

# Dog Control Order Consultation

Tell us what you think about Dog Control Orders

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The council in partnership with the RSPCA, Southwark Police and Battersea Dogs Home are working hard to encourage responsible dog ownership, and deal with irresponsible dog owners and incidents of dangerous and out of control dogs.

We want to know if you would like the council to introduce new powers, called dog control orders (DCOs), which would allow on the spot fines of £50 for such offences borough wide.

These separate orders are:

- Failing to remove dog fouling (fouling of land by dogs order) - all public land borough wide
- Not putting and keeping a dog on a lead when asked to by an authorised officer (dogs to be placed on a lead when requested by an authorised officer) - all public land borough wide
- Permitting a dog to enter an area from which it is excluded (dogs exclusion order) - specific areas only i.e. gated children's play areas.

The DCO consultation is taking place to see if there is a public desire and need to have these regulations adopted across the borough. Should the results show a need to introduce DCOs then residents will be consulted on the details of what and where the DCOs will be introduced.

## How to have your say

We want to hear your views on whether or not you think there is a need to introduce the proposed dog control order regulations across Southwark.

The consultation will take place between 1 November 2010 to 15 February 2011.

For further information and to complete the online questionnaire visit the link below:

[http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200030/community\\_safety\\_and\\_enforcement](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200030/community_safety_and_enforcement)

Alternatively complete the questions over the page and return in the freepost envelope provided.

## Dog Control Order questionnaire

Please complete the questions below.

### 1. Gender

Male  Female  Transgender  Prefer not to say

### 2. Age

Under 18  18 to 15  26 to 34  35 to 49   
50 to 59  over 60

### 3. Do you live in Southwark?

Yes  No

### 4. If yes, which community council area do you live in?

Bermondsey  Camberwell  Rotherhithe  Borough & Bankside   
Peckham  Peckham Rye & Nunhead  Walworth   
Dulwich

### 5. Are you a dog owner?

Yes  No

### 6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that dog owners should be made responsible for cleaning up their dogs fouling

Strongly agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion

### 7. To what extent do you agree or disagree that authorised officers should be able to instruct dog owners to put their dogs on a lead if they are causing a nuisance or danger to other people or their dogs?

Strongly agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion

### 8. To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should be excluded from designated children's play areas?

(Please note: a 'designated children's play area' refers to an area with children's play equipment that is gated and fenced off).

Strongly agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion

### 9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the suggested £50 fine for those people who ignore the proposed dog control orders?

Strongly agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion