

Appendix F

Question 7. Are there any other dog related issues that you feel are detrimental to your quality of life in Dacorum that you would like to see included in a PSPO?

Responses

Muzzle

- Consideration of muzzles for certain breeds of dogs and those dogs who have been implicated in previous dog-related incidents in a public place
- If a dog needs to be muzzled when outside the confines of its home, the dog MUST be muzzled and must be muzzled SECURELY. Just placing a loose muzzle on a dog's head is NOT good enough. Everyone needs to know that if they see a muzzled dog then (a) they should treat that dog with caution and (b) they should be able to rely on the muzzle being securely fastened so that the dog CANNOT bite a person or another dog.
- All dogs should be muzzled when in public places. A 'nip' to a young child is painful & causes long term psychological problems
- Some dogs in coronation field need to be muzzled, as there have been a few attacks on other dogs recently, also there are a lot of owners not being responsible, they do not lift their dogs feaces, especially when they take their dogs out earlier when it's dark, at dawn. a few notices does not seem to deter them, more needs to be done , I.e. hidden cameras,
- If an owner believes their dog is nervous or may bite if approached then that dog should always be muzzled. My kids have often been told not to go near someone's dog in case they bite but they are walking around with their dog unmuzzled. I live on Wheelers Lane and we have a huge dog fouling problem. Not only on the green outside my house but on the way to Tudor school. It is very dangerous to children as these dogs will probably not have been worked as responsible owners who worm their dogs pick up their poo!
- There are no bins on the side of Woodhall Farm where I live. Boleyn close side. I would suggest to have enclosed areas to exercise dogs as they do in Milan Italy, in every parks. Lots of dogs are aggressive. All dogs should be compulsorily registered and microchipped and forced to wear a muzzle in public. My dog had been bitten several time
- I believe you have covered the topics but I would like to reiterate that dog fouling is happening not only in the parks but also on pavements and verges. I can't walk my dog at our local park because too many owners let their dogs off of their leads and they bother my dog who is a 13yr old lady. Here was a scheme promoted some time ago about nervous dogs having yellow ribbons on their leads as a sign to other owners tonstay clear, I'm wondering if this could be promoted?
So many owners shout 'my dogs ok' but my dog isn't and gets scared if others due to being attacked a far few times by dogs off of leads. I think you should look at vicious dogs that attack and maybe look into muzzles for such dogs.
- All dogs should be muzzled when off the lead
- Any dog that has been reported to the police or dog warden for aggressive behavior must be muzzled in a public place
- People need to be able to control their dogs , using a lead and a muzzle if needed
Too many attacks by uncontrolled off lead dogs
- Out of control dogs wearing a muzzle in pubic places.
- There have been numerous reports of a person in charge of a dog who do not keep their dog under control which are known to be a nuisance to other dogs and people. These dogs are viscous and should not be allowed in a public space unless they are muzzled and kept on a leash. Nothing appears to be done about this so it's all very

well passing regulations if these aren't enforced.

- Any dog that is known to be unpredictable and/or dangerous around people or other dogs should be kept on a lead and muzzled in public areas
- See above comments ref keeping dogs on leads or muzzled; looking after all residents, not just children; micro-chipping dogs; and teaching owners to be more responsible.
- All dogs should be micro chipped and if not the owner (or person in charge of the dog at the time) fined
Also young children are out with dogs they clearly cannot control so in addition to having a lead they should also be required to carry a muzzle.
- For the dog owner to have suitable insurance...there have been a spate of dogs going for other dogs or people in the past few months. Perhaps dogs that have initiated such attacks need to be muzzled and on a lead after them?
- I have a high energy breed . She needs to run free sometimes . To ban her from being offlead is unfair. I pick my dogs crap up . I muzzle her off the lead and she has good recall because I trained her . If I want to walk round fields and woods with my dog running laps around me then I should be allowed to without the harassment from your staff . Asbo people who don't control their dogs . Give them personally as many orders as you want but to punish the many because of the few is unfair !
- Dogs to be muzzled, which have previously offended in dog attacks/people attacks
- Dogs that are unfriendly should be muzzled. Our own dog has been attacked when walking due to dogs that are not socialised

Barking/Noise

- Dogs barking for an unreasonable length of time or barking intermittently across an unreasonable length of time when they can be heard in residential areas. This often occurs when the dog is left alone at home and is considerably detrimental to the quality of life of other people in the community. This is true regardless of the decibel level of the barking.
- Dogs that are left to bark for long periods of time. These dogs are in distress and often neglected
- Dogs allowed to run free and repeatedly entering other neighbours gardens. Often fouling there
Dogs put in the garden, or out all night, barking at unsociable hours - eg 5am
- Council property with dogs that cry and bark all day
- Noise nuisance caused by incessant dog barking. This be while dogs are on private property but effecting people in public areas.
- Dogs that are not on leads in public places and are not under control. Any dogs not under control, including people who leave dogs in their gardens to bark when they are not in the property
- We are regularly disturbed by dog barking in South Hill Road, Hemel Hempstead, both during the day and late at night. Effort to remind dog owners that it is antisocial to allow this would be appreciated
- Consistent dog barking at all hours. The council are not interested in helping even though I filled in a diary, and my children are STILL kept awake at night and woken in the morning by this noise nuisance!!
Should have more powers to stop inconsiderate owners letting their pets behave in this way..
- We already know that it is offence for a dog to foul in a public place and not be cleaned up. However there is not enough enforcement of the law now and requests to local clubs and societies to do their part in keeping public places clean fall on deaf ears. Barking is a cause of irritation to many people. Some dogs seem to be turned out into the garden and no attempt seems to be made to control them.
- Animals left alone in cars and home that bark all day
- Continuous barking when left alone and early morning noise, ie; before 7am
- There are people that reside in my village of Aldbury that are breeding dogs to make money.
They have no consideration for the well being of the bitch or the puppies, in addition the constant noise from barking dogs and the mess created is very distressing to the other law abiding residents. I'm sure that they are breaking their tenancy agreements.
- Dogs left at home most of the day and barking should be categorised as anti social behaviour by the owner. Also whenever I or my cats go out in the garden, next door's dog barks. Dogs should not be allowed in bed and breakfast and hotels.
- I feel strongly about dogs constantly barking throughout daylight hours. There are 9 within 50 metres of my house XX Cardy Road which maintain a constant din, one setting off others, which makes it unpleasant to sit in the back garden. Frequently they are left alone for hours on end.
Is there anything which can be done about this?
- Dogs in neighbouring households that bark all day whilst the owner is out at work
- Misbehaved barking dogs in houses and gardens can be a noise nuisance to neighbours, which should be better dealt with to protect people's peace and limit noise exposure
- Incessant barking by dogs left outside, especially evening and night time.
It's unpleasant, antisocial and unforgivably selfish of the owners.
- Barking. If dogs are barking persistently indoors or outside in the whole of dacorum then the owner must be made to comply to take steps that stop this.

- Barking all night in their garden
- Dogs should be prohibited from barking at length, to the annoyance of neighbours. If dogs are aggressive even within their own homes, they should be restrained and kept from the front door.
- Barking by neighbours leaving dogs unattended in back gardens whilst work etc. Dogs occasionally biting members of public lead restrictions for a number of months afterwards if identified council to look for repeat offenders
- The nuisance of dogs barking early in the morning or late at night.
- Dogs barking at night. None of this addresses the real cause of some dog fouling which is often old age people who cannot bend down and are not able to clear up after their dog
- Uncontrolled barking and jumping up at people. This is frightening behavior. Dogs left alone day and night in people's gardens. Particularly in manor estate apsey hemel Hempstead. West valley Rd in particular.
- People letting their dogs bark constantly in their gardens causing a noise nuisance to other neighbours
- inability of dog owners to curtail persistent barking suggest some form of nuzzling.
- That even if on private property owners exercise reasonable constraint and pay attention to the behaviour of their dogs. The fact tht they are ,eg, off a lead at Ashridge does not mean they should be allowed to bound over to a family picnic, sniff around your food and lick your children. 'He's just a puppy' is not an excuse. Neighbours can even be intimidated by dogs charging around adjoining gardens and jumping up and barking over fences. Many dog owners also do not seem to understand that children are often fearful of large dogs in close proximity and seem to assume that because they know and trust their dogs everyone else, small children included, should too.
- Dogs that are left during the day to bark continuously which causes a noise nuisance and must be very distressing for the dog concerned
- I would for something to be done about dogs that are left out overnight barking disturbing neighbours.
- Yes, Some dog owners living near us leave their dogs in the house alone for long periods, and the dogs bark continuously, thus causing a noise nuisance for my husband and I.
- Dogs barking incessantly in back gardens or on balconies of flats. Provide more poo bins and empty them Discourage owners from depositing poo bags in hedges and on low tree branches
- Continuous barking is inconsiderate for neighbours and stressful for the dog itself. Dogs on leads should be compulsory in fields with livestock to prevent dog attacks (on sheep for example)
- Excessive barking even if in owners garden.
- Dogs should be under control in the vicinity of runners and cyclists. Dog owners who allow their dogs to bark persistently and create a noise nuisance should be sanctioned.
- I think if a dog constantly barks for any reason, whether it's been left alone or sadly mistreated I think you should have the authority to visit the offending household to access the situation.
- A curfew for dogs being out late in the evening and barking loudly (often past 10pm in a Wigginton, Tring)
- 1. Noise nuisance caused by late night dog barking. 2. Constant dog urination on my front doorstep causing smell and hygiene issue it isn't just faeces that causes problems.

- There needs to be some control over dogs barking for long periods of the day in residential areas. Neighbours of ours allow their dog to stand at an open window on the first floor and bark down into the street for hours at a time.
- Dogs being allowed to bark constantly day and night. It is becoming a real nightmare in places. Inappropriate dogs for the size of property and garden so they are bored witless.
- Dogs in gardens barking.
- Excessive barking/noise issues for neighbours.
- dogs barking all day and night in there gardens
- Need for action against dogs who continually bark at unsocial times. We live in Markyate and night after night our sleep is disturbed by yapping dogs who yap for hours between 3-4 am whose owners take no action to stop them in Becks close.
- Dogs left in gardens constantly barking.
Council tenents should be checked that they are allowed dogs in their property. Tenants in flats, Inc those above shops, to be checked and dogs removed especially if constant fouling on communal walkways
- not sure how possible this is but something around dogs being left unattended at home for long periods of time especially when they suffer from separation anxiety and therefore spend hours barking. This is not only a nuisance to those living in the proximity but also is I imagine distressing for the dog.
- Dogs barking in Gardens for hours on end.
- Yes. Noisy dogs. Can anything be done about these? I am lucky enough to live near an open area. One particular dog barks from the minute it is let out, then continuously for the whole of its walk (about a mile), then barks all the way back home again too. Great when I am on night work!
- Nuisance dog barking, especially at unsocial hours.
- Continual barking.
- Persistent dog barking in gardens - some people leave their dogs barking outside for hours.
- Dogs should be trained not to keep barking in gardens or houses. We have people around us who do nothing to stop dogs barking - so bad that people cannot sit in their gardens at varying times of the day. There should be a restricting order with reference to this!!! People do not want to listen to other peoples dogs while they are out, or in the house watching t.v. and not taking proper care of their dogs!!
- Leaving dogs for such length of time (either attended or unattended) to bark constantly particularly at unsociable hours.
- Noise - dogs left unsupervised in gardens etc.
- There is a dog that gets left out in the back garden near us and whines continually until it gets back indoors - there needs to be some ruling about this noise pollution and fines for the owners. Also something about leaving dogs in hot cars ought to have official rules and punishments too.
- dogs left in gardens all day and howling incessantly and sometimes at night
- there should be powers to deal with noisy dogs
eg fining the owners or removing dog from there property.

Walkers/Multiple Dogs

- (1) Q1 - if faeces placed in a bin, the faeces must be in a bag (2)Q4- no more than 3 dogs are allowed to be off lead - I am thinking of dog walkers who have several dogs at any one time (3) Q5: the dog lead must be under the control of a person. (4) Q6: The new DBC playground in Gadebridge Park is unfenced. There are other DBC playgrounds that are not fenced. These must be included in the PSPO. And what about adding new playgrounds that DBC take over from housing developers in the future?
- This survey fails to enable me to make further comments even though I agree with the principles outlined. (1) Q1 - if faeces placed in a bin, the faeces must be in a bag (2)Q4- if there are more than say 3 dogs under the control of one person - typically dog walkers - then the dogs should be on leads - for example, no more than 3 dogs are allowed to be off lead (3) Q5: insufficient merely to require a lead - the lead could theoretically be tied up to a post. The crucial point is that the dog on the lead is under the control of a person. (4) Q6: not all DBC playgrounds are fenced - and indeed the playground industry is advising that fences are removed. The new DBC playground in Gadebridge Park is unfenced. Far better to have in these PSPO that dogs are not allowed within (say) 3 metres of a play area and remove the reference to fenced playgrounds. (5) Q6: provision needs to be made for new DBC playgrounds to be added to the schedule - DBC will be taking over playgrounds created by housing developers
- Yes no more than 3dogs walked by one person this to include paid dog walkers
- Too many dog walkers walking large numbers of dogs together. It's intimidating.
- Limitations on Commercial Dog Walkers to 4 per person and applying all the above rules to them in particular. Exclusion zones for dogs such as sports pitches.
- Please consider extending the play areas to the baseball diamond on Grovehill Playing fields used as a dog park by professional dog walkers and the like even though the space is a play area for children and adults alike.
- All dog walkers (business)should be limited to TWO dogs to be walked at one time,this is for safety reasons.
In case a dog fight started and gives the handler a chance to stop it and gain control of the dogs.
- Professional dog walkers who walk multiple dogs. Sometimes into double figures. Usually mostly off the lead. They cannot possibly have them all under control and the number should be limited and enforced.
- To be able to report constant offenders who have no intention of ever clearing up their dog waste. Professional dog walkers who walk 5-6 dogs at a time off their leads - totally oblivious of when the dogs in their care defecate or annoy other dog walkers or chase cattle (Bunkers Open Space)!
- I only walk my dog on the street now in Hemel as she can only run free in secure areas (rescued pikey lurcher with strong prey drive) and when I walk her on lead locally in Shrubhill area etc she is accosted by dogs that are off lead. The owners refuse to call them off, confident their dog is friendly. MY DOG DOES NOT KNOW THAT AND DOESN'T ALWAYS WANT HER BOTTOM SNIFFED BY A STRANGE DOG. I take her to Chipperfield at the weekend now where the dogs and owners are less anti social. You will not stop fouling unless you have officers on all green space all day because the owners that let their dogs run free do not chase them around to pick it up. I am pretty sure that the 'professional' dog walkers that I see releasing 6 dogs at a time on Boxmoor do not run all over the moor picking up.
- Dog walkers with 3 or more dogs - it can be intimidating to come across 3+ dogs off leads in the charge of just one person.
Dog/s in next door garden barking at the fence separating us create an unnecessary noise nuisance and can be disconcerting.

Dog faeces in Butts Meadow and the Grand Union canal towpath (Berkhamsted) is a particular 'hazard'.

- Dog walkers should be limited to the number of dogs they exercise at one time, possibly to 4. Number to be determined.
- More dog waste bins provided especially in the area of Swan Mead Nash Mills. One collection point near Apsley Marina and one in Belswains Lane is NOT enough. Clearer signs need to be put up in Bunkers Park Car Park as dog fouling is a huge disgrace on field nearby. Bins are there but people ignore them and leave mess behind. Also there appears a huge issue there with professional dog walkers with so many dogs in their possession they can't be controlled. Three or four dogs is fine but over 8 is a little too much for one person to be in charge of and all off leads!
- Dogs fouling on football pitches is a particular concern. The Saturday and Sunday league managers have to go through the pitch prior to the morning games to clear it of dogs muck. I have first hand experience of this as my children have all played football. This issue may go unnoticed to the Council as it is being dealt with by the community. I think dog owners should be discouraged from allowing their dogs to foul on football pitches and other areas where children play.
I am also concerned with the amount of dogs a dog walkers can walk at one time, it is quite threatening if someone is coming towards you with 4 large dogs on extended leads, or no leads.
- (1) Professional dog walkers - there should be a restriction on the number of dogs walked by one person off lead - say 4 dogs.
(2) re dog faeces - not sure the suggested wording prevents the stuff being hung in a plastic bag on a tree
(3) is dispersing dog faeces into the undergrowth or hedgerow OK? I do not know but understand it is fairly common practice
(4) I assume this Order is to cover Boxmoor Trust land as well, on which there are grazing animals. In those instances, is a shorter lead required and the wording of the order adjusted accordingly?
- Dog walkers in charge of too many dogs at one time . I regularly see two dog walkers with so many dogs that they shut in to the base ball area in Margaret Lloyd fields .they pen them in and then let them off the lead to run .too many to control if a problem occurred and too many to see if they mess in the area and it's a sport area not for dogs!
- I think dog walkers should require a license and should be limited to the number of dogs they are able to walk at any one time. I also think it should be an offence to hang dog poo bags in trees!
- There are a couple of professional dog walkers on Grovehill playing field who have over a dozen dogs using the baseball diamond as a dog park. This space area is used by adults and children alike chasing their ball, diving to the ground, sitting waiting their turn. Who knows where the dog peed or pooped. This space and any similar, are fenced play area as should also be included.
- Pennine Way rugby fields needs an order when there are groups of dog walkers and people walking dogs they should be kept on leads and under control. There are a group of people who walk there dogs over there let all there dogs off at once who run around everywhere and into the Nicky line and have attacked dogs on leads and the owners don't even notice where they are. A woman was bitten and it was reported to the dog warden and the police.
- There are far too many professional dog walkers taking upto 8 dogs each at a time to the National Trust land at Ashridge.
It is not uncommon to see 30 to 40 dogs at a time. I have never seen any of them collect dog faeces.

The earn about £200 a day and cause serious parking problems. Some of the businesses come from Chesham and Bovingdon.

- limit on how many dogs are walked by dog walkers and that they are all registered with DBC.
- The number of dogs being walked at one time and particularly off the lead. There have been numerous issues particularly around felden with dog walkers walking at least 4 dogs at a time. This can be very intimidating to other dogs and the dog walker often does not have control over the dogs and I do not believe it is possible to be able to clear up dog fouling of this number.
- Too many people have too many dogs that they cannot possibly control. They may be dog minders
I would suggest a limit of three dogs being managed by anyone at any one time.
- There are an increasing number of dog walking businesses where one person may be walking 4 or more dogs. It is impossible for them to have adequate control on or off leads. There should be a limit to the number of dogs that one person can walk at any one time - i.e. 2 dogs
- A limit to the number of dogs a dog walker can take out eg 4
- Too many dogs become a possible pack, which then leads to the possibility of attack. Please try to restrict the number of dogs allowed into a public space.
- Fix penalty fines should be enforceable for two or more dogs running free in any public area, it is not possible to keep an eye on two or more dogs at the same time fouling goes unnoticed at times and loose dogs tend to run up to other dogs attacking or causing distress to other owners.
There are no bad dogs just bad owners. Controls and on the spot fines are the only reasonable answer.
Yes I am a dog owner.
- Large numbers of dogs being exercised in public areas, playing fields and parks by dog walking companies.
- I would like to see the number of dogs walked at any one time by paid dog carers restricted to 4.
- Too many dogs being walked by one person at the same time, particularly if they are off the lead. I suggest a maximum number of dogs to be walked by one person and that the council should decide on this number
- It would be beneficial to restrict the amount of dogs to person ratio. It would also be effective that any psपो legislation would enable officers to issue notices/warnings to repeat offenders, rather than just on the spot enforcement.
- No of dogs permitted to be walked at one time.
Responsibility of young persons walking dogs without the ability to control the dog.
- Grovehill playing fields (Margaret Lloyd fields) a dog walking company called hills hounds uses the kids baseball courts, at midday every week day, to let about 20 dogs loose. They use plastic little fences to block off the area and have been reported many times yet no one does anything. The dogs are running around in the heat with no shelter and no water. Local residents have complained so many times but the council does nothing about it. Please justify why you are turning a blind eye
- the amount of dogs a person can walk at any one time should be restricted to an amount that a person can reasonable control
- Some consideration for how many dogs are walked or supervised by a single person. Encountering a person walking, lets say for example, 5 dogs either on or off the leash can be intimidating for passers by.

Guidedogs/Disabled

- That people with Guide Dogs are able to access the pavements and that people parking on pavements should be warned and if they do not comply should be fined also that all shops, pubs, restrurants and other public places should be educated to the fact that Guide Dogs and Guide Dog puppies and other working dogs have access to all these places and not physically removed, subjected to verbal abuse or spat at. This can be quite upsetting for the Blind, deaf etc people. .
- What facility is there in this PSPO to cover when dog faeces is not solid and cannot be cleared properly.
Who is responsible for clearing up for someone that is disabled or visually impaired? Can they call someone to clear the mess up. Faeces from their dogs is as filthy and possibly infectious as anybody elses.
- Disabled people shouldn't be allowed to not deal with their dogs faeces, if they can't do what a non disabled person does and do not need them as guide dogs then they shouldn't have them at all... A bad back is a poor excuse as is most other "disabilities" for not dealing with faeces... Childern should be educated not to approach any dogs in an aggressive Manor (from the dogs point of view) specially when the dog is on a lead as it leaves them freighted and trapped.
- Excusing disabled people from picking up their dog's faeces is not acceptable. Anyone with a registered assistance dog - as part of their training with the dog - is expected to pick up after it. We have first hand knowledge.
People will use disability as an excuse.
And more officers! Nobody actually patrols!
- What will you do with the dog fouling that is left by those with disabilities. Will it be cleaned up? I don't believe it's fair to have exceptions. Surely there should be someone in the council a disabled person can get in touch with to have it cleaned up? Leaving it defeats the point.
Prevent fouling outside of people's homes/gates to their homes. It's really unfair when we want to go out and have to dodge dog poo. We shouldn't have to keep dog poo bags when we don't even have a dog. I was sent stickers but nothing to put them on. I cannot put stickers on the floor or on grass or bushes. I attempted attaching them to my grated gate but it was removed by the people responsible for leaving the excrement within minutes, 3 times over.
- How come a "disabled" person is allowed to let their dog defecate wherever without penalty? It still stinks, it still transfers to shoes and clothes and it still carries disease
- I understand 'working dogs' will be kept on leads...guide dogs etc but will dogs with disabled owners be kept on a lead in these public places too?
- Disability does not mean that a dog owner should not take responsibiliy for the behaviour of their dog. Trained mobility dogs will not run wild, other dogs owned by disabled persons must be trained and controlled by their owner. I cannot believe that Guide dog owners do not have adequate means of removing their dogs faeces, assisted by their dog if necessary.
- People occasionally walk their dogs off the lead on pavements and quiet lanes (old fishery lane Hemel is a perfect example). I am a Guide Dog user and this is a real problem as these owners do not have proper control of the dogs who come bounding up to my dog when she is working in her harness.

Littering/Rubbish

- Stop children from littering public playgrounds and parks
There has been a great increase in this recently - especially penny's fields in Markyate
- As a responsible dog owner I already apply all of the points you raise and feel that wardens should be around to enforce the penalties that existing signs state are payable. I do feel targeted though that there are signs everywhere criminalising ALL dog owners but nothing about litter louts and people who throw food out which attracts other animals such as foxes who will mess wherever they want and dog owners get blamed. My dog who is on a lead was poisoned this year by someone putting out contaminated food. luckily our vet was able to save him at great cost. Perhaps the wardens can also look out for the litter louts and be able to fine them as well. The local park and streets are always full of rubbish which is ignored. Perhaps that can be your next survey.
- I would like the council to provide more dog waste bins - more waste bins in general to reduce the opportunity for littering.
- There is great danger to dogs and children from the litter that human beings leave behind in public parks, on road sides and in the countryside so should the council consider more rules for them!
- There have recently been cases of dogs being poisoned by discarded food and litter. The amount of litter in parks and roadsides is increasing. It is noticeable how much the litter increases in the summer when non dog walkers use the parks. There is also a rising issue of dog thefts.
- As a dog owner I think people should be responsible for their animals. I think you need to provide more dog bins. The other scourge that needs tackling is litter. I don't see much dog poo on the streets but litter is increasing and can be dangerous to animals, ie broken glass.
- I am a dog owner and agree with all of the questions posed. I have two comments:
 1. Dacorum must provide dog/general litter bins in ALL areas on the map if owners are expected to pick up. There are currently some areas where there are no bins at all in the areas on the map.
 2. Control of dogs (using reasonable length leads) should extend to dog to dog control as well as dog to human. I keep a dog on a lead and experience people who do not control their dog around mine and do not see the importance of this. It can create a nuisance and create dog to dog aggression.

Leads

- As a responsible dog owner I would like to see ALL dog owners carrying a leash. Often I have put my dog on a lead passing people who do not appear to have proper control or refuse to clip their animals up.
- I feel that any dog in a public place that is not on a leash - no matter how trained they are - is not under any sort of control from dog owner / walker. Non-compliance should be met with a fine, repeat offenders to have animals terminated, harsh, but bought on from many attacks from dogs on way to / home from work - so much so I have changed my route on way home - after a group of belligerent dog owners with loose dogs blatantly allow dogs to foul and have not one of the dogs under control. Acting as if the animals they own / care for have a right way over my journey. I was a dog owner, when walking him we always had him on leash and always had poop bags - it's been called being a responsible pet owner. Fines should be imposed on dog owners caught ignoring their dogs waste.
- I think people should be in control of their dogs at all times and should not be off a lead in parks or near children's play areas at all. The dog may be super friendly but we don't know that and when a dog comes running over it is very scary especially if a large dog especially for young children and for dog walkers. Yes I am one.. whose dogs do not like other dogs in their space..
- Implementing all the above. Regularly see dogs fouling pavements and not on leash on Chamesbury Lane between George Wood Rd and Lever Stock Green.
- As a dog owner, all dogs should be kept on a lead in parks and recreational areas, as there are groups of dog owners walking together with their dogs unleashed roaming like packs, the owners oblivious to other people's presence concerns and fears.
- Any one should be able to ask another dog owner to restrain their dog if it's upsetting their dog (ie if my dog is on a lead I should be able to ask other owners to restrain their dog if it's upsetting mine) Temporary closing of footpaths by farmers if a field has livestock pregnant or nursing young. Or insistence of leashed dogs at the very least.
- Any dog that the owner knows can be aggravated by other dogs should keep their dog on a lead. Several incidences recently have resulted in dogs being attacked by dogs that should have been kept on a lead and not allowed off lead at any time.
- Dogs should be kept on leads when being walked on pavements, or any open spaces which aren't fenced off to the roads. My husband has been attacked by dogs whilst out running as absolutely nobody has their dogs on leads around Leverstock Green/North End/Peascroft Road area. There is always dog mess on the ground in the alleyways on the school run, and I've not once seen anyone patrolling. Fines are all well and good, but you need to be able to have the means to police it and enforce the fines. People will continue to do it as long as they know they'll get away with it.
- I feel dogs should be kept on leads. My dog who is always on a lead has been attacked on more than one occasion by dogs off lead while their owner looks on and clearly has no control.
- Dogs should be kept on the lead in fields where animals are (eg sheep on boxmoor that have been attacked twice already this summer). There are signs about this but I don't know if it is enforced in any way.
- In any public place dogs should always be on leads.
- I believe all dogs should be kept on leads in public areas, some people's definitions of having their dogs under control is way off.
- In my opinion all dogs should be on a lead in public spaces. My daughter is now terrified after being bitten by an out of control dog so that now she will not walk out where there may be dogs that are not under control.
- As a person with a dog phobia as a result of being bitten in the mouth by a dog as a toddler. I

had to have extensive dental surgery throughout my life as a result as my teeth roots were impacted. I would suggest that dogs be on leads in public places except in designated dog exercising areas that I can stay away from. Gigs off leads are terrifying

- Exercising dogs off the lead after dark.
Allowing children to be in charge of dogs when they are not capable of responsible dog care
- I feel all dogs should be on a lead, as many owners can not control their dogs. My dog was attached in woodhall farm 10 years ago and the owner was never brought to justice. Some dogs are nervous and they still require walking like my own.
- yes we own a dog, a greyhound, which for obvious reasons we cannot let off its lead, so we get terrible hassle from uncontrolled dogs off their lead, who the owners do seem intent to let their pets run anywhere, being elderly this causes great concern when we are out, that is why we feel no dog should be let off the lead in public areas. this survey appears to be more concerned about dog poo than the safety of people which is wrong. lets have some thought of the safety of people. the other concern is where are these official people going to be when they are needed? we do not have enough policing going on now, never mind this extra work.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead on public roads.
- All dogs should be on a lead at all times regardless of where they are
- Dogs should be kept on leads at all times near children and roads. Too many dogs are running around off the lead completely out of control and are causing accidents to both children and cars. Too many dogs are going missing and are causing road accidents.
- A number of irresponsible dog owners will walk their dogs off-lead where they have limited control over the dog and are (seemingly) unable to recall their dog appropriately. This should be addressed either by by-law or something similar.
- Dogs should be on leads in all residential areas.
My front garden is fouled every evening by dogs being taken for walks in the evening/night by irresponsible owners who let them run free.
- ALL dogs should be on leads when out in public at ALL times.
The comment. "S/he doesn't bite" is an insult to the person being terrorised by an out of control dog
- I would like to propose a rule of all dog should be kept on a lead in public space, no matter the excuse. As it will be fairer on owners with well behaved dogs, so non-behaved dogs don't have the advantage to cause a nuisance. I have a well behaved dog, and daily come across dogs off lead in public areas, and it makes me weary to go there again as I have had an encounter with a nuisance dog in the past.
- Many dog owners fail to stop their off-lead pets from approaching other people. I'm not a 'dog person', I'm also extremely uncomfortable with being approached by strange dogs and "don't worry! He/she is friendly!" just isn't good enough.
- so called dangerous dogs, i.e pit bulls/rockweillers or any dogs of a dangerous nature should be on a lead and under their owners control at all times./
- the request for a dog to be put on a lead should be from anyone, dog law should be stated on any signage erected for these new rules/orders and reports of dog anti social behaviour should be taken more seriously by DBC, I would be happy to talk further about this topic as NHW Dacorums Dog Watch volunteer coordinator
- Dogs not on leads bounding towards and leaping up on one
- Dogs should be on leads at all times when out in public.
- Dogs should not be free to approach people children or other dogs. They should always be on lead in public places. Many people are prevented from enjoying parks and open spaces because of dogs off lead. People first
- No dogs in ALL public places.
Dogs on leads on all streets
No dogs in cafes and restaurants.
- Being a dog owner myself I feel all dogs should be on leads unless at places like Ashridge as owners don't always have the control they think they have.

- Dogs should be restrained with a lead whilst on any public footway, road, or open space.
- dogs not on leads allowed to run into people's gardens and defecate.
- Dogs should be kept on leads when other people or dogs are present until safety has been established.
- Dogs should be kept under control and on the lead at all times when not in an open area , ie on a footpath , owners should also be aware that if a dog has a notice not to be bothered it should not be bothered
- Alley ways and parks where people walk or let their dogs off leads and let them do their toilet then dont pick it up because they think they are not seen.
- Dogs that habitually run and approach people should be on a lead so as to prevent scaring children and also adults that do not get on with dogs

Gadebridge Park

- I think from April to October dogs should not be allowed in Gadebridge park, where the play area and splash park are situated
- In Gadebridge park, the new swing area with wooden attractions including the sandpit is not fenced in. High risk of hidden fouling by dogs....and you can't blame owners. The park had been taken over by our youth to the detriment of the many dogs and their owners. Please keep an area for dogs to run free. Thank you
- I occasionally see dogs in Gadebridge Park who foul the park but their owner is nowhere to be seen - either they park their car and let the dog go where he wants (thus avoiding any responsibility) or else they are just turned out from a local home?? It is great to have these Orders but where are the people to enforce them?
I am an OAP and rely on the park and surrounding areas for exercise but enjoyment is taken away by having to constantly look down to check I am not stepping in any dog poo. Most owners are very responsible but the owners who don't care will constantly re-offend if not tackled.
Also I would like to see the law enforced regarding dogs jumping up to people, especially after they have just come out of the river!
I am not a dog hater - I have had dogs all my life till retirement - but still do not want muddy dogs jumping up and ruining my clothes with the potential of knocking me over now I am less agile. (Some) owners seem to think that their (baby) is so cute that anything goes !!
I am very relieved that you are tackling this issue. Thank you.
- The new playground at Gadebridge Park should have a fence around it and dogs should not be allowed inside it. I believe it's potentially dangerous for young children if dogs that are also enjoying the park can go into that area because the dogs could scare them, hurt them by mistake (by getting overexcited, for e.g.), cause an accident, soil the ground, etc...
- Dogs at gadebridge Park - the park should be fenced there would be no issue
- All of the above must be enforced. Only yesterday there was a small dog in the new splash in park in gadebridge park. I saw a worker there speak to the owner but the dig remained there for some time. It was very clearly not an assistance dog. There must also be fences around the new play park area there.
- Please, make Gadebridge a dog friendly walking park again and not just for babies , toddlers and their mothers.
- The dog warden should be more visible and the contact number should be posted somewhere in parks like Gadebridge.
- I object to current plans for Gadebridge Park- as a regular dog walker I feel we are at the bottom of the pile for consideration- with dogs being considered and treated as nuisances- imo some children (and parents) are equally a nuisance.
What about the drunks in the park and walled garden????
- Dogs should be on a lead at all times in Gadbridge Park
- No dogs should be allowed in the new play park in Gadebrige park
- Dogs can't read the tiny notices banning them from the new children's play area and splash park!
Dogs are fouling this area already as they love bark and sand and it will be totally spoilt if a fence is not put up to enclose the play area.
No excuses Darorum that one is too expensive as it doesn't have to be !
- What about the children's play equipment in Gadebridge park. There is no fence around that. Maybe the dogs should not be allowed in the park from March to October. There is the other side of the park over the Leighton Buzzards road that the dog walkers could use.or perhaps the dogs should always be on a lead through the summer months. Not all of us like dogs running up to us!

Bins/Bags

- More poo bins they get so full up very quickly, there is not one on the halsey school wild site and only 2 on the playing field at gadebridge
- More bins for dog waste and emptied more frequently.
- Dog bins are frequently overflowing which encourages irresponsible owners to leave piles of bags on top or at the foot of the bins. In the hot weather this also creates a nasty smell in the area around them.
The council should do more to ensure there is adequate provision for dog owners to dispose of their dog bags safely.
- I am a good sensible and responsible dog owner it frustrates me however when you want people to clear up their dog waste but the bins are most often overflowing not emptied enough I always take mine home if that is the case but this needs to be sorted
- Council need to do their part and ensure Dog bins are emptied and perhaps updated as they do look old and need to be renewed
- Make sure all dog walkers carry poo bags and fine them if they don;t, They need more than one bag.

- No children should be aloud to walk dogs under 18 as a dog can be dangerous more dog wardens or council walking round woodhall farm as there is dog mess everywhere to catch the people who ruin having a dog for the rest of us
more bins and dog bins as its a mile walk before u get to the next one
- I am a dog owner and keep my dog on a lead most times for safety reasons. I am fed up with irresponsible owners letting there dogs off the lead with no control running riot causing havock to my dog who is on a lead, and when you tell them to control there dog al you get is abuse.
also responsible owners will pick up there dog mess but there are so many have no intention of picking it up and never will. How will you police this. I have reported people previously for this action and have been told nothing can be done. also the council has some responsibility provide more dog bins and empty them regular. the service at present is appalling.
- The dog bin is out of site in the green space between chaulden lane and Sundew Rd. I think it should be relocated nearer the path so it's in view when you walk through, some people don't seem to know it's there and are leaving the poo bags on trees or the ground. I also think it's worth reconsidering replacing g the bin that use to be at that end of the chaulden playing fields as many people walk that way too.
- Would like more dog bins around the Dacorum, & to be emptied more frequently . Thank you
- More bins will help all issues with disposal of poo bags . No where near enough.
- There are not enough dog bins around
- Dogs fouling pavements in the Gadebridge area, particularly as the days grow shorter and people walk their dogs round the streets rather than the fields. Another complaint is that people pick up the dog poo and then dump the bag wherever they happen to be. It would be useful to have a bin somewhere along the lane that runs from Fennycroft Road to Gadebridge Road and beyond.
There is a lack of poo bins in Gadebridge. At least one has been removed from the Cavendish field and one from The Moor at Boxmoor.
If you want to catch the culprits someone needs to patrol the street after dusk. There always a pile of poo outside St.Peter's Court, Galley Hill (opposite Galley Hill primary School).
Well, you did ask for my comments!! I'm a dog owner, and like most people in this town, I'm sick and tired of the mess left behind by lazy dog owners.
- Dog owners do not collect dog faeces from around my home on Sempill road. Dogs urinate against the wall of my house and faeces are left on pavements and grass verges. The smell and risk of treading on this can be quite concerning especially as i have a young child.
Police and respective officers need to be aware of this in the wider community with fines for dog owners who do not collect anything their dog leaves behind.

The same can be said for chewing gum. As long as there are adequate bins available then there cannot be an excuse.

- Not enough bins on footpaths leading to open spaces
- Poo bins need to be more visible, more of them.
- you do not empty the dog bins weekly it is a health hazard. you have failed dacorum council. get them emptied at least weekly.
- I am shocked that there isn't more dog poo bins in and around gadebridge and warners end. More is definitely needed
- I think there should be more bins for dog faeces to be deposited off
- There aren't enough dog poo bins, or normal bins for that matter
- As a dog owner, I would like to see more dog waste bins in Dacorum
- The bins provided to dispose of the bags are often overflowing and appear not to be being emptied at reasonable intervals. As a dog owner I am ashamed at times at the 'overflow ' of MANY of the bins throughout the Borough... shame on DBC!!!!
- That dog poo bins are collected on a more regular basis
- The dog waste bins should be emptied more often.
- Could the Council ensure the dog waste bins are emptied on a regular basis. This is often not the case and overfilled bins with bags spilling out does not encourage a more reluctant owner to pick up after their dog.
- Would be nice to have dog parks for dogs to go to, also dog poo bins to be emptied frequently as there usually over flowing, I agree with dogs being on a lead or a long training lead that way owners still have control and dogs can also enjoy life
- For their own protection, it should be the law that ALL dogs be put on a lead when their owners are walking along the road or pavement. Why does the DDC keep removing the doggy bins at Gadebridge Park? The council's excuse that you should use the other bins instead is a disgusting health hazard & probably illegal under H&S legislation
- As a dog owner there need to be more dog bins in the borough. Also, there need to be more places where dog bags are dispensed, as is done by Chipperfield Parish Council
- If these proposals are to succeed, particularly areas NEAR children's play areas need to have signs to show specifically what areas dogs are not allowed in so as to avoid confusion for owners. Also, there are nowhere near enough dog bins in the Apsley area, particularly along the canal towpath.
- There are no bins at all within the national trust area, therefore a lot of the problem with fouling would be reduced if these were placed in certain areas i.e. where the car parks are.
- Dog poo bins are always full. Can we get more collections
- Yes I think that there should be more bins for dog waste than there are to make it easier for people to pick it up and there should also be walks FOR people to take dogs to enjoy the parks and countryside instead of just focusing on negative aspects of dog ownership, lots of family's have dogs so if you prohibit dogs too much you actually make it a detriment to family life, most dog owners are responsible.
- More waste bins need to be provided for ease of dog owners. Many have been removed over the last few years.
- Lack of bins of any type on Nlckey Line behind Hunters Oak
- There needs to be much better signage across the borough on anti-fouling and the consequences. More dog waste bins. On the spot fines should also be introduced for fouling and failure to clear up. The same again for dogs off a lead.
Dog fouling in my area is a problem. The council should issue advice to dog owners focussing on responsible behaviour and highlighting the health issues associated with dog fouling.
- Regular emptying of dog poor bins
- Need more dog poo bins and they need to be emptied regularly
- I only answered yes in order to be ABLE to tell you more. I do not want ANY Pointless Space

Protection Orders if they are an exercise in being seen to be doing something.

1. Provide more bins

2. State how this and other PSPOs will be "policed" and at what cost.

3. Provide signage to educate people - and maybe a creative range of stickers to encourage responsible dog ownership.

- Yes. More dog waste bins and empty them more often! Check out the latest facebook posts on hemel community pages to see pictures of overflowing bins. Awful.
- The prompt reinstatement of missing dog waste bins. I have been requesting DBC to replace the missing dog waste bin at Three Close Lane/ Beech Drive, Berkhamsted for over a year (reference no. 527431) but this has not been actioned.
- Dog waste bins to be emptied more
- The common knowledge of exactly which bins dog waste can be placed in needs to be better communicated as everyone has different ideas. Some people think it can only be put in dog waste bins, but I am lead to believe that dog waste can be put in any general waste bin? I feel if more people knew the exact rules, people would just leave poo bags hanging in trees or leave dog poo bins over-flowing.
- More dog bins especially at ends and beginnings of footpaths and bridleways.
- Dacorum council will need to ensure bins where dog poo is deposited are emptied frequently.
- poo bags not placed in bins or not enough bins
- I'd like to see more bins provided for dogs faeces. I think it would have a positive impact on more people picking up after their dogs. For example, I mainly walk my dogs at Bunkers Park, but there are only 2 bins at the car park and nothing else until right at the other end. Would be useful to have a couple more at the very least on either side about midway through.
- That it becomes an offense to leave bagged up dog poo not just unbagged which seems to a problem. Also that owners are responsible in keeping their dog away from small children unless the parents have given consent for the dog to approach. Larger dogs can be as tall as some toddlers and being approached by one no matter who much the owner assures it is a friendly dog can be terrifying for small children (I liken it to a dog the size of a horse approaching an adult!) i also believe Dacorum needs to provide more fouling bins near recreational areas. We have a real consistented problem with dog fouling in the walkway and park area surrounding Goldfield school in Tring with children often going into school having stood in dog mess.
- I don't believe that dog fouling is taken seriously enough. More emphasis should be put on punishing dog owners who do not clean up after their dog. How about on the spot fines for people who don't have a poo bag, or more posters in problem areas regarding the fines and responsibility to pick up after your dog. Also, more dog waste bins being provided. As a responsible dog owner myself I don't see why anyone would have a problem with this unless they do not clean up after their own dog.
- There should be more bins to dispose of dog poo, or the ones that are already in place should be emptied regularly as they are often overflowing.
- Please can there be more bins and the council used to provide free bags ..this should encourage more people to clean up also the bins need to be emptied
- The council should supply more dog fecaes disposal bins near and around public areas. Owners are liable to collect their dogs waste but some people then leave the full bags on common and public ground.
- Would be good to have more dog waste bins in the borough
- There is far too much dog fouling throughout Dacorum. Not just on Dacorum land but also on other areas e.g. boxmoor trust land. I think owners should be fined also. It is disgraceful the amount of fouling at Camelot Rugby Club. Also, the bins should be emptied far more regularly.
- More dog waste bins. There are not enough. We live in Gadebridge and use the dip. Dog bins have actually been removed!

- There are no dog waste bins on the Nickey line by Hunters Oak. I end up picking up a great deal of other people's dog mess when I take my dog for a walk there. Could the provision of more bins be included?
- There must be more dog waste bins in place and they must be emptied regularly. I see too many poo bags left on trees close to exits where there should be bins.
- There needs to be more waste bins to encourage owners to put their dog waste in. Also bins are not being emptied or perhaps there should be a larger bin at the place where bins are being continuously used and become full very quickly. There needs more to be done as it appears the problem of dog waste not being picked up has increased
- Dog 'poo' bins to be increased in number, and emptied during the hot months more regularly
- Increased number of dog/litter bins. How regularly are dog litter bins emptied as we often find them overflowing.
- There are insufficient dog waste bins. Two dog waste bins were removed from Rectory Lane and Three Close Lane around 2 years ago and since then there has been a huge increase in bags full of faeces thrown into the overgrown areas of the cemetery.
- As a responsible dog owner I already undertake all of the above both within Decorum and outside but I do feel that there is an opportunity to to increase the number of bins provided or to relocate to new areas as I know that where the areas are not maintained through fallen trees or overgrown vegetation these bins are difficult to access. Also the last time I visited our Gadebridge in Hemel the new area is not fenced and as there no limitations dogs will foul in the area . Are there any plans for cleaning up after foxes and of course cats which are more dangerous than dogs.
- Increased frequency of poo-bin emptying in Boxmoor. Bins x2 (side by side) on tow path near station moor often both overflowing and smelly.
- The main issue for me is the poor management of existing poo bins that are left overflowing for long periods of time meaning dog owners cannot find a bin for their deposits or simply put on ground near overflowing bin. Some years ago Dacorum used to supply poo bags free of charge so perhaps consider reintroducing this to increase awareness take up by irresponsible dog owners. Only one dog warden presently so not the resources to manage proposals.
- Provision of an increased number of dog poo bins will encourage their use. Bins would need to be regularly emptied also. In areas where stick and flick policy is acceptable, such as ashridge and other woodland areas where placement of poo bins would be impossible, notices encouraging stick and flick, rather than use of poo bags will hopefully reduce the number of poo bags thrown into trees (in an attempt to be thrown into undergrowth I assume).
- There are insufficient boxes available to dispose of dog waste
- Dog buns in some areas are not being emptied regularly to stop them over flowing.
- I feel providing bags helps facilitate the removal of faeces.
- Greater availability of "poop" bags.
Previously they were obtainable from post mounted dispensers e.g. along the Grand Union. It is appreciated that this is a cost to the council but would help to sort the problems detailed in the survey.

Canals

- Uncontrolled dogs on the canal towpath.
- You have mentioned NT land should not Boxmoor Trust Land also be included, walking across the Moorland can be a challenge as dog owners generally believe that they do not need to clear up the mess that their dogs leave. The Grand Union Canal towpaths now under the Rivers Trust should also fall into this issue of control.
- There are copious amounts of dog faeces on the canal path in Berkhamsted. In just a small section between the two paths leading into the stag lane housing estate I counted 8 different droppings. This is really unacceptable and a health hazard.
- We can not go for a walk near the canal in Nash Mills because all dogs have no leads and my son starts to cry if we go there and we were attacked by more than one dog and we have to look carefully as so many dog's fouls are on the way. In addition to the fact that there are so many dogs in the parks and play grounds of children.
- Dogs being off the lead and out of control in areas with a lot of public footfall, particularly children, for example canal towpaths, parks with play areas (ie Canal Fields in Berkhamsted).
- On Saturday, a cat was attacked by two dogs on the canal in Berkhamsted. The cat died as a result. The dogs were off the lead and the owner did not have control of them. Cat owners informed and shared dog owners details with them. A similar thing happened to us approx 6 years ago when we lost our cat following two dogs off the lead attacking it. The amount of dog owners that allow their dogs off the lead near a built up area (housing estate) and allow their dogs into the hedgerow along the canal/onto the estate is appalling. Young children and other animals are often out in the estate. I do not think this is safe. I'd really like there to be signs up asking dog owners to keep their dogs on leads in this area.
- I think Dogs should be kept on the lead along the canal path. I am fed up with dog owners not having control and it's dangerous with young children walking along the canal path and could end up in the canal. Ducks also are on the canal bank and cyclists. Dogs running along is a health and safety issue. I also have 2 dogs and am sick to death of my dogs being approached by dogs who have no recall experience even though I shout out continuously to get their dogs away. It seems to be a big problem in the borough with dog owners and the amount of dog attacks increasing. There should also be a fine if a dog keeps escaping an owners garden. You only have to look at the Facebook Hemel Community Page to see it's a regular occurrence.
- If possible some patrolling of the canals if possible, find a lot of dog mess there just off the path throughout the year.
- Are the Aauthorised Officers going to patrol the canal banks?
- As an example.....Nash Mills. Along the canal are flats and some owners of dogs allow their dogs to roam freely along the front of flats, without even considering the collection of the dogs faeces and I suspect that this is relevant to a number of areas within towns but is there anyway to report this behaviour anonymously on the Council Website, in order to ensure this order is followed and the people responsible are accountable.
- Dogs on lead by the canal? As it's v narrow on the path to pass a bouncy dog
- Dogs on the Canal Tow Path in Dacorum should be kept on a lead at all times. Not everybody is comfortable with a dog running up to them and barking or jumping up and if a person is anxious and scared of dogs their anxiety only serves to make a dog worse in those instances.

Aggression

- I would very much like to see extra powers given to officers or constables to take measures against owners that allow their dogs to attack another dogs. The owners tend to be in denial about how aggressive and frightening this can be for both dog and owner on receipt of the attacks. I have been bitten quite badly 3 times protecting my small dog from attacking dogs and have required hospital attention. The owners have been unsurprised at their dogs attacking behaviour and the police took very little interest in the incidents. I was even told by them that they would be more interested if I had been a child but as I'm an adult, they're not really bothered. Both myself and my dog are really quite frightened when we meet new dogs as I never know how they are going to behave and their owners are also unpredictable.
- Dog owners can't control their dogs and if running through a public area they jump up and can be quite aggressive. It has made me change where I walk or run
- Aggressive dogs not on lead, this can be any size dog, ive had an encounter with a jack russell off lead with an irresponsible owner.
Owners should always take responsibility for their dogs.
- Where a dog is aggressive or large the dog should be under control and restrained by owner and not a minor. Recently I had an issue where the owner of a large doberman was being walked by a child with mother close by and the dog attacked my dog as the child could not hold onto the lead.
- One area that needs addressing is dangerous dogs in the Marlowes pedestrianised area. I frequently see pit bulls with studded collars and their owners near them without leads almost as an act of defiance.
This is a form of aggression and it should be stamped on. Comments from these owners is "he is very friendly" is not acceptable, as pit bulls can and have attacked children and adults suddenly and without warning. Liverpool CC has brought in very high fines on dog owners who own dogs without leads in parks as has Peterborough Borough Council.
Dacorum BC has not given any indication of the fine or penalties that are going to be imposed on dog owning people. If the fine is too small it does not work. If you fine people a £100-200 it will work.
- Yes in general most dog owners are responsible. However, some residents around the Old Town area let their dogs mess and just leave it and if asked to pick it up become aggressive and rude.
- Yes, if a dog owner knows their dog is aggressive or just nippy in any way they just keep them on a lead. Also if they are walking over three dogs again they should be on leads.
- Dog to dog aggression which is not covered by legislation but makes walking your dog a nightmare.
ie the Akita in Old Town area kept on a long rope but still allowed to attack other dogs.
- Owners should be held responsible for the behaviour of their dogs, if the dog is aggressive or out-of-control the owner should be accountable.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead in all public places, by default. In almost every case where a dog is misbehaving there is no police officer anywhere nearby to tell the owner to put the dog back on the lead. And even if there were someone, by the time the dog has misbehaved it is too late to put it back on the lead; the damage is done.
Dogs should be kept on leads at all time in all public places. And there should be more dog-free zones - not just the childrens play areas, but also larger areas of the parks and Boxmoor should be designated dog free, for the benefit of the families who use those spaces, and the animals there.
Literally every single time I have gone into one of Hemel's green spaces I have had a problem with dogs - there is always dog muck to watch out for, and bags of dog muck in trees. Dogs are frequently aggressive or violent, and especially intimidating to children. My children have been injured by dogs who were being "overly friendly" - the owners then either insist that their dog is being well behaved, or start being aggressive themselves when you ask them to control their dog. This complete lack of introspection shows that any public

space protection orders that depends upon dog owners' being responsible is doomed to fail - every single time they show that they cannot be responsible, and so stricter rules are required.

- I would like to see more powers for authorised people to enable members of public to seek support when they encounter anti-social dog behaviours, particularly when this is on going, such as aggressive dogs who are uncontrolled around other dogs
- Older people who have large aggressive dogs, which they cannot control can cause difficulties.
- If a dog is seen as aggressive, the OWNER should be investigated, not the dog being punished for more likely the way it has learned to behave. Not be put away for weeks on end without an owner and probably being mistreated. Like children, you lock parents away for neglect etc, not the child.
- Stricter controls & legal punishment on dog owners who fail to control their animals in public places. I am fed up dealing with dog owners who think it funny when their dog runs up to you in an aggressive fashion. These stupid dog owners fail to see why they should control their animals. I would be legally entitled to kill their animal if I thought it was going to bite or attack me.
- We have a small dog on a lead and find dog owners on council land place our dog at risk by not remaining close to the dog and ignoring their behaviour. These larger dogs jump all over us and are sometimes aggressive towards our tiny dog and the owners make out we have a problem for being concerned about our dog's safety. People with large dogs off leads create problems and these dogs should definitely be controlled.
- If an owner has an out of control dog that attacks another dog it should be an offence I believe at the moment it is not

Rubbish

- You have more of a problem with rubbish fly tipping uncontrollable children and adults and crime etc but you spend thousands what is already common sense and good practice by 95% of people. Suggestion cctv in parks might help. ????
- Competent middle managers and upward to management much more effectively. there is a major major problem with youngsters families throwing rubbish every where in the park ignoring bins or taking it home and you are collecting so much rubbish via the gardeners that is adversely affecting park management with so many gardeners looking for other jobs and totally demotivated by this rank bad management so many of the public think that lack of direction by council is much more of a n issue
- Perhaps public leaving rubbish should be tackled in a similar way so that my dog doesn't become poorly eating food and rubbish left on public areas, especially during hot weather.
- Idiotic people that foul the park on a daily basis leaving crap on the grass, some being dangerous to dog health...

What are you planning to do against this constant pollution of my quality of life and my dog quality of life ?

Idiotic and none caring parents not supervising their children and when they comes next to a dog (and not a dog going to them), it's the dog owner fault that the child tried to grab the dog toy out of the dog mouth !

Great idea to burden responsible dog owners for everybody else stupidity...

How much is this going to cost out of my paid taxes ?!!

Dog Only Parks/Areas

- A dedicated enclosed "dog park" should be considered. I have seen this before and works well.
- How about a dog park in areas with lots of dogs/existing issues of people using kids parks to exercise their dogs? Dog waste bins at the key entrances/exits/middle of fields would encourage people to pick up
- Rather than attempting to police dog owners, Dacorum would greatly benefit from providing more enclosed dog parks for them to go to. This would keep dogs out of areas where they may be a nuisance to other people or wildlife, as well as giving owners a safe space in which to exercise their dogs.
- I would like there to be a dog park within Dacorum where dog owners can go with their dogs and let them off lead to run and play with other dogs. The area would ideally be a high fenced area accessed by a gate, with no children allowed.
- Dog should have their own space and until there in their own space there not allowed off a lead.. dogs are not to be trusted when allowed to run free when there is children around many times a dog has come near the children and jumped at them at the park and its very scary.. all dogs should be on a lead until its in its own dog space
- Please do not victimise the vast majority of responsible dog owners in the borough. I recognise that the council needs to protect residents from irresponsible dog owners and I applaud the recognition of the need for dogs to have fair access to public spaces to exercise and socialise. I can't help but feel there is a war on dog owners and can't help feeling victimised. We are already potentially losing a green space in Woodhall farm to the move of the athletics track (cupid green playing fields) which will severely limit my dogs access to open spaces. Maybe it would be good to create dog friendly areas where children and other hazards to my dog are restricted? 'Child exclusion zone'?
- I think it should be a requirement that all dogs are kept on leads at all times except from when in a designated dog walking area, i.e. a playing field. Too many people let their dogs wander the streets of the lead because they believe them to be friendly, but they don't consider that some people may have a fear of dogs, or that other dogs that are in leads might not be friendly. My dog is always kept on the lead in public places more than once, has been attacked by other dogs who are off the lead. Always the owners come over all surprised and say something like "he's never done that before" which goes to show that no matter how well you think you know your dog or how trustworthy you think it is, it can still be unpredictable, so it's best to keep it on a lead.
It's also nerve wracking as a parent to have big dogs approach your small children when they're not on a lead. If you know you're in an area where people are exercising their dogs, like in a park, then it gives you the choice to avoid it, when they're on the streets or the greens where you live, you don't have the choice and are often taken by surprise.
- It would be nice if there was some enclosures like the kids playground, where dogs could be trained on or off lead without the fear of dog escaping or just a place where they can run free with no danger, perhaps a bench or two for the humans to rest.
- 1. Are reserved dog exercise areas under consideration?
2. Are DBC considering provision of poo bags in parks similar to neighbouring councils?
- Dogs should be on a lead at all times not free to run up to other dogs on lead or children or bikes or joggers. There should be enclosed areas for dogs to exercise not children
- It would be helpful if there were signed areas which would be designated 'off lead dog exercise places. With the condition that dogs must be on a lead in such places I'd they are likely to or are causing a nuisance to other dogs or other people.
- If people aren't going to be responsible owners then take them away.
If problems persist, advise cordoning off areas specifically for dog owners to let them roam free, and enforce it to only those areas.

- I think there should be a specific park where dogs can be let off leads but all other public places they should be on leads at all times. Then I could avoid that park with my kids. I'm sick and tired of being on picnics and dogs run up to my children and scare the life out of them. I'm then told by the owner "oh don't worry he's friendly" I don't care I don't want them running up to us. I'd love to have a place I could go with my children that doesn't smell of dogs mess and where we can feel confident we aren't going to be troubled by any dogs!!
- I would like a designated space for dogs to run around and play with other dogs, without the disapproval of owners with dogs who are always on leads.
A 'no leads' allowed play area for our furry friends, one where all the 'nervous' dog owners can avoid with ease.
- There is nowhere that is enclosed to let a young dog off the lead in the area. So that they can play and have a good time. There is loads of enclosed parks for kids but not dog
- They need more dog friendly areas to walk on lead etc. The dogs shouldn't have unconsiderate dog owners letting their dogs off lead everywhere running and terrorising dogs who are on leads.
- Should be dog only areas
Should not be allowed off lead in any public park should be more enclosed areas for off lead walking, so people know where they can be with other like minded people
- I would like a fully enclosed area to let my dog off lead as would many other dog owners.
- I believe we're getting to the point where ideally every dog should be on a lead and I know some will disagree for good reason! However isn't it time we had designated areas for dogs to run off lead and play? Some area must be allocated for them as dog ownership will only grow and if dealt with correctly now no issue in the future? So all dogs on leads except where a designated park is there for the dogs! The areas need to be allocated first NOT the other way round or you will alienate dog owners and your laws will be ignored by the majority!
- Provide dog-friendly areas where people with dogs can spend time with their dogs off lead (as on many beaches).
- I would like some areas where dogs can run freely in an enclosed safe place.
- As a dog owner it would be nice to have dog only parks. To let owners take their dogs out without the risk of them accidentally knocking over small children who run at them screaming to stroke them. Dogs are magnets to some young children.
- Can we have a dog area in the park? New York have fenced and gated areas and they work great. They keep the dogs separate from non dog lovers and allow owners of dogs to socialise them in parks too. You have to remember dogs are just as important as children to some people.
- Have space for dogs to run around and have fun and not build pointless things the dacorum don't need
- There are not enough open spaces for dog owners to walk their dogs safely and away from traffic..too many drivers think that Chesham Road in Bovingdon is a racetrack.walking my dogs down that road is extremely dangerous as a result and no one wants to hear it
- A dog play park area would be great there are so many dog walkers that go down gadebridge park
How about a safe place to play for our dogs?
- Yes,how about some positive moves for dog owners? I understand the reasons for leashing,carrying poo bags and prohibiting dogs from play areas etc,but how about some dog 'only' areas where dog owners are catered for and encouraged to go to.Fenced off areas for dog owners where dogs can be free of their leads,but safe from children interaction risks etc?Why only negativity towards dogs by the council?The UK is a nation of dog lovers.People seem to get more upset by dog mistreatment than people mistreatment sometimes?Lets have a balanced approach that recognises this nation of dog lovers and not just have a negative approach to dogs By Dacorum Council? I fear without a balanced approach Dacorum Council will receive a negative back lash from these,largely sensible,proposals?

Town Centre

- Stop letting dogs run through the town with no lead and go in the water feature outside Greg's. The owner never picks poo up either. Reported it to staff in Marlowe who said it's not down to them
- Rough sleepers throughout Dacorum, but particularly in town centre, always seems to have a dog - dog should be removed if owner is sleeping rough as cruel to dog to have no home
- We are new dog owners but grew up with our daughter terrified of dogs. So dogs in on leads in all public places that are not open parks should be a thing. As in , town centre, shopping areas etc.
- dogs in town centre must be on a lead as some of the rough sleepers and drinkers dogs run free at times in town
- My family and I have had countless encounters with dogs not under control and off-lead. I would like the law on being on a lead to extend to every area (for example, pavements, town centre etc) and only permit off-lead activity in areas such as parks, commons and so on with signage to indicate this. There is no reason to have a dog off a lead in an area (such as roads) where they can't safely run freely anyway, so this would not be a hardship for responsible dog owners.

There are various parts of Dacorum known to be places to regularly walk dogs. Unfortunately for our family, who love exploring the countryside, this has made many of these areas of common, public land to be off limits because of a minority of irresponsible dog owners who are unable to control their dogs off a lead. I have been told (in a very unpleasant manner) on several occasions I should not be bringing my children there after their dogs have been unable to be recalled from harrasing us! This is at Ashridge, and Boxmoor Trust land. I would love it if there was signage in these popular dogwalking areas that indicated that dog owners should be considerate of other users of the land, who may be afraid of dogs, and that it is not for their exclusive use.

Most dog owners are considerate in this way, but if there were signs at popular entrances to popular dog-walking locations reminding dog owners that not everybody loves dogs and other members of the public have a right to use the land too, it would make me feel a lot more confident. I believe that a minority of dog owners do genuinely believe that their dogs take priority and it's tough luck if children (or adults) are harassed by them as we apparently have no right to be there.

- Charity workers in the town centre are a nuisance. If they have a stall in the market you can choose to engage with them. The ones with clip boards that harress and make you feel like crap every lunch time should be banned
- Restrictions in town centres as I've seen dangerous dogs off leads there.

Fines/Enforcement

- All the dogs and their owners should be registered so that appropriate action are taken against the owner for failing to obey the rules. So any CCTV clip captured dog fouling with their owner should be brought to justice with heavy fine.
- the local paper should do more to highlight the need for owners to pick up after their dog and to fine people who do not and put their names in the paper. I have also noticed it is mostly men who do not clear up after their dogs.
- How will any of this be enforced? There are people who allow their dogs to foul on the street can we report this etc
- Stricter fines and patrols of pedestrian areas to ensure fouling in the area is reduced
- As a responsible dog owner myself it angers me how many people walk their dog off the lead when they clearly don't have control of their dog.
I have also noticed in my area (Leverstock Green) that somebody is picking up and bagging their dogs mess but then simply leaving the bag on the pavement or grass.
If funding permits, I would love to see some kind of patrol over known dog walking areas and fines issued on the spot.
- Do not agree with the term used throughout 'authorised officer' Far too many Council 'spies' costing the council tax payer Should only be enforced by the police/community police officer
- I would like to know how you plan to 'police' this new plan?
Any decent dog owners follow these rules already. How will you tell people to pick up mess or put dogs on Leads?
- I am a dog owner, but it infuriates me when I see dogs off of leads walking next to a road, particularly a main road. This should be a fineable offence if the owner refuses to put the dog on a lead. Also dogs should not be allowed to have their heads hanging out of cars windows. The reg no should be taken and owner fined.
- just dog mess everywhere and no enforcement ..when was last person fined heavily???
name and shame...
- Dog owners should not let their dogs out at night unaccompanied. I live in a cul de sac and often find dog faeces on my lawn and flower beds in the morning. I appreciate this is difficult to police, but maybe heavy fines for those who do let their dogs out and foul (if identified and proven) would be a deterrent.
Dog leads that allow dogs to roam whilst still 'under control' should be kept at its shortest length (maybe one metre) when on footpaths. I have seen numerous people who let their dogs leads out which, in effect, means the dog can run across the width of a road.
- To make all owners have their dogs on leads in streets. I see so many dogs off leads walking round streets. You also should have more signs up about dog fouling fines as I see people in the park opposite me always leaving their dog mess on grass.
- I believe all dogs should be on a short lead in public. My grandson has a severe allergy to animal fur and on two occasions has ended in hospital because a 'friendly' unknown dog jumped up to say hello!
Areas in parks away from children play areas are fine for letting dogs run on an extended lead.
- Enforcement of fines for dog fouling-the lack of this means people don't bother to pick it up
- There should be fines for people depositing bagged dog waste in inappropriate ways ,ie hanging bags from trees or leaving them on street corners, under bushes etc.
- I feel as a dog owner who walks for 2 hours per day.... I frequently see dog faeces that are left all over pavements and playing fields... I find this disgusting... I think if there were higher fines and patrolling randomly of popular dog walking areas this would help solve some of the problem ...(the higher fines could pay the salary of wardens so more fines more patrols...)
- Public pathways alleyways and more signs to indicate any disregard to any proposal of

dog fouling will be fined.

- Dog fouling is already an offence but is not policed. How many people have been fined for fouling this year? Last year? Any Year?
We should have a hotline to report fouling so that it's removed promptly.
- Fines for dog owners who do not pick up dog poop
- Heavier fines for dog fouling, and removal of dogs for repeat offenders. The streets here in Markyate are disgusting. It is the same offenders in the same areas each time. Dog wardens should spend some time and try and catch as many offenders as possible.
- Insufficient visible penalty notices as described above. More requirement for dog warden visibility in all areas of Dacorum. Advice leaflets should be supplied to new dog owners - perhaps issued by the Council to all vets in Dacorum. There are so many more people "rescuing" dogs these days and they do not seem to know how to train or cope with the animal they have.
- There needs to be much more done to dog owners who do not pick up their dogs faeces on pavements in general. There are so many lazy disgusting dog owners who don't even carry poo bags let alone pick up after their dog.
- More publicly displayed notices regarding the bylaws that can be obvious to those who are flouting them.
Concerned members of the public can then indicate those notices if necessary to avoid confrontations over dog fouling.
- Certain green spaces like those opposite XX Kingfisher Drive become in effect dog fouling grounds, even if some owners clear up the mess. The council should provide more visible notices warning against this - for example the current warning sign is quite high (to avoid people walking into it) and parallel to walking directions (again apparently to avoid people walking into it) so in the end few people walking their dogs would see it! Consideration should be given to larger signs implanted into the green space to provide anti-fouling warnings.
- the only way dog owners will pick up their dogs mess is if they visually see parks being monitored. I have to drive to a different park daily to walk my dogs because my local field is covered in faeces. I am also fed up picking other people's dog mess from the front of my house.
- The play area on Barnacres Road Bennett's End is often visited by dogs and owners do not pick up the mess their dogs leave. I took my grandson to the play area we could not stay there as it was covered in dog faeces. My 5year old grandson was very disappointed. He said people are naughty Nanny as there is signs to say that dogs are not allowed in here, we don't have dogs in our play area in Sandy.
- Allowing one's dog to foul sports pitches should be an offence in a similar manner to those proposed for public open spaces
- There are areas eg memorial gardens in Tring where dogs are required to be on a lead. This often ignored by dog walkers. There should be some form of supervision, maybe traffic wardens should patrol randomly and it should be some form of offence. At present there appears to be no form of check.
- These proposals primarily target dog walkers during daylight hours when wardens/authorised officers are hopefully patrolling. However around the Chaulden area (Long Chaulden), there are a lot of irresponsible late night dog walkers that let their dogs foul driveways, pathways, property boundaries, etc. What can be done to tackle that problem? Late night patrols? A hotline to report walkers who don't clear up their dog's mess? Also, who will clear up the dog mess that has been left?
- Much clearer, bigger and more frequent signage everywhere that not clearing dog faeces is an offence. I have often seen owners and dog walkers talking or look away and 'not see' their dogs have fouled. It should also be made clear that if bins or dog bins are full then the owner/dog walker must take the poo bag home. It shouldn't be dangled from a tree in the bag or piled up on the ground near the bin. (Fly tipping again?). Finally a significant number of authorised agents to enforce the regulations made so the public have a heightened

awareness of the H&S issue involved and the dog owners responsibility to others.

- How are you going to enforce the rules, especially for persons who continuously flout them?
How often are dog litter bins emptied? They are not properly maintained at present.
All very well making a nice set of rules but if you do not enforce them they are a waste of time and effort.

Cats

- This order should include cats and prohibit their owners from allowing them to roam the streets and other people's gardens and depositing faeces there. Cat faeces is known to be more of a health hazard than dog faeces.
- If dog owners are going to be subject to crap-bagging rules, would it be too much to insist the same applies to people in charge of cats? Of course it would.
- Cats are a problem to dogs make them misbehave which in turn can make the dogs a problem to the public I suggest that cat when not in the owner properly should also be on a lead and there fouling cleared up by the owner. Cats mess also carry diseases and are a nuisance to the public with their constant Killing of songbirds and mammals they are not wild animals as lazy owners claim they are domesticated the same as dogs and should be treated the same.
- Yes I agree that owners should pick up their dogs mess, but also feel strongly when you say about what you can catch from dogs mess, can you please be aware that a cats mess is a lot more dangerous than a dogs, I would like to see more done about cat owners not picking up there mess !!! I am sure if you had a survey on this matter you will be astounded at the results.

National Trust

- The National Trust insists that dogs are kept on leads from November to end February every year during the deer cull. This is ridiculous. I walk my dogs on NT land all the time and have frequently been close (during normal daylight hours) to where deer hunters are operating. This is plainly dangerous.

Other

- Not a dog problem . But what about human defecation? We have a problem with people defecating in yew tree wood. We know its people as dogs don't use toilet paper !! This has been going on for a while now and is disgusting they don't even try to hide it in the bushes just leave it by a path with the toilet paper so you know it's not a dog !
- Although I agree with all statements, as a dog owner I do often feel victimised by the general public, those with children can be especially nasty thinking they have more right to the open space than others so I do think how this is portrayed to the general public is very important, after all humans leave behind far more waste than dogs so it isn't the dogs that are the problem it is the owners.
- A big problem is that as soon as people with dogs get out of a designated parking area or similar and onto a long distance footpath (The Ridgeway for instance) they seem to forget about all the common-sense reasons for removing dog-mess and just leave it where it is. It is very sad that too many dog-owners do not embrace the spirit of the law (don't leave mess for other people) but simply obey the letter of the law (leaving mess here could get you fined).
- The needs of all council tax payers and voters in the borough should be considered. There needs to be a balance and a reasonableness to the policies that the council make on behalf of it's constituents. I pay council tax and vote, do not have kids but do own a dog. I keep my dog on a lead whenever there are kids around and pick up my dog's faeces from public paths/walkways, etc. Will the Council next be imposing access restrictions on parents who let their kids scream around and be unruly without any regards for others? Yeah, I didnt think so!
- I have no problem with cleaning up dog mess or keeping dogs out of children,s play areas. Most dog owners just want a quiet life and enjoy their time with their dogs, who are not demons as some of the general public make out. Have been threatened by mothers when walking with a small dog (at heel on a lead) because the dog frightens their child (not sure how as dog was totally ignoring them)!
- Why are the children's play area enclosed? This is not good for those with Autism or other mental health issues as this causes anxiety. Since when have we abdicated parents/carers responsibility. Is this so they can keep looking down instead of up?
- Those people who discard food and food related packaging cause problems for dog owners.
- While the proposals are good for dogs, nothing is in place to prevent cats from pooing in gardens. This is an issue for several of my neighbours and myself.
- Any person found guilty of deliberately leaving poisoned food in a public place should be charged with attempted murder.
- Try putting your effort into repairing our paths and walk ways rather than dreaming up ideas of how to persecute people.
- I think there is much more detriment from anti social behaviour from humans in public areas. I think drinking alcohol in the parks should be banned.
- Dogs outside of schools tied to fences unsupervised
- We need a more effective dog warden with more powers. I reported an incident that happened to me and my elderly (now deceased) gentle dog on 1 December 2017 and to this date it has not been followed up satisfactorily. I had to chase and chase and eventually I sent one final message saying that I had given up trying to get any resolution to this matter. I knew the owner of the dog that attacked mine, reported his address and gave a detailed account of the three occasions that his dog (always off lead) had attacked mine (always on lead). Despite full details the owner got away scott free.
- I am the owner of two dogs - they do not walk the streets in our Close unless they are on a lead and they do not foul the pavements. The residents at No. XX Cromer Close seem to think that it okay to let their dog out very late at night (12pm onwards) off lead to wander and foul the pavements and other peoples gardens. I have spoken politely to them about this

issue and so have the other residents but they continue to let this happen. Without photographic evidence there is not much that we can do about it so they continue to do it.

- This type of regulation is too much 'nanny state'. The vast majority of dog owners don't need this type of regulation - it's natural to pick up it's poo and put it on a lead if it's a possible threat to anyone.
- Other than owners being responsible for their animals actions - I do not have an issue with dogs.
- The sheep killings on the Box Moor Trust need to be addressed, and the people responsible should be prosecuted, it's unacceptable.
- Dogs should be allowed in more places such as shops so that they do not have to be tied outside! There should be greater penalties for cruelty to animals
- I would like to see more family areas which allow dogs in, along with restaurants and cafes.
- I hope football pitches etc are covered by your proposals. I welcome all your proposals
- Dogs shouldnt be allowed outside school (primary) premises due to dog fouling and intimidation of young children.
- Would be nice to see dogs treated like part of the community instead of as a problem to be dealt with. Perhaps non dog owners could be educated on this
- All dogs should be subjected to an annual MOT with relevant rules for none compliance.
- Dogs should not be allowed to roam out of owner's sight.
- Owners should be held responsible and if a member of the public feels that the owner is not responsible there should be a way of reporting them.
- I have seen many times that the dogs are freely allowed in the walking path where you can only find the owner miles away. We are unable to do a relax walk with our kids as we need to battle with these dogs to protect our children.
I love dogs and I had couple but still dogs are dogs! They are animals; we so called human should act little responsibly to protect everyone's interest.
Dogs should not be allowed freely in Public Park, walking path or anywhere in that matter where children and Vulnerable adults are exposed.
The children freedom is more important than dogs. If someone interested in dogs freedom than they should not jail those dogs at their home for their own companionship!
- I would like to see more dog wardens patrolling and to randomly check that dogs are microchipped...and I as a dog owner myself wouldn't mind being approached to have my dogs scanned.
- Many dog owners have little understanding of dog behaviour or their responsibilities as dog owners. It would be good if dog owners had to sit a basic test (of guidelines around dog ownership and understanding dog behaviour) before being allowed to inflict their out of control dogs on the general public.
- Control of dogs so that they are kept away from people who don't like them.
- Dogs who defecate near schools
- A dog is roaming around the neighborhood by himself must wear tag with contact mobile number and adress and mussle, so that it will not damage garden, pond, plants of other people's property. The dog owner must pay for the damage.
- Please dont tar responsible dog owners.

Responsible dog owners would also like to see all dog owners pick up their dogs poo and ensure all dogs aren't a nuisance. Often non compliance of the above is reported by fellow dog owners. This survey implies that all dog owners are failing in their responsibilities as a dog owner

- Throwing dog faeces onto private property should not be allowed.
- Dog mess being left without being cleared up is really bad in Markyate. If more officers could patrol Markyate that would reduce the amount of crime and dog mess on our streets. We as

a community feel forgotten in relation to patrols and safety in Markyate. Please do your best to address this. Thank you.

- A lot of people walk their dogs around the streets near me, there is a school close by and there seems to be a lot of dog mess not cleaned up on the paths around the school and the near by streets, even though there is a small field near by. I really hoping this will help tackle the problem.
- People with dogs should be aware if a dog foul on a path or green in front your house, to clean it up
- Would like to see more signs in markyate telling people to pick up their dog mess, I picked up a third of a carrier bag of dog mess up out of the overgrown grass along a verge next to a footpath off of Cavendish road when we first moved there earlier this year
- Dog owners allowing their pets to foul on our driveway. Fortunately at the moment this only happens occasionally, but we did have a spell that lasted several months during which a dog was being allowed to foul the end of our driveway every day. We were never able to witness this happening. We live right opposite a JMI School and there was a danger that young children could step in the mess before going into school. For ourselves, we had to face the revolting task of removing dog mess every day.
- Some owners let their dogs pee in my front garden and ruined my plants. It is really the matter of common sense but I wonder if we should make designate area for dog peeing?
- Constantly have dog mess on the grass verge between the road and our house on St Agnells Lane. Makes it very difficult to avoid when trying to bring a toddler in who could easily step in it.
- Dog mess is a big problem in Wigginton. There seem to be people who walk their dogs early and feel above picking it up. On my walk to school, The Bit up towards school, the alleyway outside school. Utterly disgusting and selfish. And not a single sign in the village to say pick it up. PLEASE do something to help this.
- There have been many complaints to the Council about an owner who lets her dogs foul in this area. It is outside a school and a grassed area and in a residential road. The Council admit they are aware of it but do not seem to be doing anything about it. If they are not willing to resolve this one problem then what is the use of this Dacorum wide survey about careless and thoughtless owners not clearing up.
- Mine main issue is the amount of dog feces being left around the village I live in (Markyate) and the lack of dog wardens. How can these things be enforced otherwise? It's so frustrating because certain people do not care and will not pick up as they know there is no consequence.
- A facility to report irresponsible dog owners
- Dog grooming in public spaces should be punished
All dogs should be registered with the council so fouling can be enforced
- it would be nice if ALL dog owners picked up their dog mess and not leave it on pavements and walk ways but they don't you should be able to report it if you see someone who does not bother to clean up after their dog
- I have many times seen dog owners allowing their dogs to urinate on others properties. On many occasions i have had dogs urinate on my boundary walls where my children usually sit and i have also seen them urinate on peoples flowers. This shouldn't happen. I know you can not stop the dog from urinating but dog owners should be able to prevent their dogs from urinating on other peoples property.
- I live in the Nash Mills area and my 5 year old daughter goes to Nash mills school. On our walk every morning to school (without fail) we come across at least 3 separate lots of dog faeces. It's every single morning we have to dodge it and it's simply foul. I have a dog myself and believe it is my responsibility to clear up after him and so should everyone else who has a dog.
- I live on an alleyway in Northchurch and we have constantly having to clear up the dog mess even though there are signs. I have contacted Northchurch council and Dacorum and they

just say there is nothing they can do unless I can catch them in the act. People just don't care anymore.

- I am a dog owner living in the Woodhall Farm area & am constantly aware of irresponsible dog owners who never "pick up" after their dogs, most often it seems to be LARGE dogs. I have complained in the past to Collette Wyatt-Lowe but as there is only one Warden covering a huge area can't see how anything will ever improve the situation. These are usually dogs off their leads so guess the usual excuse would be they're not seen. I would approach them to ask them to "pick up" but generally speaking I think the reaction would be hostile.

I also find dogs off leads in general are a nuisance & have, in the past more than once had to rescue mine from aggressive loose animals, in fact several other dog walkers have had this issue, one having to take their pet to a Vet due to being bitten by one.

To finalise, it is not the dogs at fault, it is the irresponsible owners who should have a dog if they can't look after it properly.

- The attitude of this survey. You are asking biased questions, expecting people to have issues.

Your questions are leading voters to agree with your already created decision

The issue that you feel you have found is not there. How about the council do something about graffiti, or the mountains of litter the council are not collecting, or about the footballers that defecate behind the trees in Cupid Green football pitches because the teams will not pay for the council to open the toilet block or the council will not open the toilet block during the day

- Dogs outside of schools! At my children's school dog walkers seem to pick peek drop off/pick up times to walk their dogs as children are going in/out of school. The dog fouling outside Tudor primary is disgusting and owners do not seem to care if children step in their mess. I would like to see consideration of children and dog walking directly outside of schools communicated to dog owners and walkers.
- All areas that dogs are not welcomed in should be fenced off
- The need to fence off children's play areas
- I think that like playgrounds there should be fences around splash parks
- That dogs are excluded from some areas so that people can run/walk/picnic/enjoy the outdoors without risk of being hassled or attacked by dogs or stepping in poo.
- Why are dogs excluded from play areas. If kept on a lead and under control there should be no reason for this. When walking the dog with the children they might want to play, is it unreasonable to watch over them with a properly controlled dog?
- all children's playgrounds /adventure playgrounds /splash parks should be fenced off to exclude dogs from the areas
- Even responsible dog owners are being gradually and increasingly subject to difficult behaviour from non dog owners. Please do not exclude dog owners from so many areas that they start to be seen as an anti social part of society! We are already being pushed out of NT land by cyclists riding off road and on footpaths!

Incorrect Disposal

- Some people pick up the dog poop with a poop bag and leave it on the ground or on a tree branch, this is not acceptable behaviour. The bags biodegrade and the poop falls out.
- placing bagged dog poo is NOT clearing it up if the bag is then disposed of in any other place than a specific waste bin. there are too many bags of poo slung into canal locks, hedges, hung on trees or simply left on the ground
- There should be more boxes for dog excrement to be put into and they should be emptied more often. Then possibly there would not be bags hanging from trees and littered around the full boxes.
- People picking up their dogs excitement in a bag and then dumping the bag or hanging it from a tree.
- I am especially concerned at the number of bags containing dog faeces which litter the countryside often in quite remote locations. A programme to change this behaviour (and possibly biodegradable bags) is required through greater publicity.
- That it shall be a punishable offence to leave a bag or container containing dog faeces hanging from a tree or bush or otherwise in a public place, other than in bin for general litter or provided for the disposal dog faeces.
- The problem with dog poo isn't so much that people don't pick it up in the first place, but more that sometimes it's then left behind in the bag where it can't wash away in the rain. Unfortunately I don't have a solution to this problem. It's especially bad at the alley at the bottom of Apsley Station hill where a dog poo bin has been removed.
- Yes, dog fouling on footpaths and woodland is terrible, we live near Tring Park and Wigginton and there are bags of dog faecal matter hanging on trees, a nationwide problem I know, as well as dog owners who frequent the parks and woods and allow their dogs to foul and not clear it up. It is a huge problem, it is impossible to walk in some areas without it being in the middle of paths or around paths.

Also, the green spaces around children's playgrounds, not just fenced areas are an issue, as children also play in these. I believe there should be designated dog walking fields in parks and for dogs to stay away from green spaces other than this in public parks (woodland I know is a different matter). This is important because people just do not respect keeping places free of dog mess.
- We live next to a public footpath which is littered with used doggy bags. People take the time to pick up the mess but then through the filled bag in a hedge or wherever, this should also be highlighted as an unlawful action.
- People walking dogs on Ashridge use plastic bags to pick up after their dog, and then leave them hanging on fences or trees. Ashridge is the one place where dogs can poo without the need to pick up. This should be made clear - although I know it is the National Trust who run it
- The bagged dog poo that is left hanging from trees or by the side of a footpath is awful. Even in fields or woods this is unacceptable. The meat diet of dogs makes this very different from the waste left by animals in their own environment.
- Dog poo bags being thrown on ground, in trees etc. This is worse than leaving dog poo on ground due to the nonbiodegradable plastic. Also there are not enough dog wardens to enforce this
- People seem to think that putting the dog faeces in a bag & then leaving the bag wherever

they want is acceptable. In my opinion this is nearly as bad as leaving the faeces untouched, the bag will only act to preserve the faeces, cause litter & is no protection if someone treads on the bag

People need to be educated that this also isn't acceptable & is an offence

- Why do dog owners put dog waste in bags then hang them from bushes ?
- that in the countryside on footpaths it be an offence to collect dog droppings in plastic bags and leave them behind or hang them on bushes etc.
- The practice of hanging filled dog faeces bags in bushes is stupid, ignorant and disgusting. Any one caught doing this should be prosecuted.
- Dogs should be kept on leads when being walked along a public footpath. The same principle of clearing up dog mess should apply to all public footpaths. Bags used by dog owners to remove dog mess should NOT be left in/hanging on hedges along public footpaths. Dogs owners should be held accountable for their dogs.
- I'm just fed up with seeing dog mess just about everywhere, even to the extent of seeing discarded bags that have been thrown in hedgerows that have then been opened by inquisitive wild animals. Also, some people seem to have little control over their dogs, even when on a lead!
- The steps being proposed should also make it absolutely clear that placing dog faeces in a 'poo bag' is not sufficient in itself; the 'poo bag' and it's contents must be removed. (There are far too many dog owners who go to the trouble of using a 'poo bag' and then inexplicably leave bag & contents either on the ground or hanging from low branches or in the undergrowth.)
- It is quite irritating when some dog owners collect their animals droppings but then abandon the 'poo' bag, sometimes in quite a prominent place. I hope that this would count as not picking up the 'poo'
- Anyone caught throwing poo bags filled with dog faeces should be treated in the same way as if they had not picked the faeces up.
- Making it an offence to bag waste and deliberately not remove the bag from the site.
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- The enforcement of the law that all dogs should wear a collar and tag. Police should also have access to microchip scanners and check the microchip of any dogs not complying with requirements .
- the only way dog owners will pick up their dogs mess is if they visually see parks being monitored. I have to drive to a different park daily to walk my dogs because my local field is covered in faeces. I am also fed up picking other people's dog mess from the front of my house.
- Dog fouling code to be clearly advertised in areas popular with dog walkers since we feel that many people do not know what is expected behaviour eg putting dog faeces in a bag but leaving the bag on the ground or hanging on a tree !!
- MORE DOG POO BINS SHOULD BE IN PLACE. MANY DOG OWNERS JUST THROW THEIR POOP BAGS ON TO THE PATHWAYS. IN PARTICULAR THE WALKKWAY AT THE SIDE OF ELIZABEHT HOUSE, CHAPEL STREET, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. THIS AREA IS POPULAR WITH DOG WALKERS WHO DUMP THEIR POOP BAGS ON IT. AS ROAD SWEEPERS SEEM TO BE A THING OF THE PAST THEY JUST REMAIN THERE. YES - WHERE ARE THE ROAD SWEEPERS OF HEMEL HEMPSTEAD?????
- More provision for disposal of dog waste should be made - particularity in areas where there are numerous dog walkers. In the past I remember seeing sponsorship on the dog bins - this seems a sensible approach. Maybe local vets, dog food suppliers, pet insurance companies etc. There are many instances where I have to carry dog waste for many miles (on public footpaths) where there are no bins provided.

By the amount of discarded bags in trees and hedgerows I see it is apparent many others don't do the same. Of course your proposal for enforcing bag carrying won't address this issue just because the waste is in a bag it doesn't mean someone will dispose of it correctly. It would also be a good idea to publish a map of all suitable dog bin locations so that people are aware of where the bins are.

- It should be clarified that the "taken away" option for dog faeces does not allow the bags to be left in any public place. I speak as a DBC Street Champion who frequently finds bags of faeces hung on bushes by footpaths etc.
I would like it to be a requirement that any dog owner whose dog has been a nuisance or a perceived threat to a person in a public place be required to give to that person the address on the dog's identity tag.

Breeders

- I feel that a law should be in place that "Breeders" should have pups chipped. If a puppy is bought without a chip, then it should be treated the same as receiving stolen property. In this way it will be clear to the local authorities of people overbreeding their pets for profit and help to stop puppy farms. If a vet feels that a pet is being breed for profit then it will be on them to inform the relevant authorities including the Tax department.
- Council should control the private breeding of dogs in residential areas

Hygiene

- Dogs allowed in public houses ie The Boat Pub . Dogs are allowed to roam the eating areas and on occasion I have seen a large dog being applauded for standing up and resting its paws on the bar. While can appreciate this is amusing to some there are matters of hygiene involved here. There seems to be a misconception among dog owners that all members of the general public are happy to be up close and personal with their pets. I personally dont want to eat in the proximity of a dog, or share my personal space with one in my leisure hours.
- i would like to see that owners are less selfish and control their animals behaviour ie letting them approach dogs that they know will cause lots of barking and fighting which frightens children and older people . There is also the issue of animals in cafes etc dogs being allowed to lick cups and plates sit on seats and wander unchecked around tables not everyone likes your dog .
- Can we please stop dogs from going into Cafes!!!! it seems custom and practice these days to take dogs everywhere and I for one do not want to see them in cafes apart from the fact they can do their business everywhere I have seen dogs licking windows jumping up at tables etc. where children of the following customer then play and have no idea that a dog has been there... Most un hygienic. I know they are allowed if the café owners have said so but it really is not correct. I have no children but do fear for those that do. I am fed up of going into cafes to listen to dogs barking etc.
- Dogs should not be allowed in picnic and park area because they are licking those foods especially in the children hands. This is not hygienic.

Communal Areas

- I live in River Park with communal gardens. We have dog fouling issues from time to time. Also there are issues in the surrounding roads. There was dog mess on the pavement in Kingsland Road yesterday. What is going to be done about that. Does "public spaces" include those things?

Thank you for putting work into this very annoying issue which detracts from quality of life in our borough. It is very important.

- Dogs should be kept on a lead in communal areas and the pet owner should clean up the dog's mess as in any public areas.
- Dogs in my communal area are never on leads and this causes problems as they jump up and can cause problems
- Communal grass areas in Castle Mead, Boxmoor are often utilised by Dog owners (some resident in Castle Mead). They allow their Dogs to relieve themselves on these verges and rarely pick up the faeces.
- dog walkers should not let their dogs deposit directly outside the home or yard. common areas directly outside flats are favorites for dog walkers to let their dogs do their business. This happens regularly.
- I have been writing about dog realated issues near the flat I live which appears to me like it was ignored. My flat is XXX London road Apsley. I hope you solve this problem of dog

faeces, one neighbour picks it(if she does that is) but piles the plastic with contents just outside the flat entrance, instead of depositing it at the provided bins.
Besides looks like there are others taking advantage of the mess, which I must say was not there when I started living here over 10 yrs ago. The place used to be clean, I could lie outside on the grass, now its terrible/disgusting.
Please can you address this issue once and for all.
How I look forward to the old beauty of what attracted me to this area?
Please help us!!
Thank you in advance

Buses

- No dogs on buses except guide dogs

Cyclists

- Dogs should also be on a lead on public paths, especially where there are cycle paths
- Cyclists in the park and on pavements , often going the wrong way in a one way Street like the Old High Street, are a danger to dogs and small children.
- Today, health and wellbeing is very important to reduce Stress and Health issues to avoid future costs to our NHS health system.
Many open areas, parks, are used by Runners/Walkers and Dogs Running about is often a deterrent to Run/Walk in the public places . Would be great to have Dog free zones OR ensure Dogs are always on a leash near Running paths/etc. they can be a real nuisance to runners/walkers trying to get healthy.
- Yes, Dog owners should be charged if their dog chases a jogger or cyclist. They often know it will happen but just look the other way.
- When exercising a dog on a lead ,perhaps there should be a recommendation that a cyclist approaching from behind on a single path,should give notice of approach so that the dog & their handler is aware of their presence before being within 2metres of them
At the moment a dog is at fault if it retaliateswhen startled &protecting the handler.The cyclist may not hear the dog & handler as inevitably they are wearing headphones resulting in a very unsatisfactory situation to both parties

Dog Licence

- You should bring back dog licences.
- Encourage responsible ownership by actually enforcing a Decorum Dog Licence of 500 pounds per year.

Livestock/Wildlife

- Owners should be made to strictly keep dogs on leads at all times when in fields with livestock.
- All dog owners should keep their animals under control especially when walking around nature reserves and to give respect to other wild creatures that are allowed to roam freely.
- Around farmland and farms and livestock all dogs must be kept on leads we have put up signs but they got ripped down .Dogs run riot especially with the dog walkers they poo everywhere it's never picked up and when harvest in flow it gets mixed in with crops not healthy and could be detrimental to all so please help us especially at Wood farm hp2 6jj

Also Include in PSPO

- Can you include the Town Council's public open space & play area at Chapel Meadow, Tring in the areas affected by the PSPO, please.
- With reference to the areas covered by the PSPO please note that in Wigginton the Recreation Ground is in Vicarage Road (ref Schedule 1) and there is also a Sports Field and Children's Play Area in Chesham Road which should be included
- The controls should also apply to the playground on Boxmoor Trust land on Blackbirds Moor
- The Town Council agrees with all the proposals but would like to see the areas extended:
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.
- Why is the Wigginton sports field and enclosed children's play area, off Chesham Road near the Greyhound, apparently not specifically listed?
I would like to see a stipulation that dogs may only be in the care of an appropriate person when in a public place. From time to time I see larger dogs accompanied only by relatively young children who are clearly not able to effectively control them.
- In little Gaddesden the Church Road children's play area is not fully fenced off but the PC agrees with the principle.