

Joint Scrutiny on Public Space Protection Orders – Control of Dogs

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Stages in the process

1. An identified need to change
2. Consultation on the area of change
3. Collate results and review all information
4. Publish report and recommend changes
5. If approved, implement changes



Why are we consulting - An identified need to change

1. Legislation changes
2. Contradiction and discrepancy in approach
3. Difficulty to enforce against anti-social behaviours relating to owners of dogs

We wanted to get the views of the people of Cardiff



Preliminary results of consultation highlights

The consultation

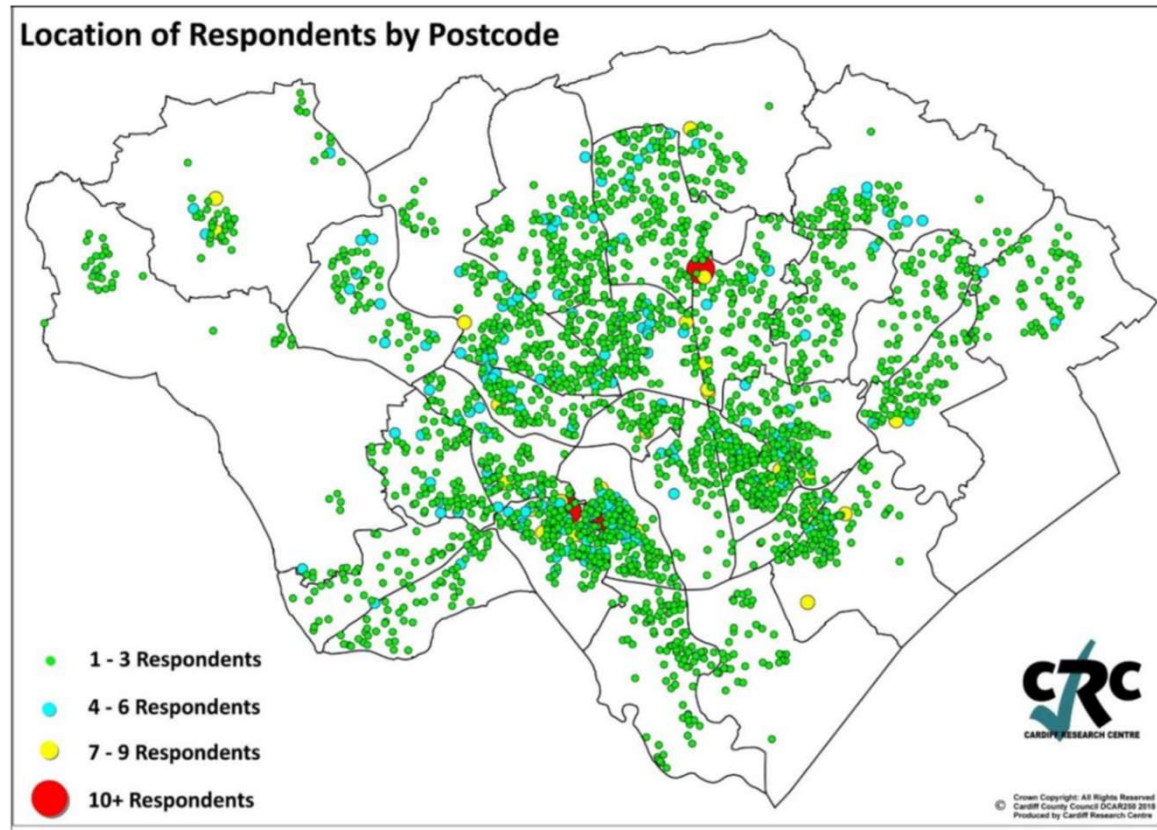
The survey was available to complete online from Monday the 10th September to Monday 22nd October 2018

- Survey banner on website homepage – visited by **90,121 people**
- Posted on 3 parks pitches updates with the aim of targeting sports clubs using the pitches)
 - Reached an additional **6,015 people** and generated a further **850 engagements**.
- Social Media - Cardiff Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts have **89,000 followers** (78K Twitter) (11K Facebook)
 - 16 Specific posts on social media – they reached, **512,421 people** and generated **1,766 clicks**, comments, likes and shares.
- Promotional posters were displayed across the council's **19 city-wide Hubs and Libraries**
- RSPCA, Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, Park 'Friends Groups', Sporting groups

Outcome: There were 6,002 responses received over the consultation period. This is the largest response to a single survey by Cardiff Council in 2018.



Consultation response by postcode



Consultation response by dog owner / non dog owner

Dog owner	No.	%
Yes	3,609	60.5
No	2,356	39.5
Total	5,965	100.0

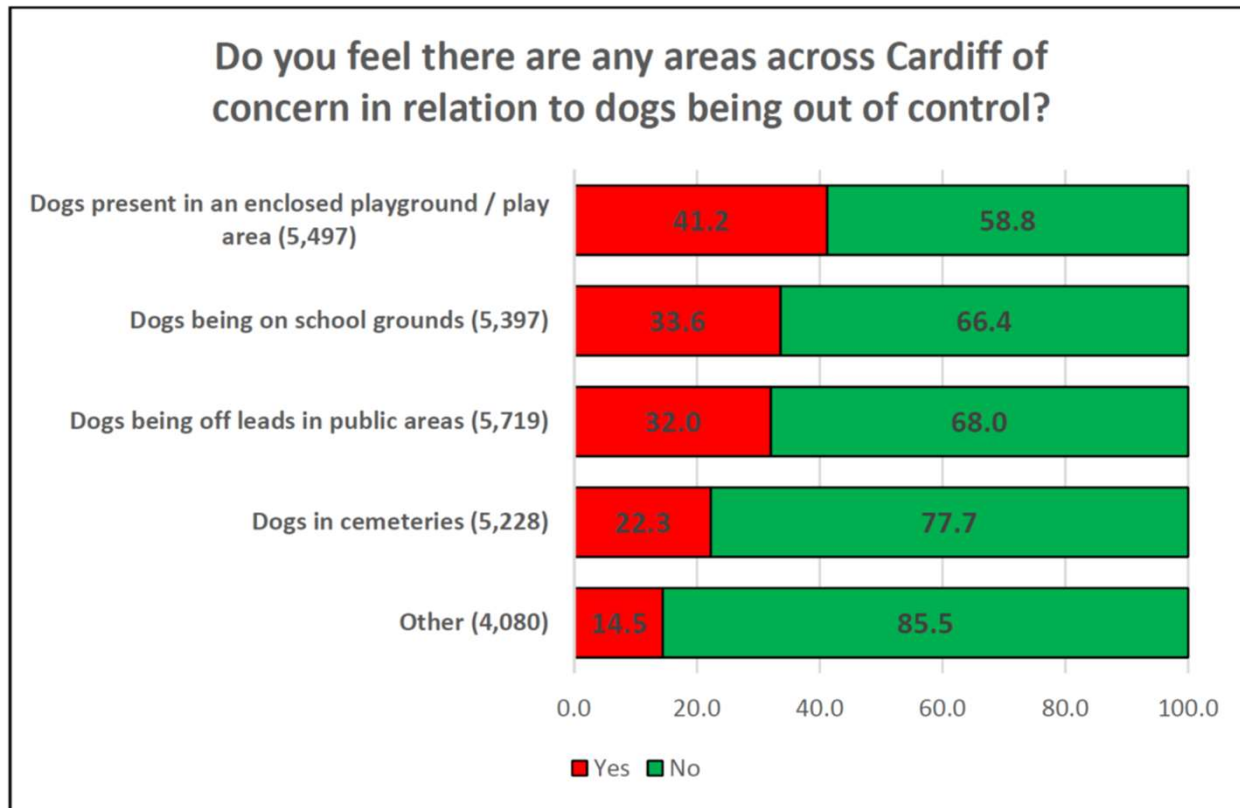
Good representation from groups of citizens

Dog Walker	No.	%
Yes - As a dog owner	3,611	60.8
Yes - Walk dogs as a job	106	1.8
No	2,221	37.4
Total	5,938	100.0

No. of dogs	No.	%
1	2,761	75.0
2	733	19.9
3	111	3.0
4+	76	2.1
Total	3,681	100.0



Concerns about dogs being out of control

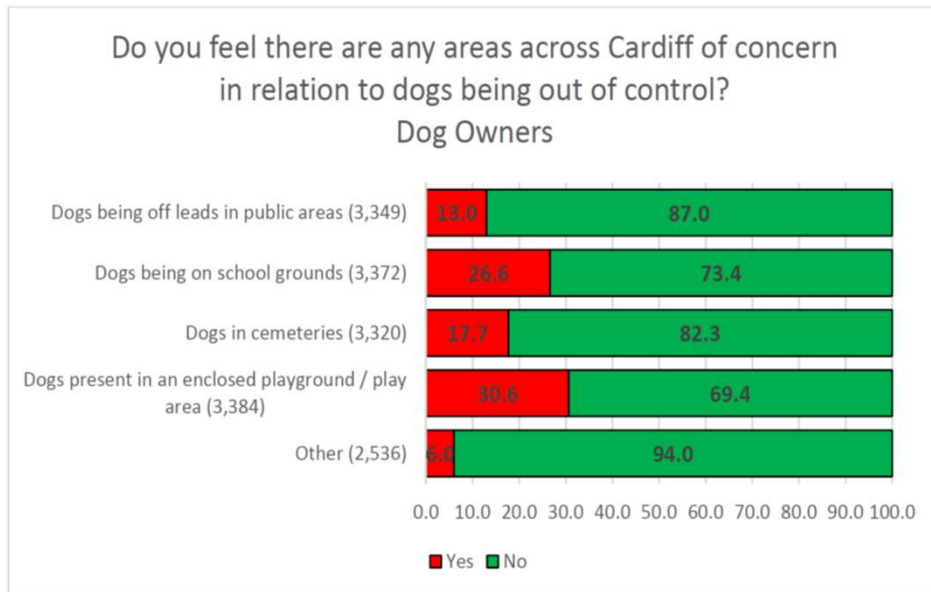


1. Play area
2. Schools
3. Public Space
4. Cemeteries

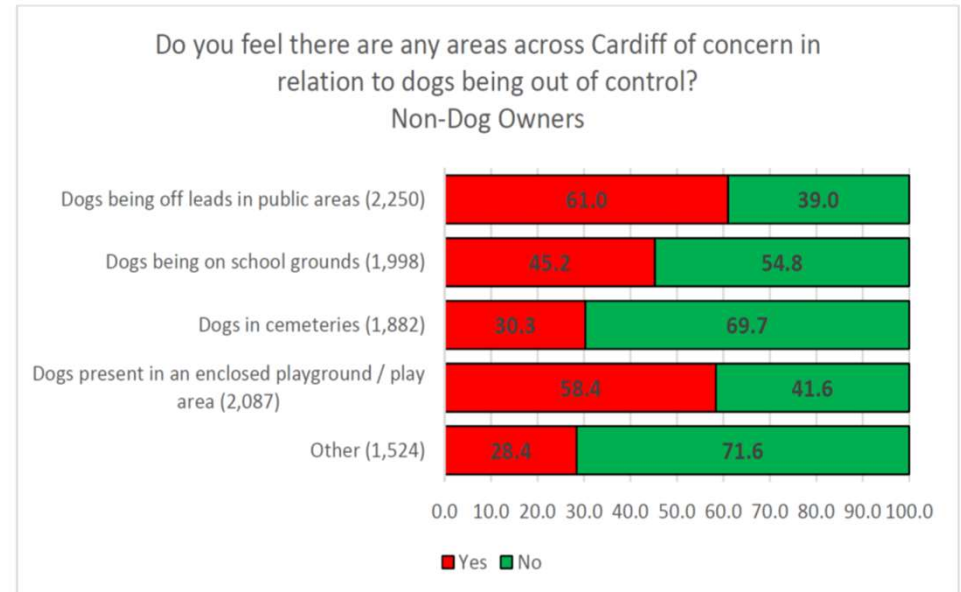


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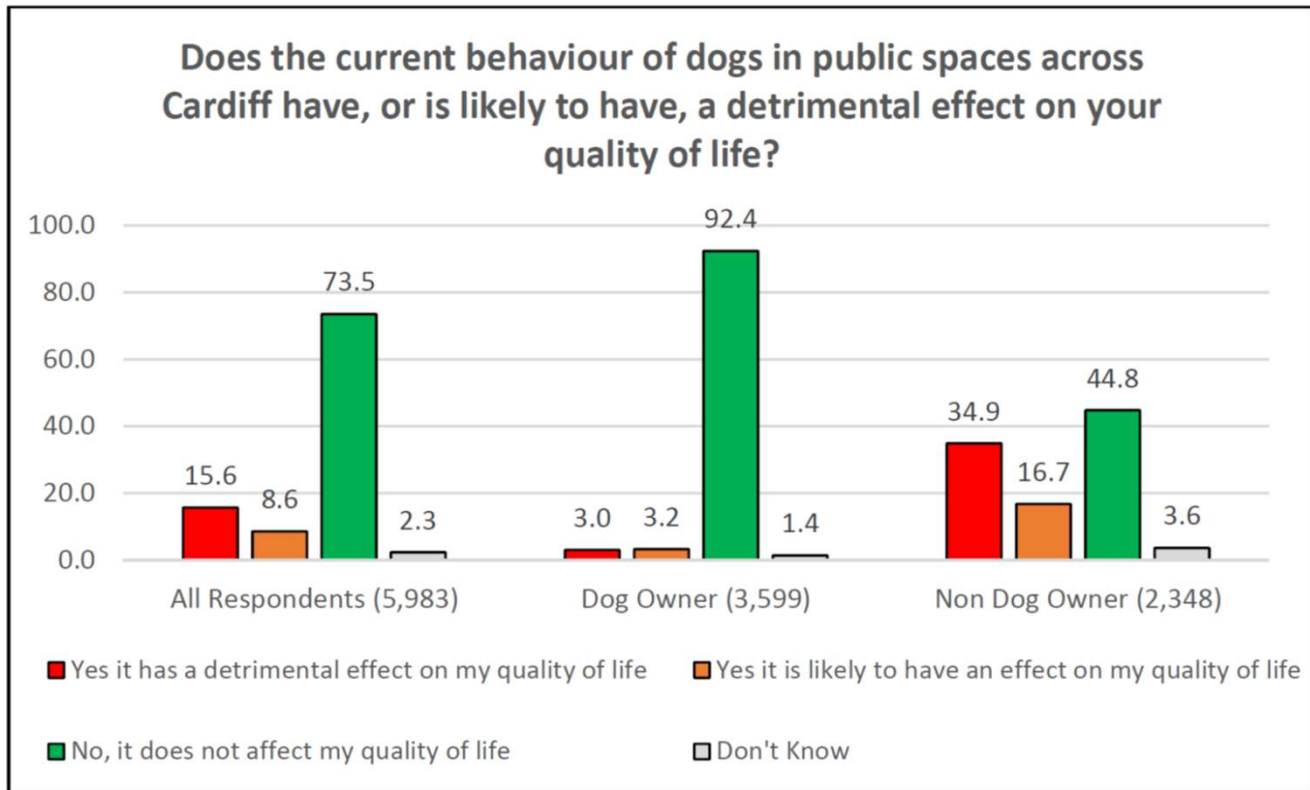
Non-dog owners



Significant difference in relation to dogs being off leads in public spaces with just over one in ten (13.0%) dog owners raising concern with dogs being out of control, in contrast three fifths (61.0%) of non-dog owners cited this as an issue



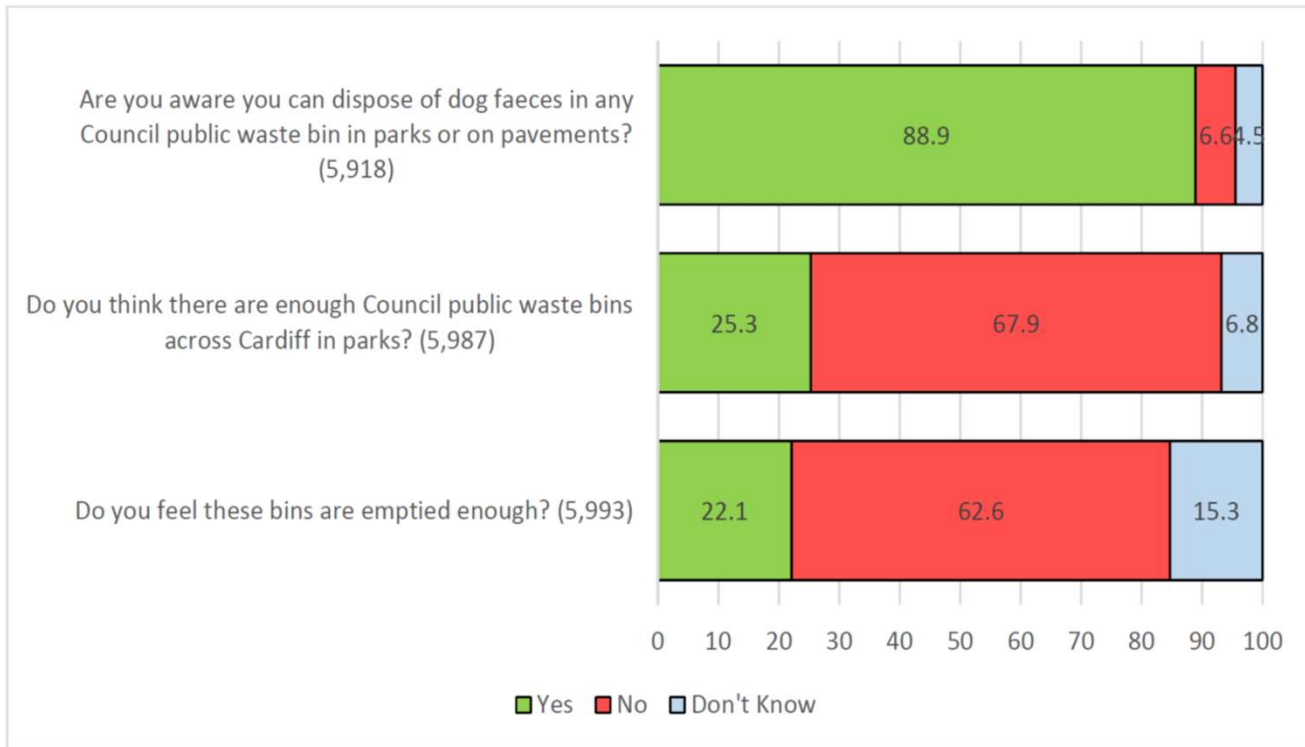
Quality of life



Whilst dog owners expressed little concern (6.2%), more than half (51.6%) of non-dog owners implied that the current behaviour of dogs in public spaces across Cardiff has or is likely to have a detrimental effect on their quality of life.



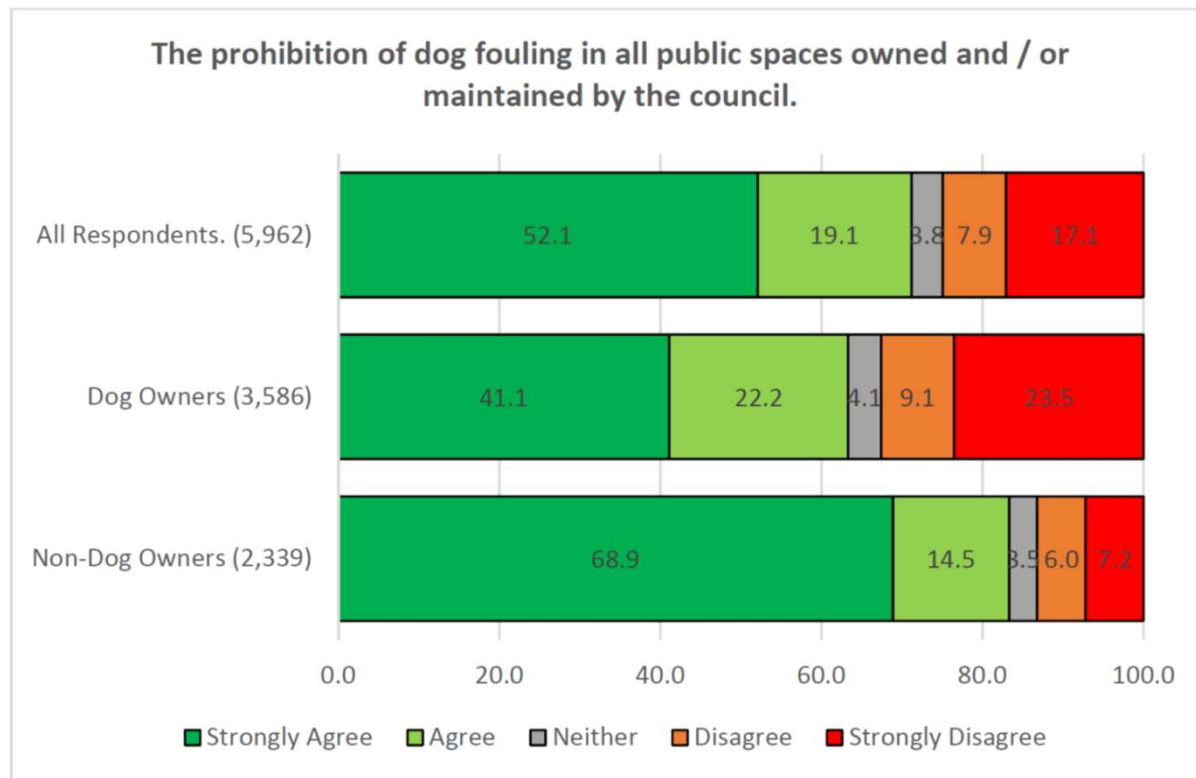
Waste Bins



Significant demand for more bins across the City and for them to be emptied more often



Prohibition of dog fouling

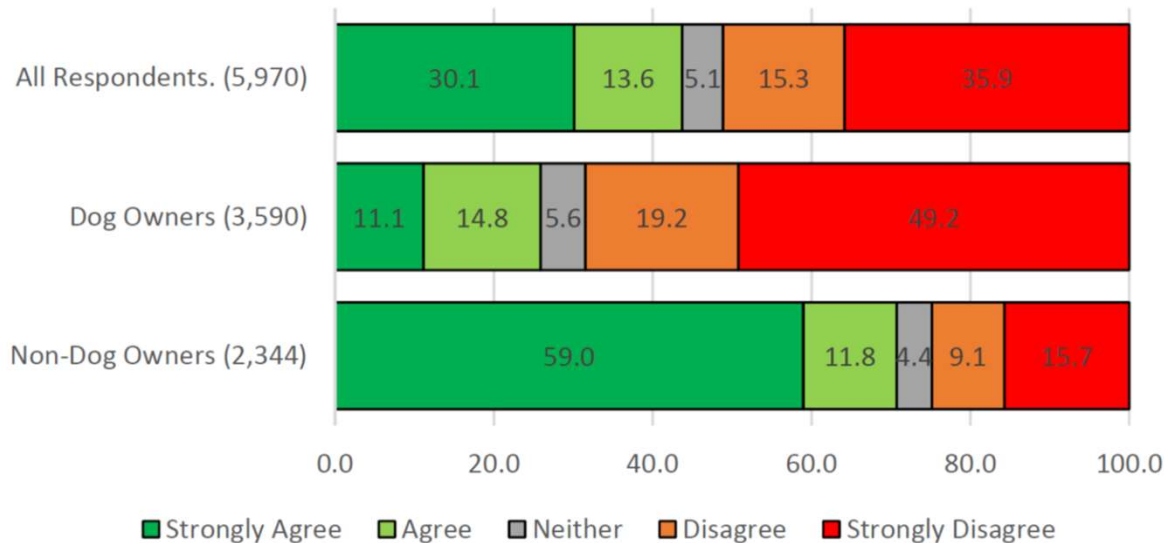


Seven in ten (71.2%) of all respondents agreed with the proposal of prohibition of dog fouling in all public spaces owned and / or maintained by the Council, this included 52.1% who were very happy with the proposal



Exclusion of dogs from playgrounds, schools and marked sport pitches

The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and schools, which are owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.



There was a significant difference in opinion between dog owners and non-dog owners in relation to this proposal.

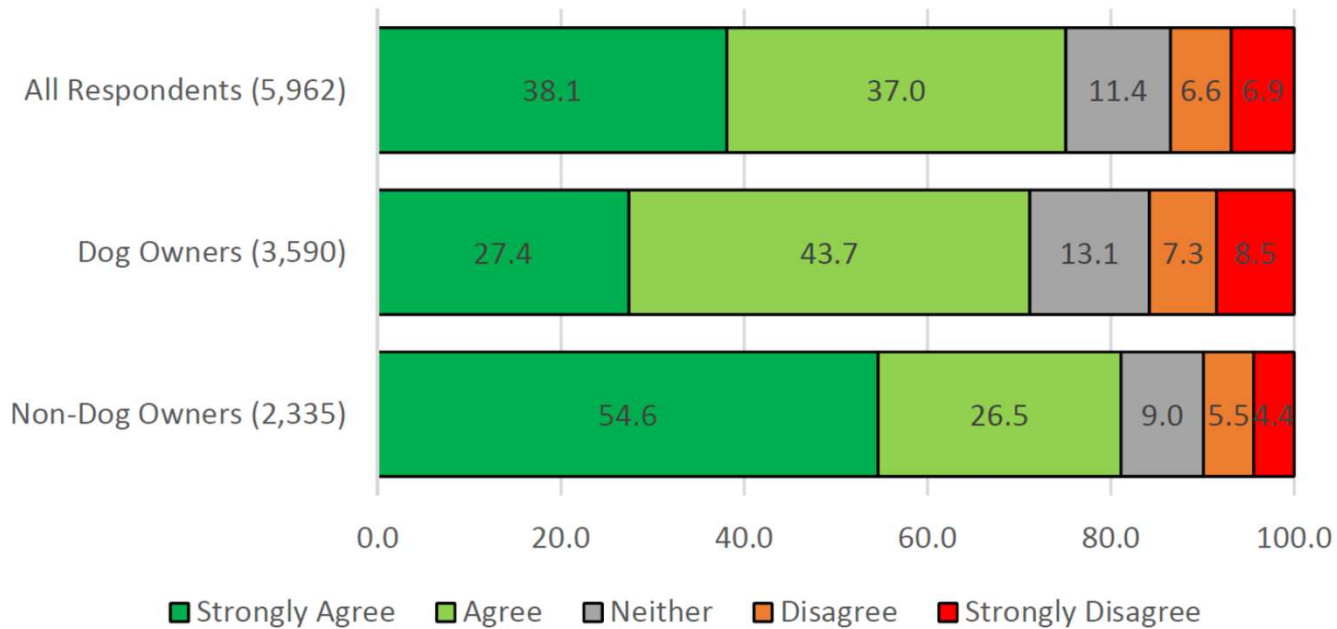
Seven in ten (68.4%) of dog owners disagreed with the proposal, this included 49.2% who strongly disagreed.

In comparison, non-dog owners were supportive of the proposal with seven in ten (70.8%) in agreement, including 59.0% who strongly agreed.



Dogs kept on leads in cemeteries

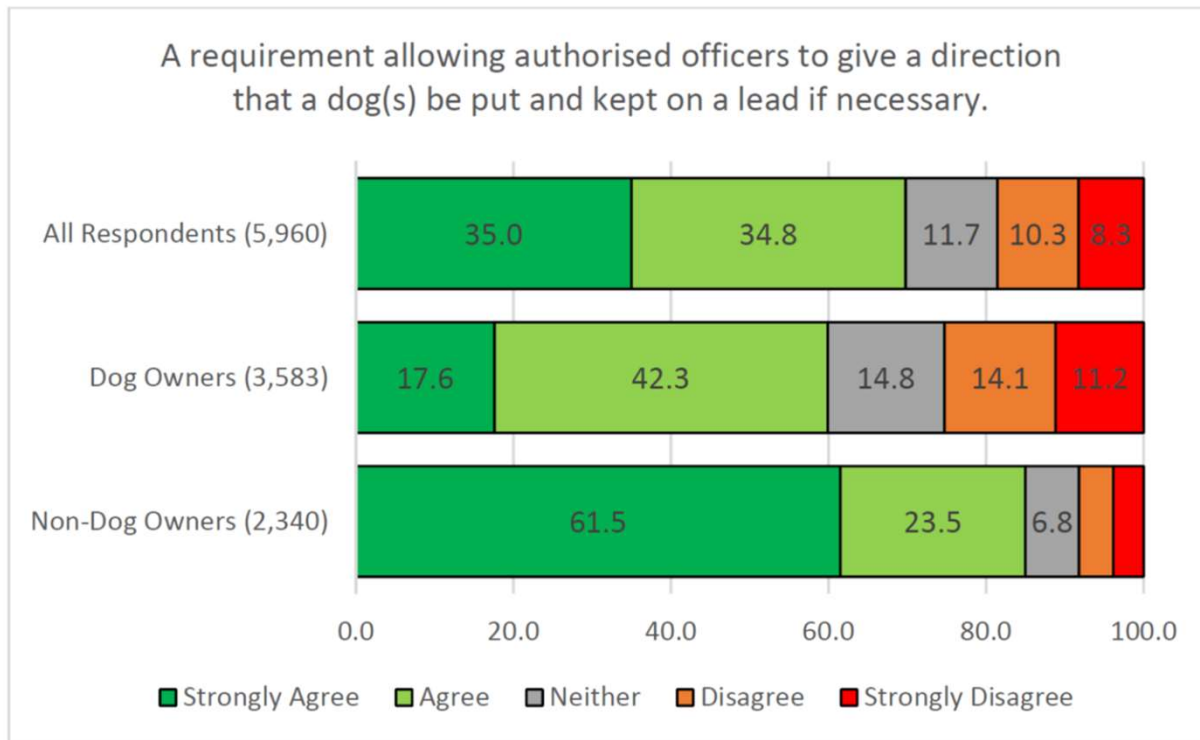
A requirement that dogs are kept on leads within all cemeteries owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.



Seven in ten (71.1%) of dog owners agreed with the proposal, this rises to four fifths (81.1%) of non-dog owners.



Authorised officers to be able to give direction that a dog be put and kept on lead



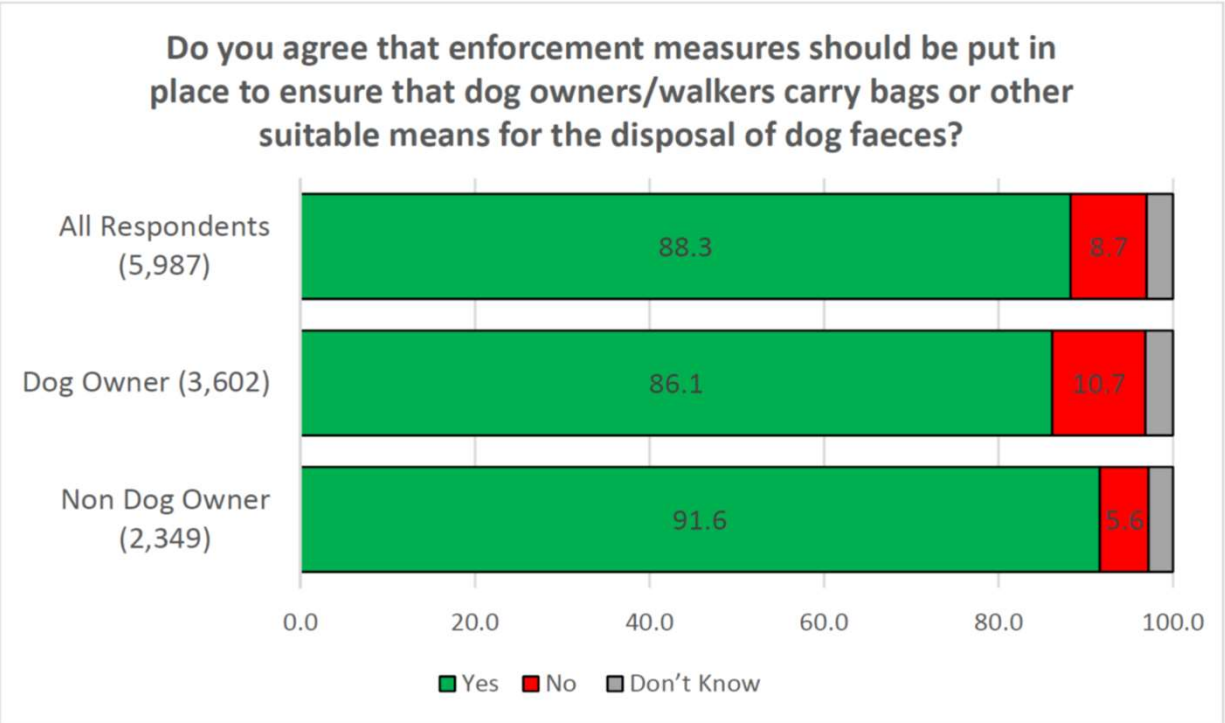
Seven in ten (69.8%) of all respondents agreed with the proposal that would allow authorised officers to give a direction that a dog(s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary.

Amongst non-dog owners, the level of agreement rose to 85.0%.

Amongst dog owners, agreement falls to three-fifths (59.9%).



Enforcement measures should be put in place to ensure that dog owners / walkers carry bags or other suitable means for the disposal of dog faeces



Both dog owners and non-dog owners were in agreement that enforcement measures should be put in place to ensure dog owners / walkers carry bags or other suitable means for disposal of dog faeces.



Statutory Stakeholder / Consultee comments

- **Dogs Trust**
 - Difficulty of enforcement of non-enclosed areas such as sports pitches
 - More bins and bags to support responsible disposal
- **RSPCA Cymru**
 - Information on enforcing the need for a receptacle for removing dog fouling rather than banning dogs from sports pitches
- **Kennel Club**
 - Information on dog faeces and toxocariasis in terms of understanding the risks
- **Guide Dogs Cymru**
 - Information on exemption for any PSPO taken forward



Statutory Stakeholder / Consultee comments

- **Rhiwbina RFC**
 - Comments about dealing with a minority of owners who do not collect dog faeces
- **Cardiff Action Dogs Group**
 - 16,000 petition against banning dogs from sports pitches / open spaces
- **Liberal Democrats response**
 - Take a proportionate approach
 - Reconsider banning from sports pitches

Thank you for your detailed comments that will be included in the consultation response report



Next Steps

1. Develop EqlA based on recommendations, including comments received from Guide Dogs Cymru
2. Publish report and recommendations to Cabinet on how to proceed
3. Following agreement – implement
 - Media, signage, training
3. Through 'Love where you Live' campaign look at Green Dog Walkers and other initiatives



Thank You

It is important to have engagement and support for the work Council officers deliver

The information received will help ensure the recommendations and other initiatives support the views of residents of Cardiff

