

# Public Spaces Protection Order 2022 Public Consultation Results Summary

## Results for Part 1 of proposed PSPO Offence of failure to remove dog faeces forthwith (dog fouling)

Number of submissions	Number in support	Number in opposition	General notable comments	Recommendation
85	79 (92.94%)	6 (7.06%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to increase fine and patrolling/enforcement</li> <li>• Request for additional dog fouling bins and relocation of existing bins</li> <li>• Requests for more dog fouling warning signage</li> <li>• Requests for more dog faeces bag dispensers</li> <li>• Request for CCTV cameras to capture dog fouling offences</li> <li>• Tackle littered bags containing dog fouling</li> <li>• Suggestion that we should use DNA tracking to identify dogs responsible for fouling</li> <li>• Suggestion that it should be an offence for dog owners not to have poo bags with them if asked by the dog warden.</li> <li>• Requests for dedicated dog exercise areas</li> <li>• Provide alternative sanctions to fines for those who have committed dog fouling offences such as 2 hours litter picking</li> </ul>	Include in order as proposed

**Results for Part 2 of proposed PSPO**  
**Offence of failure to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so**

<b>Number of submissions</b>	<b>Number in support</b>	<b>Number in opposition</b>	<b>General comments</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed

## Results for Part 3 of proposed PSPO Offence of failing to have a dog on a lead in a designated area

Location of proposed dog on lead restriction	Number of submissions	Number of submissions in support	Number of submissions in opposition	Notable reasons for objection	Recommendation
<b>Capel le Ferne</b>					
1. Battle of Britain Memorial, New Dover Road	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Church Whitfield</b>					
2. St Peters Churchyard	6	2 (33.33%)	4 (66.67%)	The only reason for objection provided was that the churchyard was a safe area to exercise dogs off the lead despite dogs currently already being required to be kept on a lead at this location.	To continue to include this location in the new order as the restriction is in keeping with Council's approach to restrictions in churchyards and cemeteries where new burials are ongoing. Dogs on lead restrictions in cemeteries and churchyards like this one allow grieving relatives to visit loved one's places of rest with their pets if they choose without the fear of uncontrolled dogs causing unwanted disturbance.
<b>Deal</b>					
3. Cowdray Square Playing Field	12	11 (91.67%)	1 (8.33%)	Dogs require space to exercise and this is one of the few locations in the local area	Include in order as proposed
4. Deal, Pier	30	26 (86.67%)	4 (13.33%)	That limiting areas people can walk their dog is unfair and discriminatory	Include in order as proposed

5. Hamilton Road Cemetery	11	11 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
6. Sandown Castle Gardens and the Seafront Promenade from Sandown Castle to Deal Castle,	37	27 (72.97%)	10 (27.03%)	That limiting areas people can walk their dog is unfair and discriminatory. Also reports that bikes and coffee drinkers at Sandown Castle cause more mess and dangers to pedestrians	Include in order as proposed
<b>Dover</b>					
7. Barton Path	13	11 (84.62%)	2 (15.38%)	That the reasonable excuse clause in the proposed orders wording should be removed	Include in order as proposed
8. Charlton Cemetery, Old Charlton Road	12	10 (83.33%)	2 (16.67%)	As above	Include in order as proposed
9. Dover Pier	26	15 (57.69%)	11 (42.31%)	That as long as dog owners clear up their pets fouling then there is no need for restrictions. That the seafront gardens aren't regularly used by anyone	Include in order as proposed
10. Pencester Gardens, Pencester Road,	13	10 (76.92%)	3 (23.08%)	That as long as dog owners clear up their pets fouling then there is no need for restrictions.	Include in order as proposed
11. St Andrew's Churchyard, Crabble Meadows	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
12. St James's Cemetery, Old Charlton Road	11	9 (81.82%)	2 (18.18%)	That the reasonable excuse clause in the proposed orders wording should be removed.	Include in order as proposed
13. St Mary's Cemetery, Old Charlton Road	11	10 (90.91%)	1 (9.09%)	As above	Include in order as proposed

14. The Marina Curve, Seafront Promenade and Grassed Areas Including Granville Gardens and Marine Parade Gardens	28	14 (50%)	14 (50%)	Concern that the on-lead requirement would impact on local business, suggest restrictions should only be implemented during certain hours of the day. That any restrictions should not apply until development has started on the Marina Curve. That there is insufficient enforcement to justify the proposal. That as long as dog owners clear up their pets fouling then there is no need for restrictions.	Include in order as proposed
<b>East Langdon</b>					
15. St Augustine's Churchyard, The Street	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Eastry</b>					
16. St Mary's Churchyard, Church Street	1	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	No reasons were specified for the objection to the proposed continuance of this restriction	To include in order as proposed see comments as per St Peter's Churchyard, Church Whitfield
17. St Martin's Churchyard, Mongeham Church Close	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Guston</b>					
18. St Martins of Tours Churchyard, East Langdon Road	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Nonington</b>					
19. Nonington Village Pond and recreation ground	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed

20. St Mary's Graveyard, Old Court Hill	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed
<b>River</b>					
21. Kearsney Abbey Park (Café side), Alkham Road and walkway adjacent Abbey Lake accessed form Minnis Lane	11	8 (72.73%)	3 (27.27%)	That picnics should be banned on the side of the park where dogs can be exercised off the lead currently	Include in order as proposed
22. Russell Gardens, Alkham Road,	9	7 (77.78%)	2 (22.22%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Sandwich</b>					
23. Boatman's Hill Cemetery, Woodnesborough Road	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
24. Princes Golf Course Dunes and Beach, Sandwich Bay	26	6 (23.08%)	20 (76.92%)	The objections received somewhat accepted the necessity to protect the wildlife in this area, however challenged the impact of dogs off the lead had here. It was noted that other activities regularly undertaken in this area are believed to have a larger impact on these areas such as horse riding, metal detector enthusiasts and bait diggers. That the area is remote and those submitting comments advised that it was a safe place to exercise their pets off the leads.	Do not include within new order and revert to dogs on lead restriction as per the 2018 PSPO only requiring dogs on lead on coastal path as requested by Kent Wildlife Trust.

25. St Clement's Churchyard, Knightrider Street	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>St Margaret's</b>					
26. St Margaret's Civic Cemetery & the Dare Garden of Remembrance	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
27. St Margaret's Church, High Street,	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed
28. St Margaret's Bay Promenade, car park and amenity area	4	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	The reason for objection were that there is not a problem with dogs at St Margaret's Bay and self-policing would be their preferred measure.	Include in new order as is in keeping with restrictions at popular tourist seafront promenades across the rest of the district and other Kent seafront locations.
<b>Walmer</b>					
29. Walmer Green, The Strand	11	7 (63.64%)	4 (36.36%)	Dog fouling is not an issue in this area and that cyclists cause a danger in this area. Also comments regarding litter left here.	To continue with a seasonal dogs on lead restriction, however, amend the hours of the restriction to 9am to 6pm from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of May to the 30 <sup>th</sup> of September to be in keeping with recommendation for seasonal beach bans.
<b>Whitfield</b>					
30. Whitfield recreation ground, Cranleigh Drive	96	27 (28.13%)	69 (71.88%)	Many grounds were cited including a reducing number of green open spaces in Whitfield as a result of development works, the proposed dog exercise being too small and issues that would be caused by this, greater work should be undertaken to target dog fouling rather than a restriction	Do not include within the new order

				put on all users of the recreation ground	
<b>Worth</b>					
31. St Peters and St Paul's Churchyard, Jubilee Road, The Street	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed



## Results for Part 4 of proposed PSPO Offence of being in charge of a dog in a designated dog exclusion area

Location of proposed dog exclusion restriction	Number of submissions	Number of submissions in support	Number of submissions in opposition	Notable reasons for objection	Recommendation
<b>Ash</b>					
1. Enclosed children's play area, Collar Maker's Green	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
2. Enclosed children's play areas, Queen's Road,	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Aylesham</b>					
3. Aylesham & Snowdown Sport and Welfare Club sporting pitches and MUGA	3	1 (33.33%)	2 (66.66%)	The only reason cited was a belief that open spaces that back onto residents' gardens should not exclude dog access.	Include in new order as the land proposed comprises of a sporting facility, there are alternative areas dogs can be exercised off the lead in the local vicinity.
4. Enclosed children's play area, Hobnail Path	3	2 (66.66%)	1 (33.33%)	That the park gates auto closer is not working and the greens only bin is in the middle of the play park	Include in order as proposed
5. Enclosed children's play area, Market Square	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
6. Skate Park, Green Space Rear of Burgess Road and Bell Grove	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Capel le-Ferne</b>					
7. Enclosed children's play area, pentaque	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed

Deal					
8. The beach from Sandown Castle to Deal Castle 1st of May to 30th of September between the hours of 9am and 8pm	34	14 (41.18%)	20 (58.82%)	The reasons cited included requests to reduce the hours the ban is in place each day, there should be designated areas of the beach where dogs can be exercised, that dogs should be banned from this beach all year round, that there should be no restrictions at all and that human visitors to the beach cause more issues than dogs e.g., litter, BBQs, broken glass,	To continue with a seasonal beach ban, however, amend the hours of the exclusion to 9am to 6pm from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of May to the 30 <sup>th</sup> of September to reflect the comments received as part of the consultation.
9. Enclosed children's play area, Cowdray Square	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
10. Enclosed children's play area, Hyton Drive	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
11. Enclosed play area and multi-use games area (MUGA), North Deal Playing Field), Western Road	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
12. Enclosed children's play areas Travers Road	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
13. Enclosed children's play areas, tennis courts, Skate park & MUGA, Victoria Park	13	12 (92.31%)	1 (7.69%)	Comments regarding dog owners feeling targeted by the restrictions when other members of the community cause greater issues in these	Include in order as proposed

				areas such as bird feeding and littering	
14. Enclosed children's play area, William Pitt Avenue	11	11 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
15. Enclosed children's play area, Wilson Avenue	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Dover</b>					
16. MUGA and enclosed children's play area at the end of St David's Avenue, Aycliffe	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
17. Enclosed children's play area, Bunkers Hill Avenue	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
18. Enclosed children's play area, Bunkers Hill Road junction with Bunkers Hill Avenue	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
19. Enclosed tennis courts & enclosed children's play area, Connaught Park	12	11 (91.67%)	1 (8.33%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed
20. MUGA & enclosed children's play area, Elms Vale Recreation Ground	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
21. Enclosed children's play area, Evison Close	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
22. The beach at Dover Seafront, Waterloo Crescent & Marine	14	11 (78.57%)	3 (21.43%)	Comments that dog owners are being unfairly targeted and	To continue with a seasonal beach ban, however, amend the hours of the exclusion to 9am to 6pm from

Parade 1st of May to 30th of September between the hours of 9am and 8pm				suggestion that times of exclusion be reduced.	the 1 <sup>st</sup> of May to the 30 <sup>th</sup> of September to the reflect the comments received as part of the consultation.
23. Enclosed children's play area, Northbourne Avenue, Tower Hamlets	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
24. Enclosed children's play area, Ottawa Crescent	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
25. Enclosed children's play areas and skate-park Pencester Gardens	12	11 (91.67%)	1 (8.33%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed
26. Enclosed children's play area & MUGA, Sheridan Road (Buckland Estate)	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
27. Enclosed children's play area, Barwick Road	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
28. The Danes Recreation Ground (football pitches)	12	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>East Langdon</b>					
29. Enclosed children's play area, East Langdon Road	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Eastry</b>					
30. Enclosed children's play area, Centenary Gardens	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
31. Enclosed children's play areas & skate-	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed

park, Gun Park Recreation Ground					
<b>Elvington</b>					
32. Enclosed children's play area and MUGA, Elvington Recreation Ground St John's Road	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Eythorne</b>					
33. Enclosed children's play area, Eythorne playing field, Willow Way	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Guston</b>					
34. Enclosed children's play area, Chance Meadow	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
35. Guston Green, The Lane	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Northbourne</b>					
36. Enclosed children's play area, The Drove	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Ringwould</b>					
37. Enclosed children's play areas, Queens Rise	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>River</b>					
38. Crabble Athletic Football and Rugby Ground	5	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed
39. Enclosed children's play area, Kearsney Abbey Park, Alkham Road	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed

40. Enclosed children's play areas, tennis courts & sports pitches, River Recreation Ground, Lewisham Road	5	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	Suggestion that dogs should be allowed in the rection ground on leads	Include in order as proposed
<b>Sandwich</b>					
41. Enclosed children's play area, Poulders Gardens	5	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	That there is a public right of way through the park which is routinely used by dog walkers to access the outer part of Poulders Gardens	Include in order as proposed
42. Enclosed children's play areas The Bulwarks	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
43. Enclosed children's play area, skate-park & MUGA The Butts	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
44. Monks Wall Nature Reserve	6	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
45. Sandwich Nature Reserve, Off Gazen Salts	10	6 (60%)	4 (40%)	That dog fouling is not an issue in this area and the nature reserve is only used by a few people since dogs were excluded	Include in order as proposed
46. Sandwich Bay Mudflats and Salt Marshes	18	11 (61.11%)	7 (38.89%)	That this is an area of outstanding natural beauty which is enjoyed by dog's walkers and that it is believed that there are no reasonable grounds to exclude dogs from this area.	Include in order as proposed
<b>Shepherdswell</b>					
47. Enclosed children's play area,	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed

Shepherdswell Recreation Ground ,Approach Road					
<b>St Margaret's</b>					
48. Beach at St Margaret's 1st of May to 30th of September between the hours of 9am and 8pm	3	1 (33.33%)	2 (66.66)	The reasons cited included: that responsible dog owners should not be penalised, that a on lead restriction may be more appropriate than a ban, that the area of the beach ban causes dog owners to concentrate at the beach by the steps at the end of the promenade which causes noise nuisance.	To continue with a seasonal beach ban, however, amend the hours of the exclusion to 9am to 6pm from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of May to the 30 <sup>th</sup> of September to the reflect the comments received as part of the consultation.
49. Enclosed children's play area & tennis courts, King Georges field, Well Lane	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Tilmanstone</b>					
50. Enclosed Children's Play Area, (site next to village hall) Chapel Road	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Walmer</b>					
51. The Drill Field, Cornwall Road	5	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	No comments received	Include in order as proposed
52. Enclosed children's play areas & tennis courts, Marke Wood, Dover Road	6	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
53. Paddling Pool, Walmer Green, The Strand	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed

54. Putting Green, The Strand, Walmer Green	5	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	That if dogs are supervised they should be allowed in this area	Include in order as proposed
<b>Whitfield</b>					
55. Enclosed children's play area, Aspen Drive off Kinson Way	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
56. Enclosed children's play area, Peverell Road off Hirst Close	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
57. Enclosed children's play area, Green Close off Aspen Drive	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
58. Enclosed children's play area & MUGA, Whitfield Recreation Ground off Cranleigh Drive	11	7 (63.64%)	4 (36.36)	No comments recieved	Include in order as proposed
59. Enclosed children's play area, Galahad Way	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
60. Enclosed children's play area, Whyte Close off Aspen Drive	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
61. Enclosed children's play area, Willingdon Road	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	N/A	Include in order as proposed
<b>Wingham</b>					
62. Enclosed children's play areas Tennis Courts and MUGA, Wingham Recreation Ground	0	0	0	N/A	Include in order as proposed



**Results for Part 5 of proposed PSPO  
Offence of consumption of alcohol in public places (street drinking)**

Number of submissions	Number in support	Number in opposition	General comments	Recommendation
63	54 (85.71%)	9 (14.29%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests that Kent Police tackle this issue more robustly with warranted officers conducting patrols and serving fixed penalty notices</li> <li>• Feeling that street drinking has made certain areas of the district feel unsafe notably,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pencester Gardens, Dover</li> <li>○ The Bench Street underpass, Dover</li> <li>○ The Seafront promenade shelters and seafront gardens, Dover</li> <li>○ Area behind Tides Leisure Centre, Victoria Park, Deal</li> <li>○ St George’s Church Green, high Street Deal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reports of increased amounts of street litter associated with street drinkers</li> <li>• Concerns PSPO does not enable action to be taken against minors conducting in street drinking</li> <li>• Concerns proposals if not enforced appropriately may be draconian and prevent occasions like an enjoyable summer picnic.</li> </ul>	To include in order as proposed

## Results for Part 6 of proposed PSPO Offence of unauthorised camping

Number of submissions	Number in support	Number in opposition	General comments	
54	38 (70.37%)	16 (29.63%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion that there should be motorhome only overnight parking locations across the district</li> <li>• Requires robust enforcement particularly in churchyards and cemeteries</li> <li>• PSPO should not be used to target or penalise homeless persons</li> <li>• Signage or notices should be erected in problem areas such as Marine Parade in Dover and Old Dover Road in Capel</li> <li>• Litter left behind by persons who camp in public places is an issue</li> <li>• Reports of rough sleeping in Connaught Park, heritage gardens and Laureston place in Dover</li> <li>• Public toilets should open earlier and remain open later to alleviate problems associated with unauthorised camping</li> <li>• Reports of campervans parking by Sandown Castle and beach Street in Deal</li> </ul>	To include in order as proposed

## Submissions suggesting new restrictions

Suggested Restriction	Suggested Location
Dogs on lead	On seafront promenade and grassed areas from Deal through to Kingsdown
Dogs on lead	In all public spaces
Dogs on lead	Within 1 meter of any roadside
Dogs on lead	Playing fields in Ash
Dogs on lead	Park, Central Boulevard Aylesham
Dogs on lead	Dover Town Centre
Dogs on lead	Kingsdown Wood
Dogs on lead	Kearsney Campsite
Dogs on Lead	All of Tilmanstone
Dogs on lead	All of Temple Ewell and Kearsney
Dogs on lead	Preston Playing Field
Dogs on lead	Wingham Recreation Ground
Dogs on lead	St Peter's Churchyard, King Street, Sandwich
Dogs on lead	The Millwall, Sandwich (entire length)
Dogs on lead	The Rope Walk, Sandwich
Dogs on lead	The White Cliffs of Dover
Length of dog lead (no longer than 1 metre)	The Dover District
Dog Exclusion	Enclosed Children Play Area, Woodnesborough village hall, Elmwood Park, Woodnesborough