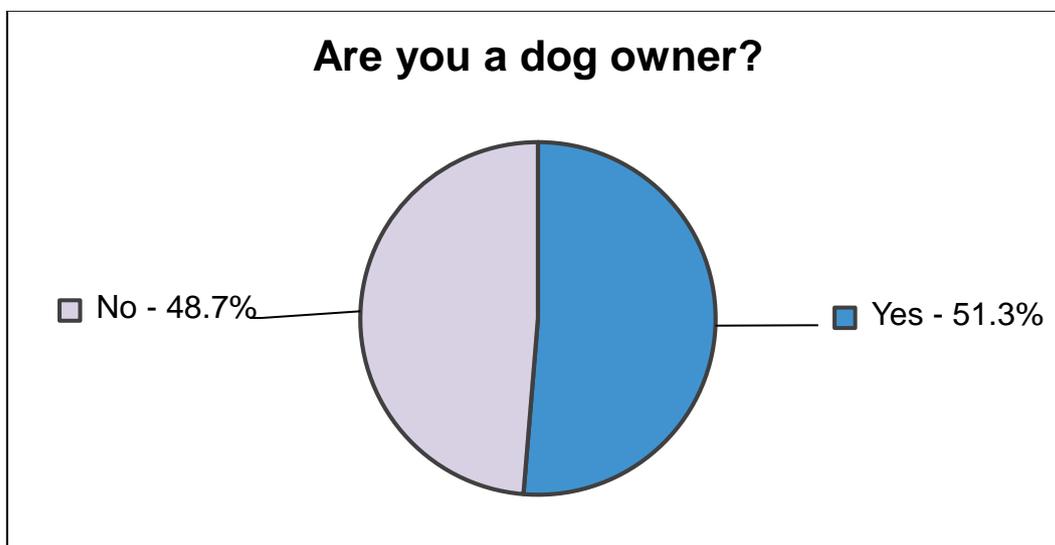
A full list of promotions is available in Appendix B.

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.

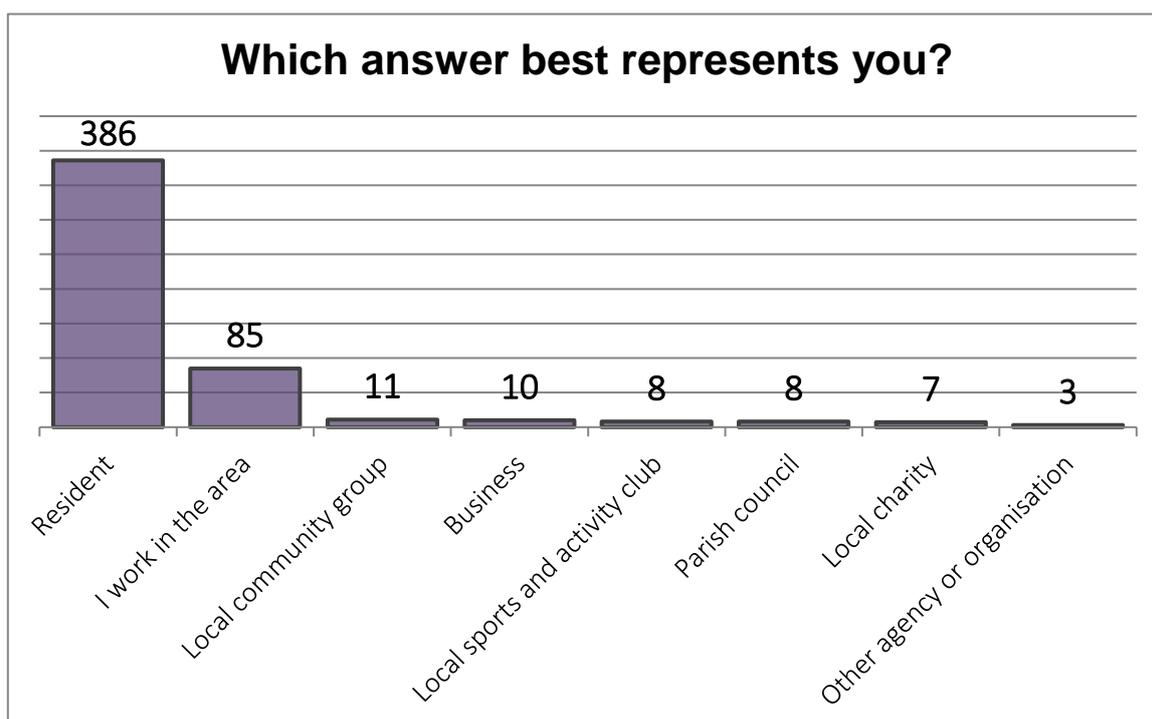
Section One: Respondent Profile

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.

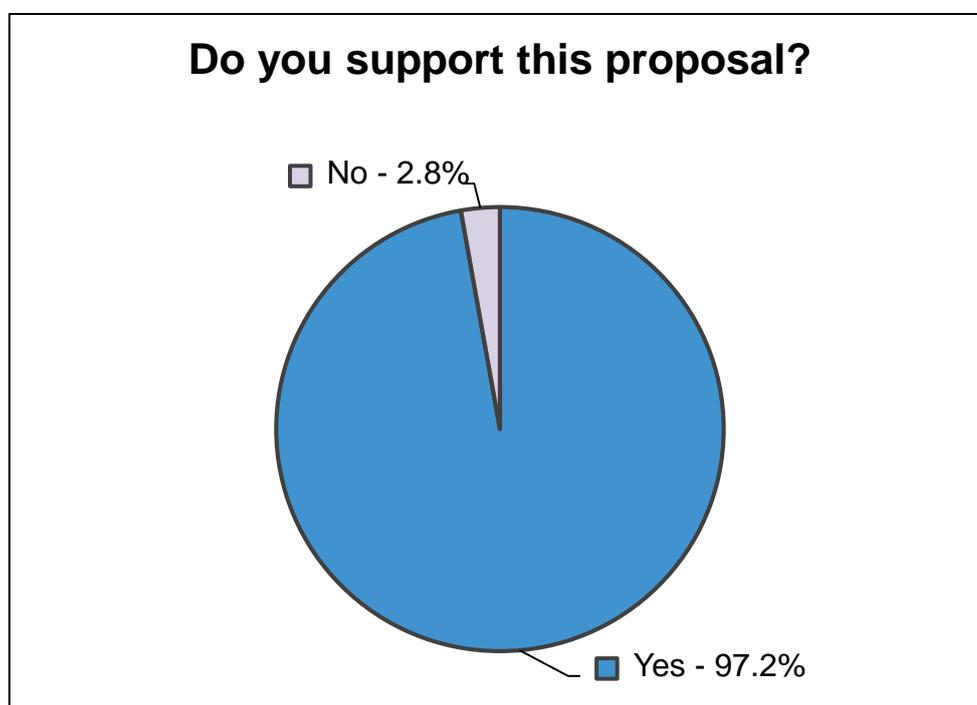
Section Two: Dog fouling

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.

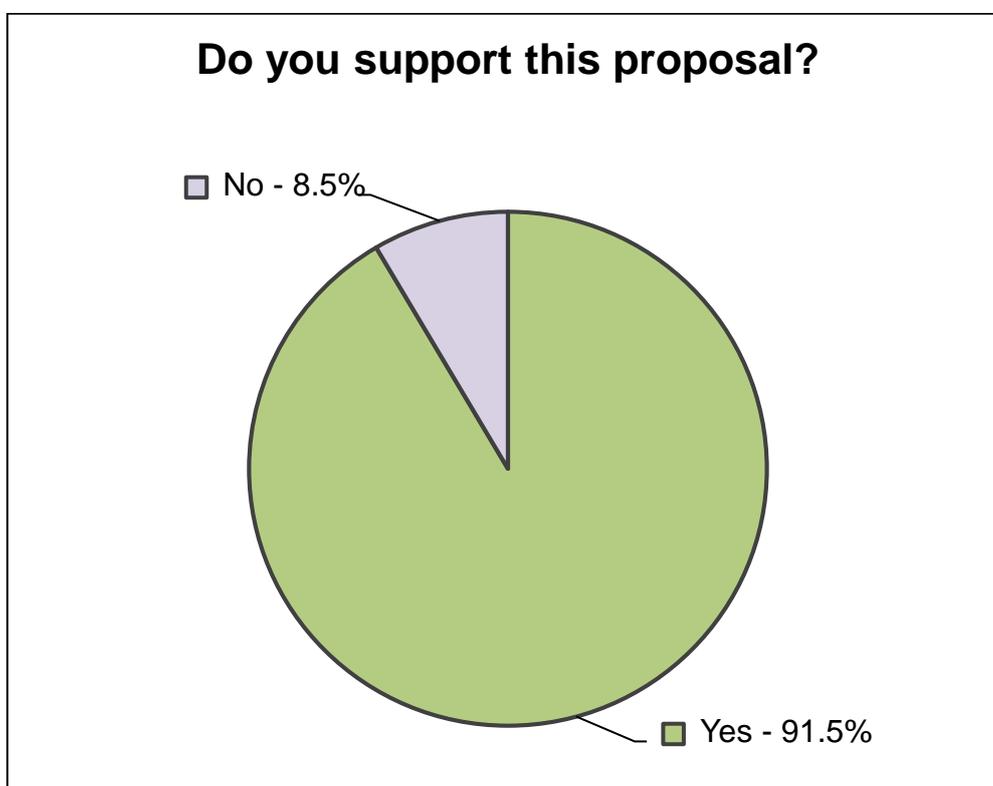
Section Three: Dogs on leads

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.

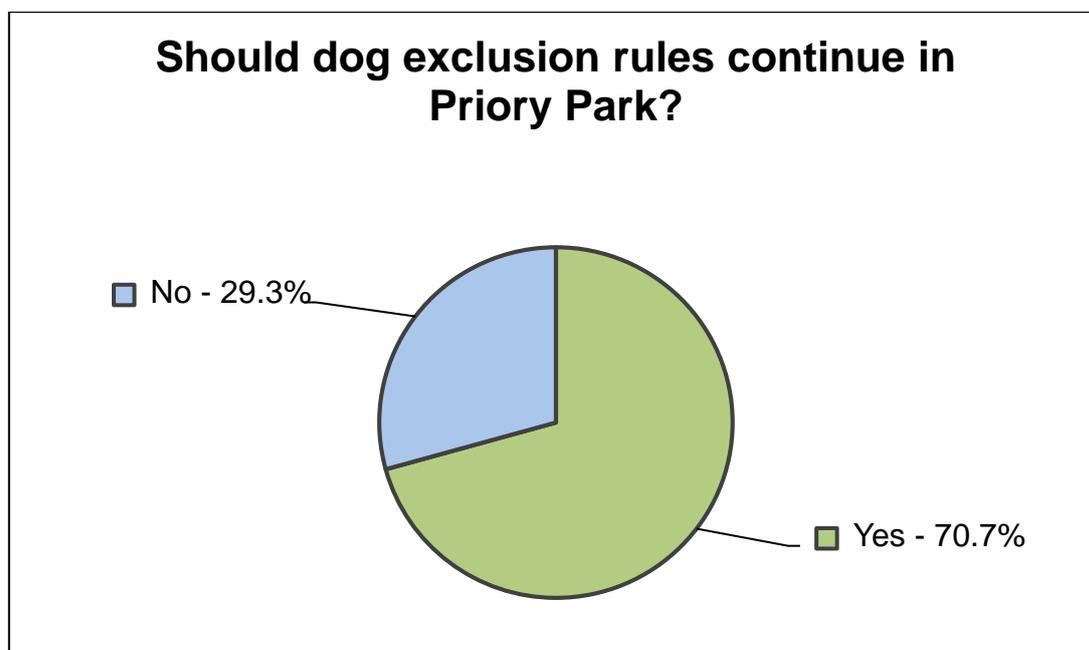
The majority of respondents (91.5% or 292) said they supported the proposal, while 8.5% (27) did not.



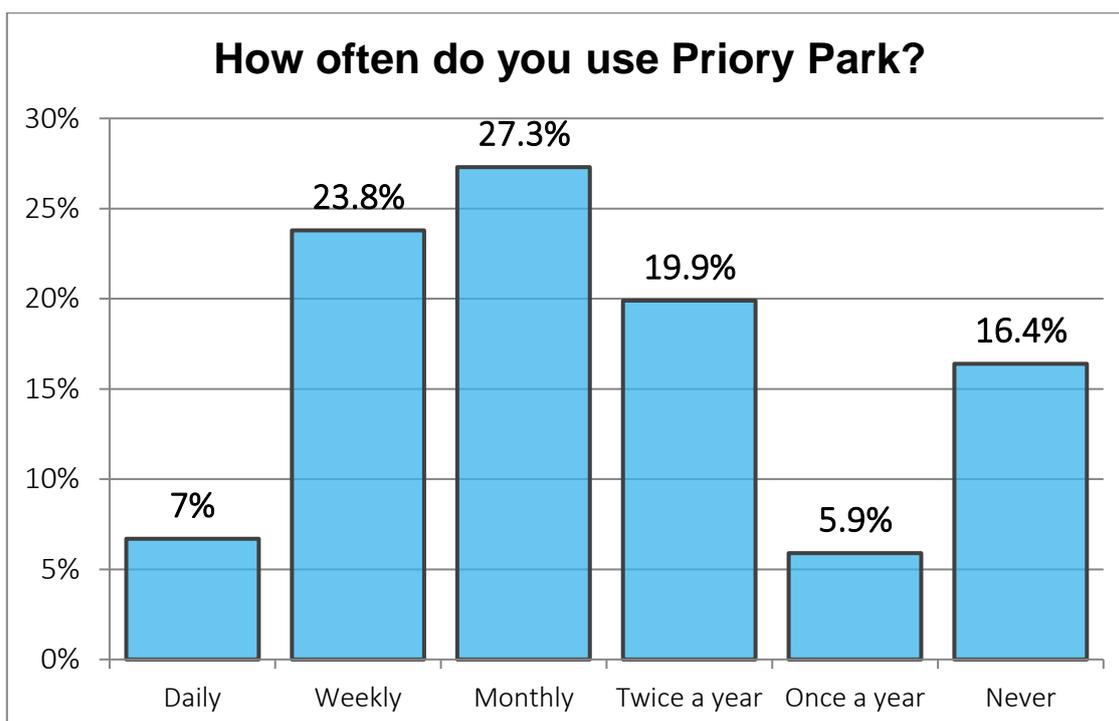
Section Four: Exclusion of dogs — all year round

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

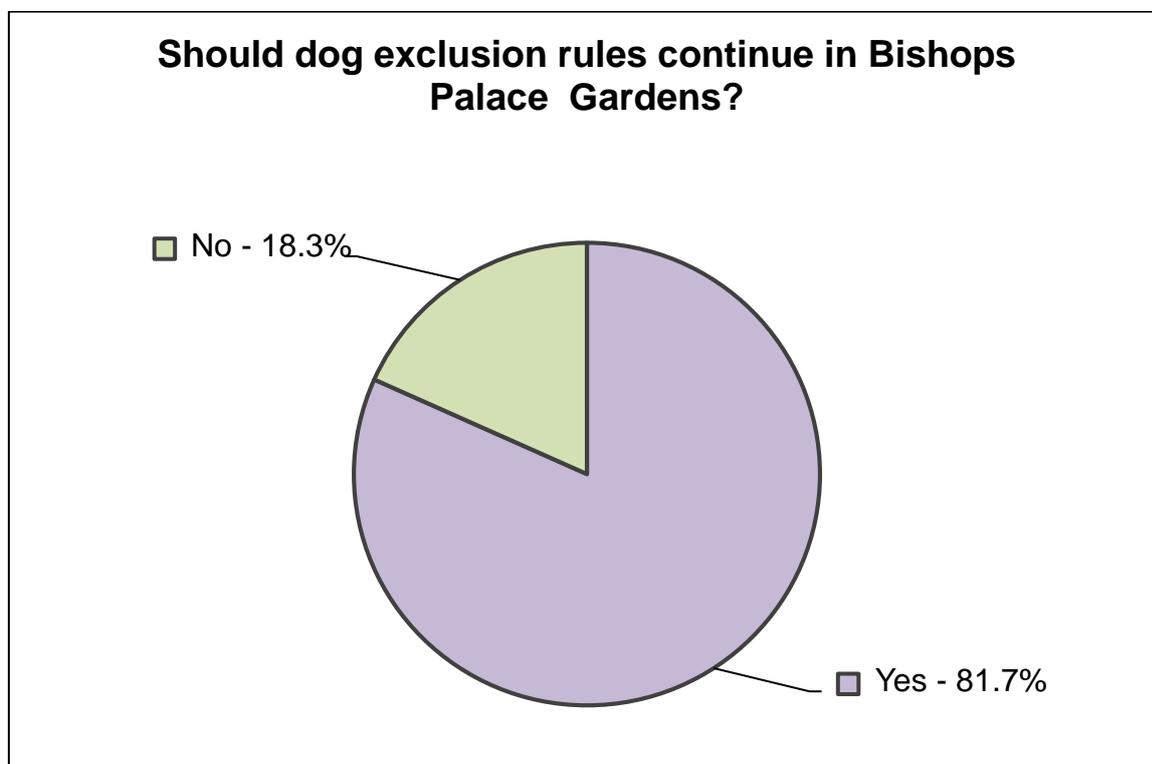
When asked whether the dog exclusion rules should continue in **Priory Park**, **70.7%** (239) respondents agreed, and **29.3%** (99) disagreed.



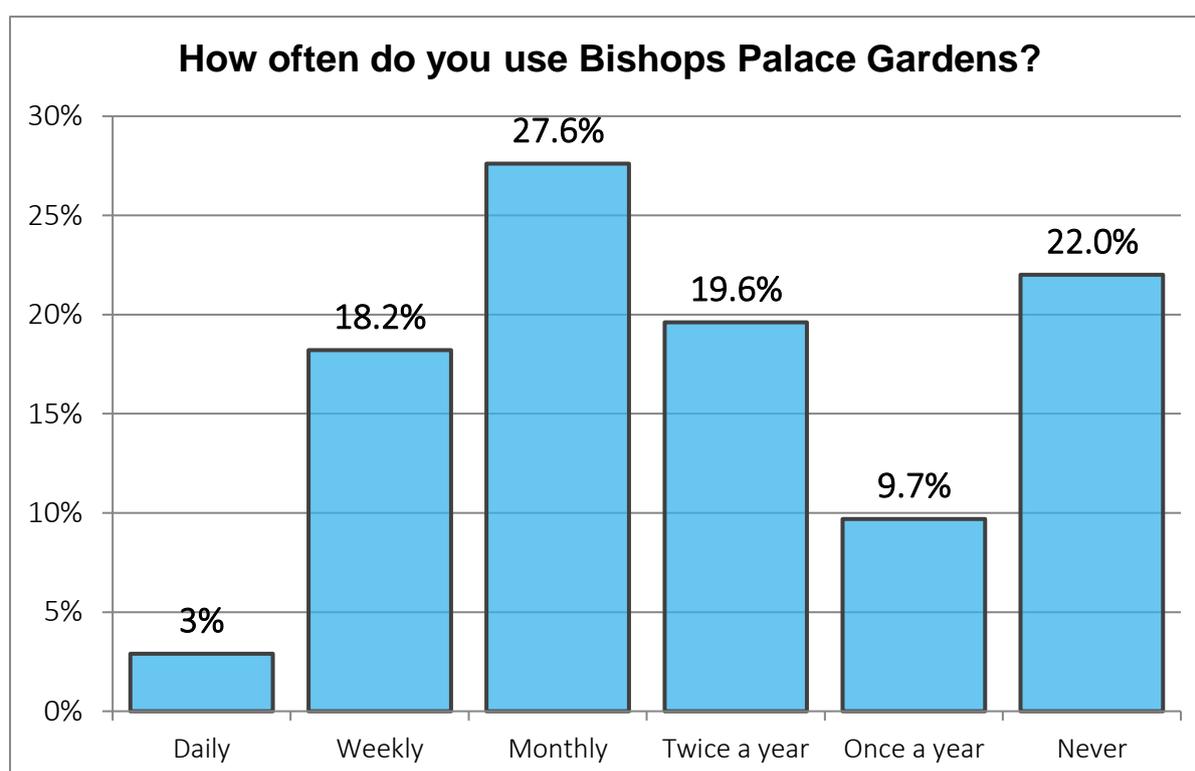
Of those that responded, most said they use the park monthly (**27.3%** or 93). The following graph shows the full results.



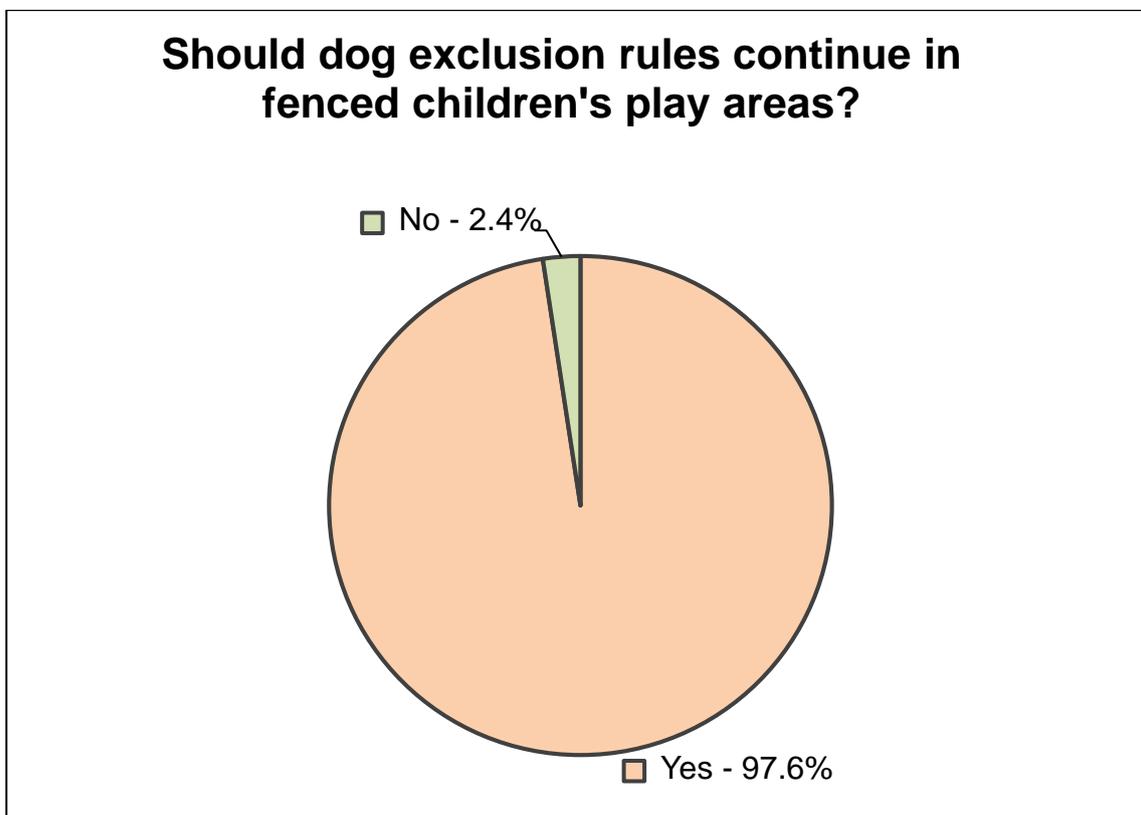
Asked whether the dog exclusion rules should continue in **Bishops Palace Gardens**, **81.7%** (276) respondents agreed and **18.3%** (62) disagreed.



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

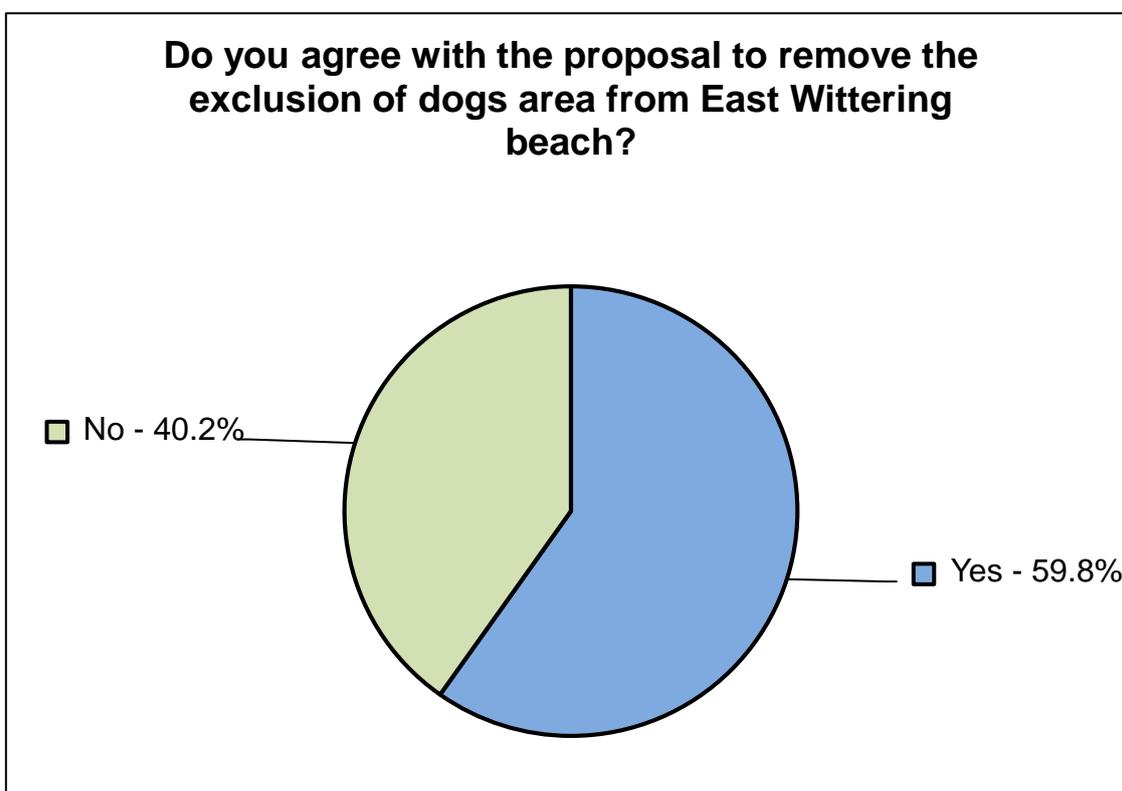
328 respondents (**81.2%**) chose to give their views on exclusions areas for **parts of the year**.

Respondents were asked whether they supported the following proposal:

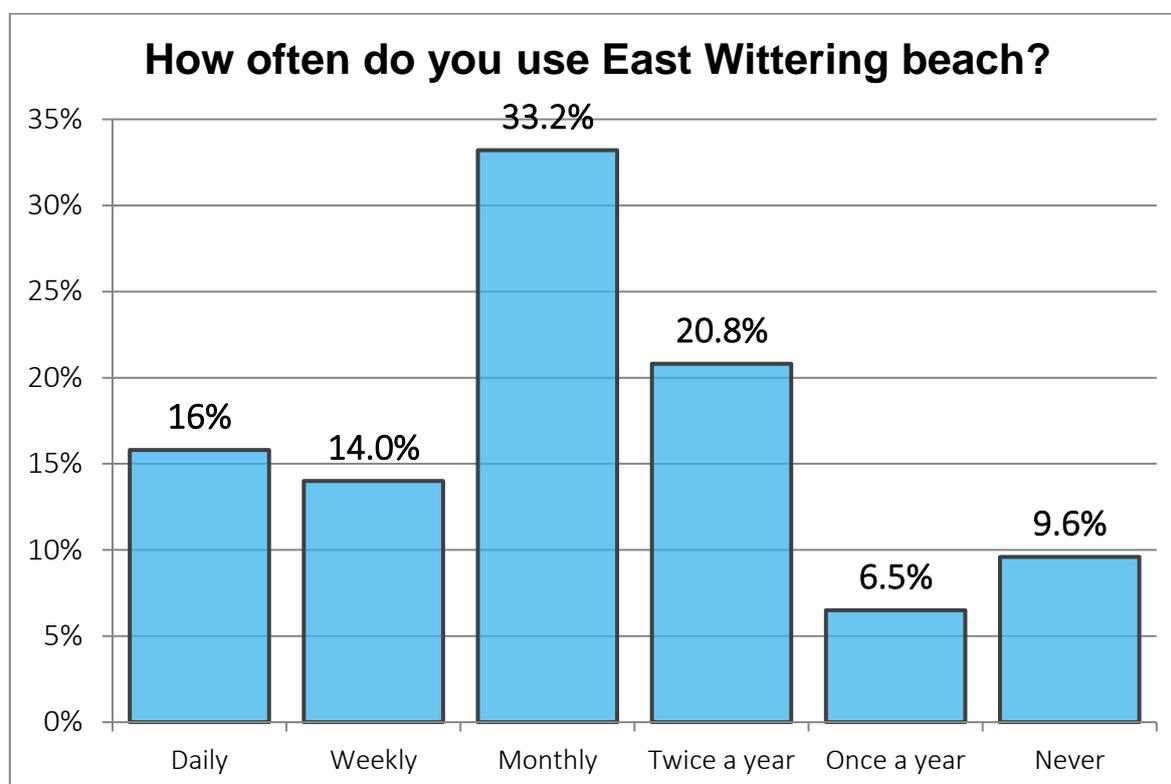
East Wittering Beach proposal: To remove the exclusion of dogs area from the beach between Groyne A49 and A51 from May to September. We have included a map of this area on our consultation webpage at www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces

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.

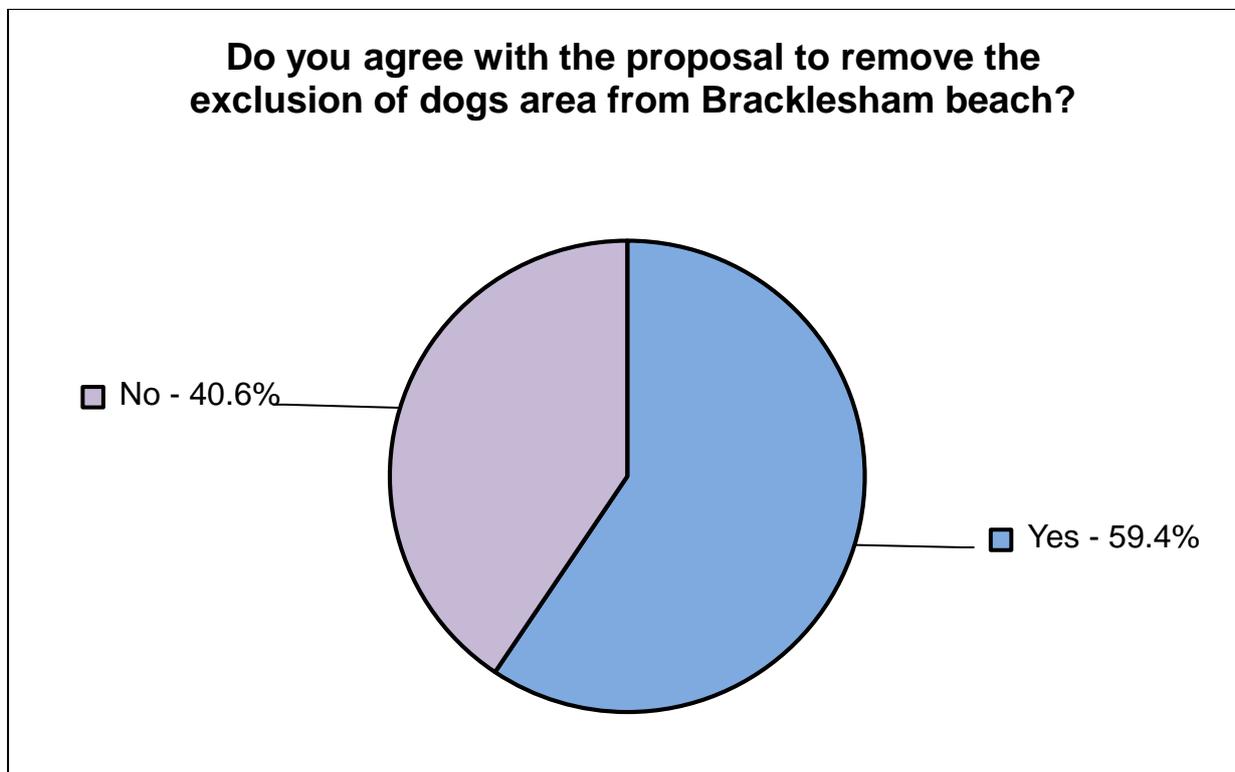
Of the respondents who said they were representing community groups, **4** agreed with the proposal for East Wittering beach, while **3** disagreed.

Respondents were then asked whether they supported the following proposal:

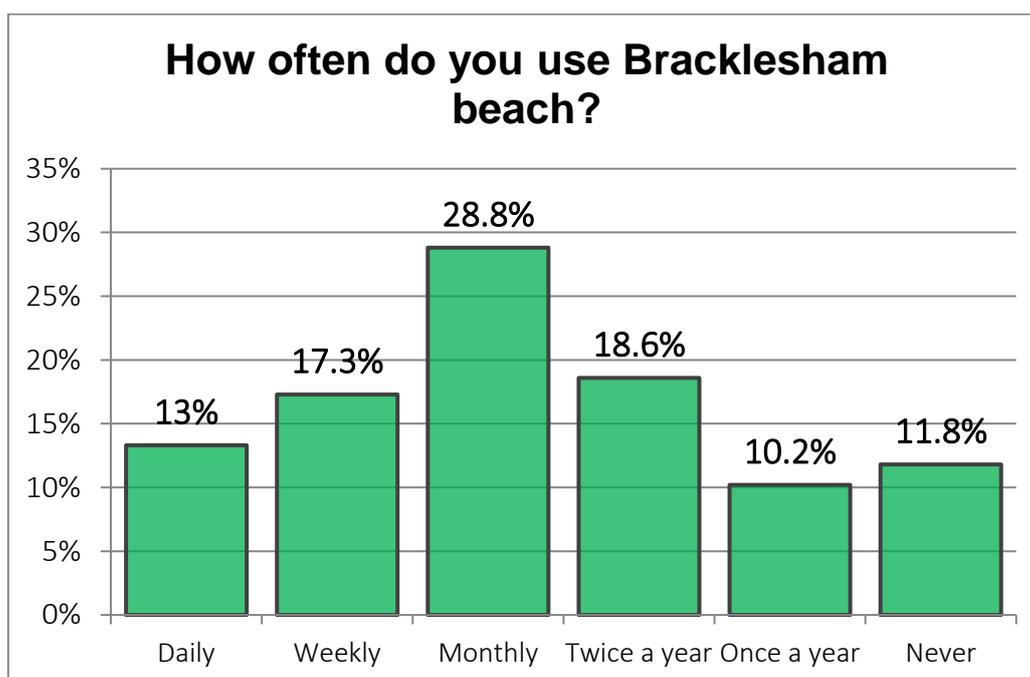
Bracklesham Beach proposal: To remove the exclusion of dogs area from the beach between Groynes A21 and A25 from May to September. We have included a map of this area on our consultation webpage at www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces

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.

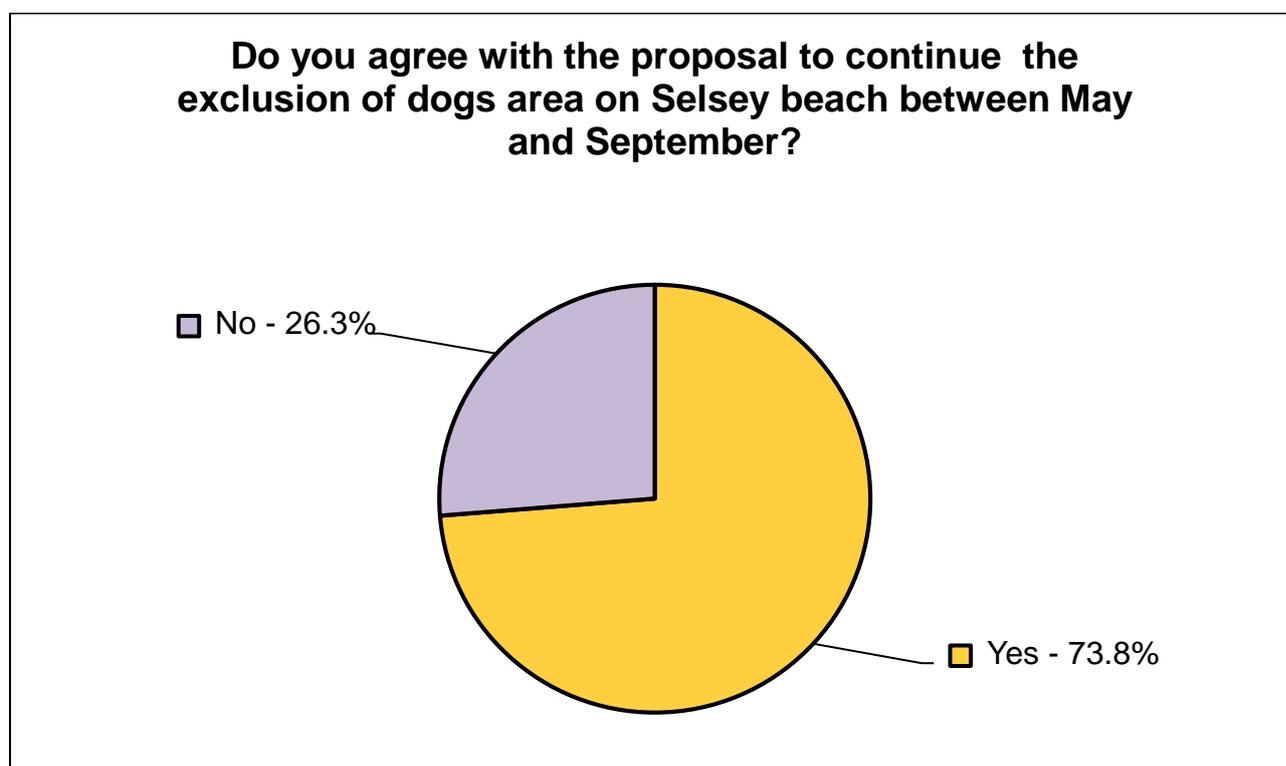
Of the respondents who said they were representing parish councils, **5** agreed with the proposal for Bracklesham beach, while **3** disagreed.

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

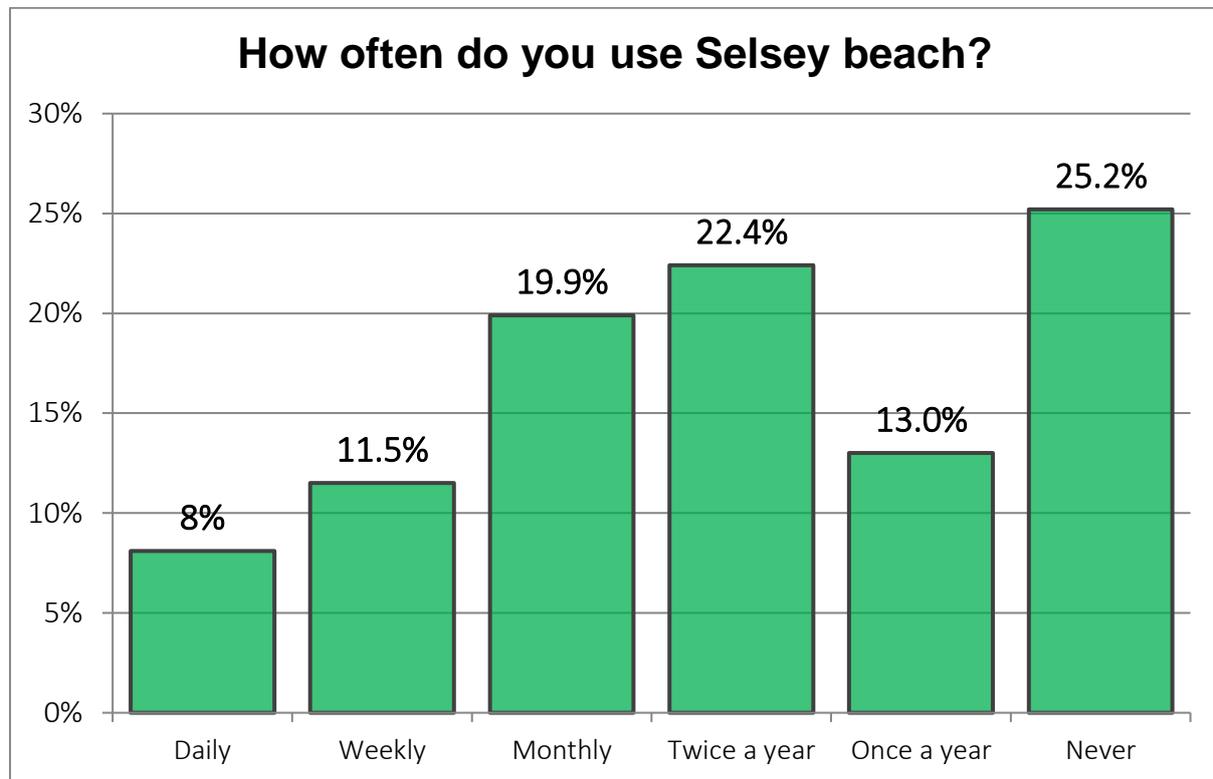
Respondents were then asked if they agreed with the following proposal:

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 Wlittering beach and Emperor Way in Fishbourne have boxes where they supply dog pooh 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/pooh 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 throw 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 are 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 dogs 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 wary 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 clean 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.

