

## Appendix C

### Proposed Order Two

A person in charge of a dog in any public place within the Borough of Dacorum must comply with any request from a Constable or a person duly authorised by the Council to clear up and/or remove any faeces deposited by the dog where they have otherwise failed to do so. The faeces must either be taken away or placed in a general litter or dog waste bin;

**Q2.** Do you agree or disagree with the proposed requirement that if any person responsible for a dog fails to clear up and/or remove any faeces deposited by the dog they can be requested by a Constable or an authorised officer to do so within the areas shown on the map in Schedule 2.

### Responses

#### Rubbish

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?????

#### Authorised Officer/Constable

- I agree that they should pick it up if asked to do so and the officer or constable should have bags available just in case the reason is only because they have run out of bags.
- How do you expect an authorised person to be witness to the offence? Your proposal is complete nonsense when there are not even any visible penalty notices in situ in playing fields plus patrols of community police are almost non-existent. I have several times requested visible penalty notices to be placed in playing field near my property and am still waiting. Even if I put up stick-on "clear it up" notices on fencing it has no effect on people and notices have been removed!
- I have a dog and walk her twice a day. I have never seen a Constable or Authorised Officer so how they would request a person responsible for a dog to pick up their mess I do not know.
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#### Livestock and Woodlands/Rural Areas

- 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.

- It would be good if it was also around livestock and farm fields as there is a lot of dog walkers around where I live at Wood farm they let dogs off the leads let them poo everywhere and even when sheep are in the fields they let their dogs off it should be proposed all dogs on leads at all times around farmland and livestock I'd be happy to put in fines for you as it's all the time I see it .ca you put up signs here for all dogs on leads please ...thanks Andie
- In public paths, pavements, park areas, childrens' play areas, playing fields, undoubtedly - yes, but as listed in point 1, there are hundred of acres of land, woodland which is 'off the beat and track' and should not be categorised as the same
- If National Trust land is to be excluded then this should be standardised. I believe National Trust land should be excluded, as per legislation that allows dogs to defaecate in woodland. However owners should be required to remove faeces from or near paths; eg the "flick" currently required by the NT or take it away

### **Agree**

- I agree that they should pick it up if asked to do so and the officer or constable should have bags available just in case the reason is only because they have run out of bags.
- This is not a good survey!  
Functionally: half of each question is greyed out making it hard to read the question itself and there appears to be a redundant answer of "No I don't agree" as starting to click inside this box un-ticks that answer!  
More importantly, if one disagrees with the location of where these changes should be applied then EVERY question has to be answered as not agreeing even if, as in this one, I agree that with the proposed action WHERE it should be applied!
- I do agree but provide a bag and the opportunity to do right
- Again I agree - but unenforceable unless in a very public place. Also in deep undergrowth does it really need to be picked up?
- Wholeheartedly agree. My husband had a seizure which the doctors thought was the dog/cat infection toxoplasmosis. So he was placed on a 6 week course of tablets. These made him terribly ill, he lost over 3 stone in a month. It turned out that this was not the cause of his seizure. BUT the tablets for Toxoplasmosis make you terribly ill.

### **DNA**

- Unless clear evidence can be provided through DNA testing that the offending turd is that of the dog in question you have no right to enforce!

### **Enforcement**

- How can you enforce this. If someone asks me for evidence of whether I have a poo bag or not is likely to be me with the answer "go away".
- What about privately owned land/fields in the area? Boxmoor Trust, golf clubs for example are these covered and how would be enforced if private land?
- Again I agree - but unenforceable unless in a very public place. Also in deep undergrowth does it really need to be picked up?
- Let's face it. It's a good idea but simply will not be enforced.

### **Stick or Flick**

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out of bags.

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- How can you enforce this. If someone asks me for evidence of whether I have a poo bag or not is likely to be me with the answer "go away".
- I do agree but provide a bag and the opportunity to do right
- I think it's fair enough to ask people but they will need to have bags on them incase people have run out.
- Stick and flick off paths is sensible in National Trust land such as Ashridge forest and Ivinghoe. This should apply to parks and children's play areas around Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring built up areas only. There are few if any bins on National Trust land and people will tie up their dog faeces in plastic bags and hang them on trees.

### **National Trust**

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### **Other**

- Shouldn't we be spending this money on more police force rather than yet another made up job, Especially considering the crime rate
- This is now the whole of Dacorum My comments are as question 1
- The person should need to know that their dog has deposited faeces
- Although needs properly managing not just 'upset' residents
- See previous comment
- All dog owners should clean up any mess no matter what or where they are.
- 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.
- To me this sounds like another way to fine people. As previously said the majority of dog owners are responsible.
- Only on footpaths or in town parks or pavement Rd, walkways
- see previous response
- There is no mention of consequences if the request is not complied with.
- Proving the officer saw the dog do the mess and the owner not pick it up. Have been accused of not picking up mess my dog didn't do before!
- They should receive an automatic penalty charge instead.