

9. Are there any relevant comments you wish to make on the proposed PSPOs for Dog Controls?

214 responses

1	anonymous	Why are the rules not enforced?
2	anonymous	Fouling is an issue on all open spaces and nothing is done to enforce the rules. Why is extending it likely to stop irresponsible owners from continuing to flout the rules?
3	anonymous	All dogs should be on leads that way there is no problems .
4	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads in all Public areas
5	anonymous	I don't envy the District Council trying to tackle irresponsible dog ownership but there are so many dogs around and responsible dog owners need to accept such measures are necessary for the protection of all of us.
6	anonymous	Any dog fouling that is not picked up should be a fined offence wherever. Dogs required to be in leads in water parks or specific fenced areas is good A dog should be under control and return to its owner on recall, this does not mean that they should always be on a lead unless they are not controlled or able to walk alongside owner in busy areas
7	anonymous	There should be firmer controls and more enforcement officers ensuring that dogs are kept on leads in the Greensward at Felpham. Dog regularly foul without owners picking up because they haven't seen' and run around, especially difficult when children are playing. Please do something to keep children safe.
8	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads, I have stopped many dog owners whose dogs have fouled whilst wandering away from their owners and just leave it. There should also be limits on how many dogs you should be allowed to walk at one time as they are unable to control them all at once. There should also be more control on beaches with dogs off leads especially during the summer periods, despite there being signs owners have no regard and have never seen anyone stopped who isn't complying with the rules.
9	anonymous	Particularly since the pandemic dog ownership has risen and a large proportion of the countries families now have a dog as a valued member. Arun district is a large tourist destination area and many of those areas involve water. We need to be mindful that we provide areas that cater recreational space for people with dogs and without dogs(dogs on leads) so that families do not travel hundreds of miles to spend a day with us only to find that part of the family is not welcome

		and they turn away never to return or they lock their dog in the car for the day.
10	anonymous	Dogs should be kept on leads in all public spaces, with no exceptions
11	anonymous	Fully support use of these controls, many people however aren't following them and can be difficult to challenge, please consider how the rules are shared and enforced
12	anonymous	I have had to stop taking my children to certain places, Felpham seafront being one of them, because of the amount of dog poo EVERYWHERE. My child literally got covered in it while walking across the stones.
13	anonymous	Dogs on leads on all beach areas. And only off leads on the designated areas. Perhaps dogs could be allowed on the beaches before and after certain times i.e. before 10am and after 8 rather than banning them altogether from May -October
14	anonymous	The amount of out of control dogs is a major nuisance. Many owners do not take responsibility for their dogs.
15	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads in all public places including beaches in Summer months
16	anonymous	This also needs policing. The amount of dog poo in the whole area on pavements is disgusting.
17	anonymous	I would totally support them we need to be able to create shared open spaces . To share and open space there needs to be fair rules for dog owners and non dog owners . Many areas are currently out of bounds to us due to my child having a fear of dogs and we cannot guarantee a dog will not run at him. (many are not controlled) Making changes to make some areas to make dogs on leads would be a great addition to making areas more inclusive to all users . I would also propose that the Dog controls in place are considered to be made all year round i.e. can the rules around the beach use of no dogs on The beach from the beach hut to harbour become an all year round rule along with dogs on lead on the promenade ? Then it's consistent , clear rules and makes the beach an accessible place for all year round . Dogs take over the greens / beach from Rustington to Goring so be good to have a little space constantly free of dogs . It should also be dogs on leads through places like Mewsbrook park. You can't walk through that park without a dog running up to you . I love Dogs but they are not for everyone . Dogs should be on leads near all Children's play parks . Thank you for raising this survey
18	anonymous	The refusal of owners to pick up after their dogs has got so out of hand in Littlehampton. I am embarrassed to see so many visitors come to our town and beaches which are meant to be blue flag! Having to dodge

		dog poo at every turn. A common phrase heard on a day out along Littlehampton seafront is 'watch out for the dog poo' sad you can't just let kids run and play without the sad realisation that they'll step in some. It's disgusting and disgraceful. Shame you don't invest in a warden, more bins and actually fining people, these surveys are pointless. The regeneration of the seafront is also a waste of time, more places for dogs to foul.
19	anonymous	I feel there should be some area where dogs are allowed off lead to be able to enjoy water based activities at maybe certain times of the day / week. But not within the environmental areas. I feel there needs to be more poo bins in some areas and harder/more penalties in place for fouling as this is becoming bad in certain areas. (Especially along the River in Littlehampton)
20	anonymous	No dogs on East beach is often ignored and people get angry when approached to point this out maybe permanent signs would be better than those currently used.
21	anonymous	I do not go to West Park anymore as I am fed up with owners not picking up their dogs mess. Why are there no patrols to fine these inconsiderate owners .
22	anonymous	Increased signage to make dog owners aware of the rules in locations
23	anonymous	I think that some areas should be completely dog free. Especially where children may be. Some children are petrified of dogs and this can ruin the experience for them and their families. The amount of dogs in areas where they must be on a lead, that are NOT on a lead is growing and its not on. Dog owners feel entitled and they might believe their dog is safe but that won't help people with phobias
24	anonymous	As a dog owner, I support most of the points mentioned in this consultation, but it's also important not to end up restricting responsible dog walkers with well behaved dogs due to a limited amount of irresponsible dog owners. I feel the council is just opting for the cheapest solution here. Using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.
25	anonymous	No
26	anonymous	I'm fed up of being knocked over in the parks and public spaces by teenagers etc on bikes and motor scooters. For me the fear of a broken hip or worse from these is far worse than a dog being loose.
27	anonymous	Too many dog owners seem to believe their dog is exceptional, with little regard for the safety and well being of young children, families, and other dogs who may not respond well to dogs off the lead. Far too often it is those dogs off leads who appear to have little training, and with owners who simply cannot control their dog. Our public spaces should be safe for all, and families and individuals should not have to have

		eyes in the backs of their heads or be worried that an uncontrollable dog is going to potentially cause distress, injury, or harm - either to members of the public, or to other dogs.
28	anonymous	This needs to be extended to include Arundel public spaces.
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30	anonymous	All parks should insist that dogs on leads. Much more dog fouling on prom from Aldwick to Felpham. No visible enforcement - this needs to be improved.
31	anonymous	It would be a shame if all dogs and their owners were penalised because of the few who cannot/will not clean up after their dog or keep under control
32	anonymous	Dogs should be kept on leads no longer than 2 meters in these areas. Retractable leads should be locked at a short length.
33	anonymous	The beach was a problem to us last Summer when a dog was allowed to run free (without a lead) and ran up to where we were sitting on our picnic rug and just cocked a leg against our cool box! The owner whilst being embarrassed, had to be asked to clean up after this dirty and unacceptable act. I was there with my two young grandchildren at the time. Off-putting to be certain and totally unacceptable. All dogs must be under total control in public spaces! Also there is a huge dogs mess problem along the walkway opposite Marine Park Gardens . Disgusting when Dog Bins are provided. When these bins are full (and smelling badly) owners should take the dog mess home in the bag and not just throw the bags on the ground!
34	anonymous	Dogs must be kept on leads and under control in all public spaces. I am sometimes shocked and disappointed by attitudes of dog owners when challenged to "clean up after their pet". No one should have to see dog mess left on paths, grass, Esplanades etc. It is filthy. Dogs should never run up or jump up at children, elderly, disabled or ANYONE! All dog owners must be responsible and show respect. If you cannot train your dog or clean up after it you should not be taking it out where other people aim to enjoy this wonderful place we live or are lucky enough to visit.
35	anonymous	Nobody enforces this
36	anonymous	Enforce it correctly and instigate fines when not.
37	anonymous	I would like to see dogs in all public spaces on leads. Far too many times my dog has been pounced on by dogs running freely under no control by the owners. When I complain I am verbally attacked.

38	anonymous	It is good to see responsible dog owners with their dogs on leads in the designated areas but sadly some people persist in ignoring the rules!
39	anonymous	I feel all dogs should be on leads in all public spaces at all times. Also can you spot check people with dogs and if they don't have poo bags with them send them home or fine them ? Also please can you increase the number of dog poo bins please along the sea front in Littlehampton by mewsbook park end and also the other end of the board walk on west beach would be handy. 🐕
40	anonymous	Just ban dogs from play areas. Filthy, disgusting poo everywhere. Dogs that jump up on people and children. They are horrible things. There should be dog free areas where the rest of us can be safe from dog poo and "friendly" dogs getting all over us when we don't want them.
41	anonymous	Any public space that has children playing should have dogs in leads only
42	anonymous	No more restrictions .Most dog owners are responsible people.
43	anonymous	I object to the Discovery Garden requiring dogs on leads as this area is used by people to drink and do drugs. Every time the wall is repainted to allow it to be used for lessons, etc. The wall is graffiti again. Broken bottles and human excrement is common. The idea of the place is great but currently this isn't maintained. Security very rarely walk through here so I think dog owners using this area may be a deterrent.
44	anonymous	There are responsible owners and irresponsible owners of dogs. As a dog owner I see it as a privilege to be able to walk with my dog running free. To ensure this continues and because I wish dogs to be viewed in a positive light I currently pick up other dogs faeces. Irresistible owners will not pick up their dogs faeces irrespective of the rules.
45	anonymous	More effort should be made to enforce poo collection. People leave poo even if the dog is on lead. Often bagged and left.
46	anonymous	I found this survey whilst looking for rules on dogs at Climping and Littlehampton beach. I have been walking the England Coastal path and have not experienced any issues with dogs walking from Hastings to Rustington. I experienced 2 problems last Saturday in Littlehampton and 3 between Climping beach cafe and West Beach cafe yesterday. One lady was walking 5 dogs all off lead and they surrounded me and she did not attempt to recall them and found it amusing I was nervous. Another couple with a large Alsatian appeared to have no control of their dog as it chased a small child on his bike. I think all dogs should be on leads at all times in public areas. They can be unpredictable and make walking a traumatic experience.

47	anonymous	There should be more restrictions, would like to see present ones enforced and Hotham Park to be a lead inly area. It's getting quite unpleasant to use with dogs running at you and faeces everywhere.
48	anonymous	I really support the PSPOs in public spaces. I have two young children and dogs have approached them and got too close where owner's didn't call them back or dogs ignored them. Not everyone is comfortable around dogs.
49	anonymous	Dog control is required but dogs should be allowed to run free on the beach but owners required to clean up after them.
50	anonymous	Far too many "dog owners" consider open public spaces to be a playground and toilet for their dogs, without consideration for others. Humans come before animals!
51	anonymous	Laws should be made to stop use of extending leads everywhere except in open spaces. Frequently I have nearly been tripped over because people use them on pavements - you just don't see the lead, or sometimes even the dog!
52	anonymous	Bring back mandatory dog licences
53	anonymous	I live in Elmer and an concerned that unless you have a dog you are not welcome on the beach. The situation of unruly dogs has got much worse in recent years due to owners allowing their dogs to run around off leads. Dogs constantly jump up at you whilst their owners chat with other dog owners and shout that the dog will not hurt you. We have had a dog pee on our grandsons sand castle and steal our picnic in the past only for the owner to shout four letter words at us. Some people exercise multiple dogs at a time. The problem I feel is exemplified because there are no restrictions on Elmer beach and so people not only from Elmer use it. The dog population has definitely increased in the 14 years I have lived at Elmer. Unfortunately with it there is an increase in irresponsible dog owners. [REDACTED]
54	anonymous	Would be an idea for more signage around the areas where dogs are required to be on the lead
55	anonymous	in residential areas to dogs must be kept on leads owners need to pick up their dog poo
56	anonymous	I have a genuine fear of dogs, and I feel safer when they are kept on leads. Thank you
57	anonymous	More free education on how to provide enrichment for the dog other than just off lead exercise in public spaces.
58	anonymous	Should be extended to other areas than just Bognor and Littlehampton. Pagham Beach also has issues with dogs off leads and fouling.

59	anonymous	I don't think dogs should be allowed on beaches on or off the lead. Between Worthing and Littlehampton.
60	anonymous	There should be more areas where owners have to keep their dogs on a lead. Far too many badly behaved, particularly big dogs, are let off their leads with no recall
61	anonymous	It is highly important, for the purposes of child health and public nuisance, for domestic dogs to remain in the control of their owners, and for owners to be required to clean up dog faeces in all public areas.
62	anonymous	Limit the number of dogs that can walked at one time to a maximum number of 4 per person. Professional dog walkers often take a large number out and that can be very intimidating for some people and other pets.
63	anonymous	Unfortunately dogs are being let to walk off leads even on very busy roads and on private estates also on beaches where they do not see if their dog has defecated as they are not watching them so being on a lead would stop that, but to get some folk to pick up may be another matter !!
64	anonymous	All local beaches should ban dogs in the summer. My son who has cerebral palsy stepped in dog poop on Pagham beach last year.
65	anonymous	dogs should be on leads on all roads, including private roads. any time dogs are off leads the owners are not fully aware of when they need to pick up after them.
66	anonymous	Dogs to be allowed on beaches, off leads, in quieter areas during summer and on the whole beach during winter
67	anonymous	I am a responsible dog owner and I always pick up after my dog. In my experience a lead does nothing to make an irresponsible owner clear up, they will still just walk away you need to impose fines and let people know you are doing so
68	anonymous	Throughout summer time I feel that dogs should be kept on leads on Beaches. Many times I have been on the beach h with my family and grandchildren and have been bothered by dog owners letting their dogs s run free and not be under control. A simple notice on beaches during summer months should state that dogs should on less under control between certain times and dates Thankyou
69	anonymous	Agree with the above. Dogs running loose in crowded areas are dangerous. Having them on leads and kept under control is better for families than not having them able to attend at all. Agree that the fouling at West Beach has increased so leads are necessary. Unfortunate that as usual, the majority have to pay for the minority's sins but that's life. Perhaps the only way to learn.

70	anonymous	Please see the current issue of British Wildlife Vol34 No7 June 2023 on the environmental impact of dogs. It raises some concerning issues. Far greater restrictions need to be placed upon dog owners if our local environment is to be protected. [REDACTED]
71	anonymous	Dog owners need to show greater responsibility!
72	anonymous	Ensure there are sufficient dog waste bins in restricted areas so there is no excuse for dog waste not being picked up by their owners
73	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads at all times, except on private land.
74	anonymous	Dogs should not be allowed in areas where children play even if on a lead as dogs can break away from their owners grasp. Child safety over dog freedom should be paramount.
75	anonymous	It would be nice if there was some sort of procedure to deal with the people whose dogs constantly are out of control and attacking other dogs , particularly when other dogs are on lead
76	anonymous	All dogs need to be on a lead on beach areas. Many dogs are left to roam without the owners taking responsibility for their actions e.g. pinching people's food, not picking up after them, if they were on a lead they could keep them on a lead.
77	anonymous	I think there are people who just think their dog should be able to go any where and I think this is wrong. I wholly support the requirement to have dogs on a lead , I would also like to see dog free areas totally ...not everyone likes dogs, and some bark and are aggressive frightening adults and children alike. I would like to see dog licenses introduced too, but I guess we have no chance of that , so let's curb some aspects of dog access please ! Well done for these proposals !
78	anonymous	Only that I remain astonished at how little control there really is. Quite why dogs can run freely in parks and other public areas is a mystery.
79	anonymous	Many dogs are trained to behave in an acceptable manner, therefore dogs should be able to walk in some areas whilst off lead, under close control.
80	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads where sport is played formally by a club on land rented by them from ADC e.g. Bognor rugby club.
81	anonymous	I think dogs should be on leads at all times unless a fenced open space specifically for dogs to run free is made available. Not everyone is comfortable with dogs running about when they are out walking
82	anonymous	There is no legal provision for an authorised Council Officer to enable them to enforce these regulations and they can only advise. Many people ignore these rules. The Environmental Enforcement team,

		whose job is to enforce these regulations are very rarely around and from the record of prosecutions made concentrate on the dropping of cigarette butts and not on the control of dogs. You can extend these regulations, but unless you properly police this nothing will change. Perhaps the return of the Council's Dog Wardens we once had may be the first step to improving dog control.
83	anonymous	At Hotham Park, dogs are meant to be on leads, but many dogs are off the lead and this needs to be in forced.
84	anonymous	I don't think dogs should be on the Place St Maur at all as once they are in the water and they foul in it who is going to be responsible for cleaning it up?
85	anonymous	Off lead dog owners frequently do not pick up after their dogs - could the possibility of a fine encourage them to do so? Sadly a small few are tarnishing all dog owners. Great owners and dogs need to help stop the rot x
86	anonymous	I'm finding more and more that people aren't controlling their dogs on the beach at East Preston. I'm a bit scared of dogs & really don't like it when they jump up at me. The owners generally just think it's OK or they try (but fail) to recall their dog. I think notices such as "Keep your dog on a lead if you can't keep it under control" would be a good way to go on all our beaches.
87	anonymous	dog lover but not owner, but unfortunately not all owners consider others so agree with all above
88	anonymous	All dogs should be in a lead in public places an beaches regardless.
89	anonymous	There are a number of owners who think that sensible restrictions do not apply to them, and have little thought or respect for public health and environmental protection. Well done Arun of tackling issues.
90	anonymous	all around Bognor Felpham the beaches are banned from dogs being on them during summer periods, this means dog owners make a be line for Elmer which is not restricted. I have cease to use the beach since a dog owner with a dog off of a leash allowed his dog to urinate on my 2 small grandchildren's sand castle, when tackled there was no apology and totally unconcerned. Another problem is that people want more than one dog, some cases up to five, it's like a competition who can own the most!!!! I feel there should be a dog licence for each dog owned & a fee paid every year as in the distant past. This would help pay for wardens, I hope Arun will take the lead & introduce this locally in our area, then it would be a start of a nationwide ruling. ***** *****

91	anonymous	There should be a easier reporting mechanism to report dogs not on leads, so whilst we appreciate you cannot respond each time, it will build up a trend location picture for you to concentrate on to re-educate
92	anonymous	The technology is there use it. All dogs should be licenced with microchips (Wi-Fi Bluetooth). Dog licenced DNA on record allows officers to collate evidence of fouling with fines of £250 and three strike rule. Just do it! So simple
93	anonymous	More wardens to keep a higher profile to deter irresponsible dog owners not picking up their pets faeces.
94	anonymous	Think they need to be extended further. Would be good if dogs were required to be on lead on our beaches if the owners cannot keep them under control.
95	anonymous	I'm afraid there have been several incidents involving dogs and their owners over the years but here are a couple of recent ones; last summer we were having a family picnic on the Green when a dog (off its lead) came bounding over sniffing at our food, its feet treading on our blankets and then began growling and barking because we wouldn't feed it. We called to the owner who was a fair distance away who replied "it's alright, he won't hurt you", we were left with grandchildren frightened and crying and a ruined picnic. She gave no apology what-so-ever and just walked away, the final insult before the dog ran off was it cocked its leg and wee'd over my foot. Another time was a couple of months ago we took our [REDACTED] grandson's to the Crazy Golf at Norfolk Gardens, afterwards we sat eating ice-creams by the tennis courts, a man & woman walked by, their dog following behind who just would not leave us alone. It wanted our ice-creams and jumped up at my husband barking and upset the boys. I called to the owners to get their dog but they completely ignored me, no apology, nothing. Finally, can I make a case against extendable dog leads which I wish could be banned somehow in our area as the owners cannot properly control their animals 30 or 40 feet away from themselves. The reasons being, you can go for a walk anywhere and be bothered by dogs on these leads. I have witnessed a person being tripped up by them and once a dog ran out into the road right in front of my car. I had to do an emergency stop, this could have caused a very nasty accident, thankfully this owner did apologise to me. I'd like to thank you for having these dog orders in place as I think if they weren't it would be a lot worse. Yours sincerely [REDACTED], a resident of Littlehampton.
96	anonymous	I accept that the majority of dog owners are quite responsible, however there is still a large proportion who are not.
97	anonymous	This is unnecessary. Do not listen to a few vocal voices. Most people are responsible dog owners.

98	anonymous	<p>On the beach out of hours for normal sunbathing dogs should be allowed to run free when no one is around and only put on lead when you see people coming towards you agree all mess from dog should be cleaned up .. I take dog to woods off the lead when no one is around and when we see people on the paths we put her back on lead .. I don't believe a dog needs to be on a lead all the time everywhere but I do agree they should always be on a lead when around others and never allowed in a area of play for children Our dog is the most friendly dog ever and just loves people but I never fully trust that something may happen when out that in fear she could turn .. she is a animal after all .. she is 13 years old and it drives me mad to see dogs off lead especially the more aggressive ones our dog has been attacked a few times and the owners don't seem to care or have recall .. if you have no recall at all your dog should never be off the lead .. I ride horses and have come across so many dogs with no owner to be seen barking and snapping at my horses legs it's just wrong So cleaning up and having to keep our dogs on leads in certain places all the time is not much to ask to keep the dog as well as everyone else safe . There are plenty of empty spaces or times of day that are perfect for dogs</p>
99	anonymous	<p>Stop eroding our green spaces. Suitable dog walking areas are becoming fewer and farther between!</p>
100	anonymous	<p>No</p>
101	anonymous	<p>I don't frequent the places mentioned above, but agree in principle with dogs being on leads around public spaces</p>
102	anonymous	<p>Tighter controls and enforcement of these rules. Whilst most dog owners are responsible, a minority are not - and not everyone likes dogs or is comfortable with dogs around them that are not on leads.</p>
103	anonymous	<p>The requirement for dogs on leads at West Beach boardwalk is unnecessary. The current issue is the temporary closure of the normal beach access due to the required harbour wall repairs. Don't fling out more rules where they're not needed.</p>
104	anonymous	<p>I don't like dogs off the lead where I'm out for a walk. A woman near Cissbury had three dogs off the lead that scared me, and she said not to come there again as all the dog walkers went there.</p>
105	anonymous	<p>Please ensure that dogs are on leads in all these areas as dog ownership has increased by 75% since lockdown. In particular the promenade from Middleton on Sea to Aldwick is a shared use area and dogs off leads with careless owners are a complete hazard to cyclists and walkers. Leads should also be controlled and dogs kept on short leads. Dog mess is a big problem now too - owners let their dogs off leads and have no idea where and when their dogs do their toilet.</p>

106	anonymous	<p>Dogs enjoy interacting and playing with other people and animals, and it is important that they are able to express normal behaviour off the lead. Being walked off the lead and being able to meet, play and interact with new animals and people are important aspects of ensuring dogs are safe within a community. This is particularly important for puppies to ensure they develop into well adjusted happy individuals. Where this is not allowed or done incorrectly problems can occur which include fear and aggression. We do recognise that not all dogs will be well-socialised and friendly and where this is known then they should remain on a lead but this should be done on a risk-based approach and owners should be encouraged to be responsible about this. It is therefore imperative that local authorities use Orders sparingly and in a manner that is proportionate to the problem, in accordance with Defra guidance. Local authorities should be aware that under section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (AWA), owners are required to ensure they meet their pets' welfare needs, this includes the ability to express normal behaviour and the provision of regular and appropriate exercise. It is for this reason, that where dogs are excluded or restricted on open spaces, it is essential that local authorities ensure that other open spaces in close proximity remain accessible to dogs on and off leads to allow owners to fulfil their responsibilities. The RSPCA acknowledges the value of PSPOs for local authorities to ensure that sections of open space may be dog-free, for example children's play areas, sports fields, etc. However it is the Society's view that it is more important for a local authority to promote responsible dog ownership through encouragement of training, proper care, microchipping, neutering as well as ensuring that owners clean up after their dogs. The Society sees this as a better means of tackling the problem of dog control in the long-term than issuing Orders - which could prove a strain on resources with regard to the policing and enforcement, particularly if they are widely applied across the authority area. Therefore the RSPCA hopes that local authorities issue PSPOs cautiously and not as a blanket power that punishes the responsible majority in an effort to tackle problems created by an irresponsible few.</p>
107	anonymous	<p>Dogs have a detrimental effect on the environment as they are not effectively supervised by their owners and the lack of respect for other peoples space. I believe like in areas of Hove their should be dog free areas at all times</p>
108	anonymous	<p>I don't think dogs should be allowed in the water play areas or the discovery areas at all as these are used by children. I also think dogs should be kept on leads in all public spaces at all times. Most dog owners assume that because they love and trust their dog, everyone else should too and they are often rude when you shoo their dog away and most dogs do not come when called and are not kept away from other people.</p>

109	anonymous	The details contained within the PSPO seem relevant and appropriate. Ensuring enforcement of the PSPO rules is key and I think it could and should be improved so that everyone can enjoy our open spaces. It is appreciated that the following matter is covered under separate legislation, however it is worrying that some dog owners in our area are either unaware or think they are unaffected by the requirement for non-working dogs to wear a collar with suitable identification when they are using public spaces. It includes in parks, along footpaths and on the beach. Perhaps this issue could be flagged by our wardens are referred to Sussex Police..?
110	anonymous	Where are the dog wardens to enforce the rules? lived here nearly 6 years, on average count 100 dogs a day on my daily walks and never seen anyone enforcing laws. The only exception is the beach at Littlehampton for a short period of the year. Dog mess is continually found on boardwalk and in streets surrounding seafront. More dog control is necessary with the increasing number of dogs. Because I am not a dog owner/lover doesn't shouldn't mean my opinions don't count
111	anonymous	yes the council need to employ dog wardens so people have somebody to call when they need to raise a complaint about an out of control dog for example
112	anonymous	The questions asked are too prescriptive. For instance Question 3: Do you support the continued use of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to require dog owners to remove dog faeces? Whilst I agree with the intention, there are occasions or instances whereby this may not be possible.
113	anonymous	I have entered question 8 as no due to the specific of water play does this include all beaches all year round or is this just around the play areas that have water features. If children and dogs are likely to be in close confined contact leads being enforced is a good idea. But a complete ban on all beaches all year round does restrict exercise areas for dog walkers
114	anonymous	Very few dogs are 'under control'. The dog fouling is horrendous currently and I don't see anyone around to fine the owners.
115	anonymous	Improved signage stating dogs to be on leads in the areas designated
116	anonymous	I am a sea swimmer. I have to put my belongings in plastic bags, as dogs off lead see a 'mound' on the beach and wee over it. Therefore, all dogs should be under control i.e. on a lead on all beaches. Regrettably, many dog owners simply don't control their dogs. I do litter picking and the worse culprits are dog owners with poo and poo bags everywhere.
117	anonymous	Far too many dog owners fail to keep their dogs on a lead as required or under control in other areas. The amount of dog poop all over Arun is absolutely unacceptable and reflects badly on responsible dog owners.

118	anonymous	Dogs should be kept on lead for safety of others, my dog has been attacked by other dogs off lead and owners not having control
119	anonymous	If you are a dog owner take responsibility and give respect to others. Clean up after your dog. I have a lead with dog bags on, there plenty of dog waste bins provided. USE THEM.
120	anonymous	it is pointless to continue a pspo whilst there is no effective enforcement. responsible dog owners get tarred with those who are irresponsible because there are no consequences for those who are irresponsible. the restriction on beaches is pointless given the water companies are pouring effluent into the sea daily
121	anonymous	Still lots of people who don't pick up dog poo. And they per everywhere. How can any open space be hygienic?
122	anonymous	Dogs are increasingly out of control on East Preston beach. I think dogs should be on leads between certain times of the day. I am a runner and often nearly tripped over by dogs who do not obey their owners. I have had my 3 year old grandson absolutely terrified by dogs jumping up at us. The beach is for everyone not just dogs and their owners.
123	anonymous	You do not state in this survey what the cost of fines would be - I hope that they are significant.
124	anonymous	Only to say that as a runner along Bognor promenade there are many dog owners who have perfect control of their dogs but they are let down by a few who are completely ignorant of the impact their poorly controlled dogs have on runners and those that do not love all things about an uncontrolled canine. It is such a shame that these people do not put their dogs on a lead when they know that their dogs are prone to get in the way, bark, try to grab, bite runners and walkers.
125	anonymous	Unless the PSPOs are enforced it is irrelevant..... there are a lot of irresponsible dog owners , so the issues will continue to be a problem unless enforced.
126	anonymous	Dogs on short leads on the promenades all year round as they are a nuisance to other users.
127	anonymous	I think the current system is fair allowing dogs on all beaches outside the holiday season (with waste picked up). I support no dogs on the main beach areas during the season and think there is enough provision allowing dogs to still be walked on other areas of the beach at this time.
128	anonymous	There needs to be sufficient dog waste bins to be able to pick up after your dog also. If provided I'm sure they will be used, the only time I see dog waste not being picked up if when a bin is not nearby.

129	anonymous	Don't penalise responsible dog owners because of the few irresponsible owners and minority of untrained dogs.
130	anonymous	A standard level of regulation is important to enable enforcement for the benefit of public health and safety.
131	anonymous	Dogs should not be allowed on all beaches during the summer months.
132	anonymous	Not quite sure whether you mean dogs should be on leads in the sea (water play area)?? I don't think that would be fair as many love to play in the sea. I do, however, think dogs should be on leads in parks with lakes/ponds so as not to scare wildlife. Our birds etc are precious too.
133	anonymous	Dogs should also be kept on leads on Rustington beach and the order extended
134	anonymous	My dog is so so friendly, so I will like and I let him free in West Park like others dog owners. So the dogs they are free animals, I will like to be kept that way. Thank you very much for doing all this facilities for them. Keep it up guys you doing great. 👍👏 RO
135	anonymous	How, will the rulings be enforced?
136	anonymous	is it just the board walk ,in Littlehampton, OR all of the beach, to climping
137	anonymous	Extend dogs on leads to the beach hut area as far as The Beach cafe in Littlehampton
138	anonymous	More dog wardens are needed. Lots of owners don't care about having their dogs on leads or cleaning up after them!
139	anonymous	I think dogs should not be allowed in these areas at all.
140	anonymous	Consideration should be given to having closed "toilet" areas for dog owners to let their dogs do their business.
141	anonymous	I think it is excellent that Arun take this firm but fair and sensible approach. Everyone deserves to feel safe whilst visiting these lovely places . Having a dog on a lead in those areas is very sensible especially around children , balls etc . Well done !
142	anonymous	Not everyone wants dogs on beaches or parks. Have you considered not allowing them on beaches from April- September? (Luke ithertourist destinations in Devon etc . There seems to be so many dogs now - and their resulting poo left around!!
143	anonymous	A green area set out for dogs only would be a good idea

144	anonymous	I roller skate on Littlehampton sea front and have a problem dogs on very long leads. A dog on a long lead can run from its owner on one side of the prom to the other putting an unavoidable trip hazard across the whole width of the pavement. This happens to me all the time and there will be a big accident one day
145	anonymous	Having PSPO'S without enforcement is a waste of time. there needs to be wardens patrolling these and other areas to give advice and raise fines where necessary. Dogs on leads does not prevent fouling; it is the education of the owners to clear it up that is needed. Sadly for some that will only happen if they are fined. Why not do more articles in newsletters, posters etc reminding people of their responsibility. you could also cover dogs off lead on the highway which is an offence under the road traffic act. this might reduce fouling as well.
146	anonymous	As a dog owner and grandmother [REDACTED] I can respect the importance of dog control but do feel that more should be done in our area to supply dog off the lead secure play compounds for dogs to run free keeping everyone safe
147	anonymous	It's important for dogs to run free also for their health and well being and safety to other people as a dog needs to run as kids do. But it's under owners responsibility to in sure that dog is under control so to keep dogs on a leash at all times is cruel. A little bit of give and take.
148	anonymous	Continue to allow dogs on the beach all year round please in the areas currently allowed
149	anonymous	As a grandmother I do not feel the proposals go far enough. We have to wait for low tide in Littlehampton before we can run around without worrying about treading in dog mess. It feels like dogs are given more options than people. Why are dogs allowed to roam free in parks when children dare not? The play areas are fenced off but why can we not have a dogs on leads rule in some of the parks? The area of Mewsbrook that is supposed to be for football is just a dog toilet and it is hard to find a bench that is not near a pile of mess. Owners wander around and often have to be told when their dog has messed as they are not watching it. It is also very frightening for little ones to have out of control dogs running up to them.
150	anonymous	I am a new dog owner and agree that it is perfectly reasonable to require dogs to be on leads in these areas.
151	anonymous	I think controls on dogs on beaches should be extended to Ferring as beaches either side of us do not allow dogs on the beach in summer. Also dogs should be required to be on a lead on Patterson's Walk. Our area is becoming inundated with more and more unruly dogs since the Covid Pandemic and they are a general public nuisance and a health hazard with the amount of dog fouling left. It is unfair that Ferring has

		become the only beach site in the area where everyone with dogs come because of the restrictions nearby.
152	anonymous	Would be really nice if there could be more awareness for dog owners, so many dogs running up to us when we're walking on the Prom. Owners say dog 'just being friendly' but not everyone wants to have a dog sniff them.
153	anonymous	No comments
154	anonymous	Assistance dogs may be allowed as long as they are clearly identified, but some dogs can be overexcited in busy public places and it is no help if the owner says things like, "He would not hurt you", when a dog has just jumped up at you, or scared a child. If allowed they must be on a fixed lead and well trained, and removed if they cause a problem. Some of us have problems with balance or previous unhappy encounters with over friendly dogs.
155	anonymous	The perennial problem always seems to be a case of the few spoiling for the many. Whilst understanding that some may always be fearful of dogs no matter what size or breed, the sheer amount of dogs that do not cause any issues at all (with responsible owners) do not want to be penalised from areas that would benefit all people and their pets in different types of weather.
156	anonymous	Need to be stricter on dog owners who do not clear their dogs mess.
157	anonymous	These questions should not be just yes or no answers - but also provide for immediate comments under each section. In addition, the questionnaire should also provide for e.g. 1. Do you consider there are sufficient number and appropriate siting of dog waste bins?; 2. What can be done to attract dog owning visitors? (such as being advertised and recognised as a "dog friendly" place for families). 3. Residents should also be asked what questions they would like to see included in such surveys.
158	anonymous	Also I think some attention should be paid to people who allow their dogs to bark endlessly without any form of control or discipline.
159	anonymous	Dogs should always be on leads in parks, playgrounds and built-up & residential areas. Extend the PSPOs accordingly.
160	anonymous	One of the reasons we moved to Littlehampton was because of the good facilities for dogs and beaches for dogs (Rustington).

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161	anonymous	No I am satisfied with the above thank you

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162	anonymous	All dogs should be on a lead in "all" public places and under control. Currently dog owners need to be brought to task about fouling all public places and cleaning up. Having dogs off the lead means they owners do not have control. Arun DC should have a dogs under control and on a lead policy that cover all of the ADC area. This to include "all" beaches, beach access and greensward areas. Until ADC implements complete dog control rules then your proposed "new" areas of control are a finger in the dyke.
163	anonymous	
164	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads In our close children are running bout and grogs are NOT on leads It's only one minute for dog to get upset and turn and child is scared for life or worse , It's not cruel it's common sense ?!
165	anonymous	Dog owners should be made responsible for clearing up and controlling their dogs. Think dogs should be kept off beach at all times
166	anonymous	Whilst it is good to have dogs on leads so they can enjoy the area with their owner, the use of extending leads is an issue as some owners are rather careless letting the extending lead go out for long lengths and therefore not having the dog under control quickly if the situation arises. This can be a problem in busy areas and poses a potential danger to cyclists and pedestrians. This can be a problem for disabled pedestrians and especially for blind/partially sighted who may not see the long extending lead. It could be useful when you state that a dog should be on a lead, to remind owners about safety with having their lead extended as part of a public notice.
167	anonymous	Dogs should be on leads for all nature reserves
168	anonymous	I think Dogs should be banned from the beach from May - September
169	anonymous	Dogs on extending leads - surely a limit on lead length? Leads over 2M are a real nuisance, as the dog is no longer under control.
170	anonymous	I AGREE IF A DOG IS ON A LEAD, MANY TIMES THE LEAD IS SO LONG IT IS NOWHERE NEAR THE OWNER. NOT EVERY BODY ADHERES TO THE RULE, THE DOG IS OFF THE LEAD AND MAKING A NUISANCE TO FAMILIES. ESPECIALLY AT RISK WITH CHILDREN.
171	anonymous	Lead or not doesn't make a dog owner pick up poo. Just enforce picking up and fine those owners who don't.
172	anonymous	Having made the Order it is important to ensure that it is enforced.

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173	anonymous	I would prefer that dogs were banned entirely from water play and similar areas.
174	anonymous	Along the promenade in Bognor where cycling is allowed subject to giving pedestrians priority the danger for cyclists is from dog owners sometimes handling more than one dog who let them off the lead and they go charging around in circles at play often endangering responsible cyclists who are desperately trying to avoid them. The other danger is from dog owners who have dogs on extending leads sometimes 20 feet or more in front of the owner where in an instant the dog can veer sideways across the promenade endangering an approaching pedestrian, runner or cyclist.
175	anonymous	PSPOs need full support to enforce control measures. Dogs must be on leads in all public areas, otherwise their owners don't know where or if there is any excrement to be cleared.
176	anonymous	Despite notices banning dogs on East Beach Littlehampton during summer months, I was down there with small grandchildren recently , and saw 3 dogs with owners on the beach. I am not able to accost these people and feel disgusted when they allow their dogs to defaecate in the water near paddling kids.
177	anonymous	All dogs off lead should wear a collar with a name tag and identifier. This could be a four digit alphanumeric registered on a national database record maintained by voluntary groups, or perhaps a post code and house number, not just a phone number as calls can be ignored.
178	anonymous	Sadly so many dog owners are irresponsible that your rules are necessary.
179	anonymous	Consider banning dogs on the beach from Rustington to East Preston during the summer months
180	anonymous	They should be widened to cover all beach and play areas. I am a dog lover but have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs on beaches and green areas, running wild and scaring other dogs, their owners or walkers. Owners appear to be taking less responsibility for keeping their dogs under control, so sadly, laws / fines seem to be the only way forward.
181	anonymous	I think you should review the restrictions in areas where children may be playing, possibly unsupervised, and any area where people might be bare foot. Better signage on the greensward might also remind dog owners of the need to watch their dogs when off the lead.

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182	anonymous	Dogs are only as good as the training given by humans....some humans need to be on a lead too! Such a shame that the minority dictate the rules for all.
183	anonymous	I strongly disagree with dogs being allowed into any children's play area. Excitable children and dogs in the same area is a recipe for disaster! Anybody knows this, but in these days where children and dogs are not always controlled by their owners we need to be careful.
184	anonymous	As dogs are unpredictable animals and I have been bitten, chased and jumped on by dogs off leads I wholeheartedly support any initiative that requires dog owners to keep their animals on leads - preferably everywhere.
185	anonymous	The PSPOs should specify the maximum length of lead allowable. As some extendable leads actually mean that the animal is not under close control by the owner and the extended lead can constitute a hazard in them selves. Dog Owners and potential owners should be required to pass a competence/knowledge test concerning their ability to understand regulations and control their dogs. The problem does not lie with the animals, its their owners that need educating.
186	anonymous	In general less regulation is better than more. It is foolish to make an order near the board walk unless you have the manpower to enforce it. That cost could never be justified whereas a few more Pooh Bins and Free Pooh Bag dispensers enables everyone, even non dog owners, to keep the area clean. I pick up errant Pooh's that are not my own dogs but I do not always have a bag with me!
187	anonymous	Personally I think dogs should be banned altogether from some areas, I don't think these rules go far enough to protect people.
188	anonymous	I should start by saying I do not like dogs, in fact I get very nervous around them when they're out of control. I'd like to see increased, more permanent signage along Littlehampton promenade, where I walk most days. Until the banners are put out by the coast watch people (who I think start at 10am) many dog owners seem to think the restrictions don't apply. We were in Whitstable recently and along the beach there the council have stencilled the restrictions on the prom itself, and painted a line across the prom showing where it starts. Maybe this would be a useful addition? "Dogs on leads" could also benefit from more detail due to the current trend for extendable leads. I often see dogs who are indeed on leads, but said lead is very very long, and the owner may have no idea what is happening at the end of it! I have seen signs in another area that stipulate leads must be under a certain length. I also question how the current fixed fines are intended to work? The coastwatch person I spoke to said they were not expected to enforce

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		fines, only advise and educate. So what is the point? From my perspective, the more restrictions on out of control dogs the better.
189	anonymous	None. Thank you.
190	anonymous	Despite the regulations dogs are frequently found running on the beaches at Littlehampton and Bognor. Stricter enforcement of the rules is required.
191	anonymous	None
192	anonymous	No I think its fair to have areas of no dogs on beaches in certain areas at certain times but would not support total ban on dogs on beaches during the summer months
193	anonymous	there are in frequent patrols of areas along the Prom in Felpham other than the placement and collection off the relevant flags to remark areas, which I have witnessed. There is no obvious sign or concentrated patrol of the Prom for example for a significant period of time of heightened dog walker activity. Coffee time 10am to midday for example or later in afternoon 1500 onwards. Targeted activity will address local and persistent abusers of the rules... Will demonstrate a proactive attitude to enforcement of the PSPO. Target a different area each day of week and if possible the occasional weekend across the areas and then random / targeted activity will reduce failures comply...
194	anonymous	Bersted Park has an art trail and trim trail designed for adults and children to enjoy. Many many dog owners let their dogs off leads to run free without regard to others. Commercial dog walking companies often have 5 dogs which are let to run without control. The uncontrolled dogs are a hazard to young children and jump up . My grandson was knocked over and the owner was completely dismissive. Are there plans for Bersted Park to be included in the Dog Control area of Arun ?
195	anonymous	Pet Owners with dogs on 'roaming' leads should keep their dogs to heel when in public spaces & on pavements etc;
196	anonymous	Dogs should not be allowed on beaches under any circumstances...if they are allowed then dog faeces are acceptable and can enter the sea. If they can poo on the beach then humans can too, or are dogs granted immunity whilst humans are not. We have enough sea pollution at present why add to it. There are not enough dog wardens I see very frequently dog owners ignoring the signage. Fine them without warning them.
197	anonymous	My preference would be to enforce clearing up after a mess is made (applies to humans as well as dogs) rather than banning dogs from beaches.

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198	anonymous	Dog fouling penalties should be enforced
199	anonymous	Clearer signage for dog users in these areas
200	anonymous	I think all the rules regarding dogs kept on leads should remain in place. Not everyone is comfortable around dogs and there are too many irresponsible owners who think it's acceptable for their dogs to infringe on others 'space'. Whilst I'm at it, I don't agree with all the shops/restaurants who allow dogs in them either - what happened to health and hygiene standards??
201	anonymous	Ban dogs from all beaches at all time.
202	anonymous	On behalf of [REDACTED] we would like to see reference to the walking of large groups of dogs by professional dog walking services. At the Recreation Ground, managed by the Parish Council, there are often two/three people walking up to 18 dogs at a time, the majority who are off lead and not always under control or recall. These businesses are visiting the Recreation Ground several times a day. The increase in Dog faeces being left is significant despite the Council providing 1,000's of free dog waste bags per year. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter further. The Council is receiving multiple verbal complaints regarding the large groups of dogs being walked by individuals that do not appear to always come to recall etc.
203	anonymous	Any Rules/Regulations must be enforced otherwise people carry on doing what they want - Laws are very good political propaganda but absolutely useless unless enforced - legislation is free - enforcement costs money.
204	anonymous	Presumably dogs will still be allowed on beaches off lead in the winter in the areas they have always been allowed?
205	anonymous	I'm fully in favour of requiring dogs to be on leads where necessary to allow others to enjoy amenities, as long as we can still exercise dogs off leads in other areas, such as Ferring beach, as dog owners are ratepayers too!
206	anonymous	There will always been non-responsible dog owners who will not follow guidelines whatever you do. If you make it more difficult for dogs to have exercising areas then at least be prepared to offer secure dog parks where dogs can have freedom to run.
207	anonymous	Is it possible to create new areas for Dog Controls? e.g. along footpaths and beach areas
208	anonymous	There needs to be more enforcement

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209	anonymous	<p>I find in Littlehampton that most responsible local dog owners like myself pick up dog faeces and will remind other people to do so too if spotted leaving without picking up their dog's faeces. I have also heard that some officers using the PSPO's have done so in an intimidating manner with unnecessary verbal force, for example fining one elderly lady who then did not leave her home for some time because she was too upset. This survey is about dogs. Have you done a survey about the faeces that children using the beach and the green leave and indeed three adult men on different occasions I saw on the Littlehampton green underneath the flats in between the bushes with their trousers down using it as a toilet. Not only that the cost to the people of Littlehampton that incurs during holiday times when 1000's of visitors appear and leave an appalling amount of all kinds of trash. Perhaps you could look into these issues which cause far more damage, cost and harm than dog faeces.</p>
210	anonymous	<p>Thank you for this consultation. For areas where additional restrictions on dogs, e.g. being kept on leads, make a genuine difference they have our full support. However open areas such as beaches are of huge benefit to dogs (particularly for people without gardens) and we would encourage support for dogs being able to run off lead wherever reasonable and put the onus for any issues back on the owners. Responsible dog owners should not be punished in wide open spaces for the offences of the minority who don't keep their dogs under control.</p>
211	anonymous	<p>Dogs should be allowed on the beach before 9am and after 6pm. We live here and should have access when we walk our dogs.</p>
212	anonymous	<p>I THINK THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF PETS IS AN ENVIROMENTAL DISASTER. EXOTIC FISH AND CORALS ARE SHIPPED OVER FOR WESTERN FISH TANKS. cATS KILL 1000'S OF BIRDS AND SMALL MAMMALS. dOGS CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL WARMING WITH VAST HERDS OF CATTLE IN s. aMERICA PUMPING METHANE BEFORE BEING SLAUGHTERED FOR DOG FOOD, THEN THAT FOOD GETS DROPPED OVER EVERY OPEN SPACE IN ARUN; NOT JUST A QUESTION OF BEING PICKED UP, EVEN BINNED IT IS A HAZARD IN LANDFILL. sO FULLY SUPPORT ALL RESTRICTIONS ON DOGS</p>
213	anonymous	<p>All suggestions for PSPO are extremely sensible and will enable safety for everyone but specifically children. Dog bites, mauling etc do seems to be more evident in warm weather when children are playing and dogs are off leads</p>
214	anonymous	<p>We feel it would be a good idea for dogs to be kept on leads during specified times especially during the summer. e.g. from 10am until 6pm. Some irresponsible owners walk their dogs and do not even notice that their dog has fouled the beach. Beaches should be clean and safe for all.</p>

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215	anonymous	There are increasingly fewer places to let dogs run lead free especially in Angmering. How ever I would rather have a place to walk and a lead than not have a place to walk my dog at all. Less building of dwellings is the key to this. There is too much and we have been let down so please no more than we have already. I think we have done our bit.

[Ends].