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Statutory Consultee - PSPO for Dog Control and Dog Fouling

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Parish Councils,

I know you have lots of discussions and receive complaints about dog fouling and dog control. Now is the time to have your say! Your comments will be used to shape how best to control these issues. **Therefore please could you formal response on behalf of the Parish Council by the 14th September 2020 as part of the PSPO process.**

Bradford Council is in the process of reviewing its Dog Control Orders/Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). This was started earlier in the year but was put on hold due to the coronavirus lockdown measures. The Council carrying out a formal consultation on the Dog Control PSPOs.

I would prefer that the Parish Council to e*mail a responses to PSPO@bradford.gov.uk I can then reference this and give your comments the weight they deserve.*

Please could you make as many people aware of the consultation as possible as we would welcome as many views as possible.

The best way for people to have your say is to complete the online survey:

https://surveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=159740822872

If you require any further information please contact Mark Benton on 07704 111 414 or email mark.benton@bradford.gov.uk.

Background for your information only

The planned PSPO covers five key areas:

- Failure to clear up your dog's mess.
- The keeping of dogs on leads in specified areas, this will help protect wildlife and increase the amenity of areas covered by the restriction.
- Leads by order – this covers the need for people to put and keep a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer.
- Exclusion of dogs from certain areas - this includes enclosed children's play areas – dog fouling is not only unpleasant and unsightly, but it also carries harmful bacteria that can blind children.
- Means to pick up – a person in charge of a dog must have and produce on request the appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog?

Evidence

The matrix below is a list of the complaints/incidents reported to the Bradford Council:

Year	Dog Fouling	Leads – Straying Dogs	Report of Dogs killed on roads	Dogs on Lead/Exclusion	Dangerous Dogs
2015	964	438	41	6	408
2016	832	398	51	4	356
2017	799	337	25	5	353
2018	740	312	23	5	259
2019	783	244	35	3	294

In terms of the types of incidents reported these in the main include 'dangerous dogs' where one dog is attacking another, but can also include 'wandering dogs' where the animal is noted to be in a location alone with no owner responsibility. This situation can obviously be a risk to the dog itself but also any resident who may come across the animal without knowing its behavioural traits or current condition. These types of calls are all included within the statistic above.

Evidence summary

Analysis of data in relation to Dog fouling/ dog control supports the need to extend the existing orders. The data does not seem to support the introduction of new restrictions or changes to

existing orders.

However there is some evidence that a limited number of Community Groups, Friends of Parks groups etc. wish to increase restrictions (e.g. introduce new dogs on leads area and dog exclusion areas) to some areas of the district such as parks and cemeteries.

Have a blanket simple order across the whole of Bradford has many advantages to residents and dog walkers. The main being **keeping it simple.**

Bradford Council is to start a consultation to convert the several dog control orders to a single order relating to dog fouling and control across the borough. Aiming to create a more consistent approach across Bradford and balance the needs of dog owners and other members of the community.

BDBC intends to convert the existing Dog Control Orders to a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under powers introduced by Government in 2014 for implementation autumn 2020. The order will replace outdated legislation relating to fouling and dog control.

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