

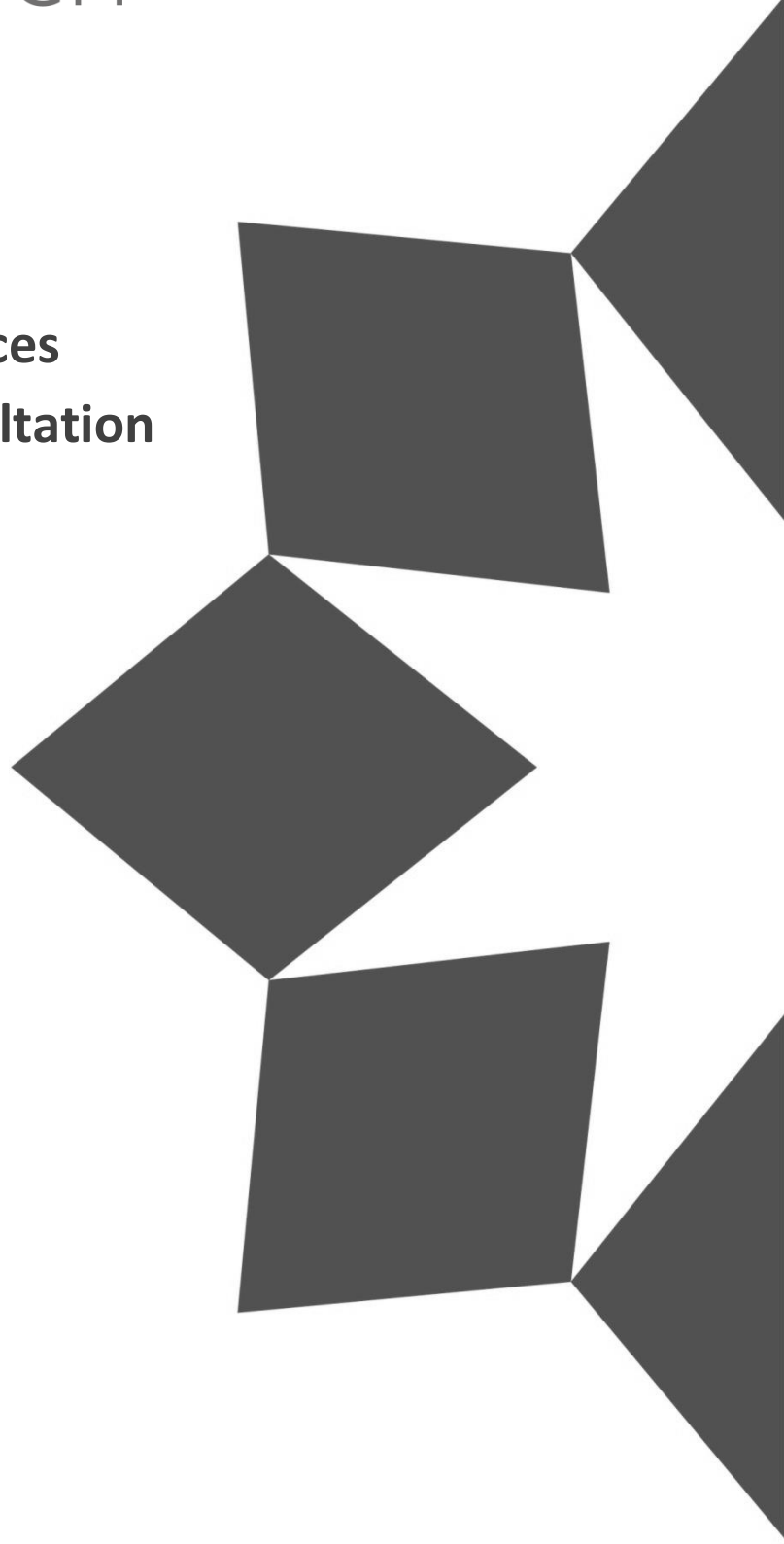


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Glossary of orders

- **Dog exclusion areas** - Children using play areas should be able to do so without coming across dog fouling or out of control dogs. This order officially excludes dogs from some children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts and outdoor paddling pools.
- **Dogs on leads areas** - This order requires all dogs to be on leads when in Newmarket Road Cemetery, parts of Cherry Hinton Hall and Histon Road Cemetery as well as some children's play areas.
- **Clearance of dog fouling** - This order enables the council to penalise anyone for not cleaning up after his or her dog immediately in all streets and open spaces across the city.
- **Dogs on leads by direction** - With the exception of above, as is the case now, dogs are allowed to roam off of leads in all open spaces in Cambridge. However, we do ask that they 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 this order will enable authorised officers from the council to request that the dog is placed on a lead.

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Executive summary



In October 2017 Cambridge City Council created a Public Space Protection Order for dog control to tackle the issues of irresponsible dog ownership. The council is required by law to review the orders set in 2017 (which were valid for 3 years) or they lapse. In March 2020, the council commissioned M-E-L Research to deliver a consultation to review the current dog control restrictions to get feedback on what residents, visitors and businesses affected by the restrictions think about them. The parts which were consulted on were dog fouling, dogs on leads, exclusion of dogs and new restrictions.

During March and April 2020, an online survey was circulated to gather feedback. The consultation was promoted on the Council website, social media pages, an email to a range of stakeholders such as residents' groups and a letter was sent to households that were directly affected by the new proposals. The section presents the key findings of the research.

Level of agreement with existing orders

(% strongly/fairly agree)



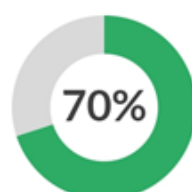
agree that any person in charge of a dog must clear up immediately (i.e. dog fouling)



agree with the requirement that authorised officers can request dogs to be put on leads if needed



agree that dogs should be on leads at Histon Road and Newmarket Road cemeteries



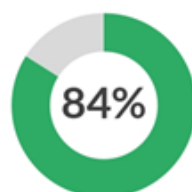
agree with the order that dogs should be on leads at all times at Cherry Hinton Hall around the pond & stream area



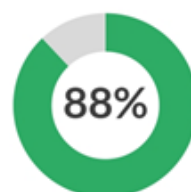
agree that dogs should be excluded from the specific bowling greens



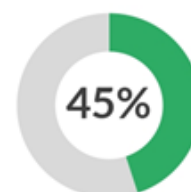
agree that dogs should be excluded from the specific paddling pools



agree that dogs should be excluded from the specific tennis courts



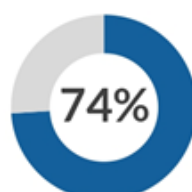
agree that dogs should be excluded from the specific children's play areas



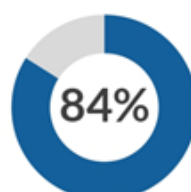
agree that dogs should be excluded from the specific green spaces

Level of agreement with new proposed orders

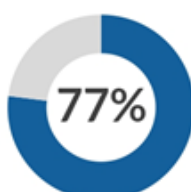
(% strongly/fairly agree)



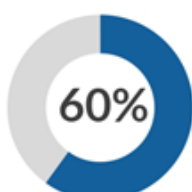
agree that Hanover & Princess Court should have a dog on leads order introduced



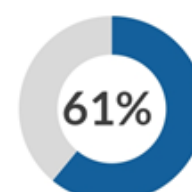
agree that Tenby Close play area should have a dog on leads order introduced



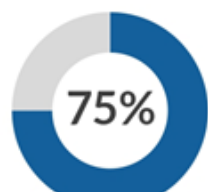
agree that Ditton Fields children's play area should have a dog exclusion order introduced



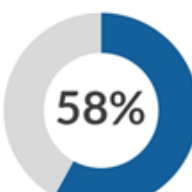
agree that Bean Tree green area should have a dog exclusion order introduced



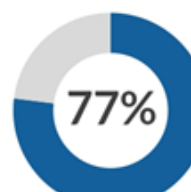
agree that Searle Podium at Dobson Way should have a dog exclusion order introduced



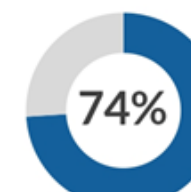
agree that Huntsman Road children's play area should have a dog exclusion order introduced



agree that Kingsway flats green area should have a dog exclusion order introduced



agree that Lichfield Road children's play area should have a dog exclusion order introduced



agree that there should be restrictions on the number of dogs walked by a person at any given time at Byron's Pool

Level of agreement with changes to existing orders (% strongly/fairly agree)



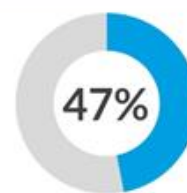
agree that the dogs on leads order should be removed from Ditton Fields (whole of park)



agree that the dogs on leads order should be removed from Kings Hedges Recreation Ground



agree that the dogs on leads order should be removed from Molewood Close (whole of park)



agree that the dogs on leads order should be removed from Velos Walk (whole of park)



agree that the current dog on leads order should be changed to a dog exclusion zone at Coldhams Lane children's play area



agree that the current dog on leads order should be changed to a dog exclusion zone at Abbey Pool children's play area



agree that the dog on leads order at Brooks Children's play area should be removed

Introduction

Research context

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. Legislation enables the local authority to create Orders to tackle issues and problems relating to dogs within Cambridge.

In October 2017 Cambridge City Council created a Public Space Protection Order for dog control to tackle the issues of irresponsible dog ownership. The council is required by law to review the orders set in 2017 (which were valid for 3 years) or they lapse. In March 2020, the council commissioned M·E·L Research to deliver a consultation to review the current dog control restrictions to get feedback on what residents, visitors and businesses affected by the restrictions think about them. The parts which were consulted on were dog fouling, dogs on leads, exclusion of dogs and new restrictions.

Methodology

During March and April 2020, an online survey was circulated to gather feedback. The consultation was promoted on the council website, social media pages, posters displayed at parks and open spaces in Cambridge, an email to a range of stakeholders such as residents' groups and a letter was sent to households that were directly affected by the new proposals. In addition to the online survey, the council were planning on carrying out an in-parks survey at Byron's Pool and Cherry Hinton Hall. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and associated government restrictions this element of the research was not able to take place. Below presents a summary of the approach taken:

	Online survey
Target population	Residents, visitors, and businesses of Cambridge
Interview length	Average of 10 minutes
Survey period	9 th March to 19 th April 2020
Sampling method	Open online link
Data collection method	Self-completion
Total sample	267

Statistical reliability

The survey findings are based on results of a survey of a sample of Cambridge and results are therefore subject to sampling tolerances. With 267 residents having completed the survey, this returns a confidence interval of $\pm 6.0\%$ for a 50% statistic at the 95% confidence level. This simply means that if 50% of residents indicated they agreed with a certain aspect, the true figure (had the whole population been surveyed) could in reality lie within the range of 44% to 56% and that these results would be seen 95 times out of 100. Table 1 below shows the confidence intervals for differing response results (sample tolerance).

Table 1: Surveys completed overall

Size of sample	Approximate sampling tolerances*		
	50%	30% or 70%	10% or 90%
267 surveys	$\pm 6.0\%$	$\pm 5.5\%$	$\pm 3.6\%$

**Based on a 95% confidence level*

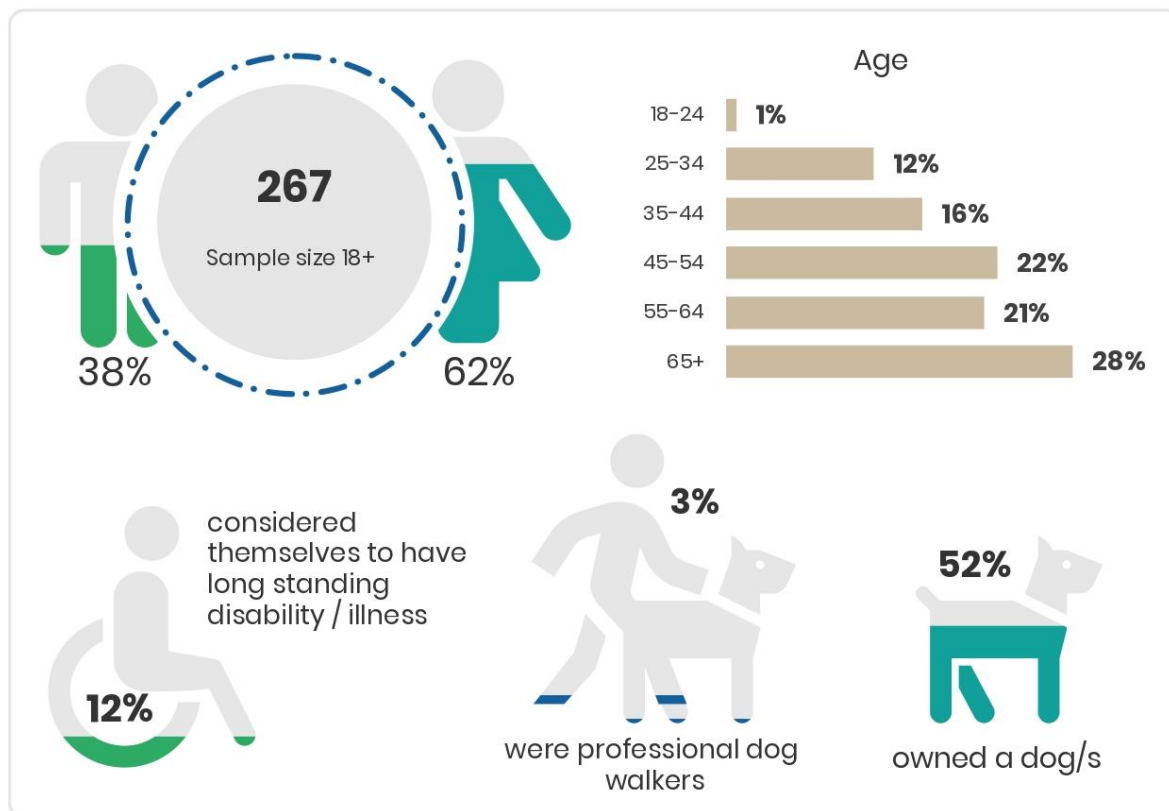
Analysis and reporting

As an online survey is a self-selection methodology, with residents free to choose whether to participate or not, it is anticipated that returned responses would not necessarily be fully representative of the target population. Therefore, results are to be used as indicative only.

Presentation of data

Owing to the rounding of numbers, percentages displayed visually on graphs and charts within this report may not always add up to 100% and may differ slightly when compared with the text. The figures provided in the text should always be used. Where figures do not appear in a graph or chart, these are 3% or less. The 'base' or 'n=' figure referred to in each chart and table is the total number of residents responding to the question with a valid response.

Who we spoke to



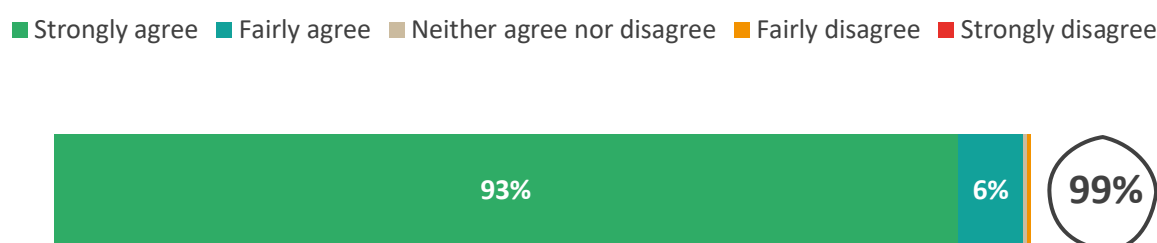
Findings

Dog fouling

An agreement of the current order is that any person in charge of a dog must clear up after their dog immediately (i.e. dog fouling). Respondents were first asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed they agreed with this requirement.

- Almost all respondents (99%) either 'strongly' (93%) or 'fairly' (6%) agreed with the current order.

Figure 1: Agreement with the requirement that a person in charge of a dog must clean up after their dog immediately (base-266)



Respondents were asked if they had any comments on this requirement. A total of 81 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

Results show that the most frequent comment (30%) was that this should be done anyway or that it is already done. Other comments made reference to dog poo being picked up but left out in bags (16%) and the need for more dog waste bins / more frequent emptying (14%).

Table 2: Comments on requirement that a person in charge of a dog must clean up after their dog immediately

Theme	Counts	%
Should be done anyway / is done	24	30%
Dog owners leave poo in bags	13	16%
Need more waste bins / empty them often	11	14%
Other	11	14%
Clarity on how this will be enforced	10	12%
Not fully cleaned / ensure all removed	8	10%

Provide disposable bags	7	9%
Dogs should be on leads/ not allowed in certain areas	5	6%
Not in countryside	4	5%
Need sufficient signage / awareness raising	3	4%
Exemptions for vulnerable people	1	1%

Keeping dogs on leads

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, it is asked 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. Respondents were asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed with this.

- Overall, the vast majority of respondents (97%) either 'strongly' (81%) or 'fairly' (15%) agreed with this action.
- Just 1% of respondents disagreed, whilst 2% neither agreed nor disagreed.

Figure 2: Agreement with the requirement that authorised officers can request dogs to be put on leads (base-267)

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Fairly agree
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree
 ■ Fairly disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



Dog on lead areas

There are areas in Cambridge where dogs have to be on a lead at all times such as cemeteries and children's play areas. Current controls are already in force in the areas listed below:

- Histon Road cemetery
- Newmarket Road cemetery

Respondents were asked to what extent that they agree or disagree that dogs should be kept on leads in the above cemeteries.

- Almost nine in ten (89%) respondents 'strongly' (76%) or 'fairly' (13%) agreed that dogs should be on leads in these cemeteries.
- Just 6% of respondents disagreed, whilst 5% neither agreed nor disagree with this control.

Figure 3: Agreement with the dogs should be on leads in the above cemeteries (base-250)

■ Strongly agree ■ Fairly agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Fairly disagree ■ Strongly disagree



The council are looking at proposing two **new additional areas** where dogs will have to be on leads at all times. The two new areas they are seeking views on is the green space at Hanover and Princess Court and the children's play area at Tenby Close.

Hanover & Princess Court green space



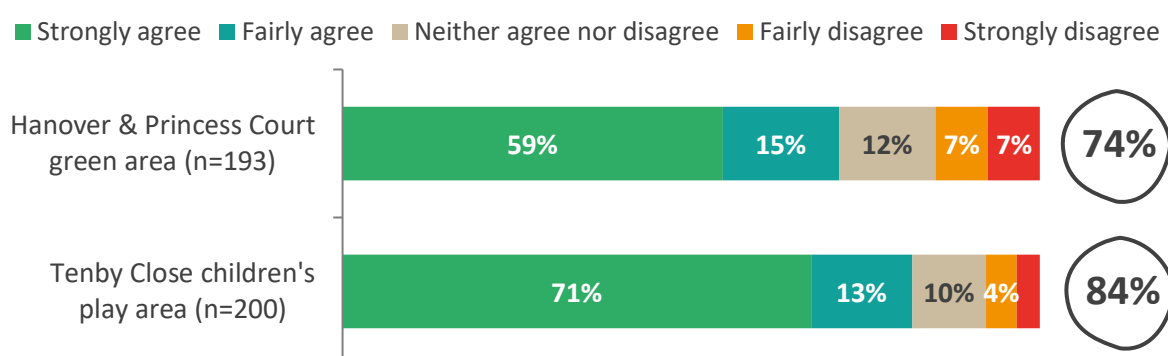
Tenby Close children's play area



Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with the new proposed orders in the above areas.

- Overall, respondents were more supportive of the proposed order being enforced at Tenby Close children's play area (84%) than at the Hanover & Princess Court green area (74%).
- 14% disagreed with the proposed order being enforced at Hanover & Princess Court green area whilst just 7% disagreed with it being enforced at Tenby Close children's play area.

Figure 4: Agreement with the new proposed orders at Hanover and Princess Court and the children's play area at Tenby Close



Respondents were also given the opportunity to add any further comments. A total of 38 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

Some residents took this opportunity to reiterate their support for the proposal (34%) whilst 16% suggested that dogs need the space to exercise, socialise or train (16%).

Table 3: Comments on new proposed orders at Hanover and Princess Court and the children's play area at Tenby Close

Theme	Counts	%
General agreement (<i>i.e. dogs should be required to be on leads</i>)	13	34%
Other	12	32%
Dogs needs space to exercise / socialise / train	6	16%
Needed in this area	6	16%
Dangerous / scary for children	6	16%
General disagreement (<i>i.e. dogs should not be required to be on leads</i>)	5	13%
Provide alternative green spaces	5	13%

Other area(s) should be included	3	8%
Needs enforcement	1	3%
Should be time restrictions (<i>i.e. dog walking allowed at night</i>)	1	3%

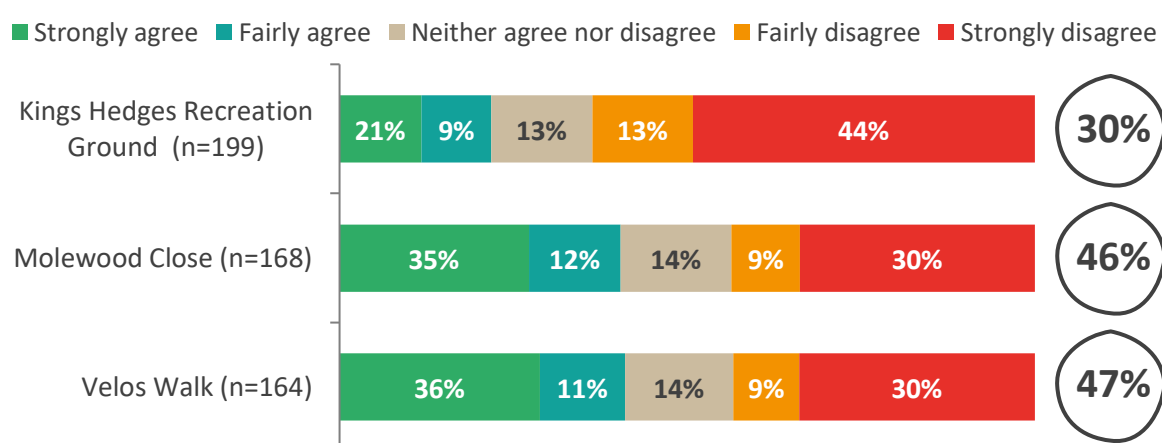
The council are also looking at **removing** the order that dogs are required to be on leads in the areas below:

- Kings Hedges Recreation Ground (the part of the park that contains the children's play equipment)
- Molewood Close (the whole of the park)
- Velos Walk (the whole of the park)

Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the orders at the above locations.

- 30% of respondents agreed that the order should be removed from Kings Hedges Recreation Ground; 57% disagreed.
- 46% of respondents agreed that the order should be removed from Molewood Close; 39% disagreed.
- 47% of respondents agreed that the order should be removed from Velos Walk; 39% disagreed.

Figure 5: Agreement with the proposal to remove the dogs on leads orders in place at...



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Over two fifths of the comments (42%) expressed further disagreement with the removal of the order with 18% of comments suggesting this was because dogs off leads can be dangerous or scary for children.

Table 4: Comments on the proposal to remove dogs on leads orders

Theme	Counts	%
General disagreement (<i>i.e. order should be kept</i>)	16	42%
Other	8	21%
Dangerous / scary for children	7	18%
General agreement (<i>i.e. dogs should be allowed off lead</i>)	7	18%
Fence off play areas	5	13%
Dogs can be intimidating	3	8%
Potentially more dog mess	2	5%

Dog exclusion areas

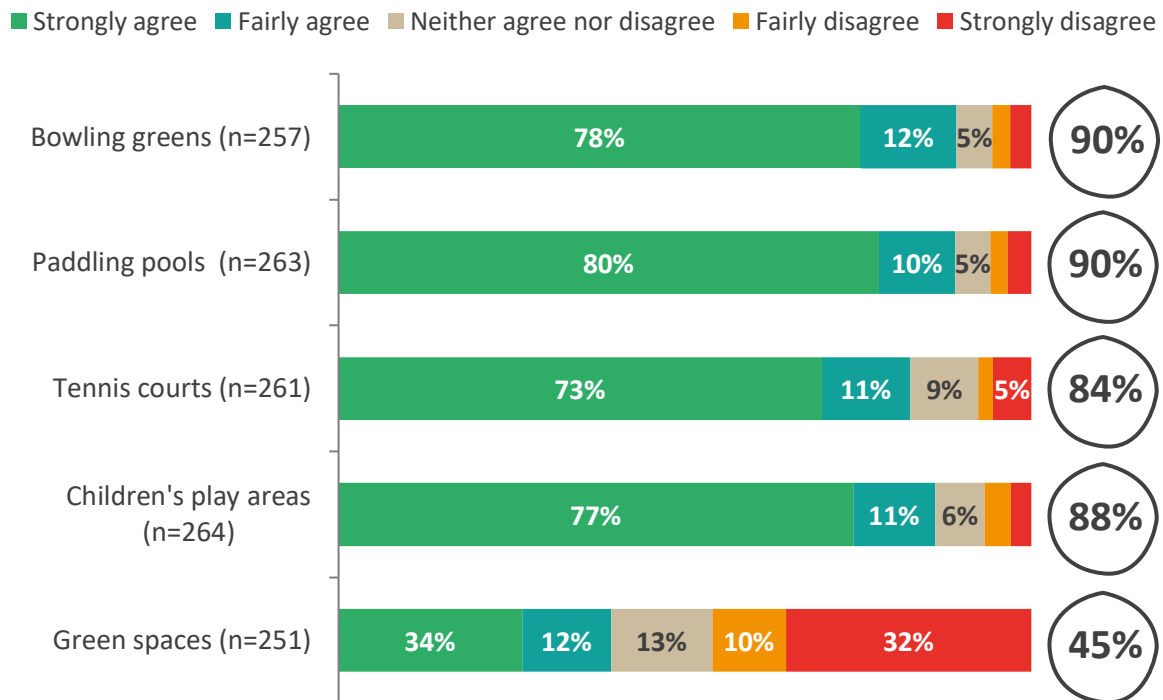
Children and adults using certain areas should be able to do so without coming across dog fouling or out of control dogs. The current order officially excludes dogs from some children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts, green spaces and outdoor paddling pools. For the following areas, there is a proposal to continue to exclude dogs at all times:

	Bowling greens: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alexandra GardensChrist's PiecesColeridge Recreation GroundLammas LandTrumpington Recreation Ground		Children's play areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aberdeen AvenueAlexandra GardensAinsdaleArbury CourtAtkins CloseBateson RoadBeales WayCherry Hinton HallCherry Hinton Recreation GroundChesterton Recreation GroundChestnut GroveChrists PiecesColeridge Recreation GroundDiscovery WayDudley RoadEdgecombe FlatsFlower StreetGreen End RoadGunhild Way/CloseHampden GardensHiston RoadHumphreys RoadJesus Green (access Land)Kathleen Elliot WayKingfisher WayNeptune CloseNightingale AvenueNuns WayPearl ClosePetersfieldPeverel RoadRamsden SquareRavensworth GardensReilly WayRiver LaneRobert May CloseRomsey Recreation GroundScotland RoadSleaford Street/Ainsworth StreetSt Barnabas CourtSt Matthews Recreation GroundSt Thomas's SquareStourbridge Common (access Land)The Bath HouseThorpe Way/Fison RoadTrumpington Recreation GroundWhytford Close
	Paddling pools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Abbey PoolCherry Hinton HallColeridge Recreation GroundLammas LandSheep's Green Learner pool		
	Tennis courts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Christ's PiecesCherry Hinton HallColeridge Recreation GroundJesus GreenLammas LandNightingale AvenueTrumpington Recreation Ground		
	Green spaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ravensworth Gardens		

Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree that dogs should be excluded from the above areas.

- The majority of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from bowling greens, paddling pools, tennis courts and children's play areas, but less agreed they should be excluded from green spaces.
- 90% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from bowling greens; 5% disagreed.
- 90% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from paddling pools; 5% disagreed.
- 84% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from tennis courts; 7% disagreed.
- 88% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from children's play areas; 6% disagreed.
- 45% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from green spaces; 41% disagreed.

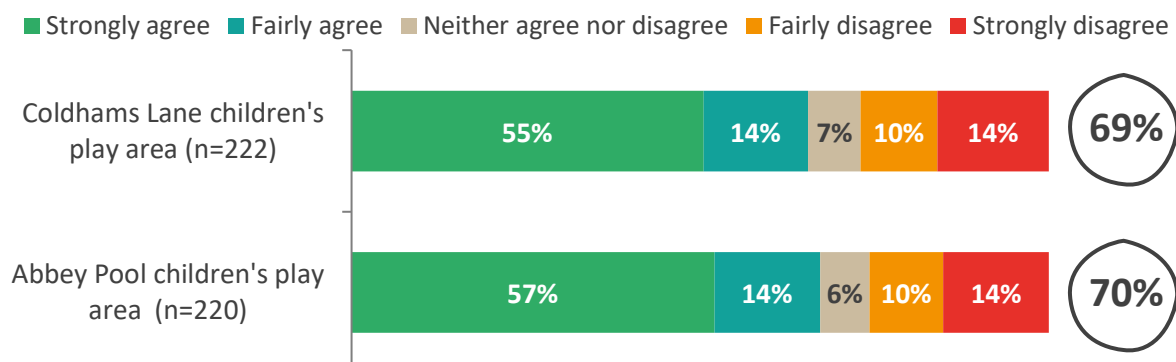
Figure 6: Agreement that dogs should be excluded from the bowling greens, paddling pools, tennis courts, children play areas and green spaces listed



Currently, Coldhams Lane and Abbey Pool children's play areas have a dogs on leads order in force. The council are proposing to change Coldhams Lane and Abbey Pool children's play areas to dog exclusion areas. Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with this proposal.

- Overall, around seven in ten (69 -70%) respondents were supportive of the proposal to change Abbey Pool children's play area and Coldhams Lane children's play area to dog exclusion zones.
- 24% either 'strongly' or 'fairly' disagreed with the proposed change being enforced at Coldhams Lane children's play area whilst 23% disagreed with it being enforced at Abbey Pool children's play area.

Figure 7: Agreement with the proposal to change areas from a dogs on leads area to a dog exclusion area



Respondents were also given the opportunity to add any further comments. A total of 37 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

Results show that the most frequent comment was that the proposal is not suitable for families with dogs, who may wish to take their children to play and walk their dog(s) (41%).

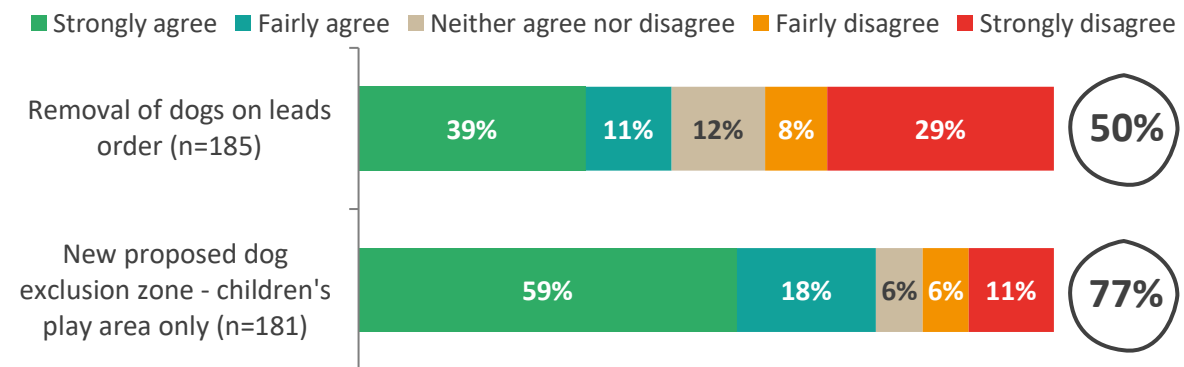
Table 5: Comments on the proposal to change dogs on leas to a dog exclusion area

Theme	Counts	%
Not suitable for families with dog(s)	15	41%
General disagreement (<i>i.e. order should not change</i>)	10	27%
General agreement (<i>i.e. order should change</i>)	9	24%
Need area for dogs	4	11%
Case-by-case basis / not all dogs are bad	3	8%
Protect children	3	8%
Play areas should be fenced off	3	8%
Need more signage	2	5%
Other	2	5%
It is good for children to be around dogs	1	3%

Ditton Fields also currently has a dogs on leads order in force that the council is proposing to change to a dog exclusion area. Respondents were asked this question in two parts. Firstly, to what extent they agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the dogs on leads order for the whole of the park and secondly, the proposal to introduce a dog exclusion zone for the children's play area. This would increase access for local dog walkers and restrict only the fenced children's play area.

- Overall, half of respondents (50%) either 'strongly' or 'fairly' agreed that the dogs on leads order should be removed; 37% disagreed.
- Over three quarters (77%) agreed that dogs should be excluded from the children's play area; 17% disagree.

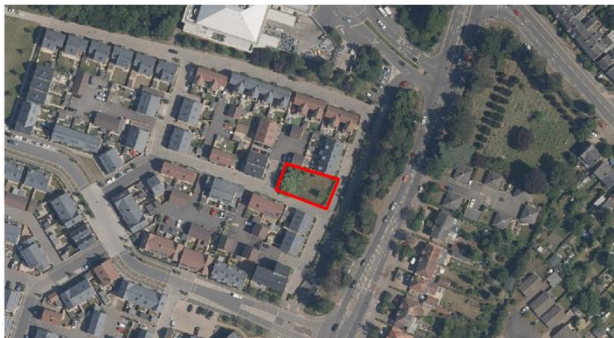
Figure 8: Agreement with the proposal to change Ditton Fields from a dogs on leads area to a dog exclusion area



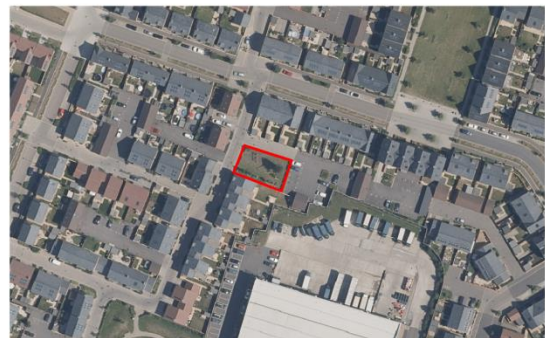
The council is proposing to introduce a dog exclusion zone in the following areas:

- Bean Tree green (Rialto Close)
- Huntsman Road children's play area
- Kingsway flats green area
- Lichfield Road children's play area
- Searle Podium at Dobson Way

Bean Tree green (Rialto Close)



Huntsman Road children's play area



Kingsway flats green area



Ditton Fields children's play area



Lichfield Road children's play area



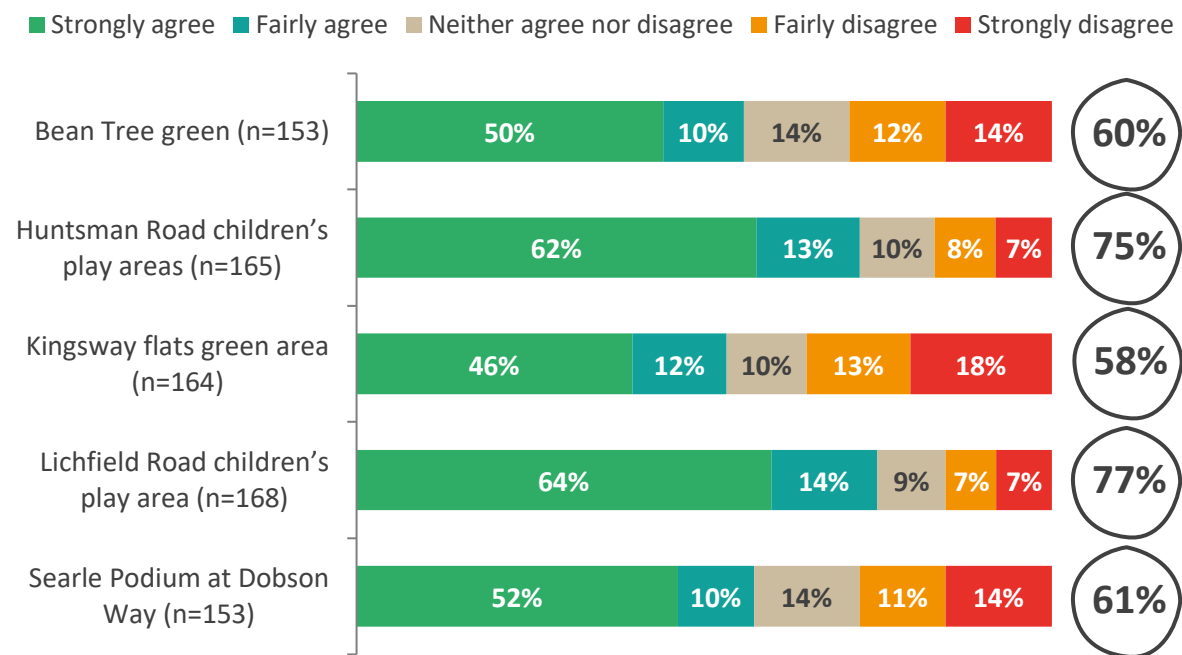
Searle Podium at Dobson Way



Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with the new proposed dog exclusion zones.

- Respondents were most supportive of the proposal to exclude dogs from Lichfield Road children's play area and least supportive of the proposal to exclude dogs from Kingsway flats green area.
- 60% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from Bean Tree green; 26% disagreed.
- 75% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from Huntsman Road children's play area; 15% disagreed.
- 58% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from Kingsway flats green area; 32% disagreed.
- 77% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from Lichfield Road children's play area; 14% disagreed.
- 61% of respondents agreed that dogs should be excluded from Searle Podium at Dobson Way; 25% disagreed.

Figure 9: Agreement that with the new proposed dog exclusion zones



Respondents were also given the opportunity to add any further comments. A total of 71 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

The most frequent comment was that dogs need space (and therefore should not be excluded) and/or that alternative green spaces should be made available (20% of comments). Other comments further expressed general agreement or disagreement with the proposed exclusion order.

Table 6: Comments on the new proposed dog exclusion zones

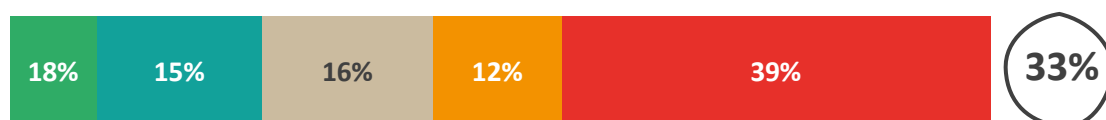
Theme	Counts	%
Dogs need space / provide alternative green spaces	14	20%
General agreement (<i>i.e. dogs should be excluded</i>)	13	18%
General disagreement (<i>i.e. dogs should not be excluded</i>)	12	17%
Other	10	14%
More enforcement	9	13%
Should allow dogs on lead	8	11%
Not suitable for families with dog(s)	7	10%
Take into account dog's behaviour/owner	7	10%
Use fencing instead	6	8%
Other area(s) should be included	5	7%

The council are also looking at removing the order that dogs are excluded from the Brooks Road children's play area, as this is no longer fenced. Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with the new proposal to remove the dogs on leads order.

- A third (33%) of respondents either 'strongly' or 'fairly' agreed with the proposal to remove the order.
- Over half (51%) of respondents disagreed, with 39% 'strongly' disagreeing. 16% neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal.

Figure 10: Agreement that with the proposal to remove the dogs on leads order at Brooks Road children's play area (base-178)

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Fairly agree
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree
 ■ Fairly disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



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response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

The most frequent themes included suggestions to fence the area off again (28% of comments) and comments suggesting that the dogs on lead order should be maintained (24% of comments).

Table 7: Comments on the new proposed dog exclusion zones

Theme	Counts	%
Fence it off again/ fence area for children	8	28%
Dogs should be on lead	7	24%
Other	4	14%
General agreement (<i>i.e. order should be removed</i>)	2	7%
General disagreement (<i>i.e. order should not be removed</i>)	2	7%
Proposal will increase fouling	1	3%
How will it be enforced?	1	3%

Byron's Pool

The council are proposing a restriction on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at any given time to a maximum of four dogs at Byron's Pool. They are looking at this as there have been a number of complaints regarding aggressive dogs, lack of dog control and dog straying without their owners' control. This proposal is based on the Professional Dog Walkers' Guidelines, which can be viewed [here](#).

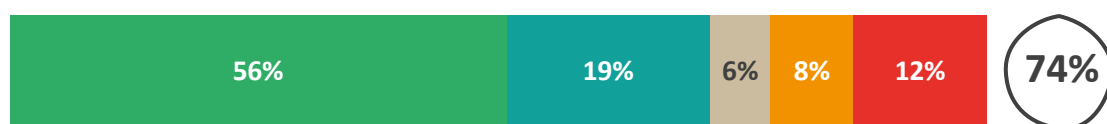


Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with the proposed restrictions on the number of dogs walked by a person at any given time at Byron's Pool.

- Overall, around three quarters (74%) of respondents either 'strongly' (56%) or 'fairly' (19%) agreed with the proposal to restrict the number of dogs walked.
- A fifth of respondents (20%) disagreed with the proposal, with 6% neither agreed nor disagreed.

Figure 11: Agreement with the proposed restriction (base-235)

■ Strongly agree ■ Fairly agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Fairly disagree ■ Strongly disagree



Respondents who either agreed or disagreed were asked why this was. A total of 108 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

For those that agreed with the new proposed restriction, the most common themes show that respondents feel more than four dogs will be hard to control (46%) or that four dogs is sufficient or in itself too many (38%). A fifth of comments (22%) also suggested the area needs protecting.

For those respondents that disagreed with the proposed restriction, comments suggest it is because they feel the behaviour of the dog(s) should be taken into consideration (38%) and/or restrictions on number of dogs should be enforced on a case-by-case basis (32%).

Table 8: Comments on the proposed restriction on number of dogs

Theme	Agree		Disagree	
	Counts	%	Counts	%
Hard to control / need to be controlled	34	46%		
Four dogs is sufficient / too many	28	38%	1	3%
Area needs protecting	16	22%		
Behaviour needs to be taken into consideration	3	4%	13	38%
Can be intimidating/ can be a hazard	12	16%		
General disagreement (<i>i.e. should be no restriction</i>)			11	32%
Case-by-case basis (more enforcement / presence of officers)			11	32%
No other open spaces / spaces as good as this			8	24%
Should allow more than 4			7	21%
Other	8	11%	2	6%

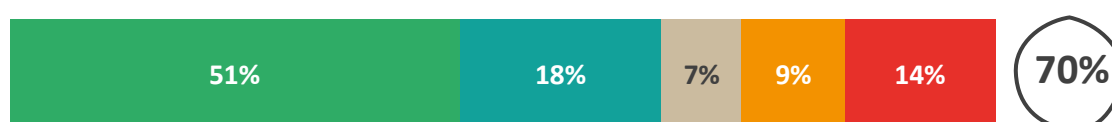
Cherry Hinton Hall

There is a requirement at Cherry Hinton Hall around the pond / stream area that requires dogs to be on leads at all times. Respondents were asked to what extent they agreed or disagree with this order.

- Seven in ten (70%) respondents either 'strongly' (51%) or 'fairly' (18%) agreed with this order.
- Around a quarter (23%) of respondents disagreed with the order, with 7% who neither agreed nor disagreed.

Figure 12: Agreement with the order at Cherry Hinton Hall (base-233)

■ Strongly agree ■ Fairly agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Fairly disagree ■ Strongly disagree



Respondents were also given the opportunity to add any further comments. A total of 50 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

Around a quarter (24%) of respondents took the opportunity to express disagreement with the order whilst 16% of comments mentioned a need to protect wildlife and/or children, with dogs intimidating some children - with these respondents agreeing with the proposal (with the exception of one respondent who neither agreed nor disagreed).

Table 9: Comments on the dogs on leads order at Cherry Hinton Hall

Theme	Counts	%
General disagreement (<i>i.e. dogs should not be required to be on a lead</i>)	12	24%
Protect wildlife	8	16%
Protect children / intimidating	8	16%
General agreement (<i>i.e. dogs should be required to be on a lead</i>)	7	14%
Other	7	14%
Dogs should be allowed in water (<i>i.e. to cool down,</i>	6	12%

<i>drink)</i>		
Need space left for dogs (<i>i.e. the wooded area</i>)	5	10%
Depends how busy it is / hard to manage	3	6%
Heavily used	1	2%

Exceptions to the order

Currently dog control restrictions do not apply to all people, and the council want to ensure that restrictions placed on dog owners and handlers are reasonable and take into account conditions where it is not possible to comply. The orders do not apply to a person in control of a working assistance dog which has been trained to assist a person who has a disability. Respondents were asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed with this exception.

- Overall, nine in ten (89%) respondents 'strongly' (71%) or 'fairly' (18%) agreed with this exception.
- Just 4% of respondents disagreed, whilst 7% neither agreed nor disagree.

Figure 13: Agreement with the exceptions (base-259)

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Fairly agree
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree
 ■ Fairly disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



Additional comments

Lastly, respondents were asked if they had any further comments about the dog control public spaces protection order. A total of 80 comments were made by respondents which have been themed and are shown in the table below. One response could have contained more than one theme and as such the total presented in the table may be higher than the number of responses.

Some respondents took the opportunity to further express agreement with the proposals (19%) whilst a similar proportion specified a need for more or better facilities for dog walking in the City. A further 16% of comments mentioned that more enforcement was needed for dog fouling and anti-social behaviour.

Table 10: Additional comments

Theme	Counts	%
General agreement with proposals	15	19%
Provide more/ better facilities for dog walking	14	18%
Enforcement needed for fouling/ ASB	13	16%
Other	12	15%
Not all owners are bad / responsible owners penalised	9	11%
Other area(s) should be included	8	10%
Dogs need exercise/ socialisation/ training off lead	7	9%
General disagreement with proposals	6	8%
Greater presence of wardens/ officers	3	4%
Educate dog owners/ dog owners should have more respect	3	4%
Queries around assistance dogs	3	4%
Dog fouling needs to be addressed / poo left in bags	3	4%
More dog waste bins needed	1	1%

Conclusion

High levels of agreement with existing orders and changes to existing orders

On the whole, there were high levels of agreement with the existing orders currently in place to tackle issues of irresponsible dog ownership in Cambridge. The vast majority were in agreement that any person in charge of a dog must clear up after them immediately and that an authorised officer should be able to request dogs to be put on leads if necessary.

There were also high levels of agreement when respondents were asked if they believe dogs should continue to be excluded from the specific bowling greens, paddling pools, children's play areas and tennis courts they are currently excluded from. However, when it came to the green spaces at Ravensworth Gardens, respondents were more ambivalent; though it should be noted that in 2017 this area was highlighted as an area of limited usage and awareness.

Respondents were also more ambivalent when asked about the suggested changes to the existing orders already in place. More specifically, the removal of the dogs on leads orders. Agreement with the proposals to change the current dogs on leads order to dog exclusion zones within children's play areas also had lower levels of agreement, though more were in agreement than disagreement.

Mixed views on with new proposed orders

Generally, levels of agreement with the new proposed orders was lower than the current orders already in place. Having said that, the majority of respondents did agree with them, with agreement ranging from 58% to 84%. The highest level of agreement being with the proposal to introduce a dogs on lead order at Tenby Close play area and the lowest level of agreement being with the proposed dog exclusion order on the Kingsway flats green area.

Differing views by area

When looking at the levels of agreement of both existing orders and new proposed orders, results suggest that residents were more welcoming of dog control orders being enforced in more confined spaces (i.e. children's play area's) or spaces predominantly used for a purpose other than dog walking (i.e. bowling green and paddling pools), than at more general use green spaces (i.e. Ravensworth Gardens and Kingsway flats). Around nine in ten also agreed with the dogs on lead order currently enforced at Histon Road and Newmarket Road cemeteries. Some residents also voiced concerns that other areas should have orders enforced, with Mill Road cemetery being most frequently mentioned. However, this order was removed following the 2017 consultation.

Appendix A: Questionnaire

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Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order: Consultation 2020

The council is reviewing its current dog control restrictions and wants to hear what residents, visitors and business affected by the restrictions think about them. The parts which we are consulting on are dog fouling, dogs on leads, exclusion of dogs and new restrictions. The legislation enables the local authority to tackle issues and problems relating to dogs within Cambridge. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete.

The information you give us will only be used for this research and you won't be identifiable in any analysis or reports. M·E·L Research work under the Market Research Society's code of conduct and all information will be held strictly in line with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Section 1: Dog fouling

Do you agree or disagree with the requirement of the order that a person in charge of a dog must clear up after their dog immediately e.g. dog fouling?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

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

Section 2: 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.

To what extent do you agree or disagree 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?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Section 3: Dog on lead areas

EXISTING AREAS STAYING AS THEY ARE: There are areas in Cambridge where dogs have to be on a lead at all times such as cemeteries and children's play areas. Current controls are already in force in the areas listed below:

Cemeteries:

- Histon Road cemetery
- Newmarket Road cemetery

To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should be kept on leads in the above cemeteries?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

PROPOSED NEW AREAS: The Council are looking at proposing two additional areas where dogs will have to be on leads at all times. The two new areas they are seeking views on is the green space at Hanover and Princess Court and the children's play area at Tenby Close.

Hanover & Princess Court green space



Tenby Close children's play area



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposed dog on lead areas, so starting with...

	Strongly agree	Fairly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Fairly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Hanover and Princess Court green area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The children's play area at Tenby Close	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any other comments on the proposed order at Hanover and Princess Court and at Tenby Close?

PROPOSED ORDERS BEING REMOVED: The Council are looking at removing the order that dogs are required to be on leads in the areas below:

- Ditton Fields (the whole of the park)
- Kings Hedges Recreation Ground (the part of the park that contains the children's play equipment)
- Molewood Close (the whole of the park)
- Velos Walk (the whole of the park)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with removing the dog on leads orders, so starting with..

	Strongly agree	Fairly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Fairly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Ditton Fields (the whole of the park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kings Hedges Recreation Ground (the part of the park that contains the children's play equipment)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Molewood Close (the whole of the park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Velos Walk (the whole of the park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any other comments on the proposed removal of the dog on leads orders?

Section 4: Dog exclusion areas

EXISTING AREAS STAYING AS THEY ARE: For the following areas, there will be a continuation to exclude dogs at all times:

To find out more about dog exclusion areas please tick the box opposite.

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Dog exclusion areas: Children and adults using certain areas should be able to do so without coming across dog fouling or out of control dogs. The current order officially exclude dogs from some children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts and outdoor paddling pools.



Bowling greens:

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



Paddling pools:

- Abbey 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
- Trumpington Recreation Ground



Green spaces:

- Ravensworth Gardens



Children's play areas:

- Aberdeen Avenue
- Alexandra Gardens
- Ainsdale
- Arbury Court
- Atkins Close
- Bateson Road
- Beales Way
- Cherry Hinton Hall
- Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground
- Chesterton Recreation Ground
- Chestnut Grove
- Christ's Pieces
- Coleridge Recreation Ground
- Discovery Way
- Dudley Road
- Edgcombe Flats
- Flower Street
- Green End Road
- Gunhild Way/Close
- Hampden Gardens
- Histon Road
- Humphreys Road
- Jesus Green (access Land)
- Kathleen Elliot Way
- Kingfisher Way
- Neptune Close
- Nightingale Avenue
- Nuns Way
- Pearl Close
- Petersfield
- Peverel Road
- Ramsden Square
- Ravensworth Gardens
- Reilly Way
- River Lane
- Robert May Close
- Romsey Recreation Ground
- Scotland Road
- Sleaford Street/Ainsworth Street
- St Barnabas Court
- St Matthews Recreation Ground
- St Thomas's Square
- Stourbridge Common (access Land)
- The Bath House
- Thorpe Way/Fison Road
- Trumpington Recreation Ground
- Whytford Close

To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should be excluded from...

	Strongly agree	Fairly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Fairly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Bowling greens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Paddling pools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children's play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

AMENDS TO AREAS: Currently, Coldhams Lane and Abbey Pool children's play area have a dog on leads order in force. The Council are proposing to change Coldhams Lane and Abbey Pool children's play area to a dog exclusion area.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed change to...

	Strongly agree	Fairly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Fairly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Coldhams Lane children's play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abbey Pool children's play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any other comments on the above proposed change to Coldhams Lane and Abbey Pool children's play areas?

NEW PROPOSED AREAS: The council is proposing to introduce a dog exclusion zone in the following areas:

- Ditton Fields children's play area only: Removal of the dogs on leads area for the whole recreation area to increase access for local dog walkers, and restriction to only the fenced children's play area
- Bean Tree green (Rialto Close)
- Huntsman Road children's play area
- Kingsway flats green area
- Lichfield Road children's play area
- Searle Podium at Dobson Way

Bean Tree green (Rialto Close)



Huntsman Road children's play area



Kingsway flats green area



Ditton Fields children's play area



Lichfield Road children's play area



Searle Podium at Dobson Way



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposed dog exclusion zones, so starting with...

	Strongly agree	Fairly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Fairly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Ditton Fields children's play area only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bean Tree green (Rialto Close)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntsman Road children's play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kingsway flats green area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lichfield Road children's play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Searle Podium at Dobson Way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any other comments on the above proposed dog exclusion areas?

PROPOSED ORDERS BEING REMOVED: The Council are looking at removing the order that dogs are excluded from the Brooks Road children's play area as this is no longer fenced.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the removal of the dog on leads order at Brooks Road children's play area?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Do you have any other comments on the proposed removal of the dog exclusion order?

Section 5: Bryons pool

The council are proposing a restriction on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at any given time to a maximum of four dogs at Bryon's Pool. They are looking at this as there have been a number of complaints regarding aggressive dogs, lack of dog control and dog straying without their owners control.



The proposal is based on the Professional Dog Walkers' Guidelines which can be found here: (<https://www.dogtrust.org.uk/news-events/news/dog%20walking%20guide%20online.pdf>)

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed restriction on the number of dogs walked by a person at any given time at Bryon's Pool?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Why do you agree?

Why do you disagree?

Section 5: Cherry Hinton Hall

There is a requirement at Cherry Hinton Hall around the pond / stream area that requires dogs to be on leads at all times.



To what extent do you agree or disagree with this order?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Do you have any other comments on the restrictions at Cherry Hinton Hall?

Section 6: Exceptions to the orders

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

The orders do not apply to a person in control of a working assistance dog which has been trained to assist a person who has a disability.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this exception?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Fairly agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Fairly disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Section 7: Additional comments

Do you have any other comments about the dog control public spaces protection order?

Section 8: About you

To make sure we are hearing from a wide range of people we would like to ask some questions about you. These questions are optional but answering them will help us better understand what you tell us.

So that we can understand the catchment area of the people who have taken part in the survey, please insert your full postcode?

Do you consider yourself to have a long standing illness, disability or infirmity? *(The definition of a disability in the The Equality Act 2010 is a "physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities")*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What age bracket you fall into?

- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What gender do you identify as?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Prefer to self describe, please describe
- ☐ Prefer not to say

These are all the questions. Thank you for your time. Please press the submit button.



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