

Appendix B

Proposed Order One

A person in charge of a dog in any public place within the Borough of Dacorum (excluding National Trust land shown in schedule 3) must forthwith clear up and remove any faeces deposited by the dog and either take away the faeces or place the faeces in a general litter or dog waste bin;

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed requirement that faeces deposited by a dog must be removed and either taken away or placed in a general litter or dog waste bin within the areas shown on the map in Schedule 3 (Please note this excludes National Trust land).

Responses

Bins & Bags

- This is too prescriptive

I agree in principle with the idea but what about land in private ownership that is available to the public?

Where are all the dog bins?

Who will police it?

- The area is too vast. I agree in built-up areas, surfaced pavements/paths and recreational fields/parks but it is ridiculous to expect Dacorum to spend money on Officers and dog/litter bins for countryside woodland, hedgerow and field public footpaths. If people pick up in these areas they frequently do not take the bag home, as there are no bins, but throw it into the hedge or just leave it and so it never degrades.

Bags should be available in these areas as it is always possible that the dog produces more than expected and you use all the bags you have with you - this can happen to even the most responsible of owners

- I think dog faeces should be removed by who ever is in charge of the dog and taken away from the area and disposed of at elsewhere, home, not in bins provided by Council. I am a regular walker/runner around the Boxmoor area and dog faeces waste bins are often overflowing and pretty disgusting. I do not think it is necessarily wise to provide these as a facility as they can create more of a problem.
- For dog walkers further on in their walk and in a “no bin” area—an area of natural habitat—the sign at the entrance to the walk should show them that they ought to use the “stick and flick” approach, which the Forestry Commission advocates on its website
- It should include all land in Dacorum. National Trust do not provide bins, they expect people to take the rubbish home with them. The Council should provide bins for the National trust at entrances to their land, ie the start of the road to the Monument which should be collected daily.
- I agree with the proposal but there are not enough dog bins and although I will carry a bag home, which goes in my bin and this time of year produces maggots other people won't. So without a dog bin people will not pick up their

dog mess.

- 1. There is a lot of woodland, waste land on your map which, outside of public footpaths, should be excluded plus 2. There would be no waste bin, potentially for miles.
- Insufficient bins
- This map seems to imply that if your dog defecates in a bush, under a hedge or other place NOT on a footpath or playing field, park, etc., that you must still remove the faeces and put in a plastic bag. This seems to be in contradiction to the advice given re flicking faeces into bushes, as recommended by Forestry commission and others.

Dacorum is a semi rural area with lots of footpaths through woods, fields & common ground. Dog owners will not carry full dog poo bags for miles until they reach a bin and this will lead to a worse problem with the bags being deposited in the countryside exacerbating the litter problem,

- More poo bins required as not enough currently. Also ensure emptied more regularly as often overflowing with bags and causing a health hazard
- I agree but I thought this was already the case (although pretty unenforceable). The biggest problem is the amount of poo bags thrown around areas of beauty. People pick it up and then when nobody is around they throw the bag. I would rather they left it on the ground than do that. Maybe more poo bins would help - but they are not exactly easy on the eye and sometimes have overspill.
- General litter bins should not be used in children's play areas as they don't get emptied and the bins overflow.
- You as a council must provide and empty dog waste bins. I was told one was not being supplied on the new development I live on and for ages this meant people used the litter bin, this then caused problems as people don't think it is suitable to place bagged dog waste in a litter bin. I agree with above but you as the council must provide and empty bins to prevent issues.
- I agree with the proposal with respect to built up areas, parks, open spaces such as Shrubhill Common, the canal towpath, Nicky Line and footpaths near built up areas that are popular with many dog walkers e.g. the footpath from Fields End to Long Chaulden. However, in more rural areas of the borough where dog walkers may be several miles from the nearest dog waste/litter bin and the risk to others is negligible I don't think it is unreasonable for waste to be flicked into the hedgerow/undergrowth. Taking this approach would avoid dog owners having to carry a bag of waste for an unknown and possibly long period of time until they come across a suitable bin.
- yes ONLY if bins are provided. People will not walk home with Poop bag.
- Although I don't own a dog, the stick and flick off paths works well to avoid human contact with dog faeces on National Trust land, including Asridge Estate and Ivinghoe Beacon areas, otherwise bags of faeces are hung on tree branches as there are no bins. The requirement should only apply to parks and children's play areas within Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring built up areas.
- More waste bin for dogs are needed on the boxmoor trust opposite the dental area
- So long as bins emptied regularly....Not always the case.
- The area is too vast. I agree in built-up areas, surfaced pavements/paths and recreational fields/parks but it is ridiculous to expect Dacorum to spend money on Officers and dog/litter bins for countryside woodland, hedgerow and field

public footpaths. If people pick up in these areas they frequently do not take the bag home, as there are no bins, but throw it into the hedge or just leave it and so it never degrades.

Bags should be available in these areas as it is always possible that the dog produces more than expected and you use all the bags you have with you - this can happen to even the most responsible of owners

- Agree with the proposal but on occasion one may forget or run out of poo bags Or the dog may decide to poo more than once so the intention of the dog owner will be to clear up but due to unforeseen circumstances may not be equipped to do so. Also if the dog has diarrhea then poo bags are simply ineffective
- Animals of all kinds - homo sapiens included - have been defecating on mother earth for a very very long time. We're all still here (those not made extinct by a variety of factors, none of which include stepping in crap) and none the worse for the natural cycle of consumption, defecation and re-absorption of waste by the environment. Dog owners should be required to do no more than move their animals' faeces from places where precious humans put their feet and into spots like long grass or beneath hedges or undergrowth, where nature will deal with it. Forcing people to bag it up in plastic containers seems far more harmful to environment and health than letting nature take its course. Have any children actually been blinded by sticking dog faces in their eyes?
- This depends on where you are. I agree, that in in park land where children and ball games, for example are played, but not in areas of woodland where wild animals also defecate.

There is also the huge issue of people clearing up dog faeces but then leaving the plastic bag on the ground or on a tree or fence. We must also address the issue of plastic bags. It is better for the environment if nature's cleaners, (flies, wasps, beetles, etc) clear away faeces than leave plastic bags in the environment.

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- More poo bins required as not enough currently. Also ensure emptied more regularly as often overflowing with bags and causing a health hazard
- Sometimes people make mistakes, like used the last bag or simply forgot to bring 1 . My dog rarely poos while on lead or out on walks . I sometimes have to go home to get a bag & my grab stick , then come back and remove it . I don't think people should leave poo but enforcement officers should carry spare bags with them.. Give the absent minded owner the opportunity to rectify the problem

.. Blatant refusal should of course end in a fine but not for forgetting a bag when your dog might not poo anyway. That would be ridiculous.

- I agree but I thought this was already the case (although pretty unenforceable). The biggest problem is the amount of poo bags thrown around areas of beauty. People pick it up and then when nobody is around they throw the bag. I would rather they left it on the ground than do that. Maybe more poo bins would help - but they are not exactly easy on the eye and sometimes have overspill.
- You as a council must provide and empty dog waste bins. I was told one was not being supplied on the new development I live on and for ages this meant people used the litter bin, this then caused problems as people don't think it is suitable to place bagged dog waste in a litter bin. I agree with above but you as the council must provide and empty bins to prevent issues.
- I agree with the proposal with respect to built up areas, parks, open spaces such as Shrubhill Common, the canal towpath, Nicky Line and footpaths near built up areas that are popular with many dog walkers e.g. the footpath from Fields End to Long Chaulden. However, in more rural areas of the borough where dog walkers may be several miles from the nearest dog waste/litter bin and the risk to others is negligible I don't think it is unreasonable for waste to be flicked into the hedgerow/undergrowth. Taking this approach would avoid dog owners having to carry a bag of waste for an unknown and possibly long period of time until they come across a suitable bin.
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Agree

- This is too prescriptive
I agree in principle with the idea but what about land in private ownership that is available to the public?
Where are all the dog bins?
Who will police it?
- I absolutely agree with this being a dog owner picking up dog poo is essential. but it is also totally unacceptable that we have to consistently worry about all rubbish in the parks and food waste that people leave after being in the park. I walk everyday and see more rubbish of all kinds (which children and dogs pick up and can be lethal) in dacorum than dog poo. Any responsible dog owner clears up after their dog. Responsible people pick up their rubbish. How do you deal with the 5% who dont give a S**T about anything that should be the consultation paper not this?????
- The area is too vast. I agree in built-up areas, surfaced pavements/paths and recreational fields/parks but it is ridiculous to expect Dacorum to spend money on Officers and dog/litter bins for countryside woodland, hedgerow and field public footpaths. If people pick up in these areas they frequently do not take the bag home, as there are no bins, but throw it into the hedge or just leave it and so it never degrades.

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- I agree, but how does it work when the person is an invalid or with an assistant dog. Surely that mess needs to be cleaned up?
- Agree with the proposal but on occasion one may forget or run out of poo bags Or the dog may decide to poo more than once so the intention of the dog owner will be to clear up but due to unforeseen circumstances may not be equipped to do so. Also if the dog has diarrhea then poo bags are simply ineffective
- This depends on where you are. I agree, that in in park land where children and ball games, for example are played, but not in areas of woodland where wild animals also defecate.

There is also the huge issue of people clearing up dog faeces but then leaving the plastic bag on the ground or on a tree or fence. We must also address the issue of plastic bags. It is better for the environment if nature's cleaners, (flies, wasps, beetles, etc) clear away faeces than leave plastic bags in the environment.

- I agree with removal of faeces in principle. But point 1 contradicts with recent advice about dog faeces in, say, undergrowth beside a path where the "stick / flick" approach is advised
- I agree with the proposal but there are not enough dog bins and although I will carry a bag home, which goes in my bin and this time of year produces maggots other people won't. So without a dog bin people will not pick up their dog mess.
- I agree when one is on a public footpath, thoroughfare or play area but NOT when one is on uninhabited land eg a wood or a field.
- I do agree with this, it is horrible to leave faeces for others to walk in.

However I am aware that people with many types of disability (including learning disabilities) might not be able to pick up faeces, I think that generally most enforcements should show a little leeway in limited circumstances. Occasionally I have noted young children walking the dog and not picking up, then that would pose a problem but hopefully parents should be helping with this?

- I agree with what is proposed but the question asks something else - namely dispose of dog waste within DBC - it is not necessary for disposal to be within DBC.
- I do agree in principle but it is not possible to watch a dog constantly. The way this is worded is that any faeces seen or unseen MUST be remove. I absolutely remove all faeces my dog deposits if I see it. If she's running through the woods, must I chase my dog to ensure they don't poo and land me a fine? I strongly feel the wording needs more clarity and doesn't unduly penalise honest mistakes.
- I agree but I thought this was already the case (although pretty unenforceable). The biggest problem is the amount of poo bags thrown around areas of beauty. People pick it up and then when nobody is around they throw the bag. I would rather they left it on the ground than do that. Maybe more poo bins would help - but they are not exactly easy on the eye and sometimes have overspill.
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- Whilst the Council agrees with the principle of dog owners picking up dog waste, because we live in a rural area we operate two approaches. On more urban footpaths and tracks through the village whether paved or unsurfaced we expect people to bag it and bin it. On two paths in particular where we were having a problem we provide bag dispensers and DBC kindly provided two extra bins and empty them as part of their service. We have significantly reduced the problem there.
- In farmland and rural pathways we believe that bagging it and holding it is unlikely to be effective and therefore support the 'stick and flick'
- approach so that dog waste is never left where people walk but can be flicked into the base of a hedge. The PC's view is that this policy of bagging on all occasions in all areas will lead to littering of plastic bags unless bins are provided everywhere including rural footpaths.

Other

- This response is made by Berkhamsted Town Council. The Council wishes to extend the area - see extract from Council minutes 20 August 2018 below:

(i) It was noted that the consultation closes on 14 September 2018

(ii) It was resolved that the Town Council should support the proposals and in addition propose that the following sites should also be included in the scope of the Order:

The Moor, Canal Fields and, if possible, Sunnyside Old allotment site which has a public right of way running through. The Town Clerk will respond appropriately to the consultation. She would also mention that the fields around Lagley Meadow should be referred to as Lagley Meadow and East Meadow.

- The person should need to know that their dog has deposited faeces
- a constable of the law will only deal with common law and has no power of acts of parliament if consent is not given!

2) as there is no contract between the company trading as DBC and the individual with his god given right!

- Make sure you implement new laws with a fine and community service IE clearing up and monitor.

Don't just bring new law in.

- Try putting your effort into repairing our paths and walk ways rather than dreaming up ideas of how to persecute people.
- Responsible dog owners do pick up their dog's faeces. There always has been and always will be irresponsible people. To me this is a waste of tax payers money when councils are so broke.
- This is unenforceable and just designed to create conflict between dog owners and none dog owners
- You have given insufficient information about 'authorised officers' or the fines that they might impose. Markyate Parish Council have chosen to employ a company that does the work of a village warden. This is work, which saves Dacorum money, and for which they used to pay. Are you planning to add further duties on the Parish Council for which they are not compensated?
- There is no explanation of penalties for non compliance with the Order.

Rural Areas/Woodlands

- The area is too vast. I agree in built-up areas, surfaced pavements/paths and recreational fields/parks but it is ridiculous to expect Dacorum to spend money on Officers and dog/litter bins for countryside woodland, hedgerow and field public footpaths. If people pick up in these areas they frequently do not take the bag home, as there are no bins, but throw it into the hedge or just leave it and so it never degrades.

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- No, this should not apply where the dogs are in wooded areas, behind bushes etc, ONLY on paths / grasses area.

As ever, you have gone over the top, try again.

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- 1. There is a lot of woodland, waste land on your map which, outside of public footpaths, should be excluded plus 2. There would be no waste bin, potentially for miles.
- Some dense woodland areas are hard to get to and countryside grassland. Maybe if it was if in dense undergrowth and not visible/accessible or on a pathway. Particularly where there are other livestock who are leaving faeces
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- In wooded areas off the tracks, other animals faeces is not collected why should dogs
- This sounds outrageously broad in scope. There are many areas with public access (woodland, farmland) with many varieties of animal faeces present where the addition dog faeces does not constitute a significant additional hazard if it is not on a footpath.
- I do agree in principle but it is not possible to watch a dog constantly. The way this is worded is that any faeces seen or unseen MUST be remove. I absolutely remove all faeces my dog deposits if I see it. If she's running through the woods, must I chase my dog to ensure they don't poo and land me a fine? I strongly feel the wording needs more clarity and doesn't unduly penalise honest mistakes.
- Some areas are wooded and brambled and it is very hard for owners to get into to pick up faeces. I believe the order should cover areas where members of the public would walk only.
- Whilst the Council agrees with the principle of dog owners picking up dog waste, because we live in a rural area we operate two approaches. On more urban footpaths and tracks through the village whether paved or unsurfaced we expect people to bag it and bin it. On two paths in particular where we were having a problem we provide bag dispensers and DBC kindly provided two extra bins and empty them as part of their service. We have significantly reduced the problem there.

NATIONAL TRUST &/OR BOXMOOR TRUST

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