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To all Members of the Cabinet

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

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Yours sincerely



Sara Pregon
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest

[Link to further information in the Council's Constitution](#)

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2025 (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Citizens' Questions

To answer questions submitted by citizens on the Council or its services.

5. Opposition Group Leaders' Questions

To answer questions submitted by Opposition Group Leaders on items on the agenda.

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NON-KEY DECISIONS

6. Communications and Engagement Strategy (Pages 7 - 34)

The report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

7. Renewal of Public Space Protection Order (Dog Control) (Pages 35 - 98)

The report of the Director – Neighbourhoods is attached.

8. Exclusion of the Public

To move “That under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.”

KEY DECISION

9. Rushcliffe Carbon Offsetting Framework - Land Acquisition (Pages 99 - 110)

The report of the Director – Neighbourhoods is attached.

Membership

Chair: Councillor N Clarke

Vice-Chair: Councillor A Brennan

Councillors: R Inglis, R Upton, D Viridi and J Wheeler

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena,
Rugby Road, West Bridgford
and live streamed on Rushcliffe Borough Council's YouTube channel

PRESENT:

Councillors N Clarke (Chair), A Brennan (Vice-Chair), R Inglis, R Upton, D Virdi and J Wheeler

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J Walker

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

L Ashmore	Director of Development and Economic Growth
A Hill	Chief Executive
P Linfield	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
S Pregon	Monitoring Officer
H Tambini	Democratic Services Manager

50 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

51 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

52 Citizens' Questions

There were no citizens' questions.

53 Opposition Group Leaders' Questions

Question from Councillor J Walker to Councillor Brennan.

"Another year of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is welcome, as is the new inclusion of 'accessibility' to the High Street Grants section of this report. Would Cabinet, once again, consider the support from Access Able as a way of connecting not only our civic buildings but also our high streets and local businesses to those who require information on accessibility to live, work and visit Rushcliffe? Meeting a need both for residents, visitors and businesses struggling to understand how they can best accommodate people with different needs."

Councillor Brennan referred to the meeting last year with Councillor Walker, Access Able and a local resident. That meeting had been useful to reflect on the economic benefits of ensuring that premises were accessible, with suitably trained staff to provide support above the legal requirement, and a priority was added to the Economic Growth Plan, although it was mentioned at the time that no resources were available. She confirmed that UKSPF now included accessibility issues, with potential funding available to support businesses in looking to accommodate specific access needs. Councillor Brennan stated that the appointment of any business or provider to deliver such a programme would need to follow the Council's procurement process, or they could bid for funding from the UKSPF grant pot.

Councillor Walker asked as a supplementary question if the bidding process would be linked to UKSPF or if it would be done separately?

Councillor Brennan confirmed that subject to approval tonight, the grant pots would be launched over the next few days for bidding to start.

54 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2024/25 - Financial Update Quarter 3

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Governance, Councillor Virdi, presented the report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services, which set out the budget position for revenue and capital as at 31 December 2024.

Councillor Virdi stated that whilst the overall position remained positive, financial challenges made it imperative that the Council continued to drive forward improvement and efficiencies and referred to the Extraordinary Council meeting on 20 March 2025, which would discuss Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

In respect of revenue, Councillor Virdi confirmed that there was a projected net revenue efficiency of £2.164m, which was highlighted at Appendix A to the report, with a summary of the variances detailed in Table 1, Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4. and Appendix B. The favourable projected budget position allowed the Council to mitigate its risks in this challenging financial environment and carry forward balances to replenish and create new reserves. Table 2 highlighted how the underspend had been used, including £0.2m to enhance the Council's Organisation Stabilisation Reserve, to mitigate any unforeseen costs related to LGR. Councillor Virdi referred to the overspend on West Bridgford Special Expenses, details of which were highlighted in Paragraph 4.6 and Appendix E.

In respect of the Capital Programme, Councillor Virdi referred to Paragraphs 4.7 to 4.10 and Appendices C and D, which detailed an underspend of £4.440m, with £0.556m rephased into next year, as shown in Table 3, which left £3.884m, with Paragraph 4.9 detailing reasons for the remaining underspend.

Councillor Virdi referred to the Labour Group's alternative budget discussed at Council, proposing additional funding for Disabled Facilities Grants, and in

acknowledging the increased demands, he advised that due to in year efficiencies, a further £0.2m had been allocated, and would be carried forward into 2025/26. Nevertheless, it was felt that a more prudent, longer term, sustainable solution would be required and the Council would continue to lobby Government for additional funding and neighbouring authorities for ways to redistribute funds. Councillor Virdi also advised that in February, a further grant allocation of £113,594 was received, which would also be carried forward.

Councillor Virdi concluded by stating that whilst the financial position remained healthy, the situation could change quickly, including uncertainty related to LGR; however, the Council's current reserves remained healthy, allowing it to manage risks and maximise opportunities, whilst continuing to provide excellent services

In seconding the recommendation, Councillor J Wheeler welcomed the Council's ongoing priority to find efficiencies where possible, whilst delivering excellent services and investing elsewhere. The Council was committed to investing in its Community facilities to improve them for residents and attract more income.

The Leader stated that this report demonstrated how well officers looked after the Council's finances, to ensure that it could continue to provide great services and keep the Council Tax low.

It was RESOLVED that the report be approved and the following be noted:

- a) the expected revenue budget efficiency for the year of £2.164m and proposals to earmark this for cost pressures given at Paragraph 4.5 and Table 2 to the report;
- b) the projected capital budget efficiencies of £4.440m including the reprofiling of provisions totalling £0.556m at Paragraph 4.8 and Table 3 to the report; and
- c) the overspend of £46.3k on special expenses at Paragraph 4.6 to the report.

55 UK Shared Prosperity Fund Programme 2025/26

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Business and Growth, Councillor Brennan, presented the report of the Director – Development and Economic Growth, which detailed the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Programme for 2025/26.

Councillor Brennan stated that she was delighted to bring an update on the delivery of the previous allocation of UKSPF and Rural England Prosperity Funding (REPF), and to confirm the further allocation of UKSPF funding for 2025/26. She advised that the new allocation was slightly reduced, with the funds now channelled through the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), which would be taking some funding for regional-wide initiatives, as detailed in Paragraph 4.13 of the report. The new allocation was just over £1m, and Councillor Brennan stated that the Government had now confirmed that REPF would continue.

Cabinet noted that the report set out plans for both direct delivery and commissioning for the next year. The outputs from last year's allocation were listed in Paragraph 4.2 and Appendix A, and she stated that it had been an extremely popular fund, with both strategically commissioned projects and grant pots, which had allowed local groups to bring projects forward. There had been a few changes to the allowed interventions, highlighted in the Table at 4.7, and the three themes, together with details of proposed strategically commissioned projects were listed in the Table at 4.9. The list was intended to provide a balance and had to deliver Government outputs, which had to be reported to EMCCA. Councillor Brennan confirmed that £200k had been allocated to businesses and £200k for communities as grant pots and were detailed in the Table at 4.15. She also confirmed that the very popular High Street Grant Scheme would continue and reminded Cabinet that this was match funded. Grants schemes were available for Community and Place, Community Wellbeing and Business Support Grants, and subject to Cabinet approval, those schemes would be launched on 12 March. Councillor Brennan confirmed that as UKSPF could not roll over, it was vital that all projects were deliverable within the timescales.

In seconding the recommendation, Councillor Inglis was pleased that further funding would be available and referred to Paragraph 4.2, which outlined the wide range of community enhancements that had been delivered and thanked the Head of Economic Growth and Property and her team for their hard work in delivering this scheme. He felt that the new allocation would again directly benefit residents and businesses, and fully endorsed the projects outlined in Paragraph 4.9.

Councillor J Wheeler welcomed the report and referred to the real difference the funding had made but expressed disappointment that EMCCA had chosen to take some funding and hoped in future that this would not happen.

The Leader agreed that the funding had been extremely successful and the positive outcomes could be seen, including across high streets around the Borough and he knew that this support was welcomed.

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) UKSPF activity delivered in 2024/25 be recognised;
- b) the proposals for UKSPF in 2025/26 be endorsed;
- c) sign-off of refinements to proposals for 2024/25 be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and S151 Officer, with both revenue and capital implications reported in future financial reports to Cabinet and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Full Council;
- d) the proposals as outlined in the report for UKSPF grant pots be supported; and
- e) sign off of grant awards and reallocation of grant funding between priorities (Business Support and Communities and Place) for UKSPF and

REPF be delegated to the S151 Officer and Director – Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Business and Growth, following officer recommendations based on assessment of applications and moderation.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

CHAIR

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Cabinet

Tuesday, 13 May 2025

Communications and Engagement Strategy

Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services

**Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Wellbeing, ICT & Member Development
Cllr J Wheeler**

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. A new Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 has been drafted and is presented for Cabinet approval.
- 1.2. The new Strategy builds upon the External and Internal Communications Strategy 2022-2025 and has been extended to include information about current methods of engagement with residents as well as specific development tasks to engage further over the next three years.
- 1.3. The Strategy is included at Appendix One to this report.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the revised and extended Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2028.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. This Communications and Engagement Strategy has been created to map out how the Council communicates to and engages with residents, as well as partners and its internal staff. It provides an overview of the Council's current reach, the channels and methods that it currently uses, and a number of objectives it aims to achieve over the life of the Strategy. The accompanying Action Plan, included at Appendix Two, lists a number of development projects to increase awareness within local communities of Council services and projects, and to expand upon the variety of ways in which the Council will actively seek out and listen to residents' views.
- 3.2. The production of quality communications and meaningful engagement over the next three years will highlight the strategic development work of the Council as well as the delivery of direct, frontline services and updates, which are an essential factor in continuing to make Rushcliffe a great place to live and work.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1. In recent years, the Council has built upon its previous reputation of being a good communicator with the introduction of a weekly electronic subscription newsletter, more diverse and accessible web content and electronic transactional services, and more video footage to suit the preferences of younger residents and in particular social media. These new additions complement our longstanding and well-regarded now twice-yearly Rushcliffe Reports, social media standing, website and positive relationships with local media outlets.
- 4.2. The Council prides itself on being a good communicator, accepting the longstanding and well documented belief that residents who feel well informed about Council services also have higher levels of satisfaction with the Council overall. However, the Council also accepts that this is only part of the picture and that more could be done to engage meaningfully with residents encouraging more active two-way communication. The 2025-2028 Strategy has been extended to include engagement outlining current forms of consultation as well as demonstrating that the Council is open to developing new ways of inviting the views of residents as part of its policy development and service review activities.
- 4.3. In recognition of the potentially fast-paced and extensive changes that local government may go through over the next few years, high quality communications and active engagement will keep residents informed of the changes, appraised of how those changes will affect them directly and give them the opportunity to influence change in some areas. The Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 provides the framework within which both communications and engagement can be developed over the next three years as the Council potentially evolves as a result of Local Government Reorganisation.

5. Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection

- 5.1. The Council could have chosen to simply refresh its existing External and Internal Communications Strategy, continuing with existing methods of communication and maintaining the status quo. This is not considered in keeping with the Council's general approach, values or ambition to continue to improve how it engages with the local community.
- 5.2. Alternatively, the Council could have chosen to not renew its Communications Strategy, accepting its current efforts as adequate and focusing instead on other activities. Again, this is not considered in keeping with the Council's general approach, values or ambition to continue to improve how it engages with the local community.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

- 6.1. There are no risks or uncertainties involved in bringing the Communications and Engagement Strategy forward for approval. However, there are significant

risks to the Council in not developing services that meet resident needs, not keeping residents informed about Council services, and not providing opportunities for residents to make their views known.

- 6.2. Equally, a risk exists if the Council does not review its Communication and Engagement Strategy to ensure its efforts are timely and engaging, clear and accurate, inclusive and informative, and utilising a variety of channels to ensure as many residents as possible are informed, designed to meet their needs and how they engage.

7. Implications

7.1. Financial Implications

The developments outlined in the Communications and Engagement Strategy will be contained within existing budgets.

7.2. Legal Implications

Whilst there are no legal implications contained within the recommendations of this report, it is important to note that statutory consultations must be undertaken in accordance with any requirements prescribed in legislation, case law and statutory guidance.

7.3. Equalities Implications

There are equalities implications contained within the recommendations of this report and documented in the Equality Impact Assessment. Activities will be reviewed in line with the Equality Impact Assessment throughout the life of this Strategy.

7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no Section 17 implications contained within the recommendations of this report.

7.5 Biodiversity Net Gain Implications

There are no Biodiversity Net Gain implications contained within the recommendations of this report.

8. Link to Corporate Priorities

The Environment	None
Quality of Life	There is evidence to suggest that feeling informed about Council services and being able to influence Council decisions are both significant contributing factors in how satisfied residents feel with their quality of life and their satisfaction with their community as a place to live.
Efficient Services	None

Sustainable Growth	None
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9. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the revised and extended Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2028.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	Communications and Engagement Strategy – Equality Impact Assessment
List of appendices:	Appendix One - Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 Appendix Two – Communications and Engagement Action Plan 2025-28



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Communications and Engagement Strategy

2025 - 2028



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Foreword



“Communication and engagement with our residents and stakeholders is ever more important in an age when we strive to meet the pace of change of the digital era with the need to still reach out to people face to face.

“This strategy aims to ensure Rushcliffe’s demographic is ever more informed and engaged and that we can listen to feedback on our services in ways that are relevant, convenient and timely.

“We have developed this strategy through ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders and we will continue to listen and ask all where we can improve Council services and partnerships for the benefit of all and improve the quality of life in the borough.”

Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

***Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, Member Development and ICT,
Rushcliffe Borough Council***

“This strategy lies at the heart of the services we provide to residents every day. The ways in which our staff engage with our communities is vital to strengthening and shaping our services so they can be as effective as possible. Our corporate priorities are also linked to this, ensuring our communications and engagement assist a better quality of life, efficient services, better our environment and maintain sustainable growth.

“It’s vital our colleagues can do so in line with our key values of showing commitment, collaborating, striving for excellence, embracing inclusivity and acting with integrity.”

Adam Hill, Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council

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Purpose - Information is one of our most important 'frontline' services



Residents and all stakeholders need information about Council services, what's going on in the Borough, who to contact, what the Council is doing and more about services which contribute to their quality of life.

Residents pay Council Tax to Rushcliffe Borough Council; in return they expect a variety of services, delivered to a high quality, that meet their needs, in order to understand these needs the Council needs to engage with and listen to its residents.

The easier it is for them to access these services, or to find out information about what their Council Tax is being spent on, the more satisfied they are – and happy residents make for a happy Borough.

If residents aren't informed or actively engaged, there is less opportunity to positively enhance services, activities, plans and proposals and this may not maximise networks with the community it serves. There can also be a connection between uninformed residents understandably reacting less favourably if they are not engaged effectively.

There is information to suggest that residents are more likely to engage with a council where it is clear that residents' views are taken into account and where they feel they can influence decisions, in line with those made by councillors.

This means that the production of quality communications and engagement highlighting the strategic development work of the Council as well as the delivery of direct, frontline services is an essential factor in continuing to make Rushcliffe a great place to live and work.

To be effective, this information needs to be timely and engaging, clear and accurate, inclusive and informative as well as utilising a variety of channels and mediums to ensure as many residents as possible are informed. This is in line with the Council's Customer Access Strategy 2025-28, ICT Strategy 2025-28 where relevant and its 2023-2027 Corporate Strategy.

How do we communicate?

As of March 2025, we have approaching 30,000 followers on our social media channels.

Our corporate website has nearly 2 million page views annually, with an average of over 35,000 unique users visiting each month.

Our twice yearly Rushcliffe Reports magazine is delivered to every home in the borough, reaching out to those who may not engage with us digitally.

Our events team host a number of popular events every year and our Customer Service face-to-face sites offer opportunities for residents' queries to be answered in four locations, the most sites of any Council in Nottinghamshire.



Campaigns and digital communications

Based on insight, objectives, strategy, tactics and evaluation.



Media relations

Build effective relationships to ensure that the council voice is heard and well represented locally, regionally and nationally



Events and promotions

Deliver events that support our corporate priorities, encourage visitor footfall and grow our economy with features that appeal to sub-regional audiences.



Place and tourism

Develop and promote the cultural assets and maximise the benefits of the visitor economy and promote them locally, regionally and nationally.



Internal communications

Maintain effective channels of communication so that colleagues are well informed. Encourage interaction, listen to colleagues and support the delivery of the five corporate values.



Corporate and civic

Communicating the civic and statutory duties of the council and the democratic process.



Leading and collaborating on crisis and emergency communications

Working with the Local Resilience Forum and Nottinghamshire County Council.



Collaborating and enhancing partnerships such as Building Control services

Maximising partnerships to deliver even more efficient services to residents.



Brand management of all communications activity

Be a guardian of all communications branding for external and internal content.

Communication and Engagement channels



Our website www.rushcliffe.gov.uk

Our social media channels:

Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube

Our weekly newsletters - available to sign up to at:
www.rushcliffe.gov.uk



Rushcliffe Reports - Delivered to every home in the borough twice a year.

Customer Service face-to-face sites in West Bridgford, Cotgrave, Bingham and East Leake.

Our events including Proms in the Park, Lark in the Park, Taste of Rushcliffe and Christmas Lights Switch On plus other seasonal activities.

Our local Town and Parish Councils - updated with fortnightly newsletter

Local media outlets including West Bridgford Wire, Nottinghamshire Live, BBC East Midlands Today and Radio Nottingham, ITV Central, Notts TV, Newark Advertiser, The Local News Group and other local radio stations.



9,235

Total Facebook followers



10,274

Total X followers



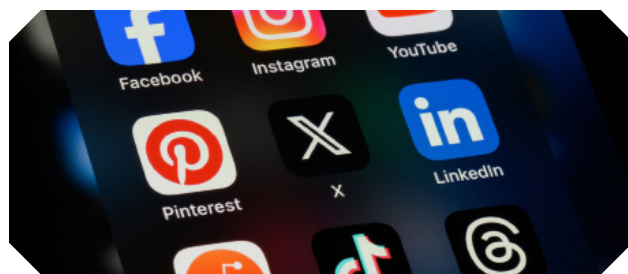
3,278

Total Instagram followers



4,101

Total LinkedIn followers



Newsletters:

Garden waste: Over 25,000 subscribers

Residents newsletter: Over 6,000 subscribers



Public Relations:

Between January 2024 - December 2024:

We received and responded to 73 press enquiries.

We issued 169 press releases, all of which were used by at least one media outlet.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's website since 2022

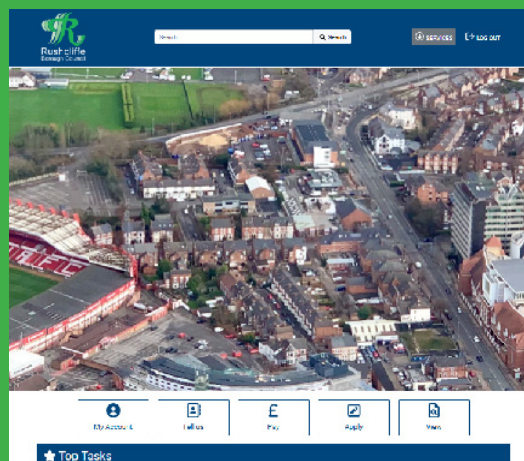
On average 2 million page views, 430,000 unique page views annually

Top three web pages:

1. Garden Waste Collection (Over 26,000 visits)
2. Find and Contact Us (Over 23,000 visits)
3. Pay Council Tax (Over 19,000 visits)

Average time spent on the site: 1 minute and 28 seconds

Statistics correct as of April 2025





Residents

We will foster positive relationships between the council and the community through open and honest two-way communication. We will engage and inform the community about initiatives, programmes of activity and services through a broad range of digital channels and provide targeted communications where they are needed.

In our communications, we will highlight the local authority's commitment to openness, accountability, and responsible governance. We will partner with community organisations that work with vulnerable people to help us to engage with harder-to-reach groups.



Stakeholders

We will build relationships with key stakeholders and support partnership working with community organisations, educational institutions and businesses.

We will support work to collaborate and achieve common goals as key projects and partnerships involve including EMCCA and East Midlands Freeport. We'll also actively promote working for RBC as a great employer to assist the Council's recruitment process.



Staff and elected members

Internal communications are as important to us as external communications.

As a team, we will facilitate effective communication and engagement within the organisation, align employees and members with strategic objectives and reinforce the organisation's values and culture.



Media

The Media Team is the go-to place for local media regarding issues affecting the borough. We have built trusting and positive relationships with local media and offer a professional and timely media handling service.

We provide accurate and timely information to journalists and news outlets, offer interviews and expert opinions on relevant matters and champion our community on a regional and national scale.

We will use our media channels to promote a vibrant and inclusive community and showcase the initiatives being delivered to local, regional and national audiences.



Looking ahead



External

Over the life of this Strategy, we intend to review the range of channels we use to communicate to and with residents to include potential new social media channels and further explore direct means to reach stakeholders including digital newsletters to their email inbox.

We also intend to further explore artificial intelligence tools and more engaging technologies such as more tailored and bespoke content on our social media channels, as well as continuing to develop strong, positive relationships with the local media outlets to ensure our communications reach as wide an audience as possible.

There are also a number of specific tasks to increase the transparency of our decision making processes and broaden the profile of our councillors within their local communities. We are also committed to engaging further with our residents through a large scale residents' survey and associated consultation activities to inform the future plans of the Council.

This strategy demonstrates our commitment to clear and consistent communications that meet the needs of all our stakeholders, assisted by an annual communications plan. This is also in conjunction with ensuring our content is as accessible as possible, highlighted by our continued Shaw Trust accreditation for our website.

Good external communication is vital if the Council is to enhance its already strong reputation. Effectively communicating with residents, engaging them in healthy debate, and meeting their needs as customers of the services we provide, are all important elements of delivering efficient engaging communications.

Internal

Effective internal communications are important if the Council is to inform Councillors and staff in an effective and timely manner, listening to and adapting to contemporary channels to ensure all feel engaged with the key information they need.

Our latest research shows that 87% of Council staff are proud to work for the organisation in a 2024 survey.

We will continue to consult and ask for the views of all internal stakeholders to ensure weekly updates such as Staff Matters and Councillors' Connection provide timely and informative updates in the formats that all find most convenient.

Engagement

The Council acknowledges a new focus on engagement during the lifetime of this strategy will only strengthen existing communication methods and now seeks to reach out even more to communities and those who may not directly feedback on services regularly.

New principles on the next page will highlight the direction of this refocussed approach on wider aspects of communication and engagement.

Communication and Engagement principles 2025-2028

**Informing with timely, effective updates
and content to stakeholders**

**Listening, responding and consulting
with stakeholders**

**Involving and reaching out to stakeholder
groups to shape services**

**Discussing and devolving selected engagement
activity to stakeholder groups**

**Working and collaborating
with partners**

This strategy builds on the External and Internal Communications Strategy 2022 - 2025, with an increased focus and new section on engagement activity with stakeholders.

This new emphasis on engaging further acknowledges the balance that continues between reaching stakeholders digitally with face-to-face and other methods to ensure council services and updates reach as many residents and groups as possible.

In the duration of this strategy we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of all communication and engagement activity, using the above key themes and shape them over the lifetime of this document for more tailored effective communications and engagement.

Ways we currently engage

The following methods of engagement are how the Council currently listen and welcome feedback from residents and stakeholders on a regular basis.

It is aware when there's an issue that directly affects them, such as can be the case with any public body, the engagement can be negative and the Council seeks to resolve any issues as quickly and effectively as possible.



Consultation of planning applications



Service specific consultation such as a policy change or service review



Town and Parish Forum



Citizens' Questions at Council



Our customer feedback procedure



The petition scheme



Community governance reviews



Officers and teams directly engaging with residents day in, day out



Direct feedback to officers at Council events



Statement of community involvement

Internally we also listen and engage through our bi-annual staff surveys, and the annual "who reads what survey" to help inform newsletter content (for staff and councillors) and consultations on topics and services as necessary.



Why further engagement?

Reaching out, listening and responding to stakeholders is increasingly important in the digital era. We endeavour to reach out to hard to reach, diverse groups, those with learning difficulties, dementia or neurodiversity and younger stakeholders and others who may not use our services. We also want to converse with those not digitally engaged so we can continue to have their voice heard on services.

We engage currently with consultations throughout the year, both generally such as our Residents Surveys and more specific service requests for views on ongoing matters including community governance reviews or new community facilities.

This strategy has been extended to continue to assess how to engage with these groups and others to ensure information and the two way communication residents is maintained. This includes on Council services, what's going on in the Borough and who to contact for queries.

The strategic development and production of quality communications and engagement over the next three years as well as the delivery of direct, frontline services and updates, is an essential factor in continuing to make Rushcliffe a great place to live and work.

We have an increasing and ever more diverse population in line with the growth of the borough and are aware an increasing number of people may not engage with the Council for a variety of reasons. The strategy seeks to engage further with a significant number of stakeholders who only contact us when they need to use our services.

We will proactively continue to tailor our communications and engagement to listen to the issues they may wish to be resolved, how they would like to engage with us in the future and how they can have their say and continually shape our services.



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Evaluation - Monitoring the effectiveness of this strategy

Delivery of the tasks contained in this Strategy are monitored through the Council's internal performance monitoring systems as well as through regular statistical updates to the relevant director. The following measures are monitored directly:



External

- percentage of residents who feel the Council keeps them informed (residents' survey)
- percentage of residents who feel satisfied with Rushcliffe as a place to live (residents' survey)
- percentage of residents speaking positively about the Council (residents' survey)
- percentage of residents feeling they can influence decisions that affect their local area (residents' survey)
- the number of media releases produced
- percentage of media releases which generate further coverage
- the number of unique users visiting the Council's website each month
- satisfaction with the Council's website
- the number of transactions being completed via the Council's website
- the number of people following the Council on its social media channels
- the engagement in Council news across all social media channels

Evaluation - Monitoring the effectiveness of this strategy

Internal

- The volume of unique open clicks for internal update for staff and councillors
- The volume of engagement in staff campaigns and updates
- The volume of stakeholders who engage
- Anecdotal feed back from stakeholders month to month to tweak and shape updates
- The volume of open rate and wider engagement of Staff Matters newsletters and Intranet clicks
- Engaging directly with the Employee Liaison Group on communications
- How we engage in partnerships with fellow colleagues across Councils as we share services such as Building Control



Engagement

- The volume of activity that further listens, responds and consults with stakeholders over and above the Council's main communication channels
- The volume of stakeholder groups involved and reached to further shape Council services
- Discussing and exploring where the Council can devolve selected engagement activity to stakeholder groups to increase awareness on particular services or topics
- Identifying appropriate partners to work and collaborate with to further listen to how Council services can be improved

- Maintain, refresh and introduce updates and channels that ensure key messages reach the audiences in the most timely and direct manner that inform or ‘nudge’ behaviour appropriately
- Ensure information links back to corporate priorities and where applicable assists the Council’s policies and makes communications as accessible as possible
- Make stakeholders aware of wider Council related news and information that assists them updating their peer groups and communities
- Ensure our communications comply with The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and all relevant legislation
- Any external communication published in any format or on any channel will have due regard to the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity 2011 especially with regard to objectivity, even-handedness and political bias

This strategy will be reviewed each year and fully updated again in 2028.





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Communications and Engagement Action Plan

2025 - 2028



External Communications Action Plan 2025 - 2028

Theme	Informing	Involving stakeholders	Discussing and devolving	Discussing and devolving	Listening, responding and consulting	Listening, responding and consulting
What are we going to do?	1. Create short instructional videos and guides for key council services such as recycling, benefits, council tax and environmental priorities.	2. Continue social media 'advocacy' featuring front line colleagues and their roles in our communities – waste, customer services, revenues and benefits and internal teams.	3. Increase promotion of residents email subscription topics and continue to publicise Rushcliffe Gardener updates digitally.	4. Develop further social media campaigns, including how key council decisions such as council tax, budget setting and major projects are finalised.	5. Continually review the Performance and Reputation team's capacity to address increasing accessibility and website demands in line with AI and digital stands of ICT Strategy 2025-2028.	6. Continue annual Local Government Association advised 'who reads what' survey to further inform content of communications to different stakeholders.
Why? page 28	To increase residents understanding of the Council's services, how to use them more effectively and aid their learning of why they are delivered in line with our policies and strategies.	To ensure residents can relate to those who operate our services and gain insight into how they deliver value for money services.	Residents can access ever increasing digital updates direct to their inbox, educating an influencing further engagement with Council services including those accessing garden waste service.	Drive engagement with residents on digital channels that are increasingly being utilised so they can relate to our services and democratic processes.	To audit and identify where the team's skills could be strengthened. Increase learning and development of the team's wider communication attributes in line with industry and ICT trends as AI and digital skills evolve.	To ensure communication updates to different stakeholders are fit for purpose and providing timely updates to inform and engage these audiences.
How will we know when we have achieved it?	Evaluation of the campaign with social media reach statistics.	Evaluation through social media reach statistics and the debate and subsequent common queries it creates.	Volume of increase in subscribers on the channel to the new topics and Gardener updates.	Volume of engagement over each year of the strategy with at least three trial updates during the first year of the strategy.	Volume of training and projects undertaken and subsequent audit of new or shared skills acquired that have led to new communications themes or content being created.	Survey completion and subsequent report of results from stakeholders.
When?	Review content for forthcoming 12 months, 2026 and 2027 and ongoing.	Review December 2025, 2026 and 2027 and ongoing.	Bi-monthly.	Ongoing.	Ongoing with review in December 2025, 2026 and 2027.	Annually.

External Communications Action Plan 2025 - 2028

Theme	Informing	Informing	Discussing and devolving	Listening, responding and consulting	Involve stakeholders	Discussing and devolving
What are we going to do?	7. Further develop annual communications planner to assist resourcing and focus of activity.	8. Include behavioural change campaigns in line with Simpler Recycling and other environmental campaigns.	9. Continue to promote the RBC website to stakeholders, highlighting the council's priorities prominently and Customer Service functions.	10. Continue to report via the Executive on Freeport and EMCCA updates to aid engagement and place shaping. Assess alongside corporate and communications priorities.	11. In line with ICT Strategy 2025-2028, assess, review and analyse where AI can assist reaching more audiences with updates on Council services.	12. Complete an annual audit of existing social media channels effectiveness and review a matrix of creating accounts on new channels as they emerge and evolve.
Why? page 29	Week to week and month to month communications activities can be assessed to identify and prioritise updates so content can be ever more timely and informative.	In line with the Council's environment strategic priority, inform and communicate any service delivery changes to waste services.	Ensure residents and stakeholders can access the Council's contemporary and accessible website as a source for all key information on Council news, updates and services.	Residents need to have an overview of key external partnerships and projects. It is also important for an understanding of the cohesion between the two sets of priorities.	To identify where AI can help reach more stakeholders with Council news and updates.	To ensure the Council is reaching ever greater audiences and demographics.
How will we know when we have achieved it?	Week in week out reference to the planner in line with weekly team meetings.	Continual evaluation of communication updates across the correct channels to maximise reaching residents on updates.	Analysing website data via Google Analytics.	Evaluation and monitoring of volume of key updates on Freeport and EMCCA and references between the priorities.	Continued engagement with AI related actions from ICT Strategy 2025-2028.	Annual review in 2025, 2026 and 2027.
When?	Ongoing.	Ongoing in line with key project milestones.	Ongoing promotion three times a year for the life of the strategy.	Ongoing and review December 2025, 2026 and 2027.	Ongoing.	Annually.

Internal Communications Action Plan 2025 - 2028

Theme	Listening, responding and consulting	Informing	Informing	Involving stakeholders	Informing	Informing
What are we going to do?	1. Build on 2024 staff survey key findings to further guide content in internal updates.	2. Further identify opportunities for effective video content to influence and inform staff of each other's roles and play a role in recruitment in selected posts.	3. Continue to identify ways of engaging staff and councillors with news and updates.	4. Balancing corporate messages with interactive updates that are relatable to staff and councillors in line with the Council's priorities and key strategies.	5. Review the Council's internal screensaver channels to relay relevant messages and use engaging digital content.	6. Review internal posters at sites to further influence staff on key messages.
Why? page 30	Staff can see how their views in the survey equate into actions on approaches to themes and projects around the organisation and a 'you said we did' analysis.	So staff can relate to and find out more on each other's roles, contributing to the organisation's understanding and connections across its teams.	Ensure these stakeholders are engaging with Council external news effectively and ever more aware of how residents are digesting and reacting to updates.	So staff can understand and connect with priorities and strategies in a way they understand with their day to day work at the Council.	To inform and educate internal stakeholders on key messages in a prominent way at Council sites or their devices.	Ensure sites are prominent and regularly and timely updated to accompany digital communications on key internal events and updates.
How will we know when we have achieved it?	Ongoing timely features in updates referencing the internal survey and how key findings are being implemented.	Volume of internal update features for each year of the strategy.	Assessment of weekly and other updates to ensure links and content to the updates are relevant and engaging with the correct tone and style.	Volume of updates for each year of the strategy.	Regular checks in line with communications planner outlined above with diarised updates.	Checks in line with communications planner outlined above with diarised updates.
When?	Regular checks with 2024 findings.	Ongoing.	Ongoing and review December 2025, 2026 and 2027.	Ongoing.	Six-monthly review of content.	Ongoing throughout the life of the strategy.

Internal Communications Action Plan 2025 - 2028

Theme	Discussing and devolving	Listening, responding and consulting	Listening, responding and consulting	Working and collaborating	Informing	Working and collaborating
What are we going to do?	7. Assess video usage in staff and councillor newsletters and include a round-up of compliments every quarter reflecting and recognising achievement and effort.	8. Further animation in newsletter updates for staff, councillors and town and parish updates to freshen accompanying static content.	9. Introduce annual staff newsletter poll via updates and email to gauge how content can continue to engage and influence.	10. Work with the Employee Liaison Group and Workplace Health Champions on identifying staff to drive internal campaigns and goals.	11. Produce and evaluate content that focuses and engages on themes from the Council's Smarter Ways of Working and Flexi Time policies for staff.	12. Continue reference to corporate values in line with HR updates in induction process.
Why? page 31	To aid teams connection with the organisation and relate to when their work is being acknowledged. A follow-up opportunity to remind staff their work continues to be valued.	Make content ever more engaging so stakeholders can relate to topics and updates in a less formal way.	To assist teams being engaged on different topics through a channel that takes seconds rather than minutes to respond to, aiding response and insight.	For staff to have ever greater roles and influence on ways to improve their time at work and identify wider wellbeing opportunities to benefit each other.	So staff can continue to relate to the policy and how its flexible themes can aid the balance of working across Council sites and other locations.	Annual staff newsletter poll via updates and email to gauge how content can continue to engage and influence
How will we know when we have achieved it?	Quarterly updates in line with communications planner.	Regular checks in line with communications planner.	Diarised polls agreed with Head of Service and in line with communications planner.	Volume of individuals identified to take projects forward.	A minimum of five internal updates during each year of the strategy.	Six monthly reviews with the HR team.
When?	Ongoing throughout the life of the strategy.	Ongoing in line with seasonal and specific campaigns.	Annually.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	Ongoing and review December 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Engagement Action Plan 2025 - 2028

Theme	Listening, responding and consulting	Involving and reaching	Involving and reaching	Listening, responding and consulting	Involving and reaching	Working and collaborating
What are we going to do?	1. Ensure residents and stakeholders are engaged and consulted over possible Local Government Reorganisation	2. Further signpost opportunities with Nottinghamshire County Council's District Youth Forum	3. Strengthen links and publicise services and updates further to hard to reach and larger ethnic minority community groups, Your CVS and Town and Parish Councils	4. Increase ways stakeholders can feedback on particular frontline services such as Streetwise, parks and recycling	5. Explore incentive projects for younger people to subscribe, like, follow and engage further with Council social media and/or other channels	6. Further use free newspaper and other print outlets with verified distribution to further reach non-digitally engaged stakeholders
Why? page 32	So all are kept fully up to date with how this may affect Council services, why any changes are being proposed and the chance to have their say.	So younger generations of stakeholders can engage and understand more on council services and the political process.	To make new and strengthen existing ties with these networks to aim to reach those not already engaged through current channels.	So more specific data and views can be captured to shape services.	To increase the volume of younger audiences engaging with Council services.	To ensure the Borough's demographics who do not engage digitally receive news and updates on Council services
How will we know when we have achieved it?	Updating all channels with key messages at the appropriate times and key milestones, responding and listening to feedback on the updates.	Signposting to the forum on social media and other channels at least once a month.	Ensure all weekly external newsletters are received by the groups and encouraged to share with their networks. Increased sharing of each others' updates on social media.	Online surveys annually for each selected service area.	Volume of posts inviting younger audiences to like, follow and engage for possible rewards and subsequent engagement statistics.	Volume of engagement and updates appearing in titles.
When?	Ongoing and in line with key project milestones.	Ongoing and at least three times a year across all channels.	Ongoing.	Agreed with Head of Service.	Post a minimum of two annual incentive driven posts.	Ongoing.

Engagement Action Plan 2025 - 2028

Theme	Discussing and devolving	Listening, responding and consulting	Listening, responding and consulting	Informing	Working and collaborating	Informing
What are we going to do?	7. Signpost and publicise the Nottinghamshire Citizens Panel run by Nottinghamshire County Council	8. Capture data on the demographics of who is responding to surveys to ensure the Council is receiving a fair representation of views from across its communities	9. Collect specific data on the Council's events programme from event goers to shape event formats going forward	10. Provide advice, support and guidance on any significant specific or regulatory service changes. For example, environmental health, planning or waste service changes	11. Ensure all consultations and 2027 residents' survey reaches hard to reach groups including but not exclusive to Hong Kong Notts, U3A, Your CVS, Town and Parish contacts and those with additional needs or neurodiversity.	12. Ensure residents are further aware of the channels to voice their thoughts – contact your ward councillor, Town and Parish and more engagement with Citizens' Questions opportunities
Why? page 33	So residents can identify even further opportunities to have their views heard on other Council services in their area.	To further inform which demographics are responding and so surveys and calls for feedback can be targeted further at under-represented groups.	So event goers can have ever more input and feedback on events to help them evolve in future years.	So stakeholders are aware of key updates in line with any key Council decisions or legislation changes.	So groups with large reach into networks the Council may not reach directly can be further advocates for sharing Council news and updates and how they can contact the Council.	To ensure residents are ever more aware of the ways they can have their questions on services answered.
How will we know when we have achieved it?	Volume of engagement increasing in the panel as a result of the communications.	Volume of times those responding to surveys are asked to confirm their demographic.	Digital consultation after each event in local press and on Council channels.	Volume of communications across all channels at key milestones of the regulatory or service change.	Volume of responses from each group.	Bi-annual updates in all newsletters and dedicated news updates signposting residents how to make contact.
When?	Ongoing and at least three times a year across all channels.	Ongoing with all surveys.	Ongoing and review December 2025, 2026 and 2027.	Ongoing in line with service changes.	Ongoing with extra focus on 2027 residents' survey.	Ongoing with a minimum of three annual updates across all channels.



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Cabinet

Tuesday, 13 May 2025

Renewal of Public Space Protection Order (Dog Control)

Report of the Director – Neighbourhoods

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Safety, Councillor R Inglis

1. Purpose of report

This report seeks approval to renew the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control in Rushcliffe and contains the required supporting evidence.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the renewal of the PSPO for Dog Control as set out in Appendix 1 to take effect from 8 July 2025.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

The Council initially approved a three-year Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) on 7 July 2022, to control anti-social behaviour associated with dog control, which came into effect on 8 July 2022. It is a requirement of the enabling legislation, namely the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, that the Order be reviewed before the expiry of three years. The public consultation and supporting evidence clearly demonstrate the ongoing need to tackle anti-social dog control.

4. Supporting Information

4.1. The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) provides powers for local authorities to introduce measures to address anti-social behaviour in public places. PSPOs are flexible enforcement tools, which apply to a broad range of issues and are designed to control individuals or groups from committing anti-social behaviour in a public space. To utilise the powers the Council must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities carried out in a public space will have or are likely to have:

- A detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
- Are persistent or continuing in nature;
- Are unreasonable; and
- Justify the restrictions imposed.

- 4.2. The Council initially approved a PSPO to control anti-social behaviour associated with dog control on 7 July 2022. This Order applied to all land in the administrative area of Rushcliffe, with the exception of the parish of Tollerton at their request.
- 4.3. A PSPO can last for up to three years, after which it must be reviewed. If the review supports an extension and other requirements are satisfied, it may be extended for up to a further three years. There is no limit on the number of times an Order may be reviewed and renewed. A PSPO can be renewed where the Council considers on reasonable grounds, that renewing the Order is necessary to prevent an occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the PSPO; or an increase in the frequency or seriousness of the activities identified in the PSPO, after the original PSPO would have expired.
- 4.4. The Council undertook a public consultation exercise between 1 February 2025 and 7 March 2025. The exercise asked a number of questions seeking views on the proposal to extend the PSPO and a further question on whether there is support for a further measure to control the number of dogs being walked at any one time. This follows concerns and reports regarding the ability for individuals to adequately control multiple dogs including their ability to clean up after them. The results of the consultation exercise can be found in Appendix 3 but in summary there was an overwhelming support for renewing the PSPO with the addition of a further control on the number of dogs permitted to be walked at any one time. This included a specific request from officers from the Communities team at the Council who have sought to reduce the number of dogs being walked at any one time to four on certain land specified in Appendix B within any new order. These areas have been subject to various dog related issues and additional controls are in their opinion appropriate. The land to which this applies is:
- West Park, West Bridgford
 - Gresham Park, West Bridgford
 - Alford Road Park, West Bridgford
- 4.5. Officers also specifically sought the views of Tollerton Parish Council, who had previously requested to be excluded. On this occasion they have responded confirming their wish to be included within any new order.
- 4.6. Following the consultation, it is proposed that the PSPO be renewed and varied to include the following controls:
- a) Dog Fouling
- No change proposed other than Tollerton parish will no longer be exempted. It is a requirement that any person in charge of a dog on land (described above) to have with them an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog (subject to certain exemptions).

b) Dogs to be kept on leads in specified areas

No change proposed. The PSPO specifies certain areas in Schedule 1 where dog(s) must be kept on a lead. The only area where this is to be mandated is designated and signed areas within Rushcliffe Country Park.

c) Dog Exclusion Areas

No change proposed. The PSPO specifies certain areas where dogs are excluded (not permitted). Schedule 2 proposes that this applies to all children's play areas, multi-use games areas, skate parks and gym equipment zones which are either fenced or enclosed.

d) Number of dogs walked by an individual

New requirement following the consultation exercise. No more than six dogs to be permitted to be walked by a single individual. In addition, on land specified in Appendix 4 within the Order this is reduced to four dogs.

4.7. Enforcement

It is an offence under Section 67 of the Act to breach an order without reasonable excuse. Authorised officers have the power to issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to anyone they reasonably believe is in breach. Enforcement responsibility has been passed to the Council's environmental crime enforcement contractor, currently WISE (Waste, Investigations, Support and Enforcement Ltd). During the life of the current PSPO a total of 23 FPNs have been issued. It is important to note that enforcement is intelligence led, that is to say based on reports and must be proportionate.

4.8 Timetable

Should the Order be approved by Cabinet it will be implemented prior to 8 July 2025 when the current Order expires. The new PSPO will be valid for a period of three years. It can be rescinded, amended or extended at any point during that period. Any amendment or extension will need to follow the consultation and approval process again.

5. **Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection**

The Council could decide not to renew the PSPO but the Council would then be unable to enforce many of the dog related behaviour controls. In addition, the PSPO could also be renewed on its current terms or on further revised terms but what is proposed is in line with the consultation responses.

6. **Risks and Uncertainties**

The risk of proceeding with powers, which are beyond those which the public and key stakeholders considers are required, is that those powers are seen to be unfair or unreasonable, which could be to the detriment of the reputation and

effectiveness of the Council. To mitigate this risk all enforcement activities are closely monitored by officers to ensure action is proportionate and in the public interest.

7. Implications

7.1. Financial Implications

7.1.1. Implementation costs will be contained within existing budgets. This will include the requirement for additional signage which is expected to cost in the region of £1,500.

7.1.2. Enforcement will predominantly be undertaken by WISE (the Council's appointed enforcement contractor) which will be undertaken on a cost neutral basis.

7.2. Legal Implications

7.2.1. This report supports the use of statutory powers to deal with dog related anti-social behaviour. If approved the Order will need to be reviewed every three years and a duty to consult thereafter, where an extension is proposed.

7.2.2 Should anyone object to the approval of the PSPO they would have to make a High Court application within six weeks of the Order being made. A PSPO can only be challenged on the grounds the local authority did not have the power to make or vary the Order or it did not follow the statutory process when making the Order, such as a failure to properly consult before making the Order. The High Court has the power to suspend the operation of the PSPO (including any of its requirements or prohibitions) or a variation on an interim basis until it has reached a decision and may quash a PSPO or any of its requirements or prohibitions if an application is successful. A PSPO can also be challenged by judicial review on public law grounds within three months of the decision.

7.3. Equalities Implications

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken which identified no major or adverse impact. A copy of the EIA can be found at Appendix 3.

7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

The implications of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have been considered within the body of the report.

7.5. Biodiversity Net Gain Implications

There are no implications on biodiversity net gain.

8. Link to Corporate Priorities

The Environment	Ensuring that appropriate controls are in place to control dog related anti-social behaviour has a positive impact on the environment.
Quality of Life	Ensuring that appropriate controls are in place to control dog related anti-social behaviour has a positive impact on residents quality of life and their use and enjoyment of public spaces.
Efficient Services	None.
Sustainable Growth	Helps to ensure an attractive and clean environment which has a positive impact on residents and businesses.

9. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the renewal of the PSPO for Dog Control as set out in Appendix 1 to take effect from 8 July 2025.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	Report to Full Council on 7 July 2022
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Draft Revised PSPO 2025 Appendix 2 – Consultation Response Summary Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment Appendix 4 – Supporting Evidence

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The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Rushcliffe Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) 2025

Rushcliffe Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its power under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the Act have been met, **and** being satisfied on reasonable grounds that extending the period for which the Rushcliffe Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) 2022 ('the 2022 Order') has effect is necessary to prevent:

- a) Occurrent or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the 2022 Order, or
- b) An increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time

HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND the 2022 Order under section 60 and 61 of the Act by further Order.

This Order may be cited as the Rushcliffe Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) 2025 ("the 2025 Order"). This Order shall come into effect on 8 July 2025 and shall have effect for a period of three years.

General Provisions

- A. This Order applies to all land in the administrative area of the Council, as shown on the plan in appendix A, to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
- B. A person who fails to comply with any obligation imposed by this Order is guilty of a criminal offence by virtue of section 67(1) of the Act and liable to a fine upon summary conviction. A person may be offered a Fixed Penalty Notice by way of discharging liability for the offence.

Specific obligations:

1. Fouling

If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies, a person who is in charge of the dog at that time must remove the faeces from the land forthwith unless:

- (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

2. Means to pick up

A person in charge of a dog on land to which this Order applies must have with them an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless:

- (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

This obligation is complied with if, after a request from a constable or an Authorised Officer, the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces.

3. Dog on lead in specified areas

3.1 A person in charge of a dog on land to which Schedule 1 of this Order applies must ensure their dog(s) is kept on a lead unless:

- (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

3.2 A person in charge of a dog(s) on land to which this Order applies must comply with a direction from a constable or an Authorised Officer to put and keep the dog on a lead, unless:

- (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

4. Dog exclusion in specified areas

A person in charge of a dog must not take it into or allow it to remain on any land to which Schedule 2 of this Order applies, unless:

- (a) they have a reasonable excuse to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their doing so.

5. Number of dogs walked by an individual

A person in charge of a dog on land to which this Order applies must restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by a single individual to six (6) dogs and to land specified in Appendix B to four (4) dogs unless:

- (a) they have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

6. Exemptions

Nothing in this Order shall apply to:

- (a) a person who is registered as a blind person on a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948;
- (b) a person who is deaf and relies upon a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358) for assistance; or
- (c) a person who has as a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination, or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a Prescribed Charity and upon which they rely for assistance; or
- (d) dogs that are being used for work in connection with emergency search and rescue, herding or shepherding animals, law enforcement and the work of the armed forces.

For the purposes of this Order:

- A person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
- Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land.
- Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces.
- An Authorised Officer shall mean a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of giving directions under this Order.

The COMMON SEAL of
RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL
was affixed to this Order
in the presence of:

.....
Authorised Signatory

Schedule 1
Dog on Lead Specified Areas

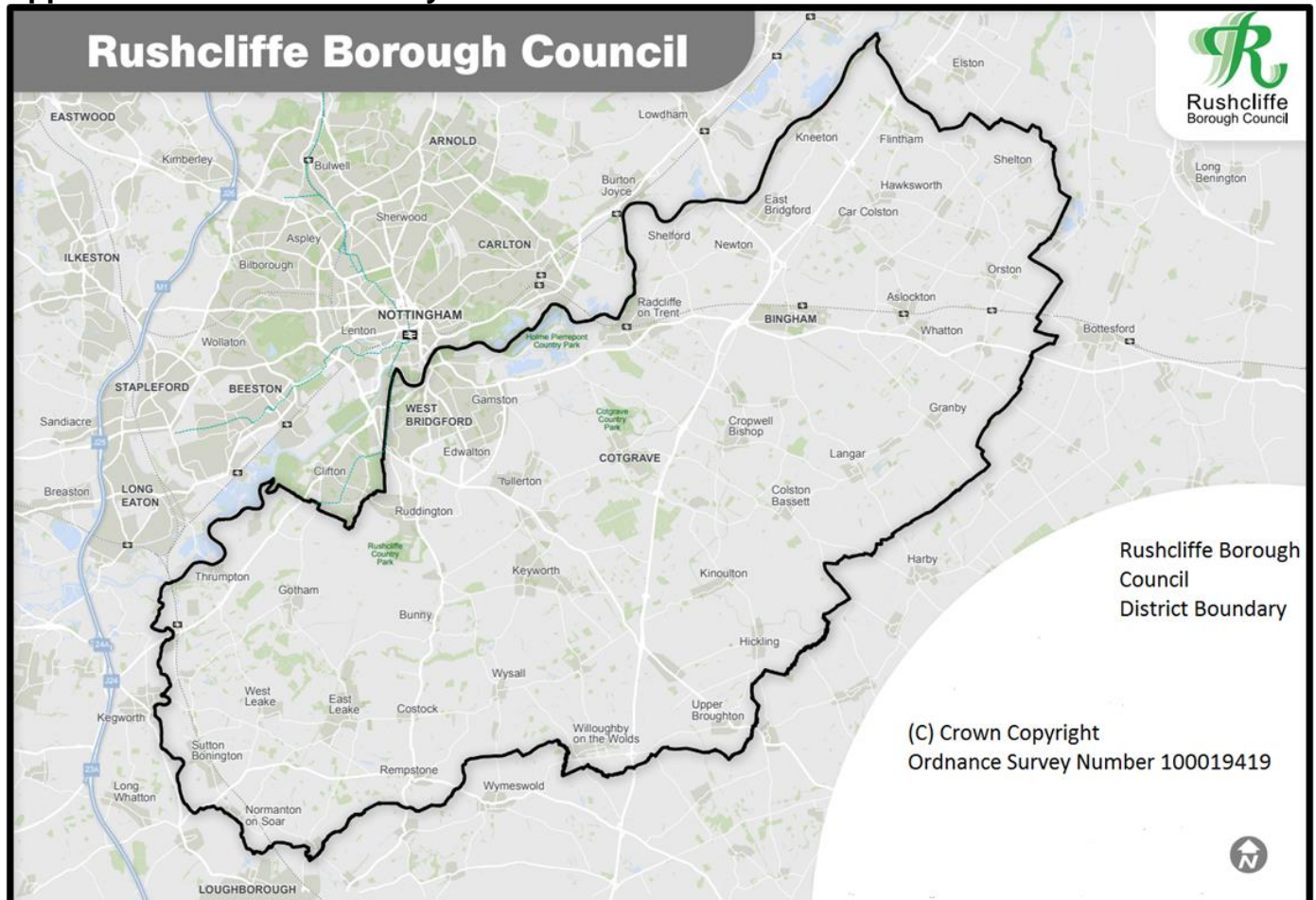
Play Area/Recreation Ground	Post Code	Owner
Specified areas (as signed) at Rushcliffe Country Park	NG11 6JS	Rushcliffe Borough Council

Schedule 2
Dog Exclusion Specified Areas

1. The exclusion applies to:
All children's play areas, multi-use games areas, skate parks and gym equipment zones which are either fenced or enclosed.

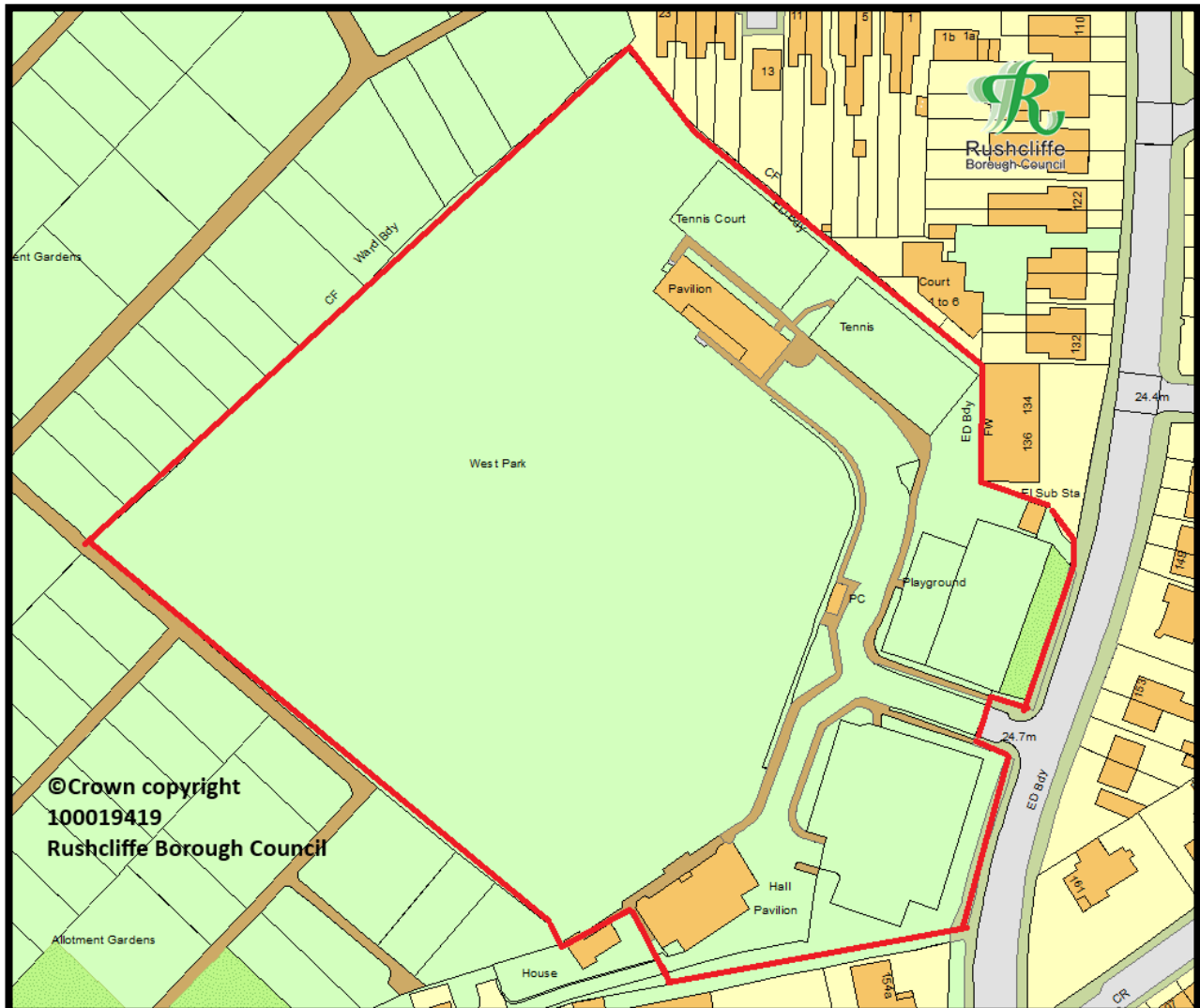
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Appendix A - Area Covered by PSPO

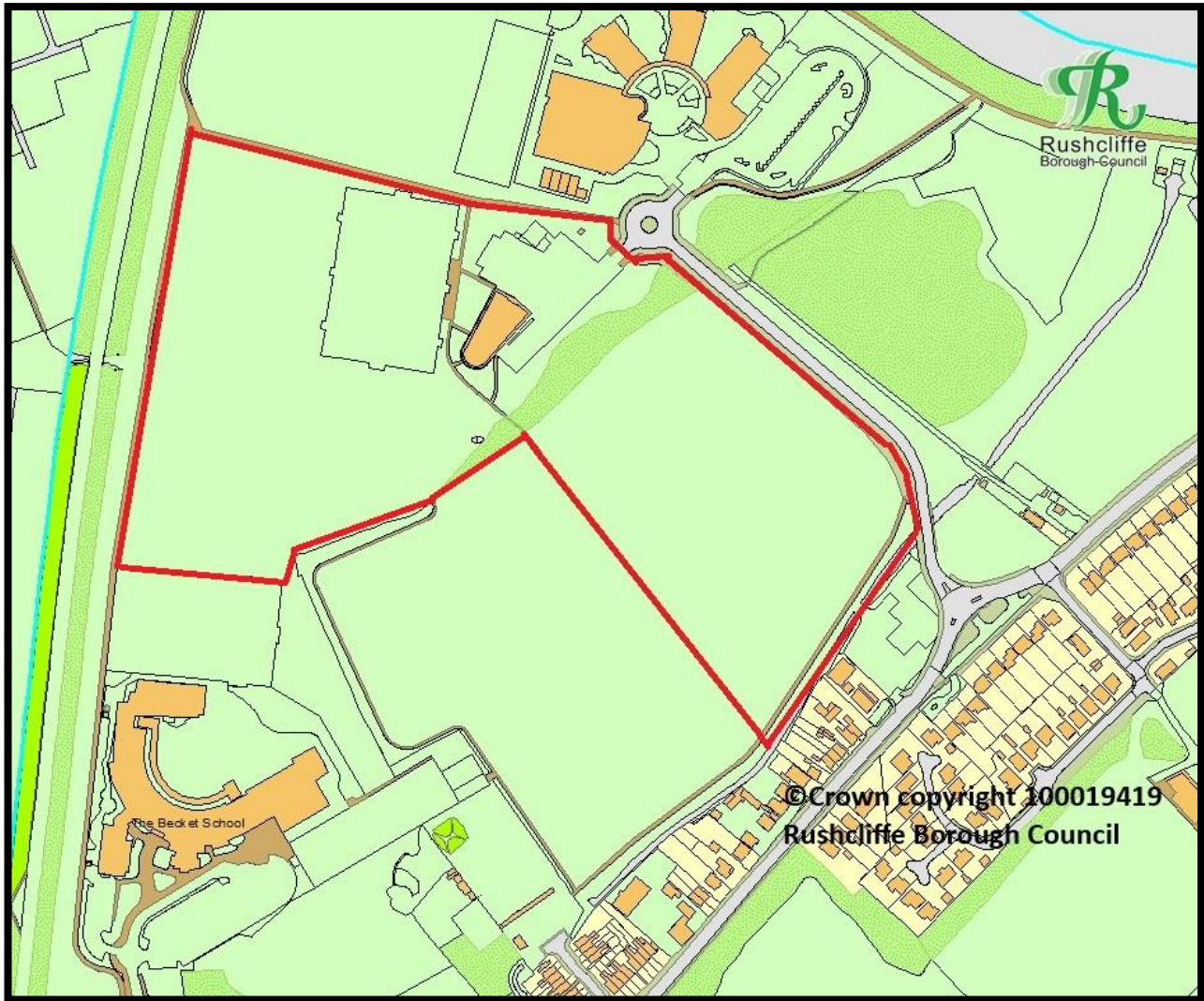


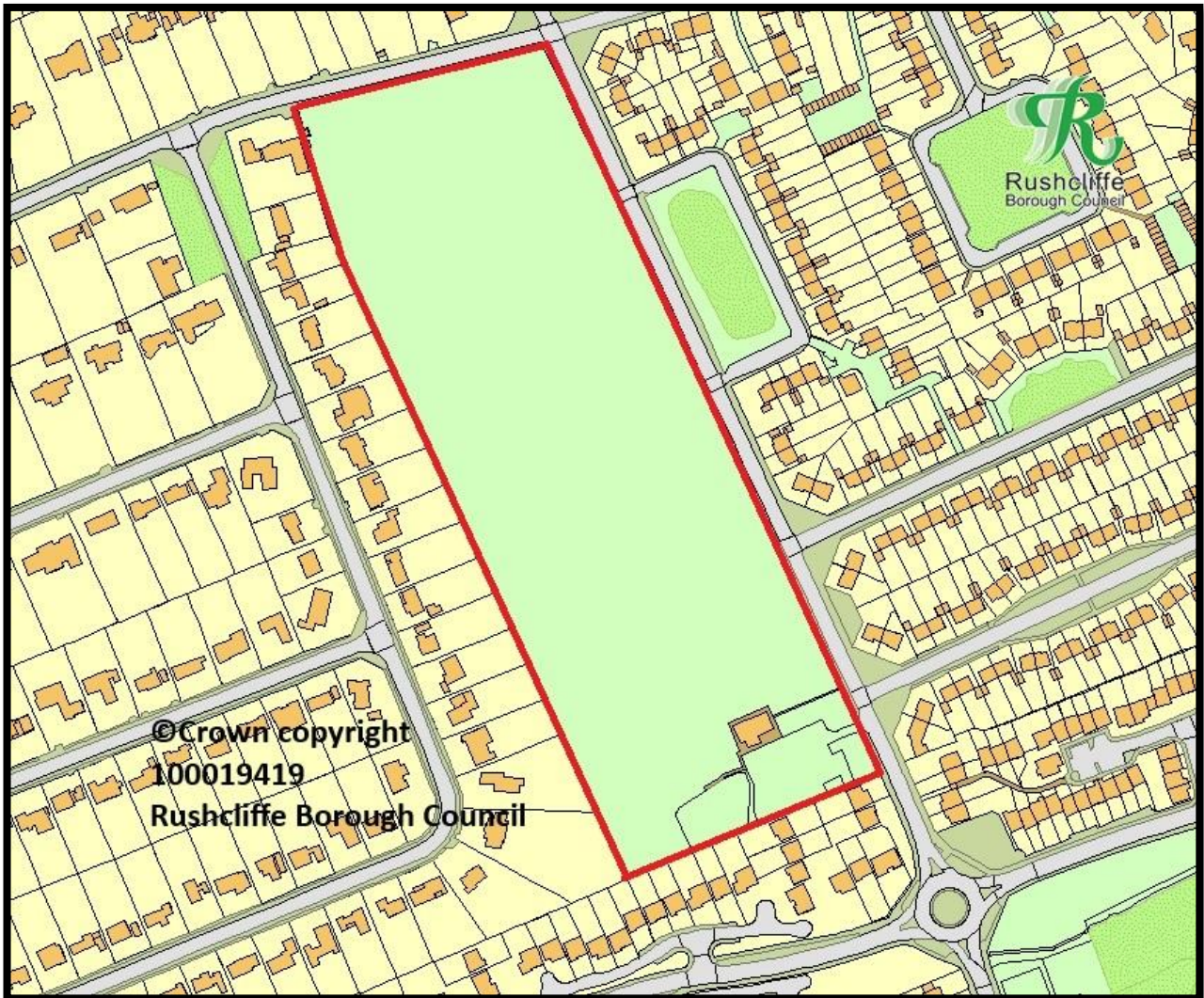
Appendix B
Number of dogs walked by an individual in these
specified areas is restricted to no more than 4 dogs

West Park, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 7JE
Map 1



Gresham Park Road (off Wilford Lane), West Bridgford, NG2 7YF
Map 2





End of Order

PSPO consultation responses

As part of the PSPO process a public consultation has taken place to seek the views of the public and to inform the council on any possible further changes. The survey took place **from 1st Feb 2025 and was closed on Friday 7 March 2025.**

The service was asked to include a question in the survey on whether there is support for a further measure to control the number of dogs being walked at any one time.

Six questions were asked in the survey and the questions and responses to each are below. Question 5 and 6 are free comment response questions and so are presented in a table of comments.

In summary there was an overwhelming support for renewing the PSPO, 94%.

Out of those that answered the question around restricting dogs being walked, there was a significant number in favour of this, but dropping to 74%, and 15% positively not supporting it and 10% don't know.

In addition to the public consultation we consulted the Community Development service who manage and operate several parks in the borough.

The comments from the council's Communities Manager states there are significant ongoing dog fouling problems on some parks and supports a restriction to four dogs being walked or being in control of at a time by any one person. The reason is to ensure the walker can monitor and collect waste from their dogs and more than four dogs is thought to contribute to the on-going dog fouling being left.

The Community Managers comments are below.

Thank you for consulting with the Communities team in relation to the PSPO.

We would strongly request that the Playing Pitches which are operated by the authority are restricted to four dogs per person.

The sites are:

- ☐ Gresham Sports Park,
- ☐ West Park Cricket Ground
- ☐ Alford Road Playing fields.

Since the Covid pandemic there has been a large increase in dog ownership and we regularly experience dog fouling on our playing fields. Our experience of people walking six dogs is that fouling can be missed as they try and keep the animals under control or that they are dealing with one mess only for another to be taking place which they don't spot.

As you will be aware dog faeces can carry harmful bacteria and parasites that can cause serious illnesses in humans, such as E. coli, Salmonella, and roundworm, These can be particularly dangerous if someone comes into contact with contaminated soil or grass, especially through open wounds. A large percentage of our playing pitch bookings are for very young children so we are keen to reduce the amount of dog fouling incidents for people playing sport and getting covered in dog faeces.

Kind regards

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Communities Manager

Rushcliffe Borough Council

Tollerton Parish Council Comment

With Regards to Tollerton Parish Council this service asked the Parish for a view as they are currently treated as an exception to the PSPO. In response the Parish has stated they now support the PSPO being able to be applied through out Tollerton.

In response the following comment was received:

Hi Dave

I raised this at PC last night and the council is happy to inc the open space

See you in a few weeks

Cheers

Matt

Matt Garrard <matt.garrard@tollertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

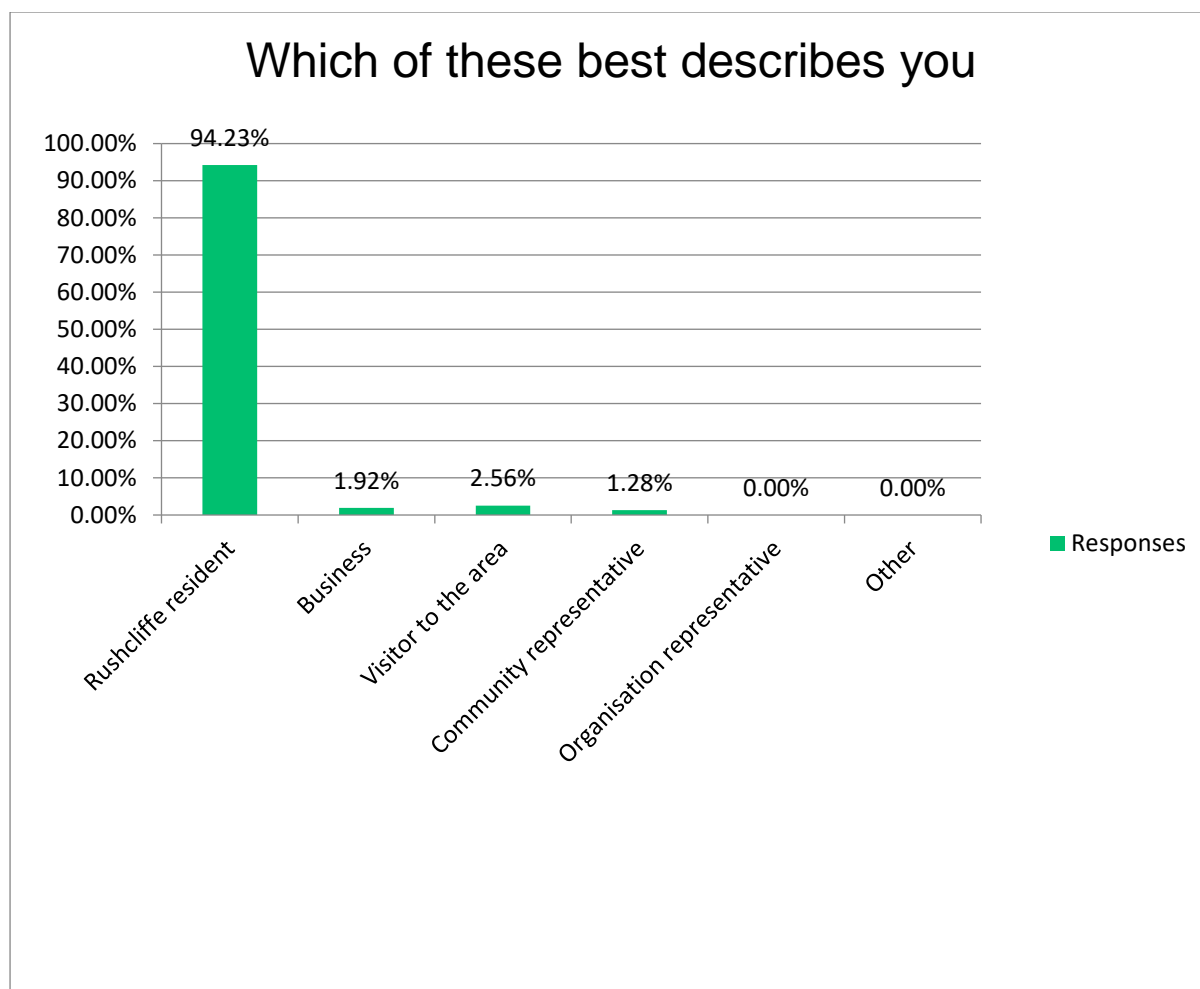
Other comments received outside of the survey:

From and date	Comment	Response
From: SR Sent: 20 January 2025 16:49	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>I have previously been in touch with Councillors Thomas and Way re various things to do with the Woodgate View development in East Leake and an issue I have expressed concerned about before is now raising its head again. You may remember that this small development is particularly well endowed with green space. The space is owned by the Edinburgh based company 'Greenbelt' and is looked after by their sub contractor 'Horizon Landscapes' of Nottingham. The costs of this are equally divided and charged to each home on the development - to y/e 31st August 2025 the costs per household was £317.20.</p> <p>Recent weeks have seen more and more non residents of this development using the greenspace to exercise their dogs. Many come in their cars to do this and these now include professional dog trainers who can sometimes bring up to six dogs with them to exercise here on a daily basis. Apart from the obvious fouling that continues to be a problem we are now finding that the footfall is damaging the pebble paths and the grass itself. The residents, rather than the dog walking fraternity and other non resident walkers, will, of course, end up paying for repairs. Social media shows there has been some discussion around these themes for other areas in Rushcliffe including East Leake.</p> <p>What can be done to tackle the problem? It is quite unfair for this land to be used by the wider community, some of whom are earning an income from exercising dogs on the green space when the residents of Woodgate View (who already pay Council Tax) are the ones who have to pay for it!</p> <p>Your comments would be very much appreciated.</p>	Nil required.

	Yours sincerely and on behalf of some other like minded residents, SR	
JA	Hi, I have responded to your email, in the survey. I have strong views so thank you for contacting me. Due to the nature of my business and the genre I represent , I know my views in the boxes provided represent a lot of people! Kind Regards JA	Responded to encouraged further comment in the survey from others

The public consultation responses are below:

Q1 Which of these best describes you: options presented table shows choice?

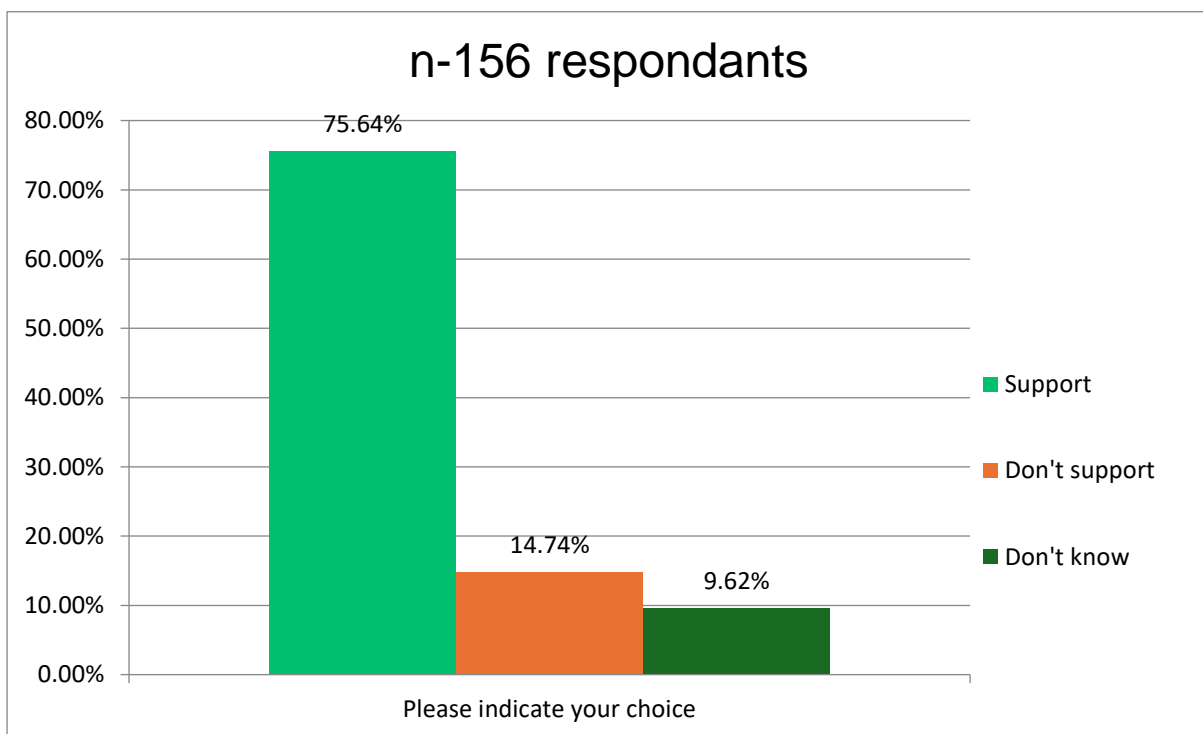


Q2 If you are representing an organisation who is this (if applicable)

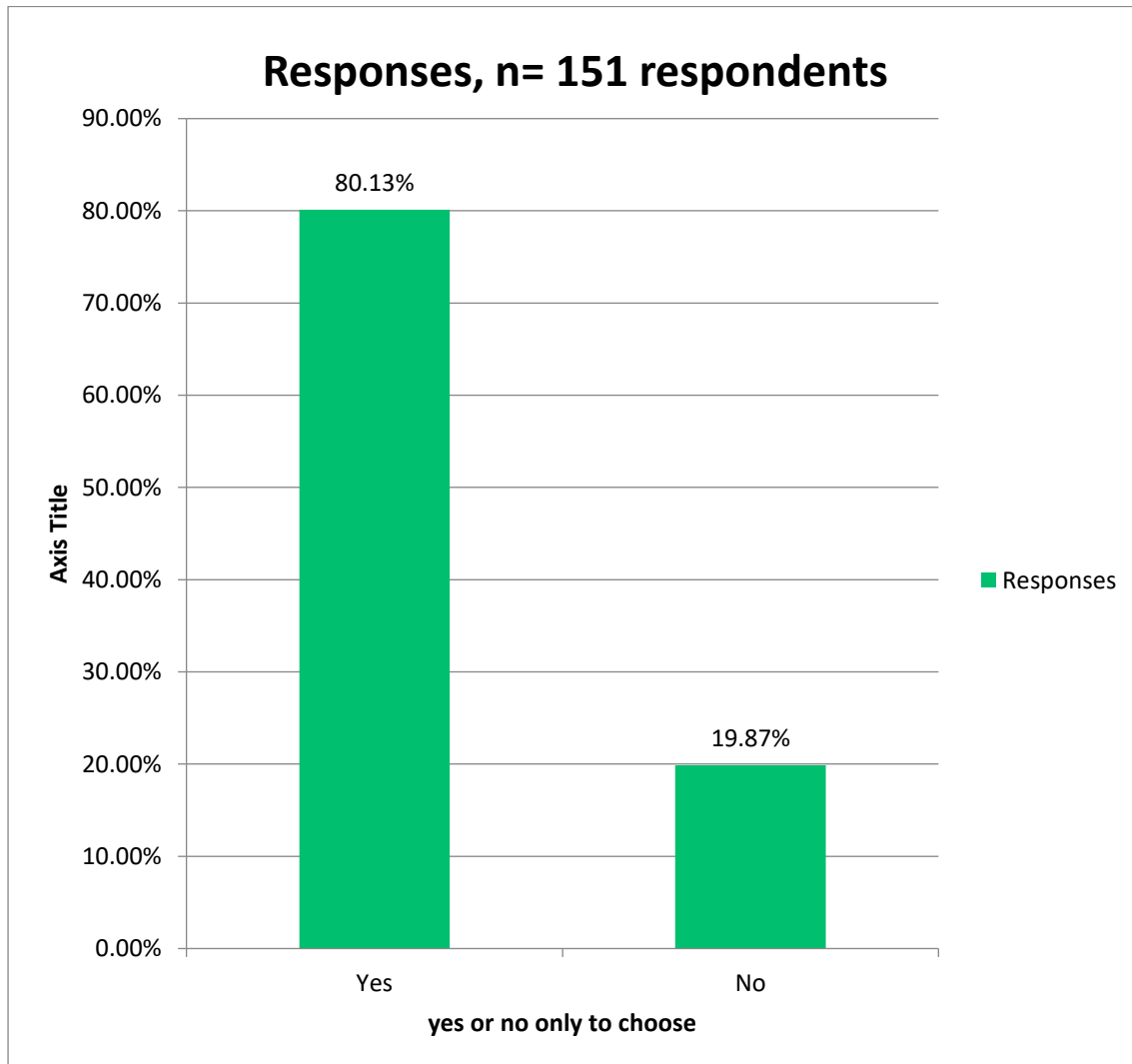
Response Date	Responses
Mar 08 2025 04:39 PM	ST
Mar 01 2025 06:51 PM	N/a
Feb 28 2025 09:11 PM	N/A

Feb 27 2025 03:36 PM	A group of residents on Mulberry Way, East Leake whose properties are adjacent to the green space (amenity land) on the Woodgate View development there.
Feb 20 2025 11:51 AM	Ruddington Parish Council
Feb 15 2025 01:11 PM	Friends of Bridgford Park abs Central West Bridgford Community Association
Feb 13 2025 03:06 PM	N/A
Feb 11 2025 07:31 PM	N/A
Feb 10 2025 08:20 PM	N/A
Feb 10 2025 10:46 AM	N/A
Feb 04 2025 08:12 AM	house&petdevotee (My business based in Gamston Village)
Feb 02 2025 11:22 AM	No
Feb 02 2025 08:24 AM	Little Lane Dog Retreat

Q3 Do you support the renewal of the PSPO as proposed?



Q4 Some authorities have introduced a restriction on the maximum numbers of dogs that can be walked at any one time, particularly in relation to professional dog walkers, would you support this?



Q5 Would you wish to see a change to the PSPO around dog fouling/dog control, if so what?

Answered	108	
Skipped	48	
Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
118816537263	Mar 09 2025 11:47 AM	Yes - heavy fines and notices to stop people hanging full dog poo bags in trees and bushes. What are they thinking of?
118816536609	Mar 09 2025 11:42 AM	No changes other than potentially a limit on maximum number of dogs under supervision of one person to 4 dogs to one person
		<p>Yes I welcome the work of the PDPO but feel the area of dog fouling is not being properly addressed. The number of dogs has increased exponentially since the pandemic, and at any one time fir example today, i counted more than 45 dogs in the park. It is not a big area, and there are mMy people enjoying sitting on the grass, with dogs everywhere, one is never far from the smell and situation of a dog fouling, as they go everywhere, while it is stressful to watch dog owners not taking notice, those than do pick up the mess, can leave a portion behind, and some of it is v difficult to pick up as its spread across the grasss. We live on Albert Road opposite the park and every day we see unsupervised dogs off the lead in the Bridgford park woodland areas. This sort of owner behavior is a huge problem, as children like to play in the woodlands, young people like to sit on the logs, and we all like to walk there to enjoy the trees and canopy, but dog fouling is making it hazardous. Today at the very entry to the path a pervasive mess blocked our route, and my friend who is visually impaired was v distressed as he got it on his shoe.</p> <p>I would like to see tighter controls in place and more monitoring, perhaps a permit scheme, or an area where dogs can't go - certainly toghter controls - dog owners are not paying for the priveledge of using the park as a toilet - and its quite clear this is absolutely the intention of owners who bring their dogs in for that purpose each and every day often twice a day.</p>
118816277412	Mar 08 2025 04:39 PM	I'd like to see a log taken, to understand the scale of the problem, as by my calculations if the

		40+ dogs I saw this morning, foul and return again later, then within just a short time frame, the figures become startling. One only has to imagine the area covered in a 12 hour day, x 365 days a year. This represents an ongoing, permanent and significant hazard to human beings and in particular, children, disabled and other vulnerable people.
118816003856	Mar 07 2025 11:42 PM	A warden so people who clear up after their dogs, like me and my friends, aren't automatically blamed for what other people fail to do.
118815987070	Mar 07 2025 11:04 PM	Extension of areas where dogs have to be on leads
118815820197	Mar 07 2025 07:05 PM	Yes. I believe that in our park, dogs should be on a lead at all times. Owners cannot always guarantee that their dog will be under control if let off the lead. In addition, owners may not notice that their dog has fouled the grass, on which children may be playing. When my grandson was small and I took him to the park, off-lead dogs would often get his ball and leave it covered in saliva.
118815582366	Mar 07 2025 01:40 PM	Dog ownership has increased considerably in the UK (e.g. with sources https://www.statista.com/statistics/515333/dogs-ownership-in-the-united-kingdom-uk/) and dog fouling will have increased (kg/square metre/day!). I think this has a strongly negative impact on the SE park area where we have the children's play areas and people picnic and play games. I think dog walking should be restricted to Bridge Field (NW of the hall and tennis courts).
118815520940	Mar 07 2025 11:42 AM	Dog owners need to be required to have their dogs on a leash at all times in local parks. 2. Dog owner should not stand by while their dogs jump on random children or adults. I was bitten by a dog as a child and you won't believe the amount of times dog owners expect me to be thrilled to bits when their dogs charge at me. Some dog owners have been right down rude and aggressive when I've politely asked them to get their dog off me. I had my coat muddied and damaged by a dog in West Bridgford Park and the dog owner was angry and annoyed with me when I burst into tears.
118815510998	Mar 07 2025 11:14 AM	signs to show that dogs must be kept on leads in the park as when they are not on the leads people do not know if the dog has fouled in a bush or behind there backs or when the owner is on the phone. signs need to be clear and easy to understand so that the fouling stops and the owners can be made more responsible

118815483079	Mar 07 2025 09:55 AM	<p>More support for people who walk their dogs. As a single female I rely on these green spaces - I haven't got the option of going somewhere more remote in the countryside/woods etc - I wouldn't feel safe on my own and I don't drive - so I rely on being able to use parks for my social time and my mental health to be with and walk my dogs without being judged. I see many people with children who leave so much mess and damage - litter, broken plants, picking the flowers that mean so much to people like me, broken glass, grafitti from groupd of older children, cigarette stubs everywhere - dogs in the park are the least of these worries. I see very responsible dog walkers on my regular walks - all picking up after their dogs and leaving the park as they found it - I think more should be done about the issues I have highlighted as the park is there for us all to enjoy not just noisy, unruly children who pick the crocuses etc</p> <p>More bins are always a good thing making it easier to clean up and more signs for people to not leave their litter - bins should also be replaced if taken down - this does not always happen. The park needs to be about nature and trees and feeling like you can walk your dogs without prejudice and supporting dog walkers which will then make us feel like part of society and not constantly prejudiced against for the very small number of those who may not clean up. All the nature that uses the park/live in the park don't clean up after themselves - foxes etc and these too are or should be a priviledge that we have these animals/nature around us - we have less and less green around us and more and more blame/restrictions on dogs as if they are the problem with everything - support rather than create blame with your prejudiced posters you have placed everywhere.</p>
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		<p>I would welcome tighter dog control measures in West Bridgford Park and on the canal paths.</p> <p>Especially the top half of the park, where childrens' play areas are, gets very busy with both people, children and dogs all year round.</p> <p>A lot of dogs are let off lead and not well watched by their owners, instead they either look at their phones or are chatting to other people. When the dogs run off into the woods, and their owner is distracted, they don't see whether or not their dog toileted, hence fouling gets probably missed.</p> <p>Additionally, some people are really scared of dogs, hence I think it is not fair to the fearful to have dogs running around at distance from their owner. This makes it impossible for them to enjoy our lovely outdoor space.</p> <p>Secondly, I witnessed and experienced any number of scraps between dogs, many have very poor recall, and it has become quite hazardous walking through the park with my dog on lead as he gets bothered by other dogs on the loose. Some dogs are no trouble, but others are looking to pick a fight. This is no fun especially when the owner is 'miles'away.</p> <p>However, I do think that the field, which serves in the summer occasionally as a car park, should continue to allow dogs to run free if they wish to do so. There, it is a lot easier to keep an eye on the dogs, and should some toileting get missed this would not be as bothersome to the general public as the majority make use of the upper part of the park.</p>
118814941041	Mar 06 2025 04:10 PM	My comments about dog off lead also applies to the path along the canal.
118814762312	Mar 06 2025 01:26 PM	<p>I having owned dogs for over 50 years and seen a huge change in people's attitudes to dog ownership. i am very concerned at the amount of dog walkers we now have and the lack of control over the number of dogs they can walk at any one time. A number of these walk 6 dogs, all different breeds, sizes, ages, homes and social skills. i have seen chaos, leads twisted causing dogs to fight, lack of ability to clean up poo, dogs off leads with the walker nowhere to be seen etc.</p> <p>It is not only dog walkers who walk multiple dogs together so a restriction needs to include anyone and everyone. i have attended Kennel Club events over the years and they only allow 2 dogs per adult to be walked at any one time, but these can be let off lead in the designated area. i have never witnessed any dog fights or dogs out of control.</p>

118814620852	Mar 06 2025 09:50 AM	Central avenue West Bridgford is constantly being fouled by dogs on leads, owners are allowing their pets to urinate up tables chairs and signs of businesses on the Avenue. It's not pleasant or hygienic for the business owners who have to take in furniture to their food premises. There is very little signage only odd small stickers to tell owners their pets are not allowed to foul in these areas,
118814601257	Mar 06 2025 09:26 AM	No- continue to enforce waste pick up and control.
118814335198	Mar 05 2025 09:58 PM	Would like to see dogs kept on short leads at all times in all public places. Would like dogs to be banned from places where people are eating.
118814151324	Mar 05 2025 05:50 PM	From experience in West Bridgford park, many dogs are being allowed to run around off the lead & poorly supervised. There are risks to other people, children, elderly or infirm individuals in particular. Other dogs may also be at risk. There are risks that people will not clear up after their dogs. Dogs are damaging the park, by spoiling flowers etc. The Order needs to be strengthened to prevent people from getting away with this behaviour.
118813568828	Mar 04 2025 09:50 PM	I would support it being the default requirement being that dogs should be on a SHORT (ie. maximum 2m long) lead in ALL parts of the PSPO EXCEPT designated dog exercising areas which are clearly signed and fenced off from other areas. This should make it possible for the owners of all defecating dogs to be clearly identified so they know they will be spotted & fined if they don't 'clean up' and should minimise the occurrence of children and other vulnerable people being adversely affected by dogs in public places.
118813116514	Mar 04 2025 12:23 PM	Dog fouling yes but I think there should still be designated off lead zones.
118813032369	Mar 04 2025 09:20 AM	Though I support the measure in theory, this has been raised surrounding the West park cricket ground and proposing having dogs on leads within the playing grounds. I agree greater enforcement is needed around removing dog waste, though I believe it is a small minority, and really one problematic individual who is causing 90% of the problem. Redesigning the playing area to restrict dog to being on leads only is an overcorrection which punishes hundreds of dog owners who use the field particularly when it is underutilised and the vast majority cause no harm.

		<p>I would like to see more patrols in West Bridgford, especially in Bridgford park and on Bridgefield, at present Streetwise staff are having to clear away dog faeces especially in the Park rather than undertaking horticultural tasks which the West Bridgford precept is paid in my council tax.</p> <p>Furthermore having dogs off leads are a trip hazard and there are members of the public and children who are fearful of dogs.</p> <p>I would like to see all dogs on leads in Bridgford Park.</p> <p>During the pandemic members of the public acquired a dog, and as a former dog owner myself I am amazed at how many dogs I have counted on the field and in the park, very often over 30 animals.</p> <p>I have seen members of the public not only walking one or maybe two dogs, but three in Bridgford Park.</p>
118812475709	Mar 03 2025 03:56 PM	
118812023816	Mar 02 2025 07:42 PM	No aggressive type dogs ie xl bully's allowed around children's play areas in parks.
118811863355	Mar 02 2025 09:47 AM	No, I really don't think dog fouling is an issue in west b parks. Genuinely. I walk my dog here everyday, twice a day, I rarely ever see dog poo, and if I do I try pick it up. I think having some poo bags available near the dog poo bins might be a good idea. Ultimately I actually don't think it is a huge issue.
118811849481	Mar 02 2025 08:33 AM	Make it more robust and enforce it effectively. Dog fouling is on the increase and it is disgusting.
118811676683	Mar 01 2025 06:51 PM	No
118811724341	Mar 01 2025 06:08 PM	I would like to see people who let the dogs poo on public parks actually fined as the signs are no deterrent to them doing so.
118811593658	Mar 01 2025 02:50 PM	Better education is needed on the consequences of dog fouling. From having to clean shoes, buggies and wheelchairs to the diseases fouling spreads. The fines should also be higher, with improved ways of reporting those responsible.
118811590207	Mar 01 2025 02:45 PM	Dogs should be on leads in all Rushcliffe public parks and no dogs allowed in children's play parks. Dogs are increasingly not well trained and this would protect young children. Dog on dog attacks are also becoming more frequent which costs a lot of money in vets bills.
118811517905	Mar 01 2025 10:20 AM	No

118811500246	Mar 01 2025 09:05 AM	Irresponsible dog owners should be fined. We mostly use Bridgford Park to walk our dog and the vast majority of dog owners are responsible. Dogs we encounter who are walked in the park are without exception friendly. So, for Bridgford Park, nothing should change other than enforcement for those who allow their dogs to foul.
118811296385	Feb 28 2025 10:13 PM	<p>I support controls around dog fouling. It is essential for the health and safety of all and the enjoyment of public spaces that all dog owners pick up after their dogs. In my experience the majority of dog owners do this but of course, as with any section of society there will be a few who do not. They should be targeted rather than punishing dog owners generally. That part of the PSPO is something I agree with.</p> <p>However, further controls are not supported.</p> <p>I say this part because there is growing concern that the crucial space at west park is earmarked for being designated as no dogs or dogs on lead. I hope that is not the case.</p> <p>West Park provides an important community space for children to play, people to walk (with or without dogs) and for sport to be played. All of these things seem to have co-existed for a large number of years but more recently the impression has been created that this is at risk. The assumption which has been created is that because of the investment in the cricket nets the importance of the other parts of the community may be ignored. Those other parts of the community are just as important as cricket but obviously we do not have the same financial investment to offer. It cannot be the case that other users of the park including the large number of dog owners could be usurped in favour of the small percentage of cricket players many of whom will not even be west bridgford residents.</p> <p>Many of those using west park to walk their dogs have no other secure place to walk their dogs. Their rights to continue to use this park therefore need to be protected. This particularly impacts on those who cannot use a vehicle due to being elderly or having physical disabilities alongside those who do or have the money to run a vehicle. Therefore the closure of west park to dog owners would adversely impact more vulnerable members of our community.</p>
118811253796	Feb 28 2025 09:11 PM	I partially support the application. I think it is reasonable to issue FPN if you allow your dog to foul and do not pick it up. I walk my dogs at West Park most days. There are a large number of other dog owners that use the park regularly and all look after it. However, with the darker days of winter I concede that there has been an increase in fouling recently. However when we see unattended to poo we all ensure we remove it. Since the new cricket nets have been

		<p>installed, no doubt at great expense, there has been a couple of visits from a pretty aggressive representative of Rushcliffe Borough council. I believe he may be the head of parks. His behaviour is not acceptable. Being aggressive and threatening towards tax paying residents is not a good look - especially when we genuinely care about the park. The increase in dog mess is not just down to the darker nights - the number of bins at the park is insufficient - currently there is one. It's almost as if the other bins have been removed to encourage fouling so it can be used as an excuse to try and ban dogs. If the desire is to keep dogs off the wicket then proper defences should be erected. Cricket season is short. To deny people the opportunity to exercise their dogs on the nearest park to their home is not fair and equitable. The playing field was bequeathed to the people of Rushcliffe. Our council tax contributions pay for its upkeep. It should remain open to all. I trust that the decision making process will be transparent and open, as the impression your representative has given in his couple of visits, is that his mind is made up. We live in a democracy and the decision about a publicly owned resource, effecting a large number of local residents should not be left to one individual.</p>
118811138322	Feb 28 2025 06:39 PM	<p>Enforcing the PSPO Cameras More signs More bins</p>
118810816040	Feb 28 2025 11:35 AM	<p>Increase the fines and programme short but regular campaigns around the hot spots as a deterrence.</p>
118810156876	Feb 27 2025 03:36 PM	<p>1. The number of dog being brought up by one person to the amenity land at Woodgate View, East Leake needs to be restricted. We have several professional dog walkers coming onto this greenspace with up to 6 dogs each time sometimes twice a day and these dogs often urinate in the hedges in front of our properties and the smell can be quite noticeable on certain days. In addition we are convinced that quite often the 'dog pooh' is not picked up as this can be seen when walking across the amenity land. This is in addition to quite a number of people walking their dogs here and coming to this area with multiple dogs often 2 or 3 at a time. Where dog poo is picked up, the bags are sometimes thrown into the hedges rather than put into the bins.</p> <p>2. The number of dogs should be restricted to two and they should be kept on a lead at all times as walkers and runners also exercise on this space and children play on it during the summer months. Dogs running freely when these other activities are taking place are a risk especially with other dogs also chasing about.</p>

118810023538	Feb 27 2025 12:34 PM	I support the present dog fouling orders. Dog owners should take total responsibility for picking up their dog's poo at all times.
118809983033	Feb 27 2025 11:11 AM	<p>i think its very important to have areas within rushcliffe to walk and let your dog freely its very important my dog can have free running areas to be able to smell and discover wild areas is good for his health too as important for my own mental health as i get obvious enjoyment seeing him happy he has good recall and we pick up any mess he may make and also quite often pick up other dogs excrement</p> <p>i have been walking my dogs for 24 years (yes very tiring) in west park mostly because its a safe area and has free parking, my dogs i have owned over that time have been ex service dogs one of them serving 7 years in Afghanistan at Basra airfield in the British army</p>
118809904925	Feb 27 2025 08:18 AM	No it's fine
118809616886	Feb 26 2025 09:40 PM	Penalise the dog owners that do not deal with the issue but do not restrict more responsible owners
118809530448	Feb 26 2025 07:49 PM	Yes, higher fines for repeat offenders
118809525189	Feb 26 2025 07:42 PM	I fully support the PSPO around dog fouling. However I think there should be a more liberal measures regarding dog control, acknowledging that a dog can be off lead but under the control of its owner. Dogs should be allowed to play off lead in parks and playing fields as long as they are under control.
118809455469	Feb 26 2025 06:18 PM	No. I would like to see irresponsible dog owners who do not collect their dog poo targeted more, while responsible ones continue to use local parks and green areas to exercise their dogs. Our group of dog owners ensure there are fewer dog poos when we leave than when we came by picking up some of those left by others.
118809348046	Feb 26 2025 04:14 PM	I would like further information around where the proposed dogs on lead and exclusion zones are planned and also what has precipitated the development.
118809293904	Feb 26 2025 03:11 PM	Around the Arena and the footpath to the ponds , dogs are being walked off leads. This results in dogs fouling lawns at the bottom of Syon park close. Also dangerous dogs running off where there are children and pushchairs going towards greythorne school . I would propose signs are erected to inform walkers to have their dogs on leads without fail to prevent ongoing issues or risk of dangerous dogs attacking the public or fouling out of sight of their owners.
118809102030	Feb 26 2025 09:53 AM	Include dogs on lease areas already designated in East Leake

118809086589	Feb 26 2025 09:17 AM	Adding the Recreation Ground and Oldershaw Trust Land in East Leake (which are not fenced areas but are children's play areas) to the Appendix as per the the area of land in Rushcliffe Country Park - it is currently sign posted as a "dogs on lead" area, but owners ignore it as nothing can be enforced.
118809079461	Feb 26 2025 09:00 AM	The Order should be amended to include two play areas in East Leake in Schedule 1. They are the recreation ground on Gotham Road and the Oldershaw Trust land on Costock Road
118808753693	Feb 25 2025 09:07 PM	Am happy with the current rules of people picking up after their dogs (ensuring that this just isn't on/near paths as some seem to think) & having dog bags. I think that owners should be able to have areas where dogs can be off the lead and these should continue to be the current areas in East Leake Meadow park - ie. The Dogs off lead area to remain as they have 'always' been but in the area where children's playground equipment/footy field is, then they should be kept on the lead. East Leake Meadow park isn't as big as Rushcliffe, so not as many areas to walk dogs/zone areas. Responsible dogs owners already pay attention to their surroundings & who is there (esp children). Unfortunately due to the increase in houses and less open space, areas to walk have been reduced (whilst various play areas have increased).
118808579846	Feb 25 2025 05:37 PM	More than happy for number of dogs that a dog walker can have to be reduced. Stricter sanctions. Publicising the danger posed to children. NO off-lead areas unless on private land, as there's ongoing problems with reactive dogs without recall attacking others in East Leake. Owner offenders instructed to take part in a responsible ownership course.
118808524722	Feb 25 2025 04:33 PM	I think there needs to be a more visible presence on social media and in the village/ park generally re the dog warden. Every week there seems to be a loose dog in the village. There are dogs which clearly need to be muzzled and the park is no longer a nice place to walk because of irresponsible owners not adhering to rules, especially by the children's park.
118808458269	Feb 25 2025 03:16 PM	Limit more areas in meadow park to require dogs to be on leashes. Fine dog owners not on control of dogs off leash.
118808438550	Feb 25 2025 02:51 PM	I would like to see included the two "dogs on leads" areas set up by East Leake Parish Council - the Gotham Rd Recreation Ground and the Oldershaw Trust Play area on Costock Road

118807799770	Feb 24 2025 06:56 PM	<p>Please enforce the carrying of bags for the collection of dog faeces and disposal. I am aware of a " Professional Dog walker in the vicinity of Compton Acres whom regularly goes out without the required bags (wearing clothing with no pockets) and also on occasions the same person is walking too many dogs ...once seen with 5 dogs ...has no hope of control and the associated safety issues are a major concern.</p> <p>Many dog walkers are not observing their dogs as they are constantly head down using their mobile phones.</p>
118806565360	Feb 22 2025 08:46 AM	<p>The Valley Road play area in RoT known as the 'Tractor Park' is not fenced or gated. It is not reasonable to expect dogs off lead in the Cliffs area to not enter this particular area since it is completely open.</p> <p>Please consider this.</p>
118805050736	Feb 20 2025 11:51 AM	No
118802543854	Feb 17 2025 11:13 AM	<p>Include a reminder that putting dog waste into a bag, and then leaving the bag on the ground, or throwing it into bushes, does not comply with the order to remove the faeces from the land. Further, it constitutes littering.</p>
118801800923	Feb 15 2025 01:11 PM	<p>No. I would like that dogs should be kept on leads in Bridgford Park, to prevent dogs being a trip hazard, those members of the public who are fearful of dogs and dog fouling.</p>
118801569353	Feb 14 2025 10:38 PM	Dogs with no recall be kept on a leash at all times or a long line
118800894035	Feb 14 2025 12:59 AM	<p>The amount of dog poo left on the streets of Radcliffe and along the cliff top path is increasingly bad. Any changes that help with enforcement of picking up poo would be supported by residents. Up the cliffs, this could include a dog's on lead rule, as I assume most poo left up there is due to dogs being too far away for people to see, or people just not noticing that their dog has pooped.</p>
118800605552	Feb 13 2025 05:52 PM	<p>I would support more restrictions on dog control particularly in relation to dog fouling. A higher fine or a ban on the offending human being permitted to walk a dog in an area where they have not cleaned up after their dog.</p> <p>Dogs off leads in public spaces which are not under full close control should also be penalised.</p>
118800458816	Feb 13 2025 03:06 PM	<p>No change.</p> <p>As a dog owner I always have bags with me and will challenge a dog owner if I see them not picking up, their dog mess.</p>

118799028440	Feb 11 2025 07:21 PM	As a local litter picker, the amount of dog poo, on the ground or left in bags, is never ending. I do not have a dog. But I try to protect our small wild life from the harm of litter. I've no idea of any solutions to this endless problem.
118799012718	Feb 11 2025 07:03 PM	No, but unfortunately it's hard to enforce because even if they've picked up there are bags thrown into trees and ditches and you'll never find out who's done it. When dogs are microchipped they should be DNA tested too
118798602145	Feb 11 2025 09:04 AM	More active enforcement on the streets in East Leake. The amount of dog foul is awful along major arterial routes in the village. Additional signage and visible enforcement would assist.
118798592271	Feb 11 2025 08:38 AM	Dog mess. Needs to be better enforced because like everything, it's a few individuals who spoil it for the majority.
118798276593	Feb 10 2025 09:21 PM	Who enforces the restriction of dog fouling? Who ensures dog owners clear up their mess? Are any owners actually fined?
118798223427	Feb 10 2025 08:20 PM	Much less dogs to be walked at one time by "professional" dog walkers. How can one person possibly walk six animals and manage to clean up their mess. And something to be done around the prolific dog fouling issue to the walkway that runs between Ringleas and the Burhill Allotments. It's absolutely revolting and barely avoidable at times.
118798187797	Feb 10 2025 07:36 PM	No need to change the PSPO per se, but it needs to be enforced; based on the fouling in our area I don't believe it is currently.
118798030309	Feb 10 2025 04:50 PM	More dog wardens patrolling the problem areas. Dog licence that has to be purchased and use the money to fund more wardens
118797912607	Feb 10 2025 02:45 PM	It continues to be a problem in and around East Bridgford. Could increased fines be worthwhile? Possible clandestine camera locating with this in mind.
118797814957	Feb 10 2025 12:47 PM	Better policing of the PSPO
118797758275	Feb 10 2025 10:52 AM	More dog waste bins, more active patrolling to catch those who aren't collecting waste. Keep designated areas for on lead and off lead with better signage. We need safe spaces for our dogs to have off lead time but also respect that some areas should be dog free ie kids play areas.
118797752367	Feb 10 2025 10:39 AM	More enforcement
118797735991	Feb 10 2025 10:00 AM	More enforcement officers occasionally visiting sites to check that people are complying and to fine if not.

118797533067	Feb 09 2025 09:47 PM	I feel very strongly there should be more controls and restrictions over dogs off lead and more monitoring of incidents involving dogs causing problems and being aggressive to both people and other dogs. More areas where dogs must be on lead. We don't feel safe in many areas both for ourselves and our dog on lead because of dogs that are not controlled. And there are too many attacks on other animals like swans on the canal etc
118797000794	Feb 08 2025 09:13 AM	Some actual control. The amount of times myself and/or my family have been charged at by dogs not on heads is too many to count. It can be frightening. One of my children is petrified of dogs as thus happened to her when she was small
118796418855	Feb 07 2025 12:45 PM	I would like to see more action taken to address the problems with dog fouling Radcliffe on Trent and more specifically Bingham Road which is a main walking entrance to 2 schools is the worst it has ever been for dog fouling. It is happening on a daily basis and the dog owners are allowing their dog to foul outside peoples houses/ driveways and not picking it up.
118793818095	Feb 04 2025 08:12 AM	<p>No! I totally agree with limiting the number of dogs that can be walked at any one time. My licence is set at a maximum of 3 dogs only for various reasons, one being, being able to control my dogs on a walk. I see " Dog walkers" with any number of dogs and it's totally irresponsible! They cannot possibly be in control of lets say 4-6 dogs, no way! It is dangerous for the dogs, the public and the walkers themselves. I think "Dog walkers" should be strictly controlled every bit as much as i am as a doggy day care/boarder.</p> <p>Huge issues locally with irresponsible dog owners around wildlife, particularly the swans on the canal locally. Just last week another attack by a dog on a swan. I see it REGULARLY , idiot, uneducated dog owners letting their dogs be too close to the swans either on or off the lead. There is NO excuse for this! Id like to see more signs along the canal regarding this issue and the threat of heavy fines imposed. It is upsetting a lot of people locally. Some dog owners are either devoid of brain power regarding their dogs around wildlife, they are uneducated around wildlife or simply don't care! Something strongly needs to be done to protect the local wildlife. I do react/act when i see such bad behaviour and will always do so.</p> <p>Dog fouling is terrible locally. One can hardly walk round the canal now without being very cautious on the grassy areas. Again it is totally unacceptable! Its staggering where i see dog mess being left and the amount. There are plenty of bins. I accept ..how do you "Police" this issue...very difficult indeed , but it is a big issue nowadays.</p> <p>Dogs off lead approaching dogs on a lead is another part of dog control that is causing</p>

		problems too. Having completed a PDSA course , this topic i know all about. I have had problems myself and reported accordingly.
118793574690	Feb 03 2025 10:31 PM	I should like to see it made compulsory for dogs to be kept on short leads on the pavements and roadsides in Rushcliffe, and only be allowed off lead in specified places.
118793514510	Feb 03 2025 09:07 PM	Yes 1. Dogs on leads and prohibited in certain location especially around children play area. 2. Clearing up after dogs have fouled.
118793095713	Feb 03 2025 01:20 PM	Should be more restrictive. I would like to see dogs on leads at all times. Many are poorly controlled and will bite and also foul out of sight of the owner.
118792980400	Feb 03 2025 09:27 AM	A measure to require dogs to be on a lead in local nature reserves should be introduced into the PSPO. Nature reserves are for the protection of wildlife and are not for the exercising of dogs. The majority of owners let their dogs off the lead when entering a nature reserve and allow them to harass wildlife at will.
118792959395	Feb 03 2025 08:42 AM	more fined
118792955630	Feb 03 2025 08:31 AM	Some people just ignore it but it seems to be quite few. No idea what you can do to stop that. It's improved greatly over the years.
118792926154	Feb 03 2025 06:49 AM	Dogs should be on a lead in all public places. Dog walkers should be restricted to a maximum of two dogs.
118792914570	Feb 03 2025 06:07 AM	No
118792788164	Feb 02 2025 11:28 PM	Owners do not have dogs on leads even in areas where they are supposed to such as West Bridgford park and Rushcliffe Country park. Dogs are often allowed to run/chase/bother other users and owners do not wish to or have the ability to control the dog. How can this be better managed. More, better, bigger visible signage would be helpful stating clearly that dogs must be on leads. Plus a number to which photos of offenders can be sent.
118792738956	Feb 02 2025 08:43 PM	I would like the Tollerton Open Space area, currently excluded from the PSPO to be included in the Order. There is a problem with dogs being off the leash in the play area and also with dog fouling on the football pitch. Including it in the Order would give an additional way of tackling this.

118792725122	Feb 02 2025 07:57 PM	Dogs on leads in public areas, particularly those frequented by children and that have significant presence of wildlife that can be harmed by dogs (such as the canal path from Morrisons to Gamston Lock).
118792715835	Feb 02 2025 07:26 PM	all dogs to be on leads in public spaces greater visibility of dog wardens. There are so many owners who can't control their dogs or who are too busy on their phones to see their dog fouling ban hanging dog poo bags on fences, trees and bushes "to collect later"
118792710818	Feb 02 2025 07:10 PM	I would suggest that the whole of Rushcliffe including streets ,public places, residential streets ,parks should be included in the PSPO where dogs are not allowed off leads /zero tolerance of dog fouling .There is no excuse for any area to be excluded from the provisions to stop dog fouling which is a health hazard.There should be stronger enforcement with random spot checks of dog walkers to ensure that they are carrying bags and regular visible patrolling as deterrence.The irresponsible dog owners are unlikely to take note of polite notices and will continue to allow their dogs to foul public spaces unless there is visible deterrence
118792705139	Feb 02 2025 06:53 PM	Add provisions regarding disposal of dog waste in places, like parks, nature reserves. It's a nuisance when individuals collect and bag dog droppings and leave those bags behind on tracks with intent to collect it later.
118792698885	Feb 02 2025 06:37 PM	It would be difficult to implement a control but plenty of people pick up dog mess then leave it in a tied up bag! Some notices to indicate this is not clearing up dog fouling are perhaps required. A second proposal would be to provide some interesting enclosures where only dogs can play. There is one such enclosure in Rushcliffe Country Park but I don't know of any others.
118792669502	Feb 02 2025 04:49 PM	none
118792668777	Feb 02 2025 04:46 PM	An emergency number to call with photographic evidence of dogs off leash attacking swans or other creatures, and an assurance that both the animals and owner will be dealt with. Lady Bay Local has frequent reports of dogs attacking swans in particular, and also other dogs.
118792667582	Feb 02 2025 04:42 PM	Yes. Fines imposed
118792641798	Feb 02 2025 03:04 PM	Dogs to be kept on leads. No dogs other than assistant dogs on premises that serve food

118792603709	Feb 02 2025 12:23 PM	Rushcliffe borough Council should introduce a borough wide rule limiting dog walkers to four dogs walked rather than six. This should include on lead dogs also. As a professional dog walker I see other professional dog walker just letting the dogs out of their vans/cars with no control. There is also a dog walker with up to 8 dogs walking round the streets all on leads. No way would they be able to control them. If they want to walk multiple dogs there are plenty of secure dog walking fields in the area.
118792597439	Feb 02 2025 11:53 AM	More enforcement especially on pavements
118792595233	Feb 02 2025 11:41 AM	I would like to see a council clamp-down on dog fouling in the district. All too often I have to dodge dog mess on the streets and pavements of Keyworth. If there were a few exemplary fines issued to those responsible, dog owners might be encouraged to pick up the unpleasant mess their pets leave. I don't blame the dogs. I blame the owners. It would be interesting to know how many fines Rushcliffe Borough Council has handed out in the last year. Are those details available?
118792591283	Feb 02 2025 11:22 AM	No
118792585820	Feb 02 2025 10:53 AM	No
118792579232	Feb 02 2025 10:15 AM	All dogs should be on leads at all times.
118792576480	Feb 02 2025 09:59 AM	As a dog owner who picks up after our dog I find it infuriating that others do not pick up their dogs poo. There is an older man that frequently allows his dog to foul on Carnarvon place Bingham. He is rude when challenged. This needs addressing. I believe dog control in the main is ok.
118792561176	Feb 02 2025 08:24 AM	On our Little Lane and the bridleway that continues to Edwalton Golf Course whilst walking some of our dogs we are constantly finding poo bags with poop in them. It has been one of my hates for many years now. I know it's not our staff as I use a specific type of poop bag that I give to all our staff to use. I have made complaints on our local Tollerton Facebook page but they still continue to bag and dump it rather than take it home or to the nearest bin. There aren't any bins on the lane and the closest is the bus stop. We have found them flung in bushes and dumped on the path or on our lane where they often get driven over. We do try to pick them up when we can. I'm not sure where this stands with the current rules but I do think it needs to be pushed, not to

		just bag it but to also to take it away. The bags might be biodegradable but it is worse than seeing the poop.
118792559895	Feb 02 2025 08:16 AM	Existing should be retained and enhanced to require dog to be on led in ALL areas except in designated areas. Even the most placid dog can turn and attack small children/other animals without warning. In addition, many dog owner/walkers let their dogs off the lead and then do not wacth or keep control of them, instead performing other activities on their phone, which creates additional risk for others, plus they are unaware when their dog fouls. The prohibiton of dogs from Childrens play parks is key and very welcome part of this order, allowing children to safely play in the small areas set aside for them within the borough - Childrens playgrounds are NOT dog agility courses, as some seem to want them to be. Restricting the number of dogs to a reasonable and safe level that one could expect to be in control of, say 4, seems a sensible addition.
118791821417	Jan 31 2025 05:56 PM	I fully support restricting dog walkers to a maximum of three dogs. Handling more than three dogs would in my opinion present an unnecessary risk to the walker/handler and other dog walkers and to the general public as a whole.
118791787882	Jan 31 2025 05:12 PM	The large number of dog walkers with more than 3 dogs that are out of control is worrying, particularly on Rushcliffe Country Park and Skylarks at Holme Pierrepont. It is not possible to control more than 3 dogs and they become a hazard particularly when off the lead. A limit of 3 dogs would solve this problem.
118791598123	Jan 31 2025 12:14 PM	A better availability of dog poo bins would make it easier for walkers to dispose of dog poo

Q6 Please provide any other comments or supporting evidence here:

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Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
118816277412	Mar 08 2025 04:39 PM	I'd be happy to join with other neighbours and do a daily log and photography if this would help. I just feel its vital not to leave this as it is for 3 more years without further reflection and consideration
118815820197	Mar 07 2025 07:05 PM	Please understand I am not opposed to dogs as such. I recently had one for many years so I understand the love owners have for them. I simply want owners to follow some simple rules that enable everyone to enjoy the park.
118815582366	Mar 07 2025 01:40 PM	e.g. with sources https://www.statista.com/statistics/515333/dogs-ownership-in-the-united-kingdom-uk/
118815483079	Mar 07 2025 09:55 AM	Just look at the park after a busy day when kids/weddings/picnics etc have taken place - the litter and destruction of the beautiful long awaited spring flowers - that is more of an issue than dogs in the park - you don't notice the dogs as they behave so well unlike the noise us dog walkers have to deal with and destruction from kids - parents should be reminded not to let their kids pick the flowers and leave litter etc - see above
118814762312	Mar 06 2025 01:26 PM	dog owners need to take responsibility. Dogs need to be socialised so off lead areas are a necessity. Dog wardens need more powers to insist attack dogs wear muzzles and are suitably restricted when out in public. Over the years my dogs have been attacked and it has always been the owner's fault. Luckily none have been killed but the most recent one very nearly died.
118814620852	Mar 06 2025 09:50 AM	The pathways around the perimeter of the park have dog faeces in many places. No patrolling is visible. Plenty of traffic wardens no dog wardens. There's talk of pedestrianising central Avenue, with that in mind how about up dating the Avenue with assistance dogs only allowed.

118814601257	Mar 06 2025 09:26 AM	Concern about impact on homeless. I do not support criminalising homelessness/mental health issues. Prefer a supportive approach to people sleeping in public spaces
118814335198	Mar 05 2025 09:58 PM	Was recently on a bus where a dog was off lead and pottering around the bus. This is unacceptable. Dogs are frequently off the lead at skylarks nature reserve though notts wildlife trust requests they should be on leads.
118814151324	Mar 05 2025 05:50 PM	It would be good if there was a secure, designated area for the exercising of dogs. They could be permitted to run free inside the area, and required to be kept on a short lead elsewhere.
118813568828	Mar 04 2025 09:50 PM	<p>It is perhaps relevant that I have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personally witnessed someone I know to be a Rushcliffe Borough Councillor walking responsibly in Central Avenue West Bridgford with two dogs on leads and then turning into the park, immediately after entering which she immediately let them off their leads & stood by as the dogs ran off in different directions & immediately emptied their bowels. She followed one dog & tidied up but completely ignored the other until I stepped forward and pointed out the second dog's pile of faeces, which she would definitely have left for someone to step in or worse. If the dogs had been kept on their short leads she would not have been able to ignore the need to clear up both of them. This is bad enough from anyone but a Borough Councillor should set an example & the fact this person didn't emphasises the need for enforcement. 2. In the same park in West Bridgford I had to personally intervene by placing myself between a large dog behaving aggressively towards a girl of around 7yrs old who was standing on a bench arms in the air clearly trying experiencing fear & trying to get herself as far from the dog as possible while it was about four feet away barking furiously at her. The child's parent was a little distance away dealing with a younger infant that I believe had also been frightened by the dog - whose owner/keeper was even further away calling in vain for the dog to 'come'. If that dog had been on a short lead there would have been no problem. When the dog owner eventually put it's lead back on I went with him to the park exit to ensure the child would remain safe and tried to explain the damage his thoughtlessness had done but his 'best' response was that the dog 'wouldn't hurt' anybody. Which is exactly what the owners of all dogs that have killed people must have thought until the dog did. 3. Also in that same park I have on several occasions had large dogs I never met before jump up

		<p>at me, put their feet on my chest and attempt to lick me in a manner their owners may have described as 'playful'. I know how to 'handle' dogs & wasn't afraid for myself but I was more than upset by acquiring muddy dog-footprints on my coat and by the knowledge that the dog did not differentiate between myself or a more nervous person.</p> <p>4. Most seriously a friend of mine has without provocation been dog-bitten on his hand & almost lost two fingers. As it was he needed 9 hours surgery and still cannot use them normally. That dog owner said it 'never bit anyone before'. There is always a first time.</p> <p>There are signs in Bridgford Park saying dogs should be on a lead, they should be more prominent and enforcement should happen.</p>
118813419267	Mar 04 2025 07:14 PM	In terms of West Bridgford Park and Field I agree that dog owners should collect/ pick up dog poo but if the dog is well behaved they should be allowed off lead.
118813322744	Mar 04 2025 05:10 PM	I think putting some arbitrary maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is ridiculous. I understand the concept but do you mean on lead or off lead, owner or professional dog walker?;All scenarios present completely differently. In addition there are owners not in control of the one dog they are walking, whilst other owners with more dogs are fully in control.
118813116514	Mar 04 2025 12:23 PM	This should be clearly marked for the publics attention so they know where to expect dogs will be off leads and if scared of dogs they can avoid those areas.
118813032369	Mar 04 2025 09:20 AM	I believe greater signage for fines for leaving dog waste and a targetted approach, essentially a wall of shame would prompt almost all of the worst offenders to relent

118812475709	Mar 03 2025 03:56 PM	<p>As a member of Friends of Bridgford Park and a member and West Bridgford Community Organisation, and a volunteer tree warden for the Borough, I regularly speak to Streetwise employees in the park and I hear first hand about the first mornings task in the Park is often to clear away dog faeces.</p> <p>I have also seen dog walkers on their phone, with their dogs off the lead in the Park and also talking to other people in the children's play area whilst their dog is on the loose running all over the park.</p> <p>Only last week when the Council kindly erected signs on the trees around the grassed area by the Hall where the crocuses are in full bloom. I had to ask two dog owners to put their animals on a lead and not rampage through the blooms. If the dos had to be on leads in the Park this wouldn't occur</p>
118811676683	Mar 01 2025 06:51 PM	<p>As a responsible dog owner I love how dog friendly west Bridgford is. It's a great community of people who support each other. I'm a chronically ill older women and without this community I would be isolated. Please dont take this away.</p>

118811724341	Mar 01 2025 06:08 PM	<p>I walk my dog with other dog walkers, 8am, every morning at West Park in Bridgford. My partner doesn't drive so this is the only place within walking distance of our home where she can let our 2 year old Labrador of her lead. We got our dog with the safe knowledge that Bo could run happily on the nearby park at least twice a day, as she needs a good two hours a day to be off her lead.</p> <p>As a dog owner we have built a small community with other dog walkers in the area which is great for our mental health being around other dog lovers/owners and it's also invaluable for the advice help wise we get from other dog owners concerning our dog should we need it. Often something will occur with our dog, sickness, swimmers tail, etc and other dog users help us see what is happening and advise on our next move. We are a community who look out for each other.</p> <p>Myself and my partner, as are the others, are also vigilant in picking up our dog's poo. The thought of somebody not doing so annoys us greatly as we are aware this park could be taken away from us for somebody else's actions.</p> <p>It would affect myself, my partner and my dogs health and well being greatly should we be band from walking our dog off lead on West Park just for the fact of other irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after there dog.</p> <p>These people should be caught and fined but we and our dogs shouldn't be punished for other peoples irresponsibilities.</p>
118811593658	Mar 01 2025 02:50 PM	<p>More signs would help, as would better facilities to help dog walkers.</p> <p>In addition to fouling some dog walkers let their dogs run at people, walk in front of people and seem to have little regard for others.</p> <p>The problem also isn't limited to the park but the pavements in the area.</p>
118811517905	Mar 01 2025 10:20 AM	<p>Is ghere any truth in the rhumour that dogs are going to be reauired to be on lead at all times in West Bridgford patk? Ic this is so i sgfonhly disagree with this. I am a rddpnsible dog owner and always clean up after my dog, why should i be penalised for a small mnority. I should be able to walk my dog off lead as i have done for years with no problem. People with dogs will stop coming to the park if they have to have their dog on a lead. This will also affect the small buisneses around the park anx avenue that they support daily.</p>

118811138322	Feb 28 2025 06:39 PM	In Keyworth it is appalling. There needs to be some action and the rules enforced.
118810816040	Feb 28 2025 11:35 AM	I've noticed Ruddington has recently had a big increase in dog foulage in the village, and especially since the end of 2024. More warning signage would be useful as a lie cost measure?
118810156876	Feb 27 2025 03:36 PM	You can see all this were you to visit our locality - we regularly 'walk' the area and remove poo bags and dog poo where we see it but whilst we try to public spirited in this way it makes no difference. This land is not owned by the council but by a private company and is cared for by a subcontractor who would, I am sure, be happy to tell you the problem they have with dog poo when trying to maintain the green space!
118810023538	Feb 27 2025 12:34 PM	I have been informed that an order to keep dogs on leads in West Bridgford Park is being proposed. Is there any truth in this? I am a responsible dog owner who always cleans up after my dog and keeps it under control off lead at all times. I pay my taxes/rates and feel strongly that I should be able to walk my dog off lead in the park and enjoy the park as others do. If dogs are forced to be on leads in the park I can only see this as having a detrimental effect on the small businesses around the park and avenue. Dog owners support the local cafes and businesses daily. However, they will stop coming into Bridgford if they are unable to freely walk their dog off lead in the park. They will go elsewhere. Is there any truth in this proposal?
118809983033	Feb 27 2025 11:11 AM	check with Manifesto club as per the article in the guardian this week more and more of our freedom is being diminished year by year also the minority usage of west park as a cricket sports ground with the British Legion team only using it 15 weeks a year and then only one or two weekends and the other Asian sports team that uses it once a week day for 8 a side cricket that seems a very small amount of people using such a large open space which should be enjoyed by rushcliffe residents as a open space for their mental health and well being
118809616886	Feb 26 2025 09:40 PM	I have always cleared my own dog meds and picked up other when walking my own dog
118809530448	Feb 26 2025 07:49 PM	I do not support the elements of the PSPO that particularly relating to penalising homeless people. We should be supporting & protecting vulnerable people, not penalising them for being an inconvenience.

118809525189	Feb 26 2025 07:42 PM	<p>As a dog owner I would actually like the order on dog fouling to be enforced more rigourously. I dislike it as much as the next person and often pick up dog mess from other's dogs when I'm out with my dog.</p> <p>I think there should be a more liberal measures regarding dog control, recognising that a many play fields/sports fields are multi-use community amenities that provide considerable physical, social and mental health benefits to the dog owners, who often make more use of them than players of the designated sports. I think any owners whose dogs are out of control, dangerous or a nuisance should of course be dealt with under the orders.</p>
118809455469	Feb 26 2025 06:18 PM	<p>Some of our group have been using facilities like West Park, Bridgford Park, the Green Line and other local parks, playing fields and green areas for many years. Generations of dogs have exercised there. These are areas for all in our local community to use. I have heard that some are arguing for the exclusion of dogs from local parks and playing fields. Yet the use of these areas for exercising dogs is a major use of these areas. Indeed, more members of our local community use these than those coming to play particular sports. I played football, cricket and other sports on council pitches for years before retiring. Dog poo was an annoyance during that time, but always dealt with sensibly. It would be wrong to limit access to such areas because of the behaviour of a few owners. Access means dogs being free to run, chase balls and not be constrained on a lead when reliably behaved.</p>
118809293904	Feb 26 2025 03:11 PM	<p>I live at 31 syon park and have lots of cctv of dogs fouling my lawn next to the gate to the footpath. Available if you want</p>
118809086589	Feb 26 2025 09:17 AM	<p>It isn't clear from the current document whether the area in Tollerton specified in the Appendix is dogs on leads or not due to the use of the words "exempt/exemption" that implies the PSPO doesn't cover this area - is that right?</p>

118808579846	Feb 25 2025 05:37 PM	<p>Many instances of dog fouling and attacks have been reported within East Leake and it's become quite divisive amongst the residents.</p> <p>There is a poor attitude towards others by some dog owners. Ignorance is a huge issue so education how to be a responsible owner is key. Information on reaction, bites, injuries and the dangers of dog poo (blindness).</p> <p>More responsibility by schools to ensure foul isn't trodden into classrooms from walking/scooting/cycling to school.</p>
118807799770	Feb 24 2025 06:56 PM	<p>Many dog walkers are conscientious about clearing up after their dogs, sadly the minority spoil it for the majority.</p> <p>I firmly believe the worst offenders walk their dogs under cover of darkness or go out very early or late to avoid cleaning up.</p>

118806565360	Feb 22 2025 08:46 AM	<p>I am a Rushcliffe resident in RoT, and I own 3 hounds. I always carry additional poop bags and I always clean up after my dogs.</p> <p>Increasingly in my local neighbourhood - the entire area from the railway bridge on Shelford Road upwards to the new housing development at Prince's place - MANY pet owners (not dog owners as they are largely responsible owners), are NOT picking up poop.</p> <p>This is on roads, on pavements, on grass verges, in the Cliffs park area, and in open spaces including the recreation ground at Valley Road.</p> <p>I have repeatedly alerted RBC to this, with photographs, and have only once received a curt response that no more dog bins are required as 'there was no evidence of poop when we investigated'.</p> <p>I work for NSDC, as such I am aware of residents rights to complain and receive a response.</p> <p>I am disappointed that no-one at RBC has taken my reports seriously. The only evidence that someone had read my complaint was that extra stickers were put on lamp posts and one 'No fouling' A-board was put up on Haddon Way - with no visible follow up.</p> <p>I have considered getting a roadway paint spray can and drawing attention to every poop mess fouling the area, but reconsidered. There is fresh poop every single day.</p> <p>I have to be 100% vigilant when walking my hounds in the village as they will target poop and eat it. This is exhausting and spoils my lovely village walks!</p> <p>Our village is being marred by these irresponsible pet owners, and if I ever catch one I will be taking their details and reporting them - but they always seem to evade capture.</p> <p>PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE help us responsible dog and pet owners to keep our village free of dog poop.</p>
118801800923	Feb 15 2025 01:11 PM	<p>In Bridgford Park council employees spend too much time cleaning up dog mess rather than completing horticultural tasks.</p>

118800605552	Feb 13 2025 05:52 PM	<p>As a resident of Thrumpton village i am disgusted by the amount of dog poo left by dog walkers - on the pavements, verges and public footpaths through farmers fields which creates a danger to livestock as well as to humans. I regularly find a pile deposited directly outside my gateway. This is a rural area surrounded by shhep and cows and it is shocking to see dogs walked off lead on the little lane through the village. A danger to traffic and to themselves.</p> <p>I'd like to add that i am a life long dog lover and owner of 2 beautiful dogs - and i've managed to clean up after my dogs for nearly 40 years.</p>
118798989220	Feb 11 2025 06:37 PM	<p>I see little sign of enforcement of the current arrangements. As ever it's not making a rule that makes a difference, it's the threat of enforcement. For information I walk Rushcliffe Country Park daily and Compton Acres two or three times each day with our dogs and have never been asked if I have a poo bag or seen anyone intervening with owners who let their dogs foul the public spaces, it's just not good enough.</p>
118798602145	Feb 11 2025 09:04 AM	<p>The amount of dog foul is awful along major arterial routes in the village of East Leake. Additional signage displaying the penalty along the routes and visible enforcement would assist at key times and then publicity if someone is caught.</p>
118798592271	Feb 11 2025 08:38 AM	<p>More bins for dog mess might encourage some not to casually discard why they have picked up. Maybe an advertising campaign regarding the health risks of dog mess. Although I'd admit that won't change some attitudes.</p>
118798276593	Feb 10 2025 09:21 PM	<p>Only some dog owners clear up their mess. Laws need enforcement.</p>
118798227265	Feb 10 2025 08:25 PM	<p>We keep hearing and seeing complaints of dog mess but we never hear of any follow up of these complaints. This indicates that there appears to be no policing of the problem so as such there is no strong deterrent</p>
118798030309	Feb 10 2025 04:50 PM	<p>The number of dogs walked should be 4 and a weight limit so you can't walk 4 big dogs together. Other councils around the country are doing this. 4 dogs on/off leads is enough for any dog walker professional or not.</p>
118797755699	Feb 10 2025 10:46 AM	<p>We live next to a cemetery (St Peter's, in Ruddington) and despite notices asking that dogs be kept on leads, some people let their dogs off to run around and sometimes urinate on the headstones.</p>

118797533067	Feb 09 2025 09:47 PM	As above I support more measures to keep dogs under control for the safety of people and other dogs and wildlife. Also more patrolling of fouling as there is dog mess literally everywhere I walk. More dogs on lead areas so others can walk and feel safe
118797228585	Feb 08 2025 09:58 PM	Needs enforcing especially on Adbolton Lane school playing field.
118795577890	Feb 06 2025 10:46 AM	I believe that increased patrolling is required to deal with issues such as dog fouling which is becoming a big issue.

118793818095	Feb 04 2025 08:12 AM	<p>One of my biggest criticisms is the PSPO order in place at Ambleside Play Park Gamston. It is utterly disgraceful!! Due to my business i speak to a lot of responsible dog owners and the order to ban dogs from the WHOLE of the play park has upset a LOT of people. The local parish council prophesize inclusivity/proper consultation and diversity. They did not do any thing like this when implementing the ban..they did not!! The ban was brought in on an alleged "Dog mess" found on an apparatus. No photographic evidence supported this. If it was dog mess , is that a good enough reason to punish a huge genre of responsible local people????!! Moreover i know for a fact we have a very healthy wildlife population in and around the area near the park. It could have been fof poo, badger poo. The local parish council said they did an appropriate survey of people before the ban was put in place, this is a downright lie... they did not!!! One of the local councillors asked a few people at the Gamston Summer Play Day. That's it! Nobody asked me for instance , nobody asked a huge number of dog owners i know... no inclusive survey was done. A dog is a FAMILY member ... repeat a dog is a FAMILY member. Is it right now that families with children who want to visit the park have to decide what or how they are going to do it , if they have a dog and a child??? Is that right??? I know for a fact it upsets the families AND the children who cannot understand why their dog has to be tied up outside the park or left at home. It is a deluded arguement to say there's the whole of the canal for their dogs , that's enough.....The children want to play at the park, the parents want the WHOLE family together so why because of a few out of touch , narrowminded local councillors should this be not allowed??? By all means ban dogs from immediately around the apparatus , but the WHOLE park ??? Keep dogs on a lead in the park, yes but no trial of any nature was implemented. I love it now when i see families defying the disgusting ban. I see them in the park with their children, with their dogs being 110% responsibly controlled. Good on them!!! The total ban on dogs in the Ambleside Play Park should be taken away immediately. It is immoral , unjustified and disgusting! The local narrow minded local parish council must be very proud of themselves for upsetting so many people , who they say they properly represent!!</p>
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118793574690	Feb 03 2025 10:31 PM	<p>Since lockdown, the number of dogs has increased in our area. I like to be able to walk or cycle, but at times feel unsafe when off lead dogs are about. The good dog owners who I know and come into contact with have their dogs on leads. However, I have had occasion to request owners to not allow their off lead dogs to approach me, to be shouted down.</p> <p>I had a coat spoiled by a dog with muddy paws jumping at me. (He won't hurt you... How do I know that?). It wouldn't be tolerated if an unknown person jumped at anyone.</p> <p>I have been chased on more than one occasion by an off lead dog or dogs while cycling on Holme Lane/Adbolton Lane. This is a road without a pavement, so I don't even understand why a dog owner would risk not having a lead on their dog.</p> <p>I feel as though dogs have more rights than I have nowadays.</p>
118793069070	Feb 03 2025 12:37 PM	<p>I believe it's a legal requirement for dogs to be on a lead during the bird nesting season where there may be disturbance.</p> <p>I suggest that the majority of dog owners are unaware or know that the chance of prosecution is minimal.</p> <p>Perhaps, more education and publicity would help.</p>
118792980400	Feb 03 2025 09:27 AM	<p>Although some nature reserves may not be on land that is controlled by Rushcliffe Borough Council they are effectively public spaces run by charities who need all the help they can get to control use of these precious areas.</p>
118792926154	Feb 03 2025 06:49 AM	<p>Dogs have become an enormous problem. Groups of dog walkers often have packs of out of control dogs with them. I have been bitten once recently, and I am often intimidated by out of control dogs in public spaces. The attitude of the dog walkers is often aggressive when asked to keep their dogs under control. Would notices reminding dog walkers of their legal responsibilities help? It has got to the point where I have to consider what self defence measures are appropriate in dealing with dog attacks.</p>
118792914570	Feb 03 2025 06:07 AM	<p>RBC do a great job in keepign on top of this issue. It's a shame dog owners are not always responsible!</p>
118792788164	Feb 02 2025 11:28 PM	<p>As above.</p>
118792725122	Feb 02 2025 07:57 PM	<p>There have already been cases of dogs harming swans along the canal.</p>

118792710818	Feb 02 2025 07:10 PM	I have had seen numerous instances of dog fouling near Heymann school and neighbouring streets with children stepping on dog waste on their way to school .
118792705139	Feb 02 2025 06:53 PM	This may not be very enforceable if there aren't sufficient bins to dispose the waste. Please review and bin network and add more bins including a bin on every bus stop.
118792681008	Feb 02 2025 05:32 PM	<p>I am very pleased that RBC plans to continue with this PSPO as there are so many dogs in East Leake now that they are a nuisance, particularly when their owners can't control them and have two or more dogs on a narrow pavement, which means that you are forced to step out and walk on the road because the dogs are not under control.</p> <p>I'm also pleased that dog fouling is being monitored, so that we can enjoy our open spaces both in the main park and also in the other smaller parks and recreational areas on housing estates. However, dog bins need to be emptied more frequently, or have more of them; they got very full over the Christmas break and consequently there were bags left on the pavement because owners were too lazy to take the waste home. This sometimes happens at weekends too.</p> <p>I think that there should be more control over dogs in Meadow Park, East Leake, and a reduction in the number of areas where dogs can be let off leads. This would mean that those who just want to walk and enjoy the park - or volunteers working there, and children who attend the Forest School, for example - are not pestered by dogs that are loose.</p>
118792641798	Feb 02 2025 03:04 PM	Keyworth rec used to be dogs in leads. Now dogs run free. Have had unleashed dogs jump up at me and my child
118792597439	Feb 02 2025 11:53 AM	Still get people not clearing up
118792595233	Feb 02 2025 11:41 AM	Please note the comments above.
118792591283	Feb 02 2025 11:22 AM	None
118792588592	Feb 02 2025 11:08 AM	<p>This Law should be, NATIONWIDE. I DISCUSTED, with the number of dogwalkers, who totally, IGNORE, these RULES.</p> <p>FINES SHOULD BE MORE SEVERE.</p>

118792561176	Feb 02 2025 08:24 AM	I support there to be a limit to how many dogs a dog walker can take at once. We will only allow staff to take up to four small dogs from the same household on the lane (outside of our farm premises if needed). These are kept on lead.
118792559895	Feb 02 2025 08:16 AM	I witness the above occurring on almost every walk around Gamston.
118791598123	Jan 31 2025 12:14 PM	Some restrictions are needed on dog numbers or enforcement / publication of current guidelines Walkers in our area walk over 10 dogs at times The recommendation of 6 is plenty

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Equality impact assessment form

July 2024

Name and brief description of proposal/project / policy / service being assessed:

Extension/amendment of the PSPO for control of dogs in the Borough.

The PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) for dog control has been in place for three years and is required to be renewed every three years by legislation.

Failing to renew the order will mean there is a much-diminished capability to be able to respond to complaints of dog fouling or other issues relating to dogs in the community on land to which the public have access.

The pspo has been subject to a public consultation and responses have been considered

Information used to analyse the effects of equality:

The order places a duty or restrictions on any individual in control of dogs ensure that they comply with the requirements or restrictions to protect the health and welfare of others in the area.

The order allows for reasonable excuse as a defence, and exemptions are placed in the order as below

Nothing in this Order shall apply to:

- (a) *a person who is registered as a blind person on a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or*
- (b) *a person who is deaf and relies upon a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358) for assistance.*
- (c) *a person who has as a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination, or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a Prescribed Charity and upon which he relies for assistance.*
- (d) *dogs that are being used for work in connection with emergency search and rescue, herding or shepherding animals, law enforcement and the work of the armed forces.*

First stage assessment:

As specified in the guidance note you need to answer the following questions to identify a full assessment is required.

1. Could the policy affect one or more groups in a different way to others? **We have allowed for certain disabilities as detailed above and in the order, who may be exempt in certain cases.**



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2. Could different groups have different needs in relation to the policy? **The exemptions apply to legally defined groups to ensure the pspo can be applied in a fair manner.**
3. Does the policy actually or potentially hinder equality of opportunity? **No**
4. Does the policy actually or potentially contribute to equality of opportunity? **It will allow those with certain disabilities to continue to own, walk and exercise dogs without undue concern about fear of causing an unintentional offence.**
5. Does the policy offer opportunities to promote equality? **No**
6. Does the policy offer opportunities to promote positive relations? **No**

If a full application is not required, please send this form to HR@rushcliffe.gov.uk

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	Could particular benefit (X)	May adversely impact (X)	How different groups could be affected: Summary of impacts	Details of actions to reduce negative or increase positive impact (or why action not possible)
People from different ethnic groups			No impact on different groups	
Men, women (including maternity/pregnancy impact), transgender people			No impact on different groups	
Disabled people	X	X	Dogs may offend and the owner may not see the offence or be able to read the signage. It should be remember that many disabled groups also are more affected by dog fouling e.g. on wheel	Contains conditions that ensures certain legally defined groups are exempt from offences.



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			chairs, canes etc and this policy will assist in helping to prevent such fouling.	
Care leavers			No impact on different groups	
People from different faith groups			No impact on different groups	
LGBTQIA + e.g. heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, transgender.			No impact on different groups	
Older or younger people	x		No impact on purely on age	Dogs are prohibited in certain fenced play areas to protect young children from some issues with dogs, e.g. bites, trips, or fear of dogs at a young age. This policy ensures younger children in particular are protected at these locations.
Other (marriage/civil partnership, looked after children, cohesion/good relations, vulnerable children/adults, veteran of the armed forces)			No impact on different groups	



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OUTCOME(S) OF EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: *(delete as appropriate)*

No major change need project/policy/proposal ~~Adjust policy/proposal/project~~ ~~Adverse impact but continue~~ ~~Stop/remove~~

Arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact of this policy/proposal/project:

At renewal of the pspo in three years from 8 July 2025

Names of officers who conducted EIA and date

Martin Hickey

Approved by:
(manager signature)

Date: 16/4/25

Once the form is signed off by the Manager please send to HR@rushcliffe.gov.uk for discussion by the Equality and Diversity Steering Group.

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Evidence of need for PSPO

Since the introduction of the PSPO there continues to be substantial reports of dog fouling in the district. Below is a table showing the number of reports received via the Councils' online complaints system since the PSPO commenced on 8 July 2022 to the report end date of 25 January 2025.

Number of complaints on customer complaints system (ESB) about dog fouling, period of PSPO 8 July 2022 to 25 January 2025	
Row Labels	Count of Dog fouling
2022	54
2023	118
2024	120
2025 (only January 2025)	16
Grand Total	308

Members of the public have reported fouling on varying areas of land below indicates a breakdown:

Where is the fouling, 8 July 2022 to 25 January 2025	Count of Where is the dog fouling?
Pavement	164
Grassed area	77
Alleyway	20
Public footpath	10
Play area	8
Garden	7
Footpath	3
Road	3
Car Park	3
FRONT DOOR	1
Along the canal towpath	1
Square concrete area next to the driveways	1
Driveway	1

Communal car park and garden	1
Old burial ground	1
Communal walkway balcony	1
In my wheelie bin	1
Public footpath and the grass verges	1
Other	1
Grass, path, gardens	1
Around tree	1
Gravel path	1
Grand Total	308

Environmental Health or the council animal/dog control officers have received or investigated a number of complaints relating to dog fouling either on private land or public land since the start of the PSPO **8 July 2022 to 25 January 2025**. Some of these complaints will be via the ESB reporting.

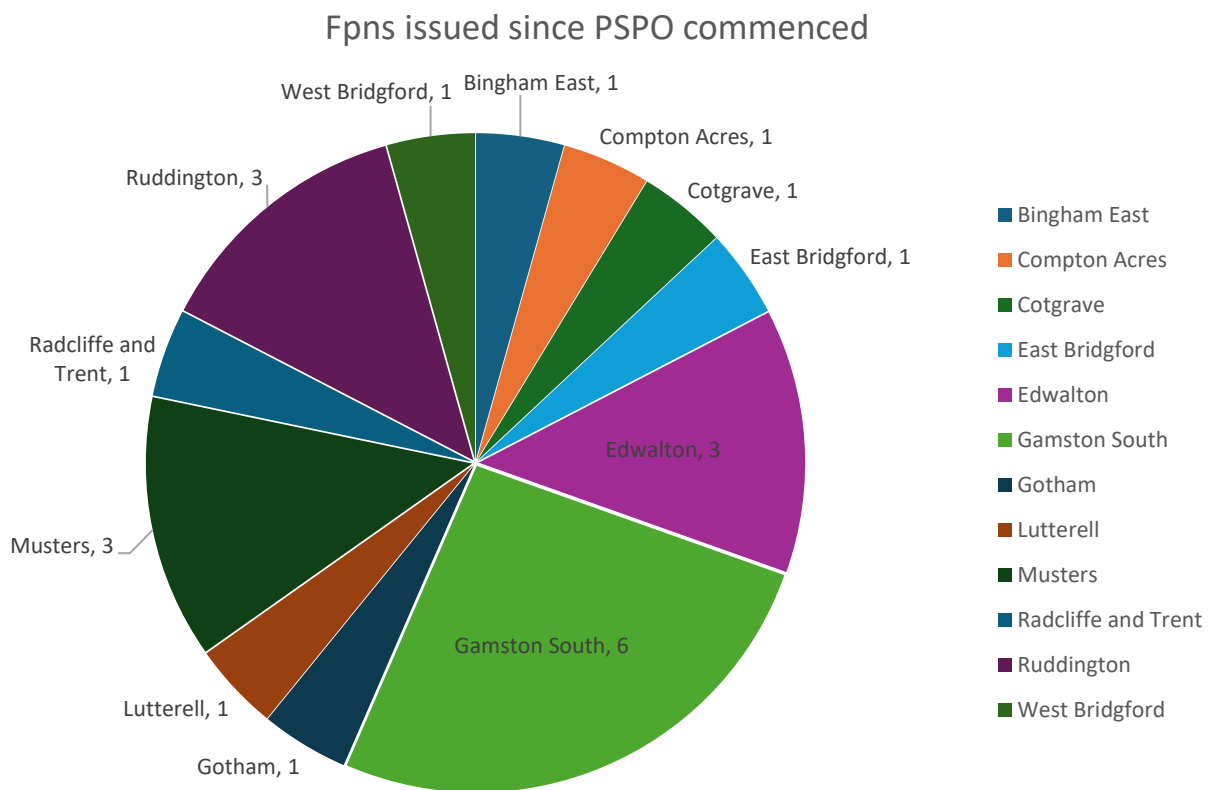
Year	Number of cases in the year
2022	12
2023	13
2024	17
2025(only January 2025)	2
Grand Total	44

WISE wardens have undertaken patrols as part of their concessionary contract and have issued FPN's as below where dog fouling has taken place and the person in control of the dog has failed to clear the foul. There is a 73% payment rate which is high.

Ward	Number in Ward
Bingham East	1
Compton Acres	1
Cotgrave	1
East Bridgford	1

Edwalton	3
Gamston South	6
Gotham	1
Lutterell	1
Musters	3
Radcliffe and Trent	1
Ruddington	3
West Bridgford	1
Grand Total	23

Pie chart shown the greatest areas where FPN's have been issued.



The above evidence shows and ongoing concern with dog fouling in the district and ongoing public complaints supporting the renewal of the PSPO.

Reports of dog fouling from ESB between 1 January 2024 and 31 Dec 2024, showing locations of reports	
Row Labels	Count of Please select the town/village closest to where the problem is l
EAST LEAKE	28
WEST BRIDGFORD	23
KEYWORTH	12
RUDDINGTON	11
RADCLIFFE ON TRENT	10
EDWALTON	9
BINGHAM	8
COTGRAVE	6
EAST BRIDGFORD	3
THRUMPTON	2
UPPER SAXONDALE	1
THOROTON	1
WHATTON	1
CROPWELL BISHOP	1
FLINTHAM	1
WYSALL	1
STRAGGLETHORPE	1
SUTTON BONINGTON	1
Grand Total	120

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