

Public Spaces Protection Order

Wigan Council is looking to introduce a boroughwide Public Spaces Protection Order which, if implemented, will look at greater powers for Environmental Enforcement Officers and promote responsible dog ownership.

The following proposals are being considered by Wigan Council and look to seek as many views as possible to guide us in the best way.

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was created by the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act to deal with any nuisances or problems in a particular area that affects the local community's quality of life. A PSPO imposes conditions on how an area can be used with the aim of preventing anti-social behaviour in public spaces.

Should dogs be excluded from all children's play areas and marked pitches?

475 (78.9%) Yes
 99 (16.4%) No
 20 (3.3%) Don't know
 8 (1.3%) Didn't answer

If not, why not?

73 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

Should dogs be kept on leads in Church yards and cemeteries at all times?

567 (94.2%) Yes
 24 (4.0%) No
 5 (0.8%) Don't know
 6 (1.0%) Didn't answer

If not, why not?

10 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

The Kennel Club and Dogs Trust advise owners/professional dog walkers that four is the maximum they should exercise at any one time; do you agree with this?

466 (77.4%) Yes
 69 (11.5%) No
 63 (10.5%) Don't know
 4 (0.7%) Didn't answer

If not, why not?

52 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

Should dog owners/walkers carry a bag to pick up dog fouling at all times?

588 (97.7%) Yes
 4 (0.7%) No
 5 (0.8%) Don't know
 5 (0.8%) Didn't answer

If not, why not?

2 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

Should enforcement powers for dog fouling include all land that the public have access to?

562 (93.4%) Yes
25 (4.2%) No
9 (1.5%) Don't know
6 (1.0%) Didn't answer

If not, why not?

13 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

Should Enforcement powers include asking a dog to be put on a lead on any public land where a dog is out of control or causing alarm or distress?

572 (95.0%) Yes
19 (3.2%) No
1 (0.2%) Don't know
10 (1.7%) Didn't answer

If not, why not?

13 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

Is there anything else you would like to add?

255 people provided details (see spreadsheet)

About you

To ensure we understand the views of people using council services in Wigan, we would like to know a few details about you. This will help us identify if concerns and priorities differentiate between certain groups of people.

Are you a dog owner?

279 (46.3%) Yes
308 (51.2%) No
10 (1.7%) Prefer not to say
5 (0.8%) Didn't answer

Are you:

227 (37.7%) Male
354 (58.8%) Female
18 (3.0%) Prefer not to say
3 (0.5%) Didn't answer

Which age group are you?

37 (6.1%) 16-24
69 (11.5%) 25-34
136 (22.6%) 35-44
137 (22.8%) 45-54
127 (21.1%) 55-64
68 (11.3%) 65-74
21 (3.5%) Over 75
7 (1.2%) Didn't answer