

Appendix 2

Written responses Q1

<p>The problem is that people put it in bags and leave the bags around either by inadvertently or deliberately dropping them thereby increasing the impact of faeces on the environment.</p>
<p>I do not like the thought of stepping in dog poo or the thought of the roundworm and children but people are throwing dog poo in bags into bushes on the side of the towpath and the dog poo on its own without a bag is more compostable.</p>
<p>Many bags are left hanging on bushes or on side, if faeces are away from footfall areas allowing them to degrade naturally seems reasonable.</p>
<p>It should not be a police job to monitor dog poo-</p>
<p>It should only apply in designated, properly sign posted areas.</p>
<p>Whilst I do agree with cleaning up after any animal I have a major issue with private company employees confronting members of the public demanding to see they have pop bags. My kids are artistic so aggressive wardens are not advertised to speak to my family regarding whether or not I am carrying bags.</p>
<p>Where is the provision for family outings</p>
<p>Yes I agree as a professional dog walker I am forever picking up extra poo that people have left.</p>
<p>I agree but there is not sufficient bins around especially green areas where you would naturally walk a dog</p>
<p>Of course I agree but wanted to state there needs to be more bins available. I will always carry my dog waste home if needs be but insufficient provision of bins gives an excuse to the less responsible dog owners.</p>
<p>Poo bags aren't always biodegradable, so reducing their use would help the environment. Poo is biodegradable. I therefore suggest this point is reworded to state that the poo is not in areas where people interact. If a dog poos in a hedgerow better to leave it there to go into the soil, in my opinion. I think it unlikely small children are playing in hedgerows, and if they are they risk interacting with faeces from wild animals anyway</p>
<p>The council has plenty of land where dogs can be exercised. Provided poo is not on playing fields or pathways why cant it stay there. We dont ask horse owners or wild animals to clean up</p>
<p>I do agree, BUT, there are insufficient bins. Many bins have disappeared, others seem to be always full.</p>
<p>Website for people to upload photos of those who don't pick up to shame them!</p>
<p>More emphases should be put on litter louts as plastic pollution is more damaging than a little dog poo</p>
<p>I do not consider it appropriate for faecal matter to be placed in a general litter receptacle.</p>

Who in their own mind would disagree with this? It's a useless question
Agree in principle but wilder areas like Shrubhill be excluded as likely impractical to find the excrement in the very long grass etc.
Poo bags are left hanging from trees etc, it is much better for the environment for faeces to organically decompose in woodland. Pathways are different - excrement should always be picked up and deposited in a bin.
I don't agree with the right to challenge a person in charge of a dog to produce a poo bag or similar. I do agree that all dog fouling needs to be removed immediately.
I also think this order should include FAECES deposited by humans should have imposed fines. I have on many occasions seen parents allow their children to wee/defecate opposite the playground (even though toilet facilities are nearby) plus there is a daily average of TWELVE FAECED NAPPIES left in and around the splash park during the summer months (this figure has been confirmed on many occasions by the council staff who are disgusted by this litter they are responsible for clearing due to parents having zero social conscience)
I don't agree because it leads to stop and search powers by a private company. Also creates the assumption that dog owners by default don't pick after their dogs, so presumption of being guilty.
Because DBC should not be in the fascist state business
The "takeaway" provision does not cover the idiots who poop scoop and then hang the bags on trees etc a few yards on. Otherwise, yes I agree.
If I wanted to live in a Dictatorship I'd move to one.
National Trust land should also be included in the above
It should be removed from all pavements, roads and parks. I'm not so sure about woodland as the National Trust say it is more environmentally friendly to 'stick and flick'.
Disabilities exemption should only apply to assistance dogs for registered blind; in every other case an owner should be responsible as to whether they can look after their pet. A disabled person does not need a pet any more than any other person, except assistance dogs
As I live on Woodhall and Holtsmere End Lane is the boundary what is the Policy of St Albans?
Why do you need a plastic bag for faeces on national trust land if there is no regulation to pick it up - more plastic left in the countryside. a, b and c contradict each other.
Why do you need a plastic bag to collect faeces on National Trust land inside Dacorum. a, b and c contradict each other.
Woodland areas off footpaths should be excluded

Although I broadly agree for roads and paths I don't think it is necessary if the dog finds an area in the woods away from the paths. Also there are occasions when maybe a dog goes more often than is expected - I don't think that should be criminalised.

I strongly agree .On the contrary , All dogs should be licenced annually to weed out unrespectable owners

1/Dog wardens needed to request by a person duly authorised by the Council to clear up. 2/ If a person is out with a dog they must have the means ie. bag to pick faeces up otherwise they are fined. 3/ All park areas must have large dog free areas where you are fined if caught on them with a dog.

I absolutely agree on footpaths and in areas where kids play. Environmentally however, in deep woodland or open fields it's better to deposit poo off the path where it breaks down within a week, rather than putting it in a plastic bag that takes years to breakdown in landfill

The order is irrelevant, it is an offence under other acts.

Re C ... I think this needs to be more specific. What happens if I had 3 poop bags and used 2 will I be penalised for only having 1 or if I've used them all (which would be unusual)?

there are many open areas where it is unnecessary to do this - people just need to look where they are treading as people have done for millennia

There isn't an option to agree with part of this. I do agree with parts a and b. I do not agree with part c regarding officers being able to stop people and demand to see what they are carrying. This is overly intrusive and solves nothing as anyone can carry bags, it doesn't mean they will use them.

There are areas on that map where the "flick with a stick" method of clearing dog's mess (as adopted by the National Trust) would be acceptable. These are areas of countryside that should not be included. I appreciate that the National Trust land is not included but there are other country paths within the boundaries.

There are areas on that land where the " flick with a stick" method of clearing dog's mess (as adopted by the National Trust) would be an acceptable way of removing the mess from an area . I appretgat the National Trust land is not included but there are other places of countryside that this method would be acceptable.

How can it be confirmed that a deposit is from a particular dog? What about private land where dog walking is allowed - eg golf course?

But unless it's a specially trained dog if u can't pick up after it you shouldn't be allowed to have one

Should only be picked up in walking area. Otherwise let nitrogen cycle take its course. No need for more plastic bags.

Litter is a bigger problem why just blame the dog walkers?

You can on run out of bags, so section 2 should be amended

Not a poic state to be searched

Absolutely agree but please provide more bins! I carry mine to nearest bin like most responsible people, but sometimes you have to carry a long way. People have no excuse then

Surely this depends on the type of landscape involved e.g. in a field (where it could be left to naturally decompose, reducing reliance on plastic) vs on a pavement /high traffic area (where it should definitely be picked up - and the council should ensure there are sufficient bins available which are regularly emptied)

Many places where dogs are walked do not have any bins. i.e. Hockeridge woods,

Where there is green wild space (ie not a park or village green) it should be kicked into the undergrowth to decompose away from the path, otherwise it ends up in poo bags on trees for the poo fairy to collect. Liquid faeces is worse.

NO COMMENT

I agree in principal however I am not in agreement of your officers stopping dog walkers and insisting on seeing their poo bags!!! It's ridiculous- I take enough out with me and I know how many I need- if my dog poed her normal 2/3 times I know I won't need any more bags... if I happen to have run out after those three poos it NOT an issue because I am absolutely sure I won't need any more that walk...only a non dog owner wouldn't understand that

I agree with the principal, but not the mechanism of the order. It is a money making scam for dacorum council.