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Dear Wendy

I refer to your letter dated 17th March to myself, Acting Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, regarding Cambridge City Council's proposals to extend and vary the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control for a further three years.

I both welcome and thank Cambridge City Council for undertaking the consultation to seek the views of the public and myself, as Acting Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

This letter is my formal response.

I would be supportive of the extension of the current PSPO and for the proposal to introduce a new restriction to limit the number of dogs that can be walked at anyone time to four at Byron's Pool Local Nature Reserve

Good dog control is important as there are people who are afraid of dogs to varying degrees and we need to ensure these people are not put under any undue stress.

All too frequently there have been reports of attacks on people in the news where the dogs were off their leads and not able to be controlled. We have also seen working dogs for the blind and other people with medical conditions being attacked and we need to protect both the dogs and owners as their owners rely on them

It also ensures that if dogs foul the area, they are near to the owners who can see it and clean it up.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner