

Dog Control Public Space Protection Order

Canterbury City Council wants to hear your views on proposals to create a new Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control (PSPO) which would be in place for a period of three years.

The current PSPO

canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Dogs%20public%20space%20protection%20order.pdf has been in place since May 2024 and sets out a standard of behaviour which all dog owners are required to follow.

It enables the council to take enforcement action against those who don't.

This includes issuing a fine of £100 in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). We also reserve the right to prosecute offenders.

The purpose of the PSPO is to enable the community to tackle specific dog control issues in the city's public spaces, such as dog fouling in parks or allowing a dog to enter children's play areas.

It is not intended to unduly restrict dog owners from responsibly exercising their dogs across the city.

Have your say

We value your views on what areas our dog control order should cover.

We are proposing a small number of changes including pulling together maps for specific locations, so dog owners have more clarity.

We also propose to remove some areas because they no longer seem suited.

As well as asking for your views on the principles of the dog control order, we want to find out if you have experienced problems in certain areas, what that was like and the impact it had or has on your quality of life. This will help us make an informed decision on what should and should not be included in the dog control order going forward.

Give us your views by completing our questionnaire by **9am on 1 October 2026**.

What happens next?

Once the consultation is closed all feedback will be analysed and considered.

If there is supporting evidence to support a Dog Control PSPO, the Order will be created and in place for three years.

The locations and restrictions included will be there because of the evidence we have collected as part of this process alongside other sources of data such as complaints made to the council in the past 12 months.

Please see our privacy notice

canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/Consultations%20privacy%20notice.pdf for consultations to find out how we store, process and share your personal information.

Questions that must be answered are marked with an asterisk (*)

1. **Are you responding as...? *** Please tick one box only

- ☐ A resident of the Canterbury district
- ☐ A visitor to the Canterbury district
- ☐ A worker in the Canterbury district
- ☐ A business, organisation or community group, please provide the name:

- ☐ A city, county, parish or town councillor, please specify:

- ☐ An MP
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____

Section 1 – Dog fouling

You can view the current Public Spaces Protection Order (Control of Dogs) 2024 here
canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Dogs%20public%20space%20protection%20order.pdf

Section (4) of the Order states the following:

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

1. **Have you witnessed or experienced dog fouling in the last 12 months? ***

Please tick one box only

- ☐ Yes Please go to Question 1a
- ☐ No Please go to Question 2
- ☐ Don't know Please go to Question 2

1a. **Please provide full details of where you have seen dog fouling take place. If you don't know the exact name of the space, please describe its location as best as possible.**

1b. **How often have you witnessed dog fouling in the last 12 months? ***

Please tick one box only

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|--|------------------------------------|
| ☐ More times than I can count | ☐ 2-4 times |
| ☐ 10+ times | ☐ Once |
| ☐ 5-7 times | |

1c. **Who witnessed the dog fouling?** * Please tick one box below

- ☐ Me - I witnessed this directly
☐ Someone else - this is based on what I was told

2. **To what extent does dog fouling have a detrimental effect on your quality of life?** *
Please tick one box only

- ☐ Very large effect
☐ Large effect
☐ Neither a large nor small effect
☐ Small effect
☐ No effect

2a. **Why?** Please write in below

3. **To what extent do you agree or disagree that the introduction of this schedule for dog fouling unfairly impacts your activities, or those of other people?** * Please tick one box only

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

3a. **Why?** Please write in below

4. Please suggest any other locations you feel should be included in the dog control schedule which are not currently listed?

5. Having considered the current order for dog fouling, do you have any other comments about the PSPO, or any suggestions on other ways we could deal with the activities listed above?

Section 2 - Dog off lead in a restricted area

You can view the current Public Spaces Protection Order (Control of Dogs) 2024 here [canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Dogs%20public%20space%20protection%20order.pdf](https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Dogs%20public%20space%20protection%20order.pdf)

Section (5) of the Order states the following:

A person in charge of a dog on the land listed in Schedule 1 (being land to which this Order applies) shall, at all times, keep that dog on a lead of no more than two metres in length.

Section (6) of the Order states the following:

A person in charge of a dog on land to which this Order applies shall comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer to put that dog on a lead.

In addition, the following areas are proposed to be **included**:

- Barham green (proposed instead of a dog exclusion restriction)
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSPO/barham-green-dogs-on-lead.png>

1. Have you witnessed or experienced dogs off the lead in a restricted area in the last 12 months? * Please tick one box only

- ☐ Yes Please go to Question 1a
- ☐ No Please go to Question 2
- ☐ Don't know Please go to Question 2

- 1a. **Please provide full details of where you have seen dogs off the lead in a restricted area take place. If you don't know the exact name of the space, please describe its location as best as possible.**

- 1b. **How often have you witnessed dogs off the lead in a restricted area in the last 12 months? ***
Please tick one box only

- ☐ More times than I can count
☐ 10+ times
☐ 5-7 times
☐ 2-4 times
☐ Once

- 1c. **Who witnessed the dogs off the lead in a restricted area? *** Please tick one box only

- ☐ Me - I witnessed this directly
☐ Someone else - this is based on what I was told

2. **The current schedule states, 'A person in charge of a dog shall at all times keep that dog on a lead of no more than two metres [...]'**

Do you think that two metres is an appropriate lead length?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

- 2a. **Please explain why and make alternative suggestions.** Please write in below

3. **To what extent do dogs off the lead in a restricted area have a detrimental effect on your quality of life? *** Please tick one box only

- ☐ Very large effect
☐ Large effect
☐ Neither a large nor small effect
☐ Small effect
☐ No effect

- 3a. **Why?** Please write in below

4. **To what extent do you agree or disagree that the introduction of this schedule for dogs on the lead in a restricted area unfairly impacts your activities, or those of other people? ***
Please tick one box only

- ☐ Strongly agree
☐ Agree
☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Don't know

- 4a. **Why?** Please write in below

5. **Please suggest any other locations you feel should be included in Schedule 1? Please write in below**

6. **Having considered the current schedule for dogs off the lead in a restricted area, do you have any other comments about the PSPO, or any suggestions on other ways we could deal with the activities listed above? Please write in below**

Section 3 - Dog exclusion

Section (8) of the Order states the following:

A person in charge of a dog shall not take that dog onto, nor shall he allow the dog to enter or remain on, the land listed in Schedule 2 (being land to which this Order applies).

You can view the current Schedule 2 for dog exclusion here

[canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Dogs%20public%20space%20protection%20order.pdf](https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Dogs%20public%20space%20protection%20order.pdf)

These are proposed to be removed:

- Bishops Way play area
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSP0/bishops-way.png>
- Barham Village Green (replacing with a proposed dog on lead restriction)
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSP0/barham-green-dog-exclusion.png>

The following areas are proposed to be included:

- New Heights play park, Whitstable
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSP0/new-heights-2.png>

- Hollow Lane/Birch Road play park, Canterbury
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSPo/hollow-lane-2.png>
- Memorial park courts, Herne Bay
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSPo/memorial-park-courts.png>
- Gorrell Valley Nature Reserve MUGA and Children's play park, Whitstable
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSPo/gorrell-valley-1.png>
- Rough common Harbledown play park, Canterbury
<https://docs.canterbury.gov.uk/files/policy-and-strategy/2026-consultations/dog-control-PSPo/harbledown.png>

1. **Have you witnessed or experienced dogs in exclusion zones in the last 12 months? ***
Please tick one box only

- ☐ Yes Please go to Question 1a
- ☐ No Please go to Question 2
- ☐ Don't know Please go to Question 2

1a. **Please provide full details of where you have seen dogs in exclusion zones. If you don't know the exact name of the space, please describe its location as best as possible.**

1b. **How often have you witnessed dogs in exclusion zones in the last 12 months?**

- ☐ More times than I can count
- ☐ 10+ times
- ☐ 5-7 times
- ☐ 2-4 times
- ☐ Once

1c. **Who witnessed dogs in exclusion zones?** Please tick one box below

- ☐ Me - I witnessed this directly
- ☐ Someone else - this is based on what I was told

2. **To what extent do dogs within exclusion zones have a detrimental effect on your quality of life?** * Please tick one box only

- ☐ Very large effect
☐ Large effect
☐ Neither a large nor small effect
☐ Small effect
☐ No effect

- 2a. **Why?** Please write in below

3. **To what extent do you agree that the introduction of this schedule for dogs in exclusion zones unfairly impacts your activities or those of other people?** * Please tick one box only

- ☐ Strongly agree
☐ Agree
☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Don't know

- 3a. **Why?** Please write in below

4. **Please suggest any other locations you feel should be included in Schedule 2?** Please write in below

5. **Having considered the current schedule for dogs in exclusion zones, do you have any other comments about the PSPO, or any suggestions on other ways we could deal with the activities listed above?** Please write in below

Corporate consultations

We have several corporate consultations coming up soon and we would like to hear from you. Would you like to be informed about these? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you'd like to be informed, and are happy for the council to contact you about corporate consultations, please tick the box to indicate your consent to us contacting you:

☐ I consent to being contacted by the council

How would you like to be contacted? *

☐ By email ☐ By post

Please provide your email address: *

Please provide your details:

Title *	
First name	
Surname *	
Address *	
Address	
Town *	
Postcode *	

How did you find out about this consultation? * Please tick those that apply

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| ☐ Email from the council | ☐ Council website |
| ☐ Council Facebook post | ☐ Word of mouth |
| ☐ Council Twitter post | ☐ Other, please state: |
| ☐ Council LinkedIn post | _____ |

Equality information

We ask a small number of optional questions so we can better understand who is taking part in our consultations and, just as importantly, who we may not be reaching. This helps us to make sure our services and engagement are fair, inclusive and accessible to everyone. You can read our privacy notice canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-02/Consultations%20general%20privacy%20notice.pdf at any time to see how we handle, store and protect your data.

What age are you? Please tick one box only

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Under 18 | ☐ 55 to 64 |
| ☐ 18 to 25 | ☐ 65 to 74 |
| ☐ 26 to 34 | ☐ 75 to 84 |
| ☐ 35 to 44 | ☐ 85 and above |
| ☐ 45 to 54 | ☐ Prefer not to say |

What gender are you? Please tick one box only

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe (for example, non-binary, gender fluid etc)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Please tick one box only

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic background? (select the group that best describes you)

- ☐ White (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British)
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ Any other White background (please specify): _____
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- ☐ Asian / Asian British
- ☐ Black / African / Caribbean / Black British
- ☐ Other ethnic group (please specify): _____
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation.