

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023  
 title: DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER  
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## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 That Committee notes the outcome of the recent public consultation and consider the proposed extension of the Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2020 for a further period of 3 years.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
  - Community Objectives – To make people's lives safer and healthier.
  - Corporate Priorities – Promotes health and wellbeing through supporting healthier communities, businesses and improving personal safety of individuals.
  - Other Considerations – To promote healthier environment and lifestyle.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 20 October 2017, the Council made the Ribble Valley Borough Council, Dog Control and Dog Fouling, Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 ("2017 PSPO") to address the problem of dog fouling and problematic dog behaviour across the borough. The PSPO came into effect on 20 October 2017 and expired on 20 October 2020. It was reviewed and extended by the Council until 18 October 2023. A copy of the 2020 PSPO is enclosed as **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 Section 60 of The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Act) makes provision for the extension of a PSPO. It provides as follows:
 

*"(1) A public spaces protection order may not have effect for a period of more than 3 years, unless extended under this section.*

*(2) Before the time when a public spaces protection order is due to expire, the local authority that made the order may extend the period for which it has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent -*

*(a) occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order, or*

*(b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.*

*(3) An extension under this section -*

*(a) may not be for a period of more than 3 years*

*(b) must be published in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State.*

*(4) A public spaces protection order may be extended under this section more than once."*
- 2.3 Since the PSPO was made, the Council has continued to experience a high volume of complaints about dog fouling. The number and types of complaints which have been received in respect of each part of the PSPO are set out in **Appendix 2**. It is considered therefore that the extension of the PSPO is necessary to prevent the occurrence or reoccurrence of the issues identified when the order was made and to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities.

- 2.4 The Act requires that a full consultation take place. The Council conducted an online public consultation survey from Friday, 23 June 2023 to Monday, 31 July 2023, in which the views of the local community, local interest groups and parish and borough Councillors were sought on whether the existing conditions of the PSPO should continue.
- 2.5 Committee is asked to consider the consultation response.

### 3 ISSUES

#### **Consultation**

- 3.1 The consultation comprised of an online survey published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases and social media.
- 3.2 236 electronic responses were received and these included comments from residents, businesses, and other organisations. The results obtained from the consultation are summarised in the table below whilst a more detailed report is attached at **Appendix 3**.

Table 1 – Summary of Consultation Responses

<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>SUPPORT (%)</b>
1 Fouling of land by dogs	97%
2 Means to pick up dog faeces	96%
3 Dogs excluded from certain areas	90%
4 Dogs on leads (Clitheroe Cemetery)	84%
5 Dogs on lead by direction	94%
6 Maximum number of dogs	78%

- 3.3 The main objective of the Dog Control PSPO is to encourage responsible dog ownership and thereby:
- reduce the number of dog related incidents and complaints recorded each year.
  - reduce the impact of dog control management on the resources.

#### **The Proposals and Recommendations**

- 3.4 Committee will note that by not extending the PSPO, the Council would no longer have restrictive powers to deal with dog fouling within the district and no means of enforcement against irresponsible dog ownership.
- 3.5 A main purpose of the PSPO is to strike a balance between the needs of groups, families and sports grounds for recreation and leisure and those using them as public open space, in particular dog walkers.

#### **Proposal 1 – Dog fouling**

**Current position** – under the current PSPO, if a dog defecates upon designated land (any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access) and the owner fails to remove the deposit forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence and a fixed penalty notice served.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed a 97% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 2 – Means to pick up dog faeces**

**Current position** – a person in charge of a dog on land which is open to the air and to which the public have access to, must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 96% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 3 - Dogs excluded**

**Current position** – a person in charge of a dog is prohibited from taking it onto land which comprises of any enclosed children's play area, skate park, tennis court, basketball court, bowling green, putting green, sports pitch (es) and/or any other recreational facility.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 90% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 4 - Dogs on leads**

**Current position** – all dogs must be kept on a lead in Clitheroe Cemetery.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 84% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 5 - Dogs on lead by direction**

**Current position** – any person in charge of a dog must put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council. This applies to any land to which the public have access and where a dog is considered to be out of control.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 94% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 6 - Maximum number of dogs**

**Current position** – the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is four. This applies to any land to which the public have access, except with the consent of the person having control of the land.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 78% support for this order to remain in place. Several comments were received suggesting that four dogs are too many for one person to control.

However, it is recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

### **Making the Order**

- 3.6 It is proposed that the PSPO should be extended for a further 3 years so that it will cease to have effect in 2026 unless reviewed and extended before that time.
- 3.7 As with the existing order, the extended order would not apply to registered blind people, deaf people or people with disabilities who require trained assistance dogs or lack the physical ability to comply with the requirements of the Order.
- 3.8 If the Order is extended, then the requirements for publicity are set out within Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Public Space Protection Orders) Regulations. The regulations require that where a Local Authority has made a PSPO, they must publish it on its website and erect such notices as it considers sufficient to inform Members of the public that the PSPO has been made and the effect of such an Order.
- 3.9 Any challenge to the PSPO must be made in the High Court by an interested person, within six weeks of it being made. If a challenge is made, the High Court can suspend the PSPO pending the verdict in part, or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the PSPO, quash or vary it. This does not preclude others (such as national bodies) from seeking Judicial Review.

## **4 THE FUTURE**

- 4.1 If new issues arise within the area where a PSPO is in force, we may vary the terms of the Order at any time providing that we follow the procedures as set out in statutory guidance.
- 4.2 Under the extended order as with the existing order it will be an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse to:
  - do anything that is prohibited by a PSPO; or
  - fail to comply with a requirement imposed under a PSPO.
- 4.3 Breaches may result in the service of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN); failure to pay the FPN may result in prosecution.
- 4.4 It is proposed that officers authorised to enforce these restrictions will include both Police and Council Officers and it is likely that we will be required to work closely with the Police to help to ensure appropriate controls.
- 4.5 Council Officers will have delegated authority from the Chief Executive at Ribble Valley Borough Council.

## **5 RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
  - Resources – monitoring and enforcement of the PSPO will be undertaken by existing staff as part of their daily duties. Costs will be incurred for erecting new signage throughout the borough.
  - Technical, Environmental and Legal - The Director of the Chief Executive's Department has delegated power to take action under the relevant parts of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act and to authorise such other relevant officers to take action under the Act. Authorised officers will proceed to court proceedings where such action is considered proportionate and in line with the Council's Enforcement Policy.
  - Political – None.

- Reputation – Improved public safety will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

## **6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Having regard to the provisions of Section 60 of the Act, approve the extension of the 2020 PSPO for another three years as set out in this report.
- 6.2 Authorise the Chief Executive to make the Order.

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MARSHAL SCOTT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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## **Public Spaces Protection Order**

### **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

### **Ribble Valley Borough Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 (as extended 2020)**



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Notice is hereby given that Ribble Valley Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and under all other enabling powers has extended the **Ribble Valley Borough Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 for a period of 3 years**

1. This Order applies to the public places described in the Schedules to this Order and shown edged in red on the plans attached - ("the restricted areas").
2. The Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent:
  - (a) occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the order, or
  - (b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities.
3. This Order will come into force on the **19 October 2020** and ends on **18 October 2023** unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers.

#### **BY THIS ORDER**

4. The effect of the Order is to extend duration of the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the restricted areas at all times:
  - (i) **Fouling of Land by Dogs**
    - a) If a dog defecates at any time on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 1 of this Order and the person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:
      - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
      - (ii) the owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
      - (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 1
    - b) For the purpose of this article:
      - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
  - (ii) **Means to Pick up Dog Faeces**

- a) A person in charge of a dog on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 2 must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless:
  - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
  - (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 2
- b) The obligation in Article 4 (ii) (a) is complied with if, after a request from a constable or authorised officer, the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces.
- c) In this article, "an authorised officer" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

### **(iii) Dogs Excluded**

- a) A person in charge of a dog is prohibited from taking that dog onto, or permitting the dog to enter or to remain on land within the restricted area referred to in Schedule 3 of this Order unless:
  - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
  - (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 3
- b) For the purpose of this article:
  - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

### **(iv) Dogs on Lead by Direction**

- a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 4, unless:
  - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
- b) For the purpose of this article:
  - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
  - (ii) a constable or authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this article to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance

- to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any other animal or bird on any land to which this article applies;
- (iii) in this article, "an authorised officer of the Council" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

## **(v) Dogs on Leads**

- a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 5, unless:
- (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so;
- b) For the purposes of this article:
- (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

## **(vi) Maximum number of Dogs**

- (a) A person in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time, he takes onto any land in respect of which this Order applies, more than 4 in the area detailed in Schedule 6, unless:
- (i) he has reasonable excuse for doing so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing **so**.
- (b) For the purposes of this article a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

## **5. PENALTY**

- i) Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the requirements or prohibitions at Articles 4(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) in this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1000) on the standard scale.

## **6. Fixed Penalty**

A constable or authorised person of the Council may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100, failing which they may be prosecuted.

## **7. Appeals**

Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court by an interested person within 6 weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are



directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made, the High court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it, or vary it.

Dated this 19th day of October 2020

**THE COMMON SEAL of**  
**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

was hereto affixed in the presence of:



S. M. Brunsell

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Chief Executive

## **RESTRICTED AREAS**

### **SCHEDULE 1**

- 1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

- 2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

- a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- b) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

- 3) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":

- i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454).
- ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281).
- iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).
- iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630).
- v) Dog Aid (registered charity number 1098169).
- vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620).
- vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617).
- viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358).
- ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533).
- x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
- xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

### **SCHEDULE 2**

- 4) Subject to the exception in paragraph 5 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

- 5) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

- c) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- d) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

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### **SCHEDULE 3**

- 1) This Order applies to any land within the administrative area of Ribble Valley which comprises of any enclosed children's play area, skate park, tennis court, basketball court, bowling green, putting green, sports pitch(es) and/or any other recreational facility.

- 2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants); or
- (c) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants).

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- (x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
- (xi)** The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

### **SCHEDULE 4**

- 1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

- 2) Exemptions

None

#### **SCHEDULE 5**

- 1) This order applies to all land at Clitheroe Cemetery, Waddington Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire (as shown outlined in red on the attached plan).
- 2) Exemptions  
  
None

#### **SCHEDULE 6**

- 1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).
- 2) Exemptions  
  
None.

**Complaints about dogs**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Dog fouling</b>	38	164	125	84	100	68
<b>Dogs on leads</b>	1	2	6	2	0	1
<b>Dogs on lead in Cemetery</b>	2	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Dog exclusion zone</b>	0	1	1	0	1	0



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# **Ribble Valley Borough Council Consultation on Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2023**

## **REPORT**

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Version 1

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## Methodology

The Public Spaces Protection Order Survey was set up as an online survey. The link to the survey was published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases and social media.

The online survey was launched on Friday, 23 June 2023 and closed at 11:45pm on Monday, 31 July 2023, paper copies were also available from reception at the Council Offices.

In total 236 responses were received (234 electronic responses and two paper copies were received).

One letter was received by the Environmental Health section, and two emails received into the Survey inbox as a response to the consultation. These have been included in Appendix A.

## Profile of respondents

### ***Are you a Ribble Valley resident?***

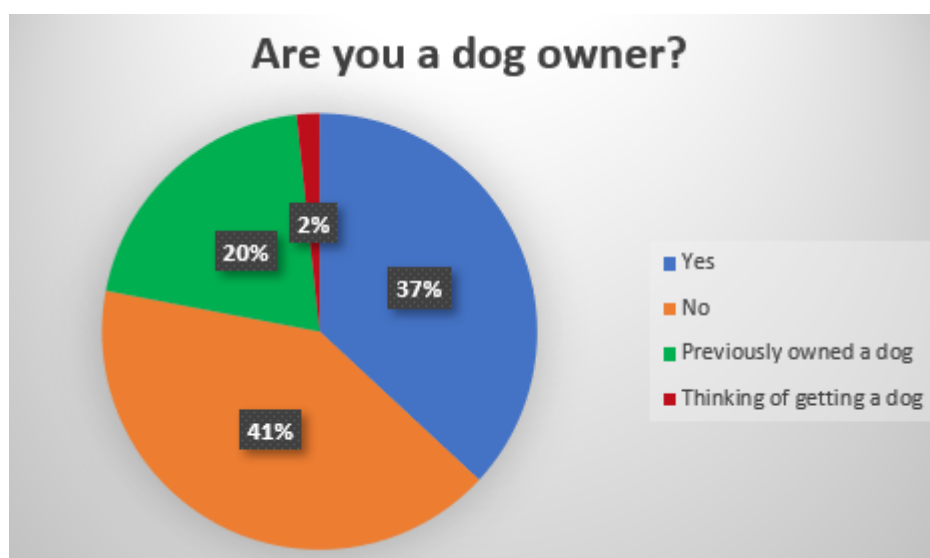
236 people responded to this question.

235 respondents were Ribble Valley residents (99.6%). With only one respondent not a Ribble Valley resident.

### ***Are you a dog owner?***

236 responses were received for this question.

37% (n.87) of the respondents were dog owners, a further 41% (n.97) weren't dog owners, 20% (n.48) had previously owned a dog, and 2% (n.4) were thinking of getting a dog.

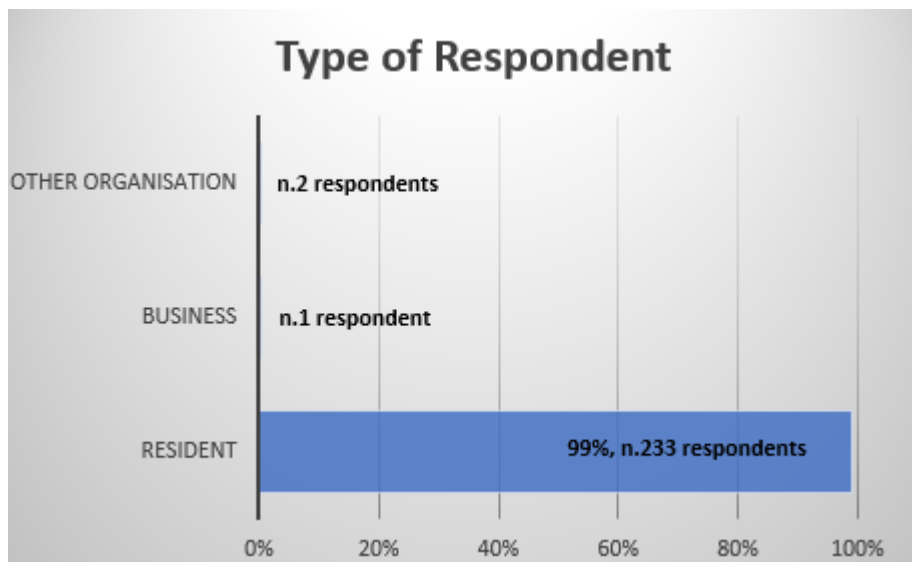


### ***Are you responding to this consultation as a resident, a business, or an organisation?***

236 responded to this question. All responses are anonymous.

Most respondents were residents 99% (n.233) rather than businesses (n.1) or representing other organisations (n.2).





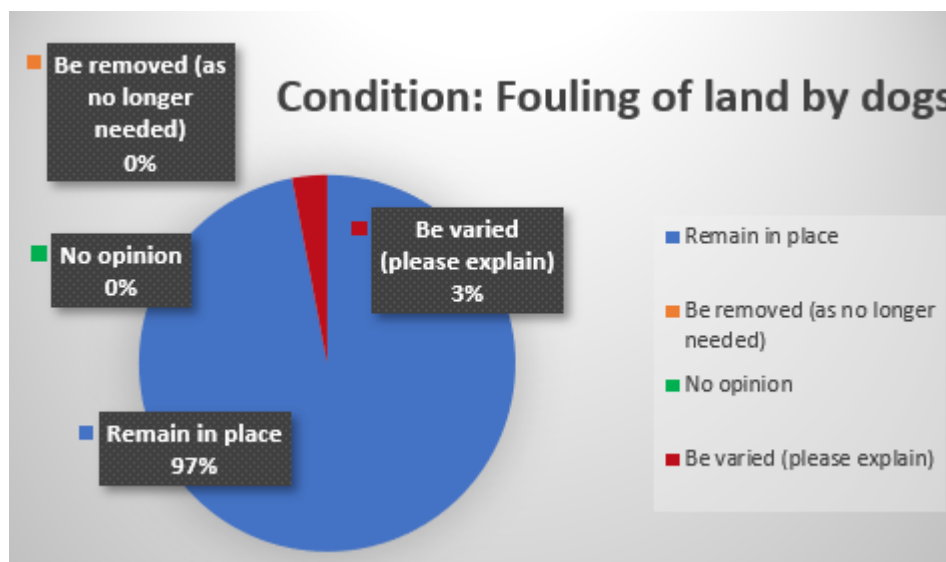
## The Results

### ***Fouling of land by dogs***

*It is a condition that dog owners or the person in charge of a dog are required to remove faeces (dog mess) from any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access. Do you think that this condition should:*

- Remain in place 97% (n.228)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 0% (n.1)
- No opinion 0% (n.1)
- Be varied (please explain)? 3% (n.6)

236 people responded to this question. 97% replied that they think this should remain in place.



3% (n.6) respondents felt that there should be a variation, and provided the following verbatim comments:

- I would restrict this to rights of way and pavements.
- Option to flick or cover out of harm's way.

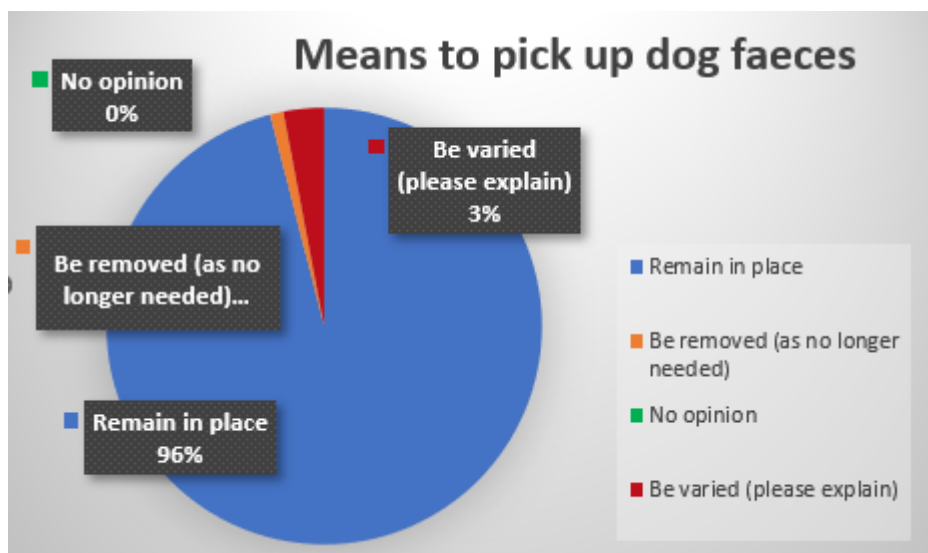
- Need to add something to stop full poo bags left on ground, stuffed in walls, or hung on trees.
- It should include the requirement to place the dog fouling bag in a proper bin or take it home. People should be fined for throwing bags of dog faeces into hedgerows or borders.
- Remain in place but also what about livestock in fields? Dog mess is a danger to them, especially the poo bags. Dog mess should be picked up at all times when out in public.
- From any land that is open to the air and public have access - is very broad and there are some circumstances that dog poo cannot be collected. If a dog is off lead and runs into woods or long undergrowth covered in nettles you can't pick it up. Areas should be listed.

## ***Means to pick up dog faeces***

*This requires a person in charge of a dog on land which is open to the air and to which the public have access to have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog. Do you think that this condition should:*

- Remain in place 96% (n.228)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 1% (n.1)
- No opinion (0% (n.0)
- Be varied (please explain)? 3% (n.6)

236 people responded to this question. Most respondents (96%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



3% (n.6) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations:

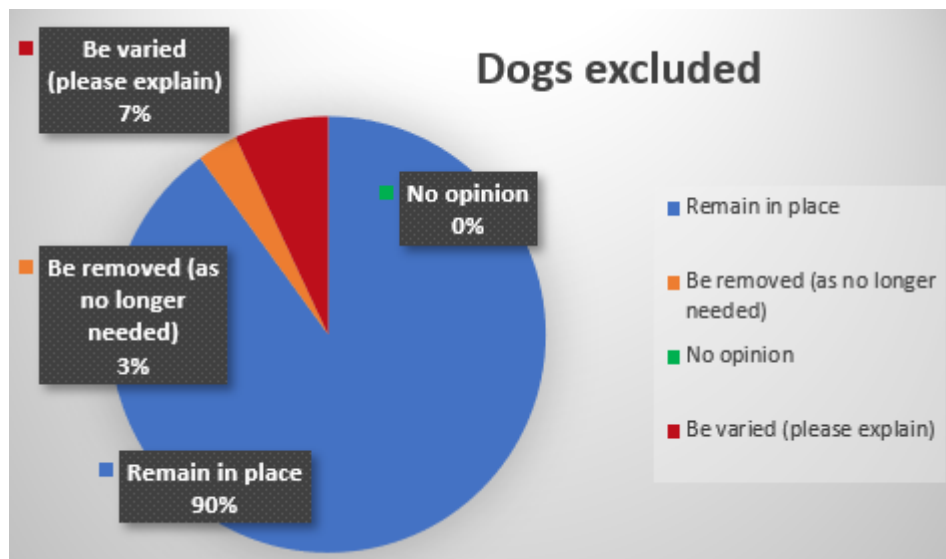
- Pick up in parks and open grass. Stick and flick in path with hedge (we have enough plastic, and it won't break down in plastic).
- I would enforce on roads pavement and rights of way
- Major routes should have a take a bag/leave a bag option so those who are caught in a situation without one have as many chances as possible to pick up after their dog.
- In theory yes this is warranted. It would be good to see some bag provision in public parks. There are times people forget or don't take enough. Or maybe in the cafe in the park. For emergencies.
- I find this a difficult point and intrusive to be asked to provide evidence that someone has the means - it's overreach. The offence should be in failing to deal with the mess
- To include it is an offence to throw the bag of dog faeces anywhere other than a designated bin.

## Dogs excluded

*Dogs are excluded from fenced play areas set aside for children and other sports pitches. The full list is outlined in the Order. Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 90% (n.213)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 3% (n.6)
- No opinion 0% (n.0)
- Be varied (please explain)? 7% (n.16)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (90%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



7% (n.16) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- Dogs on a tight leash should be allowed around the edge of the area to allow single adults with children and a dog be near the children playing on the area. The dogs should not be allowed into the central areas of play and dogs should be removed if the animal needs to toilet (owners tend to know when this is needed).
- This should not just be fenced play areas, for example in Salesbury the large grass area and the church needs to be protected. As a dog owner I am fed up with dogs running up to us or seeing mess left. Any size dog can be on an extendable lead giving some control but not to run free.
- Ribchester field day way confusing. I was told the dog was allowed before arriving and on the day was told this was not allowed. My dog stayed on his lead. Normally on this field I would not let him off unless it is empty.
- Should be allowed to walk round sports pitch fields, all the green areas are getting built up.
- Allowed on short (not extending) leads only. Some families like to support children playing sport or call at playgrounds when out walking.
- Exercising of dogs off lead, on extendable leads or long ropes should continue to be banned.
- The original order was too wide ranging. Parents should be able to take their dog and children to a play area. Only the area close to children's play equipment should be covered. On my area a large field, rarely used by children was included.
- Dogs should not be allowed in any parks or public spaces without a lead in high peak times e.g., dogs should be on leads in public at all times during April to Oct for example. This is

especially relevant at places of high use in summer such as down at Edisford river bank. Designated fenced areas for dogs to be exercised off leads must be created. The risk of significant harm and/death from the rise in untrained dogs is increasing.

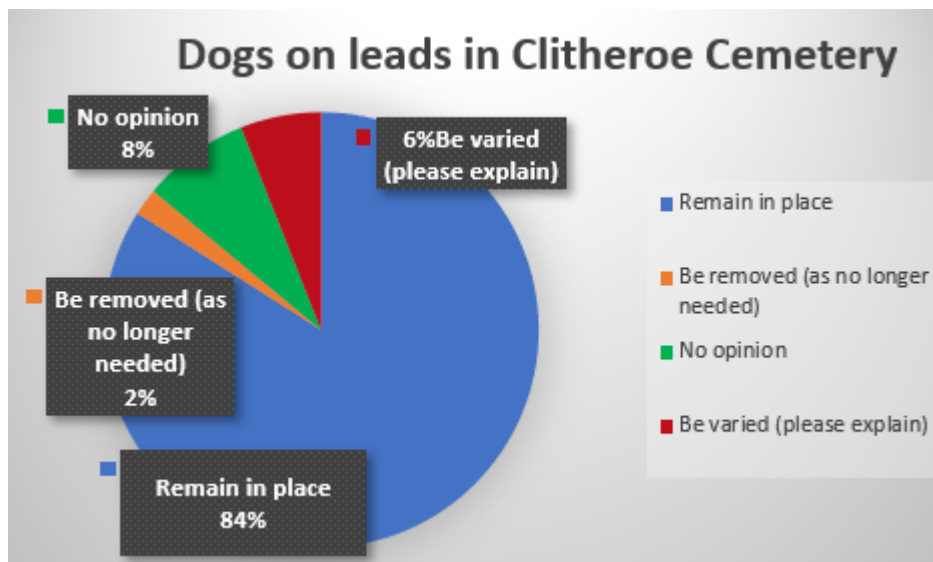
- Sports pitches are often not used but regularly used by dog walkers, most of whom pick up litter whilst walking dogs. Full access should be allowed as long as not intruding directly onto a pitch
- If the first two are adhered to, this isn't needed. However, I understand why dogs should not be loose whilst children or sports are being played. When the sports ground isn't busy with football etc though everyone should be able to use it. In lots of places this is the only green space for a few miles.
- There are public places within the Castle Grounds where dogs should be kept on leads. Extensive effort has gone into the gardens, the Remembrance area, the Cafe, the Jubilee bed, the Rockery and more. It is disheartening to find newly planted areas fouled by dogs, and even worse to be planting or weeding and come across piles of dog dirt. As in the Cemetery these areas should be off limits, they enhance the Castle Grounds and are there for enjoyment of all of the public. The Castle has become the public toilet for the Clitheroe dog population and although responsible owners are in the majority, it is the minority who sway opinion. The excuse "I pay my Council Tax" is not an acceptable answer to the damage caused by excited canines. It has become the norm to let the dog off the lead at the Castle Gate and retrieve it when leaving the Grounds. The Castle Field is the only area which should be exempt.
- It can be hard to take our daughter to a play area when we have the dog with us. It would be useful if there was a designated area for dog owners to enter a play area and keep the dog on the lead.
- QE playing field belongs to the people of Whalley and dogs should be allowed on here - obviously off the sports area - lots of new houses and dogs and nowhere to walk otherwise
- Dogs should be allowed onto other sports pitches if the owners of said pitches give their permission.
- Well controlled dogs not an issue.
- I would like to see this extended to all areas of the castle park, I have had two very intrusive incidents involving dogs out of control. The first was when sat in the area previously known as the Rose Garden, I was sat with my young grandchild on a bench enjoying a homemade sandwich when a lady with two dogs off leads approached us the first dog took a bite from my grandchild's sandwich, the lady was unaware as she was some distance in front. When I shouted to her and told her she said, "well you shouldn't be sat there eating". She continued on, and the second dog then returned and took the rest of the sandwich.
- Second incident, I was myself sat on a bench just through the main gates of the castle eating a sandwich and a man came past riding his cycle and his dog following off lead. I had purchased some cooked meat which was next to me on the seat in a carrier bag and the dog sniffed the bag put its head in and started eating the meat. I shouted to the man he just turned and laughed. Sadly, now many dog owners are not fully in control of their dogs, and they appear to think any behaviour is acceptable. I have had two dogs myself and would never have them off lead in such areas, especially where there will be children, the castle grounds is not an acceptable place to exercise a dog off lead.
- Well-behaved dogs on short leads should be allowed on sports grounds (but not on the pitch). For example, I enjoy watching local amateur football and my dog would be well behaved. Similar to farmers fields I always make sure my dog has done his business and collected up by me before I let him loose. Responsible owners should not be restricted by the minority fee.

## Dogs on leads

*Dogs must be on a lead in Clitheroe Cemetery. Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 84% (n.196)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 2% (n.5)
- No opinion 8% (n.20)
- Be varied (please explain)? 6% (n.15)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (84%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



6% (n.15) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- Dogs should be on a lead in all public areas except dog fields. Many owners have no recall over their dogs. I have been approached by many dogs in Brungerley Park for instance, and even had dogs jump up at me putting muddy paws on me with a response "it's just being friendly". This puts me off attending walks provided by RVBC because of so many dogs not under control.
- This must be all cemetery in the RV not just Clitheroe.
- Other public cemeteries in the Borough should be added, e.g., Whalley, Wiswell & Barrow.
- I've never been but my dog runs around Ribchester cemetery.
- Dogs should be on Leads in all public places, not just the cemetery.
- Should also apply to all cemeteries in RVBC.
- Extend this to all public places.
- I would like dogs to be on a lead in all of the public parks where small children are walking/playing. I regularly see strange dogs off the lead run up to toddlers/small children or prams/pushchairs and knock them over at the Castle, and I think that this is selfish on the part of the dog owners.
- Should apply to all public spaces. Dog owners are not always in control of their dogs and allow them to run loose and sometimes jump up at other pedestrians. It's not acceptable to say "He won't hurt you he's just being friendly" - some people are afraid of dogs, and I feel at present dog owners have taken over our public spaces to the detriment of the rest of us.
- I think dogs should be kept on a lead in the Castle grounds. Since the pandemic there has been a rise in antisocial dog behaviour nationally and locally. The Castle grounds have become

intimidating to walk through at times. If the dogs could be put on leads when just on the footpaths through the park this would be an improvement. There are many many people who are nervous around dogs, and this must be understood and considered so they are not excluded from parks.

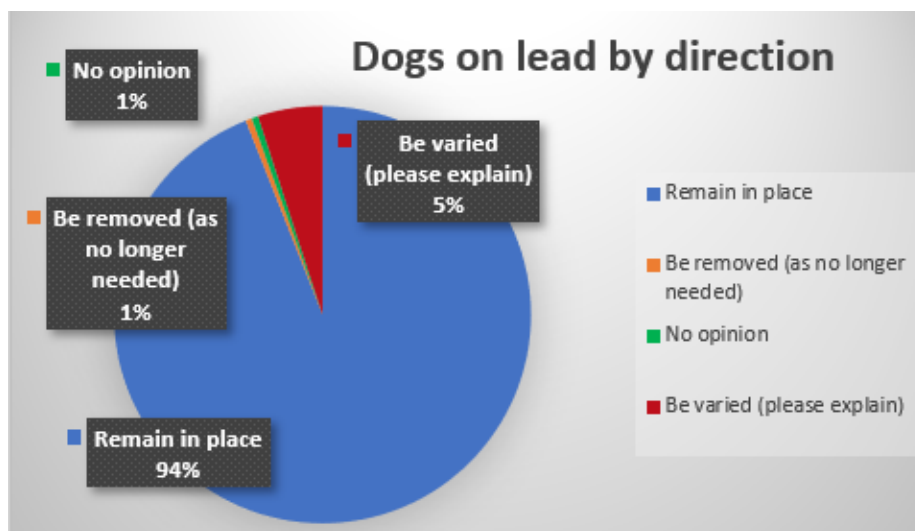
- Should be on leads in all public spaces including parks, cemeteries, and public footpaths.
- Dogs should be on leads in ALL public spaces.
- I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces or spaces where the public have access.
- I don't feel that it's appropriate to have dogs in a cemetery at all.
- Would you like a dog reposting its mess on your relative's grave?

### ***Dogs on lead by direction***

*It is a condition that dog owners put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This applies to any land to which the public have access and where a dog is considered to be out of control. Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 94% (n.223)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 0.5% (1)
- No opinion 0.5% (n.1)
- Be varied (please explain)? 5% (n.11)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (94%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



5% (n.11 – includes the choice be varied but no comment was made) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- Dogs should be on leads at all times unless on a dog field, dog park or specified dog walking area. Too many dog owners do not have recall over their dogs.
- Any public places dogs should be on leads. We have our dogs on leads and constantly pestered by other dogs. Make this clear if you are in the Ribble Valley your dog is on a lead, even an extendable lead.
- I am not sure about this condition. I know that dogs need to run about, but I feel that a dog should be on a lead in any space where a member of the public might be. When I am out walking, I often have dogs run up to me, which I don't like as they sometimes jump up and can be quite boisterous. It once happened to me when I was recovering from an operation, and it hurt when the dog jumped up on me. You also end up with dirty paw prints on you. Fortunately,

so far all of them have been friendly, but one day, one might not be. I do think that owners should put their dog on a lead when directed, however, it would be unlikely that an authorised officer would actually be stood there when required. That would surely be unmanageable.

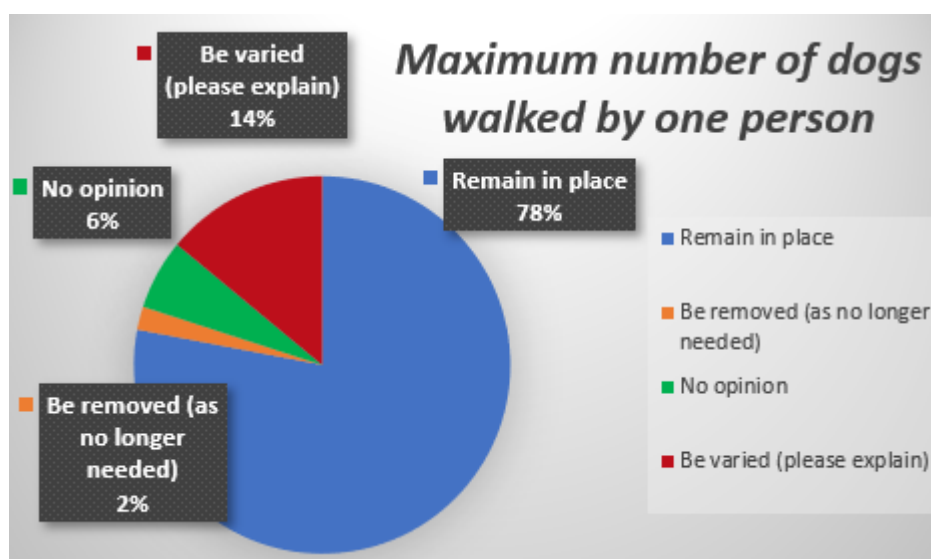
- *No comment made.*
- Dogs should be put on a lead when asked by anyone.
- This should only apply where a dog is 'considered to be out of control' and not be applied to dogs that are well controlled.
- Depends on how out of control is defined.
- Dogs should remain on a lead in public spaces. You never know how a dog may react even if the dog usually has a good temperament. There could be dedicated areas where dogs can be off lead.
- Having just been bitten by a dog on the roadside I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces without having to be told to put them on a lead.
- This should not be restricted to an authorised officer. All dogs should be on a short lead in public spaces or spaces where the public have access. It is very unlikely that an authorised officer will happen to be there when a dog is out of control.
- I feel that dogs should be on a lead at all times when in a public place. Perhaps there should be specific dogs exercise areas where they can come off lead.

### ***Maximum number of dogs***

*The maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is four (this applies to any land to which the public have access, except with the consent of the person having control of the land). Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 78% (n.183)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 2% (n.5)
- No opinion 6% (n.14)
- Be varied (please explain)? 14% (n.34)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (78%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



14% (n.34) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- I think 4 dogs is too many.
- Business' such as k9 ribble valley walk up to 6 dogs
- Should be less than 4 as dog walkers (professional ones) never seem to have control over 4 random dogs, 4 dogs running towards me and my one dog, are quite intimidating and can be threatening in a pack. How can they keep an eye on what four dogs are all doing when they scatter in diff directions
- Sometimes 4 is too many especially dog walkers with dogs that aren't familiar with each other.
- Reduce to 3. Many dog walkers cannot control 4 dogs.
- I feel reduced to two. As is often the case, this is a bit blunt, but unavoidable, some dog walkers are in total control of 4, others due to the training of the particular animals and their own stature are pulled every which way.
- I think this needs thinking about. I am not a dog owner, but surely it depends on the breed and age. As a member of the public, I would be less concerned about passing someone who was walking six elderly tea cup breeds then someone who was walking two young adult pit bulls.
- Provided they are on a lead, no need for a limit of 4.
- This might need to be varied depending on the size, type and power of the dogs.
- I think four dogs (particularly if large, strong breeds) is too many for one person to adequately control on their own, and this number should be reduced.
- I agree with this for dog walking companies, but if the person owns more than 4 dogs, they should be able to walk them all together.
- Should be maximum of 3 if a person tries to control 4 Alsatian's for instance, they would not stand a chance.
- This should be changed due to the increase in "muscle dogs" owners are not able to manage 4 of these types of animals.
- Four dogs is too greater number to keep under control and at the same time pick up faeces. The number should reduce to two.
- As an owner of two dogs, I think this number is enough for one person to be in full and safe control of at any one time. This may well be contentious but four is too many, 'imo', in the event of one or other, or all, needing to be controlled. A reduction to a maximum of three would be a step in the right direction.
- I think that this should only apply in areas where there is a large amount of people in a small space.
- I think that maximum should be two. The reason is that when picking up the dog poo, it is necessary to transfer all of the leads to one hand (so you can use the other to pick up properly). Unless all four dogs are small, I don't think that it is possible to control four dogs in one hand whilst bending down and doing the necessary with the other.
- Depends on size of dogs.
- Be reduced to a maximum of two.
- This number should be reduced. Given the increase of persons starting dog walking as a form of employment the number of people walking multiple dogs is likely to increase significantly. Four dogs being walked by one person is a lot to manage and it is likely that at some point the Walker will lose control.
- I think this should be less. One person can't safely control 4 dogs in a public place.
- Should be 3 dogs max.
- This could be seen as an exception for professional dog walkers who look after and walk other people's dogs. The person in question should have to be holding a certain amount of poo bags, for each dog, on each walk.
- May be their business to walk dogs. Any number should be ok if all on leads and under control.
- While the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is 4, I have seen instances where more than one person is walking together, and I have seen eight dogs in a group.
- Should be 2 only. There are too many dogs filling the pavements in the town centre.
- Two is enough for one person.
- It is very difficult to supervise 4 dogs at once, impossible if they are off the lead resulting in fouling and risk to other persons on their own or with dogs. Ideally it should be two dogs but three is a sensible compromise.
- Maximum dogs can be 4 if they are manageable/ well behaved. I often see people walking more than 4. If the dogs are not manageable then this number should be lower, more like 2.



- It should be lowered. One person cannot hope to contain four dogs if they scatter.
- As long as the dogs are well behaved, and the Walker has control of them I don't think they should be limited to 4.
- Depends on breed of dog and behaviour.
- It depends on the type of dogs. Four pit bulls is too many for one person.
- Restrict to 3.

## ***Any other ideas or comments?***

*Do you have any other ideas on how we can improve dog control in Ribble Valley? Please let us know your ideas.*

60% (n.142) respondents made comment to this question. Please see Appendix A for all the verbatim comments received.

The following is a snap shot of some of the verbatim responses received collated by subject area:

### **Dog Wardens**

- More dog wardens and more visibility of said wardens. As a dog owner I'd be happy to see all dogs needing to be on leads in public spaces. In an ideal situation there would be off lead areas available that were secure.
- Rigorous enforcement rather than polite requests is far more likely to keep RV clean.
- More dog wardens on patrol. On the spot fines.

### **Bins**

- Better access to dog poop bins should be made. For example, one was removed from Copperfield Close when full (rather than being emptied) and the bin was not replaced. This leads to certain minded individuals to just dump poop bags (full) rather than putting them in a designated bin. If Ribble Valley wants cooperation from dog owners, they should play their own part in this and act as a partnership in these matters.
- More dog poop bins are needed particularly in popular walking spots such as Pimlico Road near the bridge to Moorland school, by Brungerley Bridge
- More enforcement of current legislation. Provision of more bins in popular dog walking areas (consult with parish councils for placement). All current dog waste and general waste bins to be maintained properly i.e., repaired where lids are missing (e.g., Copster Green), replaced with larger bins where needed e.g., Salesbury common, Wilpshire Hotel traffic lights.

### **Dog Leads**

- Dogs on leads at all times unless in specific dog walking areas, dog fields etc. Many public places in Clitheroe are taken over by dogs off leads with no recall by owner which makes it inhospitable to those who do not want dogs approaching them or jumping on them.
- Make extendable leads illegal, seen many dogs on leads way too long on pavements along main roads and running in front of pedestrians and cyclists.
- No loose dogs at any time. Leads to be used at all times especially across fields.

### **CCTV**

- CCTV at known trouble spots. Publish details monthly of the amount of fines issued in this regard. Make it an offence not to dispose of used poo bags responsibly.
- Security cameras in the worse effected areas.
- Utilisation of CCTV particularly in Castle Park where it is already in place. Hidden cameras along Woone Lane where there is dog mess literally everywhere

**Public Notices / enforcement**

- The fines that are given out should be more widely publicised in order to ensure more dog owners are abiding by the rules to keep our area clean.
- Please provide some notices asking those who have picked up the dog waste not to hang the plastic bags on fences and tree branches but dispose of them in appropriate receptacles
- Invest in more enforcement procedures. People know they can easily flout the rules with no penalty.

**Designated exercise areas**

- Create dog parks / fields that dog owners can use without the worry of livestock or children being around. Obviously picking up poop after them should still be a rule.
- Set up designated and fenced dog exercise areas after public consultation on locations.
- More dog parks or fenced off areas within public spaces for the sole purpose of exercising dogs.

## Appendix A

### Consultation Comments on Dog Control PSPO 2023

**Q3. It is a condition that dog owners or the person in charge of a dog are required to remove faeces (dog mess) from any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access. Do you think that this condition should...**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

58 Comments received in response to Q3.

*6 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	I feel there are many irresponsible dog owners out and about who often fail to pick up after their dog so this should remain a offence but I also feel to be able to police this there would have to be more wardens which hopefully would lead to a person being charged with dog fouling and fined only then may it hit home to these irresponsible owners.
2.	Dog faeces must be removed by the owner open to the air to prevent spread of disease to people and livestock and should be rigorously enforced with fixed penalties if the owner does not pick up or have the means to pick up.
3.	The amount of dog faeces that is still not picked up across the streets and footpaths of the Ribble Valley is high! Therefore, I feel that this must be kept in place.
4.	Common sense really and the right thing to do
5.	When you obtain a dog you should be well aware, that picking up dog poo anywhere is part of the job
6.	The law is already being broken in Longridge so removing the enforcement would make the situation worse.
7.	Dog mess is still a problem so clearly there is more needed
8.	Even though I am not a dog owner, this protection order should stay in place. In Longridge around our parks/ open spaces/pavements, dog fouling is really bad. Dog owners need to be educated not to dog foul. I think we don't have the order in place dog fouling will continue. It is not nice for adults/children, and we should not have to worry about going to parks and open spaces and being faced with dog fouling all over the grass.
9.	Dog owners need to be responsible by clearing up after their dog, as I use to do, so as to prevent infections to children from dog poo. Also, we need to keep our streets clean to project a welcoming environment for visitors
10.	Dog mess is disgusting and should never be left in public places. I live in Longridge and have encountered this problem many times.
11.	This is needed as more and more use of public open spaces is made, especially by children and families.
12.	So many people have dogs and quite a few are irresponsible and leave the excrement from their dog on the pavement or in the public parks. I regularly see dog poo outside or near my house on the pavement and it is certainly a hazard to health when left on the grass in parks. Penalties should be very strong to act hopefully as a deterrent to those owners who don't care about others.
13.	<i>I would restrict this to rights of way and pavements</i>
14.	There has been an increase in dog fouling, despite the order being place. There needs to be more monitoring and challenge to those who flout the rules
15.	Although much better, removal of this would only make it worse. The nature reserve on Woone Lane still full of dog poo.

16.	Although a dog owner myself, I no longer walk around Clitheroe or other populated areas due to the amount of dog mess on the pavements and public spaces. This is extremely unpleasant and a health risk to other dogs. I am unable to enjoy local walks as I am constantly looking downwards to check I am not standing in dog poo or that my 2 elderly dogs are not at risk of picking up infection from dog mess left by inconsiderate owners. I now have to use a car and travel to quieter and cleaner areas to keep my dogs safe.
17.	Dog faeces is a public health danger especially to children. It is aesthetically unpleasant and is a nuisance when you walk in it. Dog owners will definitely not pick it up if the rules are relaxed or removed.
18.	A responsible dog owner will have no problem with any of these regulations. The minority of irresponsible owners should heed the majority wishes.
19.	<i>Option to flick or cover out of harm's way</i>
20.	No further response required.
21.	Still far too much dog dirt on the streets. Also, dog owners don't pick up waste in the countryside (where they think no one can see them). Recently a dog left a great pile of muck right in my garden gate. The owner (a rather posh lady) was very put out when I asked her to remove it. She had no bags with her because she was on a country lane so said she didn't need to bother.
22.	Owners need to take responsibility for their dog and keep public areas free from mess. Its unhealthy, unhygienic, unsightly, and unnecessary to allow dogs to foul the land without picking up the faeces.
23.	The problem of dog fouling has got considerably worse so I would recommend that the order still remain in place
24.	It is everyone's interest from a health and safety perspective that owners pick up after their dogs.
25.	<i>Need to add something to stop full poo bags left on ground, stuffed in walls, or hung on trees</i>
26.	What possible argument could there be for NOT picking up? Faeces are obviously unhealthy and can be fatal once on the ground.
27.	Dog mess is a health hazard and unless legislation is in place people will not pick it up.
28.	There is still a lot of dog mess on the pavements and a failure to renew the order would only make this worse.
29.	All dog owners are responsible for clearing up after their beloved dogs..... wherever that may be
30.	Yes, people should clean up their toxic dog waste, many still do not do it, and do not care. Dogs should be banned from the park band stand auditorium, last week a woman brought a big bag of dog mess with her into the performance & her 2 dogs, expected her dogs to sit still for 2 hours which they did not & put her bag of dog mess where someone stood on it & we all had to endure the stink, she thought it was funny. I'd love to go to a picnic concert but dogs, dog mess & attention seeking owners is the most off-putting thing - more off-putting than the rain.
31.	I think fouling by dogs is a serious problem in the Ribble Valley and should be controlled. There are dangers to health and in who wants to see dog faeces all over the place. What is the Environmental impact of all those plastic bags being used to collect dog poo? Some dog poo bins are seen to be over flowing,
32.	Picking up your dog's waste is considered part of being a good dog owner
33.	it is still a problem throughout the Ribble Valley
34.	There should be a way of ensuring that those who do not pick up their dog's faeces, can be convinced that they should do
35.	But it's impossible to enforce.
36.	Too many dog owners let their dogs off the lead and have no idea where their dog is doing a poo

37.	<i>it should include the requirement to place the dog fouling bag in a proper bin or take it home. People should be fined for throwing bags of dog faeces into hedgerows or borders</i>
38.	There are too many irresponsible dog owners and those that don't pick up need to be fined at least £1000.
39.	Lots of dog owners and dogs pass the riverside part of my house and go onto Roefield playing field, where they immediately let them off the lead. There is a lot of dog mess around the areas of Clitheroe, and I think that the condition should remain in place.
40.	It is essential that this condition remains to encourage the small number of irresponsible dog owners to behave in an appropriate manner
41.	<i>Remain in place but also what about livestock in fields? Dog mess is a danger to them, especially the poo bags. Dog mess should be picked up at all times when out in public</i>
42.	This shouldn't even need explaining, there shouldn't even be options. Everyone should pick up after their dog. It's a hazard to the health of wildlife, domestic animals and humans, it's unsightly, it smells.
43.	Dog faeces stinks, and is hazardous to health
44.	Never be varied. Dog faeces should never be left under any circumstances. Bagged faeces, left to collect later, should also be an offence.
45.	As a volunteer litter picker for Langho in Bloom and a resident of Langho I am sickened by the amount of dog mess left by irresponsible dog owners throughout the village: on pavements, private gardens and open spaces especially where children play. Some time ago children at St Mary's School Langho drew pictures asking dog owners to take their dog mess home, the pictures were put near the school gates, some of the children's pictures were damaged, defaced and thrown on the ground. The situation with dog mess became worse. Fines should be thousands of pounds and community service, picking up dog mess. Only stricter laws will end this very antisocial behaviour.
46.	Risk of illness especially children from dog muck
47.	It's somewhat ghastly to trod in dog poo, so it's essential to retain the ruling
48.	Of course, it should be picked up! It's dirty and a health hazard
49.	<i>From any land that is open to the air and public have access - is very broad and there are some circumstances that dog poo cannot be collected. If a dog is off lead and runs into woods or long undergrowth covered in nettles you can't pick it up. Areas should be listed.</i>
50.	My children are too young to know how to avoid dog mess. Removal protects them from running/walking in it when out in public
51.	Still too many owners/dogs leaving the dog mess on the pavements
52.	Too many people have dogs that they can't /don't control, and public safety should be paramount
53.	If your dog fouls in a public place
54.	Poo should be picked up
55.	Dog owners should pick up their dog's mess. Too many open spaces and walls are being ruined by owners refusing to pick up after their dogs.
56.	Dangerous to health/eyesight. Cannot always be seen so as to avoid so necessary to remove when deposited.
57.	It is good manners and hygienic
58.	It is essential to remain in place as at least 25% of dog owners will not pick up if no one is around. I know as I have about 50 dogs a day come through our path and yard.

**Q5. This requires a person in charge of a dog on land which is open to the air and to which the public have access to have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog. Do you think that this condition should...**

- **Remain in place**

- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

46 Comments received in response to Q5.

*6 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	Irresponsible Dog owners need to be changed into responsible Dog owners by enforcement
2.	<i>Pick up in parks and open grass. Stick and flick in path with hedge (we have enough plastic, and it won't break down in plastic)</i>
3.	As previous
4.	It's as simple as putting on a dog collar, pick up the dog mess bags as well, people can always ask other dog owners for a bag if they run short, there is no excuse
5.	Of course, they should pick up after their dog
6.	Because it is disgusting people don't pick it up and there is plenty of them
7.	Remain in place, with even more emphasis on pavements / footpaths - end be enforced.
8.	Completely agree
9.	If the policy is still in place this is essential.
10.	<i>I would enforce on roads pavement and rights of way</i>
11.	This will help to maintain the current improvements.
12.	Please see previous response.
13.	Without this requirement to carry proper disposable equipment, the faeces will not get picked up or disposed of properly
14.	Be responsible. Consider others.
15.	No further response required.
16.	See answer to q4
17.	If you own a dog or dogs it should be second nature to have with you, when out walking the dog, poo bags. It's another responsibility of the owner/dog walker
18.	Helps the owner realise their responsibility for cleaning up after their dog.
19.	People need to be made aware of the seriousness of leaving dog mess. This is one way of instilling the importance of clearing up after your dog.
20.	Should remain in place so that dog owners are able to clean up after their pets. Dog faeces are unpleasant, smelly and can adversely affect health if, e.g., touched by children.
21.	If you have a dog and you walk it regularly then you know you need a bag, there is no excuse not to clean up
22.	If you don't carry a bag when walking a dog, then you set out with no intention of picking up the dog poo, so therefore should be fined
23.	If people want to own a dog they should be grown up enough to take responsibility of it, and not be so lazy to expect someone else to babysit their lives. Having a dog is hard work but people think everyone should bow down to their dogs. they should take the mess home. I am tired of seeing dog mess dangling in trees, draped over an over-flowing bin (outside St Paul's church on the pavement) and the woman last week taking her dog mess with her to the band concert for someone to step on it because she could not sit with it near her. She kept saying my dogs are giddy, no they just did not want to sit for 2 hours listening to the band in the wind. The council do a good job emptying the bins, but they should not really have to deal with lazy people's dog mess. I don't go to Edisford Bridge, because I've seen people with puppies, then ask me have I got a tissue so they can pick up their puppy diarrhea, they obviously did not come out with anything to clean up after themselves.

24.	Many dog owners are responsible people who pick up the poo. Others are totally irresponsible pick up the poo, put it in a bag and then hang it on a fence, tree or bush or just throw it away. This should be clamped down on, an offence / fine.
25.	Every good dog owner should have means to pick up after their dog
26.	100% requirement to pick it up and also dispose of it correctly
27.	It should be possible for a dog warden to be able to challenge dog owners to ensure they intend to pick up their dog's faeces
28.	Again, impossible to enforce. There are too many dogs.
29.	<i>Major routes should have a take a bag/leave a bag option so those who are caught in a situation without one have as many chances as possible to pick up after their dog.</i>
30.	Fines for not carrying poo bags
31.	<i>In theory yes this is warranted. It would be good to see some bag provision in public parks. There are times people forget or don't take enough. Or maybe in the cafe in the park. For emergencies</i>
32.	<i>I find this a difficult point and intrusive to be asked to provide evidence that someone has the means - it's overreach. The offence should be in failing to deal with the mess.</i>
33.	<i>to include it is an offence to throw the bag of dog faeces anywhere other than a designated bin</i>
34.	Xxx
35.	Same as no. 4
36.	Every responsible dog owner carries sufficient bags, so it needs to be enforced against those who have no intention of picking up the faeces
37.	Dog owners should provide the means to pick up their dog's waste, otherwise they shouldn't have a dog.
38.	Every dog owner should have at least two bags for dog mess. I have challenged owners when their dog has fouled, the response was, they only brought one bag and the dog has fouled twice. More excuses. Very large notices should be situated on the spaces and CCTV cameras to stop dog fouling. There are some very ignorant and irresponsible dog owns.
39.	It is their responsibility to control the dog and pick up the muck
40.	AS per Q£
41.	As before. All dog waste should be disposed of safely
42.	I Litter Pick for Langho in Bloom and find dog poo bags thrown in hedges, etc.
43.	Public health
44.	Dangerous to health and can often not be seen in parks/ open land/ streets in the dark. Very difficult to remove from shoes and children are particularly at risk...
45.	Hygiene
46.	they must be prepared; I have forgotten a bag is no excuse.

### ***Dogs excluded***

***Q7. Dogs are excluded from fenced play areas set aside for children and other sports pitches. The full list is outlined in the Order. Do you think this condition should:***

- ***Remain in place***
- ***Be removed (as no longer needed)***
- ***No opinion***
- ***Be varied (please explain)?***

56 Comments received in response to Q7.

*16 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*



1.	<i>Dogs on a tight leash should be allowed around the edge of the area to allow single adults with children and a dog be near the children playing on the area. The dogs should not be allowed into the central areas of play and dogs should be removed if the animal needs to toilet (owners tend to know when this is needed)</i>
2.	In Children's play/sport areas Dog faeces and Urine always leave a trace and should not be allowed access
3.	<i>This should not just be fenced play areas for example in Salesbury the large grass area and the church needs to be protected. As a dog owner I am fed up with dogs running up to us or seeing mess left. Any size dog can be on an extendable lead giving some control but not to run free</i>
4.	Yes, Yes, Yes, remain in place
5.	The amount of people with dogs has hugely increased it seems since the pandemic, therefore in order to keep our children safe from the amount of dogs that could be free to roam around parks/public spaces, this must stay in place. Also, as a parent of a child who is petrified of dogs I feel this condition reassures him that he is safe to play.
6.	Parents with dogs should be allowed to sit in playgrounds whilst their children play. Also, open green spaces for example community football pitches (like in Read) should be open to responsible dog owners.
7.	<i>Ribchester field day way confusing. I was told the dog was allowed before arriving and on the day was told this was not allowed. My dog stayed on his lead. Normally on this field I would not let him off unless it is empty</i>
8.	Where kids play, you don't want dog wee on the play equipment, plenty of places to go other than play grounds
9.	<i>Should be allowed to walk round sports pitch fields, all the green areas are getting built up</i>
10.	<i>Allowed on short (not extending) leads only. Some families like to support children playing sport or call at playgrounds when out walking. Exercising of dogs off lead, on extendable leads or long ropes should continue to be banned</i>
11.	Dogs should not be present where there are children playing
12.	Remain in place so long as there are public areas where families with dogs and children can go and play together. All dogs must be on leads
13.	People are sensible. Parents watching their children do sport should be allowed to take their dog with them. As it enables them to support their child and to walk their dog at the same time
14.	Parents should be able to watch their kid do sport/play whilst having their dog with them. Most dog owners are respectful of where they are and know to pick up poo and not let their dogs get too close to other children if necessary.
15.	<i>The original order was too wide ranging. Parents should be able to take their dog and children to a play area. Only the area close to children's play equipment should be covered. On my area a large field, rarely used by children was included.</i>
16.	Yes, these "closed" areas should be protected at all costs in fact all playing fields and sports areas should also be protected, even if sports facilities are only used by adults.
17.	<i>Dogs should not be allowed in any parks or public spaces without a lead in high peak times e.g., dogs should be on leads in public at all times during April to Oct for example. This is especially relevant at places of high use in summer such as down at Edisford river bank. Designated fenced areas for dogs to be exercised off leads must be created. The risk of significant harm and/death from the rise in untrained dogs is increasing.</i>
18.	<i>Sports pitches often not used but regularly used by dog walkers, most of whom pick up litter whilst walking dogs. Feel access should be allowed as long as not intruding directly onto a pitch</i>
19.	The child's play areas are for children to play and tumble. And they shouldn't have to risk standing in dog dirt or playing where dogs urinate



20.	<i>If the first two are adhered to, this isn't needed. However, I understand why dogs should not be loose whilst children or sports are being played. When the sports ground isn't busy with football etc though everyone should be able to use it. In lots of places this is the only green space for a few miles.</i>
21.	<i>There are public places within the Castle Grounds where dogs should be kept on leads. Extensive effort has gone into the gardens, the Remembrance area, the Cafe, the Jubilee bed, the Rockery and more. It is disheartening to find newly planted areas fouled by dogs, and even worse to be planting or weeding and come across piles of dog dirt. As in the Cemetery these areas should be off limits, they enhance the Castle Grounds and are there for enjoyment of all of the public. The Castle has become the public toilet for the Clitheroe dog population and although responsible owners are in the majority, it is the minority who sway opinion. The excuse "I pay my Council Tax" is not an acceptable answer to the damage caused by excited canines. It has become the norm to let the dog off the lead at the Castle Gate and retrieve it when leaving the Grounds. The Castle Field is the only area which should be exempt.</i>
22.	This must remain in place to keep children safe from harm
23.	Toxocara Canis kills. This is enough justification for continuing the regulations.
24.	It's obvious why dogs are not allowed in children's play areas. Should need no further explanation.
25.	No further response required.
26.	<i>It can be hard to take our daughter to a play area when we have the dog with us. It would be useful if there was a designated area for dog owners to enter a play area and keep the dog on the lead.</i>
27.	<i>QE playing field belongs to the people of Whalley and dogs should be allowed on here - obviously off the sports area - lots of new houses and dogs and nowhere to walk otherwise</i>
28.	<i>Dogs should be allowed onto other sports pitches if the owners of said pitches give their permission.</i>
29.	Sports pitches and play grounds should be kept clean and as safe as possible for people to use and part of that means excluding dogs. Dogs can leave mess and when young children are running around dogs can get over excited and become hard to handle. I note the playground near the castle in Clitheroe is fenced and gated, but on occasions people still take their dogs into the grounds. Have any been prosecuted?
30.	See question 5 response.
31.	Dog faeces is a dreadful health hazard. Dogs on playgrounds and sports pitches represent a health hazard (Toxocariasis) and injury hazard (dog bites).
32.	So that these areas are clean and safe and can be enjoyed by those using them.
33.	Public spaces are for everyone, people who love dogs and those who don't, if you want to share that place it's only polite and common sense to keep dogs out of play parks even if you have children and dogs with you, you must choose to leave your dog outside the play park.
34.	This should never be removed!
35.	Other parts of the park should be dog free, as I get older I'd expect to use the park more, but people deliberately let their dogs invade personal space, they think it's funny! Where can you sit in the park and not get molested by dogs or their grubby owners. If I sat in the child park, they'd think I was out of place, so some dog free space would be great. There should be massive signs saying dogs not allowed in the bandstand auditorium, who would want to eat a picnic with dogs & bags of dog mess and lazy owners. It would be nice to buy sandwiches or chips and eat them in the park, but there is no-where to do this, the band stand area could be made dog-free so we could at least enjoy an outdoor snack.
36.	We need to protect our children's health and wellbeing.
37.	for the health and safety of those using these facilities
38.	For the safety of children and anyone playing a sport - from diseases carried by dogs

39.	<i>Well controlled dogs not an issue</i>
40.	Very important. But some dog owners see playing fields as easy access for exercising dogs.
41.	<i>I would like to see this extended to all areas of the castle park, I have had two very intrusive incidents involving dogs out of control. The first was when sat in the area previously known as the Rose Garden, I was sat with my young grandchild on a bench enjoying a homemade sandwich when a lady with two dogs off leads approached us the first dog took a bite from my grandchild's sandwich, the lady was unaware as she was some distance in front. when I shouted to her and told her she said, "well you shouldn't be sat there eating". She continued on, and the second dog then returned and took the rest of the sandwich. Second incident, I was myself sat on a bench just through the main gates of the castle eating a sandwich and a man came past riding his cycle and his dog following off lead. I had purchased some cooked meat which was next to me on the seat in a carrier bag and the dog sniffed the bag put its head in a started eating the meat. I shouted to the man he just turned and laughed. Sadly, now many dog owners are not fully in control of their dogs, and they appear to think any behaviour is acceptable. I have had two dogs myself and would never have them off lead in such areas, especially where there will be children, the castle grounds is not an acceptable place to exercise a dog off lead.</i>
42.	this should be enforced as dogs frequently run around children's play areas
43.	Xxx
44.	Dogs on a lead
45.	There is always dog mess on the football area on Roefield
46.	There is no need for dogs to be in the play areas. If families have dogs they can take them out separately and then go to the playground and give undivided attention to their children. This is a responsible approach and removes the risk of dog bites/mess etc
47.	Blindness. Need I say more
48.	Contamination
49.	Again, dog poo is ghastly
50.	For cleanliness and for children afraid of dogs
51.	Health & Safety
52.	Safety of children is essential
53.	Needs to remain for a number of reasons including fouling, dogs chasing children. Unfair to the dogs to allow in confined space with children...
54.	<i>Well behaved dogs on short leads should be allowed on sports grounds (but not on the pitch). For example, I enjoy watching local amateur football and my dog would be well behaved. Similar to farmers fields I always make sure my dog has done his business and collected up by me before I let him loose. Responsible owners should not be restricted by the minority fee.</i>
55.	Hygiene and safety
56.	No dogs should ever be allowed where children play, some children particularly Autistic ones can be terrified of dogs.

### **Dogs on leads**

**Q9. Dogs must be on a lead in Clitheroe Cemetery. Do you think this condition should...**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

45 Comments received in response to Q9.

*15 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	<i>Dogs should be on a lead in all public areas except dog fields. Many owners have no recall over their dogs. I have been approached by many dogs in Brungerley Park for instance, and even had dogs jump up at me putting muddy paws on me with a response "it's just being friendly". This puts me off attending walks provided by RVBC because of so many dogs not under control.</i>
2.	People don't want Dogs wandering around a place of Respect and Remembrance without being on a lead which also includes fouling picked up or not in an area like this
3.	<i>This must be all cemetery in the RV not just Clitheroe</i>
4.	If anything, to ensure the cemetery remains well kept and free from dog fouling.
5.	<i>Other public cemeteries in the Borough should be added, e.g., Whalley, Wiswell &amp; Barrow</i>
6.	<i>I've never been but my dog runs around Ribchester cemetery</i>
7.	Disrespectfully using a cemetery purposely or accidentally as a place for your dog's loo
8.	Sounds sensible
9.	Remain in place
10.	Definitely agree
11.	Dogs cause less damage than delinquents who push over grave stones tear up flowers etc.
12.	<i>Dogs should be on Leads in all public places, not just the cemetery</i>
13.	Don't live in Clitheroe but would think a cemetery is not the most appropriate place to take a dog unless necessary.
14.	<i>Should also apply to all cemeteries in RVBC</i>
15.	<i>Extend this to all public places</i>
16.	It's respectful.
17.	This should be extended to all other public spaces.
18.	A cemetery is a place of respect for the deceased and a place of memorial for the friends and relatives of them. You cannot have dogs running all over the graves pooing and weeing on them. The thought of relaxing the rules is ridiculous.
19.	No further response required.
20.	<i>I would like dogs to be on a lead in all of the public parks where small children are walking/playing. I regularly see strange dogs off the lead run up to toddlers/small children or prams/pushchairs and knock them over at the Castle, and I think that this is selfish on the part of the dog owners.</i>
21.	should be extended to include everywhere. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times especially in a field with livestock
22.	It's the sensible option to keep dogs on a lead in any cemetery
23.	<i>Should apply to all public spaces. Dog owners are not always in control of their dogs and allow them to run loose and sometimes jump up at other pedestrians. It's not acceptable to say "He won't hurt you he's just being friendly" - some people are afraid of dogs, and I feel at present dog owners have taken over our public spaces to the detriment of the rest of us.</i>
24.	Shows respect for the dead and their relatives/friends.
25.	Dogs should not be allowed to roam freely around a cemetery out of respect nor in any public place i.e., through the town centre.
26.	I visit the cemetery regularly and dogs should always be on a lead and cleaned up if necessary, headstones are especially precious.
27.	It is just a question of being respectful
28.	They should be on a short lead in the park too, and in the town centre also, and the nature park by the river (the place with the sculptures).

29.	should be on leads in all public places
30.	<i>I think dogs should be kept on a lead in the Castle grounds. Since the pandemic there has been a rise in antisocial dog behaviour nationally and locally. The Castle grounds have become intimidating to walk through at times. If the dogs could be put on leads when just on the footpaths through the park this would be an improvement. There are many many people who are nervous around dogs, and this must be understood and considered so they are not excluded from parks.</i>
31.	<i>Should be on leads in all public spaces including parks, cemeteries, and public footpaths</i>
32.	Dogs should be on a lead at most times. When dogs run loose how do the owners know when they have done a poo!!
33.	It is respectful to keep dogs on leads rather than running around graves, fouling etc There are other areas for dog exercise which are more appropriate
34.	Who wants to grieve with a dog running around?
35.	Should apply to all cemeteries, why only Clitheroe?
36.	<i>Dogs should be on leads in ALL public spaces</i>
37.	Should be on a lead in public places all over Ribble Valley not just Clitheroe
38.	Cemeteries are sacred places and dogs urinating / pooing is extremely disrespectful
39.	Just out of respect and to stop fouling on sacred places
40.	Not everyone likes dogs and certainly not loose in the cemetery
41.	<i>I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces or spaces where the public have access.</i>
42.	<i>I don't feel that it's appropriate to have dogs in a cemetery at all</i>
43.	Not the place for free running dogs. Older people, quiet and respectful atmosphere required.
44.	Good manners
45.	<i>Would you like a dog reposting its mess on your relative's grave?</i>

**Q11. It is a condition that dog owners put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This applies to any land to which the public have access and where a dog is considered to be out of control. Do you think this condition should ...**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- ***Be varied (please explain)?***

40 Comments received in response to Q11.

*11 responses - Be varied (please explain below) including one Be Varied response where a comment was not made – included in the report*

1.	<i>Dogs should be on leads at all times unless on a dog field, dog park or specified dog walking area. Too many dog owners do not have recall over their dogs.</i>
2.	Dogs should always be on a lead on a highway/footpath; this seems to be optional on Four Lane Ends
3.	<i>Any public places dogs should be on leads. We have our dogs on leads and constantly pestered by other dogs. Make this clear if you are in the Ribble Valley your dog is on a lead even an extendable lead.</i>
4.	Never seen a dog warden in my life. But if someone told me they were scared of dogs I would put him on the lead
5.	Yes as long as the reason is explained, and warranted
6.	This is very necessary especially in a farming community

7.	<i>I am not sure about this condition. I know that dogs need to run about, but I feel that a dog should be on a lead in any space where a member of the public might be. When I am out walking, I often have dogs run up to me, which I don't like as they sometimes jump up and can be quite boisterous. It once happened to me when I was recovering from an operation, and it hurt when the dog jumped up on me. You also end up with dirty paw prints on you. Fortunately, so far all of them have been friendly, but one day, one might not be. I do think that owners should put their dog on a lead when directed, however, it would be unlikely that an authorised officer would actually be stood there when required. That would surely be unmanageable.</i>
8.	I have walked through a park in Longridge where dog owners have had their dogs off their leads. Some if the dogs are harmless, but when they are barking and growling when you are trying to walk past, especially with children it is not nice. Dog owners should be made to keep their dogs on a lead at all times. We should have designated dog spaces where they can go off lead and go to the toilet.
9.	Remain in place
10.	Definitely needed to protect the safety of people and other animals
11.	<i>No comment made</i>
12.	A dog should be put on a lead in all public spaces.
13.	Definitely. Dogs should always be kept on a lead when put in public and especially in rural environments.
14.	<i>Dogs should be put on a lead when asked by anyone</i>
15.	Yeah it's respect for the people who are also trying to enjoy the space.
16.	Authorised officers of the Council must have the powers to do their job properly
17.	No further response required.
18.	<i>This should only apply where a dog is 'considered to be out of control' and not be applied to dogs that are well controlled.</i>
19.	Recently had two large dogs run up and jump up at me on a country lane. All I got from the owner was "they won't hurt you". Dogs should be on a lead at all times
20.	Hard to police this one. I have been run at and barged by off the lead growling dogs twice in a month at Edisford. No authorised officer was around as it would be an unbelievable coincidence for one to be there when a dog was off the lead. Couldn't get anyone to come down to Edisford, I was concerned that children may be attacked. Who are authorised officers?
21.	An authorised officer will have a reasoned argument for the decision. He/she is protecting the wider public.
22.	The authorised officer is there to protect the public and therefore needs the power to carry out this duty.
23.	Of course, it's common sense, owners must be responsible and fined or other if necessary
24.	Absolutely right to keep this in place
25.	Yes, but where are the officers when it is busy or there is a function/event on?
26.	Dogs run at people all the time. The lack of control of the owners is breathtaking
27.	<i>Depends on how out of control defined</i>
28.	Should be extended to land containing farm stock.
29.	As No. 10
30.	As long as this is applied sensibly, and a reason given this is necessary and reasonable
31.	<i>Dogs should remain on a lead in public spaces. You never know how a dog may react even if the dog usually has a good temperament. There could be dedicated areas where dogs can be off lead</i>
32.	Because the dog may harm people



33.	<i>Having just been bitten by a dog on the roadside I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces without having to be told to put them on a lead.</i>
34.	Authority must be respected
35.	Common sense
36.	Obvious - we should obey
37.	Who is determining a dog not in control? A trained person? Or a member of the public that doesn't like dogs?
38.	<i>This should not be restricted to an authorised officer. All dogs should be on a short lead in public spaces or spaces where the public have access. It is very unlikely that an authorised officer will happen to be there when a dog is out of control.</i>
39.	<i>I feel that dogs should be on a lead at all times when in a public place. Perhaps there should be specific dogs exercise areas where they can come off lead</i>
40.	Surely an out-of-control dog must be able to be tethered and officials allowed to do this.
41.	No dog should be out of control

### **Maximum number of dogs**

**Q13. The maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is four (this applies to any land to which the public have access, except with the consent of the person having control of the land). Do you think this condition should:**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

62 Comments received in response to Q13.

*34 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	Span of Control-4 seems right and more would lose that control.
2.	For the safety of the Walker.
3.	<i>I think 4 dogs is too many</i>
4.	<i>Business' such as k9 ribble valley walk up to 6 dogs</i>
5.	Definitely, some people can't control 1 dog, generally people with 4 dogs have experience so 4 max a good number
6.	<i>Should be less than 4 as dog walkers (professional ones) never seem to have control over 4 random dogs, 4 dogs running towards me and my one dog, are quite intimidating and can be threatening in a pack. How can they keep an eye on what four dogs are all doing when they scatter in diff directions</i>
7.	<i>Sometimes 4 is too many especially dog walkers with dogs that aren't familiar with each other.</i>
8.	<i>Reduce to 3. Many dog walkers cannot control 4 dogs</i>
9.	Don't think anyone could cope with more than 4 dogs
10.	<i>I feel reduced to two. As is often the case this is a bit blunt, but unavoidable, some dog walkers are in total control of 4, others due to the training of the particular animals and their own stature are pulled every which way.</i>
11.	<i>I think this needs thinking about. I am not a dog owner, but surely it depends on the breed and age. As a member of the public, I would be less concerned about passing someone who was walking six elderly tea cup breeds then someone who was walking two young adult pit bulls.</i>
12.	I think the number of dogs should be reduced to two, If the dog walker loses control of two of those dogs, the other dogs are more than likely to follow suit and could attack someone.
13.	<i>Provided they are on a lead, no need for a limit of 4</i>

14.	<i>This might need to be varied depending on the size, type, and power of the dogs.</i>
15.	<i>I think four dogs (particularly if large, strong breeds) is too many for one person to adequately control on their own, and this number should be reduced</i>
16.	Recent incidents of people struggling to control a group of dogs
17.	<i>I agree with this for dog walking companies, but if the person owns more than 4 dogs they should be able to walk them all together.</i>
18.	This seems a sensible number for a dog Walker to handle and control
19.	Should really be less than four. Four can be very intimidating.
20.	<i>Should be maximum of 3 if a person tries to control 4 Alsatian's for instance they would not stand a chance</i>
21.	<i>This should be changed due to the increase in "muscle dogs" owners are not able to manage 4 of these types of animals.</i>
22.	I have been in situations where dog owners have no control of their animals
23.	I do not think anyone can control more than 4 dogs at any one time.
24.	I trust that this condition also requires all four dogs to be kept on a lead at all times.
25.	<i>Four dogs is too greater number to keep under control and at the same time pick up faeces. The number should reduce to two.</i>
26.	Dogs are pack animals. When in large groups their behaviour becomes as a 'pack' and not necessarily predictable.
27.	<i>As an owner of two dogs, I think this number is enough for one person to be in full and safe control of at any one time. This may well be contentious but four is too many, 'imo', in the event of one or other, or all, needing to be controlled. A reduction to a maximum of three would be a step in the right direction.</i>
28.	<i>I think that this should only apply in areas where there is a large amount of people in a small space.</i>
29.	<i>I think that maximum should be two. The reason is that when picking up the dog poo, it is necessary to transfer all of the leads to one hand (so you can use the other to pick up properly). Unless all four dogs are small, I don't think that it is possible to control four dogs in one hand whilst bending down and doing the necessary with the other.</i>
30.	Yes - as this has stopped dog walkers arriving in vans from elsewhere with lots of dogs (I think)
31.	Dogs act as a pack, as seen by the death of the experienced dog walker recently by the dogs she was walking. Four dogs is plenty to be walking
32.	One person cannot control more than four dogs. (I would limit it to three).
33.	I feel four dogs is too many for one person to control when on leads. I would suggest three as maximum. Another problem with this is that once the dogs are off the lead and running around the Castle grounds control is at a minimum.
34.	There is a need for walkers to be able to control their dogs. This would be impossible if walking more than 4
35.	If it was up to me, it would only be two dogs under one person's control!
36.	How can you control any more than four dogs at once? Particularly large dogs. Should it not be reduced to three dogs?
37.	No, two dogs is sufficient for one person. Have you seen the people with several dogs, baby in a pram, mobile phone, extra-long finger nails, and dog mess bag on the handle-bar? Then expect others to pet their dogs.
38.	Think it should be 3 at the most
39.	<i>Depends on size of dogs</i>
40.	<i>Be reduced to a maximum of two.</i>
41.	<i>This number should be reduced. Given the increase of persons starting dog walking as a form of employment the number of people walking multiple dogs is likely to increase significantly. Four dogs being walked by a one person is a lot to manage and it is likely that at some point the Walker will lose control</i>

42.	<i>I think this should be less. One person can't safely control 4 dogs in a public place.</i>
43.	<i>Should be 3 dogs max</i>
44.	<i>This could be seen as an exception for professional dog walkers who look after and walk other people's dogs. The person in question should have to be holding a certain amount of poo bags, for each dog, on each walk.</i>
45.	<i>Particularly after a number of cases this year where walkers have been attacked by a 'pack' which they were walking</i>
46.	<i>May be their business to walk dogs. Any number should be ok if all on leads and under control.</i>
47.	<i>While the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is 4, I have seen instances where more than one person is walking together, and I have seen eight dogs in a group.</i>
48.	<i>Should be 2 only. There are too many dogs filling the pavements in the town centre</i>
49.	<i>Two is enough for one person</i>
50.	<i>It is very difficult to supervise 4 dogs at once, impossible if they are off the lead resulting in fouling and risk to other persons on their own or with dogs. Ideally it should be two dogs but three is a sensible compromise</i>
51.	<i>It should be two.</i>
52.	<i>Maximum dogs can be 4 if they are manageable/ well behaved. I often see people walking more than 4. If the dogs are not manageable then this number should be lower, more like 2.</i>
53.	<i>It should be lowered. One person cannot hope to contain four dogs if they scatter</i>
54.	<i>As long as the dogs are well behaved, and the Walker has control of them I don't think they should be limited to 4.</i>
55.	<i>Depends on breed of dog and behaviour</i>
56.	<i>Four dogs to many to be controlled by one person</i>
57.	<i>A lot of "dog walkers" are female and therefore not necessarily strong enough to control more than 4 dogs at once.</i>
58.	<i>A person in charge of more than 4 dogs would not be in complete control of the animals. For strength reasons and keeping track of cleaning up after them</i>
59.	<i>It depends on the type of dogs. Four pit bulls is too many for one person</i>
60.	<i>Four is more than enough to maintain control of.</i>
61.	<i>Restrict to 3</i>
62.	<i>impossible to monitor more than 4, that is too many</i>



## **Any other ideas or comments?**

### **Do you have any other ideas on how we can improve dog control in Ribble Valley?**

142 (60%) respondents made a comment to this question.

1.	More dog wardens and more visibility of said wardens. As a dog owner I'd be happy to see all dogs needing to be on leads in public spaces. In an ideal situation there would be off lead areas available that were secure.
2.	Better access to dog poop bins should be made. For example, one was removed from Copperfield Close when full (rather than being emptied) and the bin was not replaced. This leads to certain minded individuals to just dump poop bags (full) rather than putting them in a designated bin. If Ribble Valley want cooperation from dog owners they should play their own part in this and act as a partnership in these matters.
3.	Dogs on leads at all times unless in specific dog walking areas, dog fields etc. Many public places in Clitheroe are taken over by dogs off leads with no recall by owner which makes it inhospitable to those who do not want dogs approaching them or jumping on them.
4.	Having more dog wardens to be able to ensure all things can be properly policed. Also more dog refuse bins especially on rural walks where I live there are none on the roads and many people walk this route with dogs.
5.	Rigorous enforcement rather than polite requests is far more likely to keep RV clean.
6.	Allow Cllrs to ask people to put their dog on a lead. We don't have enough wardens to be everywhere.
7.	Q13, I think 4 is too many
8.	More dog poop bins are needed particularly in popular walking spots such as Pimlico Road near the bridge to Moorland school, by Brungerley Bridge.
9.	Make extendable leads illegal, seen many dogs on leads way too long on pavements along main roads and running in front of pedestrians and cyclists
10.	Have more dog wardens patrolling villages
11.	The RVBC warning signs are not effective because they are often vandalised, presumably by dog owners who object to the threat of a fine. Cannot offer a solution unfortunately.
12.	Increased investment in enforcement activity. Increased responsible dog ownership promotional campaigns.... Particularly in spring when new born / young livestock in fields.
13.	Big dogs are often taken into public spaces by small people who would not be able to physically control their dogs if the dogs became aggressive. The dogs are often not even on a lead whilst walking in fields very frightening for some people. The dogs should be on a lead at all times. I've seen dogs not on leads walking with owners in the castle grounds the dogs taking a different route to the owner, the dog then doing a poop that the owner does not see. So not picked up. Not good enough and if you challenge an owner stand by for the verbal abuse.
14.	I think the wardens should be more visible, or there should be more of them. In 14 years of walking my dog around Clitheroe. I've probably seen a warden van twice. Also, more dog bins are required as people seem incapable of carrying bags if there are no bins or bins are full. They just get dumped. Also, I think the public should be encouraged more to report people who don't pick up and to know that something will be done
15.	Ask people for CCTV of people not cleaning up after their dog & post it on social media
16.	Increase the penalties. Prevent dogs entering more spaces. All dogs on a lead at all times.
17.	More dog mess bins and easier to get them installed and emptied in each parish, the system to get them is a joke
18.	Have more safe dog designated spaces
19.	Put up more notices on sports pitches to alert the public.

20.	More enforcement of current legislation. Provision of more bins in popular dog walking areas (consult with parish councils for placement). All current dog waste and general waste bins to be maintained properly i.e., repaired where lids are missing (e.g., Copster Green), replaced with larger bins where needed e.g., Salesbury common, Wilpshire Hotel traffic lights. Provision of fenced exercise areas where dogs can be exercised off lead and allowed to run as nature intended
21.	Dog fouling is still a major problem in Clitheroe. Also, on the footpath in the nature reserve. The current Dog control orders don't seem to be having any effect.
22.	Put in the public domain those offenders caught and fined / prosecuted.
23.	Greater enforcement of the cleaning up regulations, they are being increasingly ignored, at least in Hurst Green. Easier said than done I know.
24.	More officers and clamp down more on people breaking the laws
25.	Regular dog warden patrolling
26.	Greater provision of dog poo bags in public places
27.	I think this is another reason why there needs to be more quality CCTV around. There are lots of very responsible dog owners about, but there are also too many selfish ones who spoil things for everybody. Nobody should leave dog poo behind anywhere. Also, people seem to think that it is ok to walk their dog and leave dog mess in back/side alleys - sometimes right outside other peoples' back gates/doors. It really is a disgusting thing to do. I think there should be more frequent and high-profile fining. And I am afraid that persistent offenders need naming and shaming. It's the only way some people will co-operate - and even then, some might not do, in which case they need banning from owning a dog. I also am concerned about several dog owners who I have come across (who are actually very responsible) who think it is acceptable not to clean up after their dog in a field. Actually, sheep, cows and other wildlife can be extremely ill if they come into contact with dog poo. Plus, fields with public pathways are public places too.
28.	Fenced - dog spaces for them to go off lead and go to the toilet, with facilities to put their dog poo in.
29.	Ban extending leads
30.	Would like to see enforcement of these regulations - and include situations where dog owners/walkers fail to dispose of full poo bags properly
31.	We must do more to ensure the safety of sheep where people can cut through fields with their dogs.
32.	Dogs should be kept on leads and under control at all times when in a public place. There are many untrained/poorly trained dogs off their leads in public places that cause nuisance, frighten, and injure people, other dogs and other pets as they are not properly controlled by their owners
33.	I think you don't need to do any more people in the Ribble valley control their dogs! It's mainly an issue of not picking poo up that causes upset. This isn't an issue about controlling your dog this is lazy disrespectful owners. You will never change them!
34.	Have set aside dog parks/play areas where they can be let off the lead (at owners' risk).
35.	Issue contact details to local parish councils for inclusion of dog control orders on village notice boards
36.	Dogs should always be on a lead in public places
37.	Perhaps emphasise the issue on social media.
38.	CCTV at known trouble spots. Publish details monthly of the amount of fines issued in this regard. Make it an offence not to dispose of used poo bags responsibly.
39.	CCTV. People who are able to issue on the spot fines need to be visible in areas of high fouling. This is bad in Read and Simonstone, yet I've never seen someone walking the streets, stopping dog owners asking these questions. Should be wearing body cams also. I am a dog owner and would have no objection to being asked to prove I have means of removing dog faeces if needed.
40.	Have more penalties for dogs off leads in rural environments.

41.	Dog Wardens need to patrol the villages in addition to Clitheroe. Hurst Green is on the Tolkien Trail and of a weekend there is a never-ending stream of dogs
42.	I was unaware of these powers. If not already done, it would be good to produce signs specifying the powers and consequences, so that they could be put up in appropriate areas.
43.	More dog waste litter bins available
44.	More bins around
45.	Dog fouling is a continuing issue and requiring dog owners to carry bags simply means that the dog mess is left in plastic bags in verges, by paths, in crevices in walls, hung in trees or flung in the river. This issue won't be solved until there is a compulsory dog registration and a DNA database so that any fouling can be traced back to the owner. I would urge the council to consider such a scheme.
46.	Security cameras in the worse effected areas.
47.	More dog wardens on patrol. On the spot fines.
48.	More bins please.
49.	There used to be signs requesting owners to keep their dogs on leads, there is still at least one at the Castle, perhaps more of them should be in evidence. Certainly, even more bins are needed, every bin in Clitheroe overflows with poo bags.
50.	Provide dedicated dog exercising areas
51.	Anyone convicted of serious offences under these laws should be barred from owning or exercising a dog. Dogs should be licensed nationally anyway. Some dog owners just don't care. The dog is always right and comes first. We need strict laws so that all of us can use public spaces safely.
52.	Increase presence of the Dog Warden to ensure owners pick up. Many owners walk dogs and don't pick up. We have stopped walking our dogs up Standen as there are many owners not picking up. Our dogs were constantly ill whilst walking this area. We have recently stopped, and their health has improved beyond measure. Not picking up is not only a nuisance/danger to people but to dogs too.
53.	I frequently walk in the Castle Grounds, and I have noticed the many improvements being made by the Ground Staff. I have also noticed the huge increase in the number of dogs being exercised in the Grounds. Although many dogs are kept on a lead or are under close control, some dog owners seem to consider the whole area, from the entrance to the exit, is there purely for their dog's benefit. A minority of dog owners do not pick up their dog poop - either deliberately or through lack of attention when their dogs are roaming free. These neglectful owners unfortunately spoil it for the majority. It would greatly improve the Castle experience for both residents and visitors if dogs were only permitted to be unleashed on the Castle Field and must be kept on a lead in all other areas, including all paths. I feel that in ALL parts of the Ribble Valley, in sensitive areas such as the Cemeteries AND in public places which are cared for and gardened for the public benefit, dogs should always be kept on a lead. I have been a dog owner for most of my life until very recently. I am also a gardener and appreciate the work which goes into keeping our surroundings looking lovely. The two are not incompatible. Consideration for others is the key.
54.	Provision of designated, enclosed dog fields/areas (possibly within/close to parkland). Clear signage (dogs on leads, sticking to footpaths, safe disposal of poop). Availability of poop bags (selected/popular/poop hotspot dog walking routes/areas) in case owners forget or run out.
55.	We farm in Waddington, and we have a serious problem with dogs at large while the dog walkers walk around m Conference calls or have earphones in. Dog faeces is either not picked up or we have dog poo bags left everywhere
56.	I have yet to see a dog warden on the street (as opposed to sat in a van emptying dog waste bins) since the introduction of the Local By-Law. Any law, for it to be effective, must be effectively resourced to enable it to be policed. I suspect this is not the case at the moment. If this assumption is correct, then for these policies to be effective they must be adequately resourced.

57.	Dog control could be improved by ensuring that along with open spaces for non-dog owners, children, sports etc., there is good open provision for off-lead dog walking/exercise. By ensuring there are spaces where dog owners have been considered as a priority, there will be less need for dog-owners to walk dogs in the other public areas where they are often perceived (unfairly) to be 'a nuisance' for non-dog owners. Promotional and educational materials should be fair and balanced - recognising that the vast majority of dog-owners are responsible and that residents with dogs need spaces to walk their dogs and are not 'intruding' on other public spaces (which can sometimes be the perception created by negative 'dog control' dialogue). Ensuring there are ample dog waste bins, regularly emptied. Adopting a more focused campaign about dog waste rather than 'preaching to the converted' (most dog walkers are not the target of those campaigns!) - celebrate responsible dog ownership, all that healthy exercise, from time to time rather than merely focusing on where dog-ownership is perceived as 'a problem'.
58.	When walking on pavements, dogs should be on a short lead, retractable leads to be extended to no more than one metre.
59.	Dog faeces should be picked up but also be deposited in an appropriate waste bin
60.	Employ more dog wardens. Every morning I hear dogs fighting on the park adjacent to my house. It is always dogs off leads, outside the 'dog walking area' part of the park, where children play football. It is clear that people don't expect anyone to challenge them and believe that the rules won't be enforced. It is widely known that Ribble Valley is a huge area with only one member of staff meant to cover everywhere. I don't think that people believe that the Borough takes this seriously.
61.	More fines for people letting their dogs foul without removing. More dog wardens to show people there is a presence out and about to deter people from letting their dogs foul.
62.	More bins always needed
63.	With regard to failing to pick up dog mess in public spaces, I regularly see dog mess on the pavements in Clitheroe, which indicates that more is needed to tackle this issue. The vast majority of dog owners are really good and clean up after their dogs but there is a high volume of dog owners in Clitheroe, and it only takes a small proportion of these behaving irresponsibly to create a bigger issue.
64.	Stop people thinking they have the right to let their dog do whatever it wants in the countryside. Sheep and cattle are not there to provide a fun chase for someone's pet dog
65.	Fine more people who spoil it for everyone
66.	The contact details for the public to use when there is a dog problem should be widely and easily available, plus the use of what 3 words explained to the public, so the location of troublesome dogs can be accurately provided
67.	In Geneva where I was recently they have fenced off areas in public parks which allow dogs to run while still being separate from other users. Perhaps the council could consider something similar.
68.	Notices to remind some people that there is no poo bag fairy!
69.	It is irresponsible that dogs are allowed the freedom of ALL the castle grounds. There should be plenty of "dog free" areas as is the case in plenty of other towns. (e.g., Barrowford)
70.	I object to dogs having free run of ALL the castle grounds. The castle field could easily be sectioned into half or even 2/3rds to still allow for freedom of dog exercising and the other half or 1/3rd be used for the original intention of picnics and family activities.
71.	Make it clear where to report dog fouling and how to get it cleaned up
72.	Given dog ownership appears to have increased post Covid. Oversight needs to at least remain as status quo.
73.	We need more policing in regard to dog fouling/ dogs off leads. Around busy areas of Clitheroe, on numerous occasions I've come across dog faeces. I think if there was more of a deterrent it would help eliminate this problem. New / refreshed signage would maybe help too! Encourage owners to pick up.
74.	It's surely dog owners who need to understand how to look after their dogs because not

	all people love dogs. The long stretchy leads should be banned, accidents waiting to happen
75.	Set up designated and fenced dog exercise areas after public consultation on locations.
76.	See previous notes above, more dog-free areas are needed - suggested in shops, cafes, restaurants, takeaways, band stand auditorium in the park & near some of the benches - dogs should be banned totally. Also have you seen the dried dog pee outside all the shop fronts - maybe the traders could invest in a stiff brush, a bucket and some elbow grease and clean up their shop fronts, even the fancy shops are a right mess outside. I wonder how come cafes & restaurants get a 5 star rating by the council when they let dogs onto the premises e.g. in the dining areas? Also why are dogs in food shops? I used to work in retail, and it was not allowed, only guide dogs - I've seen them in the Texaco garage, and McColl's on Henthorn Lane. What happened to food hygiene? Also in pubs, they should not be in the dedicated dining area - businesses are losing out, as who wants to eat with someone else's dog staring at them or the general stink that they have indoors, even big dogs trying to eat off your plate! The internet is destroying society, followed a close second by dogs everywhere & irresponsible owners. More controls are needed not less.
77.	A dog warden would be a good idea but only if action was taken against offending dog owners. No good just warning them - that's a waste of money.
78.	everyone who owns a dog should be given the rules, from vets or dog grooming parlours etc
79.	The fines that are given out should be more widely publicised in order to ensure more dog owners are abiding by the rules to keep our area clean
80.	Utilisation of CCTV particularly in the Castle Park where it is already in place. Hidden cameras along Woone Lane where there is dog mess literally everywhere.
81.	Better control dangerous dog breeds
82.	Not sure how to enforce these sensible rules. Challenges by members of the public almost always result in verbal abuse.
83.	Provide the ability to report dog fouling via the LoveCleanStreets application and provide public information about dog fouling hot spots.
84.	Public parks, Brungerley, Castle grounds, dogs should be kept on leads.
85.	Dogs should remain on a lead in Castle Park. Too many dogs are jumping up at strangers, including children.
86.	New housing developments need to have dog waste bins or multi use bins. Residents are struggling to find waste bins.
87.	Dog fouling is unpleasant and unhealthy and still occurs. I don't see the benefit of having a consultation which gives people an option not to clear up after their dogs or to dilute safety.
88.	Far too many dogs in Clitheroe with the result of fouled pavements. Quiet corners of grass being used inappropriately
89.	Keep dogs on a lead, on parks and recreation areas.
90.	Reduce the number of dogs under one person's control to no more than 2.
91.	Putting cameras up in certain areas, especially where there are few or no poo bins e.g., Primrose nature reserve. Bigger signs which state the fine for not picking up and finally, more dog wardens or park patrolling.
92.	This certainly needs to be kept in place and in my opinion extended. There are many places that dogs can be exercised other than parks and fields where livestock are within the area. Perhaps another dog warden as well, as fouling, especially in the dark winter months is out of control.
93.	I think there could be stronger controls on dogs being muzzled when they are known to be aggressive. Particularly the pit bull types. I have met walkers on Castle Park that call out to say their dog is not friendly and to stay away. They struggle to keep hold of the dogs but if they did get free they have no other protection i.e., muzzle to stop an attack.

94.	Issue FREE poo bags to all dog owners like they do in Hyndburn. Create a large fenced off zone for dogs to be let off leads along with a sand patch for pooping. Larger or more dedicated waste bins where they repeatedly overflow. Have more signage on farmers gates warning to keep dogs on leads when it's lambing season. Have dog warden cease / issue warnings to dangerous dogs' owners - such as XL Bully's. (Often associated with drug dealers) so do more raids.
95.	Dogs to be kept on leads in all public places.
96.	Dogs to be kept on a lead in all public places.
97.	Keep at it. Sadly, dog owners often do not consider other members of the public.
98.	Monitoring of dog walking areas.
99.	Have effective dog wardens that liaise with other wardens in neighbouring boroughs
100	Dog owners must also dispose of dog bags in bins or take them home
101	Dogs should be on a lead on all public footpaths & they're ought to be a penalty for breaking this rule. Signs asking dog-owners to carry their dogs where pavements are busy & narrow.
102	Dogs are allowed to roam free on public footpaths & bridleways. This is not acceptable to people who are nervous of dogs and to the sheep and farm animals who are threatened by their presence.
103	Penalty should be at least doubled cause people still don't clean after their dogs therefore not being afraid to get a fine for their wrong doing.
104	Try to encourage dog owners to take dog waste home for disposal. Even when bins are used overflowing bins are revolting. Is there any possibility of the reintroduction of the dog licence?
105	Ensure every dog is DNA tested and any fouling should be DNA checked, the dog traced, and the owner prosecuted. For this to work, the dog license would need to be re-introduced. This policy is operational in Naples.
106	Enforce the present rules by DNA identification of offending animals in areas of concern and fining owners
107	No loose dogs at any time. Leads to be used at all times especially across fields.
108	More checking up. I've always got dog mess on my front lawn, and I never see anyone or dogs passing as they are often loose.
109	Registration of owner and dog
110	Enforcement is essential or the rules have no value. The wardens need to be out and about speaking to people warning errant dog owners where necessary or issuing penalties to repeat or blatant offenders. If the message gets out that enforcement is taking place this will have a massive impact. For example, dogs are regularly exercised on the football fields off Edisford Car Park, but I have never seen any wardens or enforcement. Just a few warnings would be effective and perhaps occasionally working early morning or evening.
111	Ensure dogs are licensed.
112	Insist that dogs which an owner acknowledges could be a potential danger or aggressive dog wears a muzzle
113	Too many dogs are off lead in too many public places and are at risk of attacking people or other dogs or livestock. The number dog owners have increased a lot recently! I have owned dogs previously and I am an animal lover even with these views
114	Please provide some notices asking those who have picked up the dog waste not to hang the plastic bags on fences and tree branches but dispose of them in appropriate receptacles
115	I really don't know what you can do. Maybe look to other counties and see if any of them have had any success with controlling dogs and their mess.
116	Always on lead where sheep are grazing
117	Invest in more enforcement procedures. People know they can easily flout the rules with no penalty.
118	Create dog parks / fields that dog owners can use without the worry of livestock or children being around. Obviously picking up poop after them should still be a rule.

119	Bigger fines, CCTV to track irresponsible dog owners, community service litter picking and collecting dog mess, more signs in large print, leaflet every household informing dog owners of their responsibility. Children walk family dogs, and they don't pick up the mess, let all parents know regardless of the dog walkers age the mess has to be picked up. I have been on a crusade for years with this issue. My garden has been used, my neighbours garden and when challenged the dog owner walked away. The following morning there was dog mess at the bottom of my drive. Obviously left there by a disgruntled dog owner. Disgraceful.
120	It would be better if there were more dog bins available
121	There is not enough surveillance of dog owners. There is fouling of footpaths, but nothing can be done as no one can confirm which dog did it so any regulations are a waste of time!
122	Introduce more dog patrols on heavily used area, e.g., Dean Clough Reservoir
123	More patrols
124	Stop building so many houses so dog owners can exercise their animals in a safer environment away from the general public
125	Is this about dog control or dog fouling? More dog poo bins should be available. It's not pleasant having to walk a long way with dog poo and then have to take it home in a car. More bins would encourage people to pick up and use them. In Cornwall there are plenty, and no poo on the streets!
126	First offence should be cautioned, repeated offence fined. Continued defiance should result in removal of animal. If dog owners are not prepared to be responsible for their pets, they are not entitled to own one.
127	Ensure clear signage regarding where dogs aren't allowed. Put poo bag dispensers in public areas so dog owners have access to them if they haven't got bags with them. Ensure there are sufficient bins for disposal of poo bags and that these are emptied regularly.
128	Be proactive. The dog warden is often seen emptying dog bins or sat in their van. Surely this should be a more visible presence and be contactable more easily. They should also work more closely and proactively with the police. My daughter was attacked by a pack of SIX dogs on a public footpath. This was NOT the first time, one of at least 4 attacks known to the dog warden and police. Still nothing has been done. Next it may be a child
129	Implement higher fines
130	A dog which is known to be aggressive should be required to wear a muzzle whilst in a public space
131	More dog parks or fenced off areas within public spaces for the sole purpose of exercising dogs.
132	Vicious dog breeds that intimidate other dogs and the public should be on a lead in all public places, whether on a dangerous breed list or not. Government officers should enforce these following reports from the public.
133	Dog poo bags can be available within town centres and public parks. At cafés within parks, could poo bags be outside ready for emergency collection. The countryside code should be followed in all green spaces, urban and rural. You control your dog so that it doesn't scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife. In general, you don't have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as they are under close control. always keep your dog on a lead or in sight be confident your dog will return on command make sure your dog does not stray from the path or area where you have right of access
134	Dogs on leads in public places including pavements. Enforcement of said notice.
135	I think the main issue with dogs really is people not training them properly and not disciplining them. In my experience many dog owners are very careless and will watch and do nothing as their dogs will bark aggressively and run up to people. There's nothing wrong with the rules, it's just people not bothering to control their dogs and their lack of regard for other people's safety.

136	All dogs should be on a short lead in public spaces at all times. Dogs often come up close to my young children. I also witnessed a dog biting a young child on the face in Clitheroe market a couple of weeks ago. Dogs are animals and despite training can be unpredictable, especially around children and other animals. Keep your dog on a lead, pick up its poo or don't have a dog.
137	I'm afraid the only way to stop those dog owners who won't pick up after their dog is to name and shame.
138	Officers vigilant and applying the controls where necessary.
139	Increase dog patrols and wardens.
140	More waste bins to help stop irresponsible (or sometimes forgetful) dog owners leaving used dog bags on the floor. For example, I know if dog owners that place used bags intending to pick them up on their return trip but forget or misplace where they had left it
141	No
142	Actually, fine and publish

### ***Consultation correspondence***

The Council also received the following correspondence relating to the consultation:

*Please note: Names and contact details have been redacted for the purpose of anonymity.*



Dear Sir/Madam.

In regards to people ~~on~~ with dogs allowing them to foul the public places, I feel strongly that control be kept that assured us of clean places to walk.

I am 90 years old so I have seen this change from when I was a small child. I was born in 1933 and at that time there were plenty of urinals for men, some even on roads over canals so that they drained into the canal. For ladies nothing except in the market area. They had to find a back to go in and hide each other by holding their skirts to give them some privacy. Little girls had to be held out over grates and little boys stand over the grate to relieve themselves. Would there dog owners who are too lazy to train their dogs like to see these dogs back.

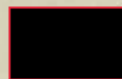
People who own cats should be forced to have litter trays not put them out to foul the streets and other peoples gardens. I have cats coming in my garden all through the night. I have a night camera so I can watch the wild life and am fed up with my seedling being scratched up and cat poo to be cleaned up. I have not put my address because some of the animal owners are quite offences. P.T.O.

Helping people out of poverty and getting  
clean water is admirable and I have  
supported that.

But is it going to be worth it if  
in future someone wants to take  
that improvement from them because  
they are asked to do something  
constructive.

I do hope you can make out  
this letter but my hand trembles,  
just one little thing that old age  
hands you -

Good Luck with your efforts  
to keep us with streets that are  
clean to walk on.




DIRECTOR OF  
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## Email. RE: Fouling

-----Original Message-----

From: Councillor [REDACTED] Barrow Parish Council  
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Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 8:55 AM  
To: Survey <[survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].org.uk>  
Subject: Fouling

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Hi [REDACTED],

There are a lot of dog owners in barrow. The majority of them pick their dog poo up. There are residents which are complaining about dogs on the big park. There is a sign up No Dogs Allowed but obviously they choose to ignore.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Barrow parish councillor

## Response Email. RE: Fouling

-----Original Message-----

From: Survey  
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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@barrowparishcouncil.org.uk>  
Subject: RE: Fouling

Dear Councillor [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your email and the information that you have provided. I will include your comments with all those received as part of the final consultation documentation.

Kind regards.

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## Email. RE: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public

From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk <[REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 2:15 PM  
To: Survey <[survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk)>  
Cc: [enquiries@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ribblevalley.gov.uk)  
Subject: Re: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public

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Hello

Just out of interest, how many fines have been issued (and actually paid) under the



Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order?

Thanks

***Response Email RE: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public***

From: Survey

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 4:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk

Subject: RE: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your enquiry email about the number of fines that have been issued (and actually paid) under the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)? Since the PSPO came into force on 20 October 2017, eight fines have been issued (and paid) for breach of the PSPO.

Kind regards

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