



Proposed Dog - Related Public Spaces Protection Order

There are a number of existing dog-related Public Spaces Protection Orders ('PSPOs') across the Dorset Council area. These were introduced by the former District and Borough Councils which have now become part of the new unitary Dorset Council. Some of these Orders will soon naturally expire and the council is taking the opportunity to consolidate them into one. The intention is that the new Order will provide clarity and consistency across the area for dog owners and non-owners alike about dog controls on public open spaces.

We are required to consult with the public and other stakeholders on the content of new or revised PSPOs. This may see changes to the previous Orders dependent upon the views expressed. Councillors will make the final decision on the controls to be included in the new Order, having regard to the feedback received during the consultation.

The views of residents, visitors and businesses are therefore very important and a period of consultation will run for a minimum of 12 weeks finishing at midnight on Sunday 19 April, 2020.

To have your say, please complete this short survey, it should take about 15 minutes or less. Results will be published on the Consultation Tracker (on the Dorset Council website) after the closing date.

Information on the current dog-related bylaws Public Spaces Protection Orders for:

East Dorset:

North Dorset:

Purbeck:

West Dorset:

Weymouth and Portland:

is available to view [on our website](#).

All of the above Orders apart from North Dorset PSPO expire in 2020. To ensure the continuity of the above Orders prior to the making of a Dorset Council Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order, those that will expire in 2020 have been granted an extension until 31 December 2020 in their current form.

The record of the PSPO extension can be found [on our website](#) under 'Comply with Public Spaces Protection Orders'.

All the current PSPOs across the Dorset Council area require the person in control of a dog to clear up and appropriately dispose of dog fouling, in public spaces. You may wish to note that appropriate disposal includes deposit into a suitable receptacle (litter bin or dog waste bin) or taken home for disposal.

Do you think this should be changed?

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes - I think it should change | |
| <input type="radio"/> No - I think it should remain the same | |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't know | |

NB: Land placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967 is intended to be excluded from the order because Forestry Land has different legislation.

Maximum lead length

In a number of current Orders and in the proposed PSPO there are a number of occasions when a dog is required to be on a lead, either by direction or when in a specific area. A maximum lead length of two metres (six feet, six inches) is suggested to ensure control of a dog and to protect pedestrians, other dogs and cyclists. (Clarification: Previously the text suggested the 2m lead length was supported by The Kennel Club. However, this support is only for dogs on leads under direction)

Would you like to see a maximum lead length as part of the 'on lead' requirement?

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes - I think the maximum lead length should be restricted to 2m. | |
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No – I do not think a maximum length should be specified

Don't know

Dogs on lead 'by direction'

The dogs on lead 'by direction' requirement enables authorised officers (e.g. Dog Wardens) to require dogs to be put on a lead if considered necessary. Such a direction could be made to protect another animal or people nearby, for example.

Would you like to see this requirement?

Yes - I would prefer that dogs must be put on a lead if directed to do so by an authorised Officer

No - I would prefer that dogs are not required to be put on a lead if directed to do so by an authorised Officer

Don't know

Dogs on leads

The existing PSPOs which will be replaced by the new Order contain numerous identified areas where dogs are required to be kept on a lead at all times; these include named roads, parks, gardens and other open spaces

Should a 'dogs on lead' restriction be considered in any of the following locations across the Dorset Council area?

	Restriction to be applied	No restriction
All roads and pavements within 30mph zones	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal cemeteries & graveyards, where dogs are permitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public/formal gardens where dogs are permitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council - owned allotments where dogs are permitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Council owned car parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Within 5m of marked sports pitches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Should a 'Dogs On leads' restriction be considered in any of the following named areas?

	Restriction to be applied	No restriction	Don't know
The Rodwell Trail, Weymouth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
West Bay Harbour walk and promenade (as shown on Map in yellow for West Bay)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marine Parade and Cart Road, and stair/footpath leading from Charmouth Road Car Park to Church Beach and the associated Sea Wall, Lyme Regis (as shown on Map in yellow for Lyme Regis)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Esplanade, Weymouth, when the road is pedestrianised the restricted area will extend across the street (as shown on map in yellow for Weymouth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Parade, and associated roads leading to The Parade and the beach, Swanage (as shown on Map in yellow for Swanage)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to Studland Beach from the car park, including the car park and staircases leading on to the beach, Studland (as shown on Map in yellow for Studland)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shell Beach, Studland as shown on map in yellow for Shell Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lower Sea Lane from the car park access, including the 3 car parks off Lower Sea Lane close to the beach, the footpath leading to the beach including the bridge and paths adjacent to the heritage centre (as shown on map in yellow for Charmouth beach)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The portion of the beaches beyond the suggested restricted beach areas to Charmouth Parish boundary (as shown on map for Charmouth beach)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Dog Exclusion Areas

Marked sports pitches and recreation areas:

Some of the existing PSPOs currently exclude dogs from public areas clearly marked 'No dogs' (or words/symbols to that effect). Public areas suggested are skateboard parks, tennis and basketball courts, bowling and putting greens, other fenced (or otherwise enclosed) play parks, sporting or recreational facilities, athletics tracks, and MARKED sports pitch playing surfaces.

Would you like to see this continued?

Yes - I think dogs should be excluded from all of these areas

No - I think dogs should be kept on a lead but not exclude

No - I think there should be no restrictions

Don't know

Some of the existing PSPOs currently exclude dogs from enclosed children's play areas marked as 'No dogs' (or words/symbols to that effect). Would you like to see this continued?

Yes - I think dogs should be excluded from all of these areas

No - I think dogs should be kept on a lead but not excluded

No - I think there should be no restrictions

Don't know

Beaches in the area of Dorset Council

The various Orders currently stipulate different periods of the calendar when restrictions are applied to named beaches along the Dorset coastline, including 'on-lead' requirements and prohibition of dogs from defined areas of beach. It is proposed to harmonise the start and end dates when these restrictions will be applied. This is proposed to make it easier for residents to understand any restrictions, and make it simpler to enforce.

Do you agree with this proposal...?

I agree

I disagree

Don't know

The proposed beaches are:

Central Beach, Swanage
Charmouth Beaches
Front Town Beach, Lyme Regis
Seatown Beach, Chideock
Studland Beach, Studland
West Bay – East and West Beaches
Weymouth (Central) Beach

No other beaches will have exclusions or restrictions placed on them by Dorset Council; however private land owners may wish to apply their own restrictions. Any dog owner using those beaches should abide by any restrictions advertised.

If you are interested in responding on the detail on any of the specified beaches please tick all that apply from the list below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Beach, Swanage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charmouth Beaches
<input type="checkbox"/>	Front Town Beach, Lyme Regis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seatown Beach, Chideock
<input type="checkbox"/>	Studland Beach, Studland
<input type="checkbox"/>	West Bay – East and West Beaches
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weymouth (Central) Beach

Seatown Beach, Chideock ([see attached map](#))

The existing Order stipulates dogs are prohibited from Seatown Beach during specified summer months.

Would you like to see this change?

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| <input type="radio"/> | No - I think dogs should continue to be excluded from this area during the proposed period of exclusion |
| <input type="radio"/> | Yes - I think dogs should be permitted in this area |
| <input type="radio"/> | Don't know |

Would you like to see dogs to be kept on a lead during the remainder of the year (when permitted) in this area of the beach?

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| <input type="radio"/> | Yes - I think dogs should be kept on a lead |
| <input type="radio"/> | No - I think dogs should not be required to be kept on a lead |
| <input type="radio"/> | Don't know |

