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# Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

## Consultation on Proposed Dog Controls

### Background

Cardiff Council is committed to tackling anti-social behaviour in relation to dogs.

Cardiff Council has the responsibility for the management and maintenance of public spaces across the city. These spaces include parks, adopted highways, sports grounds, Schools and Cemeteries.

It is accepted that the majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs. However, despite a number of interventions tried over the years there continues to be a growing concern across the city in relation to dogs, specifically in relation to dog fouling.

In order to tackle these issues, the Council has the authority to implement a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. A PSPO can prohibit or restrict certain activities and are designed to ensure that the law abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

The Council must consult with members of the public and other key stakeholders prior to the introduction of a new order.

Cardiff Research Centre (CRC) were commissioned by Culture & Leisure to facilitate a public consultation into the proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to dog controls. The consultation aimed to seek views on the following proposed restrictions;

- The prohibition of dog fouling in all public spaces owned and/or maintained by the Council,
- The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and schools, which are owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.
- A requirement that dogs are kept on a lead within all cemeteries owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.
- A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog (s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary,
- Increasing the fixed penalty notice charge for a breach of a Public Spaces Protection Order from £80 to £100.

## Methodology

- The electronic survey was available to complete online from Monday the 10th September to Monday 22nd October 2018.
- Dedicated web pages were set up on the Council website to host a variety of information about the proposed dog control measures ([www.cardiff.gov.uk/dogcontrols](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/dogcontrols)). These pages included links to the electronic survey as well as downloadable hard copy of the questionnaire.
- Links to the survey were also available via Cardiff Council's dedicated web pages [www.cardiff.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/haveyoursay).
- The survey was advertised via a banner on the council's website homepage which had 90,121 visits during the consultation period.
- The survey was promoted as a Quick Link' on the council's Intranet pages.
- Paper copies of the survey were available on request by contacting [consultation@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@cardiff.gov.uk).
- Officers from C2C were on hand to offer assistance in filling out the survey over the phone and to help with any queries from members of the public.
- Identified stakeholder's (see Appendix A) were communicated with directly via email. A copy of the letter sent to them can be seen as Appendix B.
- A direct link to the survey was emailed to approximately 5,000 members of the Citizens Panel. (More information can be found in Appendix C).
- A communication campaign was conducted via social media. Cardiff Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts have a combined audience of 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.
- Posted these on 3 parks pitches updates (with the aim of targeting sports clubs using the pitches) – these reached an additional 6,015 people and generated a further 850 engagements.
- Liaised with the Urban Park Rangers to post via their twitter account and the Community Rangers to post via their Facebook page.
- Promotional posters were displayed across the council's 19 city-wide Hubs and Libraries.

- Additional promotional work included sending the survey link out to 'Network of friends' groups across Cardiff, these included:
  - Friends of Roath Park
  - Friends of Heath
  - Friends of Hailey Park
  - Friends of Cefn Onn
  - Friends of Coed y felin
  - Friends of Bute Park
  - Friends of Cathays
  - Friends of Forest Farm
  - Friends of Nant Fawr
  - Friends of Pentre Gardens
  - Friends of Moorland Park
  - Friends of Howardian

### **Bute Park**



## Roath Park



## Hailey Park



Further promotional work included sending the survey link out to sporting venues across Cardiff, these included:

- Cricket Wales
- Sport Wales
- Glamorgan CC
- Cardiff midweek cricket league
- South Wales FA
- FAW Trust
- Cardiff and District league
- Cardiff Combination League
- Lazarou Sunday league
- All football club secretaries
- WRU

## **Respondents**

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

In addition to this over 180 emails were received from individuals along with 12 emails from public bodies, a sample of these can be found in Appendix D

During the consultation period there were numerous petitions setup objecting to the proposal to ban dogs from all marked sports pitches which are owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council, one of the petitions received over 16,000 signatures, examples of comments made between 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> October via the petitions can be found in Appendix E.

Further to the petition, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October there was a 'Dog March' through Cardiff to protest against the proposals, the walk, which had a low-level police presence for safety reasons, began at Llandaff Fields before heading through Pontcanna Fields, Bute Park, across North Road, and then down King Edward VII Avenue to City Hall. Organisers of the event say 600 people joined the protest which ended in a rally outside City Hall.

A number of Councillor Enquiries were received in relation to the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog controls. A summary of the Councillor enquires that were received can be found below:

### **Those against the proposed dog controls**

Majority of Councillor Enquiries that came in were from dog owners and stated that they were responsible dog owners.

Dog owners felt aggrieved in relation to the proposal that dogs would be prohibited from marked sports pitches.

Concerns were raised in relation to both themselves and their dog's welfare and mental health. They were concerned that they wouldn't abide by exercising their dogs as stated under The Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Enquiries that came in stated that there is more of an issue within Cardiff in regard to litter within Parks than there is dog fouling, and this is more of a problem in the summer months.

Council bins are often full and not emptied enough.

Comments were made that a lot of people look at pitches before matches and there is hardly any dog mess, but there is a lot of litter including plastic bottles, cans, glass and in the summer months BBQs.

A lot of parks contain marked sport pitches and residents would need to travel further and in some cases use public transport or their cars in order to fully exercise their dogs, this



could lead to an increase in CO2 emissions. Owners were concerned that this could result in people not taking their dogs for walks at all, due to difficulty in getting to a park where their dog could run freely.

This proposal if implemented could lead to an increase in bad behaviour in dogs such as; barking and dogs and people being un-socialised as they may not get out as much and have less exercise.

Other methods and interventions should have been looked at before deciding on Public Spaces Protection Orders.

The proposal would impact every dog owner/walker whether they are responsible owners or not.

Majority of people commented and stated that the irresponsible dog owners/walkers do not abide by the current byelaws now, why would they abide to a PSPO?

Having dog owners and walkers within parks ensures that the parks across Cardiff are in constant use and also reduces anti-social behaviour in the area and the congregation of youths within these parks.

Lack of advertisement in relation to the consultation

Toxocariasis is very rare and can be found in other animals and not just dogs.

How will these be enforced? A lot of people stated that they have not seen an enforcement officer when they have been walking their dogs and how is this going to be implemented with the current budget cuts.

The number of complaints contained within the cabinet report aren't contained in the appendix.

There isn't any alternative location where dogs can run freely across Cardiff.

The proposed dog controls would have an adverse effect on the elderly who own and/or walk a dog.

Consultation is flawed and contains loaded questions.

### **Those in favour of the proposal on dog controls**

Majority of the Councillor enquires that were received stated that they were in favour of the prohibition of dog fouling in parks and public spaces across Cardiff and would encourage more enforcement officers to patrol the parks.

A lot of people also agreed that dogs should be prohibited from Schools and Enclosed playgrounds and that dogs should be kept on leads within Cemeteries.

Dog owners/ walkers agreed that there is an issue with dog fouling across Cardiff.

Dog owners stated that a better option would be to increase the fixed penalty notice.

People agreed that dogs should be kept on a lead on marked sports pitches and stated that dogs should be kept on a lead during official sports team training or game sessions.

A few people had stated that they fully supported the prohibition of dogs on marked sports pitches as they didn't want their children or themselves rolling around in dog mess when playing sports.

They stated that dogs should be kept on a lead when matches are being played, as often dogs will run on to the pitch when a match is being played or a dog will chase the ball.

Members of the public and visitors stated that dogs should not be able to foul and marked sports pitches as residue left on pitches/grass can cause infection.

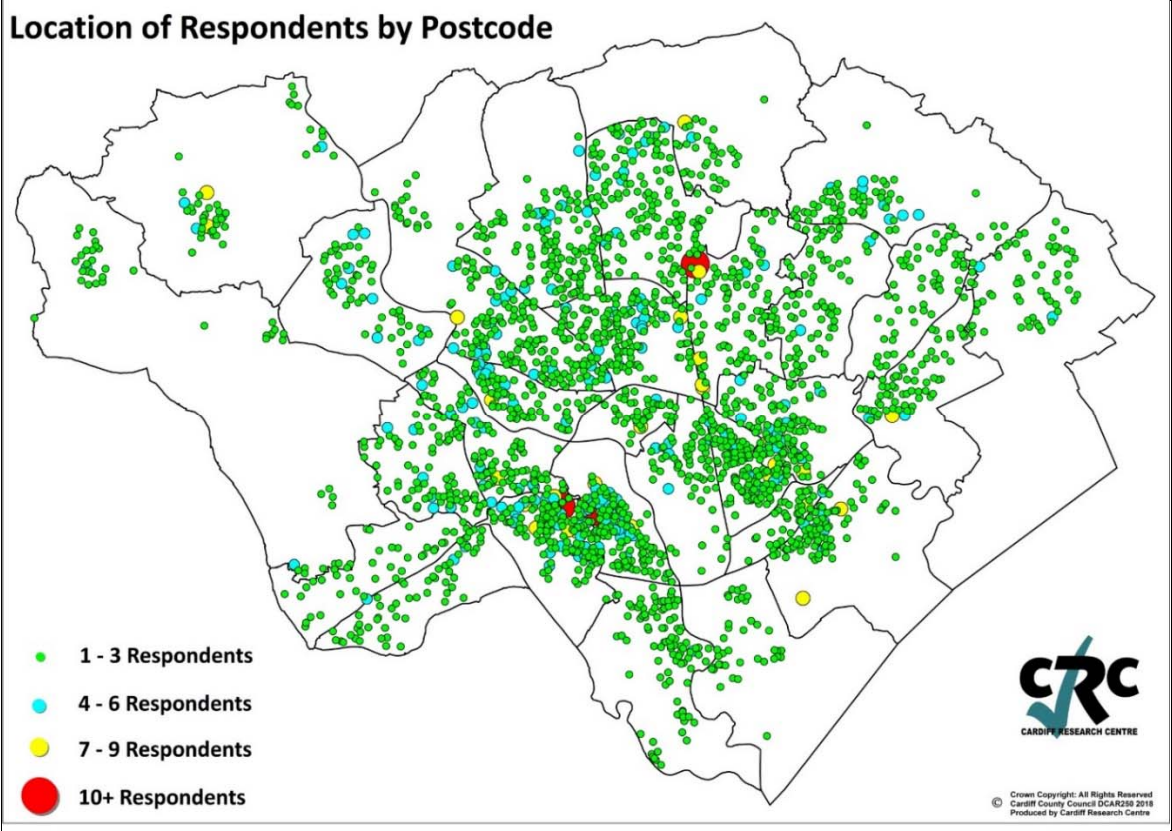
Dogs to be put on leads within certain facilities such as playing areas and bowling greens to protect the safety of others and preventing them from behaving unpredictably.

Some people are in support of dogs being on leads to keep them under control, especially when they have children, as a few children are scared of dogs especially when they come running over and not everyone likes it when a dog jumps over themselves or their children.

For examples of comments that were sent in as Councillor enquires please refer to Appendix F.

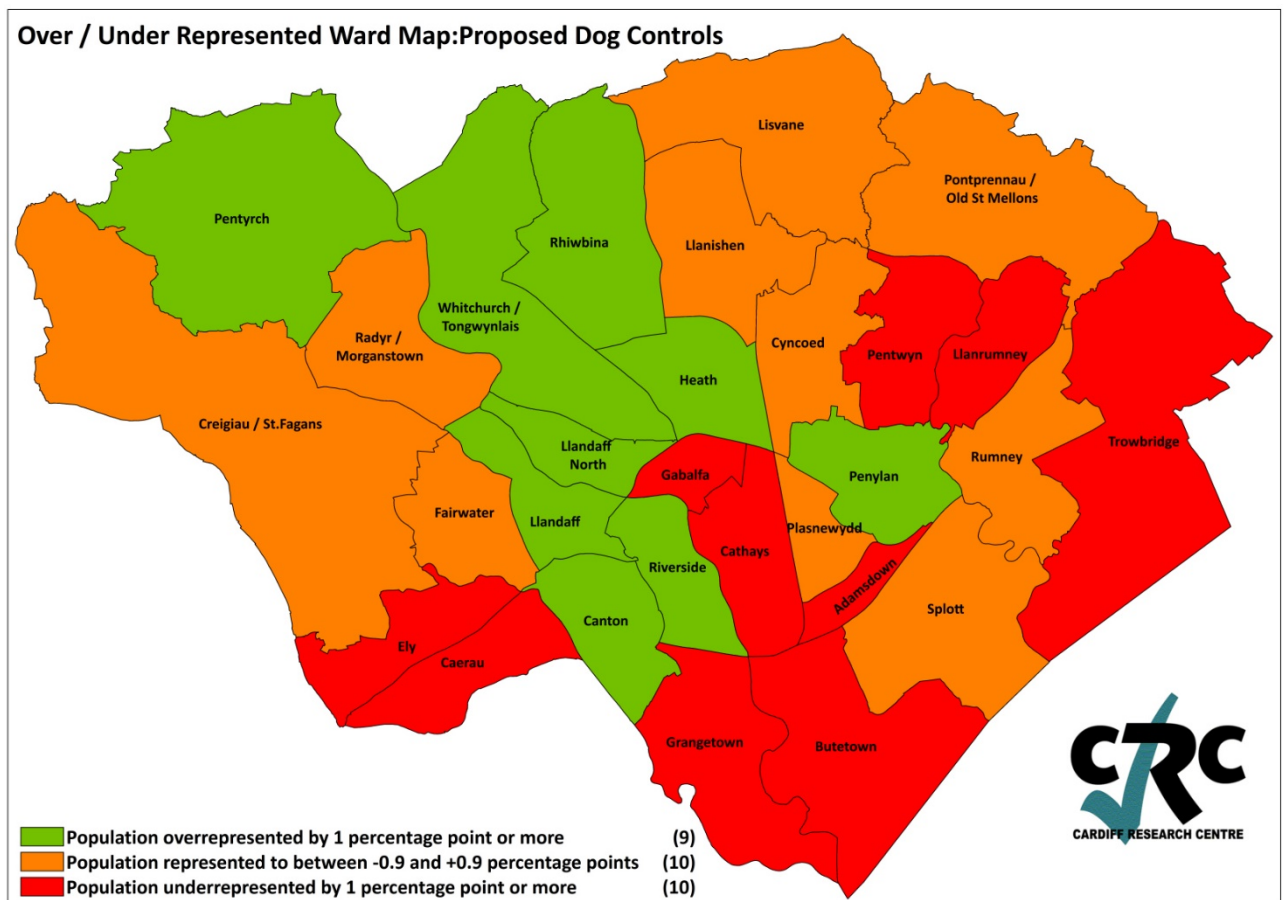
The place of residence of respondents (who provided a valid postcode) from across Cardiff can be seen in the map below with 'hotspots' evident in Cyncoed/Llanishen to the north and Canton/Riverside to the south.

Map 1



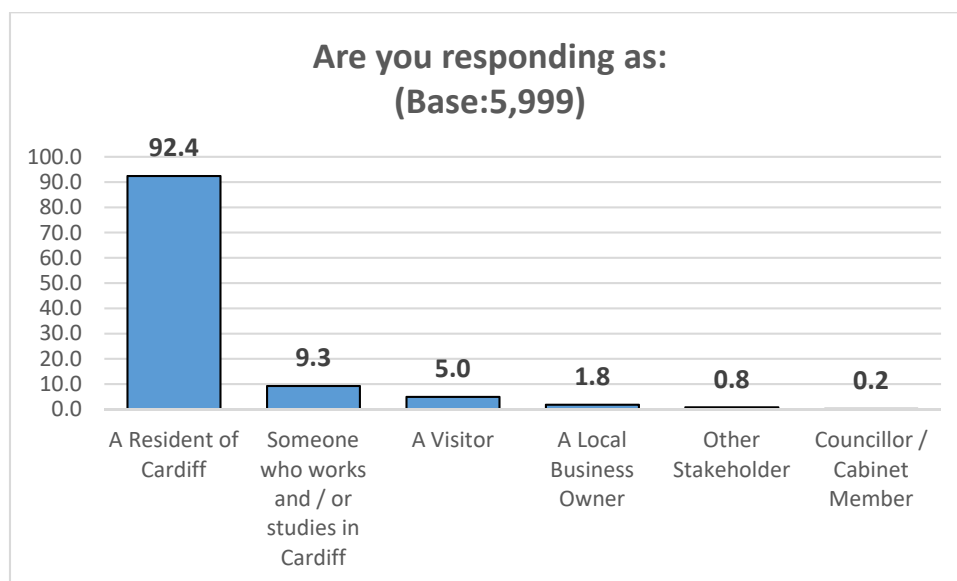
Map 2 shows the geographic representativeness of the survey responses.

### Map 2



### Are you responding as:

Nine in ten (92.4%) respondents to the survey were residents of Cardiff, one in ten (9.3%) of responses came from someone who works and / or studies in Cardiff.



Percentages do not total 100% as respondents could have selected multiple options

### Are you a dog owner in Cardiff?

Three-fifths (60.5%) of the survey respondents owned a dog. This compares to just 26.0% of households in the UK.<sup>1</sup>

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

### Are you a dog walker in Cardiff?

Three fifths (60.8%) of respondents walk their own dog, 106 walk dogs as a job.

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

<sup>1</sup> Statista.com - Leading pets, ranked by household ownership in the United Kingdom (UK) in 2017/18

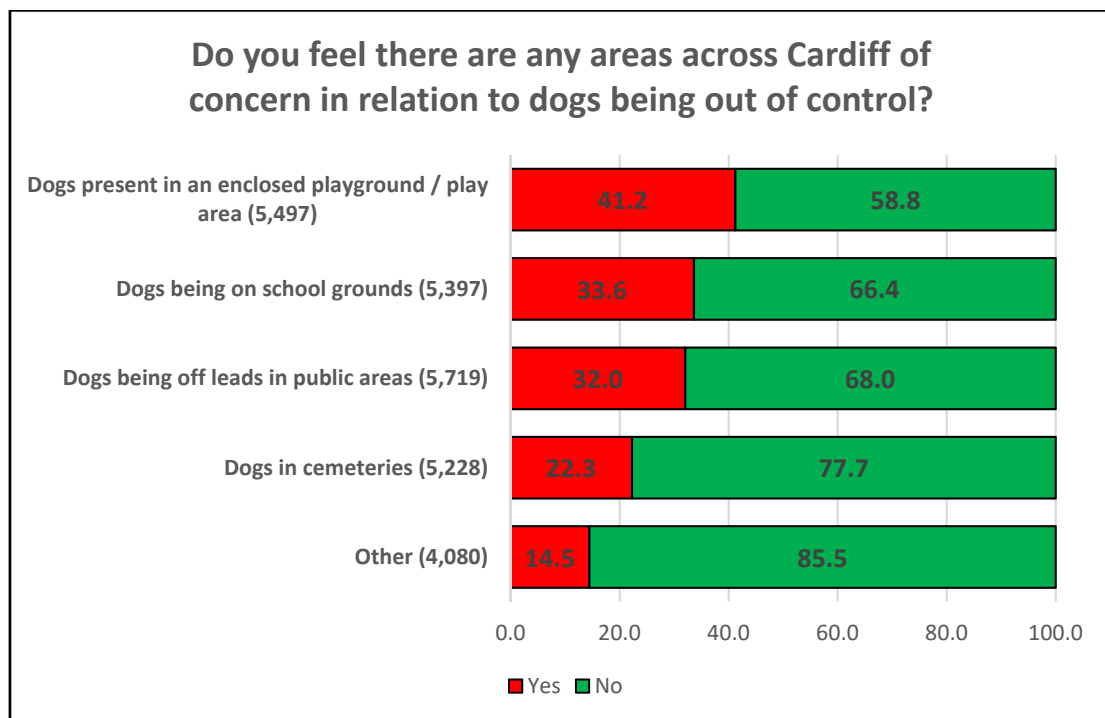
### If yes, on an average dog walk how many dogs do you have with you?

Three quarters (75.0%) of all respondents generally walk only one dog. A fifth (19.9%) of dog walkers walk two dogs, whilst around one in twenty (5.1%) walk three or more dogs at a time.

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

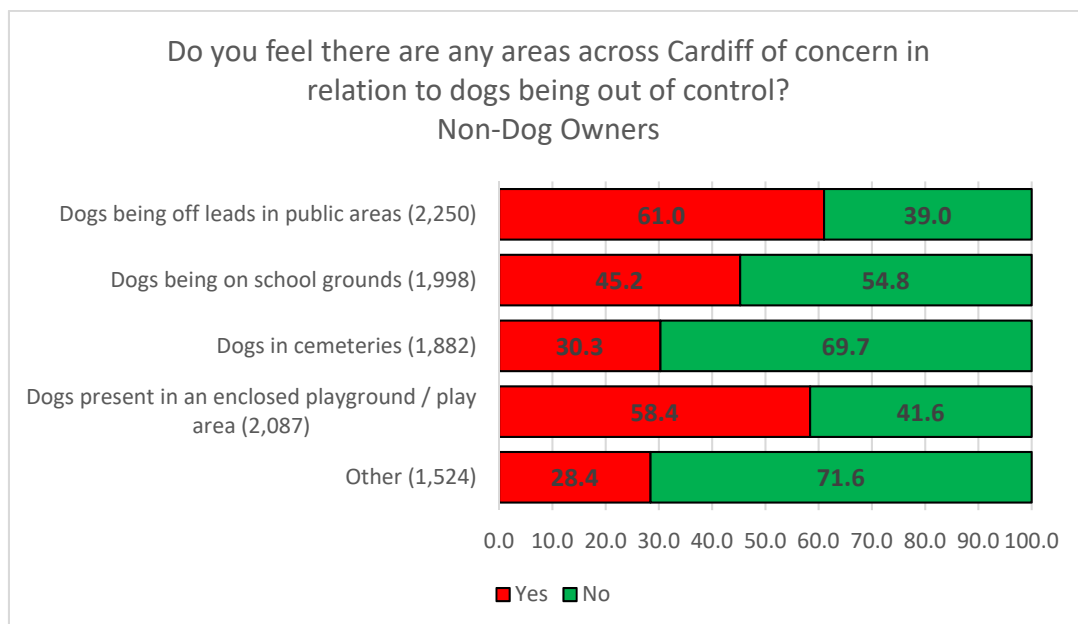
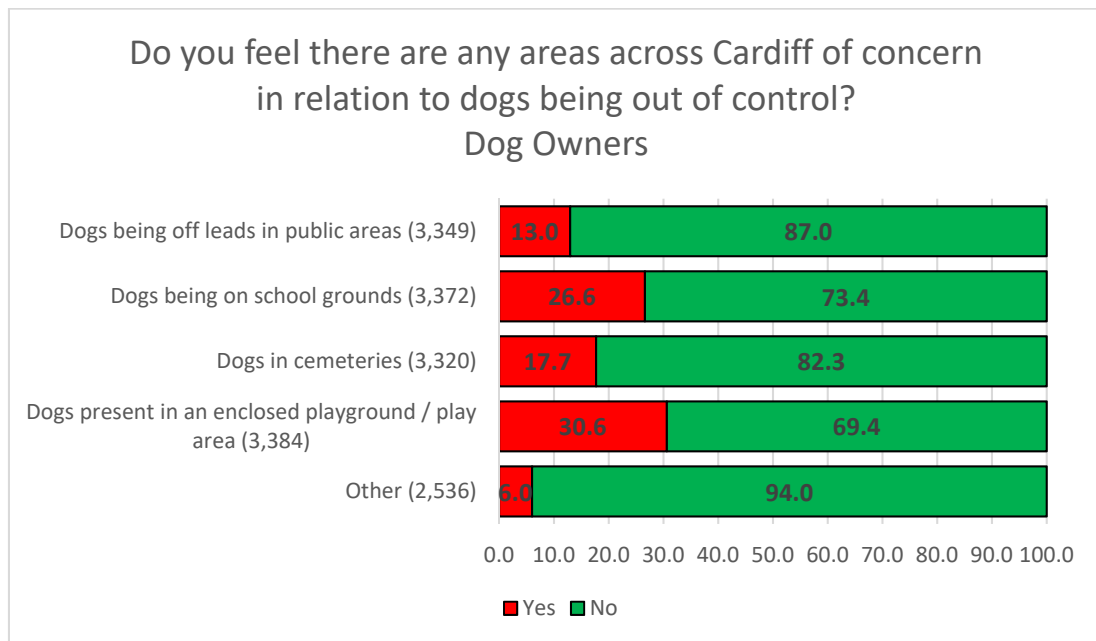
### Do you feel there are any areas across Cardiff of concern in relation to dogs being out of control?

More than two-fifths (41.2%) of respondents were concerned about dogs being out of control in an enclosed playground/play area, while a third were concerned about them being on school grounds (33.6%) and off leads in public areas (32.0%). Just over a fifth were concerned about dog being out of control within Cemeteries (22.3%) and 14.5% had concerns about other areas.



Further analysis compared the opinions of dog and non-dog owner responses:

Significant differences were found between the two groups. This was most notable 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.



Sample comments from non-dog owners highlighting issues with dogs being off leads in public areas can be seen below:

- *“Not everyone wants a dog near them.”*
- *“Education for dog owners to help them understand that not everyone loves their dog as much as they do. I would not allow a child to run in front of a bike or car, or to jump on someone and I expect dog owners to apply the same control.”*
- *“My 4 year old daughter has had many dogs jumping up on her, growling and barking. We have had picnics ruined by dogs off leads eating our food. This has impacted on my daughter so much she now shakes when approached by all dogs.”*
- *“Because dog owners let dogs off leads to cause havoc on park paths and grounds, often chasing and attacking lakeside wildlife.”*

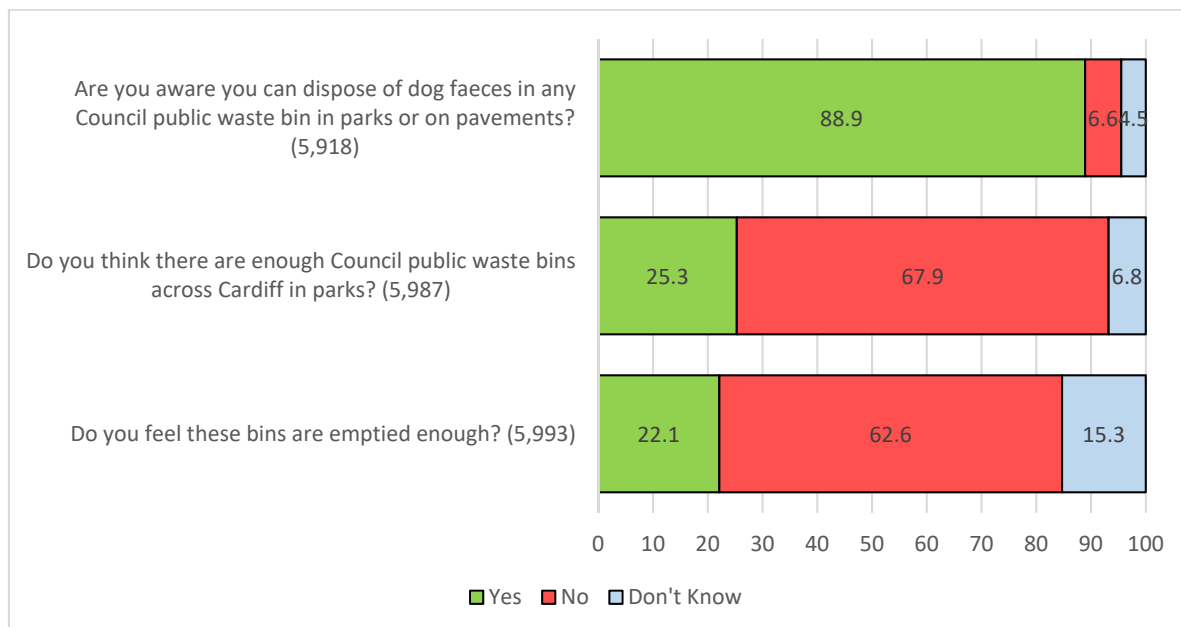
Below are some sample comments from dog owners in relation to dogs being off leads in public areas:

- *“I love the social aspect of dog walking. Personally I keep mine on a lead but I like that many don't so long as they can control their dogs and take care around children and other dogs. I object strongly to the possibility of dogs being banned from Roath Rec though would encourage the council to add extra bins, enforce guidelines and increase signage on the site.”*
- *“There shouldn't be restrictions in place that all dogs must be on a lead of not allowed in certain areas as majority of dog owners are responsible owners. Those minority ruin it for other owners. I believe dogs should be on a lead if in cemeteries or similar areas or sport fields and school yards if activities are in action. E.g. If Heath Park has football matches on then walk your dog away from the game or put the dog on a lead and ALWAYS pick up ANY mess your dog makes.”*
- *“It is not practical to enforce all dog owners to keep their dog on a lead at all times. Most owners are responsible in picking up dog waste to penalise everyone is unnecessary. Most will adhere to restrictions concerning schools and playing fields. How are dogs supposed to be exercised properly if they are confined to lead walks? Dog ownership is a huge responsibility and dog walking is a very sociable time for many people who would otherwise have little contact with others. All these points should be considered before authorising the Council's proposals. I seriously disagree with any attempt to force dog owners to keep their dogs permanently on leash.”*



## Waste Bins

Respondents were asked several questions regarding the provision of waste bins. A summary of the responses shows public opinion to be that a) there are too few bins available and b) bins are not emptied frequently enough.



Responses were analysed for differences between dog and non-dog owners. The differences found were not considered to be significant.

### Are you aware you can dispose of dog faeces in any Council public waste bin in parks or on pavements?

Nine in ten (88.9%) respondents were aware that they can dispose of dog faeces in any Council public waste bin, amongst dog owners this figure rises to 97.7%.

	All Respondents		Dog Owner		Non Dog Owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	5,259	88.9	3,498	97.7	1,729	75.1
<b>No</b>	393	6.6	68	1.9	323	14.0
<b>Don't Know</b>	266	4.5	15	0.4	250	10.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Do you think there are enough Council public waste bins across Cardiff in parks?

Over two thirds (67.9%) of all respondents feel there are not enough Council public waste bins across Cardiff in parks.

	All Respondents		Dog Owner		Non Dog Owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	1,515	25.3	984	27.3	526	22.4
<b>No</b>	4,064	67.9	2,556	70.8	1,483	63.3
<b>Don't Know</b>	408	6.8	68	1.9	335	14.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,987</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Do you feel these bins are emptied enough?

Less than a quarter (22.1%) of all respondents feel that Council waste bins across Cardiff in parks are emptied enough.

	All Respondents		Dog Owner		Non Dog Owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	1,324	22.1	921	25.5	399	17.0
<b>No</b>	3,752	62.6	2,466	68.3	1,265	53.8
<b>Don't Know</b>	917	15.3	221	6.1	687	29.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,993</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Respondents were keen to highlight that it was not just dog mess that was the issue with bins not being emptied enough, sample comments can be seen below:

- *“It’s not necessarily dog mess you need to worry about. I walk my dog over Roath Rec and the amount of litter/rubbish over there after people have had BBQ/picnics is disgusting, with broken bottles and cans which can cause damage to both animals and humans! Litter enforcement officers should be deployed!”*
- *“More bins, more focus on public littering instead of focus on dogs. I walk my dogs Bute park and the mess left by members of the public especially if the weather has been pleasant is disgusting?? Same with beaches.”*
- *“I think littering is a much bigger problem than dog fouling in Cardiff parks. As a mother, I have never had my child fall in dog poo, however broken bottles are often found in parks and my 2 year old has cut herself several times.”*

### Do you think there are enough Council public waste bins across Cardiff on pavements?

Both dog owners and non-dog owners shared agreement that there are enough Council public waste bins across Cardiff in parks (16.1% and 17.2% respectively).

	All Respondents		Dog Owner		Non Dog Owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	986	16.5	579	16.1	403	17.2
<b>No</b>	4,687	78.2	2,914	80.8	1,745	74.3
<b>Don't Know</b>	317	5.3	113	3.1	201	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Do you feel these bins are emptied enough?

Agreement that Council public waste bins across Cardiff are emptied enough was shared by dog owners and non-dog owners (22.6% and 18.7% respectively).

	All Respondents		Dog Owner		Non Dog Owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	1,256	21.0	815	22.6	439	18.7
<b>No</b>	3,629	60.6	2,313	64.2	1,290	54.9
<b>Don't Know</b>	1,101	18.4	474	13.2	620	26.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,986</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100.0</b>

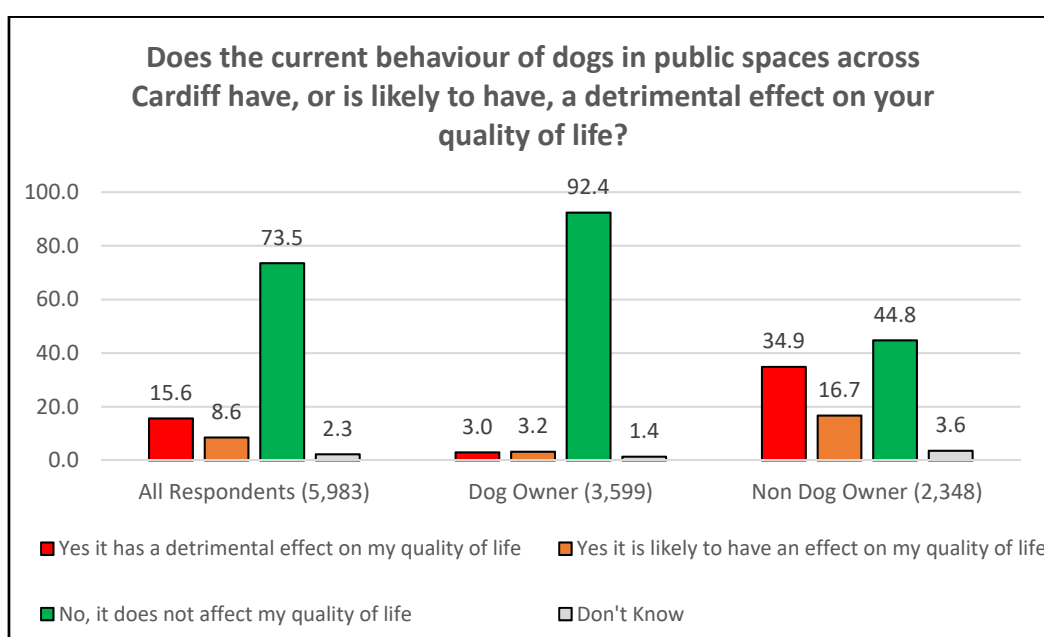
### Does the current behaviour of dogs in public spaces across Cardiff have, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on your quality of life?

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.

There was a wide range of reasons why non-dog users felt this way, these ranged from sports pitch users unhappy with dog faeces on the playing fields to cyclists experiencing near-misses to general concern for welfare, a sample of comments can be viewed below:

- *“Dog faeces on sports pitches in Cardiff is endemic and puts the health of children at serious risk. Wherever my son plays (across Cardiff) there is invariably dog mess on the pitch.”*
- *“In areas with heavy cycle usage, such as the Taff Trail through Hailey Park, there should be a requirement that dogs be on non-extendable leads. I have seen several near-accidents where dog owners allow the leads to extend right across the pathway, tripping joggers and posing a significant hazard to cyclists.”*

- *“My son is terrified of dogs due to an incident when an uncontrolled dog jumped on him. The owner did not think it was an issue.”*
- *“All sports pitches, parks, play areas and school grounds where humans play sports or children play should have a dog ban. Dog faeces can be detrimental to health in addition to the mess made to clothes and shoes.”*
- *“Protect public sports pitches as much as possible as this can be a huge health risk for participants. Park's sport pitches are already badly kept during the winter months so they need all the help they can get.”*



**Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed restrictions:**

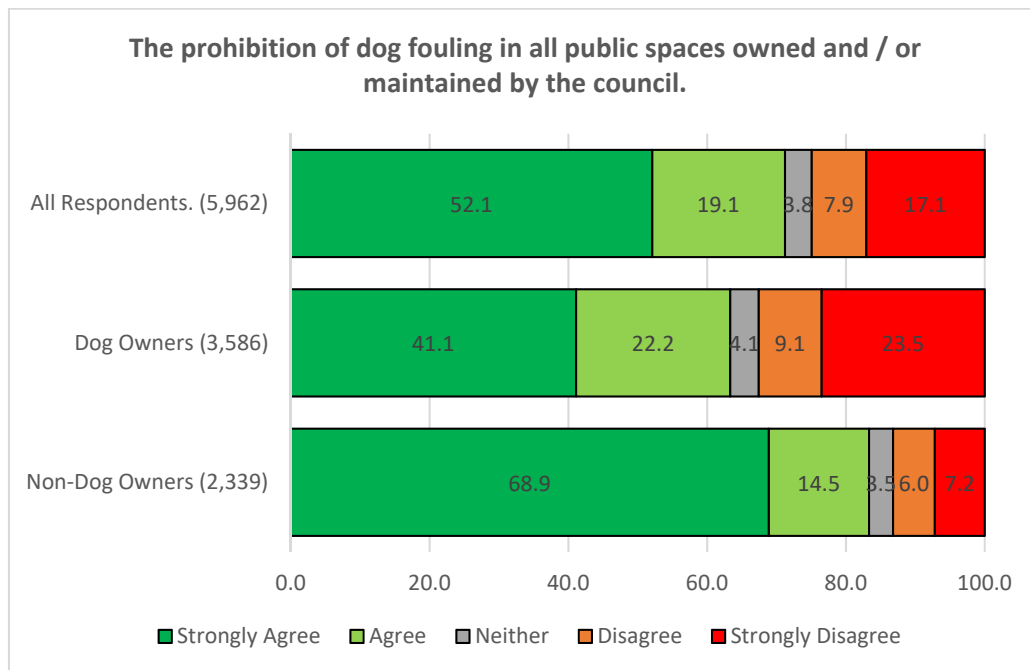
- ***The prohibition of dog fouling in all public spaces owned and / or maintained by the council.***

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<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> It is acknowledged that there was some misinterpretation relating to this question. Although most people agree that dog fouling is wrong, some people wrongly interpreted this proposal as dogs being totally prohibited in all public spaces owned and / or maintained by the council. This issue was addressed via FAQ's posted on the website over the course of the consultation period.

Dog owners were slightly less favourable of the proposal with just over six in ten (63.3%) of respondents agreeing, almost a quarter (23.5%) of dog owners strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Non-dog owners were largely in favour of the proposal with over eight in ten (83.4%) in agreement, this included 68.9% who were very happy with the proposal.

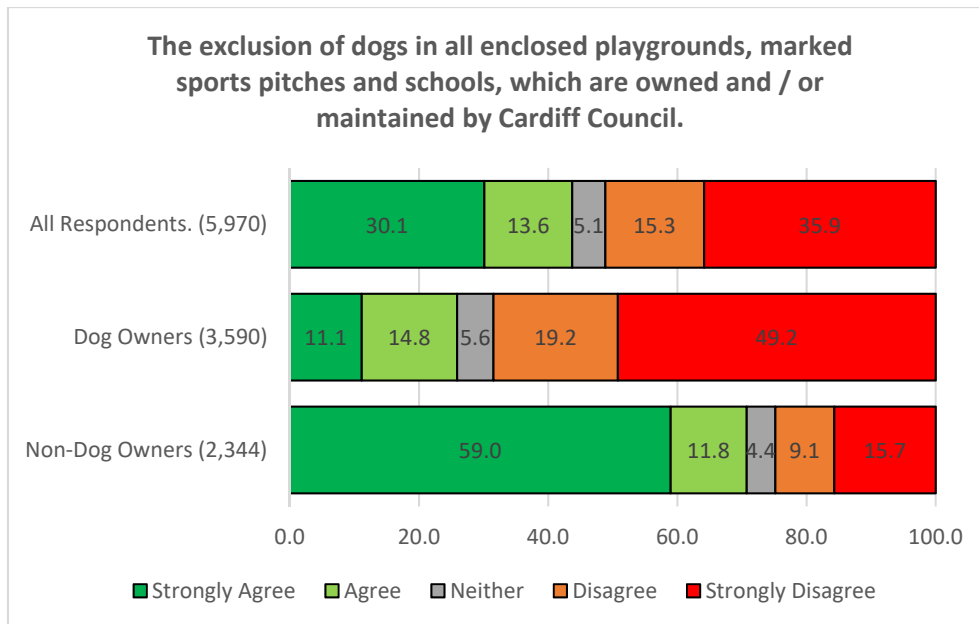


- ***The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and schools, which are owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.***

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.

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



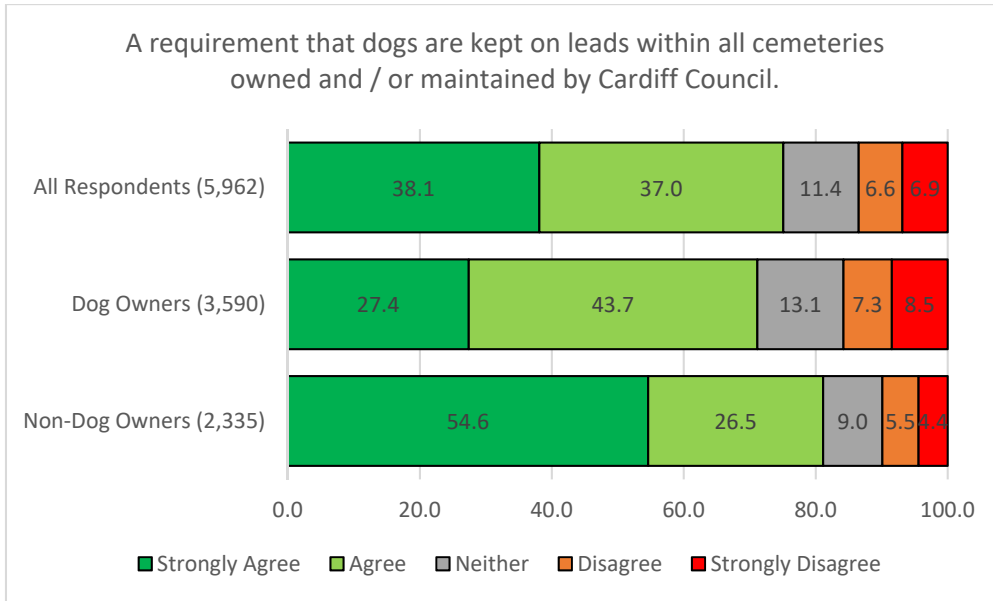
The proposal to prohibit dogs from marked sports pitches was quickly found to be the area of greatest opposition from dog owners. Respondents voiced a wide range of reasoning behind their disagreement with the proposal, a sample of comments include:

- *“The exclusion of dogs in all marked sports pitches is ridiculous. Roath rec and Llandaff fields would be out of bounds. Dogs don’t go on the pitches when games are on. It should be enough for officers to give on the spot fines to owners who do not pick up their dog’s faeces. Most dog owners are responsible.”*
- *“I completely disagree with the proposal to exclude dogs from all marked sports pitches. The majority of public parks in Cardiff are multi-use (e.g. Bute Park, Roath Park) and so excluding dogs from the pitches basically means there are no areas in which to exercise them.”*
- *“These restrictions seem severe at best. I propose that the PSPO should not restrict access to sports pitches in multi-use areas, and instead the council should enforce fines for not picking up in these (and other) areas. This would have a much greater impact than the proposed restrictions.”*
- *“Stop discriminating against dog owners...we are the eyes and ears of public spaces!”*
  - *“I strongly disagree with banning dogs from marked pitches. Where I live in Llanrumney this would have a significant impact on my life as a lot of the green spaces are pitched. If these changes were to come in to place I feel that where I live (Llanrumney) is going to be negatively penalised as there are really a limited amount of safe spaces to walk and I will be forced to have to either travel by car or not exercise my dog. Residents need more help with changing their attitudes towards dog fouling, please look at this and not punishing the responsible dog owners.”*

In contrast to these comments, non-dog users were largely in favour of the proposal with comments including:

- *“Making sure my children’s football pitches are clean of dog mess. Cleaning dog mess from my children’s shoes and bicycle tyres. Just going for a walk I feel is spoilt by having to tell the children to watch out for dog mess all the time.”*
  - *“I agree that dogs should NOT be allowed on playing fields for health, safety and comfort reasons. Even if responsible dog owners pick up the mess, there may often be faeces remaining. I walk a dog for a friend and find Cardiff has plenty of other green spaces, although I do have a car to reach most of them. Perhaps for some people, playing fields etc. are the only green spaces within walking distance. I'm not sure how easy this would be to enforce, but I still feel it is a very important principle to protect all people using playing fields etc.”*
  - *“Strongly support any action taken to prevent dog fouling on sports pitches. I have been involved in junior football in Cardiff for almost 10 years and have had to resort to carrying poo-bags within my kit bag, as I have had to pick up dog mess from football pitches on countless occasions. It is totally unacceptable behaviour from dog owners and is a substantial health risk for the children involved.”*
  - *“All sports pitches, parks, play areas and school grounds where humans play sports or children play should have a dog ban. Dog faeces can be detrimental to health in addition to the mess made to clothes and shoes.”*
- ***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.



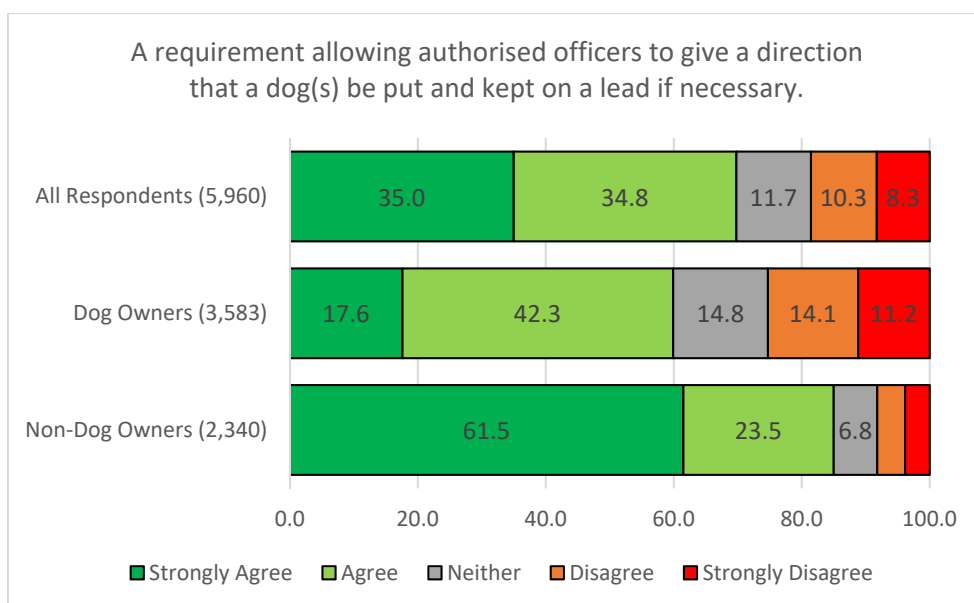
General support for this proposal was shared by both dog and non-dog owners, a sample of comments can be seen below / overleaf:

- *“I believe that your proposed restriction that all dogs should be kept on leads in cemeteries does not go far enough. A dog has no place in a cemetery at all. Lead or no lead.”*
- *“Dogs should not be allowed in cemeteries even if they are on a lead.”*
- *“Reasonable that dogs should not go in children’s playgrounds and kept on leads in cemeteries.”*
- ***A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog(s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary.***

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%).





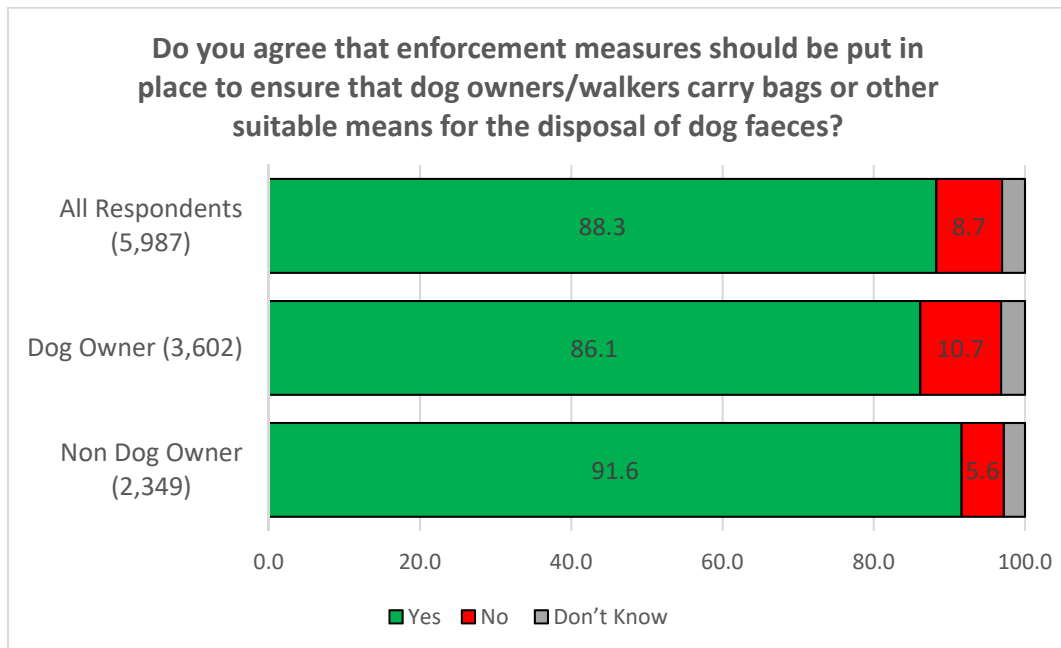
Reasons for disagreement focused on the need for off the lead exercise<sup>3</sup>:

- *“All dogs need off lead time. If the council provided more bins, that were emptied more regularly, the people of Cardiff - not just dog walkers, would clear up after themselves.”*
- *“Where is it proposed that dogs should be walked? Dogs need off lead runs as part of their health and well-being. If dogs can only walk on the lead in the streets you will have a lot of stressed out dogs with pent up energy walking on the streets which will likely lead to more dog behavioural issues. I hope this consultation includes animal behaviour experts. We have no dog parks in Cardiff. Banning dogs from the parks without providing another solution for where they should walk is a dog welfare issue.”*
- *“By all means take action against the small minority who do not clean up after their dogs but please don’t restrict responsible dog owners and their dogs. Dogs need off lead exercise.”*

**Do you agree that 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.

<sup>3</sup> The proposal did not prohibit off the lead exercise only that authorised officers would have the power to direct a lead to be applied if necessary e.g. dog is out of control.



The general consensus coming from the survey is that both dog owners and non-dog owners agree that it is a minority that are responsible for not picking up dog faeces and that most are responsible dog owners who clear up their mess. This is illustrated in comments from both dog owners and non-dog owners.

### Dog Owners

- *“Most of dog owners that walk daily their dogs in Roath and Penylan area parks are responsible owners who also pick up whatever wastes humans leave in the parks.”*
- *“Enforce against bad ownership and don't penalise the 98% of us that are responsible.”*
- *“The majority of dog owners are careful and responsible. Please don't punish us for the actions of a few who don't abide by the rules.”*

### Non-Dog Owners

- *“I feel that the majority of dog owners/walkers are responsible and do not require/need enforcements and prohibitions and should not be penalised for a minority group.”*
- *“Most dog owners are sensible, know when their dogs should be kept on a lead and when they are safe to be let off, and also pick up mess after their dogs. They should not be punished because of the actions of a small minority of irresponsible dog owners.”*

- *“Responsible dog owners clean up after their dogs. Dogs should be allowed off leads in public parks.”*

**Do you have any suggestions or recommendations to make in relation to the proposed restrictions across Cardiff?**

Of the 6,002 responses received, over a half (56.3%) left a valid response. These responses were put into categories / themes, a list of the most popular along with sample comments can be viewed below:

- **Residents are concerned as to where they will take their dogs for exercise**

*“Restricted dogs from marked playing field is draconian and will simply punish responsible dog owners. Where will dogs be walked when 80% of Llandaff and Pontcanna fields, for example, are marked playing fields? If you have resources to enforce such a ban then you have resources to enforce current ban on fouling. Some people leave litter on the fields. Would you ban all people because of the acts of a few? I am sure that would be viewed as ridiculous, but that is the logic deployed here, with punishment for all for the acts of the few.”*

- **Introduction of designated dog walking areas**

*“Why not have designated dog walking areas so dogs can be off lead safely.”*

- **Concerns that dogs are being treated unfairly**

*“Spoiling the enjoyment of public spaces for dog walkers because of the complaints of a vocal minority is unfair. Determined complaining has already resulted in dogs being banned from almost all local cafes in Penylan. Cardiff is getting a reputation of being dog-unfriendly. Too much regulation and control spoils the freedom and enjoyment of local facilities and public spaces. Use the existing regulations to control the minority of dog owners who fail to pick up their dog's mess.”*

- **Confusion as to whether dogs are completely banned from certain areas**

*“Your current proposals are very unclear and I am confused as to which areas I will be able to walk my dog off the lead in the future. I agree that dogs should be not allowed inside fenced off playgrounds or schools but the ‘marked sports pitches’ is ambiguous and the map just appears to show all green spaces in Cardiff. I cannot comment further until we have some clearer information. Maybe more enforcement of current powers to make people pick up after their dogs would be a better way to go rather than what looks like a blanket ban on vast swathes of the city. The mental health and well-being of both the owner and the dog should be strongly considered in these proposals too.”*

- **Proposals are too excessive**

*“I think these proposals are excessive and punitive to dog owners. Those who are irresponsible will not pick up their poo if their dog is on lead or not. Reducing the areas where dogs can exercise off lead will lead to a lot of frustrated dogs and an increase in antisocial behaviour by dogs as they are not having their needs met.”*

- **More enforcement required**

*“Instead of banning responsible dog owners, get more enforcement officers to prosecute those owners who do not follow the rules”*

- **Confusion over the layout of some questions**

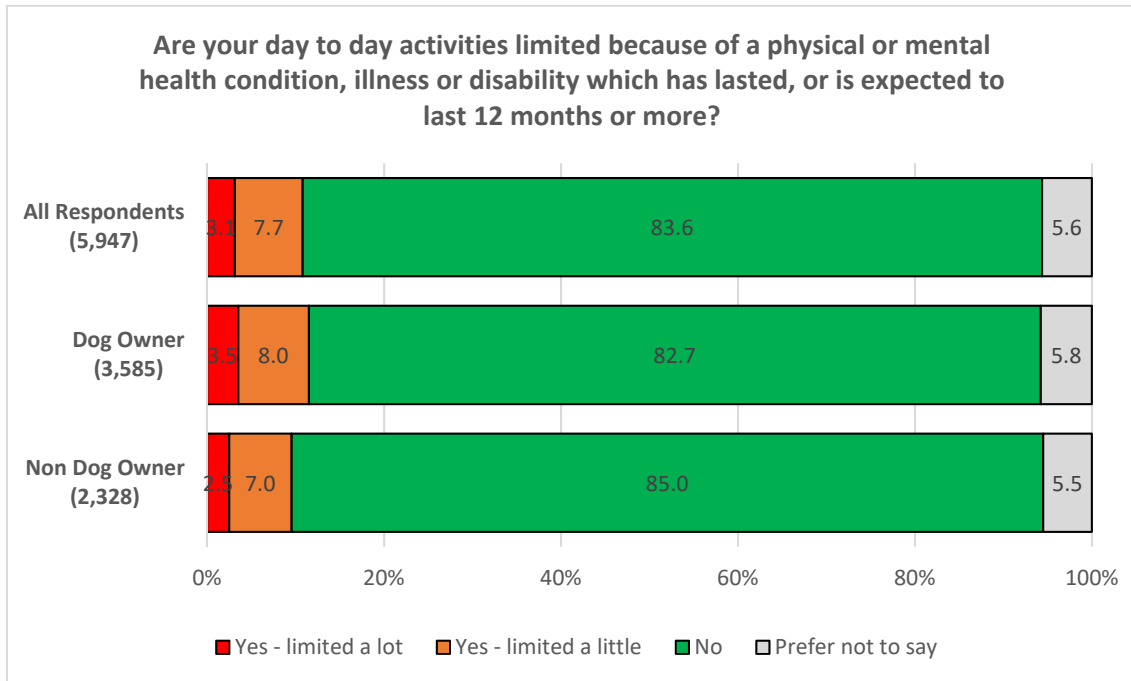
*“The first point of the proposals is misleading. It calls for the 'prohibition of dog fouling in all public places owned and/or maintained by the Council', but then reading further on your website in response to the question 'Can my dog still be walked / exercised on parks and pitches across Cardiff?' the response is that the proposal do not include the banning of dogs from parks. These statements are contradictory and the wording should be changed, or this specific proposal omitted as it's misleading!”*

- **Agreement with the proposals**

*“100% agree with these restrictions.”*

**Are your day to day activities limited because of a physical or mental health condition, illness or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last 12 months or more?**

Around one in ten (10.8%) reported their day to day activities are not limited because of a physical or mental health condition, illness or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last 12 months or more.



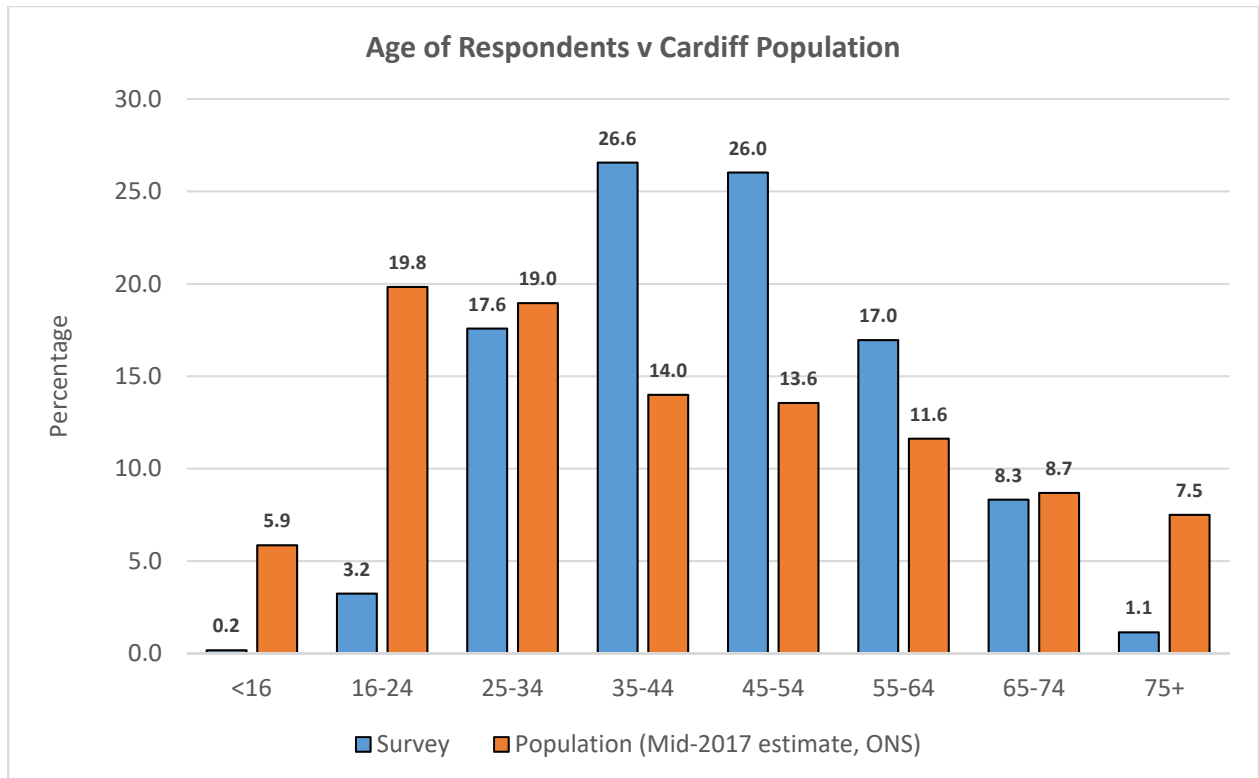
Some respondents were keen to indicate that dog walking was good for general health and wellbeing, sample comments can be seen below:

- “Dog walking is good for the health and mental wellbeing of people. There has got to be access to parks and recreation fields for everyone. The vast majority of dog walkers are responsible. You will never stop the irresponsible people. If someone is caught not picking up the dog pooh then they should be fined. BUT DO NOT EXCLUDE DOG WALKERS FROM PUBLIC PARKS.”*

  - “Being able to freely exercise well behaved dogs that are under control has significant physical and mental health benefits to myself, my family and my friends. Unwarranted restrictions is detrimental and causes anxiety.”*
- “Dogs enhance people's quality of life. Allowing owners and their dogs to walk in a sensible manner in public spaces enhances people's lives and improves their lives. I think that prohibiting this is unnecessary and will impact negatively on your residents' lives and health.”*

## How old are you?

Responses to the survey from people aged 35 – 54 were almost double that of the Cardiff population. In contrast only 3.4% of responses to the survey came from people aged 24 or under, this compares to a quarter (25.7%) of the overall Cardiff population.



*N.B. Percentages for survey respondents don't include 'prefer not to say' responses*

# Appendix A - Stakeholders

## List of Stakeholders

- Crime Commissioner – South Wales Police
- Chief Officer – South Wales Police
- Public Health Wales
- RSPCA Wales
- Dogs Trust
- Kennel Club
- Friends of the dogs
- Meet up Group
- Natural Resources Wales
- Vale of Glamorgan Council
- Newport City Council
- Caerphilly Council
- RCT Council
- All Councillors and town and community Parishes
  - Pentyrch Community Council
  - Lisvane Community Council
  - Old St Mellons Community Council
  - Radyr and Morganstown Community Council
  - St Fagans Community Council
  - Tongwynlais Community Council
- Friends of Roath Park
- Friends of Heath
- Friends of Hailey Park
- Friends of Cefn Onn
- Friends of Coed y felin
- Friends of Bute Park
- Friends of Cathays
- Friends of Forest Farm
- Friends of Nant Fawr
- Friends of Pentre Gardens
- Friends of Moorland Park
- Friends of Howardian
- Cricket Wales
- Sport Wales
- Glamorgan CC
- Cardiff midweek cricket league
- South Wales FA
- FAW Trust
- Cardiff and District league
- Cardiff Combination League

- Lazarou Sunday league
- All football club secretaries
- WRU



## Appendix B - Letter to Stakeholders

Cardiff Research Centre  
Room 401  
County Hall  
Atlantic Wharf  
CF10 4UW

Dear Consultee,

### **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Public Spaces Protection Order – Proposed Dog Controls**

Cardiff Council are seeking your views on proposals to control dogs across the city of Cardiff, by introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Whilst the majority of dog owners are responsible, clean up after their dogs and keep them under control, there are still a minority of irresponsible dog owners which create significant problems.

Currently the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, is not supported via Magistrates Courts and will eventually be repealed due to there being more up to date legislation, specifically the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The introduction of a PSPO in respect of dog controls will replace existing byelaws currently in place to control dogs in particular areas across Cardiff. The current byelaws are outdated, with some dating back to 1964. Since the implementation of byelaws; boundaries and land ownership has changed.

Cardiff Council would like to consult you, as a key stakeholder on the PSPO proposals and welcome any comments and recommendation you may have. The PSPO proposals are;

- The prohibition of dog fouling in all public places owned and/or maintained by the Council,
- The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and Schools, which are owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council.
- A requirement that dogs are kept on leads within all Cemeteries owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council.
- A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog (s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary.
- A requirement to ensure that dog owners / walkers carry bags or other suitable means for the disposal of dog faeces.
- Increasing the charge for a breach of the PSPO to £100

Under the Act, a local Authority must make a Public Space Protection Order if satisfied that two conditions are met, namely:

- 1) Activities carried on (or likely will be carried on) within the authority's area have (or will have) a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the locality, And;
- 2) Activities are or are likely to be persistent, unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by the order.

Further details, including the list of proposed areas can be found at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/dogcontrols](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/dogcontrols)

Responses to this consultation can be made via the following methods:

- An online Survey at: [www.cardiff.gov.uk/dogcontrols](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/dogcontrols)
- By e-mail to: [consultation@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@cardiff.gov.uk)
- In writing and send to the address at the top of this letter
- By telephone; call 029 2087 2087

**The consultation will be open from the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 until 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.**

Yours faithfully,



**Matt Wakelam**  
**Assistant Director – Street Scene**  
**Cyfarwyddwr Cynorthwyol Strydlun**

Annwyl Ymgynghorai,

## **Deddf Ymddygiad Gwrthgymdeithasol, Troseddu a Phlisma 2014 Gorchymyn Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus (PSPO) – Cynigion ar gyfer Rheolaethau ar Gŵn**

Mae Cyngor Caerdydd am glywed eich barn ar gynigion ynghylch rheoli cŵn ledled dinas Caerdydd drwy gyflwyno Gorchymyn Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus (GDMC). Er bod y rhan fwyaf o berchnogion cŵn yn gyfrifol, yn glanhau eu baw ac yn eu cadw dan reolaeth, mae lleiafrif bach o hyd sy'n anghyfrifol ac sy'n creu problemau sylweddol.

Ar hyn o bryd, nid yw Deddf Cŵn (Baeddu Tir) 1996 yn cael ei hategu yn y Llysoedd Ynadon a bydd deddfwriaeth fwy diweddar yn ei disodli cyn hir, yn benodol Deddf Ymddygiad Gwrthgymdeithasol, Troseddu a Phlisma 2014.

Bydd cyflwyno GDMC o ran rheoli cŵn yn disodli is-ddeddfau sydd ar hyn o bryd yn cael eu defnyddio i reoli cŵn mewn ardaloedd penodol yng Nghaerdydd. Mae'r is-ddeddfau presennol wedi hen ddyddio, gyda rhai yn eu lle ers 1964. Ers gweithredu'r is-ddeddfau hyn yn wreiddiol, mae ffiniau a pherchnogaeth tir wedi newid.

Hoffai Cyngor Caerdydd ymgynghori â chi, fel rhanddeilad allweddol, ynghylch y cynigion GDMC ac rydym yn croesawu unrhyw sylwadau neu awgrymiadau gennych. Y cynigion GDMC yw:

- Gwahardd baeddu cŵn ym mhob man cyhoeddus a berchnogir a/neu a gynhelir gan y Cyngor.
- Gwahardd cŵn ym mhob man chwarae caeëdig, meysydd chwaraeon wedi'u marcio ac ysgolion, y mae Cyngor Caerdydd yn berchen arnynt a/neu'n eu cynnal.
- Gofyniad i gadw cŵn ar dennyn o fewn pob mynwent y mae Cyngor Caerdydd yn berchen arni a/neu'n ei chynnal
- Gofyniad sy'n caniatáu i swyddogion awdurdodedig roi cyfarwyddyd bod ci/cŵn yn cael ei roi/eu rhoi a'u cadw ar dennyn os bydd angen.
- Gofyniad i sicrhau bod perchnogion cŵn a phobl sy'n mynd â chŵn am dro yn cario bagiau neu ffordd arall briodol o gael gwared ar faw cŵn.
- Codi'r tâl am dorri'r GDMC i £100

Dan y ddeddf, rhaid i awdurdod lleol wneud Gorchymyn Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus os yw'n fodlon bod dau amod wedi'u bodloni, sef:

- 3) Mae gweithgareddau a gynhelir (neu sy'n debygol o gael eu cynnal) o fewn ardal yr awdurdod yn cael effaith andwyol ar ansawdd bywyd yn y lleoliad; ac
- 4) Mae gweithgareddau yn barhaus, yn afresymol ac yn cyfiawnhau'r cyfyngiadau a roddir ar waith gan y gorchymyn, neu maent yn debygol o fod felly.

Mae rhagor o fanylion, ynghyd â rhestr o'r ardaloedd arfaethedig yn [www.caerdydd.gov.uk/rheolicwn](http://www.caerdydd.gov.uk/rheolicwn)

Gellir ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad hwn yn y ffyrdd canlynol:

- Arolwg ar-lein yn [www.caerdydd.gov.uk/rheolicwn](http://www.caerdydd.gov.uk/rheolicwn)
- Drwy e-bost i: [ymgyngoriad@caerdydd.gov.uk](mailto:ymgyngoriad@caerdydd.gov.uk)
- Yn ysgrifenedig i'r cyfeiriad ar frig y llythyr hwn
- Dros y ffôn drwy alw 029 2087 2087

**Bydd yr ymgynghoriad ar agor rhwng 10 Medi 2018 a 22 Hydref 2018.**

Yn gywir,



**Matt Wakelam**  
**Cyfarwyddwr Cynorthwyol Strydlun**


# Join the Cardiff Citizens' Panel and have your say on the future of the city!



## What is Cardiff Citizens' Panel?

Cardiff's Citizen's Panel is currently made up of **5,000** representative members of the public across the city. The Panel is used to inform Cardiff Council and other public services about public opinion and can help provide views on a wide range of issues.

What are the benefits of being on the Citizens' Panel?

-  **You can help shape local decision making Your**
-  **views are heard by decision makers**
-  **You can find out new ideas and plans for Cardiff**
-  **You are representing your community**
-  **You can take part in focus groups and events**

## What do Panel members do?

Panel members complete up to five questionnaires a year - you can choose to complete either paper questionnaires sent to your home or electronic surveys on our website.

Panel members are also invited to attend group discussions or workshops on particular issues they're interested in. Recent examples of topics include the consultation on the Ask Cardiff Survey 2017, Keep Cardiff Moving 2017, Budget Consultation 18/19, Employment Services and Building Resilient Communities Survey and 'Let's Talk' survey for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.



## What happens to the feedback Panel members provide?

All Panel responses are written up into a report to let decision makers know public opinion. You will also receive regular feedback with a summary of results of the questionnaire and how these results are being used to influence decision making.

## What about confidentiality?

The information you provide will be used to ensure that the Cardiff Citizens' Panel is representative and so that we can invite you to community events run by the Council and its partners working in Cardiff. It will be processed in accordance to the Data Protection Act, with all information treated in the strictest of confidence and will not be sold or handed on to any other organisation for marketing purposes. We will keep your details on file but will delete those details should you ask us to in writing.

## How long would I be a Citizens' Panel Member for?

We ask that you join the Panel for three years at which point we will 'refresh' the Panel to give other members the opportunity to give their views.

## What if I change my mind about being on the Panel?

If you join the Panel but then decide you no longer want to take part, just let us know!

## How do I join the Cardiff Citizen's Panel?

To join the Panel you must be over 18 and live in the Cardiff local authority area - if you qualify, please complete our application form online at

<http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/citizenspanel>

or email

[CardiffDebate@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:CardiffDebate@cardiff.gov.uk)

to request a copy.






# Ymunwch â Phanel Dinasyddion Caerdydd i ddweud eich dweud ar ddyfodol y ddinas!



## Beth yw Panel Dinasyddion Caerdydd?

Mae Panel Dinasyddion Caerdydd yn cynnwys **5,000** o aelodau'r cyhoedd ledled y ddinas. Defnyddir y Panel i roi gwybod i Gyngor Caerdydd a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus eraill am farn y cyhoedd a gall helpu i roi barn ar amrywiaeth eang o faterion.

## Beth yw manteision bod ar y Panel Dinasyddion?

-  Gallwch helpu i lunio penderfyniadau lleol
-  Mae swyddogion gwneud penderfyniadau yn gwrando arnoch
-  Gallwch ddod o hyd i syniadau a chynlluniau newydd ar gyfer Caerdydd
-  Byddwch yn cynrychioli eich cymuned
-  Gallwch gymryd rhan yn y grwpiau ffocws a digwyddiadau

## Beth mae aelodau Panel yn ei wneud?

Mae aelodau'r Panel yn cwblhau hyd at bum holiadur y flwyddyn - gallwch ddewis cwblhau holiaduron papur sy'n cyrraedd drwy'r post neu arolygon electronig ar ein gwefan.

Gwahoddir aelodau'r panel i fynychu trafodaethau grŵp neu weithdai ar faterion penodol sydd o ddiddordeb iddynt. Yn ddiweddar mae'r ymgynghoriad wedi trafod Arolwg Holi Caerdydd 2017, Cadw Caerdydd I Symud 2017, Ymgynghoriad y Gyllideb 18/19, Arolwg Gwasanaethau Cyflogaeth a Chymunedau Gwydn, Amser Siarad' ar gyfer Caerdydd a Bro Morgannwg.

## Beth sy'n digwydd i'r adborth y mae aelodau'r Panel yn ei roi?

Mae ymatebion y Panel yn cael eu nodi mewn adroddiad i gyfleu barn y cyhoedd i swyddogion gwneud penderfyniadau. Byddwch hefyd yn derbyn adborth rheolaidd gyda chrynodeb o ganlyniadau holiaduron a sut mae'r canlyniadau hynny'n cael eu defnyddio i ddylanwadau ar benderfyniadau.

## Beth am gyfrinachedd?

Defnyddir y wybodaeth a roddir gennych i sicrhau bod Panel Dinasyddion Caerdydd yn cynrychioli pobl Caerdydd ac er mwyn i ni eich gwahodd i ddigwyddiadau cymunedol a gynhelir gan y Cyngor a'i bartneriaid sy'n gweithio yng Nghaerdydd. Caiff y wybodaeth ei phrosesu yn unol â Deddf Diogelu Data, ei thrin yn gwbl gyfrinachol ac ni chaiff ei gwerthu na'i rhoi i unrhyw sefydliad arall at ddibenion marchnata. Byddwn yn cadw eich manylion ar ffeil ond gallwn eu dileu os gofynnwch i ni wneud hynny yn ysgrifenedig.

## Am ba mor hir y byddwn yn Aelod o Banel y Dinasyddion?

Gofynnwn i chi ymuno â'r Panel am dair blynedd, ar ôl hynny byddwn yn rhoi cyfle i bobl eraill ymuno ag ef i fynegi eu barn.

**Beth os byddaf yn newid fy meddwl ar ôl ymuno â'r Panel?** Os byddwch yn penderfynu rhoi'r gorau i fod ar y Panel yr unig beth sydd angen i chi ei wneud yw rhoi gwybod i ni!

## Sut mae ymuno â Phanel Dinasyddion Caerdydd?

I ymuno â'r Panel rhaid i chi fod dros 18 oed a byw yn ardal awdurdod lleol Caerdydd - os ydych yn gymwys, cwblhewch ein ffurflen gais ar-lein yn [www.caerdydd.gov.uk/paneldinasyddion](http://www.caerdydd.gov.uk/paneldinasyddion) neu e-bostiwch [sgwrscaerdydd@caerdydd.gov.uk](mailto:sgwrscaerdydd@caerdydd.gov.uk) i ofyn am gopi.



# Appendix D – Statutory Stakeholder / Consultee comments

## Dogs Trust's Comments

### 1. Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order:

- Dogs Trust consider 'scooping the poop' to be an integral element of responsible dog ownership and would fully support a well-implemented order on fouling. We urge the Council to enforce any such order rigorously. In order to maximise compliance we urge the council to consider whether an adequate number of disposal points have been provided for responsible owners to use, to consider providing free disposal bags and to ensure that there is sufficient signage in place.
- We question the effectiveness of issuing on-the-spot fines for not being in possession of a poo bag and whether this is practical to enforce.

### 2. Re; Dog Exclusion Order:

- Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
- Dogs Trust would highlight the need to provide plenty of signage to direct owners to alternative areas nearby in which to exercise dogs.

### 3. Re; Dog Exclusion and sport pitches

- Excluding dogs from areas that are not enclosed could pose enforcement problems - we would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
- We feel that exclusion zones should be kept to a minimum, and that excluding dogs from all sports pitches for long stretches of the year is unnecessary. In some cases sports pitches may account for a large part of the open space available in a public park, and therefore excluding dogs could significantly reduce available dog walking space for owners.
- We would urge the council to consider focusing its efforts on reducing dog fouling in these areas, rather than excluding dogs entirely, with adequate provision of bins and provision of free disposal bags

### 4. Re; Dogs on Leads Order:

- Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead.
- Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns – this includes the need for sufficient exercise including the need to run off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act.
- The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety of, well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead.

### 5. Re; Dogs on Lead by Direction Order:

- Dogs Trust enthusiastically support Dogs on Leads by Direction orders (for dogs that are 39

considered to be out of control or causing alarm or distress to members of the public to be put on and kept on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised official).

- We consider that this order is by far the most useful, other than the fouling order, because it allows enforcement officers to target the owners of dogs that are allowing them to cause a nuisance without restricting the responsible owner and their dog. As none of the other orders, less fouling, are likely to be effective without proper enforcement we would be content if the others were dropped in favour of this order.

The PDSA's '[Paw Report 2018](#)' found that 89% of veterinary professionals believe that the welfare of dogs will suffer if owners are banned from walking their dogs in public spaces such as parks and beaches, or if dogs are required to be kept on leads in these spaces. Their report also states that 78% of owners rely on these types of spaces to walk their dog.

I would also like to bring your attention to the similar recommendations stated in the Government's '[Anti-social behaviour powers -Statutory guidance for frontline professionals](#)' document, pages 52/53.

We believe that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and that the majority of dogs are well behaved. In recognition of this, we would encourage local authorities to exercise its power to issue Community Protection Notices, targeting irresponsible owners and proactively addressing anti-social behaviours.

We would be very grateful if you could inform us of the consultation outcome and subsequent decisions made in relation to the Public Space Protection Order.

### **Cardiff Action Dogs Group**

Over 16,000 signature petition received objecting to current proposals.

### **Cllr Comment**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to say that I have been contacted by many residents raising concerns about the design and content of the current Council PSPO consultation.

I should say though from the outset that I welcome the debate and discussion which this consultation has prompted around the need to promote more responsible dog ownership within our city. I now hope it will lead to a step change in facilities for dogs and other users of our public spaces as well as greater public education, enforcement and standards of cleanliness.

As a Councillor, I see from my own casework that there are issues which need to be addressed locally. All too often during community litter picks we find people who have taken the trouble to bag dog waste, only for it to end up polluting local streams or to hang from trees. This is simply unacceptable and I'm sure the Council will agree needs better enforcement action.

In local parks, the bins are at times not being emptied frequently enough, particularly in the summer. It is an all too common sight to see dog waste bags overflowing from bins too - something which is entirely the responsibility of the Council itself, not dog walkers. More litter bins (or more frequent emptying) are also badly needed during hot weather or major events. In Thornhill Park for example, I secured an 'event style' temporary litter bin during the busier summer months a few years ago but this has since been removed by the Council completely - despite my protests. This Council approach needs to change going forward.



From my own experience, some of the most problematic complaints about dog fouling concern public footpaths, particularly those located in front of residential properties. Indeed your own data of 500 complaints in 16/17, based on information obtained by campaigners, actually involves streets, not open spaces and public parks. In some parts of the city, sports clubs have also sold off their own playing pitches and relocated to public parks or schools. The impact of this change on a localised basis also needs to be carefully considered, as does the way in which the Council publicises and consults on future Community Asset Transfers of community facilities and open spaces.

Therefore, in my view unless significant extra resources are allocated towards the Council's new dog control strategy then there is a real risk dog walkers will simply be forced even more onto local residential streets, which could lead to dog fouling complaints soaring if not properly managed by the Council. Hopefully, these sorts of issues will be addressed in your final plans.

Finally, if the Council is serious about the health and wellbeing of our dogs and of other park users, then it can use this new strategy as an opportunity for new investment in our open spaces - such as the roll out of a network of public water fountains - something Cardiff North's Assembly Member, Julie Morgan has been campaigning for. These could help keep dogs cool and hydrated in the summer, as well as benefit runners and other park users.

Whilst I remain concerned about the design of the consultation itself, I have been assured by the Council's leadership that no decision has been taken on what, if any, aspect of this consultation will proceed or indeed if new or amended proposals will emerge.

I hope the Council will listen carefully to the very real concerns expressed during this consultation and also address to the many other points now being raised.

### **Lib Dem Response – Cardiff Council**

The following is the response of the Liberal Democrat Council group to the Dog Control PSPO proposals.

We recognise importance of our open spaces being open, accessible and safe for all residents of our city to use and enjoy. In particular, our extensive parks should be able to be enjoyed by everyone whether that is for sports, socialising, a place for children's play as well as animal play. We believe the council needs to take a proportionate approach to accommodate the desires and needs of all residents but also effectively manage the minority whose behaviour impacts on other users of these spaces. We believe this can be

achieved without singling out one group over another. Comments regarding the principle elements of the PSPO proposal:

**The prohibition of dog fouling in all public places owned and/or maintained by the Council.**

We are content with this element as a continuation of current practice.

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

No objection to the exclusion of dogs from enclosed playgrounds and School grounds. However, the blanket extension to all marked sports pitches should be reconsidered. Marked pitches make up a significant proportion of the open space across the city, whilst even within the relevant sporting season the majority of the time they remain unused. Whilst there are issues relating to fouling and control of dogs in some areas, enforcement action would still be possible under the other sections of these PSPO proposals. This approach would be more proportionate than prevention of all dogs from use of open spaces marked as sports pitches. As the explanation with the proposal states *'The majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs and we do not want to prohibit them from enjoying the open spaces that Cardiff has to offer.'* We believe that the council should take a graduated response, using the existing powers effectively rather than penalising everyone. Should a persistent issues developer at a particular location, there is no reason why a site specific PSPO could not then be applied for, without a detrimental effect on dog walkers across the rest of the city. Blanket restrictions we believe will negatively impact responsible dog owners whilst having little to no impact on those who are the cause of the cited issues.

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

We are content with this element of the proposal.

**Increasing the charge for a breach of the PSPO to £100.**

We are content with this proposal, the fine should be sufficient to have a deterrent effect. The revenue from fines generated should be used to support enforcement activities.

**A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog(s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary.**

This element should help address issues with poorly controlled dogs or those causing a nuisance. In addition, we support a requirement that a dog walker should be required to demonstrate that they have the means to dispose of any waste produced by their dog, for example by producing a 'poo bag' or scoop on request. Walking a dog in a public place without the means to pick up waste is clearly irresponsible and would prevent the owner/walker from dealing with any waste produced. Whilst not directly related to the

PSPO itself, the lack of effective enforcement will undermine the intended aim of reducing the prevalence dog waste in public places. To be effective the PSPO will need to be accompanied by active enforcement of its provisions. Furthermore, the council should review the provision of waste bins in public places, in light of concerns that some areas used by dog walkers are not currently well served and where bins are provided the council should work to ensure the frequency of collections are sufficient so that bins are not filled or overflow.

### **Lisvane Community Council**

Thank you for your email of 10 September seeking views on Cardiff Council proposals relating to the above.

Lisvane Community Council met on 8 October 2018 and discussed the proposals. Members have nothing to add to five of the specific proposals but are of the opinion that one of the proposals doesn't go far enough, namely:

"A requirement to ensure that dog owners/walkers carry bags or suitable means for the disposal of dog faeces"

The experience of our Members, and based on community feedback, is that some dog owners/walkers are placing the dog faeces in a carry bag but then disposing of the bag inappropriately by leaving the bag on the ground or on a branch of a tree. Lisvane Community Council is therefore proposing that this requirement should be amended to read along the lines of:

"A requirement to ensure that dog owners/walkers carry bags or suitable means for the disposal of dog faeces and that they subsequently dispose of the item in a designated bin or take the item home with them for disposal if there is no designated bin"

### **RSPCA Cymru**

RSPCA Cymru is responding to the Cardiff Council's PSPO consultation relating to dog control in the areas that are relevant to our work.

#### **Proposal 1: The prohibition of dog fouling in all public places owned and/or maintained by the Council.**

RSPCA Cymru understands that dog fouling is a major issue for towns and cities across Wales. Therefore, in order to increase responsible dog ownership and improve the relationship between dog owners and the wider community, the RSPCA agrees that it should be an offence for an owner not to clean up their dog's faeces. Including this requirement in the order can, RSPCA Cymru believes, adequately tackle the majority of issues that this PSPO intends to resolve and would therefore suggest removing the proposals to exclude dogs from marked sports pitches until this order has had time to be implemented and the effects on reducing dog faeces known.

Several local authorities in Wales have introduced a new condition within their PSPOs which would require dog walkers to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with their dog's waste, such as poop bags or other means at all times. RSPCA Cymru believes that this would also be beneficial in helping to improve responsible dog ownership.

**Proposal 2: The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and schools, which are owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council.**

The RSPCA understands the value of local authorities ensuring that sections of open space may be dog-free, such as children's play areas and purpose built multi-use games areas. It's important that as well as sufficient space for dog owners and their dogs, these separate needs are not unduly segregated which can foster misunderstandings and substitute problems. We wish to see integrated communities, with responsible pet and non-pet owners living harmoniously.

However, excluding responsible dog owners from allowing their dogs onto a marked sports playing pitch would be restrictive, especially if adequate space nearby was not available and would prohibit the dog from expressing normal behaviour, and confusing for dog owners as many of these pitches are seasonal with limited or no signage or fencing.

Excluding dog owners from sports playing pitches, we believe, is also contrary to the Defra guidance on issuing a PSPO<sup>1</sup>, which states that as it is enforced against an area, and not a specific individual, that it should be used carefully. It must also meet the three conditions of a dog's behaviour including that it affects the quality of life of people in the area, is persistent and is justified in imposing the restriction on the whole public<sup>2</sup>. Although sport pitches may be used regularly throughout the spring, summer and early autumn months, their use tends to decrease during winter. However, it is a dog owner's responsibility to ensure that their dog is walked all year round so they receive regular and appropriate exercise under Section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

RSPCA Cymru believes that although dog faeces can be a nuisance to the people that use the sports pitches, they can be and are easily removed by many responsible dog owners, imposing the restriction on all will punish the responsible dog owners and impose a negative view of dog ownership within the community. The Society encourages all local authorities to promote responsible dog ownership through enforcing compulsory microchipping and signposting residents to approved training, proper care, and neutering. In this case, RSPCA Cymru would like to see proper enforcement, using the other powers contained within this PSPO, to target and tackle individuals contributing to the dog fouling in these areas and to encourage better dog ownership of offenders, rather than tarring all dog owners with the same brush. RSPCA Cymru would like to see the effect of the orders requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces and have the means to clear after their dogs on the amount of dog faeces before this order is put in place.

**Proposal 3: A requirement that dogs are kept on leads within all Cemeteries owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council.**

Due to the comfort and support that owners can receive from their dog, RSPCA Cymru welcomes the proposal to allow dogs in cemeteries as long as they are on a lead. This will help owners who otherwise may have had no choice but to leave their dog tied up outside the cemetery which is stressful to the dog and poses them at risk of theft. Furthermore, some may have also left their dog in their car which would have placed them at risk of causing unnecessary suffering and potentially being charged with an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

**Proposal 4: A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction a dog(s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary.**

To ensure that this condition is administered appropriately and in a proportionate manner, RSPCA Cymru would like to see that the experience, knowledge and training of the officer imposing the condition is sufficient to ensure the welfare of the dog is not compromised and that they give advice to ensure that the dog is still able to be regularly exercised off the lead. Where required, the officer should be able to signpost the owner to someone appropriate for further advice regarding their dog's behaviour.

**Further comments:**

Many 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 the welfare needs of dogs are met and that they are safe within a community. Being able to meet, play and interact appropriately and adequately 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. RSPCA Cymru does recognise that not all dogs will be well-socialised and may find other animals or people threatening and where this is known then they should be encouraged to seek advice about their dog's behaviour and apply measures to ensure their dog doesn't pose concern to the community e.g. remain on a lead but this should be done on a risk-based approach. It is therefore imperative that local authorities use PSPOs sparingly and in a manner that is proportionate to the problem, in accordance with guidance and not as a blanket power that punishes the responsible majority in an effort to tackle problems created by an irresponsible few.

**Tongwynlais Community Council**

Tongwynlais Community Council discussed your proposals during their September meeting. The Council are fully in favour of your proposals and would like to show their support. However, the Council did question how these controls will be enforced.

# Comments from key consultees

## STM Sports AFC

You have our absolute 100% support on this proposal.

Also can you confirm that all dogs when in public spaces should be kept on a leash and is there a penalty for not complying?

## Pentyrch Sports Association ( PSA)

I am Treasurer of Pentyrch Sports Association (PSA). We have a long term lease on the Parc Y Dwrllyn playing fields in Pentyrch which are owned by Cardiff City Council. Could you confirm that any PSPO passed would apply to these playing fields? Could you also confirm our understanding that your proposal currently would not exclude dogs from all of the playing fields but just apply to the marked sports pitches which do represent a large proportion of the playing fields?

## Rhiwbina RFC

With reference to your Consultation on Dog Controls, I write on behalf of Rhiwbina RFC. We are a large community based club, based in Rhiwbina. We collaborate with Cardiff City Parks Department in the use of rugby pitches at Cae Delyn Park.

We use the pitches at Cae Delyn on a regular basis. We run 5 senior (adult) teams, and 11 Junior teams, with children ranging from 5 - 16 years old. Each team is supported by coaches, first aiders, managers and helpers. In all I and my committee represent the views of approx 350 players and 70 support staff.

Inevitably the area of concern for us is the fouling of park areas where we play rugby. Mention is made in your online survey (that I have completed) of the fouling of marked out playing pitches. Can I also add that the dangers of fouling by dogs is not just restricted to these areas - the boys, girls and adult players routinely use off pitch areas within Cae Delyn to train (most/every weekday evening) and for pre-match warm ups on Saturdays and Sundays.

Sadly is a routine feature of our preparation that the ground has to be inspected for dog faeces, with regular removal being necessary.

Things have improved enormously over the last decade or so. We have seen a marked reduction in the volume of faeces, thanks to most dog owners being careful to use bags to collect and dispose of their dog's faeces. The issue that remains is, as is so often the case, one of the few giving a bad name to the many.

The Council need to take action against the minority of owners who do not collect the faeces from their dogs. This minority will only react to direct action - such as Dog Wardens.

In summary, Rhiwbina RFC fully support the proposals made in your Consultation letter attached.

**Anna McMorrin MP**

Many people have contacted me raising concerns regarding the Council's recent proposals to implement a PSPO to tackle what the Council considers a growing concern across Cardiff in relation to dogs, specifically dog fouling.

I recently spent some time talking to dog owners, sports pitch users and their families, discussing these proposals and the impact it would have. This consultation has understandably evoked strong opinions from all, especially those impacted by the actions of the small number of irresponsible dog owners. I intend to summarise the concerns of my constituents to be considered as part of the consultation process and I hope that the Council will arrive at a solution that enables all users to share public facilities in a mutually beneficial way.

Although I am not averse to strengthening measures to tackling the persistent issue of dog faeces in public places, I do not believe that implementing a blanket restriction on our public green spaces is the best approach to tackling the issue of dog fouling. A blanket restriction will disproportionately penalise responsible dog owners who may continue their behaviour, irrespective of where they are walking their dog. Rather, the Council should look to strengthening enforcement action against the minority of irresponsible dog owners, ensuring that those wanting to use the parks for whatever purposes are free to do so.

**Inadequate Alternatives**

Cardiff has a number of great parks that the community can make use of. Many of these are non-enclosed sport pitches in common multi-use spaces and living in an urban environment in the capital city, these parks are inevitably popular with many different community groups.

When talking to local residents in Cardiff North recently, we discussed the issue of many of the public green spaces also being marked sports pitches and residents raised concerns about the lack of adequate alternatives in the area. For e.g. in Hailey park, the majority of the fields are marked pitches and the green spaces that aren't, including the nearby meadows, can often be very waterlogged and so dog walkers are unable to walk their dogs there. We must therefore ensure that dog walkers have access to our public green spaces as in many areas, there aren't adequate alternatives.

**Impact of restricting access**

Many constituents have expressed their concerns that the apparent blanket restrictions of public green spaces would hamper their quality of life, as well as their ability to effectively exercise their dogs.

As a society, we are striving to be healthier both physically and mentally and so many

people walk their dogs in their local parks. If people are unable to utilise the marked pitches in close proximity to them and they are forced to find alternatives (perhaps a car drive away) then this could become a barrier to achieving a more active lifestyle and reduce the owner's ability to sufficiently exercise their pet.

Similarly, the elderly or disabled people may not have access to cars and find it particularly difficult to walk their dogs further afield in unmarked locations. As a result, these restrictions could have a detrimental impact, not just on dog walkers, but also on the dogs who, under the Animal Welfare Act, are entitled to 'suitable exercise'.

### **Impact on Sports Clubs**

I am acutely aware of the impact of irresponsible dog owners failing to clean up after their dog can have on sports clubs and the pressures club volunteers face. Many volunteers of sports clubs in Cardiff North have been in touch to express their strong concerns about the community resistance to the PSPO.

However, many people feel that utilising targeted enforcement strategies, for e.g. fines for dog fouling, is a much fairer and more proportionate reaction to the issue and one which is likely to have the best impact. These proposals risk disproportionately impacting a particular community group over another, which might exacerbate conflicts rather than effectively tackle the issue at hand. Stronger enforcement action and more public bins which are emptied more regularly to further support dog walkers could be a more viable solution.

### **Enforcing Current Laws**

Legislation is only as effective as its implementation. Although I welcome increasing penalties and giving greater enforcement powers to officers to act as further deterrents, it is essential that enforcement strategies are looked at as opposed to blanket restrictions.

### **Quality of the Consultation Process**

Many of my constituents have raised concerns regarding the clarity of the consultation process and the lack of publicity surrounding it.

On the Council's website, it states that the PSPO would prohibit 'dog fouling in all public places owned and/or maintained by the Council'. Many people have expressed concerns that it is unclear as to whether the Council proposes to enforce dog owners are required to pick up after their dog, or whether the PSPO is to make it illegal for a dog to foul on any Council owned/ maintained property, irrespective of whether it is cleaned up. Whilst everybody I have spoken to agrees that all dog owners should pick up after their dogs, the complete prohibition of dog fouling on Council property is untenable.

Many people have also expressed their concerns to me that the consultation process would inevitably disproportionately affect a particular community group, and this has inevitably evoked strong opinions in the community.



In addition, some of my constituents do not feel that consultation has been sufficiently advertised, meaning community groups may not actually be aware of the live consultation and the results could end up being skewed. I would be very grateful for clarification on how this has been advertised to ensure the consultation has reached as many as possible.

### **Conclusion**

I appreciate that a number of educational interventions across the city haven't been as successful as hoped and this issue still needs addressing. However, the Council has recognised in a recent Cabinet Meeting on this issue, that enforcement action could have been stronger over the last few years.

The dog owners and families I have spoken to have welcomed stronger enforcement action but fear that the proposals put forward will only marginalise responsible dog owners, whilst making very little difference to the irresponsible members of the community who do not clean up after their dog.

Moving forward, it should be a question of striking the right balance between sports clubs and dog owners/walkers using our public green spaces. I hope that due consideration will be given to my constituents' concerns, so that we can arrive at a solution that will enable all users to share public facilities in a mutually beneficial way.

### **Guide Dogs Cymru**

The current draft reads:

“Please note that there are exemptions from a PSPO and these will not apply to a person;

- Who is partially sighted or blind and registered under, Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948
- Who is registered as sight impaired, severely sight impaired or as having sight and hearing impairments, registered under 18 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014
- Who has a disability which affects their mobility or any other disability, where the requirement of removing faeces would be unreasonable.

A PSPO will not apply to working dogs, which are used for emergency search and rescue, law enforcement, HM armed forces or used for directing animals, these will also be exempt.

Not all our Guide Dog owners will be registered under the two Acts mentioned in the draft but they will need to be exempt because of their sight impairment. Other Councils have recognised this omission and made the exemption clause more specific to protect this important cohort of people. Here is an example of a better worded exemption clause from Dog Control Order published by Newport City Council Council:

“b) has a disability that affects the person’s mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity and upon which the person relies for assistance”.

## **Kennel Club**

### **Dog faeces and toxocariasis**

#### **FAQs**

The Kennel Club believes that a fundamental component of being a responsible dog owner includes picking up after their dogs wherever they are, including fields and woods in the wider countryside. The only exceptions to this is when there is a clear indication from the landowner to the contrary, this is sometimes used as a pragmatic way to avoid filled bags being left behind in little used areas, or to reduce calls for more bins in rural locations. Alternatively the dog owner may have a genuine reason why they are physically unable to pick up after their dog, for instance a blind person with an assistance dog.

Left behind dog faeces is inherently unpleasant and in the overwhelming majority of cases it is entirely avoidable by owners picking up. Thankfully the prevalence of dog fouling has been in steady decline over the past ten years, the latest Keep Britain Tidy figures show that dog fouling is at its lowest level since they began collecting data, in 2001.<sup>1</sup> The Kennel Club wishes to see this trend continue, and will continue to promote responsible dog ownership.

It is important to acknowledge that there can be some health risks associated with contact with dog faeces for both humans and other animals. However, the Kennel Club has some concerns that these health risks can, at times, be overstated.

#### **Toxocariasis**

The most serious and commonly cited health concern in relation to dog fouling is toxocariasis. The NHS website describes toxocariasis as “a rare infection caused by roundworm parasites. It's spread from animals to humans through contact with infected faeces.”<sup>2</sup>

#### **What are the symptoms of toxocariasis?**

The NHS website details the symptoms of toxocariasis - “for most people, an infection with these roundworm larvae causes no symptoms and the parasites die within a few months. However, some people experience mild symptoms, such as: a cough; a high temperature (fever) of 38C (100.4F) or above; headaches; stomach pain. In rare cases, the roundworm larvae infect organs such as the liver, lungs, eyes or brain and causes severe symptoms, such as: fatigue; loss of appetite or weight loss, skin rashes; wheezing or breathing difficulties ; seizures (fits); blurred or cloudy vision, usually only affecting one eye; a very red and painful eye.” In rare cases permanent vision loss is possible - “If one of your eyes is affected by toxocariasis, there's a risk of permanent vision loss. However, prompt treatment can reduce the chances of this happening.”

## **Are dogs to blame for toxocariasis infections?**

While toxocariasis is most commonly attributed to dogs and their faeces in the media, contact with cat and fox faeces can also result in an infection. Accurate estimates of the UK fox population aren't available, we do however know that there are comparable numbers of dogs and cats in the UK. It is estimated that there are between 8.5-9.3 million dogs and 7.4-11.3 million cats in the UK.<sup>3</sup> However, while cat and dog populations are broadly comparable, a recent study found that toxocariasis causing parasites were five times more prevalent in cat faeces than dog faeces.<sup>4</sup> There is no accurate data linking toxocariasis infections to the original host animal, be that dog, cat or fox.

## **Does this make it dangerous to handle dog faeces?**

The parasites responsible for toxocariasis (called toxocara) live in the digestive system of dogs, cats and foxes. The worms produce eggs, which are released in the faeces of infected animals. However, it is important to note that the eggs only become infectious after 10-21 days so there is no immediate danger of toxocariasis from handling fresh animal faeces, including dog faeces.<sup>5</sup>

## **How common is toxocariasis?**

As many cases of toxocariasis result in no symptoms developing it is impossible to put an exact figure on the actual number of cases per year. The NHS describes toxocariasis as a "rare infection", but how rare is rare?

Toxocariasis gains a disproportionately high amount of press coverage for such a rare infection. We believe this is because a number of stakeholders seek to use toxocariasis as a route to either justify clamping down on where dogs can go, or exaggerate the prominence of it to gain funding for their work, or increase product sales. Those seeking to maximise concerns over toxocariasis refer to a figure of approximately two cases of illness related to toxocariasis per million people in the UK.

Usually this is reported as an approximate figure of those believed to be infected with toxocariasis, but in some cases we have seen this being reported as the number of confirmed cases of toxocariasis.

This in itself is a relatively low figure, and is less than the average number of confirmed cases of toxoplasmosis per year, which is most commonly contracted from cat faeces, though it can also be caught from eating contaminated meat or from new born lambs.<sup>6</sup> It is also considerably lower than the number of confirmed cases of Lyme disease which is caught through transmission from infected ticks.<sup>7</sup> Much like toxocariasis in extreme cases both toxoplasmosis and Lyme disease can result in vision loss, however, complications of greater severity are more common with these diseases.

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<http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/Documents/Files/LEQSE%202015/KBT%20LEQSE%20Report%202015%20web.pdf>

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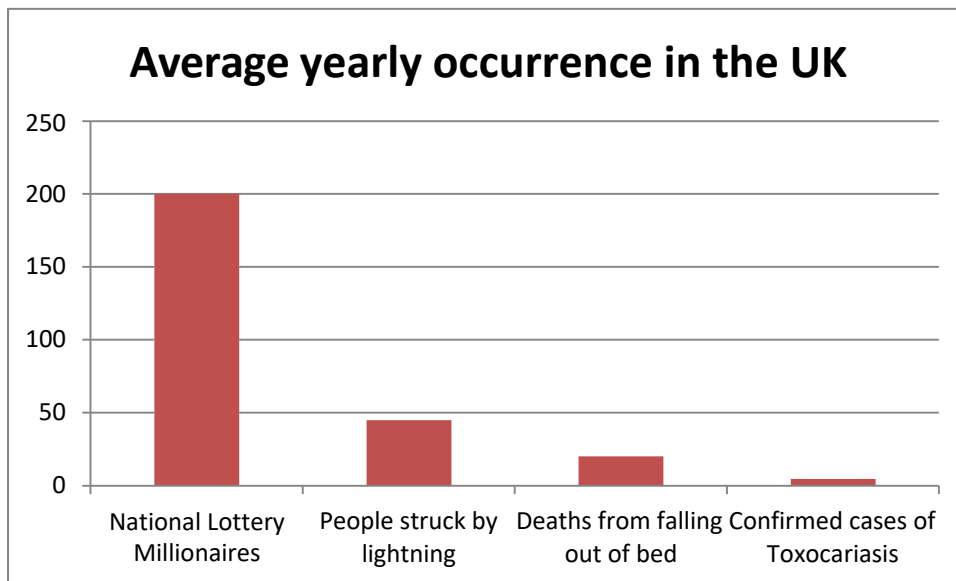
While this figure of 2 cases per million is commonly quoted, no evidence or reference is provided to support the figure. Indeed this same figure of 2 cases per million people has been in circulation since at least 1987, where it appeared in an edition of the New Scientist magazine, in which the British Veterinary Association used it to support their message that the “*Toxocara canis* infection in the dog does not present a serious health hazard to people”.<sup>8</sup>

Given this figure is in the region (or even potentially far in excess) of 30 years old, combined with Keep Britain Tidy data which shows that dog fouling is at its lowest figure since they recorded this data, we feel there is good reason to believe that these figures are extremely unlikely to be accurate.

As toxocariasis is a zoonotic disease (i.e. it is passed from animals to humans) the UK Government collects and publishes on an annual basis statistics on the number of confirmed cases of the disease. According to the latest official Government figures released in December 2015, over the past ten years the average number of confirmed toxocariasis cases in the UK is 4.5 per year<sup>9</sup>, or in other words approximately one confirmed case per 14 million people in the UK.

To put this in context, it’s estimated that there are between 8.5-9.3 million dogs and 7.4-11.3 million cats in the UK, most of which are likely to foul once or more a day, this roughly equates to over 6.5 billion deposits per year. It is important to remember that the overwhelming majority of toxocariasis cases will result in no long-term complications.

Another way of looking at this is to compare with other rare occurrences, between 30-60 people per year are hit by lightning in the UK<sup>10</sup> and the National Lottery has created on average >200 millionaires per year over this period<sup>11</sup>.



<sup>3</sup> PFMA 2015 pet population figures <http://www.pfma.org.uk/pet-population-2015> and PDSA PAW report figures [https://www.pdsa.org.uk/~media/pdsa/files/pdfs/veterinary/paw-reports/pdsa-paw-report-2015.ashx?la=en](https://www.pdsa.org.uk/~/media/pdsa/files/pdfs/veterinary/paw-reports/pdsa-paw-report-2015.ashx?la=en)

<sup>4</sup> <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jsap.12478/abstract>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Toxocariasis/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Toxoplasmosis/Pages/Complications.aspx> & [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/488376/zoonoses-annual-report-2014.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488376/zoonoses-annual-report-2014.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx> & [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/488376/zoonoses-annual-report-2014.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488376/zoonoses-annual-report-2014.pdf)

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## **Summary**

Toxocariasis is a very rare infection, on average for every one confirmed case ten people are struck by lightning in the UK. The overwhelming majority of toxocariasis infections will result in minor symptoms, with no lasting effects. However, in extremely rare cases severe symptoms can occur.

While there are many who seek to use toxocariasis as a means to promote their own agenda, often their headline grabbing stories, facts and statistics don't stand up to any significant level of scrutiny. It is also important to remember that even if a total ban of dogs was in place, the risk of toxocariasis would very much remain from cat and fox faeces.

We are concerned that the current, often inaccurate messaging around the dangers of dog faeces may inadvertently be putting people off from picking up after their dog. Continuously promoting a message that dog faeces is going to harm your health is very unlikely to encourage people to pick it up and risk their own health in doing so. We therefore would call on stakeholders to carefully consider what they communicate in relation to dog fouling, and be honest with dog walkers and other users of public places, that it takes between 10-21 days for toxocara contaminated dog faeces to become infectious. Instead we should be focussing on encouraging people to pick up after their dog, in combination with regular worming.

Lastly, we would call on all local authorities not seek to use toxocariasis as a justification to restrict dog access to public spaces, the facts simply don't support the introduction of dog restrictions on the basis of toxocariasis.

# Appendix E - Petition Comments

City	State	Date	Comment
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	The council needs to enforce the existing laws not introduce a new order that will fail to tackle the problem
Cefn-coed-y-cymmer	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Dog owners to blame for everything again. Get a grip Cardiff council, dog owners use the parks all year round but I bet most of your problems are in the summer
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	This is a gateway bill to get further restrictions down the line without consulting the public....
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I believe that this punishes responsible dog owners and will not address current problems with irresponsible dog owners. Enforce existing laws to address current problems!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	This ban on responsible dog ownership and maintaining open spaces for exercise will not address the issue of not cleaning up after dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Cardiff has a 98% responsible owner population. Draconian measures to punish the many for the few
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I think the decision to ban dogs from all sports pitches is bias and no consideration has been given to responsible dog owners . I'm in agreement for the council to fine dog owners who do not collect there dogs mess , as there is no excuse!
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I'm signing because it's nor fair to discriminate the people who pick up their dogs mess just for the minority that don't and our dogs deserve to have the freedom as we do.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	My little pup helps my anxiety . Without taking him over my local park and letting him run free I'd probably never leave the house . He deserves the open space as much as any human ! Target those with no poop bags , those using needles
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	because these new laws the council are trying to bring in are unfair and as a council tax payer why should me & my dogs be excluded from these areas.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Less than 1% of dog owners are irresponsible enough to leave mess behind. Enforce the current laws and make an example of those flouting them. A ban on dogs would be as lazy as the owners currently making a mess
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Responsible dog owners are being punished
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	During 21 years of being a dog owner I have seen less than 1% of irresponsible dog owners and usually they are automatically put into place by the rest of us! Council tax money should be more wisely spend on making sure our neighbourhoods are clean
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	As a member of the older generation my husband loves walking the dog and is responsible for clearing up as necessary not like the lazy uncaring person that allows their dog to poop out side our drive and leave it there!
Llantwit Fardre	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I was born and raised in Cardiff and I've never seen a problem, even before I had a dog myself. As long as the dog is on a lead/ well behaved and the owner is fully responsible for the dog,
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Talk about a sledgehammer to crack a nut . One rule isn't enforced so bring in another one ? I own a dog and am as disgusted as the next person to see dog mess but this isn't the answer
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Already have legislation to fine those that don't pick up , no need for ridiculous over reaction - just need to enforce present rules
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Along with the majority of responsible dog owners, I do not feel it fair to penalise everyone. I have never let me dog mess and not cleaned it up immediately. Target those who DO need to be punished!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Cardiff parks are for the use of all citizens of Cardiff, including dog walkers. The vast majority of dog owners are good citizens whose presence in the parks is of benefit to both local neighbourhoods as they walk to the parks and to the park lands
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I am signing this petition as the freedom to walk our dogs in our parks is vital to so many people in our community of all ages. The vast majority of dog owners are very responsible, even clearing up after the very small minority that are not! Including
Eastbourne	England	03/10/2018	I clean up after my dog and he is socialised and not a danger to other dogs or people.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Walking dogs in parks is essential to the health and wellbeing of so many people as walking in nature has proven benefits for people's mental and physical health. It's also essential that our dogs are able to exercise.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	The issue is with dog poo. There are already powers relating to dog poo. Enforce them. The new proposals won't change anything for the irresponsible minority without enforcement, so don't punish the responsible majority just because you can't be bothered
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Walking dogs in parks is essential to the health and wellbeing of so many people as walking in nature has proven benefits for people's mental and physical health. It's also essential that our dogs are able to exercise.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	It's a human and animal rights issue. We need fresh air and place to relax.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Some research and trial should be done before making a change to make lives less happy
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Don't punish the many for the minority who are lazy!!! Where do we walk our dogs if every field is barred!!
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	This is unbelievable ridiculous. Every living thing needs exercise. If a dog is scary it should be muzzled and on a lead. There are thousands of responsible dog owners who have dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Not the solution to the problem
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and often pick up other pet owners mess. I do not agree with a ban.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	This is anti-dog and a shameful way to treat law abiding citizens.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Very bias survey done by the council. A blanket ban will not solve the issue. Use the laws already in place before banning dogs from playing fields.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner, I don't see why I in the majority should be penalised for the minority. The action is a knee jerk action to an issue that has currently not been enforced within the current legislation.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I am a very responsible loving dog owner who enjoys many walks in many different parts of this wonderful country we live in therefore I DO NOT support any ban in any of our recreational grounds all because of the minority of idiots
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner and do not want to be held responsible for the minority.
Caerdydd	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	A responsible dog owner who wants the freedom to enjoy public parks with my dogs!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner. We use the public parks in Cardiff and have never had an issue.
Scunthorpe	England	03/10/2018	So many green spaces are dog free, they're living beings too. Personally I'd prefer to see some child free green areas so dogs can run around freely without having a football deliberately kicked at them or kids running up uninvited to pet them.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	There is already legislation which the council could use re: dog fouling on their land. They do not do so. This legislation will punish responsible dog owners like myself. I have picked up litter for the past 18 years
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I think it is very unfair that we be penalised for the few who don't pick up after their dogs!
Wenvoe	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	My dogs were always picked up after and the majority of owners do this.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I have 2 dogs whom I frequently walk in areas proposed under this ban! I like the majority of dog owners are responsible in picking up my dogs mess! And would never leave it behind for people to step/fall in!!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I think it's unfair to penalise responsible dog owners when they are not at fault. The problem won't go away. Irresponsible dog owners will let their dogs foul elsewhere such as in the street / on pavements.
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	There are always irresponsible people. We don't ban everyone from Queen Street because a few spit chewing gum out do we? You need to be reasonable about this. Whoever thought an outright ban is the right way to go needs sacking.
Blackwood	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	For the love of all dogs, being penalised for something they have no control over.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I have a dog, I pick up after my dog, why should I be penalised
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Radyr	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	The council's proposals penalise responsible dog owners! The local authority should be providing more waste bins with regular collection. Increase the fines for irresponsible owners should be the main proposal!
Ruthin	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	The dogs are one of the many wonderful features of the parks!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Dogs need room to run and all responsible dog owners pick up after their dogs and make sure they are not being a nuisance to others
Barry	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Dogs have just as much right as humans lol
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Because I'm a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog. There are far bigger problems that need to be tackled in our parks like litter and broken glass left by those who use the sports pitches and by those who use the parks.
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Im a voter. I pay council tax . I have the right to use the green areas i pay for. FINE me if i dont pick up....not for being a caring responsible dog owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Surely PUBLIC parks are for everyone to use, including responsible dog walkers. We pay council tax too. Banning dog owners seems discriminatory?!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I have a dog and feel stopping their access to the marked pitches will have a detrimental effect on his ability to exercise
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	We love walking our pup and always clean up his mess. We have also cleaned others mess too!!!! Live the outdoors with the pooch
Sully	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	You are destroying the nicest part of our lives

Llanbradach	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Dogs should run free! We all like to feel the wind in our hair. X
Long Sutton	England	03/10/2018 We could be next.
Heysham	England	03/10/2018 Target the poo leavers not the poo pickers. Do not demonise the majority for a minority. Put up more signs, Bags, CCTV etc. But please do not ban.
Tonyrefail	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Why make things difficult for the vast majority who are responsible dog owners just because a minority have no idea of decent behaviour.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Cardiff Council what your proposing is ridiculous as you don't have wardens to ensure the laws are upheld now. We need more bins, you need to ensure that sports pitches are cleaned up after matches as bottles and debris litter the parks
Cardiff		03/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner and believe we have a right for our dogs to run free.
Stenhousemuir	Scotland	03/10/2018 As a dog owner myself, we have to be able to access parks and areas, for the exercise of our dogs.
Glasgow	Scotland	03/10/2018 Pets deserve better x
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Responsible dog owners and walkers should have the freedom of allowing their dogs to run free but in control in all Cardiff parks.
Cardiff		03/10/2018 I'm this petition because our city's green spaces belong to everyone. Yes we have a problem with a small minority not picking up after their dogs but we already have legislation to deal with this which is not enforced, either in the parks or in the street
Castleton	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 There is already legislation in place for irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. The council should be spending their time enforcing this, rather than punishing all dog owners.
Taplow	England	03/10/2018 We pay our taxes and rates and should be able to have space to run free our dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I have a lovely dog and want to be able to walk her (& run with her) off the lead for her health & mine, it's not feasible to marginalise dog walkers to the paths to get tangled with bikes and tots on scooters etc.
Shotts	Scotland	03/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and feel that those who do not act responsibly affect all dog owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I believe the current restrictions, if enforced, are sufficient. I would not have bought my current home or adopted two rescue dogs if I'd known this was going to happen. Enforce the new speed limits to pay for the enforcement of current penalties
Coventry	England	03/10/2018 It's disgusting how council's across the UK are trying to implement these dog orders without any consideration of dogs or owners. Coventry fought them and won!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 The proposals are crude, ill-considered and disproportionate. Cardiff Council shouldn't be considering punishing all responsible dog owners and their dogs because the council has failed to address an issue caused by a small minority of irresponsible dog
Buxton	England	03/10/2018 This really is a draconian proposal and cannot be allowed to happen. People living in Cardiff need to exercise their dogs somewhere safe and with open spaces for them to run and play
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I am a responsible dog walker and love the parks that we have to walk in!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Responsible dog owners should not be penalised for the actions of a minority. We agree that dogs should be on a lead in enclosed play areas, school grounds, cemeteries, but sports pitches would have a significant negative impact.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I am a responsible dog walker. Such a ban would have a serious impact on not just the welfare of my dog, but on my families welfare. We rely on green spaces in Cardiff to exercise ourselves and our dog.
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Dogs need to run free. Where else can they go?
Hastings	England	03/10/2018 Responsible dog walkers should not be demonised - the irresponsible should be targeted. Rubbish is left by football teams all around the pitches after games - so according to council logic, should all kids be stopped playing there?
Blackwood	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Dogs are our best friends! Walk a dog and get a life!!!
Lisvane	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 People are the problem, not dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I'm signing because my step father is a responsible dog walker and part of his ability to be good at his job comes from having open spaces for the dogs to run free and happy. Don't punish the responsible masses for the irresponsible few.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Humans create more mess than dogs and this obvious scaremongering is getting ridiculous
Thorne	England	03/10/2018 As a one of the vast majority of responsible dog owners for many years, and the owner of a therapy dog. I think this draconian approach to a problem few is unfair. If you were to do this to any other group of people there would be cries of prejudicial
Fritwell	England	03/10/2018 I absolutely do not agree that dogs should be banned from public parks, if you do you may as well ban children too as there are as many irresponsible parents with destructive children as there are with dog owners and their dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 The irresponsible dog owners are not going to change their ways because of a PSPO but you will remove the dog walkers who 'police' bad owners by challenging their behaviour when it is seen.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner who lives in Cardiff.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 This motion will only punish responsible dog owners. Irresponsible owners will still do as they please, and I very much doubt that the Council will have the time or resources to enforce the rules or punish those who break them!
Gosport	England	03/10/2018 I love dogs
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Responsible owners and their dogs should not be penalised for irresponsible owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I love my dogs and I love my city
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 As a responsible dog owner who lives in the city it outrages me that if this is enforced I won't be able to give my two spaniels free run in my local parks in the area I live & pay good taxes for !!!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Dog walkers are by far the biggest group of park users, imposing restrictions on dog walkers because of the actions of a tiny minority is akin to banning sports teams because the spectators litter.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I object to the wording of the PSPO proposal i.e. 'The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and Schools, which are owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council'. I think it reasonable to consider excluding dogs from playground
Llanedeyrn	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Because I'm a responsible dog owner and I can't believe I'm having to sign a petition to defend our rights as dog owners to take our pets/family members for public walks. How about dangerous irresponsible cyclists, and irresponsible people who litter
Cardiff		03/10/2018 Our "freedom" is threatened by such laws. Where will it end?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner who take doggy bags out and picks up the poo. Why punish me for doing something that you want done? You have fines - use them!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Dog walkers are also consumers whilst out walking especially during winter months ... coffee, food, beer(pubs) etc ... spending money in the local area.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Catch the ones responsible not punish everyone who owns a dog.
Calverton	England	03/10/2018 I don't want you to penalise the responsible dog owners
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 A couple of bad owners shouldn't spoil it for ordinary reasonable dog owners... Its downright stupid...
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 It's already hard enough to find a good space close enough to home for dogs to have a good run. These areas are great for dog training too - how will we practice a dog's recall if they're not allowed off lead?!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Please sign. There is NO NEED for this ban: dogs and their owners will suffer. If the council uUSED the powers they already have then whatever issues they are worried about would be sorted.
Llanelli	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 How are dogs meant to release energy, for its well being? Leash walks aren't enough. This is utterly ridiculous and knee jerk reaction. Will the council be supplying designated dog parks?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner it's not fair we are all penalised for a few irresponsible owners. We have a right to walk our dogs in parks and open fields.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 As a dog owner and parent I am aware of the need to keep our parks clean for the people who play on them as well as providing nice places for dog owners to exercise their pets. Can the local authorities not come up with something fairer
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 My dog should be able to share Cardiff parks with me a responsible dog owner. All littering in parks, be it dog poop or BBQs and coffee cups, should be dealt with with appropriate penalties but punishing the many for the actions of the few is the wrong
Risca	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Like any other responsible owner I clean up after my dogs and wouldn't dream of walking them in school grounds, children's parks or off the leads in a cemetery. By their own admission CCC haven't properly policed and dealt with the small minority
Sheffield	England	03/10/2018 Would like to enjoy my dogs where I like I pick up after my dogs they don't drop bottles litter needles trash the grass with bikes we pay our rates and taxes to fund these places so should be allowed access to them to enjoy too
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 We are supposed to be a nation of animal lovers, and now we're being painted as pests who must be subjected to control orders? Unacceptable. Anti-fouling laws have been in use for decades - perhaps enforce those before criminalising law-abiding owners
Birmingham	England	03/10/2018 It's not fair to target all dog owners because of the actions of a few
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Responsible dog owners already clean up and walk their dogs safely. Irresponsible owners will still flout any rules you try to bring in. Enforce the current laws.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 I am a dog walker and a dog lover
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 How many rugby/football players take off their blood soaked bandages & just leave them on the pitch ....I've picked them up in my "poo bag" & returned them to the ref only to be told.... not from our teams !! Rubbish I've just seen them thrown away.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018 Irresponsible dog owners, and the mess they leave behind, are a very real problem. However this proposal is a huge over reaction from Cardiff Council. Why not increase the existing fines, and crucially impise them, to the point where it becomes financial



Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Dont punish dogs just because a tiny amount of owners are too lazy to pick up they're pets mess, It's not fair.
Ilford	England	03/10/2018	Most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs. Why take the pleasure of walking your dog in a green space away from the majority of dog owners? Educate people on dog wardens and their power, level, let them deal with issues not a total ban
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	Banning dogs from public areas just harms the mental health of the dogs, the owners, a lot of whom can only go to these areas to walk their dogs and further creates this mindset that dogs are to be feared, people do lots of illegal things in the parks
Redditch	England	03/10/2018	Dogs are amazingly beneficial to people who deserve to have facility to allow their dogs sufficient free exercise!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	The proposed ban could have far reaching, detrimental consequences for thousands of responsible, law-abiding dog owners and walkers in and around Cardiff. The changes are entirely disproportionate to the issue. Far simpler measures could be put in place
Barry	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	More restrictions - trying to do this in the Vale too. #whatamipayingfor?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I agree with the wording of the petition wholeheartedly. Responsible dog owners and walkers will continue to educate and advise the errant 2% who do not pick up after their dogs.
Cwmbran	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I don't see why the majority should suffer for the minority's inability to be responsible humans
Penrhyndeudraeth	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	I've enjoyed visiting Cardiff with my dog. It would mean I'd come there less often.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	03/10/2018	My local park Trelai Fields has actually actually had bins removed over the past year, while the majority of mess on the sports fields is left by players themselves rather than dog-walkers. This seems like a heavy-handed response to a non-problem. Fining
Manswood	England	03/10/2018	Presumably the council is quite ready to take the taxes all those dog owners pay in order to provide services (like dog waste bins) and amenities (such as the parks themselves) - so how come they are planning to deny them responsible access????
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and walker. I always clean up after my own and others who haven't cleaned up after their dogs. It is the irresponsible few who are spoiling the joy for the rest of us!
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Most owners are responsible owners and should not be penalised for the few that aren't. There are other hazards in public parks now a days. Litter, used syringes, graffiti Dogs get people outdoors. Make lonely people meet people. Socialise etc
Leicester	England	04/10/2018	Exercise is essential for both the owner and dog, surely it would be better to enforce rules currently in force and so educate the irresponsible owners and not penalise those who are responsible.
Surbiton	England	04/10/2018	I am owner of the lovely dog and he loves running on the field, and I am responsible owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	In my experience, dog owners are by far the most prolific users (and appreciators) of Cardiff's green spaces. To remove their right to be there is ludicrous. Dog fouling is a problem, but it is a far lesser problem than it used to be, and demonstrative
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs in Cardiff parks!
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	We need the outdoor space to walk our dogs it's the minority that let everyone else down
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	While I do understand how annoying, dangerous & very unhygienic it is not to pick up your dog poop, a ban of dogs in local parks is totally wrong. It is the lazy, couldn't care less people who should be targeted, NOT the law abiding ones like myself
Llangain	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dogs exist whether people like or dislike them. They are part of our lives. They have needs. One of which is exercise. We have no right to deny them that any more than we would deny them food or shelter. Please reconsider this absurd ban.
Tredegar	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It is not fair to outright ban for the minority rubbish people You do not ban bad parents from schools why put a label blanket label on all dog owners
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	As a dog lover I think there should be more facilities that allow people to exercise their dogs in a safe and controlled manner
Crickhowell	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and in the majority. Do not punish us because of the minority
Ballintoy Harbour	Northern Ireland	04/10/2018	Dog owners in big cities don't have the luxury of open countryside in which to exercise their dogs. Dogs need to be off lead for their own health and well being as well as their owners enjoying watching them play!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dogs are part of our family and that involves us all using parks. There are a lot of elderly people too who rely on the parks but who have no idea these surveys are happening. Need someone in parks asking users to complete survey to get full picture
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	These parks should be open for leisure & enjoyment to all. Dog fouling is already an offense. Guilty parties will not alter their behaviour as a result of a change in the wording and clout these rules hold.
Rogerstone	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Just enforce the current rules.
Taff's Well	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It's ridiculous! A small minority of Lazy dog owners are spoiling it for everyone!
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Why should responsible dog owner be punished for the irresponsible ones
Reigate	England	04/10/2018	Pat Burford
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I love dogs and the fact that Cardiff is so dog friendly. I don't want that to change
Wolverhampton	England	04/10/2018	I agree with the statement that the majority of good people should not be punished for the few bad owners
London	England	04/10/2018	Because this is outrageous and ridiculous
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	The sensible shouldn't be held accountable for the actions of the stupid
Huntersville	North Carolina	04/10/2018	I also hate dog mess, but a blanket ban is punishing mostly responsible dog owners!
Newport	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This is very important to me. I agree with all that has been said to stop this disproportionate ban.
Marshfield	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Why should the few irresponsible owners spoil the parks for everyone.
CARDIFF	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dogs need exercise and to have fun. Why punish responsible dog owners by stopping them using public spaces? Surely, public spaces are for the public to use recreationally and that includes spending time with their dogs for owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It isn't fair that responsible dog owners will be punished because of the behaviour of an irresponsible minority.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Please employ enforcement officers make the fines huge also make your park bins larger they are currently overflowing with responsible owner mess ..... if you ban dogs the problem will move to pathways for kids to step bikes to ride through the problem
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I always clean up after my dog, unlike the people who use the football and rugby pitches in Pontcanna Fields every weekend. Bottles, net tape, bloody bandages, orange peel. Disgusting.
Sheffield	England	04/10/2018	Dogs need areas to exercise and places they can run. More areas are being restricted by councils yet they don't offer alternative places.
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Im signing because i compare dog owners to car drivers. Those minority that break rules should get fined and/or banned from driving (=fooling and/or banned to have a dog). The majority of drivers do use the road safely
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This is not the answer!! Ridiculous
Pontyclun	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker and I'm standing up for us I think the council can weigh out the health and well being of many getting out because the dog needs a walk to a few who don't pick up the mess and sort that this is paramount for health
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	If this ban on dogs in parks take place there will be more dog mess on pavements and streets, as there will always be irresponsible people who do not clean up after their dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner. Punish those who are not.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	The council need to take responsibility, for monitoring and enforcing the existing laws around the picking up dog mess. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible why should our dogs be penalised for the few !!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This is a ridiculous suggestion. Cardiff CC always use bullying tactics rather than tackle the ACTUAL problem itself
Ogmore-by-Sea	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This rule is ridiculous! Well behaved dogs should be allowed in all public places. Another stupid brainwave by council managers with not a lot to do! _
Merthyr Vale	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	You need to focus on the LOOTS that intentionally drop LITTER as standard, no regards to who will clear it up. The ones that urinate up against buildings, defecate in parks. A dog is just doing what nature intended, most the owners are very responsible
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I find it astonishing that the vast majority of responsible dog owners be penalised because of a small number of thoughtless, anti-social individuals. So wrong.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Rmberer to make representation directly to your Councillor - they will be fawning for your vote come election time.
Abergavenny	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker and walk my dogs with my daughter around Cardiff
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Mary Flanagan
Abercarn	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Most dog owners are responsible, don't punish them for the actions of a few. There are rules and laws in place already to address these issues that simply aren't enforced. There are an estimated 9 million dogs in the UK
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dog owners are an integral part of park life and 98% are responsible citizens. Other councils in Wales have already shown that these measures do nothing to combat the irresponsible owners. The council should use its resources to target the problem
Stockport	England	04/10/2018	We have to share our green spaces,nobody should be banned from them for walking their dog. Dog owners are local tax payers and deserve respect.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I'm signing As a responsible dog owner.

Lisvane	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 As a responsible dog owner I don't see why we are penalised for those who are not responsible. This is just an excuse for the council not to employ the proper people to police their previous actions. 04/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and dont think its fair to ban dogs in all these areas.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 This is proposal is VERY VERY wrong! Dogs need to be able to have a run and just be dogs! Will the enforcement officers be fining the sports players that leave all their rubbish on the playing fields?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I'm signing this petition because I am a dog owner, a citizen who pays all his taxes and I think we deserve a bit more respect when it comes to making this type of decisions. I want free spaces where my dog can walk/run free.
Ipswich	England	04/10/2018 It is not a fare rule
Newport	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Because I like to walk in public placed. My dogs get me out and about to walk, giving me and lots of other people a reason to get outside, take in fresh air, socialise and be healthy. Also as it is unfair to persecute the majority due to a minority
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 My
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Dogs need to be able to exercise without a lead, most responsible dog owners walk their pets in parks local to them this order will affect everyone create more traffic as owners will have to drive to find somewhere their dogs will be able to run freely.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Banning all responsible dog owners will not do anything to stop the irresponsible owners. Bring back the Park Keepers that used to patrol the parks. This will not only affect irresponsible dog owners but will also help protect the public
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I am a responsible dog walker who respects public areas and always cleans up after my dogs
Pinner	England	04/10/2018 This will impact on the welfare of dogs - why should they not be allowed to freely enjoy open spaces as well?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 You cannot punish 99% of responsible dogwalkers for the actions of a few. The parks belong to the people.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I have a dog and he's good as gold, he should be able to be walked where he wants!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 We are responsible dog owners, have 3 dogs and we pick up their mess every time, all our dogs stay together on their walks and mess very much the same time in close proximity to each other, we know our own dogs and where they poop everytime we go out
Redditch	England	04/10/2018 Dogs NEED free running time and there are other ways to deal with people who don't pick up after their dogs!
Sherborne	England	04/10/2018 For goodness sake, for the few moaners the majority of dog owners and their dogs lose out. Pathetic.
Corsham	England	04/10/2018 Penalising the responsible majority for the thoughtless actions of a tiny minority is just not on.
Cardiff	England	04/10/2018 The Council need to look at more important issues like emptying the bins in parks more often instead of letting them overflow, stopping kids on motorbikes in our parks, stopping the skateboarding outside Admiral's offices in the City Centre which is high
Manchester	England	04/10/2018 Again the minority cause issues for the majority of dog owners who are actually responsible. An outright ban is grossly unfair and victimises those who are responsible. Time other options were employed to stop those who cause issues.
pontrypridd	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 My dogs love running off lead, it builds their muscles up...
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 No way! Ridiculous idea. Why should the majority be punished for the minority. Besides start fining and punishing those irresponsible not the responsible.
Marlborough	England	04/10/2018 It's crazy doing this because of 2% irresponsible dog owners and punishing the 98% responsible owners. Using a sledge hammer to crack a nut springs to mind. Come on get your act together Council!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I agree 100%. Pure laziness from the council
pontrypridd	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Peiple should be safe to walk their dogs.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 D smith
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 COUNCIL needs to clear the drunks, layabouts,homeless and druggies off the street and not worry about Dogs so leave our &quot;mutts &quot; alone we do after all pay a licence to own them LOL
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Ever met a councillor who wanted to work ?.....asking them to get up off their fat arses and show some proper lead is like asking the irresponsible dog owners to change their lifetime habits.....never going to happen.
Brierley Hill	England	04/10/2018 This is unfair on responsible dog owners. It's like banning all children from parks because there a few bullies.
Johannesburg	England	04/10/2018 Council needs to be aware of the fact that responsible people will be aware of their environment i.e. as many have indicated here picking up litter, dog poos, etc, but more importantly JUST BY BEING IN SITU at a variety of times, which can be done
Milford	England	04/10/2018 What a totally discrematory proposal.
Taff's Well	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Dogs need green spaces to run around in just as much a children
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I am a responsible dog walker
Calgary	England	04/10/2018 I do not agree with this planned rule change
Pontyclun	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 they are not just pets they are family, they help mental and physically , penalise bad owners not good ones penalise people whom make more mess
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Target the irresponsible few, don't penalise the responsible rest
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Dogs bring so much joy to many people to ban them from parks etc is cruel and totally unwarranted.
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Why punish the majority because of the minority? Because its the cheaper option - that's why. Typical council response to any problem. Banning dogs is not the answer
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Reinforce the rules already in force rather than penalise responsible dog owners and happy dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Dogs and their owners have a right to use the space around them. The council has not satisfactorily used enforcement officers or patrols and is penalising the thousands of responsible dogs and their owners because of a few who don't care.
Scarborough	England	04/10/2018 I am a local, responsible dog owner living in Roath. I believe that this ban will prevent me from giving my dog adequate exercise. The gated parks in this area close at 3.30pm in the winter, leaving me nowhere to exercise her after work.
Rotherham	England	04/10/2018 Public parks are for all members of the public
Ackworth	England	04/10/2018 Why punish the majority who are responsible owners and follow the law by picking up after their dogs. This is getting too close to taking away people's freedom to live their life as they choose. Punish those who deserve punishment!!!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Ridiculously unfair to punish the vast number of responsible dog owners for a few irresponsible ones. The RSPCA have been quoted saying that dogs need to be able to experience natural behaviour by having areas to run free.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Very unfair to punish us responsible caring dog owners ?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I and many other dog walkers are responsible for picking up our own dogs mess its only the minority that don't. Where are we supposed to walk ourdogs?
Bristol	England	04/10/2018 It is absurd that they want to input this change in Cardiff. It's the humans that make the mess ! All the rubbish I see piling out of bins and we can't wall our dogs and enjoy our green country, disgusting !!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and walk my dog with my kids for health benefits. This will not stop lazy selfish people who do not clean up after their own dogs lead or no lead! Leads are not the answer. People are!!!
auchenheath	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Its over the top.
Llanelli	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 This is ludicrous. Enforce the existing rules and get people out on the streets to catch and fine the minority that spoil it for everyone else.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I'm signing this as a responsible dog walker who always picks up my dogs poop and who dog loves to run freely it gets me out to meet others!!.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I want to be able to walk my dog and meet fellow dog walkers in my local park.
Swansea	England	04/10/2018 Ridiculous that you can't walk your dog freely but can be practically killed by crazy speeding cyclists!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I love my dog ! My family dog,which I am responsible for and am a responsible poo pickerupper. What about those pick nickers that dont pick up there rubbish !
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and my dog needs exercise off the lead! I always pick up after my dog! why is the council penalising the ones that are responsible?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and council tax payer in Cardiff and expect to be able to walk my dog freely.
Cardiff	England	04/10/2018 This is the majority being punished because of the lazy low life that refuse to be responsible owners and clean up after them. MANY signs have been put up locally by cardiff council and the same wombats tear them straight down
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 not all dog owners are the same...this spoils it for the many dog walkers who clean up after their pets....
Garforth	England	04/10/2018 There are already powers to fine irresponsible dog walkers. This penalises the majority of responsible owners who already keep their dogs under control and pick up poo.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018 Parks are for everyone

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I clean up my dog's doings after him like most dog owners in Cardiff
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Love my dog walking days annoying some dog owners dnt clean up after there dogs which gives a bad name to the rest, but what else annoys me is horse _ poo they dnt clean up after them
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Once again the majority of people are being punished for the minority ! It's not on !!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am an adult and I know I have to Puck up after my dog!!! This proposed new ban is ridiculous
Port Talbot	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It's totally unfair to responsible law abiding animal owners
Bedford	England	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who enjoys walking in public open spaces.
Bransgore	England	04/10/2018	I have been staying in Cardiff for some time and have been walking family dogs in various Cardiff Parks. Responsible, caring, dog walkers set a high standard. The power of public media can rain down on the irresponsible walker,
barry wales	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Tackle the irresponsible dog owners by spending more money on policing fouling. All the responsible dog owners who clean up after their dogs are having their rights to walk on public spaces taken away due to irresponsible dog owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This is a knee jerk reaction which has not been well thought out. For many owners due to health issues the local park is the only place they can easily access to exercise themselves and their dogs.
Merthyr Tydfil		04/10/2018	Margaret griffiths
Newcastle upon Tyn	England	04/10/2018	Responsible dog owners are in the majority. Please find a solution which does not discriminate against them
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This is not a solution to the problem of irresponsible dog owners - they will continue to flout the law with responsible dog owners, their dogs and the people who enjoy saying hello to dogs in parks will suffer. Stop this madness!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Sledge hammer cracking a nut. Councils proposals will be unenforceable as are the current laws but make 95% of considerate dog owners breach these considered new laws. The irresponsible 5% will carry on flouting laws
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It would such a shame for the few that are irresponsible with their dogs ruin it for the many of us who act responsibly.
Castleford		04/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should not be punished, just because a few irresponsible owners are allowed to get away with their carelessness! The existing rules should be enforced, not just make new ones to punish everyone
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Irresponsible dog owners will be just that wherever they walk their dogs. To deny people access to parks with their dogs is appalling. There are many benefits to walking a dog in a wide open space, including physical and mental health benefits.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog walker and both my dog and I enjoy going to the park. I feel that it's unfair to restrict us and would not support this proposed plan of the Council
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It is unjust and unfair to punish the overwhelming majority responsible dog owners. Dogs, and our love of them are intrinsic to our culture and national identity, any ban or the curtail of their freedoms runs contrary to that culture
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Need to walk dogs somewhere as long as they are with someone i can see the problem
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This is really upsetting. Its ok for people to set off fireworks in your street and men to pee in the street but taking your dog for a walk could be considered an offence. Terrible. Unfair and very rude. All the dog owners I know love the parks
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I want to be able to exercise my dog in the park at the end of my street
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	The council taking the easy option instead of tackling the problem by enforcing the rules already in place.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Its ridiculous excluding responsible dog owners!
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	The wrong people are being targeted. I walk my four dogs daily and I have poo bags in almost every jacket I own ! It's the lazy dog owners that should be targeted not the responsible ones.
Barry	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Freedom was our born right!
Llanelli	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	'Some people graffiti at night, so all people should be banned from city centres after dark,' Stupid logic. Punish offenders not innocents.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It's a draconian measure that penalises the responsible dog walkers
Pontygwaith	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dogs are part of the family and should not be banned
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I have 2 dogs, am a responsible dog owner and am not going to let a few irresponsible people spoil dog walking for the masses.
Cardiff		04/10/2018	S Uphill
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I feel it's important that we can benefit from this city's open spaces without having to drive and create pollution on a measure that will not target the irresponsible minority
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I regularly take my dog who is well behaved to public Spaces. As I responsible dog owner it isn't right to be punished because of the actions of others
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	ridiculous and unenforceable, no one who care about their dog/s would abide by this, neither would those who don't care about their dog/s, leaving whoever you use to police this mostly picking on the quieter/ vulnerable dog owners to meet their targets.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I Strongly object to the current suggestion by Cardiff Council to ban dogs from public park spaces. As a sports person I completely understand the challenges of dog mess on public fields however Cardiff Council will be impacting negatively on the majority
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	The city environment doesn't have as many green/outdoors areas as the suburban or wider spread valleys. Dont punish the majority because of a minority. The irresponsible rule breakers will still break the rules by going in the parks.
Abermagwr	England	04/10/2018	As others have said, this penalises the responsible and the irresponsible are unlikely to bother anyway.
Llantwit Fardre	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I love dogs and walk them in parks myself. To ban dogs from walking peaceful in a park is ridiculous, and to make them walk on pavements is worse. Think this needs more thought than a knee jerk reaction
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It's the right thing to do,
Heathfield	England	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who also has a well respected Dog Walker! The drug canisters, needles, and other rubbish left (even by the sports teams) art just as dangerous
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	It's ridiculous most dog owners are very responsible , just fine the minority , they going to ban unruly teenagers that throw all thier litter on the ground with no respect for others .
Barry	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I have two dogs and walk them responsibly I don't believe this is the way forward !
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Irresponsible dog owners who allow dogs to run free and do not clear up the mess should be punished not responsible dog owners!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and would want to access public parks with my family and not be segregated because of my dog. Laws are in place so these need to be reinforced if people do not pick up their dogs poop
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner. I clean up after my dog and he is kept on a lead. I want to be able to enjoy public spaces with my dog and family. This ban is a ridiculous suggestion and ,more than likely, those irresponsible people will ignore it anyway
Gwaelod-y-garth	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dogs are demonised but you should tackle the litter louts and sport bandage detritus droppers who are much worse.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I believe that as long as dogs on a lead and the owners clean up after them they should be allowed in parks etc., they should be able to enjoy the free space as long as they are under control on a lead.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	if the present byelaws aren't being implemented how is a total ban going to be policed #responsible dog owner
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Slapping a fine on an owner for simply allowing his dog to chase and retrieve a ball because he's crossed chalk line on the grass???? Is this what's termed blue sky thinking?. If so, I hope it rains forever
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner and clean up after my dog
Sully	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	These councillors should be urging people to get out and exercise, And keeping obesity down and people fit and healthy, And not clogging up, Our already run down NHS. Most people don't feel safe, Without there dogs with them, And they shouldn't be walked
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	Dogs should be walked in parks where else would you walk them _____
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who enjoys Cardiff Parks with my family, friends and dog
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	This proposal is very likely unenforceable, but worse than that, is heavy handed, ill conceived and implies a total lack of priority, impact awareness and thus credibility on the council. We all know what to do at the next local elections!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	I'm a dog walker myself I always pick up after myself why should we be screw tonight for doing the right thing with small group of people who don't pick up after their dogs
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	04/10/2018	And also adding to my post, It's my belief that we pay money on our council tax, For parks and amenities. Therefore if this is implemented, Then there should be a reduction on the council tax. As people would stop using them.
Upminster	England	04/10/2018	Responsible dog owners have a right to walk their dogs in public places.
Winston-Salem	North Carolina	04/10/2018	Not fair on responsible dog owners
Eccles	England	04/10/2018	Are you going close pubs cause of people causing trouble so know one can have a pint answer no. So book the irresponsible dog walkers and let the rest alone.
		04/10/2018	D purcell!

		04/10/2018	Although I live so far away it's something that is universal across the boundaries of nations....please keep the public places public! There are so many benefits for people and dogs that would be heavily affected by the ban. Surely there is other ways
Alton	England	05/10/2018	Responsible dog walkers ought not to be penalised because there are a few unresponsive dog walkers..
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Bring back park wardens to supervise all anti social behaviour in parks.
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Funnily enough david RCT have a pspo on drinking in the street
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Kids love dogs. Even if i dont. Most dog owners are responsible. Ban wont prevent irresponsible owners from letting their dogs out.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I pay my council tax so should be allowed to walk my dogs where I like as long as I pick up after them the amount of park space is decreasing enough as it is with all the barriers and dugout going around public pitches as it is
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a dog owner of 2 dogs, and I love taking my dogs everywhere with me, as they are part of my family, not an animal's, but pets. And I can't even imagine them being banned from public places.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dog owners are cleaner than others using the parks.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Jennifer Jones
Cleeveleys		05/10/2018	Can not punish the innocent with the irresponsible. Tacklebthe irresponsible. This is an outrageous proposal.
Rhondda	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I always pick up my dogs pool! ___
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	A ridiculous proposal! Irresponsible dog owners pose more of a problem on streets than in parks. Fine the irresponsible ones. Don't punish all.
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner living in Cardiff. There is field/park near my house which is ideal to let my dog run around and play ball in a safe environment away from traffic.
Liverpool	England	05/10/2018	OMG - the world has gone mad, responsible owned dogs are trained and loved and walk play and run happily!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	We need to share outdoor space and responsibly do that.
Marshfield	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Majority of dog owners are responsible and pickup after their dog, why punish the majority due to the laziness of a few? Tackle the culprits not the innocent.
Consett	England	05/10/2018	Dog owners are generally responsible punish those who are not, not all of us
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This is actually ridiculous.
Miskin	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Banning a dog walking in a park or changing a rule to make it less enjoyable is not going to make the park a better place. Pay more attention to the issues of general public not keeping the open spaces acceptable- not taking their rubbish home for example
Exeter		05/10/2018	This will not stop irresponsible dog owners.
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner, it lifts my depression and anxiety when I walk my dogs in open areas, but I would not let my dog on a rugby/football pitch area as I don't want my dog fouling there.
Barry	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	the majority of dog owners are vigilant in picking up and disposing of their dogs feces, go after the minority
		05/10/2018	I have dogs and they love being off the lead. We should educate those that don't pick up! And probably put out more dog bins
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This is a stupid idea, will curtail responsible dog owners, whilst the irresponsible ones will continue
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Bloody ridiculous!!!! No way!!!
Cardiff		05/10/2018	It's a way of keeping fit whilst enjoying the beautiful parks around Cardiff. Parks are for everyone to enjoy.
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	They shouldn't punish everyone because a few don't pick up, fine them.
Gwehelog	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	People and dogs need to get out. Healthy exercise for both and good for mental health too.
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Totally unnecessary proposal, just implement your pick up rule! Older people need to walk their dogs and always pick up. Also challenge the litter bugs who leave mess around our lovely fields
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I have 2 dogs who love a good run around. I am a responsible owner and always pick up after them so don't think they should be punished for the mistakes or carelessness of others. On or off lead, irresponsible owners won't change
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a dog owner, Boarder and need dogs to have a secure place to be exercised off lead
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and strongly disagree with the councils proposal of banning dogs from feeling happy and exercised in public places. Provide poo bags and more bins particularly dog waste only bins to encourage the irresponsible dog owners
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Walking off lead is crucial for social and emotional development of dogs. If we don't want a generation of maladjusted dogs wandering about then let them run. It's tiny proportion of owners that aren't picking up the poo. Don't penalise the rest
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This legislation would be disproportionate AND ineffective. The action which needs taken is enforcement of present legitimate rules.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am aresident of Cardiff and a responsible dog owner. Catch and fine the irresponsible ones.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Don't punish 98% of responsible dog walkers for the 2% inconsiderate idiots who don't pick up their dogs poop - just be more vigilant in areas that are worst effected & enforce the fines already in place
Gateshead	England	05/10/2018	We need places to walk dogs. We are responsible owners and should not be punished due to the minority that don't clean up after theirs
Cardiff		05/10/2018	Even though I always pick up, I know there are some irresponsible owners that don't and never will! However by stopping the use of public paros etc, we will be foredirected to walk our dogs on the streets
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog owners and their dogs are being penalised because of the laziness and irresponsibility of others.
Bedwas	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs have rights!!!
		05/10/2018	I walk my dog every day down llandaff fields - off the lead as he is an active dog and need this
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner who, yet again, is being penalised by the council because of a few inconsiderate owners . Too expensive for the authorities to crack down on the few so let's take the easy option!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I love dogs and they should have the right to be in these places.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Don't penalise the many. Saw a notice near Swansea saying the area was under cctv and if owners we seen not picking up the privilege of walking your dog in that area would be withdrawn. When I saw an missed (or deliberate) pick up I picked it up myself.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Not only clean up after the dog, Take it home with them instead of througing the bags into trees.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Outright ban won't stop irresponsible people it just punishes the majority.
Machen	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I feel responsible dog owners are being penalised because of a few irresponsible people. We need space to walk our dogs, to enjoy freedom and outdoor space.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs are part of our family and if I go for a walk I like my dog with me as most of my family have not got time for me.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I walk my dog on the footpath between Llanishen and Thornhill. I am responsible, I pick up the poo and place the bag in the bins provided along the route. Responsible owners should be allowed to walk their dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I own a dog, and am respinsible
Carlton in Lindrick	England	05/10/2018	Don't punish good dog walkers and owners, just because the council don't place correct policing to stop the bad owners who don't have good manners and though for others.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	For the few who are irresponsible this proposal punishes those who are fully responsible for their pooches !
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This is unfair to responsible dog owners
Barry	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible owners should not be victimised by the minority of irresponsible dog owners !!
Morrison	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Beverley Morris
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and the minority should not spoil it for everyone. Those who don't pick up their dog mess should be prosecuted and re educated.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	A few people spoil it for the many responsible people . Give our parks back for us to enjoy with our four legged friends ..
Berriew	England	05/10/2018	Don't punish the majority because of an irresponsible few, target the real problem
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	im a responsible dog owner

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Fining the innocent instead of charging the guilty is a lazy solution. It will provide the council with another income stream, while punishing responsible dog owners and imposing City wide cruelty for dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs need freedom too. Many people who have a dog do not have the means to take it to anywhere other than a park. How can you enforce a law like this when you can't enforce the pick up after your dog law. This will not address the problem.
		05/10/2018	It's pathetic why would they do that ? Dogs are part of the family and family's like to go out walking places where the children can play and run around aswell . Where are we supposed to go if these places are banned ?
Lisvane	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Overkill
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Any dog walker who does not pick up his dog's poo is not going to change because his dog is on a lead!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Target irresponsible dog owners, instead of punishing us all. The mental and physical health of dogs and their owners will suffer if these proposals go ahead.
Hayes		05/10/2018	Responsible for owners don't deserve to be penalised . More should be done to penalise the irresponsible owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I have a dog & this is ridiculous. . what about cat roaming freely spraying & pooping wherever they like inc my garden & do owners pick it up!!... no!!!... so annoyed
Cardiff		05/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner as are the majority ! Please don't ban dog walkers from Cardiff's public parks walking is so important to support good mental health as well as physical health these parks just won't be the same without the dog.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Whatever next? Banning cars because of the few irresponsible drivers? Cyclists? Mobility scooters? Alcohol? Cigarettes? Cardiff Council, don't be stupid.
Cardiff		05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner, that cleans up my dog mess
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This is against our civil liberties! People with dogs pay taxes as well as everyone else. They should be entitled to use open spaces with their pets the same as everyone else who pays their council bills, encouraging people to exercise and socialise
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs and dog walking benefit far more people than the relatively small number of complaints received by the council. We should respond by learning to live together positively, not by taking negative and draconian action.
Bargoed	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	It's discriminatory
Buxton	England	05/10/2018	It is not fair to the many responsible dog walkers in Cardiff and will not do anything to address the irresponsible minority.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I take my dog around roath lake all the time and I've had no faults with the.
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	You are punishing or restricting a lot more people than the guilty few!
Barry	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs like parks too
newport	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog owners are being penalised and prevented from their right to exercise their dogs by a minority..... The green spaces were created for the enjoyment of all by the forefathers of our towns and cities..... Do not take that away
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs need to be walked freely and easily, they need to be happy and they also provide a lot of happiness for others as well as their owners. The elderly and other potentially vulnerable people will be the worst effected if they have to go further a field
Cardiff		05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who picks up after it and does not want to be restricted as to where we walk .
Mid Glamorgan	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This will not solve a thing. If you're an irresponsible dog owner you are and will remain an irresponsible dog owner. If they don't abide by the current rules why would they abide by this one? Also what about local trade?
Pentre'r Eglwys	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs need to be exercised. Most dog owners take responsibility for their dogs health, well being....and their mess. Why punish responsible dog owners? I have no problem with anyone tackling irresponsible dog owners. They are a menace to us all.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Sports feilds I support this, But not outright, The many should not be punished because of the few idiots that are not responsible enough to remove their dogs mess. But this is a knee-jerk response from a council who are becoming more dictatorial by the day.
Cardiff		05/10/2018	I don't think dog walking should be restricted to certain places and ban dogs from certain areas !!!
Llantrisant	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	The consultation is flawed, biased and misleading. Entirely undemocratic. Public spaces maintained by the council belong to the tax payer and the creeping, insidious control offends and scares me! Also, dogs are far less disgusting than many humans.
Blackpool	England	05/10/2018	It seems that many local authorities dont like dogs or their owners and want to prevent us enjoying public spaces together. Well we are just going to have to change their minds by flexing our voting muscles.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I agree! Most dog walkers are responsible people! For those who are not! Pavements will just get dirtier! We all need parks for our wellbeing!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Why should the majority of responsible dog walkers be punished for the minority of irresponsible ones!! This would have a detrimental effect on me, as well as my dog!!
Wales	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Not all owners are irresponsible
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Punishing the majority of responsible dog owners when the council haven't been doing their job in the first place !!!! Outrageous!!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog-walker and am extremely angry about these unreasonable, unfair and unjustified proposals
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog walker. Banning dogs our parks is ridiculous. What about irresponsible parents, their kids and cyclists??
Cambridgeshire	England	05/10/2018	Dogs are entitled to have lovely walks in parks.
Swansea		05/10/2018	We have walked our dogs in the parks for years. If it's done responsibly there should be no problem.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner of three dogs who enjoys the outdoor life. My dogs are sociable and well behaved. ALL of their mess is picked up and disposed off in a responsible way..
Lisvane	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog owners, who are in the majority, should not be penalised by the actions of the minority irresponsible owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should be allowed to walk their dogs freely and not be penalised for the actions of the minority. Our dogs are valued family members and we have a duty of care to exercise our dogs. These facilities should be available to all
		05/10/2018	I love Andrew dabbs _
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I don't agree this will even stop irresponsible owners who don't clean up after their dogs. It will probably increase dog poo left on pavements. Council need to find another solution and also focus on anti social behaviour, littering and fly tipping
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Because dogs need to be exercised off the lead by responsible dog owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	It is punishing the majority and not fixing the minority
rumney cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Why penalise responsible owners why not target the irresponsible ones
		05/10/2018	So more people walking their dogs on the pavement?? Unfortunately clashing with the idiots riding their bikes at speed on the pavement. Why doesn't the council or police resolve this issue first before someone is seriously hurt?
Newport	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Why should responsible owners and their dogs suffer for those who don't deserve to have them. Dogs must have access to expansive areas in order to develop and maintain good mental and physical condition....
		05/10/2018	so great! all dog owners will have to walk there dogs in the street, responsible owners will pick after their dogs, end results more poo on the pavement because of irresponsible owners, come on cardiff council you haven't thought this through, very well
		05/10/2018	you tell em gus!
		05/10/2018	well said big brother.xx
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog owners who always clean up should be allowed to walk their dogs freely and not be penalised for the actions of the minority. We have a duty of care to exercise our dogs, they are valued family members and we should be able to walk them
		05/10/2018	Daggs is on The Crusade
Bryncoch	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Responsible dog owners need to walk Their dogs ,they should not be banned
Llanbradach	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Unfair to penalise the responsible dog owners, fine the lazy few who don't pick up.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a dog lover
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	It just doesn't work. I live in rct and they've done similar. The irresponsible continue to go to such places just not when wardens about it just punishes the people who want to use these spaces and do pick up after their dog.
Blackpool	England	05/10/2018	We are having the same problem in Blackpool, do not penalise responsible dog owners because of the actions of a minority.....
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs should be allowed to walk in the park as well as long as the owners are sensible and pick up the poo.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I love my dogs
Llantrisant	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Don't let the few spoil it for the many, many responsible people. It'll also have a negative effect on rehoming with people having second thoughts because of this.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dog walkers should have the right to public spaces. They all pay council tax just like everyone else

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	My dog needs a place to go.
Hopton	England	05/10/2018	stop banning people using public areas - by stopping dogs getting the exercise they require you will simply turn them all into lunatics desperate for the exercise they need and rightly deserve.
Llandeuvad	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Disproportionate response to the underlying problem. Use powers of enforcement already available to discourage antisocial behaviour. The majority of dog owners are responsible individuals.
Llanedeyrn	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner that walks my dog in Cardiff parks
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Owning and exercising a dog is great for mental and physical wellbeing. It's provides social interaction and a reason for making use of Cardiff's beautiful parks. Discriminating against all dog owners is not the way to resolve the problem
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs should be welcomed anywhere. Why punish the many because the odd few can't be bothered to clean up.
Lisvane	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This penalises all dog owners 98% of whom responsibly clean up after their pets
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Absolutely ridiculous yet again the majority having to suffer for the inconsiderate minority who are not fit to look after any pet
Langley Mill	England	05/10/2018	It's a ridiculous idea!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Tackle the irresponsible not the responsible!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	We aren't all irresponsible
Thorrington	England	05/10/2018	Enforce the current laws, don't add to the burden of unenforceable legislation which will penalise the law abiding and be flouted by the rest!
		05/10/2018	Excellent view, thank you.
		05/10/2018	Has any one put in a freedom of information request regarding figures about complaints received by CCC about dog mess. Does anyone know how many, if there are any people who have had medical issues as a direct result of dog poo left in Cardiff's
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	It is not right to punish the few on the wrong of the few
Walsall		05/10/2018	If you ban dogs from parks you will then have to ban the people who drop the tons of litter collected from same parks every week, or CCC could just do a proper job and start fining the irresponsible people who do either.
Barry	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Where else can a poor dog get exercise.. people use poop bags!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner, as are the majority of dog walkers, and our beloved pets do not deserve to be deprived of exercise because of a minority (who will probably still not pick up after their dogs even with them on a lead).
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Penalising responsible dog owners for the few irresponsible dog owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	No more legislation needed
Poulton	England	05/10/2018	All dogs should have free run of parks. There is no logical reason for dogs _ to be banned!!!!
Towersey	England	05/10/2018	Stupid councilman
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Not all dog owners are irresponsible
Aberdare	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	There are far more responsible dog owners than not.
		05/10/2018	Sadly I won't be voting Labour next time. Next they will be asking us to keep Cats in over night, get in the real world.
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner, and this new proposal won't actually stop lazy people not picking up after their dogs. the key is education, and more dog wardens.
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	My wife and I are very responsible dog owners and feel we are being unfairly penalised.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Maire Ne Cligod
Abertridwr	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Because the world is becoming more crazy as each day passes and the world should be more open and loving to animals
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	Dogs need freedom.. just fine bad dog poo owners
Glais	Wales; Cymru	05/10/2018	This is a preposterous proposal and the Council should think about the repercussions. It would be punishing those people who are responsible dog owners who should have the freedom to walk their dogs in their local park - a pastime that has been exercised
London	England	06/10/2018	As a dog owner of ten years, don't dumb dogs lives down because of human fools. Get with reality stop making rules that make no sense and start punishing the real dickheads.
Avondale	Arizona	06/10/2018	Humans are the 100% cause of all petitions needing signed! ?Dont penalize the animals due to stupid human errors!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	This is a ridiculous ban! There arent many places in Cardiff to let dogs run around anyway so why do people think it is acceptable to ban more.
Witney		06/10/2018	This will only penalise the vast majority of responsible dogs walkers. The minority of irresponsible will still let their dogs foul and not clear up. Most ridiculous proposal I have seen in a long time.
Tonypandy	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Controlled walking and more responsibility and onus on owners is the fair way, to allow everyone to continue to enjoy. Maybe add 'dog toilets' like at center parcs, as these work well
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	That banning dogs is not the answer. Implement tougher penalties on individuals who refuse to clear up after their dogs. Littering is more of problem with sharp objects being left on playing fields.
Dover	England	06/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I think these measures are excessive and will be detrimental to many sections of the community.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	It's ridiculous dogs have roamed free for years! Litter worst problem!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Enforcing the current rules is all that is needed to crack down on fouling.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who ALWAYS puts dog poo in the next available bin. When my children were little especially, it could be hard work keeping eye out for poo in the grass. But, just keeping dogs on leads won't make the irresponsible owner pick up
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker
Penpedairheol	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Responsible owners should be allowed access to these parks
Merthyr Vale	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Why not
Llantwit Fardre	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner.. Dogs need a good run off lead, not just for fun but for good exercise too. Why are the good guys always punished because of the few?
Llandough	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Born and bread in Cardiff. And this is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of. What are the council trying to do. Drive us all away from the city we love. How much of a back hander is someone getting on this one?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner and I think it's unfair that dogs can't go for nice walks in parks.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	You're penalising the masses for the few!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I know many responsible dog walkers and this ban penalises the responsible rather than punishing the irresponsible in our community.
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I am not a dog owner but I agree that other methods can be implemented to prevent, asking the public for ideas, even enforcing chipping each dog and being able to report with video film evidence.
Buckley	England	06/10/2018	Responsible dog owners shouldn't be punished for the small number f irresponsible ones.
Swindon		06/10/2018	IF THAT'S THE CASE -YOU WOULDN'T ALLOW PEOPLE IN THE PARKS!!
Enfield		06/10/2018	Dogs need areas to run off leash as per the animal welfare Act
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Again! Blanket ban everything because of the irresponsible ignorant lazy few
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	Most dog owners are responsible and clear up dogs mess, putting in bin. Also they keep their dog on a lead around football/ rugby pitches. My Springer loves the freedom of Bute park etc. Fine people on the spot for wrongdoing
Chepstow	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018	I'm signing because I would agree this does not deal with the main problem - irresponsible dog owners, who should be dealt with directly. This punishes the majority who are responsible due to an inconsiderate few.
Bournemouth	England	06/10/2018	I'm signing to prevent the broad brush approach of the council affecting thousands of law abiding dog walkers.

Neath	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I don't see why it needs to change.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner
cheshire	England	06/10/2018 Unacceptable. Public parks and green spaces were designed for the local workers and family, to enjoy. Stopping responsible dog owners only increases the risk to these public spaces. Look at how many dog walkers witnesses and stopped illegal behaviours.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner . Just clamp down on those who aren't
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I am signing because this is unfair for people who walk their dog's for mental health issues. I suffer from depression, pick up my dogs mess and love seeing them play and run . It would be detrimental for my mental health if this ban is allowed to happen
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 David purdon
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 dogs and people need exercise.,this is a ridiculous proposition.,by all means have dog free areas fenced off around playground areas etc, but don't punish responsible dog owners for the problems caused by those who don't act as responsible owners.,
Ilkley	England	06/10/2018 Not all dog owners are bad! Dogs form part of our families!!!
d.wood	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Responsible dog owners shouldn't be punished because of the minority
Gloucester		06/10/2018 It's how I feel
Barton-upon-Humbe	England	06/10/2018 This idea is creeping round the country. Why are you banning dogs when we leave human detritus without cleaning up.It is discriminatory to dog walkers marginalising us away from the rest of society. Shame on these councils,
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 You can't tarnish everyone with the same brush! I always pick up my dogs mess, My dogs love meeting other dogs and playing with them freely, I don't want to confine them to a lead around their neck!
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Its the ones that aren't responsible owner that this should be enforced on
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I'm a reasonable dog owner, I always carry poop bags and my dog is well behaved off the lead. Why should my dog and myself be penalised for the fault of others. Making dog's stay on leads will not make a blind bit of difference to the bad owners
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 This would cause more problems than resolve them. There's too much dog mess from irresponsible owners as there is, why punish the responsible ones. You need to maybe slightly increase the way the parks are monitored therefore , catching the worst owners
Machen	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Parks are for public use..If dog walkers were band no one would use it!!! THEN! they would probably say no one uses it so we'll build on it. Lonely people with a dog get a hello and a smile. THEN they will ban Squirrels and birds.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I have a dog and I'm a responsible owner, we all deserve to walk where we want to
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 We all have a right to walk on council land . We all pay a lot of money each year in our council tax and our dogs are part of the family. Are you going to stop cats also ? This could be seen as discrimination to dogs _ where will this end
Thornhill, Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 It would be a shame that the irresponsible actions of some dog owners spoil it for the vast majority of those that are in fact responsible dog owners. There's got to be a better way.
Stow on the Wold	England	06/10/2018 Parks are where people go on a daily basis to walk their dogs. It's what parks are for!!!
Bassaleg	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Because it's just plain stupid!
Hemyock	England	06/10/2018 The majority of dog owners are responsible and should not be penalised for the few irresponsible ones. Dog walkers have the right yo use public spaces as much as non dog owners. We all pay our taxes for this right .
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Walking my dog helps with my depression and where I walki.e.parks are important as being in safe green spaces helps with my anxiety, I am 66
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Who wants to live with a bored, anti social dog....not me but that's what we will have if they can't get out to play with other dogs and get the exercise they all need.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I would like to see someone stop me
Caerphilly		06/10/2018 This would be really upsetting for those of us with mobility issues and rely on these parks to go out with our dogs. I would never be able to walk my dog again!!!
Toronto		06/10/2018 As stated for Cardiff, here in Toronto the same problems. As there are already regulations, just enforce them. It will let good and bad dog walkers know that adhering to the simple rules benefits all.
caldicot	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 it is a stupid idea ..just for the irresponsible to spoil it everyone else
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I am a responsible pet owner and a ban would affect low income dog owners without transport.
Brize Norton	England	06/10/2018 Humans make far more mess than dogs. If you are concerned about the fouling council. Let your dog warden do their job properly and fine a few people. They would soon pick up to avoid the expense.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Parks are therapeutic for owners and dogs, helps with depression, better than crowding up doctors surgeries!!
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 It'll destroy the very ethos of what a public park is all about. Dog ownership and walking is hugely beneficial. Dogs need exercise, people need exercise....doh! Do this and rates of depression, diabetes, obesity and drug abuse will all increase.
Mevagissey, Cornwa	England	06/10/2018 I'm signing this because, for many single or older people, their dog is vital for their ongoing physical and mental well-being. It becomes a social event for them as others stop to talk about the dog and dog owners become a fraternity.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Banned on the beaches now banned in the parks. They don't leave the amount of mess that humans do and it is only the inconsiderate louts who do not clean up after their dogs so they should be held accountable and not let everyone else suffer as a result.
barry	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Ann powell
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 I walk my dogs, they only come off the lead when it is safe from people, children and other dogs.This allows my partner and I to spend time together in a relaxed environment as we both have busy work schedules.
Phnom Penh		06/10/2018 This is not a right solution to deal with the problem.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Most people pick up their dog's poo - the number of poo bags you see in the bins throughout the parks demonstrate this. Most people also accept that their dogs should not be allowed in the children's play areas. The health and social benefits of being abli
Glasgow	Scotland	06/10/2018 My daughter walks her dog in the parks in Cardiff and is a very responsible owner who clears up after her pet.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 deal with the humans first.then worry about the dogs.
Abergavenny	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs. Don't penalise then for the few bad ones.
		06/10/2018 Leah Elson
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Walking digs us one of the healthiest and most community focussed activities I know - banning dogs because of a few irresponsible owners is totally Unnecessary - using the existing legislation effectively is all that is needed to solve the problem
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 The council should enforce the current rules before introducing an outright ban. The parks are there for public leisure use, this should include dog walking.
Cardiff		06/10/2018 If you want to improve health and safety in the parks ban the ridiculously fast cyclists ...if you want to make them nicer for families ban the foul mouthed parents shouting obscenities at other peoples children 'playing sport'
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 It's an affront to my personal freedom and dignity not to be Able to take my pets for a walk in any park
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Far more rubbish left in parks by humans than dog fouling. Enforce both dog fouling law and littering laws. Having and walking a dog vastly improves the mental and physical health of all people. Poor health is a major and costly problem in society
Dinas Powys	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Because being a responsible dog owner who loves to watch dogs enjoying there freedom and who picks up not only my own dogs poop but others it feels like we're being dictated to by local councils trying to run our lives we have to stop this
Tutshill, CHEPSTOW	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 The most stupid idea I have seen in years. Most dog owners clean up after their pets
Worcester		06/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and clear up after our dog. It is wonderful to watch him run free under supervision and exercise. I am careful to respect other park users and keep him on a lead when youngsters are around. I feel this is very heavy handed.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	06/10/2018 Barbara sammut
		07/10/2018 As a responsible dog owner, I should not be limited in my own country.
Lytham Saint Annes	England	07/10/2018 Another council trying to restrict the freedom of responsible dog owners due to the behaviour of the thoughtless?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018 I'm a dog owner
		07/10/2018 Responsible dog owners are constantly being punished. If we can't use public parks and beaches do we also get a tax break?
York	England	07/10/2018 It's intolerable that responsible dog owners and their dogs should be penalised for the actions of a few selfish, lazy individuals who can't be bothered to clean up their dog's mess. Enforce the current legislation and make the penalties stiffer.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018 We responsible dog owners look after these parks and do not leave any dog mess or litter, it is unfair to discriminate and put all dog owners under one umbrella. As in all walks of life very few let a community down !
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018 Doing this will not stop dog mess it will just penalise those of us that are responsible.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog walker.

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I regularly walk my dog on the fields behind my house. Only 50% are marked pitches. I have mental health issues and this helps tremendously with my well-being and management of my conditions. I am a responsible dog owner and always carry bags.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Don't punish responsible dog owners... my dog should be able to have fun in the parks.
Portskewett	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	When I walk our dog in the parks with my disabled wife and mother it is the human rubbish that is the problem - every dog owner I have ever see picks-up. STOP putting general rules in place when you are not using those powers that are already there
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Enforce the existing rules and there would be no problem, it's the minority that are not responsible!
poole	England	07/10/2018	Dogs need the space to run about
Warfield	England	07/10/2018	Im signing for Charlie Parker and all dog owners wherever they live.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	It is overkill and the current laws just need to be enforced properly - they should not see the necessary updates as an opportunity to impose fines that will only punish responsible dog walkers
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Dog walking is good for physical and mental health for both me and my dog.
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Most dog owners are conscientious about cleaning up after their dogs, why punish them? Surely find a way to target those that don't!
Porth		07/10/2018	I feel strong about this subject
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Already have legislation to fine those that don't pick up, no need for ridiculous over reaction - just need to enforce present rules
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I enjoy waking my dog in Cardiff parks, I think it is awful to punish all dog owners because of the misdemeanours of a few
Hanbury	England	07/10/2018	Absolutely ridiculous
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner!
Birmingham	England	07/10/2018	Just need to enforce the existing laws. Fine people who let their dogs mess on the parks and also fine people who drop litter and cigarettes butts on floor and out of cars. The money from the fines would go towards paying for more enforcement officers.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	This is not only disproportionate it is punishing the many responsible dog owners who make our parks such a positive experience and a boost to health and wellbeing.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker. I clean my dogs mess. I feel this is utterly deplorable. Fine heavily irresponsible dog owners who fail to pick up their dog mess - do not punish responsible people. A walk with a dog in a park is a family activity - aiding
Warrington		07/10/2018	The council need to focus their resources: homes for homeless, food banks, real jobs, proper care homes and disability benefit, police those who use vulnerable teens into dealing drugs...the list is endless responsible dog owners walking dogs...
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I regularly walk four dogs and take utmost care to clear up after them. All of the dog owners I speak with whilst walking are as responsible for their pets. A few that aren't and fail to clean up should not be considered as representative of the whole.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Dogs need to be on grass. It's as much their world as ours. Too much tarmac can damage their pads.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I'm signing because this is a bad idea, which unfairly discriminates against dog owners, whilst being completely unenforceable.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I have a dog & am a responsible dog owner. My dog is on lease 80 percent of the time & I always pick up any mess, including litter! Which to my mind is a bigger problem!
		07/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner that keeps my pet on the lead and clean up after her.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Unfair, unenforceable and a pointless use of governmental time to create. What do I pay my taxes and therefore their salary for?
Penllergaer	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	Don't ban responsible dog walkers. This is the only healthy exercise a lot of people are capable of, both for themselves and their dogs!
CARDIFF	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	I thought this was just scaremongering by wales online, but just incase its true I wouldnt like to see my dog turn aggressive due to lack of simulation; socialising and exercise. Also, my council tax has been (albeit in part) been wasted on parks
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	07/10/2018	A waste of time money and effort those whose dogs are allowed to roam free will continue to do so the dogs are probably nit chipped and who is gonna follow them home? There's not enough money to police it and responsible owners shouldn't be persecuted.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I don't see why I should be punished for the failings of others. Sort out the litter louts who never pick up the rubbish first
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	It's important for people with dogs to have a safe environment to walk and exercise
Wick	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This is ridiculous!! Most owners are responsible people. A huge section of our society own dogs and need to walk them out freely. Dogs don't get good enough exercise on leads. This is as good as endorsing cruelty to animals.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	The ban will not fix the issues they have. Why not start by policing the law that's already in place...!
Carmarthen	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	It's good for people to get out walking in the fresh air with their dogs
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I pick up after my dog, I also pick up any litter whilst walking him.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	We all have a right to enjoy Cardiff's open spaces, be it for sport or dog walking. Enforce the existing legislation. Dog owners consist of a wide age group and this activity provides a structure and exercise to many lives and is no less important
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Would be a shame for those who are responsible dog walkers, those who are not wont stick to the rules regardless.
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner, my dogs have the right to exercise too
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Responsible dog owners ensure they have suitable trained animals and pick up after them. All this serves to do is discriminate against those of us who are responsible dog owners enjoying the wide variety of places to walk our dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I walk my little adopted dog.
Cardiff		08/10/2018	Parks are for all and dogs need soft ground to walk on especially in summer when tarmac can burn their feet
Cardiff		08/10/2018	Agreed, enforcement of current rules would be more than sufficient.
Lincoln	England	08/10/2018	it is so wrong to exclude a large proportion of responsible residents from using their local parks. Are you going to ban ALL young people because some behave badly? Have you considered the positive impact on health dog walking has?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dogs need to run, chase, be themselves. Being kept on a lead all of the time would be so wrong for them.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	We choose to live in Cardiff in part because of the wide open spaces. I don't see why we should be restricted to small areas around football pitches that are used a fraction of the week, all because of a small minority of dog owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I am a dog owner and I feel strongly that my dog have a right to run free off lead in a public space such as a park. Plus the consultation survey is seriously flawed
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I think its important to have a safe place to go and walk your dog
Banbury	England	08/10/2018	I see no need to add further laws against Dog Owners. The current ones are enough they just need to be policed properly. MOST dog owners are very responsible and it saddens me that we are being penalised for the bad seeds that will continue
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	It's just plain wrong.
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I'm a dog owner and they need the space to walk in - simple!! Find another way!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dogs need the opportunity to run which can't be done on a lead. For many with mobility problems they need to walk their dog in a flat area. If this ban is in place it will become impossible. I don't have a dog and I have kids so know how infuriating it is
Pontyclun	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I have a dog how is we'll behaved and loves meeting with people and there're dogs and where is a better place than park, s-
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	The basis of this ban is totally false. Many of the areas that are proposed are for enforcement already exclude dogs.; areas such as play areas and cemeteries. This will have a detrimental effect on the health of people that find mental and physical d
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner who always cleans up after my dogs. The majority of my local parks have been taken up as sports pitches that are actually used for a small percentage of the time. I feel I have as much right as any other to use public spaces re
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Enforce the current legislation, provide more bins and empty them. Those of us who are responsible owners are agreed that clean spaces benefit everyone. How much does cleaning up the city after a major rugby event cost the taxpayers but apparently its ok
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I clean up after my dog. The parks have a bigger problem with alcohol and drug taking and alcohol and drug paraphernalia everywhere.
Gwernymynydd	England	08/10/2018	The good, responsible dog owners should not have to suffer for the stupidity and laziness of the bad ones!
Port Tennant	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dog walker
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a Cardiff council tax payer and a responsible dog owner who cleans up after my dog, I do not feel it is right I lose this right to walk my dog in certain areas due to others not being responsible with their dogs and current rules not being enforced
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Responsible dog owners have a right to green spaces too.
London	England	08/10/2018	Responsible dog owners have a right to socialise their dogs. It's a key developmental requirement for younger dogs and a good thing for healthy adult dogs. Socialising dogs in all stages of development requires that they be exposed to stimulus



Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I am very concerned about the proposed dog controls which would ban dogs from a large proportion of Cardiff's parks, many of which are marked out extensively with football and rugby pitches. These areas are used all day long by dog owners
Gateshead	England	08/10/2018	Why should the few penalise the many
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I class myself as a responsible owner, and clean up from my dog. How about banning people from parks, they play sport and leave all there plastic bottles all over the grass, crisp bags, sweet wrappers etc..
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dog walking is a huge well-being boost and has its own community, a lifeline for many. Depriving dog owners of these spaces seems shortsighted and only punishes responsible owners.
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Why should the majority suffer because of the few selfish dog owners who are too lazy to clean up their dogs mess
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Banning all dogs for the mess left by a few bad owners is totally unfair.
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dogs need to be walked and parks are the perfect places for it so this idea is ridiculous.
Rogiet	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This is unfair on responsible owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I have a hyper active dog, he needs off lead walks up to 2 hours a day! If the penalty is now an £80, have you published how many fines were handed out and how this was policed before banning public places?
Barry	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Adding new rules to cover up the old rules that don't work is not the right way to do this. Enforce what already exists.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dogs
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I totally disagree with this decision
Sarn	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Please don't tar th responsible dog walkers with th same brush as th irresponsible ones!! I've been on th beaches during the summer when dogs r banned and I'd say the trash on th beaches during those months is much worse!
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a responsible dog walker I totally disagree with this approach - fines are in place for those that don't follow the rules
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This is a disproportionate way of dealing with irresponsible dog owners. If this is adopted then in the spirit of fairness they need to adopt an outright ban on people who routinely litter. This is usually evident during school holidays and at children's
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I believe this is wrong.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I'm a dog lover
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker & do not want to be restricted due to other people's negligence it's not fair
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a dog owner that always picks up I am disappointed that this is being considered. Maybe have more bins around so people have no excuse.
Birstall	England	08/10/2018	The logic behind this is fundamentally flawed. There are already bans on dog fouling. Why would someone who flout those laws be anymore likely to abide by ban on exercising dogs. This is collective punishment of the worse kind.
Sevilla		08/10/2018	Responsible dog walkers clean up after their dog
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I have walked dogs for thirty years and have never seen an Enforcement Officer - Cardiff are not using the laws they have - that is the problem ! not Responsible Dog Owners - dogs need to run, we pay taxes as well as Sports People
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner and we should be able to walk our dogs in public.
Elstree	England	08/10/2018	Walking a dog (responsibly) in a park setting is good for the dog & for the mental health & wellbeing of the owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	It is unfair to punish the majority because of an irresponsible minority. In our local park there are hundreds of plastic bottles left by the teams using the sport fields but nothing is done about that!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Public spaces are for everyone! Use the existing dog fouling laws to tackle the problem, don't punish responsible dog owners.
Elstree	England	08/10/2018	I believe that walking your dog in the park is both good for the dog but also good for the wellbeing of the owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	A licence to own a dog would possibly be a better idea ~ responsible owners wouldn't be put off by this idea.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This doesn't address the actual issue of owners not picking up after their dog
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Dogs need to run freely!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I believe the ban will be counterproductive. Dogs need area they can walk, run, play and socialise. Not all dog owners have large gardens or transport to take them to sress dogs can run around.
Liversedge	England	08/10/2018	Totally unfair to ban dogs from the pitches....so what about all the rubbish that is left after the teams have played,will there be fines for these people to?
Dinas Powys	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	We should be able to walk our dogs in all Cardiff & surroundings as long as we are responsible. There needs to be stronger fines on irresponsible dog owners to prevent dog fouling & bad behaviour.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	The Council CANNOT allow the majority of good dog walkers who pick up after their dogs to be punished for the laziness of a few. Where else would we be able to walk our dogs off lead?? It's impossible for people who don't drive.
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	The places you can walk your dog are becoming less and less. Provision is needed for all. There are many vulnerable people who rely on their dogs to help with their own state of mind and well being and often these people don't have access to transport etc
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Ridiculously simplistic 'solution'. Actually enforce the powers you already have before you go nuclear for an easy life. Clowns.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Just because some dog owners aren't responsible doesn't mean they should ruin it for everyone
Llanelli	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	My mum lives in Cardiff and I often walk her dog off the lead. She's very well behaved and as a responsible adult I clean up after her. She loves to have a good run around.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This is someone's pet project, poorly thought through, will a law already in place to police this.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This totally unjust and there areally far greater problems than dogs. Litter, bottles, cans strewn across pitches. There are litter finest and dof fouling fines already in place, these should be enforced.
barrt	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Because I have a dog and she loves running freely, I always clean up after her, and just because some people think it's ok to leave thier dog mess around is not fair on the dogs or people who clean up after their dog.
Weybridge	England	08/10/2018	Irresponsible dog owners should be targeted not the mass population punished.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I believe not everyone should be punished for the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners
swansea	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I love taking my dogs to Cardiff for a day out as some beautiful parks there. Banning dogs is crazy and won't stop dog mess. If people don't care to pick up after their dog they are not going to care about the ban either and will just ignore it like every
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	You need to enforce the current fine system for the few that don't pick up their dogs mess. This punish all approach is ridiculous. I wonder if you ban football players on the sports fields for leaving all their rubbish on the pitch after each match??????
Barry	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I love going out with my dog, without her I would not visit half of the places I do now
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Don't blame the masses for the fault of a few!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I'm a dog owner
		08/10/2018	I'm signing because you should be able to walk your dog where ever you want. It's not like if it's on private property, focus on the bigger things around Cardiff like fixing potholes in the roads etc
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Irresponsible dog owner all ready let their dogs roam in "dog free" parks and get no punishment so what exactly will this accomplish?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I walk my dog twice a day and rarely see a badly behaved dog. Dogs are so good for mental health, and wellbeing, as well as being part of a family unit. Please don't restrict dog routes and lead walking further. It's like keeping a child on reins
Cardiff		08/10/2018	Like others have said, the sort of people who don't pick up their dog's mess aren't the sort of people who'd abide or care about demarcated sports pitch bans anyway, so this will do nothing except ruin it for everyone else.
		08/10/2018	The responsible for walkers should not be categorized with irresponsible dog walkers.
Wingrave	England	08/10/2018	Dogs' needs are varied and open spaces are a huge factor.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Cardiff Council should enforce existing controls more stringently everywhere rather than in selected locations. And don't push dogs into high-risk locations for accidents such as the streets and roads of Cardiff
Cardiff		08/10/2018	profiling is wrong for obvious reasons so why profile me because i walk a dog????? .There are many ways around this problem dog licences and dna database for dogs,ban dog walking on sports pitches at night is another etc etc etc.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	People living in towns and cities need to be able to walk their dogs in a safe environment.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	This is a ridiculous proposal!

bridgend	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Most dog owners walk their dogs responsibly.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	Parks are for everyone, We pay council tax So we want to use them ( responsibly)
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	08/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and it's criminal to tarnish everyone with the same brush!!! What has the world come to _
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I BELIEVE
Cardiff		09/10/2018	It's the right thing to do
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Where else are you meant to walk dogs!!
Warwick	England	09/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I think is awful to ban dogs from parks in Cardiff. Our dog is part of family!
London		09/10/2018	I have two dogs, always clean up after them and these parks are the closest to where I live. I believe that the fine for not picking up dog mess should be higher but not allowing dogs on parks like Llandaff fields is disproportionate.
Llanwenog	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Responsible dog owners are not the problem so don't punish all of us for the negligence of the few.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I chose to live close to green spaces in Cardiff in order to effectively exercise my dog and feel the proposal will greatly impact the welfare of my dog and my family. I agree a clamp down on irresponsible dog owners is required but this wholesale banning
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Our dogs need exercise, rather than stop everyone fine the minority that don't adhere to the rules.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should have access to parks, we pay our council tax too
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I believe a ban is ridiculous. There are other ways of tackling the issue of irresponsible dog walkers without spoiling it for the majority.
Cwm-twrch Ucharf	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	How will this deter irresponsible, lazy people? It won't but it would penalise responsible people.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Punitive measures against the masses who already follow the rules isn't going to stop the people who ALREADY aren't following the rules. Trust me no one is more pissed off about people not picking up _ than the people who do pick up _!
Exeter	England	09/10/2018	When I visit Cardiff to catch up with family, I want to be able to walk my dog in the parks in Cardiff.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker and it infuriates me when others just can't be bothered to do the same. I don't like the fact that what some lazy and disrespectful people do will impact me directly. It's blanket punishment and isn't acceptable!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	This is so unfair and not the way to make use of public parks. Just up the fine for leaving litter and dog poo.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I want the freedom to walk my dog penny in Cardiff's parks and don't feel as a responsible dog owner this liberty should be taken away.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	There are far more badly behaved humans than dogs, why punish the ones in a minority?
Pen-y-lan	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Responsible dog owners are being penalised
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	This is taking away our right to enjoy Cardiff's Parks which lets face it in the winter months are occupied mostly by dog walkers, IT will not solve the problem and will only punish responsible dog walkers.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker, I do not want to be able to just walk my dog around the streets & roads. I think park marshals should be employed to monitor parks in general
Blackpool	England	09/10/2018	Responsible dog owners are being persecuted and made scape goats re irresponsible dog owners
Woking	England	09/10/2018	They are dogs they need walks and a run around as long as they are friendly they are fine don't ban dogs too go into parks and fields!!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am 72 and do not drive, so I can only walk my dogs to Moorland or Splott Park. Both are occasionally used for sport. My dogs are friendly and well-behaved, and never make a mess on the sports fields, they prefer the edges and hedges
sploatt cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	It just so wrong why ??? Dog walker always get it and we are the responsibility ones
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I have a dog and should be ok to take her anywhere
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	annette dickins
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	walking my dog every day in the parks and pavements around the city, I see hardly any dog mess and think the issue is being inflated unnecessarily. Having a dog does wonders for individual health and well-being and should not be stigmatised.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	You may as well stop PEOPLE using the parks as they leave far more mess than dogs! Nobody would object to you employing more park-keepers to monitor and address problems they encounter.
Ferndale	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	It is unfair and unjust to penalise so many dogs and owners of them. Dogs rely on exercise and being allowed to play and enjoy life. It is cruel for this to happen and those who propose this obviously have no idea how dogs or their owners would feel
Coventry		09/10/2018	Lisa holder
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	As a responsible dog walker it's the ones who aren't spoil it for everyone else. Bring back dog licenses !
Gwaelod y garth	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I walk twice a day with my dog. I find it a stress reliever, makes me more socially active with others. It would not be enjoyable just walking on the pavements. The older people in this city with dogs would suffer greatly I could jump in my car and go
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog. Irresponsible dog owners need to be targeted but not in this way. Shame on you Cardiff council!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Another way for councils to make money from responsible dog owners. They will turn around and say that due to lack of people using local parks they will shut them and start building more houses!! Call me cynical..
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Ridiculous
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	More fines for those who don't follow law but to stop all dog walkers is unfair and a step to far
NEWPORT	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	A complete ban is both unrealistic and inappropriate. It is unrealistic as to 'Police' this would be almost impossible to ban the large numbers of law abiding citizens who own dogs. Secondly, it is an over reaction by the council
Barry	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Not a dog owner myself but those that are still need to walk their pooches!! There will always be irresponsible walkers and the responsible ones far out way the idiots.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Please don't ban dog walkers fine more on ones that don't follow rules that's what I think
Nantymoel	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner and walker, people need somewhere to walk with often their only companion. Deprive people of places to walk their beloved dogs and they may become even more isolated and depressed
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a responsible Dog owner who picks up his Dog mess
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Reason for signing this plan is so ill thought out. How are we supposed to exercise our dogs properly? What about the physical and mental health of dogs (enrichment) and owners (pleasure of being outside? What about small businesses like myself?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	This is ridiculous when the world is trying to be fit!!! the majority of dog walkers are very responsible , so let's make a stand with the people who aren't !
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I feel that this proposal is totally disproportionate to the problem, and is hugely discriminatory against a massive proportion of the population of the City. ( I also feel that there is a lack of transparency about the motivation behind this proposal
cardiff		09/10/2018	I'm a dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I don't want these ridiculous proposals put in place because of a few irresponsible owners. Just ENFORCE the present laws. The parks and green spaces are for everyone. Please find a way to stop the few irresponsible ones not penalise the vast majority
Newport	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	People who ownly have cats don't give a kippers tit about their pets crapping in parks, gardens and anywhere else. Most dog walkers are responsible citizens who pay taxes just like everyone else and deserve the right to exccercise their pets and themselves
Rumney	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	Most dog walkers I come across are responsible and pick up after their dogs.they can fine ppl if there dogs foul and they do not clean up,so if they are that concerned maybe the could concentrate on catching these people instead if passing ridiculous laws
Cardiff		09/10/2018	Dogs need off the lead exercise for their health & well being
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and do not agree with the proposals
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	The majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs, why punish us for the actions of a few?Parks and fields are for ALL citizens including dogs. Our dogs need the exercise and stimulation of running and sniffing around, they enjoy it
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog walker and also have children who play sports on the parks. This is like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	all dogs have the right to exercise and some freedom... If youre going to ban dogs from all public places there is going to be a downward spiral in behaviour as the dogs need to be able to run.
Tonypandy	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	What next? Cardiff council ban dogs outright like China?
Morganstown	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018	I am a dog owner and a green space user and believe that the space can be shared and used with responsibility.

Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 This has nothing to do with mess a certain religion has been complaining I bet
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 I'm a dog owner and my dogs like to walk, run and play in parks!! I am a responsible person and clean up after my dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 Sledgehammer and nut springs to mind with this idiotic proposal.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner and there are not enough places to walk dogs as it is, 09/10/2018 I always clean up after my dog and feel we are targeted because of the irresponsible that don't, maybe they should employ more dog wardens or check what the wardens already employed are doing on a daily basis.
Blackpool	England	09/10/2018 It's ridiculous that councils want to stop decent dog owner exercise got their dogs!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 For the welfare of dogs and humans, the proposed ban on dog walking in a huge amount of space in Cardiff can not go ahead. Banning dogs is not the answer, there are hundreds of steps before this that could be taken,
Norwich	England	09/10/2018 I'm signing because I love dogs...the problem is some of their owners not the dogs 09/10/2018 Bien sûr que je signe
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 Christina day
Goviton	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 People should be able to walk their dogs in public parks
Reading	England	09/10/2018 Dogs need a life too _
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 So annoyed that the responsible dog walkers are going to be penalised because the Council are not doing their job of policing the current bylaw!
London	England	09/10/2018 Dogs need open spaces as well,Where are they going to go?
Treorchy	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 I don't think the ban is necessary because of the breed. It's the owners behaviour that determines a dog's behaviour.
Cardiff		09/10/2018 Really? All over the news today is lack of funding for councils! And we're paying these jokers to make ridiculous decisions. One of the reasons we all love Cardiff is the freedom we all get from having all park life so close to the city
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 The ban is only going to harm the good dog owners. The ban does not consider the well being of the dog and the need to exercise in wide spaces. Fine and educate the people that don't pick up their dogs poop by making use of the current laws
Cardiff		09/10/2018 Really? All over the news today is lack of funding for councils! And we're paying these jokers to make these ridiculous decisions. One of the reasons we all love Cardiff is the freedom we get from having all the park life so close to us,
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 Cathryn Giles
galston	Scotland	09/10/2018 We need public places for responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 my dog is my world
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	09/10/2018 I am not a dog owner but am completely against this stupid idea. I have no objection to the majority of dog and owners in public parks, the ones who do pick up the dog mess. Why should they be penalised for the ones who are too lazy to pick up the mess
Nercwys	England	09/10/2018 People with dogs have rights too. In a lot of cases the dogs are the only family a person has got.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 We should have the right in a public space.
	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 The majority of dog walkers are responsible. Their walking experience shouldn't be impacted because of the minority.
Llantwit Fardre	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Responsible dog walkers should be allowed to walk their dogs in there home town/city. In addition it's oroce that Pets such as dogs and sports, help us mentally. There are a number of support dogs in out city that need these areas
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 There are already laws against allowing dogs to foul parks, they should be enforced
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 This is unfair to responsible dog owners. If the council had monitored this as they should there would be no need for this motion in the first place.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Not everybody should be judged the same way. Why punish those who are following the rules for those who are not
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 This is over-regulation and unnecessary. Those who do not pick up their dog mess will ignore these new rules (they're ignoring the current rules) and the council won't be able to afford to police it properly.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I am a responsible poo-picking dog owner and don't see why my dog should suffer because of the few who are irresponsible. I also have a football-playing son so I understand re problem, but this isn't the answer. Enforce the rules more-don't ban us all.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 As a responsible dog owner who chose to live in my local area because of the wonderful park, I feel unfairly penalised by these proposals.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Reaction to Cardiff Councils Plans for dog walking:Reason we have dogs, not for the fact we love our dogs and we are responsible dog owners. It helps to reduce our levels of stress, fitness and maintain our health and wellbeing.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Lazy proposal. The ban on dogs of leads will not tackle dog mess
Wandsworth	England	10/10/2018 it's absolutely ridiculous to ban dogs from green spaces. The proposal is not just for pitches (which most dog owners would agree with) - its's every green space. Where are dog walkers supposed to walk their dogs? This could put them out of business. 10/10/2018 A responsible dog owner myself and do not wish to see such a ban introduced anywhere!!!!
Bo'Ness	Scotland	10/10/2018 I believe this is unfair to responsible dog owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I think the way to tackle the problem is to re introduce dog licences, not a mass target of thevgoid and the bad dog owners.
Richmond	England	10/10/2018 To have a dog is good for you mentally and physically..
Loughor	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 The majority of responsible dog owners should not be penalised because of a thoughtless minority
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I always pick up why punish me and my dog?
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Responsible dog walkers should not be punished for the crimes of a careless few!
Risca	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 The proposals are unfair and unjust to the vast majority of responsible dog owners. The consultation process is limited and bias towards the outcome preferred by CCC, and the information/ statistics used to support it are unreliable.
Aberkenfig	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner! Do not punish us for the crimes of others! That is taking the easy way out! Earn your money sort the actual problem out, otherwise you are simply abdicating your responsibilities.
Chessington	England	10/10/2018 Parks belong to everyone not just who the council's say 10/10/2018 I have a dog I walk every day on the llanrumney leisure centre I pick my dogs mess up I can honestly say I don't see a lot of dog mess on there there's more mess from bottles, paper ,cans, solvent abuse, bins being set on fire ,etc
Cheltenham	England	10/10/2018 Dog owners need space they can exercise their dogs. With exercise, dogs are happy and contribute to family life by bringing love and life to a family home
CARDIFF	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Blanket bans are not the way to go. No-one wants to fall into animal faeces whilst playing sport but identify the problem ares and take action at those sites. Home teams should conduct pitch inspections and report findings
Worcester	England	10/10/2018 I agree that dog fouling should be prohibited, but we should be targeting those who actually make the mess, not the entire population of dog walkers! Enforcing the current laws and increasing the dog fouling fines would be a better idea
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 It's ridiculous, punishing the many for the actions of a few.
Cardiff		10/10/2018 It is a ridiculous proposal and the lazy way out for Cardiff council to manage irresponsible dog owners! By punishing everyone including he majority- responsible dog owners.
Saxilby	England	10/10/2018 i am a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I love to walk my dogs and the council banning them from parks leaves us no where to walk them. Council- you are PATHETIC!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I am signing this as i believe it is going way to far in the dogs banning order. you just need to enforce current laws on dog fouling and also stop and check that dog walks have the means to clean up after there pets.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Council should be concerned about more important issues, I think this proposal is a smoke screen so that we dont see how incompetent this council is at dealing with issues that really matter. Leave dog owners alone, get the homeless off the streets
Tongwynlais	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 the majority of dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dogs. Why should all dogs suffer because of a selfish minority of owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 The parklands were a gift to the people of Cardiff. All of us should use them responsibly. This proposed ban scapegoats one group of regular users in favour of occasional weekend users.
Marshfield	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Once again dogs are being persecuted for the minority that dont clean up after their dogs public spaces belong to the people not the council it is a stupid proposed ban
Barry	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I support the cause

		10/10/2018	Responsible dog owners and their dogs should not be excluded from access to public parks
Wanaka		10/10/2018	This is absolute non sense. As so many said there is already plenty of legislation to punish people not picking up dog poo and others. Dogs are Lso an important part of our communities. Stop the nonsense.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Heather Guy
Weston-super-Mare	England	10/10/2018	Don't spoil it for all dog walkers
Cardiff		10/10/2018	Having walked my dog hundreds of times in public parks I always see responsible dog owners cleaning after their dog. Most of the problems are caused by people littering and not taking their rubbish with them. Where will dogs be able to exercise
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I have a dog and it would be awful if she couldn't run around and have freedom.
DALKEITH	Scotland	10/10/2018	Public spaces are for everyone to use responsibly. Don't sweep everyone out because of a few who abuse it.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	This is a lazy proposal which punished the majority and will not change the irresponsible minority
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	It is unfair to punish responsible dog owners who love taking their dogs on the fields and clean up after their animals.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Dog walking is good for physical and emotional well-being and Cardiff must continue to allow dogs in all recreational and marked playing field spaces. I quite agree that anyone caught not clearing up dog mess should face the current fines.
Mold	England	10/10/2018	How narrow minded this is, most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets. These animals and owners need their daily exercise. Wardens and fines for offenders is perfectly acceptable but do not punish the majority for a problem
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	As a responsible dog walker along with the rest of my family I feel it's unfair to penalise due to a minority! I've seen more rubbish than dog mess in these public places!
Borth	England	10/10/2018	I support the welfare of animals, and the people who treat them well.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I support all responsible dog owners who wish to maintain the use of public areas. We are always penalised for the selfish actions of the irresponsible dog owners.
Bassaleg	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	It's a joke - it's just going to cause animal suffering because they won't be able to walk and cause more dog mess on the streets
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I don't agree with an outright ban
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I'm signing this position because exercise for dogs is equally as important it is for people. Furthermore, not every dog owner has a car to travel to areas where dogs are allowed to run freely... and which are also in decline.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Where am I supposed to exercise my dog? Marked pitches are everywhere and a stray paw on to one means a £100 fine! By all means let's get tough on dog fouling but this not the way to do it.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	We have already got by laws in place to deal with dog fouling the council need to enforce them on the minority of dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs foul the big stick approach does not work just punishes the responsible dog owners
Rotherham	England	10/10/2018	Wildly over reaction. Just fine those who don't pick up
LEEDS	England	10/10/2018	I'm signing because these orders punish responsible dog owners while doing little to solve any issues posed by the irresponsible.
Bedale	England	10/10/2018	The many responsible dog walkers should not suffer because of the few idiots.
Hyde	England	10/10/2018	Dogs should be allowed in all parks even if on a leash
Trimdon Grange	England	10/10/2018	Its unfair and devious
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Dogs are an integral part of human society and have been throughout history. They contribute to mental health and socialisation. To maintain health they need to be able to run free. Why destroy lifestyle for the majority
Cardiff		10/10/2018	I feel very strongly that you are penalising the majority because of a minority!! Same old story!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Why punish the 95% of responsible for walkers
Horton	England	10/10/2018	Totally unfair, punishes responsible dog owners, this is just an easy way out for councils to appear to be doing something about lazy dog owners without actually taking action. Come on Cardiff CC, EARN YOUR WAGES, use your brains
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I think the council could spend money on more important things. Also why should dogs and their owners be punished, as not all dog owners are irresponsible
Llanbradach	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I do not believe that persecuting responsible dog owners will solve the problem of the irresponsible not cleaning up behind them. You are trying to introduce an unenforceable ban that will only affect responsible owners.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	It's punishing responsible dog owners xx
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	The council should tackle the real problems of people not cleaning up after dogs not penalise dog walkers whose dogs cannot recognise white painted lines in the grass.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	This is a disproportionate and unjustified attack on law abiding citizens which will do nothing curtail problem owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Enforce the penalties for fouling I'm the first place.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I love walking my dogs in Cardiff parks and we would be very sad if that had to stop.
		10/10/2018	I believe that this measure is disproportionate and feel that enforcing the current laws should be the way forward. I also believe that the questions being asked are too broad and need revising.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I've owned dogs for most of my 66 years. Banning responsible owners is just ludicrous, it will be harder to enforce targeting those responsible for managing their dogs. Common sense must prevail
Kintbury	England	10/10/2018	so where are all the elderly who can't walk in the woods and need a flat open surface to walk their companion go? There are less people who run around one day a week than there are people who exercise with dogs every day.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Responsible owners and their dogs should not be penalised because of a few
Gowerton	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I don't support the ban. Dogs and owners need exercise. Dogs need to be able to run. Old people often can't walk far with their dog and need to be able to let them run free. This is still going to be a problem with fox and other wild animal faeces.
Cardiff		10/10/2018	It is not the dogs that should be punished it is the owners that should be held accountable for fouling and any other issues
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	You're penalising responsible dog owners
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Im a dog lover
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	I'm signing because I think the proposal is draconian and will not deter the irresponsible dog owners furthermore I'm concerned that it will create a precedent that could be used to ban dogs from running free in all public green spaces.
Taff's Well	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should not be punished for irresponsible dog owners. I understand the need to keep marked pitches clear as I have played rugby but there needs to be more dog wardens monitoring these areas not punishing responsible dog owners.
		10/10/2018	It's not fair to punish the majority of responsible dog owners because of the irresponsible minority.
Llanfairfechan	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	My 2 dogs enjoy nothing more than a run in the park and socializing with other friendly dogs. They are under control and I always pick up after them. Not fair to be penalised because of a minority of idiots.
Quakers Yard	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Humans are more of a menace than dogs
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	You are discriminating against responsible dog walkers
Newmarket	England	10/10/2018	Dogs are part of society.. Try education
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Responsible owners do pick up after their dogs. The few irresponsible owners who don't are spoiling it for everyone. By suggesting a ban in local parks the irresponsible owners will just allow their dogs to mess on the streets.
Spring	Texas	10/10/2018	Dogs deserved to be walked!!!
cardiff		10/10/2018	Dogs need walking where are they supposed to go. Train people to be responsible for their dogs...or ban them from having them... pick up your poo or don't have a dog... like people some need to be on leads and others need to run free.
		10/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I think this idea is not only irresponsible but also stupid and very short sighted!
Birmingham	England	10/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner. It's the irresponsible ones that should be banned like the owner who's dog killed my cat. _
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	If you council idiots try to do this it's ridiculous
Waterloo	New York	10/10/2018	No dog should be ban from a park as long as they are controlled and picked up after.
Neath	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	Don't punish the many responsible dog owners because of the few irresponsible ones who won't abide by any laws or regulations anyway.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018	The proposed measures punish the many instead of the few irresponsible dog owners. Walking our dogs is an important recreational activity for thousands of dog owners and we pay our council tax to use the city's recreation facilities.

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Huw for heavens sake stop this nonsense - you've got bigger problems to tackle and don't need to antagonise your constituents in this way. Stop the protection order now
Dundee		10/10/2018 I exercise my dogs in your parks when I attend dog shows around the uk, I may stay in Scotland, but we are well traveled and having free run exercise areas is a must.
Barry	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Its wrong!
Llandough	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Born and breed in Cardiff. My best friend is my dog. I volunteer for Cardiff Dogs Home. Most of my weekends or spent with dogs in parks. This is life changing for me. Another back hander I guess into some councillors pocket.
London	England	10/10/2018 Please don't ban dogs allowed to enjoy our city's parks with their responsible owners.
Worcester	England	10/10/2018 Maybe it should be a temporary thing with enforcement people who can take away badly/untrained dogs that need a lot of retraining and a new owner and then the owner then photographed and prosecuted and banned from owning dogs for life
Liverpool	England	10/10/2018 All dogs should be allowed different places to run free, to take away their freedom is cruel.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner
Torfaen	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 As I don't agree with it, dogs need to run
Laguna Hills	California	10/10/2018 Dogs need to be walked often! If an owner is irresponsible, deal with them, not punish everyone.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	10/10/2018 Dogs contribute to human wellbeing in so many positive ways. Dog walking fosters the sense of community- never more than when dogs are off their leads and playing together. Dogs need the opportunity to run free - problems will ensue if lead restrictions
Bonvilston	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I am a responsible dog walker and my little dog loves her walks and meeting other dogs.
Durham	England	11/10/2018 The law clearly states that a dog control order can only be brought into effect that is reasonable and in proportion to the number of complaints received. Therefore someone from this area should ask to see the record of complaints made about dog owners
Wanganui		11/10/2018 Dogs are part of the family, it is the irresponsible owner that should be penalized, not everyone.
London	England	11/10/2018 This is plain stoopid!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Why should responsible dog owners be penalised for others
Hemel Hempstead	England	11/10/2018 It is very important to be able to walk your dog freely, other wise you will have more dog's being badly behaved.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I understand the issues of preventing dogs polluting playing fields, but the dog owners who let their dogs do this, will still not pick up the mess anywhere. It's a case of punishing all for the sins of the few.
Bishops Cleeve	England	11/10/2018 Responsible dog owners need to exercise their dogs, don't penalise the many because of the few
Nailsea	England	11/10/2018 Punishing the majority because of a minority. Better enforcement of existing laws required, not creating more laws that cannot be enforced!
London		11/10/2018 The actions of a few should not punish the majority. We have big dogs who need to run off lead. To not allow them to run off lead would be cruel to them and if we couldn't walk them in Cardiff, it would make having our dogs near on possible
Auckland		11/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 The evidence suggests that such draconian measures are unnecessary. Target the offenders not the innocent.
		11/10/2018 I think if you a have a dog, he should be walked regularly its his human right.
Tongwynlais	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I think it's absolutely ridiculous to ban dogs from public sports places! Shouldn't be done, dogs and owners should be able to walk freely around these places without the worry of a ban and getting a fine! Ridiculous
Yate	England	11/10/2018 I do not support this draconian discrimination against dog owners.
Brayford	England	11/10/2018 Responsible Dog owners are being discriminated against just get the damn dog wardens out in the parks & start fining people for not picking up after their dogs & letting their dogs be a menace to others.
Ystradfellte	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 This is a ridiculous plan considering the amount of dog owners !!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 If the can't enforce the current rules of fining those who don't pick up then how on earth will they enforce this. It's like they want to stop usage of all parkland so someday down the line they can claim they are not used and then sell the land
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 A Public Space Protection Order is serious- it's a change of law and we should be concerned if the Council is seeking to do this. This one would punish the responsible majority for the actions of an irresponsible few.
		11/10/2018 I support all responsible dog walkers, provided they know their responsibilities to the public and the owner
Ilford	England	11/10/2018 Where can they walk dogs _ if not in the park?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 This is absolutely ridiculous!! Bloody nanny state we live in. Punish the idiots not the genuine dog lovers and owners...!
Bath	England	11/10/2018 Walking dogs helps improve mental health and this proposal would negatively impact responsible people - and their pets
Llwyn Dafydd	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Its the irresponsible owners that ruin it for the others
Oakville	Ontario	11/10/2018 Start punishing the crime makers. Stop blanket making policies that effect law abiding citizens - usual British knee jerk reaction that lets the trouble makers off
Cardiff		11/10/2018 One of the most insidious aspects of these changes is the proposed requirement for dog owners to put their dog on a leash &quot; if instructed to do so by an authorised person.&quot; There is no mention of who the &quot;authorised person&quot; will be
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Where will our dogs be able to run around? You might be left with empty parks!
Cardiff		11/10/2018 I'm guessing this is a joke?
Chester		11/10/2018 Responsible owners and their dogs are being punished
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 This is an absolutely ridiculous plan and it is discriminating against responsible dog owners and dog walkers
		11/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner and regular walk my dog around the parks in all weathers and support the local businesses in those parks by purchasing drinks and food whilst out.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 If abyrhin
		11/10/2018 I'm not a dog owner, but this is absurd! Signed, shared & good luck.
Chippenham	England	11/10/2018 Not all dog owners are irresponsible. Punish the guilty ones not everyone
Brecon	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 An outright ban is totally unnecessary.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Incrementalism. First the dog walkers, next the odd sports pitch and in come the empty apartments. Once it's gone, it's gone.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 The minority of irresponsible dog owners spoil it for the rest.How many owners have been fined for not cleaning up ?my guess not many
Radyr	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner whose dog loves theparks
New Whittington	England	11/10/2018 I own dogs and it is becoming impossible to find a place to walk them
Tongwynlais	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner who loves walking his dog in various Cardiff Parks every day. The Parks are Public Spaces and therefore everyone has the right to use them. Banning dogs you will find will create more trouble for the Council
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Parks are for everyone to ise
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 You can t just stop dog walkers!!!
Old Basing	England	11/10/2018 This is grossly unfair to responsible dog owners and also lazy on part of council. If a small number of owners are not being responsible then address the issue . Do not operate an overall ban .
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I don't think it's fair that people who play competitive sport are to be given greater access to our parks and have more right to exercise. I think it's a blanket policy and is discriminatory against the majority of dog owners, who are responsible.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Not all owners are irresponsible - this is absolutely ridiculous.Where are we supposed to walk our dogs?!
Brecon	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Not all dog owners are irresponsible and it's totally wrong to punish everyone because of those few. The parks are there for everyone and are paid for by everyone.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 No one is more entitled than anyone else to use these recreational areas... make an effort to fine the ones who are leaving their dog poo on the pitches (and anywhere else) and stop trying to punish the people who are responsible and pick it up...
Hemel Hempstead		11/10/2018 surprised to read this esp in wales - who seemtmo be more in touch with things than our english diatribe of a government - the USA seem have better ideas for these types of things, I know how the few dicks ruin it though, but I do think more rules

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Sort out the irresponsible owners not all dog owners. This is so wrong on all levels. What about litterers/ smokers / fly toppers?? You won't stop the non poop scoopers they will continue to foul our paths, This is a ludicrous proposal
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner
Sidcup	England	11/10/2018 This is a knee jerk typically ill thought out proposal. There is no problem with responsible dog ownership.
Pontyclun	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Am signing because these dog need there walk
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner and want to walk my dog freely for my welfare and that of my dog.
Cardiff		11/10/2018 I take my dog with me when my son plays football. He loves her being there and she enjoys sending time on the lead around the children.
Pucklechurch	England	11/10/2018 Totally agree with what has been said.
Congleton	England	11/10/2018 Most people are responsible so should not be punished because of the minority to fail to pick up their dog mess
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 This is totally discriminating against us dog walkers. What's next? Ban mum's with strollers too??? Ridiculous
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 I have a dog and love taking her out but she is not just a dog she is a family member who deserves to come out with us. why dont you ban yobo youths drinking in parks leaving cans and burning bins instead!
Bishopston	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Dogs are not a problem! Look to the owners!!!
Aberdare	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 We should encourage responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs regularly.
Pyle	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 It is not going to stop dogs fouling park land as irresponsible owners won't abide by the ban
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 This penalises the responsible dog owner. Time would better spent enforcing the current laws, I have walked my dog for the last 8 years in Cardiff parks and have never come across a park warden or anyone who enforces the current legislation.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Public spaces are just that public and we should be allowed to use them as we want albeit responsibly, not dictated to by a few.
Cardiff		11/10/2018 100 000 years of co-evolution between humans and dogs means they play a very special part in our society. Dogs as pets are simply a win/win: companions, friends, house alarms, and ever encouraging our increasingly sedate population to get out there
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	11/10/2018 Penalise the minority who don't pick up, by imposing fines, not the majority who do.
Clydebank	Scotland	12/10/2018 My brother Peter has asked for supporters for his wife so here to help them
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I think it's an absolute outrage you banning dogs and owners from parks. Why? Where are we supposed to take them? We both enjoy going over the park and meet our friends. If my dog poos, then I pick it up. Xxx how dare you tell me I and my dog cant go
Chiswick	England	12/10/2018 Ridiculous!
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 The health and well being of myself and my dog.
Langstone	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 (responsible dog owner)
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I am responsible dog owner who will be affected by this unnecessary decision! Those that is designed to affect will still be irresponsible and will not take any notice, as usual the law obiders will suffer more!!
London	England	12/10/2018 It's a simple pleasure - responsible dog owners and their happy dogs enjoy beautiful park land together. There is no alternative. There is enough stress in life without taking this one simple genuine chance for respite and enjoyment away.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 This is crazy I'm a responsible dog owner I should be able to go where i like.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I am a responsible dog walker and always pick up after my dog, why should we suffer because a small minority won't pick up their dogs poop
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I__??
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I__??
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I__dogs
Llancafán	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner And feel I have a right to use the parks I pay taxes to maintain
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Whilst I agree with enforcing fines against those irresponsible dog owners that do not pick up their dog's poo, I do not agree that a ban on all dogs being off the lead is proportionate, reasonable or fair.
Newtown	England	12/10/2018 Why shouldn't dogs use the parks some owners of children don't clean up after them and leave disposable nappies, baby food etc around I have seen it in parks. Come on Cardiff for goodness sake.
Newcastle Upon Tyne		12/10/2018 I cannot believe the council want to stop responsible dog owners enjoying our city's open spaces, shame on them
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 It's really not right or fair to pre-judge all by the actions of a tiny minority. As a society we seem to be all too quick to apply the "one's bad so all are bad" principle.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Dogs need to run and people need to walk. Dog fouling is only a part of the problem. Cardiff has beautiful parks, it is the dirty uncaring humans who should be banned not our park loving dog walkers/owners. They are the ones who really care
Cardiff		12/10/2018 It's ridiculous that dogs should be banned from playing fields - put your money on bloody dog wardens to stop the ppl that don't pick up their mess !!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I walk my dog responsibly. Fine those who don't do so. Operate existing legislation against fouling please.
Boroughbridge	England	12/10/2018 Responsible owners are being jeopardised. Name and shame the irresponsible ones.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 We decided to adopt a dog, not only because we love them but because we wanted our children to grow up with an animal and learn to love and respect another living being. We've spent many a happy day kicking a ball around or throwing a frisbee on the field
Exning	England	12/10/2018 People leave the mess - if the people cleaned up after their dogs and themselves then it wouldn't be a problem
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Most owners are responsible so try and punish the miscreants
Belfast		12/10/2018 Dogs need to be exercised and have places to play as well
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I enjoy walking my 2 dogs in all weather's with my 2 children. The boys often take them out on their own locally and this action would make that very difficult for them.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Dog walking is an excellent way for people to get out and socialise. It comes with physical and mental health benefits. The council are being very short-sighted and disingenuous about the statistics around complaints.
Plymouth	England	12/10/2018 I agree Neville
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Because you should never punish the majority for a minority's actions. Try enforcing your laws already in existence. I don't even have a dog and disagree with this
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Privatised sledgehammer to crack a public nut. Use the present law properly.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I have a dog an always pick up mess. More people need to be fined when not doing so. Especially where kids play.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Of Colin and her freedom!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Surely irresponsible dog owners who don't pick poop up will continue to do so, only now it will be on the pavements?? Why punish everyone? This is ridiculous. I'm not a dog owner but one of my greatest pleasures in life is petting the doggies
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Responsible dog owners already pick up, irresponsible dog owners will ignore any legislation. Dog walking is a social lifeline for many people, preventing loneliness and promoting activity.
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 It's not fair on responsible owners and their dogs!
St Albans	England	12/10/2018 Are the power that be going off their rockers..Want to do something about ALL these out of control kids and wasters
Killay	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 What happens in Cardiff will happen in Swansea, so let's all support this going West down the M4
Brudgend	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 The majority of dog walkers are rrsponsible. Maybe the council should also look at the mess made by the spectators of sports matches in parks, and the rubbish which is left behind!
Manchester	England	12/10/2018 I walk my little dog every day in Roath Park and let him run around with other dogs for exercise in the Recreation Grounds. I've never come across any dog owners who don't clean up after their pups.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 I support this petition as why should we all be penalised for the few lazy irresponsible dog owners who refuse to pick up after their dogs.They should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves .
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Dogs need to have fun too!
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018 Gareth Piper

cwmbran	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	How could this be a thing?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	it seems unfair on the majority of dog walkers who are responsible, and it unclear what the restrictions will be (ie where will dogs be allowed to be exercised off lead)
London	England	12/10/2018	It's always the sensible, responsible owners, who get punished for the few.
Hampshire		12/10/2018	Once again responsible dog owners are being punished because of irresponsible idiots !!!
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	Responsible dog owners pick up after their dog, and there are fines already in place.
Saint Fagans	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	No need for this extra legislation. Unfair to responsible dog owners who respect their surroundings.
Ashton-in-Makerfield	England	12/10/2018	Don't let the council win, they're only doing so to make it easier for them, make them enforce the law of picking up. Ask the council to provide more bins and collection of the bins more frequently, put up security cameras and on the spot fines.
Beddau	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	Many elderly owners have no where else to take their pets ?
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	I am a dog lover with lots of responsible dog owner friends
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner
Glasgow	Scotland	12/10/2018	This can have a pretty bad effect! For those who don't drive and take their dog to their local park for a good walk everyday, that dog will suffer if the park closes and their walks are then limited to grassy areas and pavements
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	Its a bloody stupid idea to persecute every dog owner instead of simply targeting the irresponsible ones.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should not be punished because of a few irresponsible owners
South Chailey	England	12/10/2018	Dogs are man's most wonderful companion, Properly managed they do no harm.
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	It's unfair to judge all dog owners by the careless few. Dogs require exercise and open space in order to live happy fulfilling lives; by banning dogs from all public parks is depriving them of that.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	I love walking my dog around the parks and chatting to other dog (and no dog) owners it's great fun.? Responsible dog owners should not be penalised.
Macgregor		12/10/2018	I want to walk my dog in the park.
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	The proposal is a lazy approach to tackling the problem. Fine the people responsible and make an example of them. The proposed carpet ban equates to stopping all motorists driving on public roads because not everyone wears a seatbelt. Police it properly
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	Cardiff is a city of dog lovers! We can't ban them!
Thornton		12/10/2018	The parks belong to every one - discrimination is unlawful.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	It will cause more problems if dogs are not walked in open areas. I'm happy not to walk on marked pitches but access to surrounding land is necessary
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	Punishing the responsible dog owners! Irresponsible dog owners will continue to be irresponsible and banning dogs from parks will not solve this.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	12/10/2018	We have 2 dogs and when we take them for a run we always clean up after them - it is the only responsible thing to do as we want all of the community to enjoy the lovely green park areas that we have and we should always "clean up" after our fur babies!!
Lincoln		13/10/2018	Why punish all the responsible dog owners who like myself have the respect and decency to carry doggie bags and clean up after my dogs. No excuse it takes literally seconds to pick up. Disrespectful dog owners just ruin it for everyone else. Not fair
Lincoln		13/10/2018	Why punish responsible dog owners who like myself always carry doggie bags and have the decency and respect to clean up after our dogs. It takes literally seconds to pick up. Why should disrespectful, selfish dog owners be allowed to ruin it for everyone
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	I'm a dog owner who always clean up, not only after my dog but people who leave rubbish everywhere but a bin.
		13/10/2018	Because The irresponsible dog owners will continue doing as they please and abide by what the council says. Us poor dog owners who pick up not only our own dogs mess but others mess as well will suffer.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	The proposal is extreme, punitive, and unnecessary. Yes, there is a problem, but it is down to a minority of irresponsible dog owners and that problem already has sufficient legal basis to be tackled.
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	Dog, families, friends, individuals will miss out hugely as these paces represent an area crucial to so many users on so many levels.
Botloe's Green	England	13/10/2018	Harsher penalties are needed for the guilty irresponsible dog owners; please do not penalise the innocent!
Stourbridge	England	13/10/2018	There are many positive ways to support dog owners being responsible. Cardiff - try those first!
Michaelston-le-Pit	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	It's a disgrace as dogs need places to walk and run freely. It will stop myself and many dog owners buying houses in Cardiff in the future. We would rather move to an area outside Cardiff where man's best friend are welcomed.
Swansea		13/10/2018	Spend money on enforcing the present rules!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	We are a nation of dog lovers and I, like so many others, just want to be able to go out with my dog to walk him. I pay my council tax and am always responsible in terms of picking up and making sure he is not causing a nuisance.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner. Like 99.9% of dog owners
Rednal	England	13/10/2018	Responsible owners should not be punished, serious fines should be given to perpetrators and maybe the word would get around that it's cheaper to pick it up and bin it, as educating seems to fall on deaf ears ?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	Banning all dog walkers cos a few irresponsible idiots don't pick up their dog's poo would be like banning all walkers cos a few irresponsible idiots drop litter!
Heaton	England	13/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner and take my dog for walks and clean up after them also I have a dog walker once a week, I think this is getting totally ridiculous banning dog walkers in parks. this is against Animal rights
St Athan	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner. Humans make far more mess than dogs!!! You only got to look at the state of litter left in parks and beaches. Stop using dogs as scapegoats
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	The majority should not be penalised for the wrongs of the minority.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	Dogs need walking.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	This is ridiculous! Punishing all because of an irresponsible few!! Just enforce the dog fouling rules!
plymouth	England	13/10/2018	what would they ban next? thinking?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner who picks up my dog's mess. Police the process you already have in place and make the minority suffer instead of the majority.
London	England	13/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	Our faithful four legged friends need to run and socialise freely. There should be more patrols to catch people who do not pick up their dogs' mess! Dog walkers with half a dozen dogs or more are often guilty of this!
Shanklin	England	13/10/2018	I think it's extremely important for all sorts of reasons for people to be able to walk their dogs in open spaces. Just tighten up / enforce the existing legislation for the few who don't care.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	If an owner doesn't pick up faeces why would having the dog on a lead change their behaviour. Deal with the few owners that are irresponsible not the many that are responsible. I assure the many responsible owners will be the first to support you & help
Pontypridd		13/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog walker and people leave more mess than dogs. It is the minority of dog owners that are irresponsible so do not punish the majority of responsible dog owners. Increase the fines, provide more poop bag bins and support
Hemsby	England	13/10/2018	The ban is unjust
London		13/10/2018	Why punish responsible dog owners for the behaviour of a minority? I love walking through Cardiff parks and having dogs come up to say hello.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	We are responsible dog owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	This ban seems to be a symptom of a wider hostility to dogs and other animals by certain sections of our society. It is draconian and a knee-jerk reaction.
Colwinston	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	No all of us are irresponsible.
		13/10/2018	I don't agree with this proposal. Most dog owners are very responsible and this will be very limiting for dog walkers.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	It's ridiculous, already driving out nature from our lives, dogs are a man's best friend

Ullapool	Scotland	13/10/2018	Typical LAZY Authoritarian Council mentality of You versus We, &quot;NO you can't&quot;; rather than think a thing through and say &quot;Yes we can if we ....employ another dog warden...or DNA dog Poo ...or...use Offenders on Community Service....
Swindon		13/10/2018	Paul evans
East Horsley	England	13/10/2018	freedom of movement for most of us is essential ... this is an unfair and unjust proposal
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	13/10/2018	In a city, green spaces are vital to the wellbeing of people and animals alike.
Bristol	England	13/10/2018	An outright ban is excessive and unfair on the majority of dog owners who are responsible.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker who should not be penalised for the irresponsible few. I pick up after my dog and will continue to do so and this proposal will not stop those who choose not to pick up after their dog.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	How will dog owners walk their dogs at all? Xx
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Owners who don't pick up their mess already ignore the rules. The same people will ignore the new rules while everyone else is penalised. Please see sense and enforce the current sensible regulations that 99.9% of owners adhere to.
Leeds	England	14/10/2018	This will not solve the problem of inconsiderate owners not picking up nor will it necessarily work. Unless people are caught, prosecuted and fined they won't bother because they are selfish, ignorant and couldn't care less. Hit them where it hurts
Newbridge	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Xjackie jones
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Responsible owners and pets enjoy and appreciate the parks as much as the rest of us!
Cardiff		14/10/2018	I disagree with the ban
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker who always cleans up after my dogs.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	This would punish all dogs and dog walkers instead of the few irresponsible owners who are unlikely to abide by new rules anyway
Leskovac		14/10/2018	I care.
Llanidloes	England	14/10/2018	It is not fair to stop responsible dog owners to use the parks
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Dog walkers should not be punished for the minority. I often take my dog with me to watch my son play rugby. This will not be possible if we are banned from parks!
pontyclun	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Enforcement laws exist for irresponsible dog owners, enforce them! Just as enforcement laws exist for people who litter, enforce them as well!!!
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Freedom to use public parks and spaces should be open for everyone to use. More should be done to educate and stop irresponsible pet owners from causing dismay.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	My dogs are well behaved and happy running off lead.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	If you implement this ban I will vote you out whoever I have to vote for in the process
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Do not punish the responsible owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Responsible Dog owners must not be punished for the behaviour of a few who. Rights and responsibilities go hand in hand.
		14/10/2018	Dog walkers should not be tarnished with the same brush
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who cleans up after my dog
Penarth	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner..
Clitheroe	England	14/10/2018	Dogs are some peoples only companions - and they need supporting.
Baryons	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Julia morris
Birchgrove	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	The majority of good dog owners shouldn't be penalised by the minority. More wardens in parks would solve any issues
Redhill	England	14/10/2018	Dogs need good exercise to be healthy and happy, and responsible dog owners shouldn't be denied the right to walk their pets responsibly.
Cardiff		14/10/2018	I've never read such utter nonsense.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	Dogs are family! We do a lot of our family bonding this way
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I believe that the vast majority, i.e. the responsible dog owners, should not be penalised for the actions of a few.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I walk my two dogs responsibly. Do not penalise me for the poor behaviour of others. Employ a dog warden for parks
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	You to penalise the majority because of a small minority. Do your job & start clamping down on the offenders. People who walk dogs off leads & let them roam around not paying any attention to where they do their business.
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I'm signing this petition as the plan is foolish, ill conceived and totally unjustified. It is unbecoming of a capital city and will deprive many people and their dogs a basic pleasure essential to modern life.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	I've signed as a Volunteer Litter Picker with my Collie supporting Keep Wales Tidy and saving Cardiff Council thousands every year. Use the thousands of Volunteers save you to employ more Enforcement Officers or more CCTV
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	14/10/2018	My dog is family and therefore should be able to walk in the park with me anytime
wishaw	Scotland	15/10/2018	How ridiculous is this, ban drunk people, people who take drugs and if anything bad dog owners, but not the dogs. Most people clear away any dog mess and it is the very few who don't who is spoiling it for those who do.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	Rather than enforce the current rules the Council want to impose a ban. I would say unbelievable but with Cardiff Council nothing is unbelievable.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	This is a ludicrously overzealous proposal, which will hamper the enjoyment of Cardiff's green spaces for thousands.
london	England	15/10/2018	Dogs contribute to keeping owners mentally and physically well. The least we can do is allow them to be able to run free so they can run off steam, sniff and explore .. their natural behaviour.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	It's not fair to punish everyone for mistakes that a small minority make. So many families with dogs go to the park, how can you say they can go to the park but not with the dog. The dog is family too! You need to find another way!
Port Talbot	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	You close down safe spaces for dogs such as action petz yet give owners no where safe to go and now want to stop dogs walking in public altogether????! No common sense of you are trying to stop bad dog behaviour by punishing everyone else
Bristol	England	15/10/2018	I am a dog owner.
Yate	England	15/10/2018	Dogs have been proven to be beneficial to the well being of many elderly people and also provide health benefits through dog walking. Never trust a person who doesn't like dogs and that includes councillors.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner that always cleans up after my well behaved and well trained dog. Bye laws already exist that allow the council to fine irresponsible dog owners. These fines should be enforced to punish the guilty few
London	England	15/10/2018	Because it is always to punish the many for the sake of the few.
Powys	England	15/10/2018	Parks are for people and 4paws
Worth	England	15/10/2018	We live in too much of a 'nanny' state now.....where will it end?!
London	England	15/10/2018	It makes sense
London	England	15/10/2018	This will only move the problem not solve it. Stop fire fighting problems and work toward real long term solutions
Plymouth		15/10/2018	We have two Westies and I have never fully understood why people refuse to pick up after their dogs.
London	England	15/10/2018	Don't punish the majority because you can't find a way to punish the minority.
London		15/10/2018	Most dog walkers are entirely responsible. This seems to be very unfair!!
Newport	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner, I clear up my dogs mess, stopping people from going to parks will not solve the issue, the people who do not clear up after their dogs won't give a damn where their dogs poo !!
Singapore		15/10/2018	My friend's dogs have no where to walk! So cruel
Orpington	England	15/10/2018	Don't punish the majority because of the actions of inconsiderate people



ROYSTON	England	15/10/2018	Responsible dog owners do not cause issues.
Grays	England	15/10/2018	It will set a president for other areas otherwise! Where are we supposed to walk/ set up specific dog parks!
Orpington	England	15/10/2018	Thoughtless over reaction just like the dangerous dogs act was.
Dorking		15/10/2018	It's outrageous to ban all because of a minority
Kircubbin	Northern Ireland	15/10/2018	I'm signing on behalf of the majority who are responsible dog owners, Don't penalise the many because of the antisocial actions of the few.
Greenhithe Kent	England	15/10/2018	I'm assuming the person who put this in place doesn't own a dog?
London	England	15/10/2018	So, so silly issue a blanket punishment!
West Kingsdown	England	15/10/2018	There are already restrictions on dog walkers and most of us follow them, Parks and playing fields need monitoring against people who leave their litter, anti social behaviour etc so are these people going to be banned as well.
Dagenham	England	15/10/2018	This is insane, how can this be justified. The many should not be punished for the actions of a few. Drug users and teenagers are a major source of anti social behaviour and I don't see adults and children being banned! Delusional logic
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	Persecuting me and my dog won't make irresponsible dog owners pick up their mess. You have the power to fine people but don't enforce it. Don't criminalise me.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	The issues do not require a ban???
		15/10/2018	Responsible dog owners and their dogs should not be punished for the actions of irresponsible dog owners
London	England	15/10/2018	No such thing as problems Mr council just situations arising that somehow always you use a sledge hammer. Take some advice from people that know.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	I understand the problem that dog faeces in pitches causes. However, this proposal will punish responsible dog owners without changing the behaviour of irresponsible people. In the last four months I have adopted two lurchers from the Council's Dogs Home
Swanmore	England	15/10/2018	People with dogs have the right to use the space to
		15/10/2018	You need to look at the root of the problem and not just slap a plaster on the issue Education for dog owners would be a good start
		15/10/2018	Responsible dog walkers need access to public parks for the wellbeing of dogs and of the people of Cardiff.
Carson	California	15/10/2018	I too believe responsible dog owners are RESPONSIBLE.
Dinas Powys	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	Surely if this is the case, the council will also have to provide dog friendly walking areas?
Hersham	England	15/10/2018	Stop this insanity make irresponsible owners your target
Rockwell Green	England	15/10/2018	I am a dog lover & with responsible owners dogs should be allowed in parks & any public place
Wigan		15/10/2018	public is public not reserved
Wigan	England	15/10/2018	This is a slipper slope to a nanny state and being told what you can think and what you can have / do etc. We all have to live together and accept the good and bad behaviour as we individually see it in everybody in our communities and accept that we are
Scunthorpe	England	15/10/2018	Dogs need freedom
London	England	15/10/2018	It's a RIDICULOUS proposal. Deal with the irresponsible owners NOT those who are easy targets.
Alton	England	15/10/2018	This is certainly discrimination against responsible dog owners and will affect the welfare of many dogs.
Beddau	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker
New Addington	England	15/10/2018	Dogs have rights too! One of them is to run freely.
Gillingham		15/10/2018	A community resource must be open to all the community members and their dogs.
Abertridwr	Wales; Cymru	15/10/2018	It's wrong to bad everyone because of the few.
Troedyrhiw	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	Dogs need to have freedom, as do their owners!
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	I have a dog and would never dream of letting her soil any public place let alone a park. Also, I feel that dog owners should be penalised from using local parks. If we visit then we contribute to the economy. Pubs that allow dogs in thrive! Take note
Barking	England	16/10/2018	Parks are for all - animal and human.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	This is a rash and badly thought out proposition on behalf of the council which will sadly punish the community of responsible dog owners in Cardiff.
Cardiff		16/10/2018	I am a responsible dog walker and those of us who are (and we definitely outweigh the ones that are not) we should not be punished. We should be allowed to walk our dogs in local parks and fields we pay our council tax.
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	This is punishing the good dog owners who are responsible
Shaw	England	16/10/2018	Dogs need a space to be walked! Forza responsible dog owners!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	How will this stop dogs fouling, the irresponsible owners will still leave their dogs mess even if they are on a lead, no different.
Pembroke Dock	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	This is a ridiculous money making scheme.
Radyr	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner like the vast majority of others in Cardiff. Please don't penalise us for the awful behaviour of a few.
Swansea	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	It's the right thing to support responsible dog owners
Llandudno	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	I think it is so unfair that there are so little places where you can exercise your dogs especially as we are supposed to be a nation of dog lovers
Andover	England	16/10/2018	I am a dog owner and it is very unfair to do this due to a few irresponsible dog owners, most of us pick up other peoples poo too!
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	Outrage! I always pick up after my dog, talk about punishing the innocent!
Llanwrtyd Wells	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	It's not fair to punish dogs and responsible owners for the few irresponsible owners who don't pick up after their dogs. Put cameras up to catch them then fine them.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	Dog walking breaks loneliness and promotes healthy lifestyles. Apply strict penalties to those who break laws, don't penalise us.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	Just another easy option from Cardiff Council. Deal with few don't punish the majority. If they can put wardens out to "catch" people who will walk their dogs off leads then where are they now and why aren't they tackling the people who don't clean up
Newport	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who enjoys many walks in local parks, public attractions etc
Worcester	England	16/10/2018	It is important that dogs do not become discriminated against, many families have dogs and will use these spaces.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	16/10/2018	It's a completely stupid idea, responsible dog owners shouldn't be punished for others ignorance
Birmingham	England	16/10/2018	It isn't right to ban responsible dog owners from parks.
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	F j Johnson
Cwmdu		17/10/2018	I have never heard of anything more ridiculous
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner, who walks my dog around the local park
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I am a Council Tax payer and am happy to contribute to support many services that I do not use, but object to restrictions on what WILL affect me as a RESPONSIBLE dog-owner!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	Knee jerk small minded reaction typical of an ineffectual inefficient Labour council. Another example of the nanny state.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	It punishes everyone and will not change the actions of irresponsible dog owners who will then move the problem on to street, footpaths and pavements.
		17/10/2018	Cuz i can
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	Rather than pick on responsible dog owners, how about cracking down on teens and adults riding bicycles in parks displaying "No cycling" signs?

Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I'm a responsible dog owner.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I'm signing this because my spaniel does not walk on a lead, she pulls and she needs to run. I do not want to walk her in the woods where I do not feel safe. I am a responsible dog owner and always clear up after her,
Camberwell		17/10/2018	I love to see dogs out and about, it helps people connect and provides a sense of community between dog owners. This is especially important to the elderly and those whos only form of connection is with fellow dog walkers,
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	It's very unbalanced and un-necessary and badly thought out, Very one sided and against dogs and decent dog owners.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I'm signing because I live in Cardiff, I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog. I feel responsible dog owners are being penalised for the few who do not.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	It is just plain wrong to discriminate against the majority, because of the few.
Caerdydd	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	It's unreasonable to ban responsible dog owners from walking their dogs in local parks. Police the irresponsible owners!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I have a dog and walk at this location I am Responsible and always clean upAfter my dog,i feel it will be a waste of open space
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I have two dogs who rely on the use of Roath Park, I will continue to walk them here if any ban is imposed. During the autumn and winter the only people using the parks are dog owners. It would be a pointless, unenforceable rule.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	People who play football and rugby also leave a mess in the parks if you stop dog walkers you have to ban them as well. Anybody who go over the parks after a football match or rugby game will see the mess.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I feel the dogs and their owners are being punished for the minorities issues. Majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs, They deserve the freedom of run. Needs to be more discussion on this before deciding on implementation.
Newport	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	Irresponsible dog owners will pay no more attention to this than they do to existing rules regarding cleaning up mess or controlling their dogs.Instead it will penalise those who use the spaces responsibly to exercise both themselves and their dogs
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	17/10/2018	I am of the same mind as the messages I have read ,and feel strongly about the amount of litter thrown about the playing fields after teams have been using them ,mostly plastic ,but also glass ,cans and food wrappers , not all empty either !
penarth	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	What about people who drop litter or is a people ban next!!!!
Cardiff.	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	It's a daft idea & with the chat about loneliness being current news it's just silly. Target those irresponsible dog walkers who can't be bothered picking up their dog's mess.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	This whole issue is outrageous.We've had dogs for donkeys years & all of a sudden it's been decided that they are actually a bad idea, so let's just keep the poor souls tied up, not exercised or socialised, even though we know that dogs are social animals
Cardiff		18/10/2018	It's a dreadful thing to do..
London	England	18/10/2018	It's unfair to not let dogs walk freely in public parks in Cardiff
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	Will not impact on Irresponsible dog owners they will still ignore the rules.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	Punish the irresponsible dog owners not those that pick up, responsible dog owners should be allowed to let their dogs run free and enjoy themselves
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	Just another excuse for Cardiff Council to make money by imposing fines. The mess left on the pitches after matches is outrageous. Why not fine them for the mess THEY leave.
Cape Town		18/10/2018	A ban of this nature would seriously reduce the quality of life for many residents of Cardiff who need their walks in the open air for their physical and mental well-being. By reducing the places where dogs can be walked,
		18/10/2018	Dogs are a humans best friend ! You don't treat friends like this .
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	If the PSPO is applied to marked pitches, it will be impossible to walk your dog off lead in many of Cardiff's parks.
Cardiff		18/10/2018	Really. Just ban everything. Much quicker.
Pontyclun	Wales; Cymru	18/10/2018	I'm signing because most dog owners clear up dog mess and appreciate parks for their dogs to enjoyWhy should we be penalised for the few irresponsible idiots?
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	All this does is create misery and conflict. People should be able to walk their dogs freely. If poo is an issue get serious about fining people.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Blanket bans aren't the answer. Deal with bad dog owners instead
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Responsible dog owners already clean up after their dogs and ensure their dogs are trained properly. It is the irresponsible dog owners who will ignore this ruling anyway, thereby punishing the innocent once again.
Cardiff		19/10/2018	Seems like a bit of a money spinner for the Council, and I doubt if this would be suggested if the Council wasn't short of cash, if so, I'm all for fining irresponsible owners at least £1,000. Just need to enforce the existing laws properly
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	It is disproportionate and demonises responsible dog owners without tackling the irresponsible few.
Knott End-on-Sea	England	19/10/2018	Our right to be able to walk our dogs should not become more than a rimil
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	A complete ban on dogs off the lead is just ridiculous and punishes everyone for the actions for a minority who are irresponsible.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	We are responsible dog owners and clear up after our pets,by using our parks we consent to be under scrutiny by wardens,if were driven out of parks were not,anyway whose bright idea was this
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	what a waste of time and money at a time of cutbacks completely wrong priorities
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Responsible dog owners should not be penalised for the poor behaviour of a minority group of people.
New Quay	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	I'm against banning dogs from park
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Im signing because of the impact it would have on responsible dog owners who walking their dogs is a life line.
Caerphilly	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	As a responsible dog owner I am appalled at this proposed action. My dog needs lots of exercise and we live close to all the proposed areas. It's not fair to punish me and my dog for the failings of others
Llandough	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Its a totally ridiculous idea. We're supposed to be BEING ACTIVE. Walking with your dog is active. Save the money spent on this stupid campaign and put more bins in the streets. Enforce existing legislation upon any irresponsible dog owners
CARDIFF	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	If dogs are banned from sports pitches, it doesn't leave much inner city green space to enjoy. It'll probably create more dog mess on pavements.. and the council are ineffective at enforcing fines under the current rules anyway.
Wenvoe	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Dog walkers should be responsible for cleaning up the dog poo and councils should make sure that there are plenty of pins and regularyou empty them to not penalise the responsible ones
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	I had two dogs and always pick up their mess!
Llanrumney	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Making the lives of responsible dog owners more difficult and less enjoyable won't stop the problems caused by people who think that the rules just don't apply to them. It's unfair to penalise the responsible majority for the actions of the irresponsible
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Susan wardle
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	I agree that dogs shouldn't be walked on pitches and sports fields but a blanket ban is disproportionate to the problem.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	I am a responsible dog owner who cares about our parks and fields and regularly picks up waste left by people and bins it when out walking our 2 dogs. Make them accessible to all and enforce litter dumping rather than excluding a large number
bodmin	England	19/10/2018	As a dog walker In a small country town with a great many dogs & it having a lovely 'dog friendly ' park that also leads to open country side I see, especially at weekends many dog owners who's attitude needs addressing. Do not blame or punish the many
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	This is wrong and totally unfair on responsible dog owners
Cardiff		19/10/2018	I will be devastated if I can no longer freely walk my sociable adorable dogs at my local field's. I think it's shocking. I work with dogs and I can safely say that we will face some very difficult times ahead if the ban is passed. We will see anti social
London		19/10/2018	This is a terrible idea. I'll have to train my dog not to walk over a white line. Whoever came up with this idea is a dick.
Bath	England	19/10/2018	This is not the answer and cannot work
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	Fed up with minority rule - sort this out and leave the responsible owners alone!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	People and their pets should be encouraged to enjoy the great outdoors, the whole reason for parks is to provide this opportunity. The council's proposal is ridiculous
Birmingham	England	19/10/2018	You don't have to keep children on a lead, so why a dog. I've seen children that I would be more frightened of, compared to a few dogs. Responsible owners quite often don't need to control their dog via a lead, because they've spent time & money training
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	19/10/2018	I believe this is a disproportionate response which penalises responsible dog walkers
Hulver Street	England	20/10/2018	This is unfair on the responsible dog owners, the others-just pick up ur dogs poo!!
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018	There's already rules in place to deal with the small minority of dog owners who aren't responsible whilst walking their dogs. There's no need for this. As usual the few are ruining things for everyone.
Dinas Powys	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018	Dog walking in parks is a wonderful way for people to get some exercise away fro traffic fumes. Owning a dog is good for mental health

Cinderford	England	20/10/2018 Ex Cardiff lad who brings his well behaved dog back now and then, Cardiff turning into big brother?
cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 Not all dog owners are irresponsible it's the minority that spoils it for everyone
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner. Why am I being penalised for the minority. If the Council emptied the bins it would help.
Rotherham	England	20/10/2018 I want to walk my dog or it won't get healthy??
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 The actions of an irresponsible minority should not adversely impact the wellbeing of the majority of dogs. 20/10/2018 Fully understand fines for dog mess, more controls on aggressive dogs. But banning all dogs from already limited places is not fair on the vast majority that do look after their dog properly. The ones who don't aren't going to be deterred from a ban like 20/10/2018 Why should the responsible citizens amongst us be punished with this proposal.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 I know responsible dog owners
Bolton	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 I am a dog owner who is responsible and cares for the environment. We all should be able to enjoy public places with our pets.
Cardiff		20/10/2018 I want to walk my dog freely and always clean up after him. Don't penalize us for lazy dog owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 You should be able to freely walk your dog's in parks
Hengoed	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 Don't punish the good dog owners. It's not fair we have to suffer due to irresponsible dog owners.
Derbyshire		20/10/2018 It is easier for councils to punish responsible dog owners than impose existing laws on the lazy, ignorant irresponsible ones. Many people take the opportunity not just to responsibly exercise and socialise their dogs but also themselves.
	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 I am responsible dog owner and owned many dogs for over 30 years and have always cleaned up after my dogs Please take into account the many many responsible owners who walk their dogs in parks as this is for many a safe place to walk them not everybody f 20/10/2018 It's only fair that irresponsible owners are dealt with, but it's completely ridiculous to penalise responsible owners
Cambridge		20/10/2018 We should encourage responsible pet owner not marginalise the good owners
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 I am a Volunteer Litter Picker with my Companion Dog saving Cardiff Council thousands of pounds a year !!
Cardiff		20/10/2018 There are already rules for irresponsible owners, we just have to enforce them and not punish the responsible dog owners, some people drop rubbish on the floor, does that mean you are going to stop all humans walking along a pavement!!!
Liskeard	England	20/10/2018 I'm a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog. Don't penalise me and my dog for the few owners out there who can't be bothered. Our walks are so important to us and my dog loves to run free off his lead.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 It's crazy, dogs and their walking buddies enjoy socialising, young and old. Responsible dog owners, I hate that term but couldn't think of another term, pick up dog poo and berate those who don't. It saddens me that the local council have listened to the
Pentre	Wales; Cymru	20/10/2018 I am a dog owner who lives in the Rhondda and the RCT Council has already brought this ban into effect. However, I don't remember having any kind of vote or say on this as an individual dog owner. Many owners didn't
Cuenca		21/10/2018 I'm sure all the politicians don't have dogs and are so confused with Brexit that they have totally overseen what they have done! 99% of dog owners clean up after them without even thinking about it. But as always the majority has to suffer
Cuenca		21/10/2018 Forgot to tell you, I have six dogs and hundreds of plastic bags ?
Derbyshire		21/10/2018 Hi Darren, if I were you I'd have said 'biodegradable' bags.
Derbyshire		21/10/2018 Hi Darren, you obviously meant to say &quot;biodegradable bags&quot;!
Bridgend	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 Enforce the current legislation then there is no need for this new legislation which will punish responsible dog owners. 21/10/2018 I agree
Chessington	England	21/10/2018 Banning all dogs may seem easier & cheaper than working with the legislation already in place. However it's unfair; penalising very many innocent dog owners, and will have a detrimental effect on many people's lives, and their dogs'. It is a badly thought
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 We're not all irresponsible dog owners.
Newcastle-under-Lyr	England	21/10/2018 In support of my friends in Cardiff _
Wolverhampton	England	21/10/2018 I support responsible dog owners who clean up after their pets.
Warwick	England	21/10/2018 This is ridiculous. Councillors tried to introduce this in Warwick and the public outcry was amazing. Two councillors lost their seats. Instead invest your dog wardens.
London	England	21/10/2018 The vast majority of dogs are kept in a way which enhances the health and wellbeing of their owners and others. Support responsible dog owners; restricting their freedom will not solve the problems caused by those who do not respect the environment
Colchester	England	21/10/2018 It would be a tragedy for the wonderful green space to be denied dog walkers. 21/10/2018 Having lived in Australia and experienced 'dog parks' as the only public off leash spaces I have seen the detrimental effects such restrictions have. Existing rules should be enforced and responsible dog ownership encouraged.
Cardiff		21/10/2018 The vast majority of dog walkers are responsible owners, don't punish us for the few that aren't.
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 Don't penalise the vast majority - fine the irresponsible owners who allow their dogs to foul - use the resource to enforce that instead of this ill thought out scheme
Cardiff		21/10/2018 I am a responsible dog owner who objects to being punished because the law has no teeth when it comes to a few individuals. In 1947 the 5th Marquess of Bute presented much of Bute Park, nearby Sophia Gardens and Cardiff Castle itself
Saint Mellons	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 My wife and I are responsible dog owners, we always clean up after our dogs. We shouldn't be penalised because of the irresponsibility of others. There are becoming fewer and fewer places to walk dogs. The onus should be in the councils
Cardiff	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 I have 2 dogs and giving them the freedom to run off lead is wonderful for them
Barry	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 All dogs need to be walked. Why do they have to make things so difficult
Pontprennau	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 This penalises responsible dog owners because of a minority. Enforce the current laws for dog fouling.
Pontypridd	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 Your proposed action in banning dogs is discriminatory, unjustified and an over-reaction to a minor problem that is easily solved by proper policing and enforcement - not taking the convenient and lazy option of punishing every one Outrageous!
Merthyr Tydfil	Wales; Cymru	21/10/2018 You cannot punish responsible for walkers for people who refuse to pick up their dog poo. It's disgusting and dangerous for small children and the owners who don't pick it up should be punished not the ones who do!

## **Appendix F - Councillor Enquiries**

### Those against the proposed Dog Controls

#### Punishing dog owners/walkers

“It is completely unfair. Most of us pick up after our dogs, it is just a small amount of people who do not. So why punish us all because of a few.”

“The blanket exclusion of dogs from all enclosed parks and marked pitches would have a detrimental effect on the lives of many residents and would mean some of the parks local to us are redundant 90% of the time.”

#### Responsibilities

“Under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, owners must provide for the welfare needs of their animals, including the necessary amount of exercise each day. Local authorities should be aware of the publicly accessible parks and other public places in their area which dog walkers can use to exercise their dogs without restriction.”

“In addition, those out walking their dogs act as “early warning eyes, ears and hands for the Council, advising on things such as vandalised pitches and posts, fallen trees and branches, over-flowing litter bins, broken gates and fences, anti-social behaviour, as well as providing local insights and information to Police and Community Support Officers.”

#### Alternative methods

“The suggestion that the only alternative legislation to the repealed The Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 is PSPO is misinformed, and there are other legislation that could allow the council to issue FPN.”

“With reference to the March 2017 report to the Director of City Operations, the only option that was outlined was the PSPO, no suggestion of CPN, increased enforcement, nor further dog owner education.”

“Councils should also consider whether alternative options [such as Community Protection Notices] are available to deal with problems around irresponsible dog ownership or dogs being out of control...[DEFRA] has produced detailed guidance in the form of a practitioner’s guide on the range of tools available to deal with irresponsible dog ownership.”

#### Complaints data

“No analysis has been provided regarding the 500 complaints. From Appendix B (Examples of complaints in parks relating to Dog Control in Cardiff) of the 12 July meeting, there is a document listing around 90 complaints, dating from September 2008 to September 2017. Only seven are listed within 2016/2017. As this seems to be a database search of complaints relating to dogs from the Cardiff Council system that catalogues complaints, it would make sense that the 500 mentioned for 2016/2017 would be in this list. But they can’t be, we can only count 7.”

“Cardiff Council’s proposal is a broad brush and a blanket restriction across Cardiff. This approach is something that many organisations like the RSPCA, the Kennel Club, and the LGA guidance do not support as the way of dealing with dogs and their owners.”

### Toxocariasis

“But what about the danger posed by toxocariasis? This is a potentially life-changing infection caused by nematodes (ie.worms) and their larva which, if contracted by a human and not treated promptly and effectively, can cause major damage to human tissue. Fortunately, the incidence is extremely rare – you are more likely to be struck by lightning (average of 18 people a year in the UK7) than to contract toxocariasis. In an urban environment the 2 most common sources of toxocariasis are the faeces of urban foxes and stray cats. Studies<sup>7</sup> have found that, across Wales & England, the prevalence in foxes is 55.9% and in stray cats is 34.8%.”

### Litter and Bins

“My concern is regarding excluding dogs from marked pitches. I live adjacent to Thornhill Park which is pretty much all taken up by marked pitches. I have enjoyed exercising my dogs off leash in this area for years. Whilst doing this I and fellow neighbours with dogs have picked up litter left by other users such as plastic bottles and wrappers from clubs using the pitch and broken glass, cans, bottles food containers and used disposable barbecues left behind by teenagers in the summer.”

“The bins are full of poo bags at Thornhill Park are also testament to the responsible attitude of the dog owners of Thornhill.”

“We believe that the issue of dog mess is overstated as my husband did sweeps of the pitches for rubbish and dog mess before each game played in parks across Cardiff and there was rarely dog mess but without fail there would be other rubbish to pick up.”

### Change in dog’s behaviour

“Many people only have the Cardiff Parks, which are mostly marked as playing fields, to allow off leash exercise and by excluding dogs from these areas there will be many frustrated and unsocialised dogs as a result. This will result in more noise disturbance by dogs who would otherwise be happy after a good run in the morning and also an increase other unwanted behaviours such as dog bites.”

### Adverse effects of the proposed dog controls

“If the PSPO is brought in as suggested it will have a detrimental effect on many dog owners, dog walkers and perhaps small business owners as well.”

“The latest figures suggest that one in every four households have a pet dog. Dog ownerships results in physical and mental health benefits for the whole family.”

“I was concerned to hear that the Council are considering a ban on dogs on marked sports fields. This would limit the area I can walk my dog to 1 of the 3 fields in the park. My wife and I walk the dog and it not only provides exercise for the dog but

also exercise for the two of us. I am sure if it wasn't for their pets many people would not be out walking as often as they are with their pets. This I am sure would have a knock on effect on the health and wellbeing of many people."

"I like many elderly people have a dog for company. We elderly people are told to keep moving, now Cardiff Council are trying to stop us walking our dogs in parks."

"Cardiff is a green city, our parks are for everyone as long as they use them respectfully. There is no reason why these areas cannot be multi purpose. Dog walkers are often the only ones in Pontcanna Fields and Llandaff Fields during the week (if they weren't , I don't think I would feel completely safe walking there)."

"Dogs need to run and play! There is so much dog and animal cruelty in this world and this proposal will encourage lazy owners to walk on pavements or to miss walks altogether. It will see an upsurge in people dumping their dogs or handing them to dog's homes. It will decrease the chances of dog's being exercised properly which will be bad for their mental and physical health."

"As a female who often walks my dog alone I like to walk on the open fields, I would not feel safe being pushed to the obscured boundaries and the woods."

### Consultation

"It also appears that the consultation process itself is flawed, thereby generating hostility and suspicion as well as undermining the credibility of any ban introduced as a result. Some information appears to have been presented by the council in a misleading way, and one question, for example, lumps playing fields in with schools and playgrounds; of course people won't want dogs to roam free on school land, but there was no option to select individual different types of places."

"The questions in the consultation are leading and do not invite a balanced response - for example we are asked if our life is negatively affected by dogs or neutral, but there is no option for positively affected."

## Those in favour of the proposal on dog controls

“As responsible dog owners, we would support increased and better enforcement, and we’d welcome seeing Enforcement Officers on patrol, and so would many other dog owners we know. This would not only tackle the uncommon issue of dog owners not picking up after their dogs, but also tackle the extensive littering that was seen in Victoria Park throughout this summer.”

“I would be willing to agree with many of the suggestions in the proposed PSPO such as the exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, and Schools, which are owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council and the condition that dogs should be kept on a lead in cemeteries.”

“No one is denying the suggestion that all dog owners should pick up after their dog.”

“I completely agree that dog fouling in public areas is definitely an issue that needs attention. The issue of dog fouling in public spaces is unacceptable and irresponsible but I believe it is the minority of dog owners spoiling it for the majority (as with all things).”

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“As a dog owner, I strongly support measures to tackle irresponsible dog ownership and fouling. A better solution to the problem would be to increase fines for dog fouling and for the council to actually implement the powers it already has to give these fines where necessary. The fact that so few fines have been given for dog fouling in recent years speaks volumes to me about how seriously the Council is actually taking this problem. I do not see why responsible dog owners in Cardiff should be penalised simply because Cardiff Council is unwilling or unable to take action in ways that might actually do something to reduce the amount of dog fouling in the city.”

“I would like to note that I, along with most other responsible dog walkers, of course agree that dogs should be banned from school playgrounds, play parks, cemeteries and there should be active enforcement for dog fouling but we need open spaces to exercise our dogs (and ourselves).”

“There are elements of the proposal I understand and agree with. For example, I think it’s fair to ask that dogs are not taken onto School grounds and remain on-lead in cemeteries. I also think it would be fair to ask that dogs are kept on a lead during official sports team training or game sessions.”

“I am most disappointed to read that you are thinking of dropping the idea of a ban on dogs on marked sports pitches. If you feel that it is okay for a dog to mess on a sport pitch provided that a very very responsible dog owner picks it up may I get you and all your fellow councillors to roll on an area of grass that has just has a dog

mess picked up off it, especially if it nice and wet. I am sure that you would not wish to do this.”

“The other issue is that very often a dog runs onto a pitch whilst my son’s football team plays football and starts chasing the children or the ball. Who wants this when you are trying to play football? How will this be prevented? May be you should fine any dog owner £500 if they allow their dog to mess on a sports pitch whether they pick it up or not. Also a fine for allowing their dog to enter onto a pitch while a game is in progress.”

“I visit the City regularly, and it would be a disaster if one or more of my children, or grandchildren, were to pick up some disease though leftover animal waste being spread on the grass at one or more of the playing fields.”

“The fines for fouling from dogs is a unarguable case. Dog owners have a responsibility to clear up and dispose appropriately of their dogs’ faeces in any area used by the public. Ideally, there should be no fouling in sports areas as even the residue following clearing up can be a source of infection. However, I am not sure how feasible it is banning dogs from open sports pitches.”

“Considering parks where there are facilities for humans such as gardens, children’s playing areas, tennis courts, bowling greens, walking trails, then keeping dogs on a lead is a reasonable request. Keeping dogs on a lead is keeping a dog under control preventing them from running and behaving unpredictably. Safety of others and other dogs is improved. Areas which need significant upkeep such as bowling greens and flower beds are also protected.”