

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

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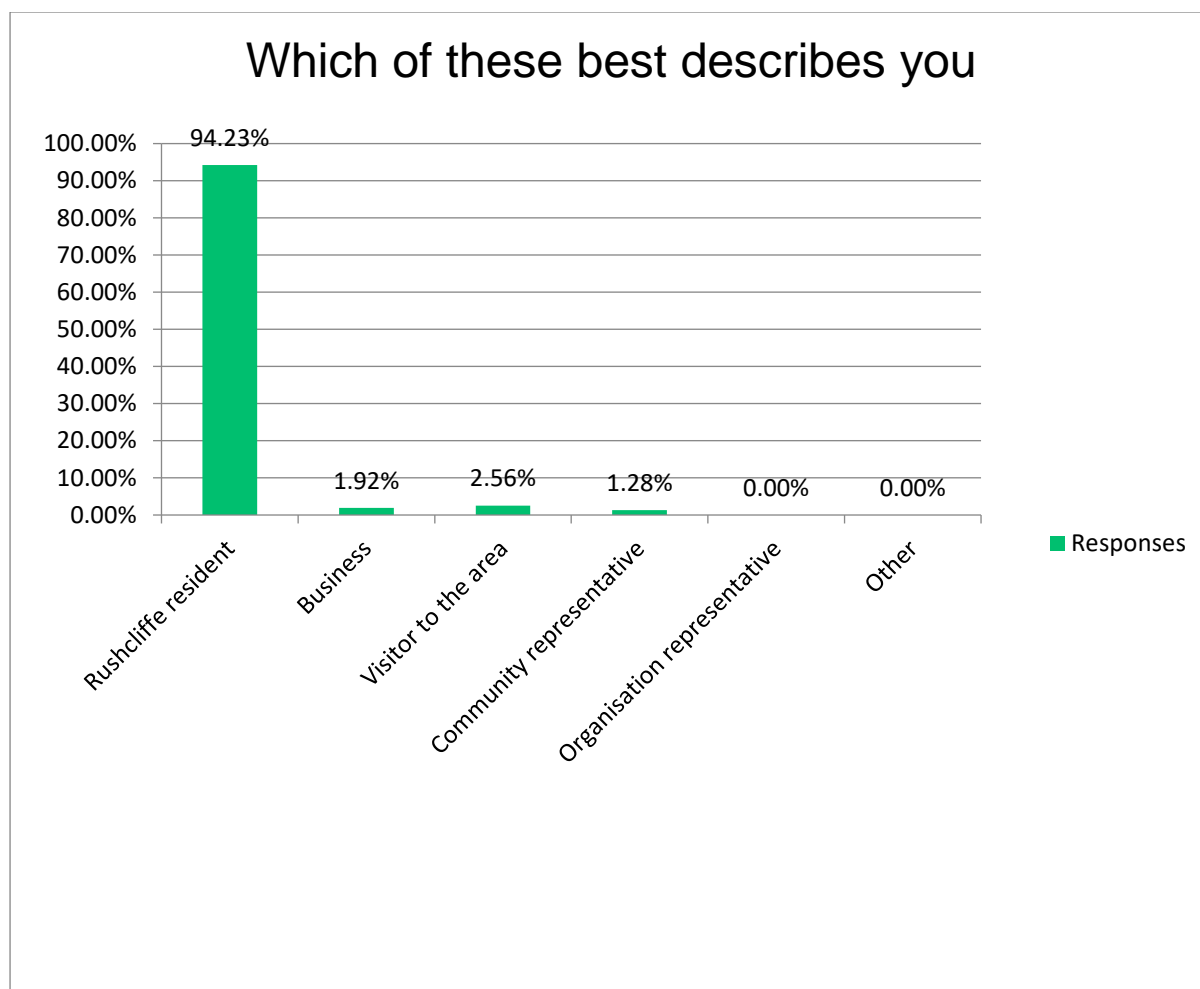
Other comments received outside of the survey:

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?

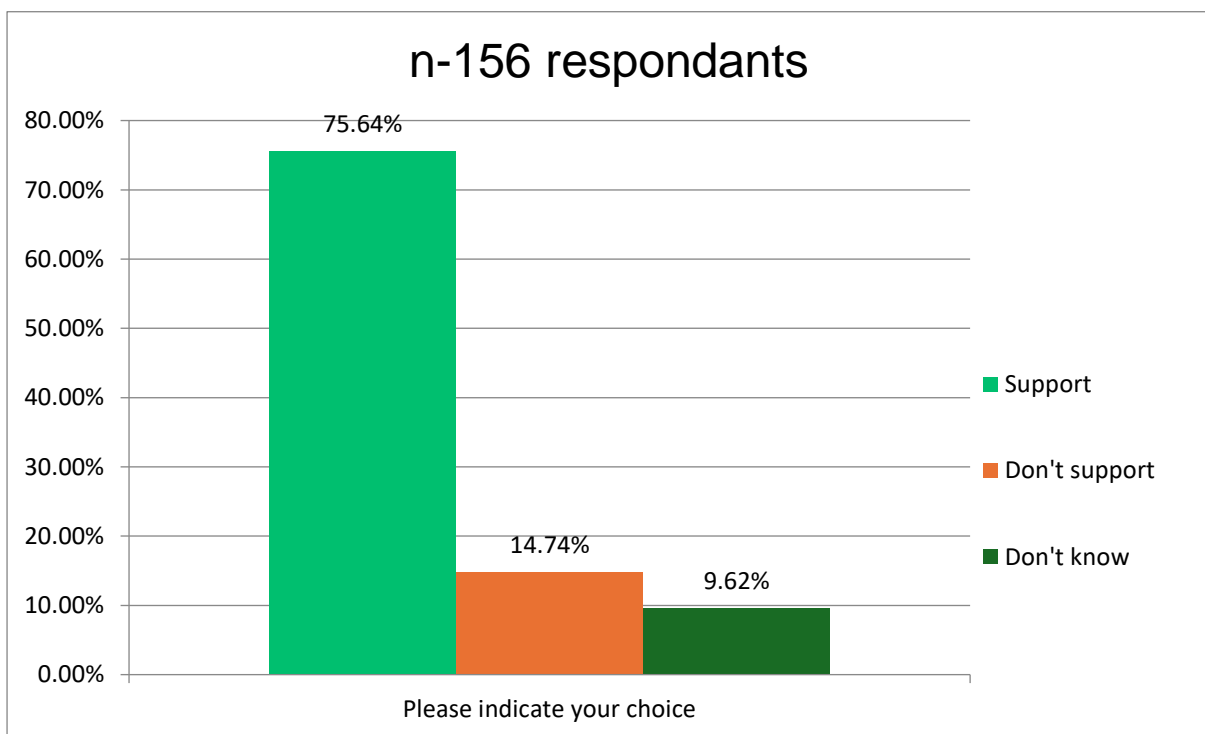


Q2 If you are representing an organisation who is this (if applicable)

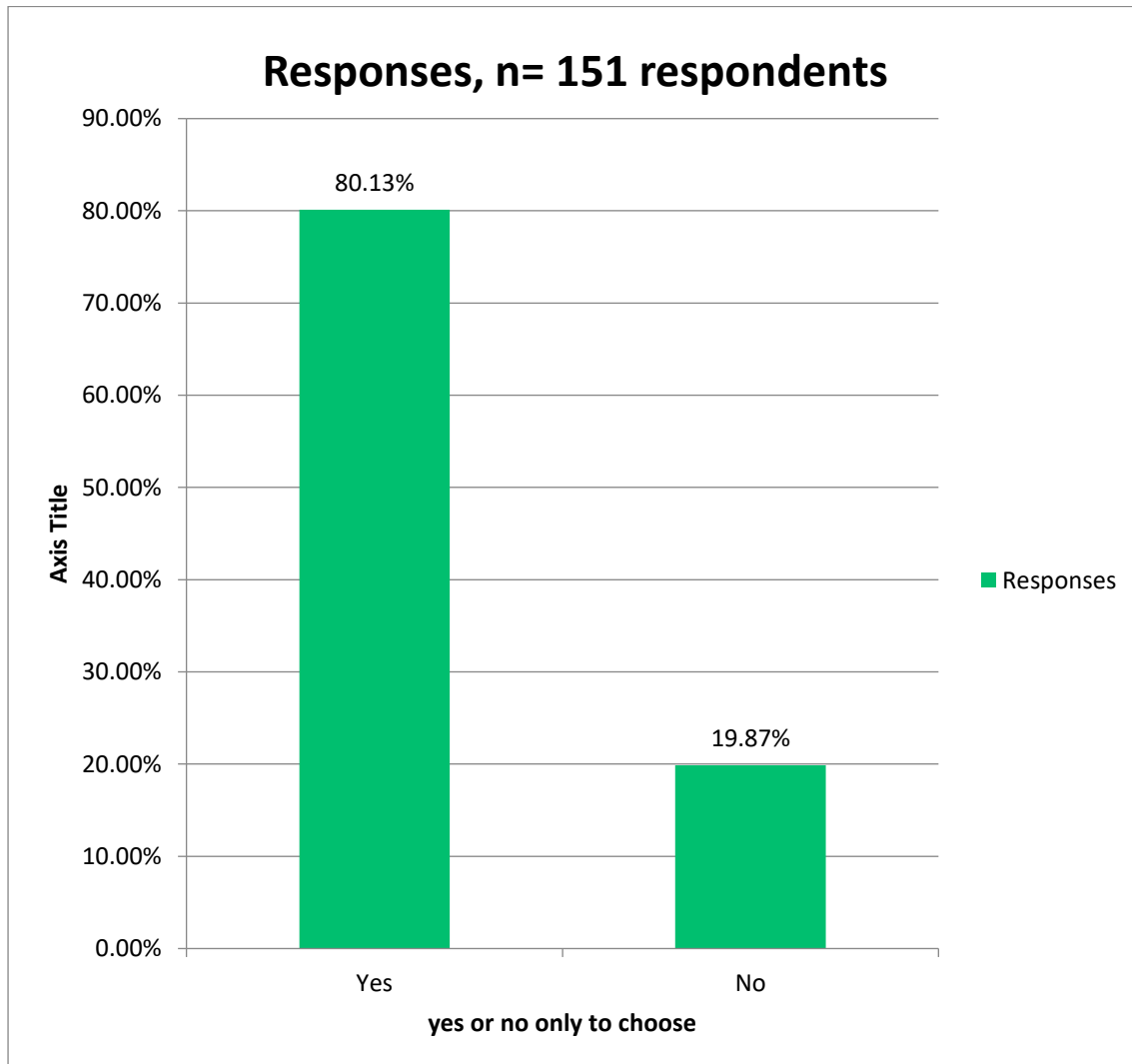
Response Date	Responses
Mar 08 2025 04:39 PM	ST
Mar 01 2025 06:51 PM	N/a
Feb 28 2025 09:11 PM	N/A

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 for example today, I counted more than 45 dogs in the park. It is not a big area, and there are many 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 that do pick up the mess, can leave a portion behind, and some of it is very difficult to pick up as it's spread across the grass. 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 very 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 tighter controls - dog owners are not paying for the privilege of using the park as a toilet - and it's 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.

118812475709	Mar 03 2025 03:56 PM	<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>
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	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>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>

		<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	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.
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 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If they want to walk multiple dogs there are plenty of secure dog walking fields in the area.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>I believe dog control in the main is ok.</p>
118792561176	Feb 02 2025 08:24 AM	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I'm not sure where this stands with the current rules but I do think it needs to be pushed, not to</p>

		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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 dogs 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 woman and without this community I would be isolated. Please don't 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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