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Dear Sir or Madam

## **DOG CONTROL – PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION**

East Hampshire District Council are considering making a District wide (any place to which the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by express or implied permission), Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to the control of dogs. This consideration is a result of recent concerns raised by members of the public as well as an increase in identified issues.

Dogs are a large and enjoyable part of everyday life for many of our residents and visitors, and the majority of those are responsible and caring owners. East Hampshire District Council (EHDC), in our role as stewards for our streets and open spaces are proposing to update our existing orders with a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to:

- Create a clearer, simpler system thereby making it easier for the public to understand.
- Provide a more comprehensive and consistent approach to the control of dogs in the district.
- Increase the penalties for those committing offences.
- Balance the needs of dog owners and other members of the community.

The council of course recognises the pleasure that dogs bring to individuals and families, and the desire and the legal requirement to provide their dog with regular opportunities for exercise and play with people or other friendly dogs.

A period of public consultation will ensure the views of those affected are considered.

The public consultation will run from Monday 22 July to Monday 9 September 2019.

The consultation includes the following restrictions:

- A person in charge of a dog must put the dog on a lead if asked to do so by an authorised officer;
- Persons in charge of a dog must have with them an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog;
- Persons in charge of a dog must remove the faeces;

- Exclusion of dogs from fenced and gated children's play areas, skate parks, tennis courts and multi-use games areas;
- Dogs must be on a lead in East Hampshire District Council owned cemeteries;
- That the current arrangements in respect of controlling dogs in Queen Elizabeth Country Park are extended for a further three years;
- That the fixed penalty charge for breaches be set at £100 which is the maximum currently permitted by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Further details can be found here:

<http://easthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=126&MIId=2462&Ver=4>

To assist us in understanding your requirements, please could you complete and return the attached table with any additional comments to us at the address listed at the top of this letter.

East Hampshire District Council would also value your comments on the proposed PSPO and invites you to contribute to the consultation through the following link

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/take-the-lead> . I have also included a paper copy of the survey for your consideration. The council would be grateful if you could return your comments by 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, after which time the council will consider all comments received and determine whether to formally make the Public Space Protection Order.

Yours faithfully,



Ryan Gulliver  
Neighbourhood Quality Manager  
East Hampshire District Council and Havant Borough Council

Table 1:

Area of concern	Issue to be addressed	Preferred dog control measure	Additional comments