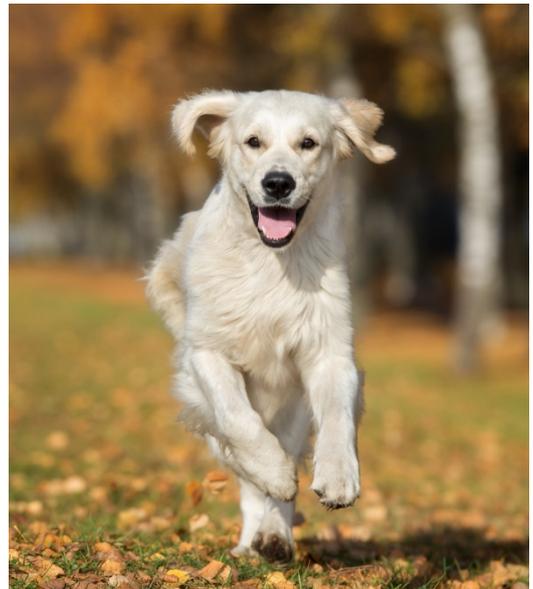


Join our COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Let's talk about... responsible dog ownership

Have your say on how we can reduce dog related anti-social (ASB) behaviour within Southwark.

In order to reduce dog related ASB and encourage responsible dog ownership, Southwark Council would like to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to include the following:

- For those responsible for a dog(s) to pick up and dispose of any dog mess
- To exclude dogs from children's play areas
- To keep dogs on leads at all times within cemeteries and burial grounds
- To put a dog on a lead when instructed to do so by an authorised officer
- To limit the number of dogs under the control of one owner (maximum of four) – replacing the current Dog Control Order provision

The majority of dog owners and walkers in Southwark behave responsibly, but dog related anti-social behaviour is still a concern for Southwark residents.

Please complete the questionnaire enclosed by 5 June 2017, to share your views on our proposals and the potential options for extending controls.

Further information on PSPOs can be found at the end of this questionnaire.

Dog related anti-social behaviour questionnaire

- 1) Do you support a borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to make it a requirement for dog walkers to pick up after their dog(s)?
 - Agree strongly
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Disagree strongly

- 2) Do you support the proposal to exclude dogs from children's play areas?
 - Agree strongly
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Disagree strongly

- 3) Do you support the proposal for dogs to be on leads within cemeteries and burial grounds at all times?
 - Agree strongly
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Disagree strongly

- 4) Do you think that dogs should be excluded from cemeteries and burial grounds?
 - Agree strongly
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Disagree strongly

- 5) Do you think that dogs should be put on a lead when instructed to do so by an authorised officer?
 - Agree strongly
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Disagree strongly

- 6) Do you think that a PSPO should be introduced limiting the number of dogs under the control of one walker to a maximum of four within Southwark's cemeteries?
 - Agree strongly
 - Agree
 - Disagree

- Disagree strongly

7) Do you think that a PSPO should be introduced limiting the number of dogs under the control of one walker to a maximum of four within Southwark's parks and open spaces?

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

8) Do you think that a PSPO should be introduced limiting the number of dogs under the control of one walker to a maximum of four borough wide?

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

9) Do you think that a PSPO should be introduced requiring dogs to be on leads at all times in Southwark's designated nature reserves?

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

10) Do you think that a PSPO should be introduced requiring dogs to be excluded from Southwark's designated nature reserves?

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

11) Do you have any other ideas or comments on the dog related ASB PSPO proposal not covered by the above questions?

12) Please tell us about any locations or areas where you feel dog mess is a particular problem.

Thank you for your views.

Equality monitoring

Please confirm if you are filling in this form as:

- 1) Individual
- 2) Dog owner
- 3) Professional dog walker
- 4) On behalf of a group (please tell us which group)

(Please circle the most appropriate option above)

Are you a Southwark resident?

Yes

No

(Please circle the most appropriate option above)

Age

Are you...

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85-94 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 95+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 | |

Disability and health

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- Yes, limited a little
- Yes, limited a lot
- No, not limited

Please tick the box or boxes below which best describes the nature of your impairment(s):

- Hearing / Vision** (e.g. deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing; blind or partial sight)
- Physical / Mobility** (e.g. wheelchair user, arthritis, multiple sclerosis etc.)
- Mental health** lasting more than a year (e.g. severe depression, schizophrenia etc.)
- Learning difficulties** (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia etc.)
- Memory problems** (e.g. Alzheimer's etc.)

If you wish to specify your impairment, please do so here:

National identity

What do you consider to be your national identity?

Ethnicity

What do you consider to be your ethnicity? Please pick one section below and tick one box.

White or White British

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> British | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish | <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other White (please specify if you wish): | |

Black or Black British

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black British | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leonean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Somalian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Black (please specify if you wish): | |

Asian or Asian British

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian British | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bengali | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian (please specify if you wish): | |

Mixed Background

- | |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African |

White and Asian

Other mixed background (please specify if you wish):

Other Ethnicities

Arab

Latin American (please specify if you wish):

Any other ethnicity (please specify if you wish):

Preferred language

What is your preferred language?

English

Other (please specify if you wish):

Religion or belief

What is your religion or belief?

Christian

Jewish

Sikh

Buddhist

Hindu

No religion

Other religion or belief (please specify if you wish):

Marriage or civil partnership status

Are you married or in a civil partnership?

Married

Registered in a civil partnership

Divorced

Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved

Widowed

Surviving member of a civil partnership

Sex

Are you...

Male

Female

Gender reassignment

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Yes

No

Pregnancy or maternity

Are you currently pregnant and/or on maternity leave?

Yes

No

Sexual orientation

Are you...

Heterosexual/straight

Gay man

Lesbian/Gay woman

Bi-sexual

If you prefer to use your own term please specify this here:

Further information

What is a Public Space Protection Order?

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) were introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. These orders allow us to impose conditions on the use of a particular area that will help us to deal with a nuisance or problem that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

What happens if someone doesn't comply with requirements of a PSPO?

Breach of a PSPO is a criminal offence, subject to a fine of up to £1000.

A breach occurs when a person without reasonable excuse:

- does anything that they are prohibited from doing by a PSPO
- fails to comply with a requirement of a PSPO

A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) can be issued, which discharges liability to conviction for the offence, unless unpaid. The FPN can be issued by a police officer or council officer up to a maximum value of £100.

Why introduce a PSPO?

The majority of dog owners and walkers in Southwark behave responsibly, but dog related anti-social behaviour is still a concern for Southwark residents and is one of the greatest sources of complaints from communities received by the Community Warden's Service. Residents have reported being attacked and frightened by 'packs of dogs', dogs knocking over children, disrupting funeral services and attacks on animals within Southwark's cemeteries, parks and open spaces.

Dog mess is unpleasant which, if not picked up, can pose a health risk from Toxocariasis. This disease is caused by coming into contact with the dog mess of dogs that haven't been properly wormed. Symptoms of Toxocariasis can include fever, headaches, a cough and more rarely, seizures and blurred vision which can lead to blindness if not treated.

Introduction of a PSPO for dog related ASB will mean that officers can issue fixed penalty notices to dog owners who behave irresponsibly.

For further information please email: Dogpspo@southwark.gov.uk

