



Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

1. Introduction

Have your say on dog control in Cambridge

To continue to tackle the issue of irresponsible dog owners, the Council is undertaking a review of existing dog control orders and invites views on the proposals.

The vast majority of dog owners in Cambridge are responsible, however there are a minority who do not clear up after their dog, who allow their dog to act aggressively or do not have control of their dog in public places. The legislation enables the local authority to tackle issues and problems relating to dogs within Cambridge. The Council is reviewing the dog control orders in place at present and wants to hear what residents think about them.

The parts of the order being consulted on are:

- **Fouling of land by dogs** which requires all dog owners to clear up after their dog immediately from all public land
- **Dogs on leads by direction** for the whole of the city, which would give authorised officers the power to request that dogs are placed on a lead where they are not under appropriate control of their owner, or where they are causing damage or acting aggressively;
- **Requirement for dogs to be on leads** when in certain areas including Newmarket Road and Histon Road Cemeteries; and
- **Exclusion of dogs** from sensitive areas such as fenced children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts, and paddling pools.

If you would like more information on the proposals please visit the councils website at www.cambridge.gov.uk/dog-control or to view a map of the proposed changes please visit the webpage www.cambridge.gov.uk/dog-control-orders-map-of-proposed-changes, to complete the questionnaire please click 'Next'.

To send us any further questions or comment please email us on dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk

The consultation will end on **Monday 21 November 2016**



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2. About You

*** 1. Do you live in Cambridge?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. If you live in Cambridge, please tell us your full postcode

*** 3. Are you a dog owner?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

*** 4. Are you a dog walker?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Are you

☐ Male

☐ Female

6. Please indicate your age range

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-25
- ☐ 26-35
- ☐ 36-45
- ☐ 46-55
- ☐ 56-65
- ☐ 65+



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3. Dog Fouling

*** 7. Do you agree with the requirement of the order that a person in charge of a dog must clear up their dog immediately?**

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

8. Do you have any other comments on the requirement for people in charge of dogs to clear up after their dog immediately? Please write any comments below.



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4. Keeping dogs on leads if asked by an authorised officer

With the exception of dog exclusion and dogs on leads areas, as is the case now, dogs are allowed to roam off of leads in all open spaces in Cambridge.

However, we do ask that dogs are still under control and can be called and obey orders from their owner / handler. If it is clear that a dog cannot be kept under control off lead, then authorised officers from the council can request that the dog is placed on a lead.

Examples of when this order may be used are:

- Where animals or birds or wildlife are, or could be, threatened.
- Where the public, particularly children or vulnerable adults are at threat, or feel threatened.
- Where dogs are posing a risk to the safety of pedestrians and/or cyclists and/or motorists.
- Where dogs are causing damage to public property, including trees and plants.
- In case of emergency situations.

*** 9. Do you agree that authorised officers (e.g. Dog Wardens, Enforcement Officers) from the council should be able to request dog owners or handlers to put their dogs on a lead if the dogs are deemed to be out of control, or a threat to other people or animals?**

☐ I agree

☐ I disagree

☐ Other (please specify)

10. Do you have any comments on authorised officers (e.g. Dog Wardens, Enforcement Officers) from the council being able to request that owners or handlers put their dogs on a lead when appropriate? Please write any comments below.



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5. Dog On Leads Areas

For the following areas, where there are specific proposals to continue to require dogs to be on leads at all times, please indicate whether you:

Agree (i.e. you think dogs should be on leads at all times)

Disagree (i.e. you do not think dogs should be on leads at all times)

Proposed dogs on leads areas:

Play areas

- Abbey Pool children's play area
- Coldhams Lane childrens play area
- Ditton Fields recreation ground
- Kings Hedges "Pulley" recreation ground (play area)
- Molewood Close play area
- Velos Walk play area

Cemeteries

- Histon Road cemetery
- Newmarket Road cemetery

11. Do you agree that dogs should be on leads at all times in the above play areas?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Do you agree that dogs should be on leads at all times in the above cemeteries?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. Do you have any other comments on the proposed dog on leads areas? Please write any comments below.



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6. Dog On Leads Areas (2)

Some existing areas currently have a requirement for dogs to be on leads at all time. Feedback received by the council has indicated that these areas should no longer have such a restriction.

For the following areas where it is proposed to remove the requirement for dogs to be on leads, please indicate whether you:

Agree (i.e. you think dogs should not be on leads at all times)

Disagree (i.e. you do not think dogs should be on leads at all times)

Proposed areas:

Play areas

- Arbury Court (unfenced play area)
- Ashbury Close play area
- Brooks Road (unfenced play area)
- Dundee Close play area
- George Nuttall Close play area
- Great Eastern street play area
- Green End Road recreation ground (unfenced play area)
- Lammas Land (unfenced play area)
- Shelly Road recreation ground
- Shenstone House play area
- Tenby Close play area
- Thorpe Way recreation ground (unfenced play area)

Cemeteries

- Mill Road Cemetery

14. Do you agree that dogs should no longer be required to be on leads at all times in the above play areas?

☐ I agree

☐ I disagree

☐ Other (please specify)

15. Do you agree that dogs should no longer be required to be on leads at all times in the above cemeteries?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. Do you have any other comments on the above proposals? Please write any comments below.



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7. Dog exclusion areas

For the following areas, where there are specific proposals to continue to exclude dogs at all times, please indicate whether you:

Agree (i.e. you think dogs should be excluded)

Disagree (i.e. you do not think dogs should be excluded)

Proposed dogs exclusion areas:

Bowling greens

- Alexandra Gardens
- Christ's Pieces
- Coleridge Recreation Ground
- Lammas Land
- Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground
- Trumpington Recreation Ground

Paddling Pools

- Abbey Pool Paddling Pool
- Cherry Hinton Hall
- Coleridge Recreation Ground
- Lammas Land
- Sheep's Green Learner Pool

Tennis courts

- Christ's Pieces
- Cherry Hinton Hall
- Coleridge Recreation Ground
- Jesus Green
- Lammas Land
- Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground
- Trumpington Recreation Ground

17. Do you agree that dogs should be excluded from the above bowling greens?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18. Do you agree that dogs should be excluded from the above paddling pools?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

19. Do you agree that dogs should be excluded from the above tennis courts?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

20. Do you have any other comments on the above dog exclusion areas for bowling greens, tennis courts and paddling pools? Please write any comments below.



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8. Dog exclusion areas (2)

For the following areas, where there are specific proposals to continue to exclude dogs at all times, please indicate whether you:

Agree (i.e. you think dogs should be excluded)

Disagree (i.e. you do not think dogs should be excluded)

Proposed dogs exclusion areas:

Play areas

- Aberdeen Avenue
- Ainsdale
- Alexandra Gardens
- Arbury Court (fenced play area)

- Atkins Close
- Barnwell Road (fenced play area)
- Bateson Road
- Beales Way
- Brooks Road (fenced play area)
- Cherry Hinton Hall (fenced play area)
- Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground
- Chesterton Recreation Ground
- Chestnut Grove
- Christs Pieces
- Coleridge Recreation Ground
- Discovery Way
- Dudley Road
- Edgecombe Flats
- Flower Street
- Green End Road (fenced play area)
- Gunhild Way/Close
- Hampden Gardens
- Histon Road
- Humphreys Road
- Jesus Green (fenced play area)
- Kathleen Elliot Way
- Kingfisher Way
- Neptune Close
- Nightingale Avenue
- Nuns Way
- Pearl Close
- Petersfield
- Peverel Road
- Ramsden Square
- Ravensworth Gardens (fenced children's play area x2)
- Reilly Way
- River Lane
- Robert May Close
- Romsey Recreation Ground
- Scotland Road
- Sleaford Street/Ainsworth Street
- St Albans Recreation Ground (fenced play area)
- St Barnabas Court
- St Matthews Recreation Ground (fenced play area)
- St Thomas's Square
- Stourbridge Common (Access Land)
- The Bath House (Gwydir Street)
- Thorpe Way play (fenced play area)
- Trumpington Recreation Ground
- Whytford Close

21. Do you agree that dogs should be excluded from the above fenced play areas?

☐

I agree

☐

I disagree

☐

Other (please specify)

22. Do you have any other comments on the above dog exclusion areas for fenced children's play areas? Please write any comments below.



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9. Dog Exclusion Areas
(3)

Some existing areas currently have a requirement for dogs to be excluded at all time. Feedback received by the council has indicated that these areas should no longer have such a restriction, similarly some areas are no longer fenced or not readily accessible.

For the following areas where it is proposed to remove the requirement for dogs to be on excluded, please indicate whether you:

Agree (i.e. you think dogs should not be excluded at all times)

Disagree (i.e. you do not think dogs should be excluded at all times)

Proposed areas:

Play areas

- Ekin Road

Bowling Greens

- Barnwell Road

Tennis Courts

- Barnwell Road

Paddling pools

- Kings Hedges "Pulley" Recreation Ground (paddling pool replaced by an unfenced splash pad)

23. Do you agree that dogs should no longer be excluded in the above areas?

☐ I agree

☐ I disagree

☐ Other (please specify)

24. Do you have any other comments on the above proposals? Please write any comments below.



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10. Green Spaces

For the following area at Ravensworth Gardens, where there is a specific proposal to require dogs to be on leads at all times or for dogs to be excluded, please indicate whether you:

1. Agree with an exclusion zone (i.e. you think dogs should be excluded from the area)
2. Disagree with an exclusion zone (i.e. you do not think dogs should be excluded from the area)
3. Agree with a dogs on leads area (i.e. you think dogs should be on leads at all time in the area)
4. Disagree with dogs on leads area (i.e. you do not think dogs should be on leads at all time in the area)



25. Ravensworth Gardens green area - should dogs be excluded from this area

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

26. Ravensworth Gardens green area - should dogs be required to be on leads in this area at all times

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

27. What do you think would be the most appropriate proposal for Ravensworth Gardens green area?

- ☐ Dog exclusion area
- ☐ Dogs on leads area
- ☐ Neither
- ☐ Other (please specify)

28. Do you have any other comments on the proposals for Ravensworth Gardens green area?
Please write any comments below.

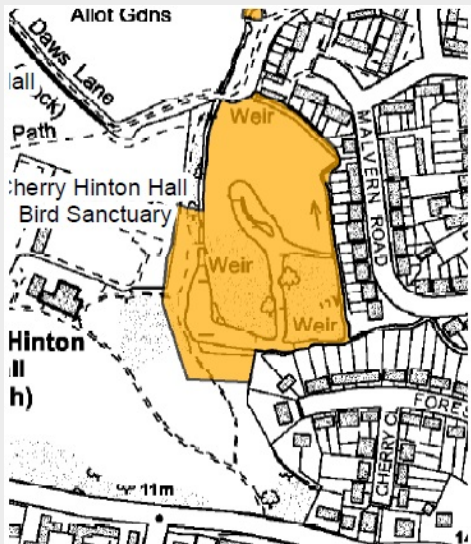


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11. Green Spaces (2)

For the following area at Cherry Hinton Hall (around pond / stream), where there is a specific proposal to require dogs to be on leads at all times please indicate whether you:

1. Agree with a dogs on leads area (i.e. you think dogs should be on leads at all time in the area)
2. Disagree with dogs on leads area (i.e. you do not think dogs should be on leads at all time in the area)

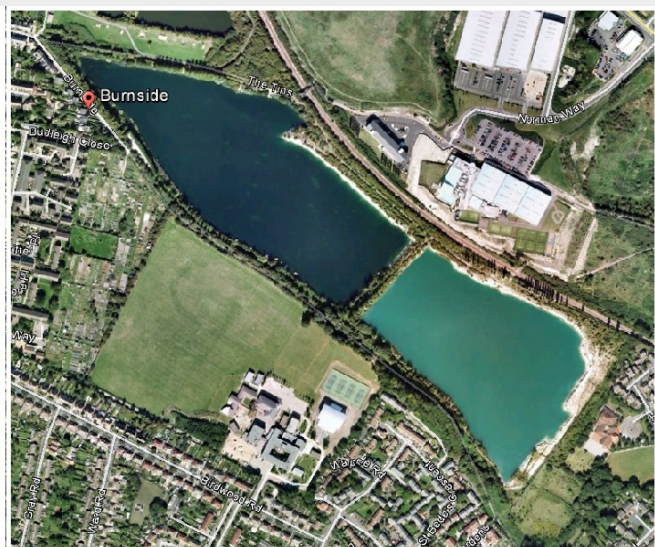
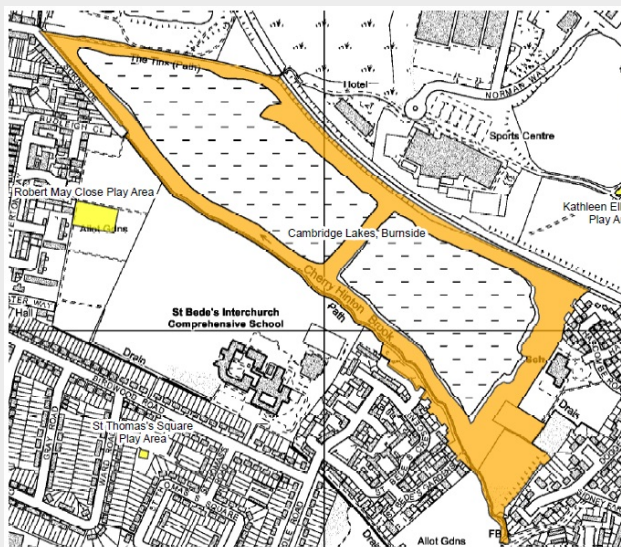


29. Cherry Hinton Hall pond area - should dogs be required to be on leads in this area at all times

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

For the following area at Cherry Hinton Lakes, where there is a specific proposal to require dogs to be on leads at all times please indicate whether you:

1. Agree with a dogs on leads area (i.e. you think dogs should be on leads at all time in the area)
2. Disagree with dogs on leads area (i.e. you do not think dogs should be on leads at all time in the area)



30. Cherry Hinton Lakes - should dogs be required to be on leads in this area at all times

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

31. Do you have any other comments on the proposals for Cherry Hinton Hall and Cherry Hinton Lakes green area? Please write any comments below.



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12. Exceptions to the order

Currently dog control restrictions do not apply to all people, and the council want to ensure that restrictions places on dog owners and handlers are reasonable and take into account conditions where it is not possible to comply.

Below are the exceptions to the requirement to clear dog fouling and dog exclusion areas:

- Anyone who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948;
- Has a disability which affects the person's 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 the person relies for assistance; or
- Is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which the person relies for assistance.

32. Do you agree with the above exceptions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

33. Do you have any other comments on the above exceptions?



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**13. Any other
comments**

34. If you have any other comments about these proposals and about dog control in Cambridge, please write them below.