

## Public Space Protection Order Consultation, May/June 2021

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### 1. Summary

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Questionnaire format: Paper/Web  
 Responses: 231  
 Date range: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

### 2. Introduction

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Introductory text for the questionnaire was as follows:

*'In October 2017, Dog Control Orders were replaced by Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO). The current PSPO for dog control came into force in July 2018 and has been in place for three years. We are required to review the existing measures and seek your views, which we will take into account alongside evidence that we have gathered to make decisions about the PSPO.*

*Please spend a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. We recommend you read the accompanying background information before completing the questionnaire.'*

Background information was available on the Council's website.

### 3. Questionnaire results

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Q1. Do you own a dog?		
	Number	Percent
Yes	155	67.1%
No	76	32.9%

#### Q2. Where do you walk your dog(s)?

Respondents that indicated 'yes' to Q1 were asked to indicate all that apply from a list of options. Where 'nearby parks' or 'somewhere else' were indicated, respondents were asked to specify further details.

Q2 Where do you walk your dog?		
	Number	Percent
Nearby streets	113	72.9%
Nearby parks (specify below)	136	87.7%
Somewhere else (specify below)	66	42.6%

#### Nearby parks, please specify:

- Holmebrook Valley Park (x31)
- Somersall (x16)
- Poolsbrook Country Park (x11)
- Eastwood Hasland (x7)
- Stand Road Park (x3)
- Brearley (x2)
- Highfield (x2)
- Allendale wingerworth
- Avenue Washlands, Carr Vale Nature Reserve, Fit Pits Trail
- BRSA FIELD HOLLINGWOOD
- Canal, Poolsbrook
- Cookie, Somersall, Holmebrook
- Duckmanton, Poolsbrook
- George V, Dark Lane North Wingfield
- Grassmoor Park, Eastwood park, Holmegate Park
- Grassmoor, Poolsbrook Holmebrook Valley Park
- Highfield, Inkerman, Queens Park, Tapton
- Inkerman / manor fields
- Inkerman fields, Manor fields, Queen's Park
- Inkersall field
- Linacre

- Little wood, Holmebrook, Foolow Park
- Monkey, Holmebrook, Queen's
- Poolsbrook, Rother Valley, Clowne Greenway, Trans-Pennine Trail, Arkwright
- Poulter Country Park
- Queens park
- Queens Park, Highfield Park
- Sharley Park, Holmebrook Valley Park, Linacre Reservoir, Grassmoor Country Park
- Sharley park, kenning park
- Somersal Park, land around Creswick Park
- Foolow Park Walton
- Somersall, Holmebrook
- Somersall, Inkersall, Holmebrook, Poolsbrook, Pearson,
- Somersall, The Inkerman, Holmebrook Valley
- Sommersall & Foolow & Little Wood
- Sommersall, Holmebrook.
- Tapton and Ringwood
- Tapton and Holmebrook
- Tapton Park, Holmebrook Valley Park
- The Avenue Country Park
- The walk way from Rothervale Road to Storforth Lane,
- Thistle park, Brimington
- Thistle park, Hasland Park, Somersall
- Thistle Park, Poolsbrook Country Park
- Walton and Brampton
- Whitecotes
- Whitecotes playing field; Foljambe Avenue field and spinney; Somersall Park.

### **Somewhere else, please specify:**

- Countryside walks and fields (x8)
- Linacre (x7)
- Peak District (x6)
- Walton Woods (x5)
- Canal (x5)
- All around country
- Anywhere that is accepting of dogs
- Avenue washlands
- Canal, Walton Dam, Linacre Reservoir
- Chesterfield Canal, Hollingwood and waste ground (old Staveley works site )
- Countryside always outside of the CBC area
- Derbyshire
- Drive to local beauty spots
- Fields and woods
- Fields around Old Whittington
- Hady nature reserve and playing fields, and beyond
- Holidays... Beach, woodland etc
- Holmebrook Valley Park
- Holmebrook, Hardwick.
- Local footpaths: Walton woods; to Holymoorside; through Chesterfield golf course to Langer

Lane; to Wingerworth from Walton.

- Manor fields
- Moorlands
- Pleasley pit. Poulter CP
- Poolsbrook Country Park until had to keep on a lead
- Private farm land (by permission of land owner)
- Public footpaths over local fields.
- Public pathways between Chatsworth Road and Old Brampton
- Secure off-lead parks.
- The Avenue Country Park and wash lands and surrounding fields
- Unused fields next to Abbeyhill close
- Whitwell Park, Barlborough
- Woodland, anywhere and everywhere really!
- Woods, Reservoirs, National Trust, Fields

**Q3 Have you ever witnessed a dog-related incident?**

(i.e. dog fouling and not picked up, dog on dog attack, dog on person attack, dog on another animal attack)?

	Number	Percent
Yes	158	68.4%
No	73	31.6%

**Q3a Have you ever witnessed a dog-related incident**

Respondents that indicated yes were asked to summarise what they saw.

The most common incident listed was dog fouling (48 comments). Other common themes were dogs off leads/out of control, chasing wildlife, and dog on dog attacks.

The comments are listed in full at Appendix 1.

<b>Q3. Did you report this incident to the Council or the Police</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	22	13.9%
No	136	86.1%

<b>Q4. Have you ever been directly involved in a dog-related incident (dog on dog or dog on person attack)?</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	49	21.3%
No	181	78.7%

#### Q5a If yes, where did the incident take place?

- Holmebrook Valley park (x15)
- Somersall Park (x6)
- A path around our estate
- Barlow
- Brookfield playing fields
- Doe Lea
- Dog cafe in Mansfield - mentioned previously
- Eastwood Park
- Eastwood Park, Hasland, public right of way, Calow green
- Grove Rd Brimington
- Holmebrook Valley Park and Stand Road park
- Holmgate so not covered by Chesterfield council
- Linacre Reservoirs
- Near Duckmanton cemetery
- Newbold, Ulverston Road
- On a patch of grass near where I live
- On the street
- On the street up from my house
- Poolsbrook constantly dogs off lead run at ours on a lead , luckily we have managed to save ours from injury .. They need to be kept on a lead at one point so bad we paid for private field to exercise because no one does anything about this issue , my dad was a police dog handler we have well trained dog but they are on leads and law states parks dogs should be
- Poolsbrook CP in a car park

- Poolsbrook, Stockley trail, Grassmoor Country Park
- Priest field grange farm old Brampton Linacre woods
- Private residence. Again human error not the dogs fault. Neighbour throwing their ball down the road for their dog towards another house winding the dogs up in the house, they got out, they attacked his dog. We had told him numerous times to stop.
- Queen's Park
- Several incidents of my dog being attacked: Abercrombie Park Newbold and Cobnar Wood, Sheepbridge.
- Sheepbridge
- Sheffield
- Wingerworth and Brimington

<b>Q5. Did you report the incident to the police?</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	11	22.0%
No	39	78.0%

<b>Q6. Have you ever been directly involved in a dog-related incident (dog on dog or dog on person attack)?</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	6	12.2%
No	43	87.8%

<b>Q7. Before taking part in this survey, were you aware of the existing PSPO (dog control) and the restrictions that are in place?</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	136	58.9%
No	95	41.1%

## About the existing PSPO/dog control restrictions in place

**Q8.** The current PSPO/dog control makes it an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its faeces. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

	Number	Percent
Yes	226	97.8%
No	4	1.7%
Don't know / no opinion	1	0.4%

**Q9.** At Boythorpe Cemetery, Brimington Cemetery, Spital Cemetery, Staveley Cemetery and within the Crematorium grounds it is a requirement for dogs to be under control and on a lead. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

	Number	Percent
Yes	219	94.8%
No	8	3.5%
Don't know / no opinion	4	1.7%

**Q10.** At most children's play areas it is an offence to allow dogs in the play area. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

	Number	Percent
Yes	204	88.3%
No	15	6.5%
Don't know / no opinion	12	5.2%

**Q11. At Holmebrook Valley Park and Poolsbrook Country Park there is a requirement to keep dogs on leads whilst walking around the lake, whilst in the car park area and in the area near the Pavilion/café. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?**

	Number	Percent
Yes	178	77.1%
No	45	19.5%
Don't know / no opinion	8	3.5%

**Q12. At Norbriggs Flash and Brearley Wetlands dogs are required to be on a lead at all times during bird nesting season. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?**

	Number	Percent
Yes	192	83.8%
No	20	8.7%
Don't know / no opinion	17	7.4%

**Q13. The PSPO/dog control (2018) included a restriction which excluded dogs in certain named children's play areas. Since the introduction of the PSPO/dog control (2018), the children's play space at Somersall Park has relocated to another part of Somersall Park. Do you think we should include the relocated children's play area at Somersall Park within the PSPO/dog control (2021)?**

	Number	Percent
Yes	171	74.3%
No	34	14.8%
Don't know / no opinion	25	10.9%



**Q14. The children's play space at the Badger Recreational park was also included within the PSPO/dog control (2018) and the play space is due to be relocated. Do you think we should include the relocated children's play area at Badger Recreational ground within the PSPO/dog control (2021)**

	Number	Percent
Yes	168	73.0%
No	22	9.6%
Don't know / no opinion	40	17.4%

**Q15. At most football pitches, dogs are not permitted onto the pitches during football season (September to May). Do you think we should continue to enforce this?**

	Number	Percent
Yes	145	63.0%
No	63	27.4%
Don't know / no opinion	22	9.6%

**Q16. Some of the football pitches included within the PSPO/dog control (2018) have either been temporarily removed (with the possibility of being reinstated at a later date), changed orientation, or the number of pitches has changed at that location. Do you agree with keeping these locations within the 2021 PSPO/dog control?**

	Yes, agree		Neutral		No, disagree		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hady Playing Field	110	48.7%	27	11.9%	41	18.1%	48	21.2%
Highfield Park	114	50.2%	28	12.3%	47	20.7%	38	16.7%
Holmebrook Valley Park	120	52.4%	25	10.9%	56	24.5%	28	12.2%
Inkersall Green	111	49.3%	27	12.0%	40	17.8%	47	20.9%
Poolsbrook Playing Field	110	48.7%	29	12.8%	43	19.0%	44	19.5%
Stand Road	114	50.2%	26	11.5%	50	22.0%	37	16.3%
Thistle Park	110	48.7%	28	12.4%	41	18.1%	47	20.8%

**Q17. If you have any other comments or suggestions please write them here:**

The comments are listed in full at appendix 2.

**Q18. If you are answering this questionnaire on behalf of an organisation, please tell us which one:**

6 respondents indicated that they were answering on behalf of an organisation, which included:

- North Derbyshire Dog Agility Club
- Friends of Stand Road Park
- BHS
- Eastwood Park Pétanque Club
- Friends of Monkey Park

#### **4. Equalities Monitoring**

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181 (80% of) respondents indicated that they were happy to answer the optional equalities monitoring questions.

<b>What is your gender?</b>	
<b>Male</b>	21.2%
<b>Female</b>	70.5%
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	8.3%

<b>Is your gender identity the same gender you were assigned at birth?</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	91.2%
<b>No</b>	0.5%
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	8.3%

How old are you?	
Under 18 years	0.0%
18 – 24 years	2.7%
25 - 34 years	13.3%
35 – 44 years	22.1%
45 – 54 years	23.9%
55 – 64 years	21.2%
65 – 74 years	8.4%
75 years and over	0.9%
Prefer not to say	7.5%

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	
Yes	11.6%
No	75.1%
Prefer not to say	14.2%

What is your ethnicity?	
White British	87.4%
Other White background	1.8%
Black or Black British	0.0%
Asian or Asian British	0.0%
Mixed Ethnic group	0.4%
Other Ethnic group	0.4%
Prefer not to say	9.9%

Which of the following best describes your religion?	
Buddhist	1.4%
Christian	34.8%
Hindu	0.0%
Jewish	0.0%
Muslim	0.0%
Sikh	0.0%
Other religion or faith	1.4%
None	46.2%
Prefer not to say	16.3%

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?	
Heterosexual	83.1%
Bisexual	0.5%
Lesbian / gay woman	0.9%
Gay man	0.5%
Prefer not to say	15.1%

## 5. Social Media

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Summary of social media comments/engagement/impressions etc

### **Facebook**

8 Posts Total

Total Reach = 26,574

Total Engagements = 2,362

### **Twitter**

9 Posts – same 8 as Facebook and one response to a question about the PSPO

Total Impressions = 7048

Total engagements = 79

### **Linkedin**

8 Posts

Total Impressions = 1,100

Total engagements = 26

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## 6. Appendix 1 - Q3a Have you ever witnessed a dog-related incident (if yes, please summarise what you saw)

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- Dog fouling (x48)
- 2 women with 3 dogs let their dogs attack swans and geese near Poolsbrook cafe
- 3 dogs chasing us on our horses
- A dog chased me on my horse at Holmebrook valley park. I've seen dogs off the lead not coming back to call and getting into bother with other dogs, dog foul boy picked up at the Avenue and other parks
- A dog fouling and not being picked up
- A dog fouls outside our friends house regularly and their owner just walks away
- A dog not on a lead attacked by a smaller dog on a lead at the park. The owner of the attacked dog was a man carrying a baby in a baby carrier. The older man with the attacking dog couldn't call it back or catch it.
- A dog on the lead get nasty and attack a more elderly dog that was off the lead
- A dog that was sitting on a bench with owner jumped off and snarled at my bare legs I was wearing a skirt and sandals. I felt very vulnerable, it followed me snarling so I stopped walking. It was not on a lead, the owner, an old man, had difficulty getting up off the seat. It ignored his calls and continued aggressing me, it was frightening as it ran around me growling. Eventually he managed to grab it, saying - it's never done that before! This was in Eastwood Park, Hasland where many dogs are running around off the lead. I have never seen a council official intervening.
- A jogger, pretend to scoop after his dog, but didn't . Frequent owners not complying with common decency.
- A loose collie allowed to roam free from a farm attacked my dog
- A male not pick up dog mess. I approached and questioned him and he picked it up.
- A man letting his dog foul the pavement right outside my house directly at the end of my path and walk away without cleaning it up. So several incidents of dog mess all over the pavements
- A number of people not picking their dogs poo up. Even when told their dog has done it. My dog was set upon by two dogs that were off their lead. My dog is on her lead all the time. Only let off on the meadow and we check their are no other dogs around as she is now very scared of dogs approaching her and she will run off!
- An off lead dog ran up to my dog who was on a lead and started jumping all over her. She got that scared she pulled out of her collar and ran straight across a main road seconds away from being hit by a car.. the other dog owner could not control his dog or call him back and wasn't interested in putting him on a lead
- Another dog was aggressive to my dog
- At a dog cafe in Mansfield. Took our dog, they had a dog psychologist there, they said it was ok to come in the enclosure but another dog attacked ours.
- Birds being chased by dogs that are off leads. Dogs running up to us when we are out walking. My wife is nervous around dogs which makes going for a walk unpleasant at times

- Dog attacked by larger dog, dog fouling at a public park, aggressive dogs barking at children, dogs in childrens areas.
- Dog attacked my dog
- Dog attacking ducks etc poolsbrook , dog following in inkersall and dog attack in inkersall
- Dog behaving aggressively off lead. Owner couldn't catch the dog to put it on a lead
- Dog being 'friendly' to small child. Owner thought it was fine that a toddler was knocked over by their exuberant Labrador
- Dog chasing sheep and birds. Dog faeces in public parks and on footpaths, but not actually witnessed it happening.
- Dog dirt not being picked up, dogs off leads running through the playground, my own daughter has been approached by barking, threatening dogs off lead when walking in the park with me (her mother) on three occasions. I have had dogs off their leads jumping up at me when I run through the park.
- Dog faeces in boythorpe cemetery not cleaned up and dog walkers with dogs NOT on leads in the cemetery
- Dog fight
- Dog fouling not picked up, dogs bothering wildlife, dogs off leads in areas where signs say they should be on leads
- Dog fouling, not picked up in Hasland Park. Weeing on the football pitch. Also, without lead jumping up my infant son and myself. Dogs on playground of Hasland Park.
- Dog fouling/ dogs running through children's play area/dogs jumping up at adults and children uninvited or initiated
- Dog have ran up and knocked my children over when using the play equipment
- Dog not under close control. Dog waste not picked up. Dog waste bag left hanging on tree/fence and not taken.
- Dog off lead chasing others and owner unable to bring it back under control.
- Dog on dog attack
- Dog on dog attack
- Dog owner walking away from dog muck, horse being chased twice by dogs, when dog owners asked to put dogs on lead as jumping up at people and horse owners refusing and using foul language
- Dog owners letting dogs off the ignoring them when they need to clean up. Also quite often they are not on leads near the lake disturbing the birds on the lake. Also some dog owners clean up after their dogs but throw the poo bags into the trees. .
- Dog owners not picking up poo Dogs chasing ducks and swans Dogs frightening small children
- Dog walker walking way in front of her dog, which was off lead and the dog messed on the path, which she didn't see and therefore didn't pick up. I've also seen off lead dogs scaring wildlife in Holmebrook Valley Park.
- Dog walkers passing our property regularly have dogs not under control. These dogs run across the road; are aggressive towards other dogs; make a great deal of noise whether on

the lead or not. Some dog walkers are walking several - up to 6 dogs - they cannot watch all these dogs and thus some fouling is not collected

- Dog waste not being picked up mainly. One or two little spats between dogs-,nothing serious. Never seen anyone actually attacked by a dog.
- Dogs chasing ducks and swans into the water at Holmebrook valley park, even though this is an area where dogs should be on leads they rarely are
- Dogs fouling when owner too busy on their phone to notice. Also I do running, and have lost count with the number of times I've been chased and almost bitten.
- Dogs jumping up at humans. Dogs worrying other dogs. Two or three dogs not on leads surrounding and worrying my small dog.
- Dogs off lead and out of control chasing and sometimes attacking and causing injuries to horses on bridleways round/ through Holmebrook Valley Park. Horses have understandably run away/bolted to escape the attack and some riders have been thrown from their horse and sustained injuries, eg broken arm.
- Dogs off leads around ponds, scaring wildlife. Also people unable to control own Big dogs jumping my son then calling me for having a go at keeping them on lead
- Dogs off leads chasing wildlife on poolsbrook lake whilst owners was laughing
- Have seen fouling and the owner not pickin it up more times than I can remember. Usual scenario, is the owner walks ahead or is 'busy' not looking.
- I had to wait for a dog to finish its poo on my drive before I could park. Owner walked off so I shouted and offered him a Pooh bag he swore at me so I picked it up and went and threw it at him
- I have been attacked by a dog and my clothing damaged. I have also been with others when a large, vicious dogs have faced us ,barking and snarling and running all around us.
- I have often seen people not picking up their dogs mess, and have had dogs off the lead bite me before
- I have seen many dogs fouling and the owners being well aware of the fact and just ignoring it. I also recently witnessed a dog minding it's own business sitting well behaved with it's owner at the end of a primary school day when another dog with no lead etc came suddenly rushing along the street towards the school gates where children where young children were coming out of school still. The dog was then grabbed hold of the one that was behaving and would not let go. It took a considerable amount of time before the owners appeared and they were no particular rush to resolve the situation.
- I have witnessed a dog attack on a horse in Holmebrook Valley Park. The dog was off a lead with no owner in sight and it caused injury to the horse.
- I saw a dog pestering a horse with a rider, no attempt by the dog owner to get their dog under control
- I see people walking dogs and leaving the fields without any poo bags (one man had 5 labradors), I have also had attacks on my dogs by people not controlling their dogs and dogs walking straight up to my little children. I rarely take my dogs on the park near where I live because so many people do not control their dogs or train them with any recall. It



makes me so mad because these behaviours ruin public spaces for everyone and give responsible dog owners a bad name.

- I sometimes find dog mess in my area
- I was on a nearby street and my dog was killed. There was no warden on duty and it was dealt with poorly. I contacted our local MP at the time Toby Perkins and still feel strongly that the dangerous dogs act does not protect dogs. A white English Bull Terrier killed my dog who was on the lead with her harness walking down a residential road. The vicious dog ran from the green in Newbold, picked my dog up like she was a toy and punctured her internal organs so much that she could not be saved. It was in front of a children's dance school as I was walking my 10 year old cousin to her dance lesson. I would gladly talk more about this.
- I've seen several dogs fouling and owners not taking any notice and leaving it. I've also had my own dog attacked by a dog off lead and mine was on lead
- I've been walking my dogs every day for years. You'll need a bigger box. Other dog walkers not picking up poo, dogs off leads fighting, dogs on leads fighting and even people fighting each other over dog's behaviour.
- Lack of recall resulting in dog harassing and nipping at another dog. Numerous occasions of failing to pick up
- Lat summer In Holmebrook valley park, there is a children's play area near the cafe. 2 women were sitting in the play area whilst their dog wandered around off the leash. A boy was playing on the zip line and the dog approached him and nipped at his shorts. The dog was playing, the boy was unharmed but a little frightened. The dad had a go at the women for letting the dog frighten his son. I joined in to say the dog should not be in the play area. The women defended their position saying they had not seen any signs but still made no attempt to leash the dog or leave the play area. They did then go to their car in the car park but the dog was still off the leash
- Many times dog fouling and not picking up, my dog has been attacked a few times with other dogs off lead especially in Poolsbrook which has now left him scared of others
- May 2019 - my dog (Border Collie) off lead but at heel in Somersal Park , chased attacked and bitten by a smaller terrier dog in company with Jack Russell. Owners rudely denied the action had occurred and left quickly. Reported to police. No resulting action as owners never seen again in the park or traced. Could well have been visitors to local area.
- Multiple fouling incidents. My daughter when smaller was charged by a large aggressive dog which led to an altercation with the owner, this happened in a play area
- Multiple people not picking up dog poo and dogs jumping up at me or trying to bite me while running. Usually in Holmebrook Valley Park where there seems to be a particular problem
- My dog (border collie) was attacked and nearly killed by a loose out of control Alsatian in Abercrombie Park. The Alsatian belonged to a drug addict. My dog nearly died and resulted in a vets bill of several thousand pounds. I doubt the drug addict would take note of any council regulations in the park, it needs a change in the law to make dog on dog attacks a criminal offence, which they are not at this time.

- My dog has been attacked by another dog a few times resulting in vet treatment
- My dog has been attacked whilst on lead by an off lead dog. I've seen numerous people letting their dog foul the pavement and not pick it up.
- My horse was attacked on several occasions. The last time needing veterinary treatment for her injuries.
- My husband and on lead dog being attacked by an off lead Staffordshire bull terrier
- My own Westie was killed in a dog attack in 2015, I have also had a Great Dane pin a Labrador to the ground.
- Number of times seen dog fouling and not being picked particularly on path between Westfield gardens and Westfield school. Had dog attack mine in somersall park - Minor injury Friend bitten on Walton dam dog owner just walked off
- Numerous incidents of dog fouling and numerous incidents of dogs out of control and rushing up to people, children, other dogs.
- Occasional fail to pick up
- Occasional instances where dog fouling has not been cleaned up, not seen it actually happen but come across it after the fact.
- Occasionally a dog Walker not picking up dog poo. A dog attacking another dog.
- Off lead aggression, not picking up poo (the elderly alot not doing so) dogs on people's gardens etc
- Off lead dogs approaching my on lead dog who wears 'give me space' patches due to being wary of dogs, with owners being unable to get their dogs to stay away and their dog becoming aggressive towards my dog
- Off lead dogs owner ry had no control over them
- Off lead dogs running all over not under control at poolsbrook. Dog fouling outside my house not picked up
- Other dogs attacking mine. Many problems with dog fouling and owners not picking it up
- Owner not picking up dog mess
- Owners not picking up dog waste and dogs not on lead
- Owners occasionally allowing dogs to foul and not pick up the mess.
- People in tennis courts in Eastwood Park dogs not on lead fouling.
- People not cleaning up after their dog, often because it's not on a lead so further away. Several arguments about dogs heard locally. My daughter was afraid of dogs for a long time after twice being jumped on by dogs bigger than her whose owners laughed it off as friendly.
- People not picking up their own dogs faeces. Serval dogs attacking my own. Owns are oblivious or couldn't care less
- Person not picking up dog dirt
- Plenty of fog fowling, people blatantly not picking poo up.
- Plenty of times I have seen owners stand there, let their dog defecate and walk on, these dogs are 90% of the time already on a lead, It's just bone idle people, that is not something that dogs should be punished for, that is the human's fault who is walking the dog.

- Poo not being picked up as they let the dog off lead at top of park and dog poos on way to bottom of park
- Poo not picked up
- Regular dog fouling by the same dog on a public footpath
- Saw a dog bite a child in Eastwood park Hasland also seen numerous dogs foul the grass and the owner not pick it up this is at Eastwood park Hasland and Smithy pond Wingerworth have also asked the owner to pick up after they saw the dog foul and left it only to be told that it's natural
- Several instances of dog fouling not picked up. Dog on dog fight once. Dogs off lead chasing things and not being recalled
- The main issue I have found is people ignoring all the signs at Linacre Reservoirs that say dogs must be on leads at all times. Every time I go here I always see a few dogs off the lead. One dog this year has actually attacked my dog who is always on a lead at Linacre Reservoirs and I must say that the dog that attacked mine was off the lead despite numerous signs, the dog that bit my dog wouldn't release their jaw easily from my dogs back and the owner literally ran off without giving any details. I didn't report this incident because my dog luckily only had minor bite wounds and I felt like nothing else could have been done at the time of the incident.
- There is a big issue in Brimington with dog fouling, including Thistle park which is used by many children to play football.
- There is more dog fouling left in the streets than in parks
- Two dogs, owned by the same person, fighting. They were Rotties and were on leads but not muzzled. One dog attacked the other dog. The owner eventually brought them back under control. My own dog was distressed and avoided the owner and his dogs on all future walks, which surprised me that she remembered.
- Unleashed dog attacking another unleashed dog
- Unwanted dog attack on my pet cat - reported. Unwanted dog attack on my own dog. Dog muck everywhere
- Very occasionally someone doesn't pick up after dog has fouled. Sometimes this is because they haven't seen the dog at the time.
- We frequently see dogs chasing geese and swans etc. They are let off leads and run into the water chasing these birds.
- We had our dog on her lead the other people didn't have their dog on a lead and it came right up to our dog who isn't confident around other dogs. The other dog was far too boisterous and became a little aggressive when our dog didn't respond confidently.
- We have a very shy dog that loves to be let off the lead but doesn't really interact well with others (mostly) The problem that I've faced in the past is that some dog owners no matter what the law or park states will do what the hell they want. It's a problem with owners not being responsible. A small fenced off area (gated) would be fantastic to let dogs run free but in a contained area, allowing others such as myself to choose when and where we'd like our dog to socialise with others.

- We regularly witness dog fouling in Chester Street Park. A large dog that was off its lead also bounded up to my 6 year old son, but thankfully he was not hurt.
- We walk our dog at poolsbrook everyday and have done since the first lockdown. I have lost count of the number of dogs off lead injuring birds at the park or running up to dogs that are on leads where owners may have dogs that aren't friendly and do not want off lead dogs in their faces. I've also have several off the lead dogs chase my dog and one owner had lost total control of the dog in the end I had to take my dog back to the car and spent an hour with the man trying to catch the spaniel because it was totally out of control and almost got hit twice by two cars as it crossed the road separating the larger pond with the one across the road. PLEASE please if anything changes with this order please do not get rid of the fact dogs must be on leads. So many birds are getting injured.
- x 2 large Dogs off lead chasing a smaller dog which was also off lead. Owners eventually managed to get the larger dogs under control, no dogs were harmed.

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## 7. Appendix 2 – Q17: If you have any other comments or suggestions please write them here:

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- A blanket ban of all dogs off lead is extremely discriminatory. I have worked with my dog and trained her over 8 years, she is amazing on recall and we have been in every situation possible with her. We even had a herd of sheep run past her and she turned around and ran back to us! My other dog is not good however, she is a terrier and will bolt, so she stays on a lead. The fact you are wanting to make it so no dogs can be off lead is saddening. My girl needs plenty of run time to burn out, in taking her off the lead she stays near us 100% of the time and runs circles around us, this is how we keep her healthy and fit. Walking does not get her heart rate up enough and being a bit older and neutered they have a lower metabolism so she needs more intense exercise for it to have any effect. Please do not do a full ban. You have many many more responsible dog owners in this town than you have irresponsible owners. You see a dog coming, if that dog is on a lead then ours also go on the lead.
- Add the play area in Monkey Park to the PSPO
- Aggressive dog breeds should be subject to tighter controls. They can be uncontrollable and dangerous off the lead.
- Agree with children play areas being dog free but need to be fenced off. Somersall park for example is open so difficult to enforce
- All dogs should be on a lead outside of their homes. People are very nasty when asked to pick up after them.
- Another waste bin is required on Thistle park by the basketball court, and by the dog waste bin at the top of the field (coronation road entrance) as rubbish is a big issue on thistle park/ playing field
- Areas where dogs are not allowed need to be clearly marked and practical. Play areas should be fenced in. It isn't practical to walk around football pitches in Stand road as they take up the whole park. Dogs don't understand where they aren't allowed to go if it isn't clearly defined. .
- As a responsible owners we have always cleaned up our dogs mess but also understand that sometimes there are anomalies. For example dogs who are ill (sickness and diarrhoea) which can be hard to pick up. As for incidents, even at specifically organised events things can go wrong but education is better than prosecution. We weren't allowed to take our dog to Chesterfield pride due to its location yet he has been welcomed at all others over the country. Dogs pose much less of a health risk than covid but are being exempt from going to certain areas. Prosecution for dog fouling needs to be on an individual basis and not one rule for all, as we are targeting people for not picking up mess but dog thieves aren't prosecuted for the life they stole and dogs are treated the are as taking a stereo or mobile phone, not a family member.
- As I am a responsible dog owner and a childminder I want to see dogs off play areas. In Holmebrook the signs need to be bigger saying "No dogs " plus a saying it is an offence as people are ignoring this, tying their dogs up whilst taking their children on the park. More signs around the park about picking up after their dogs as well.
- At Linacre Reservoirs there is only one dog waste bin that I have found (at the bottom of the car park steps) and this is mostly quite full, I feel that there should be another dog waste bin further around the walk at the other end or half way point as this is where people don't bother to pick up

the dog mess. Also at this location with the signs that say dogs must be on leads at all times is very easily ignored, I believe these types of signs should say £x amount fine for offenders. As this would put more fear into people to actually follow the rules rather than just a simple sign which is easily ignored.

- At Poolsbrook dog walking area has been sold by the council so dogs should be allowed on the football pitch
- At Stand Road Park there is daily contravention of the PSPO. In particular, dogs do enter the children's play area in front of the pavilion and dogs are present on the marked football pitches during the football season and both the play area and the pitches get fouled with the faeces not picked up. The problem is twofold (1) lack of awareness of the restrictions by dog owners as there are no large prominent and easy to read signs and (2) there is little in the way of enforcement.
- Better signage would help, in Holmebrook more signs are needed around the lake and the children's play area.
- Cameras to record aggressive dog incidents and identify owners, more dog faeces bin locations, clearer signage, no dogs off leads during nesting season at Holmebrook Valley Park
- Can CBC create dog friendly spaces rather than creating areas they cannot go
- Children play areas should be fenced off and parents learn to close the gate. If dog are to be kept on leads there should be a exercise area. Parks should not be opened before day light because people can't see where there dogs are messing .end of the day bring back park keepers.
- Clear signage may be helpful at country parks that indicate the areas where dogs are required to be on a lead. At Holmebrook Valley Park which is our local park, there are always dogs off the lead in the areas where they should be under control. Whether this is due to people being unaware of the rules or choosing to ignore them, clear signage and enforcement would make me feel a lot safer when out walking my dog. The prospect of also requiring dogs to be on leads on all of the main footpaths in the park may also be a good idea as dogs can be off the lead on the bridleways which is unsafe. There are plenty of meadows and fields within the park where dogs can be let off.
- Clearly the current directive is not working. Poolsbrook Park is rife with off lead dogs and dog to wildlife attacks. Without the regular presence of people to police such things they're not worth the paper they're written on. Maybe the solution is with education, awareness and respect for others and for wildlife. This used to be known as common sense
- Create secure off lead areas please and more dog excrement bins
- Cutting down on areas where dogs can safely run around off lead is dangerous as it will cause more dogs to have pent up energy and the possibility of more attacks due to dogs being better off lead than on in some cases. There are plenty of places for people who don't own dogs to enjoy spaces but dogs are running out of these. Try to encourage more information with regards to behaviourist in the area or trainers who are council checked.
- Dog fouling is such a big issue! Dogs on leads in open play areas I don't see as an issue
- Dog owners are tax payers. We deserve access to space as a priority
- Dog walkers will be made aware of football pitches in use by the pitch markings and posts on the grass so therefore it will be obvious when walking round the area.
- Dogs need to be on lead everywhere none are trained enough to be off and cause issues with people's dogs who are reactive on a lead

- Dogs no matter how well trained should be on a lead, hot weather and dogs is a incident waiting to happen , around kids etc and ppl only take off the lead so they do not have to walk so far ! Also amount of dogs in Inkersall that get out daily ,one a bull terrier attacked a dog at the co op on the inky group ..Please enforce dogs on leads , fowling fines and people keeping dogs in not running free on the estate
- Dogs off lead aren't the problem. It's untrained dogs and useless owners that's the problem. Restraining isn't training!
- Dogs should be kept on leads at all times unless in a designated off-lead area. Most people's idea of recall is the dog will return when they are ready.
- Dogs should be on a leash where there are play areas and football pitches as dogs intimidate small children and owners don't recall them as the rules say dogs can be off leash if they remain out of the play area which they don't
- Dogs should be on leads in the whole of Eastwood Park, Hasland and dogs don't know the 'boundaries' and once off their leads run onto the football pitch and into the play area as these are not 'fenced off'. No dogs should be off leads in Eastwood Park, Hasland
- Dogs should be on their lead throughout the entire parks.
- Dogs should be under control at all times
- Dogs to be kept on lead at Walton dam or anywhere with ducks and wildlife.
- Don't blame the dogs because of owner's actions
- Eastwood park football pitch always has dogs on it of the lead and numerous times I've had to ask parents with babysitting for a nappy sack to pick up someone else's dog muck before my son and his team could train
- Footballers leave far more mess than any dog owner, rubbish all over the areas. These are public spaces and we need space to exercise out dogs, totally unreasonable to expect all dog owners to not go anywhere near a football pitch for most of the year as they cover most of the parks area and are only used 1 day a week in the football season. Total over reaction.
- Hasland park needs to be included in dog control restrictions
- Having a fenced area for dog to be off lead safely.
- Highfield park is a place that is local to me but come 3/4pm there a large group of dogs running wild! Near enough every day, this makes it very difficult for people to walk across the park with nervous dogs. This has been the same for years and never dealt with.
- I am a responsible dog owner with a dog that loves to run continually. Keeping her on a lead in local parks would be injurious to her health. She was born to run and exercises herself.
- I am aware of Chesterfield Borough's attitude towards dogs and their owners. Thus my current dog exercises in my garden where you have no jurisdiction; otherwise I take my dog to 'dog friendly' places outside of the borough (countryside). My dogs are always under control and do not defecate in public areas. Where I live in Chesterfield there is no dog problem and no dog mess problem. I only take my dog where he is welcome - which is not in the Chesterfield Borough Council area!
- I am not anti dogs we have been a dog owner in the past but owners need to be responsible, some dogs have attacked other dogs in the area, so just want to keep all the smaller dogs and the wildlife safe.

- I feel a blanket ban on the football pitches is too much. I am a responsible dog owner and don't walk my dogs on the football pitches or take them to the park when the teams are playing or training. It would be better to have days that dogs are permitted over summer. Some of these parks are the easiest walks for dog owners in the area. It would be better enforcing the fines for dog fouling. It is disgusting and it is not fair that the footballers have to pick up the faeces before the start of games and training.
- I feel that walking in a park on paths with hedges and trees on your own is un nerving , so I try to keep in larger open spaces but this proves difficult when all open space is took up with 4/5 football pitches overtaking them .
- I had no knowledge of the order in place at Poolsbrook . There is no sign . There needs to be a secure or designated dog exercise area here .
- I have not visited the other parks listed so cannot comment. I would say that I believe the existing PSPO is adequate and I as a responsible dog owner support fully it. I also support the additional proposal of the requirement to put a dog on a lead that is causing annoyance to any other person or animal even if that is anywhere within the borough.
- I strongly believe that there are far too many dogs around now, not all friendly and well trained. Requiring them to be kept on leads where there are children and animals is the easiest way to stop incidents and arguments, and makes it much harder to ignore them fouling.
- I think a general increase in enforcement officers would be good to deter people from letting their dogs foul public spaces and likewise to enforce lead rules in particular Poolsbrook where many dogs are off lead around the lake.
- I think all dogs should be on leads at all times unless in specific places they can be off lead such as fields you rent out. It is extremely annoying that I can't do activities I enjoy like running and walking without dogs running after me, jumping up or trying to bite me which had happened multiple times
- I think Eastwood Park in Hasland should be on lead only. There are "on lead" and "off lead" parts of the park and nobody ever listens. Off lead out of control dogs run up to my nervous dog all the time and it is unacceptable. It is a tiny park and there are plenty of fields for off lead nearby and this small park needs to be on lead only
- I think if a dog is on a lead they should be allowed in children's parks as long as owners pick up after them & there is a dog waste bin
- I think it would be unfair to responsible dog owners like myself to say your dog is not allowed off a lead. They need the exercise and running after a ball or stretching their legs is very important.
- I think more needs to be done to enforce the dog control laws. Because of the problems with dogs and other members of the public and wildlife, dogs should be on leads in all public places. I'd also go as far as banning dogs from nature reserves too, as even dogs on leads cause problems for wildlife, especially ground nesting birds.
- I think more signage is needed at some of these places, I don't think it is always made clear that the PSPO is in place.
- I think more signage needs to be added around popular places to walk highlighting that dogs should be kept on a lead as in most places they aren't!



- I think there should be a responsibility for people to train their dogs, and if they are not able it willing to do this, the dog should be on a lead. It would be good if the council could provide dog training areas to support this idea - there is only one small, poorly maintained space to do this (Holmebrook) and more areas are needed.
- I think there should be stringent controls on dogs in public places and dog wardens should be visible and proactive.
- I totally agree that near ponds particularly around nesting season dogs should be on a lead. Owners should be responsible enough to put their dogs on a lead in car parks too and all dog owners should always clear up their dog poo in a public place. I use HBVP I live locally and have 2 young children and 1 old dog, I think no dogs on the play area could be readdressed to specify only dogs on leads in the play area,
- I understand keeping dogs on leads during football matches but don't see any harm in being off lead in the evening when there are no games happening. The football pitches at holmebrook regularly have off lead dogs in the evening playing and I see no problem with this. (whilst no matches are happening)
- I would like any areas where sports are played to be dog free eg tennis courts, bowling greens and any other activities where they have restricted access.
- I would like more areas where dogs must be on leads. Too many people let their dogs off lead without being able to recall them away from dogs on their lead
- If a dog is aggressive it should be muzzled whilst out walking, regardless of dog trainer's advice
- If dog owners look after their dogs on playing fields and clean up after them, I do not see a problem
- If dog owners picked up after their dog I see no issue with dogs running round playing fields when there is no football taking place
- If dogs are to be banned from the places in your survey then you need to provide a suitable enclosure for dogs to be exercise off lead, dogs need to be able to run and have fun just like humans do. And with the orders in place you are not catering for the welfare of dogs like you do humans and horses. I find horse poo on public paths a much bigger problem in the said spaces than dogs of lead. If you are going to have laws about cleaning up after dogs why not the same for horses who leave huge piles behind
- If the football pitches are not being used as is common on a week day dogs should be allowed to walk on them providing owners pick up any mess. We walk in a number of these parks with football pitches and were totally unaware they were closed off for some months of the year - to date we haven't had a single day when we have not seen dogs on the pitches at any time of the year.
- In areas where people, dogs and horses/livestock mix I think the PSPO should extend to dogs on leads at all times.
- In areas where there is space and not a busy area we should be able to use our own judgement bon whether our dog is off the lead, I have two well behaved dogs off the lead but one of them when on the lead is protective of us and barks aggressively although not aggressive to other dogs and we prefer her to be off the lead as she is then friendly playful and lovely to be around I think signs in locations where dogs are allowed off lead should be introduced and people with nervous

dogs should be aware there may be off lead dogs and then it is their choice, dogs are social animals and most are friendly and enjoy the company of a dog running off lead give them some freedom please

- In my experience, dog owners will often say, 'oh he/ she won't hurt you' as the dog jumps up at you/ your children. Dogs should be on leads apart from within the large open green space in the park. I've lost count of the number of times a dog has jumped up at me when out running - and have had muddy footprints left on my clothes
- Include the children's play area in the MONKEY PARK in the PSPO
- it about making people responsible but not restricting their freedom to enjoy these spaces with their dogs. Fines should be in place for those who are caught not cleaning up their dog's faeces rather than a total ban.
- It is unnecessary and ineffective to require dogs to be on leads in parks and public spaces. It is limiting for many excellent and responsible dog owners. It does not deter irresponsible owners and is ineffective. It is unfair to limit responsible dog owners and their well-behaved, friendly dogs. I do not support the PSPOs and I hope CBC recognise the legislation is too limiting and detrimental to the wellbeing of many residents and their dogs.
- It should be made clearer to the public especially dog owners what constitutes as an offence and what the repercussions of such offences are. Also the rules should be clearly enforced. It would help massively if play areas were suitably fenced off to help keep dogs out of the areas. More bins for dog waste would be a good idea too
- It should be made that all dogs are on some form of lead at all times in all areas
- It would be helpful if all children's play areas were fenced off. I see no reason why dogs shouldn't be allowed on football pitches as long as a game is not being played and that any dog poo is picked up.
- It would be helpful to have signage at children's play areas to remind dog owners that dogs are not allowed. I constantly have issues with dogs running/jumping at my grandchildren whilst they are playing. My grandchildren are nervous around dogs and at times will not go into Somersall play area when dogs are running freely - which is too frequent
- It's all very well enforcing controls over the recently-relocated Somersall Park play-area, however you've got rid of the barrier around it so it's hopelessly unenforceable!!
- It's ok to have these controls in place but unless clear signage and patrols are in place nothing will change
- I've never seen any enforcement happen. Never seen a warden asking people to get their dogs on leads. No point making rules unless you actively enforce them.
- Keep all dogs on leads in public areas including parks, cemeteries etc. Perhaps look into secure areas for dogs to be off leads
- Litter left by football teams in Highfield Park is more of a problem than dog mess, if you hadn't noticed. Also please do something about all the bikes being ridden on footpaths, it is illegal after all.
- Many children are frightened of dogs and often owners just say 'she won't hurt you' or 'he's just playing' at no other point in life would you expect a child to accept the word of a stranger. Where

children's play areas are not fenced such as Somersall Park- there needs to be clear signage about the rules for dogs

- Many dog walkers are a positive influence on an area. Picking up litter etc that people leave. Dogs and dog walkers are not the bad guys.
- Maybe look at cyclists and runners round Poolsbrook CP , also off road motorbikes racing round Poolsbrook scattering the ducks and geese
- More bins and signage needed
- More dog poo bins are required in locations where people walk their dogs. The entrance to Somersall fields needs one. There aren't any at Linacre. Also I have never seen an enforcement officer making sure owners pick up their dog mess. This is something I'd like to see more of.
- More dog spaces less football
- More dog waste bins on residential streets with high dog activity and at entrances to public spaces where any form of dog walking is permitted.
- More police patrolling playgrounds to enforce this would be good.
- More signage could offer something for the law abiding to point to when observing a breach.
- More signs placed for dog to be on a lead and more warden presence in Boythorpe cemetery
- Needs to be more observations, mainly parks. I've taken kids a few times these last weeks and there are faeces every time
- Never seen anyone around Holmebrook enforcing the lead or dog fouling. There's plenty of it!! Every time we there's always some dog poo and always dogs off leads around pond, although there are lots on leads. Always one or two that spoil it
- Owners of dogs need to be held accountable for their dogs jumping on and approaching other people. My son is very wary of dogs and a lot of people seeing this allow their dogs to approach him and say he won't hurt you. In my view a well behaved dog will come if called and do a dog owner should have no issue calling them back.
- Parks should have an area where dogs can be off the lead
- Please consider patrols in the areas, hardly ever dogs on leads at homebrook or other places
- Please could signs be put up around Poolsbrook telling people to keep their dogs on leads. This would help. Not everyone goes near the cafe so only having notices there is not enough. There needs to be more signs. Maybe at every entrance to the park
- Please enforce these regulations.
- Please fence in children's play area in Somersall Park. To stop dogs going into the park when off lead.
- Please make more effort with the amount of litter, waste food and anti-social behaviour on parks, Somersall park is heavily infested with rats because of the debris left behind and I believe there is a risk of Weils disease (leptospirosis). This is not caused by dogs but by inconsiderate people not giving a stuff about their surroundings. Pay as much attention to this as you do dogs (dogs are easy targets).
- PLEASE please pleaaaaase can we have more signage around the area, especially around Poolsbrook! I walk arounds the ponds everyday and there's only one a4 piece of paper to indicate dogs should be on a lead. Most people don't realise dogs should be on a lead and it's really unfair to the birds that get attacked and to people who have dogs who are scared of other dogs.

Especially those who approach with no warning - this is unsafe for both dogs especially if the one on the lead felt threatened and decided to bite. It's not fair at all! I've reported so many incidents numerous times and people just don't seem interested at all. Please please can we add more signage and also social media posts please!

- Possibly time to consider all dogs on leads in public spaces due to too many out of control dogs.
- Provide somewhere safe where dogs can be exercised off lead
- Re Somersall park children's play area...there is no fence or boundary so how can you stop dogs walking around?
- Really unhappy at having to keep dog on a lead around the pool at Poolsbrook - and the signs up there say it is a £1,000 fine not £100. Have barely been since lead requirement introduced when I used to go every week. Eastwood park - footballers leave much more litter than dogs. Everyone I see picks up their dog's mess. Fishermen at Poolsbrook biased against dogs
- Regards Holmebrook, whilst dogs should be on leads in the car park and cafe area the area around the lake could probably be reconsidered.
- Should also include Langer Field Park football pitch, children's play area and outdoor gym area.
- Signage needs improving around the lake at Holmebrook valley park. I think there's an argument for dogs to be muzzled.
- So long as fouling is picked up on football pitches it shouldn't be an issue, children's playground areas is different. My local park is Poolsbrook and it seems very impractical to not allow off lead walking so long is under control or brought into control when other public are around
- Somersall park is really bad for dogs off leads running through the play area and jumping up at children, there are no signs or information about the rules so I think more signs for dog owners would be useful
- Stricter rules at Eastwood Park. All dogs on lead. No fouling on any grass as we all use it.
- Thank you
- The Animal Welfare Act states that a healthy dog should have at least 1 hour off lead per day so making it illegal to walk a dog off the lead is breaking the animal welfare act which means the owners are breaking the act when complying with council laws.
- The biggest challenge to walking dogs off leads in any space is when teaching them recall and having no safe space to do this. Holme brook valley has a disused play area that is fenced but is very small, and is in poor condition. At least a set area will allow dogs to be off lead and safe from others. My dog is over friendly and would not attack but would run up to other dogs and people who may not wish it and so is always on a lead.
- The map showing limitations for football pitches at Holmebrook Valley (23) is very imprecise. It is a small scale map with 2 undefined rectangles shown. These do not directly align with any features in the park. So it is not possible to know when the restriction is being crossed. If the limit is the football pitch boundaries this should be made clear.
- The PSPO orders are just not working at Holmebrook Valley Park. Dogs out of control everywhere. Dog mess not being picked up. There needs to be better advertising of restrictions, placed around the park. If the Council does not want dogs on the playing fields, or on leads within certain areas, then there need to be signs warning people of this. Then we who actually live here and abide by the rules can challenge those who do not. Mind you, my dog has absolutely no idea of the dates

when he can and cannot go on the field for his exercise and he does not like his routine being changed!

- The rules have been poorly signed. They were printed on laminated paper and within a few months most of the signs have gone, meaning dog owners sometimes don't know where dogs should be kept on leads, etc.
- The rules need to be enforced more as in areas where dogs are meant to be on leads they rarely are and there seems to be no consequences for this
- There are far too many foot ball pitches. Dogs need freedom to run and exercise. We need to create a culture of inclusion .
- There are plenty of places to allow dogs off the lead safely, as I do. Respect for others is important. My dog is very friendly, but some people don't like dogs, so we're careful. It's difficult to find who to actually complain about uncontrolled dogs and constant barking too.
- There are too many dogs in this area, dog fouling and nuisance barking are a common problem
- There as to be placed for dogs to run people who leave it on the floor will do this no matter where they are
- There could be separate areas for dogs only off leads
- There needs to be a presence of inspectors enforcing dog owners to pick up their dog mess. I have had a dog for 5 years and have never seen any of these enforcement inspectors in the Chesterfield borough
- There needs to be more visible notices and signs
- There needs to be much stronger enforcement by the Council of dog fouling and dogs on leads plus much better signage. At Holmebrook park the signage is non existent.
- Walking dogs on football pitches when there is no game on should be allowed providing that the owner cleans up after their dog and the dog has good recall
- We never see wardens patrolling the park when we are there. Could noticed about dogs on leads be put up at entrances to park please
- We see a lot of dogs bothering/chasing ducks on the side of Walton Dam due to being off leads. This is much worse now that a lot of them have had babies. It should be necessary for dogs to be on leads in this area in my opinion.
- When football games are going on obviously dogs shouldn't enter the pitch but they only play for a short time at the weekend whereas dog walkers use it in all weathers all week so should be allowed full access to the park especially as they're the majority user. For children's play areas if they have a fence round them then I think it's acceptable to limit dogs but if you haven't installed a fence then I don't think it is practically as there will be no physical line to determine where the policy is in place.
- Whilst I 100% agree that dogs should be kept off football pitches and play areas it can be hard to do this even with well trained dogs when the play area has been plonked in the middle of an open area like somersall. I feel it is only fair to fine people who are deliberately ignoring the rules unless the areas are fenced off. If a dog strays on an unfenced play area and the owner acts upon this to call them away this should not be viewed as an offence. Fence the play areas for goodness sake. It's not rocket science!
- Why is this survey necessary? Why are you trying to give up these good measures?

- Will this actually be enforced, sounds great but many people ignore the rules with no consequence. We are a dog owner and have huge issues with owners allowing their dog off the lead. So many dogs are allowed to run where they please and the owners just shout "its OK they're friendly" with no regard to people or other dogs who may be scared by a dog running up to them. Can there be a way to suggest dog waste bin location? There is an area on our walk where the hedgerows are full of dog waste bags.
- With reference to parks and children play areas, eg Somersall park, there is no fenced area so it would be difficult to not allow people with dogs. Personally I never see irresponsible dog owners that do not put their dogs on the leads in this area. By prohibiting dogs, you are prohibiting families with dogs to access the park. Given that the majority of users of parks are dog walkers, I feel this is unfair. With reference to football pitches, again you are stopping families with dogs accessing this area, especially when they are supporting watching their child play in football matches,
- Would be nice to see rules enforced along chesterfield canal
- You ask if you should keep enforcing this law but in 30 years I have never ever seen anyone patrolling Hollingwood. There is Pooh outside my house now. I have 2 dogs and gave no idea where the nearest dog bin is located.