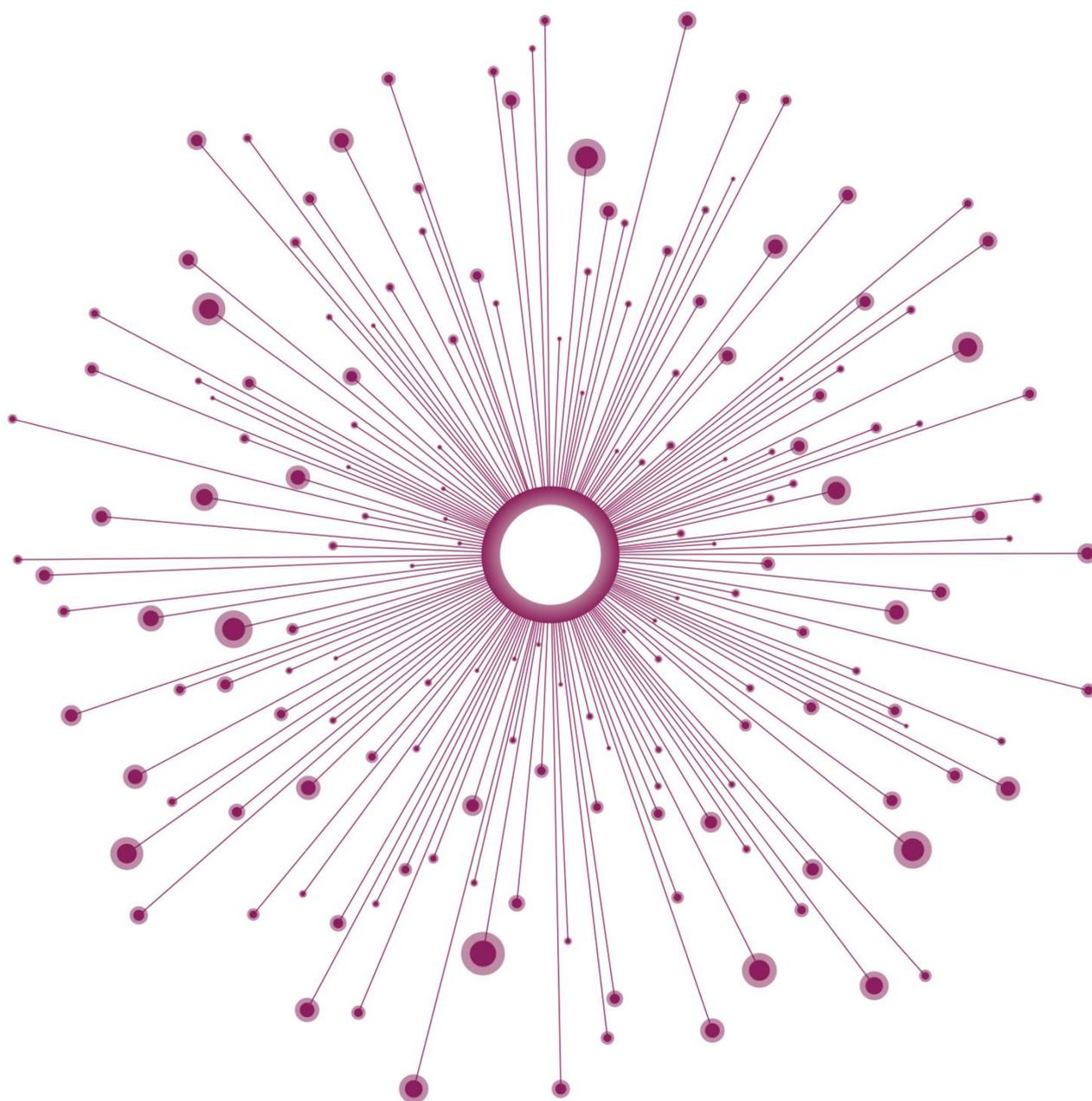


# Blackpool Council: Public Space Protection Order (Dogs) Consultation Report

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## 1. Executive Summary

Blackpool Council currently operates Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) across parks and green open spaces, the promenade, and the beach in Blackpool. The orders aim to prevent a variety of activities deemed as anti-social behaviours to ensure that public spaces can be enjoyed, and are enforced via staff with the authority to issue fixed penalty notices. Blackpool Council sought to renew the existing PSPOs related to the control of dog behaviour across the borough.

The consultation offered individuals and businesses an opportunity to review the current dog controls in place, and determine whether the dog controls should be changed or if any new dog controls should be considered.

A total of **616** responses were received to this consultation. **591** responses were collected through an online survey, and **25** paper responses were received in the post from hardcopies distributed in Blackpool Council's public facing buildings and five different veterinary surgeries.

Due to the high number of Covid cases in the Blackpool area, it was decided that face-to-face engagement work was not possible due to the risk of transmission.

The survey went live week commencing the **30<sup>th</sup> August** and closed on week commencing **18<sup>th</sup> October**, running for a total of eight weeks.

The proportion of overall respondents who visit the following areas of Blackpool on a weekly basis were:

- Parks and green open spaces: **31%**
- Promenade: **37.3%**
- Beach: **32.9%**

### Key findings

The problem of most concern was reported by respondents as failure to clean up dog faeces in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces. In contrast, dogs being let off their lead in Blackpool's beach areas was perceived to be the problem of least concern by respondents.

The current protection order with the highest level of agreement for its continuation was dog walkers being required to show that they have the means to pick up dog mess when challenged by authorised officers, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance.

The consultation found the following proportions of respondents in agreement with each of the current protection orders, this includes those who ‘strongly agree’ and ‘tend to agree’ with each proposal:

<b>Existing protection orders in Blackpool’s parks and green open spaces, promenade and beach</b>	<b>% of agreement</b>
Continue to enforce year round leads restrictions across all public roads, including pavements, footways, alleyways and ginnels across the borough, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>81.3%</b>
Continue to enforce year round leads restrictions across the following public open space areas: all cemeteries and churchyards, all car parks, tram tracks and adjacent footpaths, promenade between North and South Piers, being the open areas of land from the carriageway and /or tram tracks and the beach; Jubilee Gardens, Cenotaph, Marton Mere Local Nature Reserve, Fylde Memorial Arboretum, South Promenade tram track grass embankments, Starr Gate tram loop, George Bancroft Park, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>73.5%</b>
Continue to enforce seasonal lead restrictions between 1 May and 31 August between 10am and 4pm across Stanley Park Italian Gardens and café terrace, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>70.4%</b>
Dogs not permitted year round in the following areas: All fenced children's play areas, all multi-use games (MUGAs), play adventure, athletics, trampoline areas or arenas, all ball courts, including tennis, basketball and netball courts, all BMX and skate parks areas or arenas, all bowling greens, pitch and putt and crazy golf areas or arenas, to enter the water in Stanley Park Boating lake, Stanley Park ornamental ponds and Marton Mere Lake, the playing area of all marked sports pitches when in use, some areas of Stanley Park (detailed on maps linked above), including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>84.0%</b>
Dogs not permitted seasonally between 1 May and 30 September across the areas of the beach, including all steps, slades and footways, from North Pier and the area opposite the Solaris Centre known as the Mirror Ball, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>62.4%</b>
Dog walkers being required to show they have the means to pick up dog mess when challenged by authorised officers (a dog warden, Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or someone authorised by Blackpool Council), including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>90.2%</b>
Dogs on leads by request around open space ponds and wetlands, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance	<b>76.2%</b>
Continuation of the existing dogs on leads by request rule on all land within the borough	<b>73.9%</b>

The following table displays how much of a problem, if at all, two specific issues are in Blackpool to respondents (combining responses to questions 7, 10, and 13):

How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following are in Blackpool?	% of agreement
Overall % who think failure to clean up dog faeces in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces, on the promenade and on the beach is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem - Dog owners - Non-dog owners	<b>51.7%</b>  43.4% 70.6%
Overall % who think dogs being let off their lead in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces, on the promenade and on the beach is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem - Dog owners - Non-dog owners	<b>37.2%</b>  27.1% 60.2%

## 2. Background

Across Blackpool, a number of different Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are in operation to tackle anti-social behaviour locally. PSPOs are aimed at ensuring public spaces can be enjoyed free from anti-social behaviour. This survey aimed to look at the current PSPOs in operation across Blackpool related to dog controls.

The current dog control orders were introduced in November 2018 following an extensive consultation exercise. As a result of the previous consultation, BARK (Blackpool Association Responsible K9's) was established which helped create a set of dog controls which were considered appropriate and met the necessary requirements to control dog behaviour across the borough.

The consultation offered an opportunity to review the current controls in place and determine whether or not the controls should be changed or if any new controls should be considered.

A link to view information and maps for the existing and proposed dog enforcement areas was provided, and a further link was given where respondents could also view the current order related to dog control in Blackpool.

## 3. Methodology

The survey went live the week commencing **30th August** and closed on the week commencing **18th October**, running for a total of eight weeks.

Information regarding the consultation was shared on Blackpool Council's and BARK's (Blackpool Association for Responsible K9s) social media pages and an article was included in Blackpool Gazette newspaper which is available online and delivered across Blackpool. The consultation was actively advertised and marketed across Blackpool by interested residents and business owners which also gave additional visibility to the consultation.

Respondents were provided with an online link that held information and maps related to the proposed dog enforcement areas in addition to a link for a copy of the current orders related to dog control in Blackpool.

A total of **616** responses have been received to the consultation. **591** of those responses were collected through an online survey, and **25** paper responses were received in the post from hardcopies distributed in Blackpool Council's public facing buildings and five different geographically-spaced veterinary surgeries.

**600** responses were from individuals, and **12** were on behalf of an organisation. A further **4** responses did not disclose whether they were an individual or were responding on behalf of an organisation.

The numbers in this report have been rounded to one decimal place. As a result some totals will not equal to 100%. Respondents to the consultation were given the choice whether or not to answer each question, as a result the base numbers to each question may not equal the total response rate to the consultation.

## 4. Results

### 4.1 Respondent Profile

**Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?** [Q2 on survey] (Base = 612)

98% (600) of responses were from individuals, and 2% (12) of responses were on behalf of an organisation.

**Are you a resident in Blackpool? Please answer if you are responding as an individual.** [Q3 on survey] (Base = 598)

88.1% (527) of respondents were residents in Blackpool. 9.2% (55) of respondents said that they live on the Fylde Coast, and 2.7% (16) of respondents said that they live outside of the Fylde Coast.

**Are you a business owner or a key decision maker in your organisation? Please answer if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.** [Q4 on survey] (Base = 10)

Of those responses on behalf of an organisation who answered this question, 20% (2) of respondents were a key business owner or key decision maker in their organisation, and 80% (8) were not a key business owner or key decision maker in their organisation.

**Please let us know which organisation you're responding on behalf of (please include the business postcode).** [Q5 on survey] (Base = 10)

10 respondents identified which organisation they were responding on behalf of, these included different football clubs across the borough and volunteer groups for local parks.

**Are you a dog owner?** [Q19 on survey] (Base = 604)

70.4% (425) of respondents identified themselves as a dog owner, and 29.6% (179) of respondents said that they were not dog owners.

**How many dogs do you own?** [Q19a on survey] (Base = 424)

No of dogs	No of responses	% of responses
1 dog	274	64.6%
2 dogs	113	26.7%
3 dogs	22	5.2%
4 dogs	11	2.6%
5+ dogs	4	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Are you a professional dog walker? (A professional dog walker is someone who is self-employed or is employed by a business which earns income from walking dogs).** [Q20 on survey] (Base = 584)

1.9% (11) of respondents did identify themselves as a professional dog walker. However, the majority of respondents (573 – 98.1%) disclosed that they were not a professional dog walker.

**Do you have children who are 16 or under and are living with you?** [Q21 on survey] (Base = 594)

Of those who responded to this question, **44.4%** (264) of respondents stated that they have children who are 16 or under and are living with them, and **55.6%** (330) of respondents said that they do not have children who are 16 or under who live with them.

**Are you...?** [Q22 on survey] (Base = 616)

**61.7%** (380) of responses were from female respondents and **32.5%** (200) were from male respondents. **5.4%** (33) of respondents preferred not to disclose their gender, **0.3%** (2) of respondents preferred to self-describe, and 1 further person identified as non-binary.

**Which age group do you belong to?** [Q23 on survey] (Base = 616)

The following table shows the breakdown of responses by age band:

Age band	No of responses	% of responses
18-24	10	1.6%
25-34	81	13.1%
35-44	168	27.3%
45-54	149	24.2%
55-64	88	14.3%
65-74	76	12.3%
75+	10	1.6%
Prefer not to say	34	5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?** [Q24 on survey] (Base = 616)

**76.9%** (474) of respondents reported having no health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months, whilst **20%** (123) of respondents reported having a health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months. **3.1%** (19) of respondents preferred not to disclose whether or not they have a health problem or disability.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of responses by disability status:

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Yes, limited a little	64	10.4%
Yes, limited a lot	59	9.6%
No	474	76.9%
Prefer not to say	19	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>100%</b>

**What is your ethnic origin?** [Q25 on survey] (Base = 616)

The majority of respondents – (**92%**) – reported their ethnicity as White, which includes English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British Irish Gypsy or Irish Traveller, and any other White background.

Please see the below table for a breakdown of all ethnicities who responded:

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>No of responses</b>	<b>% of responses</b>
White	567	92%
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	4	0.6%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	3	0.5%
Asian/Asian British	1	0.2%
Prefer not to say	41	6.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>100%</b>

**What is your home postcode?** [Q26 on survey] (Base = 616)

There were responses to the survey from across Blackpool, the Fylde Coast and outside of the Fylde Coast.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of responses by geographical location.

<b>Postcode area</b>	<b>No of responses</b>	<b>% of responses</b>
FY1	75	12.2%
FY2	58	9.4%
FY3	63	10.2%
FY4	231	37.5%
FY5	55	8.9%
Outside of Blackpool	50	8.1%
Prefer not to say	84	13.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 4.2 Main Survey Results

**How often do you visit the following areas in Blackpool?** [Q6 on survey]

### **Parks and green open spaces (Base = 607)**

**56.7%** (344) of respondents said that they visit the parks and green open spaces in Blackpool almost every day, with **31%** (188) of respondents visiting about once a week.

**8.9%** (54) of respondents reported that they visit parks and green open spaces in Blackpool about once a month, and **2.8%** (17) of respondents said that they visit once or twice a year.

**0.3%** (2) of respondents said that they have never visited parks and green open spaces in Blackpool, and **0.3%** (2) of respondents reported that they don't know or are not sure how often they visit parks and green open spaces in Blackpool.

### **Promenade (Base = 577)**

**27.2%** (157) of respondents said that they visit the promenade in Blackpool almost every day, with **37.3%** (215) of respondents visiting about once a week.

**26.7%** (154) of respondents reported that they visit the promenade in Blackpool about once a month, and **8.1%** (47) of respondents said that they visit once or twice a year.

**0.3%** (2) respondents said that they have never visited the promenade in Blackpool, and **0.3%** (2) of respondents reported that they don't know or are not sure how often they visit the promenade in Blackpool.

### **Beach (Base = 574)**

**17.2%** (99) of respondents said that they visit the beach in Blackpool almost every day, with **32.9%** (189) of respondents visiting about once a week.

**32.9%** (189) of respondents reported that they visit the beach in Blackpool about once a month, and **14.8%** (85) of respondents said that they visit once or twice a year.

**1.6%** (9) of respondents said that they have never visited the beach in Blackpool, and **0.5%** (3) of respondents reported that they don't know or are not sure how often they visit the beach in Blackpool.

**How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following are in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces? [Q7 on survey]**

**Failure to clean up dog faeces (Base = 615)**

**72.3%** (445) of respondents said that failure to clean up dog faeces is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces. For dog owners, this was **63%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **93.3%** of respondents.

**26.7%** (164) of respondents said that failure to clean up dog faeces is 'not a very big' problem or 'not a problem at all' in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces. For dog owners, this was **35.8%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **6.1%** of respondents.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
A very big problem	331	53.8%
A fairly big problem	114	18.5%
Not a very big problem	134	21.8%
Not a problem at all	30	4.9%
Don't know/not sure	6	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>100%</b>

**If you think failure to clean up dog faeces is 'a very big problem' or 'fairly big problem' in parks and green open spaces, can you state in which specific areas it is a problem? [Q8 on survey]**

**414** comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one area in their response. Fishers Field was highlighted by **31.7%** (182) of responses as an area in which failure to clean up dog faeces is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem. Other specific areas referred to include Stanley Park, Common Edge, Lawsons Field, Revoe, Watson Road Park, and Kingscote Park. See the table below for further areas mentioned:

Areas identified	No of times mentioned
Fishers Field	182
Stanley Park	61
Other areas e.g. Solaris Centre, North Pond Trail, YMCA Thornton, Claremount, Kingscote Park	56
Promenade/Beaches	45
Parks and green open spaces in general	36
Everywhere	33
Football pitches e.g. Foxhall, Boundary Park	32
Streets/Pavements	24
Common Edge	21
Highfield Road	19
Watson Road Park	17
Lawsons Field	14
Louis Horrocks Park	12
Revoe	11
Anchorsholme (park and green areas)	4
South Shore area	4
Moor Park	4
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>575</b>

### Dogs being let off their lead (Base = 605)

**46.8%** (283) of respondents said that dogs being let off their lead is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces. For dog owners, this was **33.7%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **76.3%** of respondents.

**52.4%** (317) of respondents said that dogs being let off their lead is 'not a very big' problem or 'not a problem at all' in Blackpool's parks and green open spaces. For dog owners, this was **65.3%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **23.1%** of respondents.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
A very big problem	190	31.4%
A fairly big problem	93	15.4%
Not a very big problem	167	27.6%
Not a problem at all	150	24.8%
Don't know/not sure	5	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>100%</b>

**If you think that dogs being let off their lead is 'a very big problem' or 'fairly big problem' in parks and green open spaces, can you state in which specific areas it is a problem? [Q9 on survey]**

**239** comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one area in their response. **23.9%** (81) of responses mentioned Fishers Field as a specific area in which dogs being let off their lead is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem. Other specific areas referred to include Stanley Park, Common Edge, Highfield Road (generally and the Park), Marton Mere Nature Reserve, Watson Road Park, and Kingscote Park. See the table below for further areas mentioned:

Areas identified	No of times mentioned
Fishers Field	81
Stanley Park	64
Promenade/Beaches	61
Other e.g., Vicarage Lane Park, Thornton, Layton (Kingscote, Cemetery), Boundary Park	37
Parks and green open spaces in general	34
Everywhere	18
Highfield Road	16
Lawsons Field	10
Common Edge	8
Watson Road Park	6
Revoe	4
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>339</b>

**How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following are on Blackpool’s promenade? [Q10 on survey]**

**Failure to clean up dog faeces (Base = 604)**

**59.5%** (299) of respondents said that failure to clean up dog faeces is a ‘very big’ or ‘fairly big’ problem on Blackpool’s promenade. For dog owners, this was **40.9%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **69.7%** of respondents.

**43.5%** (263) of respondents said that failure to clean up dog faeces is ‘not a very big’ problem or ‘not a problem at all’ on Blackpool’s promenade. For dog owners, this was **51.9%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **24%** of respondents.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
A very big problem	152	25.2%
A fairly big problem	147	24.3%
Not a very big problem	203	33.6%
Not a problem at all	60	9.9%
Don't know/not sure	42	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>100%</b>

**If you think failure to clean up dog faeces is 'a very big problem' or 'fairly big problem' on the promenade, can you state in which specific areas it is a problem? [Q11 on survey]**

**218** comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one area in their response. **37%** (91) of responses mentioned the South Promenade as a specific area in which failure to clean up dog faeces is a ‘very big’ or ‘fairly big’ problem. Other specific areas highlighted include the North Shore, Central Pier, Fishers Field, and Bispham. See the table below for further areas mentioned:

Areas identified	No of times mentioned
South Shore/Promenade	91
All along/entire Promenade	40
Everywhere	30
Bispham	15
Other areas e.g. Cleveleys, football pitches, Watson Road Park, Anchorsholme	12
North Shore/Promenade	11
Central Pier	9
Green open spaces and streets in general	9
Fishers Field	8
Gynn	8
Beaches	7
Norbreck	6
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>246</b>

### Dogs being let off their lead (Base = 591)

**34%** (201) of respondents said that dogs being let off their lead is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem on Blackpool's promenade. For dog owners, this was **25.5%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **53.6%** of respondents.

**59%** (349) of respondents said that dogs being let off their lead is 'not a very big' problem or 'not a problem at all' on Blackpool's promenade. For dog owners, this was **67.2%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **40.5%** of respondents.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
A very big problem	121	20.5%
A fairly big problem	80	13.5%
Not a very big problem	227	38.4%
Not a problem at all	122	20.6%
Don't know/not sure	41	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100%</b>

**If you think that dogs being let off their lead is 'a very big problem' or 'fairly big problem' on the promenade, can you state in which specific areas it is a problem? [Q12 on survey]**

**110** comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one area in their response. **23%** (32) of responses mentioned the South Promenade as a specific area in which dogs being let off their lead is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem. Other specific areas highlighted include the North Shore, Central Pier, Fishers Field, and Bispham. See the table below for further areas mentioned:

Areas identified	No of times mentioned
All along/entire Promenade	33
South Shore/Promenade	32
Bispham (Queen's Promenade)	14
Other areas e.g. Cleveleys, Norbreck, Anchorsholme	11
Beaches	11
North Shore/Promenade	10
Central Pier	9
Everywhere	6
Gynn	5
Green open spaces and streets in general	4
Fishers Field	4
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>139</b>

**How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following are in Blackpool's beach areas? [Q13 on survey]**

**Failure to clean up dog faeces (Base = 594)**

**32.7%** (194) of respondents said that failure to clean up dog faeces is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem in Blackpool's beach areas. For dog owners, this was **26%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **47.3%** of respondents.

**54.7%** (325) of respondents said that failure to clean up dog faeces is 'not a very big' problem or 'not a problem at all' in Blackpool's beach areas. For dog owners, this was **65.8%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **29%** of respondents.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
A very big problem	99	16.7%
A fairly big problem	95	16%
Not a very big problem	203	34.2%
Not a problem at all	122	20.5%
Don't know/not sure	75	12.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>100%</b>

**If you think failure to clean up dog faeces is 'a very big problem' or 'fairly big problem' on the beach, can you state in which specific areas it is a problem? [Q14 on survey]**

**125** comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one area in their response. **17.1%** (25) of responses mentioned the South Shore as a specific area in which failure to clean up dog faeces is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem. Other specific areas highlighted include the North Shore, Central Pier, Fishers Field, Starr Gate, Squires Gate, and the entire beach. See the table below for further areas mentioned:

Areas identified	No of times mentioned
Everywhere/all areas	28
All along/entire beach	26
South Shore/Promenade	25
Starr Gate	14
Other areas e.g. Stanley Park, St Anne's, Norbreck, Cleveleys	12
Bispham	10
North Shore/Promenade	8
All along/entire Promenade	7
Central Promenade	6
Fishers Field	5
Squires Gate	5
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>146</b>

### Dogs being let off their lead (Base = 583)

**30.6%** (178) of respondents said that dogs being let off their lead is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem in Blackpool's beach areas. For dog owners, this was **21.9%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **50%** of respondents.

**59.4%** (346) of respondents said that dogs being let off their lead is 'not a very big' problem or 'not a problem at all' in Blackpool's beach areas. For dog owners, this was **71%** of respondents, and for non-dog owners this was **32.5%** of respondents.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
A very big problem	107	18.4%
A fairly big problem	71	12.2%
Not a very big problem	169	29%
Not a problem at all	177	30.4%
Don't know/not sure	59	10.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>100%</b>

**If you think that dogs being let off their lead is 'a very big problem' or 'fairly big problem' on the beach, can you state in which specific areas it is a problem? [Q15 on survey]**

**110** comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one area in their response. **13.7%** (17) of responses mentioned the South Shore as a specific area in which dogs being let off their lead is a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem. Other specific areas highlighted include the North Shore, Central Pier, Fishers Field, Starr Gate, and the entire beach. See the table below for further areas mentioned:

Areas identified	No of times mentioned
Everywhere/all areas	27
All along/entire beach	17
South Shore/Promenade	17
Starr Gate	13
All along/entire Promenade	10
North Shore/Promenade	9
Bispham	8
Other areas e.g. Lawsons Field, Norbreck, Cleveleys, Rossall	7
Central Pier	4
Fishers Field	4
Stanley Park	4
Anchorsholme	4
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>124</b>

### 4.3 Current Protection Orders

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following restrictions in the current protection order should be renewed? [Q16 on survey]

**Continue to enforce year round leads restrictions across all public roads, including pavements, footways, alleyways and ginnels across the borough, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 615)**

**81.3%** of respondents 'strongly agree' or 'tend to agree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**13%** of respondents 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	382	62.1%
Tend to agree	118	19.2%
Neither agree nor disagree	30	4.9%
Tend to disagree	32	5.2%
Strongly disagree	48	7.8%
Don't know/no opinion	5	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Continue to enforce year round leads restrictions across the following public open space areas: all cemeteries and churchyards, all car parks, tram tracks and adjacent footpaths, promenade between North and South Piers, being the open areas of land from the carriageway and /or tram tracks and the beach; Jubilee Gardens, Cenotaph, Marton Mere Local Nature Reserve, Fylde Memorial Arboretum, South Promenade tram track grass embankments, Starr Gate tram loop, George Bancroft Park, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 601)**

**73.5%** of respondents 'strongly agree' or 'tend to agree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**18.5%** of respondents 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	351	58.4%
Tend to agree	91	15.1%
Neither agree nor disagree	41	6.8%
Tend to disagree	39	6.5%
Strongly disagree	72	12%
Don't know/no opinion	7	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Continue to enforce seasonal lead restrictions between 1 May and 31 August between 10am and 4pm across Stanley Park Italian Gardens and café terrace, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 586)**

**70.4%** of respondents ‘strongly agree’ or ‘tend to agree’ with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**20.6%** of respondents ‘strongly disagree’ or ‘tend to disagree’ with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	319	54.4%
Tend to agree	94	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	42	7.2%
Tend to disagree	43	7.3%
Strongly disagree	78	13.3%
Don't know/no opinion	10	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Dogs not permitted year round in the following areas: All fenced children's play areas, all multi-use games (MUGAs), play adventure, athletics, trampoline areas or arenas, all ball courts, including tennis, basketball and netball courts, all BMX and skate parks areas or arenas, all bowling greens, pitch and putt and crazy golf areas or arenas, to enter the water in Stanley Park Boating lake, Stanley Park ornamental ponds and Marton Mere Lake, the playing area of all marked sports pitches when in use, some areas of Stanley Park (detailed on maps linked above), including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 600)**

**84%** of respondents ‘strongly agree’ or ‘tend to agree’ with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**10.1%** of respondents ‘strongly disagree’ or ‘tend to disagree’ with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	398	66.3%
Tend to agree	106	17.7%
Neither agree nor disagree	28	4.7%
Tend to disagree	20	3.3%
Strongly disagree	41	6.8%
Don't know/no opinion	7	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Dogs not permitted seasonally between 1 May and 30 September across the areas of the beach, including all steps, slades and footways, from North Pier and the area opposite the Solaris Centre known as the Mirror Ball, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 593)**

**62.4%** of respondents ‘strongly agree’ or ‘tend to agree’ with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**27.9%** of respondents 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	296	49.9%
Tend to agree	74	12.5%
Neither agree nor disagree	42	7.1%
Tend to disagree	62	10.5%
Strongly disagree	103	17.4%
Don't know/no opinion	16	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Dog walkers being required to show they have the means to pick up dog mess when challenged by authorised officers (a dog warden, Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or someone authorised by Blackpool Council), including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 601)**

**90.2%** of respondents 'strongly agree' or 'tend to agree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**7%** of respondents 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	476	79.2%
Tend to agree	66	11%
Neither agree nor disagree	14	2.3%
Tend to disagree	17	2.8%
Strongly disagree	25	4.2%
Don't know/no opinion	3	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Dogs on leads by request around open space ponds and wetlands, including the enforcement of a fixed penalty notice for non-compliance (Base = 597)**

**76.2%** of respondents 'strongly agree' or 'tend to agree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**14.4%** of respondents 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

Response type	No of responses	% of responses
Strongly agree	359	60.1%
Tend to agree	96	16.1%
Neither agree nor disagree	50	8.4%
Tend to disagree	37	6.2%
Strongly disagree	49	8.2%
Don't know/no opinion	6	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Continuation of the existing dogs on leads by request rule on all land within the borough (Base = 590)**

**73.9%** of respondents 'strongly agree' or 'tend to agree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

**15.5%** of respondents 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with renewing this restriction in the current protection order.

<b>Response type</b>	<b>No of responses</b>	<b>% of responses</b>
Strongly agree	346	58.6%
Tend to agree	90	15.3%
Neither agree nor disagree	52	8.8%
Tend to disagree	37	6.3%
Strongly disagree	54	9.2%
Don't know/no opinion	11	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 4.4 Additional Comments

**If you have agreed or disagreed with any of the renewals above, would you like to tell us why, including any specific impact to you or your family or your business? [Q17 on survey]**

251 comments were received from respondents, some mentioning multiple different reasons for their responses. Some of the themes uncovered include general agreement with the proposals, general disagreement with the proposals, comments that dog faeces is a problem, concerns for young people playing football, comments about the proposals being unfair to dogs/dog owners, problems with dogs e.g. individuals not wanting to be approached, specific ideas and further suggestions for the proposals, and comments about rules and enforcement.

Examples of comments to this question included:

*“For the safety of dogs, and the consideration of other people using public spaces I believe the enforcement should be renewed.”*

*“I am a dog lover, but responsible dog ownership is a must in a town that requires tourist and family friendly area. All would be improved if there was some enforcement which seems sadly lacking in all the areas you have mentioned.”*

*“All of the above are subject to the behaviour of the dog. If it is well trained & obedient I see no problem with off lead walking. I regularly used to walk my dog around Stanley Park off lead and he stuck right by my side. I always cleaned up his faeces and to be brutally honest, there's more kids uncontrollable kids running riot around there than there is out of control dogs. Yet again more blame and restrictions looking to be imposed upon dog owners - whether responsible or not.”*

Main themes	Count
Rules/enforcement e.g. they need improvement	71
Not fair to dogs/dog owners	47
Dog faeces is a problem	43
General agreement with the proposals	39
Football e.g. dog faeces ruins pitches	38
General disagreement with proposals	26
Problems with dogs e.g. scared, don't want to be approached	25
Other issues e.g. risk to health, cleanliness	8
Specific ideas/suggestions for proposals	6
N/A e.g. 'See previous answer'	3
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>306</b>

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions to make? [Q18 on survey]**

208 comments were received from respondents, some mentioning more than one topic area. Some of the responses mentioned general agreement or disagreement with the protection orders, comments about rules and enforcement, specific ideas and suggestions for future directions, a need for clearer signage, individuals wanting more dog friendly/fenced in areas for dogs, and the proposals not being fair to dog owners.

Examples of comments to this question included:

*“Dogs should not be allowed on fishers field. The owners do not respect it as playing field and the health risk to children playing on there is massive and should not be ignored.”*

*“If there is a problem in certain areas of dogs fouling and owner not clearing up after their dogs theses need to be targeted by the dog warden. But not allowing responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs properly is not fair.”*

*“There are not enough bins around to make picking up litter easy and convenient for people who are lazier than ourselves. There should also be more posters and signs up staying fixed penalties for leaving dog mess. People just don’t see a problem if they don’t have a consequence.”*

<b>Main themes</b>	<b>Count</b>
Rules/enforcement need improvement	86
Football/Fishers Field needs to be closed for dogs	39
More dog friendly/fenced in areas needed	37
Problems with dog fouling	29
Other e.g. problems with antisocial behaviour, risk to health	28
General agreement with the proposals	27
Proposals aren’t fair to dogs/dog owners	27
Specific ideas/suggestions e.g. puppy training classes	24
Litter/more bins needed	21
General disagreement with the proposals	12
Clearer communication/signage is needed	12
Problems in specific areas e.g. Devonshire Road Rock Gardens, Marton Mere Nature Reserve	6
<b>Total number of themed responses</b>	<b>348</b>