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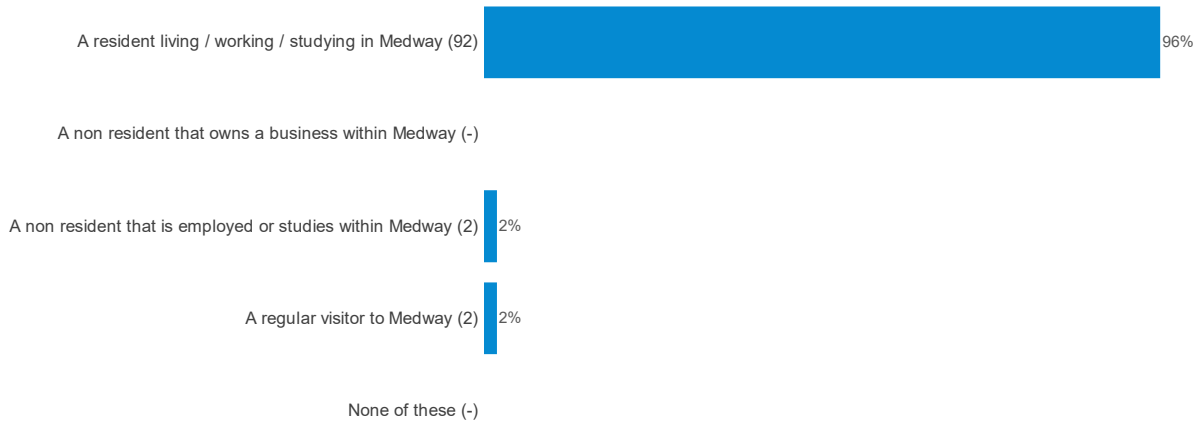


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Allhallows (-)

Cliffe and Cliffe Woods (-)

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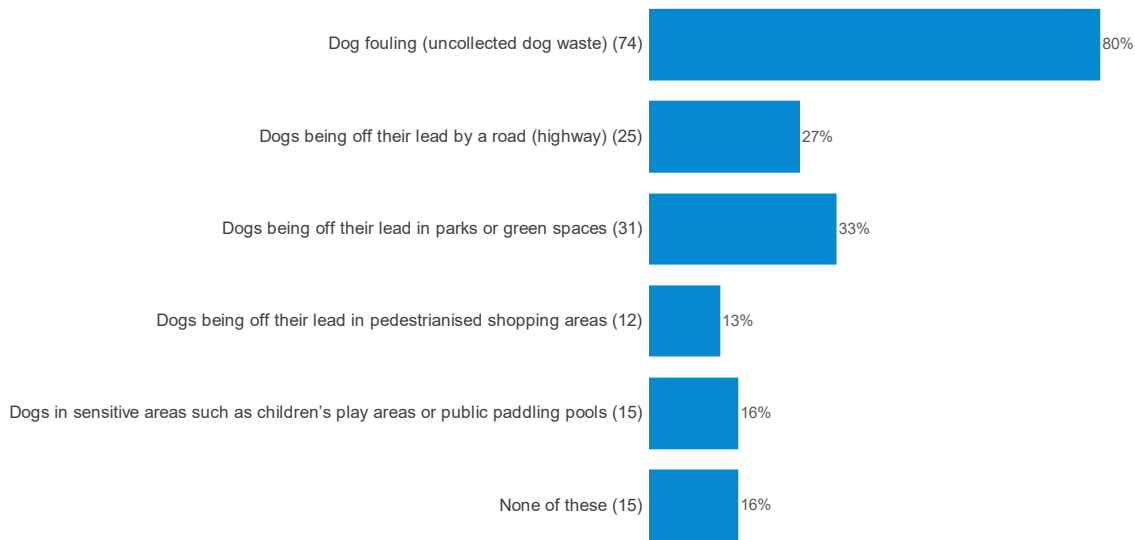
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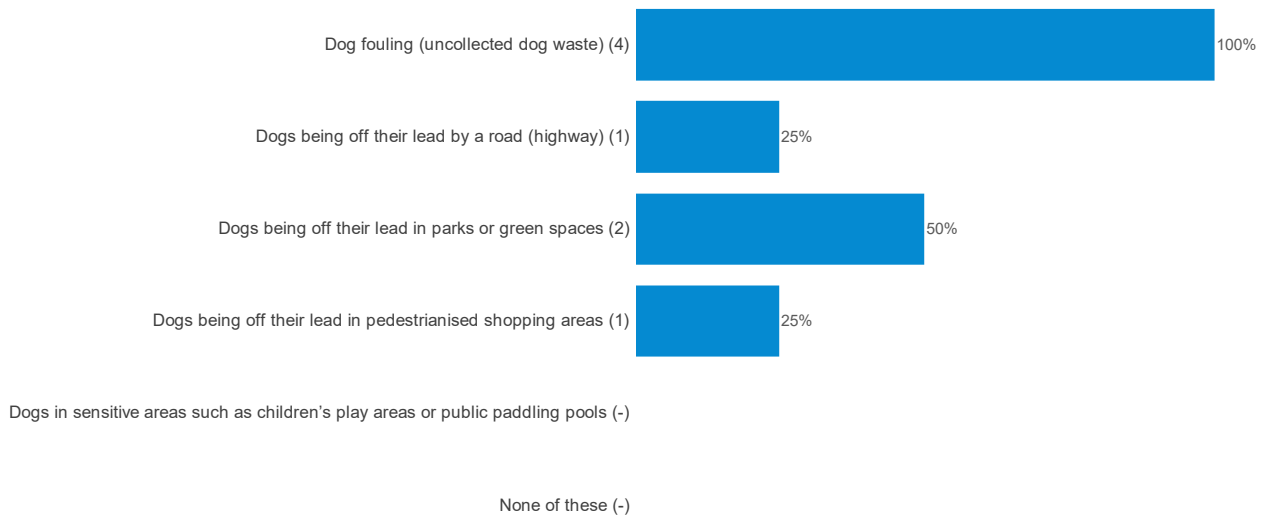
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Which of the following are problems in your local area?

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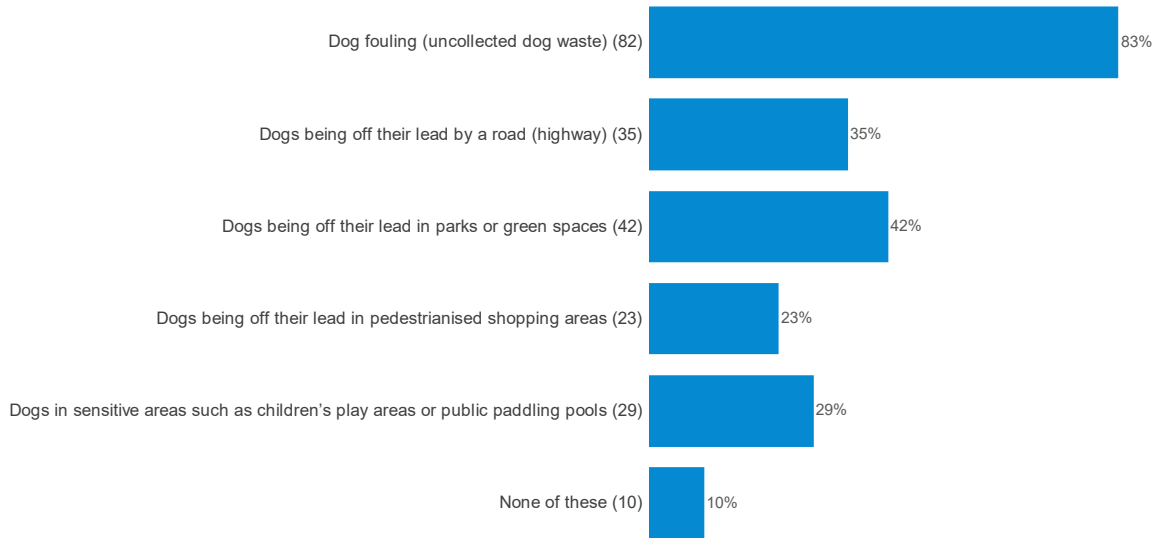


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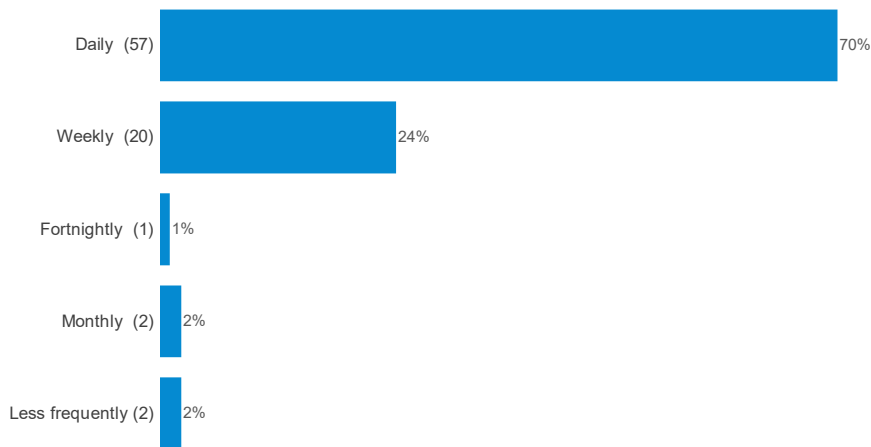


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Which of the following are problems in Medway?

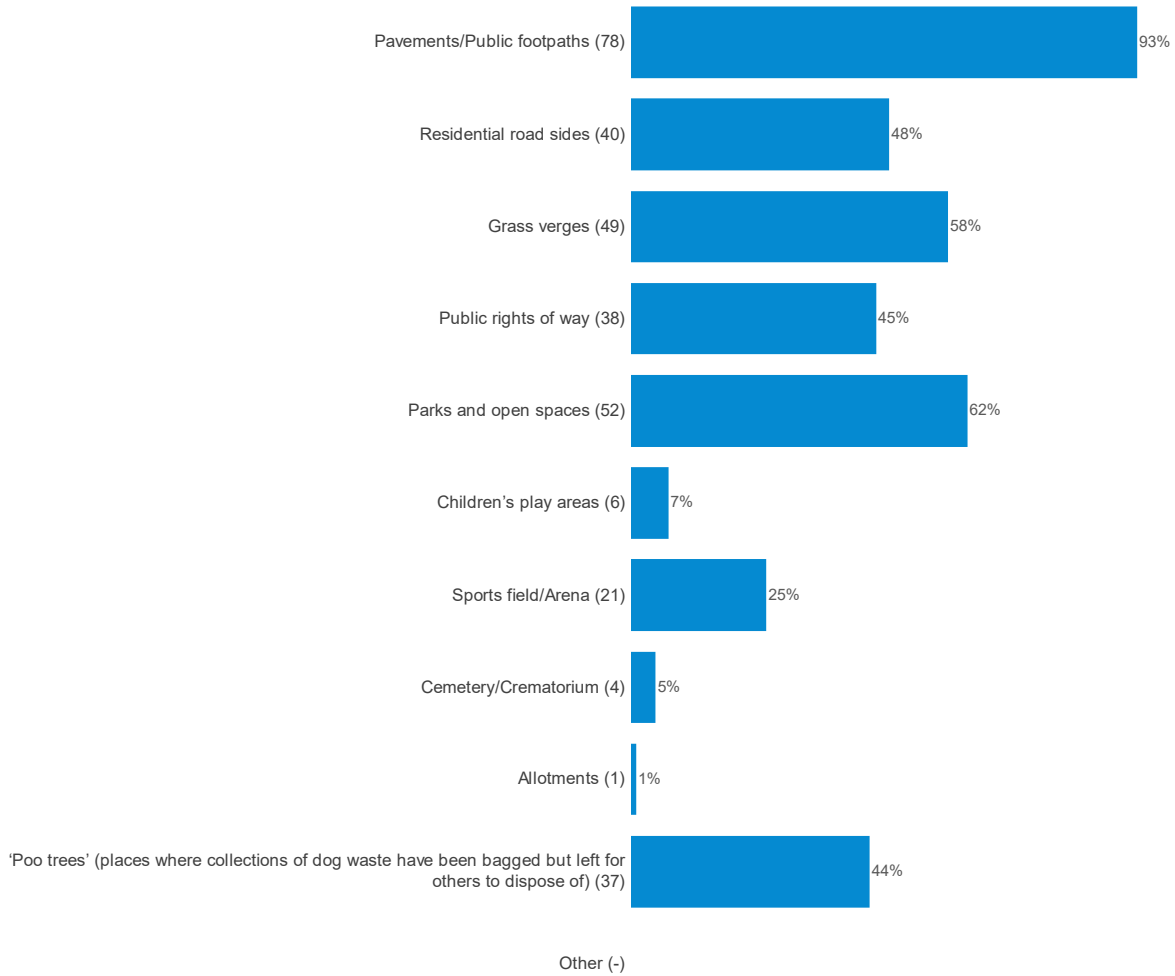


How often do you see uncollected dog waste?



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Where do you typically see dog waste?



Do you support the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dog fouling in Medway?



Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dog fouling in Medway?

Needs to continue to be controlled

Don't know detail of the order

If this matter is not controlled it will get out of control and there will be more dog fouling. People need to be fined.

I agree with the prevention of dog fouling but not enforcement of dogs on leads in large open spaces

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dog fouling in Medway?

We need ongoing attention to this issue

I strongly support its continuation - dog fouling (or rather the humans who don't collect it/deal with it properly) is a health hazard, requiring robust treatment by the council.

I agree as not only do dogs foul in front my drive, my daughter, when young, slipped and fell over in dog waste. Children, buggy's and wheelchairs should have walk or wheel around or though it.

Even with these controls in place many dog owners still do not pick after their pets, so if the controls were not there at all I feel the public would encounter more dogs excrement on pavements and parks.

Something needs sorting with regards to Priestfield playing fields. Youngsters play rugby and football on there every week and before training and games can commence we have to walk the area and pick up dog mess. Also when walking my dog other dogs off leads approach with no concerns from their owners that my dog is nervous and will have a go back

Maybe explain what that is before the questionnaire

Because dog fouling is a huge problem.

The powers need to be retained to combat irresponsible dog owners

Inconsiderate owners are putting peoples health at risk, especially all the people young and older who use sports field for recreational sports.

Without this, people will have even less incentive to pick up after their dogs. People don't seem to understand the responsibility that comes with owning a dog and this will help with that.

I am a responsible dog owner and it makes me really angry to see other owners not picking up behind their dogs.

Dog mess us a huge issue in Medway. As a registered childminder I am concerned about uncollected dog mess and dogs off leads in public spaces

Lack of enforcement make an example of the owners name and shame they live local to the area it would make them think twice and increase the fine for repeat offenders

Dog fouling has become a major problem in Rainham Central. This is not helped by the fact that the Dog Waste bins are not emptied enough times during the week, They should be emptied daily. Also, the number of 'Nocturnal' dog walkers who disregard the mess left by their dogs is a serious issue

there is no excuse for not clearing up after your dog and there is nothing worse than treading in it

I strongly agree , dog fouling is disgusting and solely the owner's responsibility.

You need to keep dog fouling under control so that residents of Medway who do not have dogs can enjoy the walks on public footpaths and parks, pavements and streets without having to see dog faeces bags and waste left on their route.

The protection order needs to be continued to maintain the hygiene and cleanliness in the area

I am a dog owner and pick the poo up. No excuse for others nor doing it.

Control and indeed increased levels of control of dog fouling are necessary as non compliance is widespread. This is a health hazard and lack of dog control is an increasing hazard for other pedestrians/runners.

I want it controlled because it unhygienic and disgusting, fines should also be increased and there should be more visibility of people controlling this

Because dog fouling is a public health issue that must be tackled head on. Get tough on those owners ignoring/abusing the law.

Dog fouling is still a problem in the area. More needs to be done to address the issue.

It's disgusting, encourages rats and gives the country a bad name.

People need to be responsible and if they are not someone needs to enforce action without this pspo will not be challenged

Dog fouling on pavements and in parks needs to be addressed/controlled

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dog fouling in Medway?

Owners need to be held responsible.

Dog owners have to be made aware of their responsibilities to keep public areas clean

Vital to continue as some pet owners are irresponsible

Medway needs to start enforcing it's policies. Dog fouling, anti social behaviour, parking, litter and "good housekeeping"

Public spaces should be protected for the enjoyment of all.

I sometimes use a wheelchair and there is nothing worse than getting dog poo on the wheels.

I am unsure what is involved with this in terms of costs and results

This is clearly a health and social acceptability issue and needs to be continued and enforced more vigorously.

Dog fouling needs to be monitored, and people need to be held responsible for their dog's mess

Dog fouling is unnecessary. As a dog owner I know how easy it is to clean up after your dog and dispose of waste sensibly.

It is necessary because of people that allow their dogs to foul the areas and not clean up

Those owners responsible need to be made aware of the problem they are creating by allowing their animals to foul in public spaces and to be penalised if they continue to do so.

The officers do a fantastic job that doesn't need to change but dog fouling/dogs off leads will only get worse again without enforcement.

Every dog should be on a lead unless in an allowed area, especially with the amount of Staffy type breeds that seem to be prevalent as 'trophy dogs' with owners deliberately leaving them off a lead. Allowing dogs to foul is disgusting, owners should be fined.

Because people are too lazy to collect and dispose of their dog's waste and need the law to sanction them

Medway needs to get on top of cases of dog fouling in all areas. Additionally, many poo bins are not emptied often enough resulting in piles of dog waste left by the full bins.

I agree that dog fouling and owners not picking up need to be addressed but I don't agree with bans on dogs off leads in public spaces

Obviously hasn't been working to this point as I constantly come across dog 'foul' when walking my daughter to school - several times each day

I and to my knowledge many other people dislike and have commented to me about finding dog fouling on public roads and public spaces.

I'm not sure it's working but it really discourages walking & is a negative experience of the town.

I think it's crucial to ensure that dog owners act responsibly by clearing up dog fouling, but it might help if there were more 'dog bins'.

It is a real issue in the local area, particularly around parks and footpaths.

People should pick up after their dogs.

Persons who do not clean up after their dogs in public places should be made to face consequences of ignoring the rules in place for that area. By not doing so means that responsible dog owners are penalised by further restrictions should these simple hygienic requirements are not met. It is unpleasant to walk your children to school and have to dodge mess on the pavement and within open spaces no one knows if these dogs have been treated for the various types of worm which dogs can contract.

I agree as owners should be considerate and pick it up

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dog fouling in Medway?

I agree to the extension because it would appear although there have been improvements, there are still dog owners who feel they are above behaving responsibly with regard to dog fouling and dogs being kept on leads. I feel the council should actually start making more of example of these selfish individuals.

Have never seen or heard of anyone being spoken to or fined for this so would be a waste of public money to continue.

The Council needs powers to deal with antisocial dig owners

Every day on the walk to school the pavements have dog fouling. It is disgusting. Dog owners should be fined for not cleaning up after their dogs. It is so unhygienic.

I have a fear of dogs so I get panic attacks if I see them off their leads in my local park. This has happened more than once at Broomhill.

People should pick up after their dogs as it drives me mad

It's important to keep all areas clear of dog waste

Agree about the Public Space Protection Order being enforced for the next 3 years

Because the supposed issues they address are not relevant in my area and its just another of authority micromanaging the public and meddling in their affairs. "Little Hitler syndrome"

I step out into my street daily with uncollected dog poo around.

The streets are foul and so is riverside country park. Dog poo is everywhere.

It needs to continue, until bad dog owners, get caught and fined, until they becoe more responsible

I think dog fouling is a part of owning a dog and should be taking seriously.

Unfortunately we have too many dog owners who don't want or can't be bothered to follow the rules that are their for everyone's comfort

Without these pspo it would be alot worse.

There are still too many people not 'picking up' in places where people walk. I'm not concerned by poo flicked into undergrowth where it will bio-degrade - in some ways I find this preferable than using plastic bags.

Feels unnecessary - how does it help to reduce dog fouling?

I'm a dog walker in parkwood . On daily basis I have to tell people to pick up their dog poo and even offer bags

Everything about it is positive

People need to pick it up!

It can only be a good thing surely

All dogs are dangerous and unpredictable animals, and should be made to wear muzzles while in public places, and dog fouling in public places is also a danger to public health, especailly the young.

Action/education still needs to be taken

As a responsible dog owner there is never any reason to allow your dog to foul.

Do you have any other comments regarding the PSPO?

No

For me Capstone is a particular problem with dogs off leads fouling anywhere.

Should not have dog if you are not prepared to pick up after them.

With the increase in businesses being run as dog walking services I feel they should be restricted to 2 or 3 dogs at any one time, this would mean they were being sufficiently controlled , especially in Council run parks where children play. The business should pay a licence fee .

Do you have any other comments regarding the PSPO?

No.

I would like to see more visible enforcement of offenders.

Such an important element of safety for our community

I live on the Davis Estate and think a dog waste bin needs to be provided on the junction of Concord Avenue and Holland Road,as there is no bin in that locality.

anyone who does not pick up after their dog deserves to be fined

Please enforce more rigorously where possible.

No thank you

Didn't know there was one, makes one wonder what the problem with dogs would be if it wasn't there? Need much more enforcement.

Publicise the number of orders served so that offenders are aware of possible action against them

None

No

No

Well behaved dogs off leads away from roads should not be considered an issue

No.

More poo bins needed both on public pavements and in green open spaces where we walk our dogs. This will encourage people to use the bins rather than leaving mess on the ground.

More enforcement!

I think a protection order is more than justified to continue tackling this problem, which is present right across Medway, certainly the urban conurbation.

It should continue

I don't think leads on fields should be Implemented. As a dog owner myself. A daily run it very much needed for my 2 and I always endeavour to keep them away from others and causing a nuisance

It should continue

Yes spend more time and money on important matters, I will leave you to work out what they are

I'm not sure how you would enforce it.

No

they do an outstanding job.

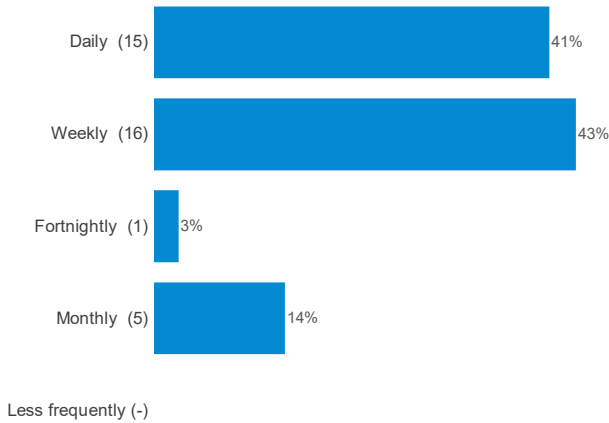
It is great that well-behaved dogs are allowed to run free in fields etc. This is the majority and they should not be affected by the order. There are, however, the few irresponsible owners who let badly behaved dogs off the lead, which can dirty passers-by's clothing, or at worse nip them. Maybe compulsory training classes for bad owners is the answer.

No

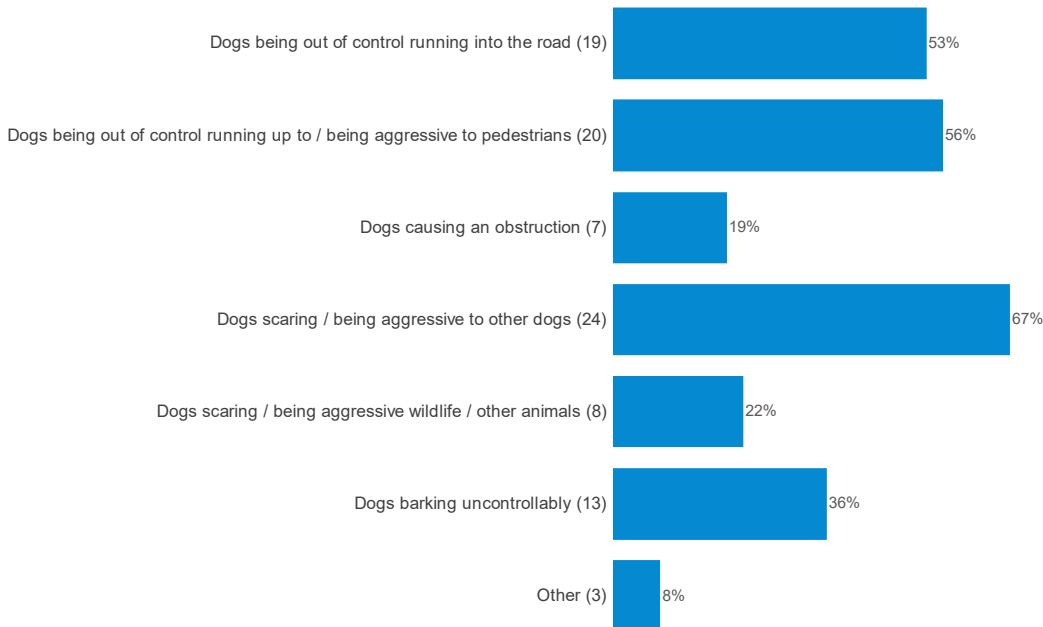
it should be permanent!

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How frequently do you spot dogs being off their lead by a road (highway)?



What kinds of problems do you see being caused by dogs being off their lead by a road (highway)?



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I haven't seen much aggression only see dogs off the lead occasionally on a road. But even a dog being 'friendly' can be frightening and intimidating if you don't know the dog or the owner. It regularly frightens my children in the park.

Having been attacked and then threatened by the owner, we need to change dog owners' mentalities. Having been attacked and then threatened by the owner, we need steeper penalties.

Dog is well trained but causes concerns to drivers as it runs to the kerb off lead before crossing.

Do you support the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead by a road (highway) in Medway?



Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead by a road (highway) in Medway?

Safety for dogs, owners and car drivers.

As stated Capstone is a particular problem. Dog owners think that they have a right to have their dog off their lead, and they rarely have any control over the animal. This is an area for walkers too, but when I have asked dog owners to control their dogs, as I object to them jumping up at me, I was told dont come here if you dont like dogs! I no longer walk at Capstone, as hate dogs approaching me.

I agree to highways but not public open spaces where they can be kept under close control by responsible owners

I agree as this is a danger to the animals, to drivers, to pedestrians, and to the owners

Traffic, dogs running in roads cause accidents

Being off lead near roads is dangerous for the dog and road users

A dog running into the road, could lead to serious road traffic accidents.

Just having the possibility of these teams around will be reassuring to dog walkers and other members of the public

It is dangerous to other pedestrians, dogs and road users.

Public safety particularly young children

Road Traffic Hazard

no dog should be off their lead by a road as they are unpredictable and could cause accidents

Dogs off leads cause accidents

Danger to all

Dangerous being off the lead near traffic. They could see something on the other side of the road and bomb out in front of traffic.

This an increasing problem where pet owners unable/ unwilling to properly control their animals present a real and dangerous hazard to pedestrians and particularly joggers. Attacks are becoming more widespread.

If a dog gets distracted, it can go into the road and cause an accident. It could run and attack people. And not all people are comfortable around dogs, so would be very scared with dogs coming up to them

Because letting a dog off it's lead is a deliberate action by the walker who will know they've lost immediate control of their dog. Its not accidental. They either do it recklessly or carelessly. Either way, when that uncontrolled dog frightens another person its almost the same as a common assault.

Dogs off leads is a big problem that needs addressing. Most people don't take the time to train their dogs, so having untrained dogs off lead causes issues for everyone.

In my view all dogs should be on a lead and muzzeled in all public places. We should be more like the continent. Only in private areas should they be off lead

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead by a road (highway) in Medway?

It's dangerous to have a dog off it's lead by a road. It could be distracted, run across the road and cause an accident.

Danger to cars and people

For the protection of other pedestrians

It's dangerous to traffic and pedestrians and the dog!

As before, anti social behaviour NOT enforced by council. Dog attacks on mothers / children goes unprosecuted.

Keep the streets clean. Making it pleasant to walk and not worry about messy shoes. Also for the protection of young children.

Not all dogs require to be kept on a lead.

I sometimes use a wheelchair and there is nothing worse than getting dog poo on the wheels.

to prevent obvious dangers

Dogs off their leads are a potential safety issue and a social inconvenience.

It is dangerous not to have a dog on lead by roads, fo all: pedestrians, cars, bikes etc.

To much risk of causing an accident

Owners do not always control their dogs

Keeping dogs on a lead helps to reduce hazards and potential accidents which may occur if the animal is off lead.

The roads are busy, it only takes one dog to run into a road and cause an accident, and there's an issue with "status dogs" being allowed to roam which can be quite threatening to other pedestrians/other animals. My husband has almost been knocked off his motorcycle by unleashed dogs before. It simply just needs enforcing and the police are already stretched thin.

I believe that dogs should be on the lead on all roads and in areas where there are other people and dogs

It's important for both the safety of dogs and the general public.

It's dangerous

Counter intuitive. No dog lover will allow their dog to be out of control near a busy road.

Not a problem I've witnessed.

It's quite obvious that a dog not on a lead by a highway might walk into the road and cause an accident, so yes.

As a runner and walker I often encounter aggressive dogs who should be on a lead.

Because its dangerous

Dogs can be unpredictable and have no road sense especially if they maybe see a cat. This could cause road traffic accidents. I also think the public want to feel safe whilst walking in the streets and many are wary when there is dog off lead.

owners need to be aware and considerate to others roads are dangerous

We have had incidents of dog owners walking dogs with no leads, they have ventured in neighbours gardens, used it as a toilet, caused distress to the resident's dog, when challenged it was brush off by the owner the 'dog didn't mean any harm!' 'it's well trained'

As previously have never seen or heard of anyone being spoken to or fined for this so would be a waste of public money to continue.

Dogs off lead on the highway are a potential danger to other users

It is a safety issue. I would hate to hit a dog that is off its lead while I am driving.

Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead by a road (highway) in Medway?

It is not safe for a dog to be of lead by a highway it could cause accidents

I believe dogs should be kept on leads when by roads, it is so easy for them to chase something and cause a accident

Agree

Not a problem for me

Is is a constant issue

It makes it unsafe for pedestrians and dog owners don't always realise their dog is fouling because they are not leashed.

As much as owners may trust their dogs to behave, they can be unpredictable, and cause an accident by running across the road, and all that entails. Also lots of people and children and other dogs are afraid of dogs. Its not fair, they need to be in control in public places.

Responsible dog ownership means keeping them safe. If the dog hasn't had extensive advanced training, there is no guarantee that they won't deviate from a pathway.

Safety for everyone

I have never found this to be a problem.

Again I don't see how it helps solve the problem if it's never enforced.

It's a danger to drivers and other dogs

Dangers to all (drivers and dogs)

It's unsafe

Dogs are unpredictable and dangerous animals and should be muzzled while in public

Consequences of dog being off lead by road can be huge, no matter how 'well behaved' the dog can be

Seen dog daily and causes me to break hard which could cause accidents.

Do you have any other comments regarding the PSPO?

No

Enable photographic evidence to be permissable in law

Please enforce restrictions more rigorously.

nope

Get tough! Issue lots of penalty notices!

It should be permanent.

An out of control can cause injury or distress to pedestrians and drivers as it lunges around

No

No

They do a great job, let them carry on doing it.

I have witnessed dogs off lead in both Chatham and Rochester town centres.

Enforcement!

I live by Broomhill Park and dogs are very often running around barking at other dogs or people, they are not on leads. There have been a few dog attacks in the park recently, which is a real issue.

It should be extended

I don't think dogs should have to have a lead on in field and open areas As a dog owner myself, my 2 need a daily run. but near a road yes.

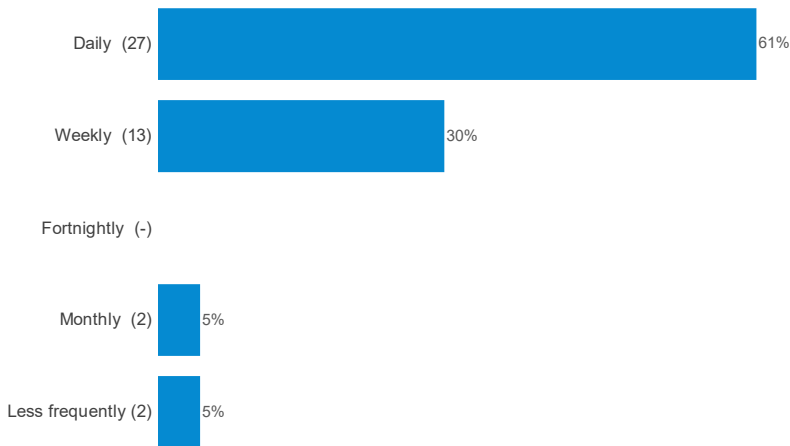
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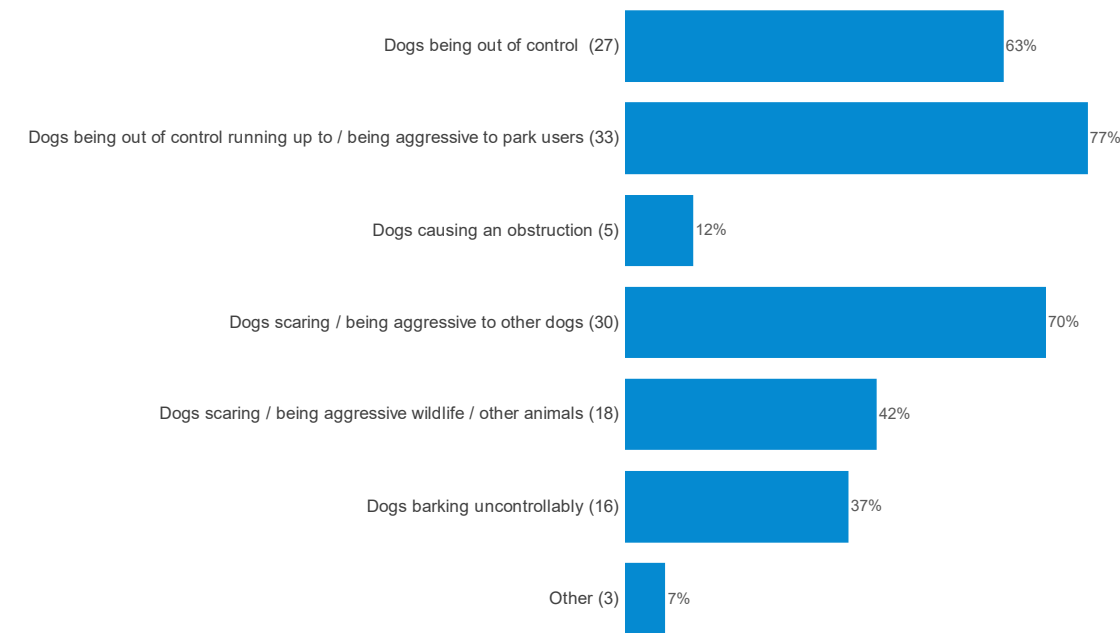
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How frequently do you see dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?



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What kinds of problems do you see being caused by dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?

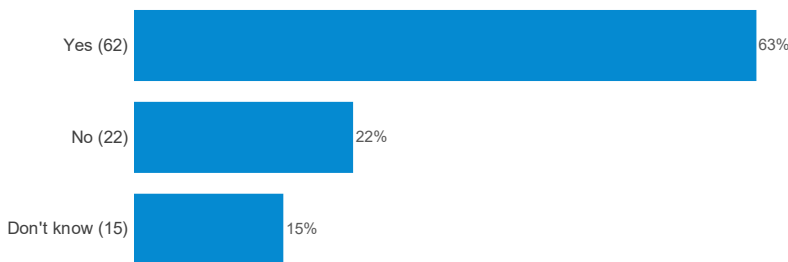


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See previous response

Owners not being responsible for their dogs actions.

Do you support the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?



Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?

Slightly unclear here, are we saying dogs cannot be off lead or that owners should have them under control if they are? During the Covid restrictions I have not been visiting local green spaces very much but was not aware dogs off lead was a local problem. The animals do of course need to be able to exercise and one would rightly expect owners to be responsible for them at all times.

Not all dog owners are acting responsibly and make it difficult to use open spaces safely

Don't know what regulations are. I just go by whatever the signs say when I am walking my dog

There needs to be a presence to protect the public.

Dogs can be kept under close control of lead by responsible owners

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?

Again, I support this as it helps protect the animals (and reduce fighting/injuries from others), their owners, other members of the public

I don't agree with blanket ban and would prefer the emphasis being on canine behaviour.

Dogs should be able to run around in a park as long as they are well behaved

A number of dogs are well behaved and have considerate owners, however a number of dogs and owners are not and these need to be targeted.

As previously. Having this team around will reduce the likelihood. I only yesterday got surrounded by two dogs off leads with an owner who didn't seem to care. My two rescue dogs were petrified and jumping up to me and my little boy who was also with me was crying. Not even a word of apology from the owner. This team will make me feel safer.

My dog loves being off lead, but is always under control as she is well trained. People need to be educated about training their dogs, and to be responsible if their dogs need to be kept on a lead.

I believe dogs should be enabled to be off lead in parks and green spaces so long as they are not in parks where children's play areas are

As a childminder dogs often run up to my minded children and do not return to their owners when called

Uncollected Dog fouling is very unpleasant. Dog owners must be made aware of the importance of picking it up or face consequences for not doing so.

To get all dog owners more responsible and considerate to others

this is not a problem as long as they are not dangerous dogs

Dog fouling is a health hazard for all

All owners need to take responsibility for their animals. More enclosed dog exercise areas would be a good idea. Keeping them away from children who sometimes are uneasy about dogs.

They should be on leads in Park car parks.

There should be set areas where dogs can go off leads.

Parks should have a specifically designated and totally fenced- in Dog Run Areas. St.Mary's Island has done this very well and is an ideal model to follow. Dogs off the lead anywhere other than inside this Area should trigger immediate enforcement action.

Dogs off leads is a big problem that needs addressing. Most people don't take the time to train their dogs, so having untrained dogs off lead causes issues for everyone.

Dogs should be on a lead in all public areas.

If the owner has full control and an obedient dog it should be OK for the dog to be off the lead in a park or green space. Where there is no control the dog should be on a lead.

Supervision of the owners!

dog mess leaves our parks and green spaces stops children and adults from enjoying these areas
There needs to be some control on large/ small vicious dogs not all people can defend themselves when a dog jumps up at them

Not everyone likes dogs and children can be afraid/knocked over by loose difs

See previous comment

Where can I read this part of the order?

I sometimes use a wheelchair and there is nothing worse than getting dog poo on the wheels.

I find dogs to be intimidating and will avoid areas if a dog is off a lead

I have no problem with dogs kept under control but often they are not prevented from jumping up on people enjoying open spaces and frightening young children.

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?

Dogs can be off lead if they are under control, and won't hassle people, or other dogs, if off lead

Well behaved dogs should be allowed off leads, they need to be able to run to exercise.

See previous comments

Same reasons. It's something that needs to be enforced.

Having been a dog owner and intending to be one again, I was often terrified when other large dogs approached my very small dog

Parks and green spaces are the appropriate places for dogs to be exercised off lead. However, I support dangerous & aggressive dogs requiring to be in lead or muzzled.

Dogs need to be able to run

It's a no brainer!

Blunt instrument. All dogs and all owners are different. Why should all be treated as irresponsible and dangerous?

Dogs need to run to exercise. Not everyone has the ability to walk dogs 30 - 60 minutes every evening Which certain breeds need as in collies spaniels and in general most farm dogs

Not a problem I've witnessed

There needs to be somewhere that dogs can be exercised...very difficult while still kept on a lead. Why should Parks and green spaces just be for people? I do understand that some dogs let off a lead may cause mayhem and even damage, but the owner of those dogs shouldn't allow them off leads in those areas, and there should be warnings instead not to let unruly or badly behaved dogs off a lead.

Living by Broomhill Park i have seen dogs (not on leads) chasing and barking at other dogs and people. I have been chased and growled at by dogs when running around the park before. They have been a few nasty dog attacks recently too. Moreover, my cats have been chased by dogs when they have wandered into the park previously. We often hear dogs barking as they are walked around the park, in the dark, as early as 5am; it's ridiculous!

Dangerous dogs should always be on a lead

This may not be relevant at this point in the survey but I do think that considerations to keeping dogs on leads in open spaces would be a sad day when a dog can not be free to enjoy time off leash and have interaction with other dogs. This again comes down to a few spoiling things for the many. In my thirty years as a dog owner I have never had cause for concern with my dog being allowed off lead once we are on one of Medways popular open spaces. The great lines, Sharps green and Capstone orchard car park to name three. You have to allow dog owners to be responsible taking away the right to allowing a dog freedom would be devastating . I will always put my dog on a lead if a child or adult is obviously fearful, my dog is not allowed in play areas and with all the dog owners that I encounter there has never been an incident of dog fighting or biting. Most owners who know their dog have issue will keep them on leads and walk away from situations where it likely to cause distress to anyone. I do feel family parks eg Gillingham park are a slightly different scenario to the country parks I have previously mentioned. I am not sure how you differentiate when making rules but I would happily keep my dog on a lead in a place where families are picnicking, playing sports etc but I also choose not to use these places to walk my dog because of this reason.

I have no issue with dogs being lead off in parks and woodlands if the dog has good recall, but unfortunately mostly they don't and the owners don't care! I have a rescue dog who doesn't like other dogs and therefore we end up only ever really walking on roads because people with off lead dogs can't control them and call them back if asked to.

I don't think dogs should have to have a lead on in field and open areas As a dog owner myself, my 2 need a daily. I ensure they are not a nuisance to others

Not everyone is a dog lover, and no amount of telling somebody the dog is friendly is acceptable. Dogs should be under control at all times for the safety of park/green users

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in parks or green spaces?

As previously said never seen or heard of anyone being spoken to or fined for this so would be a waste of public money to continue.

Dogs need time off leads. The Council should allow for this where it is safe to do so

I think dogs should be free to run off their lead in parks or green spaces, as long as they can be quickly controlled. I generally do not have a problem with this at all.

Dangerous dogs should be kept on leads

I believe that dogs should be allowed to run free if trained and supervised, but do believe if you know you have a nervous dog they should stay on a lead

Agree

I just told you

A constant issue

I've been chased and jumped on as have the kids. It puts us off going to the park.

There needs to be more desidnated areas in parks/green spaces to allow dogs to be off the lead, so people are aware

Dogs need to be off leash and have exercise. This only goes for those who are well trained and aren't a nuisance, though.

Everyone should be able to enjoy these spaces in peace, especially in this Covid time

as in the first page

As explained above, the majority of dogs do not present a problem. Only the badly behaved individuals should be targeted.

Dogs are off their leads in parks or green spaces anyway - this does nothing to prevent that and dogs being off lead in these areas is not a problem.

Each place is different and some areas can allow for off lead, other areas kept on lead

If a dog has good recall and is well behaved it's ok. It's a problem when dogs are not well trained and can be aggressive

Some dogs shouldn't be let off their leads

as before

Can be upsetting for other users of the park

Only if dog has causes repeated incidents

Do you have any other comments regarding the PSPO?

No

nope

Publicise some figures on how it is workign

No

No

Enforcement in parks....

I feel dogs should all be on leads in the parks.

It should be enforced

Medway is a bad area for dog controls. I pay for an enclosed field so no longer have to encounter out of control dogs and owners.

It should be enforced

They are a dictatorship

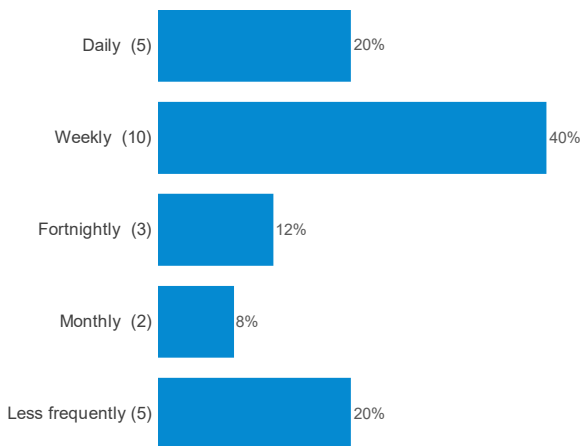
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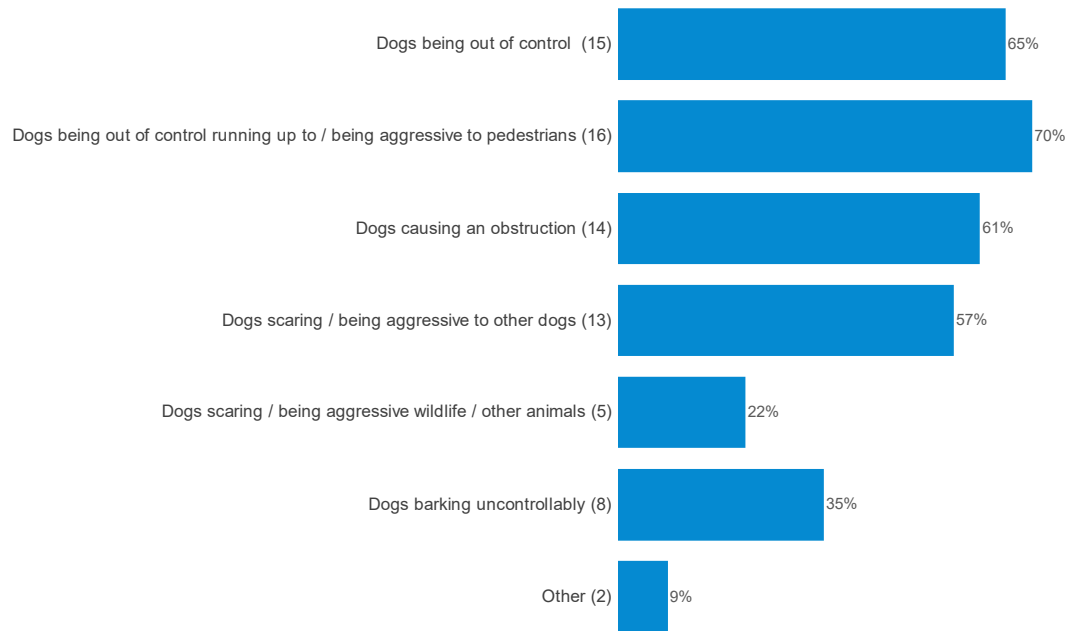
Designated area for off lead dogs is the best way forward to give people choices

How frequently do you see dogs being off their lead in pedestrianised shopping areas?



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What kinds of problems do you see being caused by dogs being off their lead in pedestrianised shopping areas?



Please state

Irresponsible ownership, especially when used for begging purposes or gathered in groups in Chatham High Street.

All of the above

Do you support the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in pedestrianised shopping areas?



Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in pedestrianised shopping areas?

Dangerous dogs could hurt people

I assume the order means that dogs can't be off their leads in these areas. That is pure common sense.

It has been so long since I have visited a pedestrian shopping area that I can not comment if this is an issue or not.

I agree - utterly no need for dogs to be uncontrolled in a shopping area, because of the danger to them, to members of the public, and their owners

There is no need for a dog to be off lead in a pedestrian area

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in pedestrianised shopping areas?

Not sure on this as currently I do not recall ever seeing a dog off the lead in pedestrianised shopping areas.

Reduces likelihood of problems for people

Dogs off a lead in shopping centres could be disruptive and cause problems, and could pose a risk to themselves and others.

Uncollected dog fouling is very unpleasant. Dog owners must be Ade aware of the importance of picking it up or face the consequences if they do not.

As previously stated

Public nuisance

dogs should not be off their leads in a shopping centre

Off the lead dogs can be very unpredictable and therefore a potential danger

Agree with this law dogs should not be running loose on streets

Too much going on in public areas. Must always be on a lead.

As per previous answer. Not all people are comfortable with dogs, also, I see no need for dogs to be in pedestrian shopping areas in the first place.

Pedestrianised shopping areas aren't appropriate for any dog (other than specially trained assistance dogs) as they can be very scary and confusing places for all breeds of dog. As a bare minimum these dogs MUST be controlled 100% of the time.

I don't tend to see many off lead dogs in shopping areas, but then I don't go very often.

All dogs should be on a lead and muzzelled in shopping crowded areas.

Dogs should be on lead as pedestrianised areas can be busy and someone might be tripped up if a dog is running around them. Also some people are frightened of dogs.

Supervision of the owners.

Dogs should always be on a lead where there are members of the public

Becoming tedious !!

I sometimes use a wheelchair and there is nothing worse than getting dog poo on the wheels.

Absolutely. These are busy areas and it is intimidating

These are not suitable places for unleashed animals.

Dogs should be on lead in busy spaces, or at least under control

Generally not enough space so dogs will inevitably be in the way of pedestrians/ shoppers

See previous comments

Have been nearly knocked over by dogs at least once a month in Gillingham High Street, even during the pandemic.

Dangerous for dogs to be off the lead as some can be unpredictable and dangerous

Dogs should be on lead at all times in pedestrianised shopping areas. For their safety and for other town centre users.

A lead is necessary to protect people from dogs....and dogs from people.

In the same way as litter droppers are discouraged, the owners of poorly controlled off lead dogs can be similarly warned and fined by wardens.

Yes dogs should be on lead in town and shopping areas, more for there safety than anything

I can't say I've seen or heard of a particular problem in pedestrianised shopping areas. If there is a continued problem that I'm not aware of, then I would support the continuation, however if there's no problem I don't see why it should continue.

Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs being off their lead in pedestrianised shopping areas?

Not a problem I've witnessed

More from a dogs perspective, but always a risk that a dog off a lead in a shopping area could be at risk from being stolen or abused / mistreated. Also the dog may be tempted to run into the shops themselves and risk being 'lost' by the owner. Just makes more sense to keep a dog on a lead in a shopping area...for the safety of the dog and shoppers.

They can be scary to other pedestrians if they bark or growl uncontrollably.

Dogs of leads should not be in shopping centres

Much the same as by being near a road. It is unnecessary and irresponsible.both for the dogs sake and the general public, many who have a fear of dogs and should not have to worry whilst on a shopping trip. I

A pedestrian shopping area is definitely not somewhere dogs should be off leads even if it was purely for health and safety reasons.

As previously said never seen or heard of anyone being spoken to or fined for this so would be a waste of public money to continue.

It isn't a safe environment for dogs to be off lead

Shopping areas can get very busy and I think it is always best to have a dog on a lead. It is easier to keep track of your dog this way. Also a lot of kids just run up and touch a dog without checking that it is okay first. I think this will just help any unthinkable situation from happening.

Dogs should not be off leads in pedestrianised shopping areas

Dogs should be kept on leads to stop congestion and for people who are scared of dogs to feel at ease

It is not an appropriate place for animals especially when it's busy and we are trying to keep distanced.

Its dangerous for all the reasons in the last question

Dogs, unless trained to advanced levels, should be on a leash in these public areas

Safety and cleanliness

Apart from anything else, owners do not tend to notice their dogs pooing in these circumstances.

Not enforced, no impact.

Children might be scared

Control of the dog/s is needed in busy areas. Some adults and children have a fear of dogs. Don't want to risk fouling in busy pedestrian areas

It's unsafe

It's against the law

as before

Pedestrian area not a dog exercise area.

At all times in shopping areas

Do you have any other comments regarding the PSPO?

No

no

nope

Publicise figures on the number of orders issued

None

No

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The vast majority of dog owners would not leave their dog off lead in a potentially dangerous situation unless they were happy that they had excellent control over their dog.

More enforcement

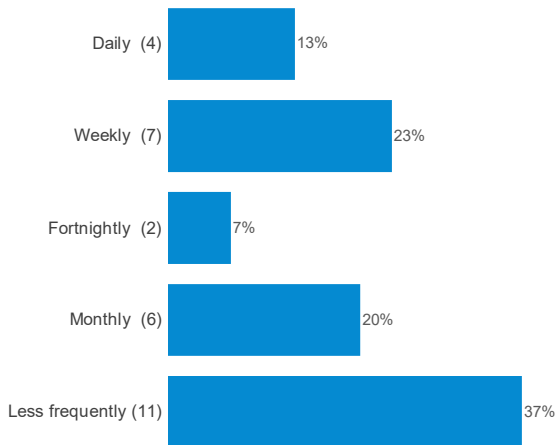
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It should continue

No

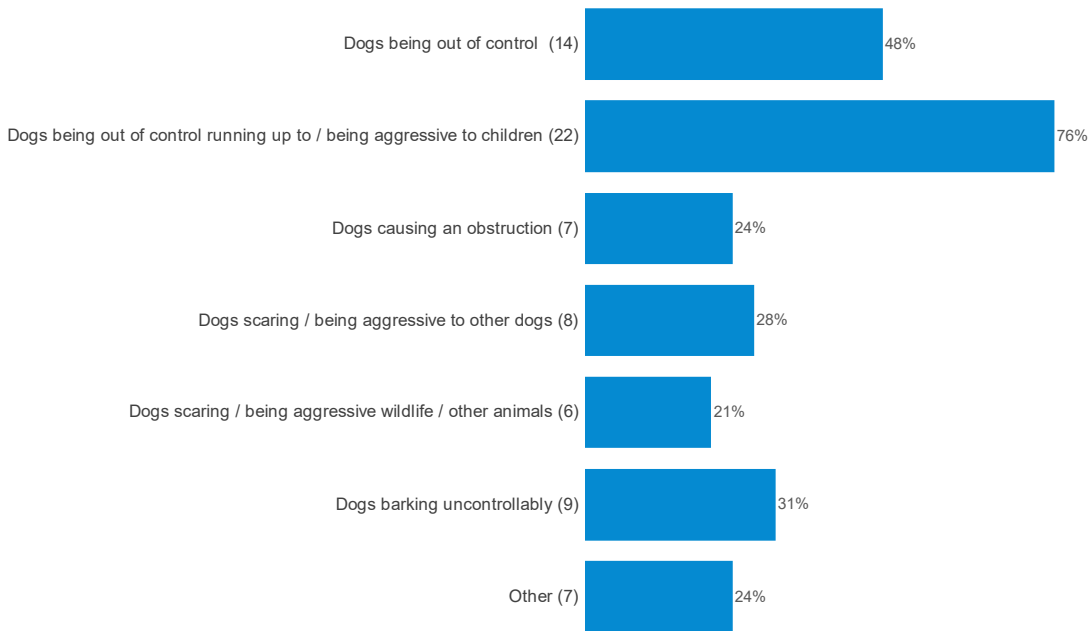
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How frequently do you see dogs in sensitive areas such as children’s play areas or public paddling pools?



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What kinds of problems do you see being caused by dogs in sensitive areas such as children’s play areas or public paddling pools?



Please state

Being inside fenced area.

Dog fouling

Fouling in the children's area.

Dogs urinating against play equipment

Fouling. I dont see dogs in play areas often but know they are there as their fouling is not cleared away. Very unhygienic where little people play.

Fouling in paddling pools and other child areas. Children scared even by non-aggressive dogs and terrified of more aggressive ones

Do you support the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs in sensitive areas such as children’s play areas or public paddling pools?



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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs in sensitive areas such as children's play areas or public paddling pools?

Unsafe for young children if dogs are dangerous

Just common sense

Children should be able to play safely, dogs should not be in these areas.

Agree - just no need for dogs to be in a place where they can be distressed by children (or for children to be distressed by them)

There are plenty of places to exercise dogs without taking them into children's play areas. There could be hygiene risks involved

Although many dogs just want to be friendly, they can scare smaller children, especially the bigger dogs.

I have seen dogs fouling inside the gated area of children's play area in pottery road park. This is so dangerous for our children.

These are not places for dogs to run free.

As previously stated

Public Health

dogs should not be in play areas

I strongly feel dogs have no place in childrens play areas for safety & Health reasons

Agree that dogs need to be under control around children's apparatus and paddling pools

No place for dogs at all

Seriously? This is no place for dogs, and people need to consider other people and leave their dogs at home and take them to an appropriate place to play

Obvious injury risks. Dogs can get spooked by high pitched squeals and laughter, and assume the source is a threat. It will attack that threat until the squealing/shrieking stops.

Dogs should be kept out of the children's play area to keep everyone safe.

Should never be allowed in achildrens area for Health reasons regarding hygiene let alone because of their agressive behaviour.

Some children might be frightened of dogs and some dogs aren't child friendly

Owners are NOT responsible for their animals

Dogs and children do not mix

Really unhygienic

How will the order be enforced

Dogs can be frightening to small children

These areas are for the enjoyment of young children. Loose dogs detract from such enjoyment.

Dogs should be kept away from play areas and pools

Dogs are generally not clean enough to be allowed in these areas and not all children are comfortable with dogs.

See previous comments

Same as previous questions.

People often do not control their dogs - both behaviourally and with their waste. Dangerous for children

It is wholly inappropriate for dogs to be allowed in areas designated for children.

Small children need clean, dog free areas to play in.

It should not require a PSPO to control a very small proportion of irresponsible and stupid dog owners.

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Please explain why you agree, disagree or are uncertain about the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order to control dogs in sensitive areas such as children’s play areas or public paddling pools?

If you have a child and a dog you can't take both in play area, I think dogs should be allowed in on lead

Similar to the previous comment, I'm not aware of a problem here. Although I have no reason to use children's play areas or public paddling pools. Again, if there is a problem I'm not aware of I would support the continuation, otherwise I see no reason to continue.

Not a problem I've witnessed

I think that there may even some children who are afraid of dogs or who might provoke a dog..for that reason, more prudent to keep on a lead under control. Not sure about public paddling pools though..many dogs love water and swimming just like people.

Dogs should not be in play areas

See previous comments

if I baby sit i cant take my dogs out too as they can't go into the park and I won't tie them up. My dogs are trained well and I always pick up mess I think it should be a fine if they cause an issue

Yes I agree my child when younger was really scared of dogs and a children’s play are should be somewhere a child should feel safe and carefree enough to play and not worry about dogs. Even more concerning dog excrement is a danger to health

As previously said never seen or heard of anyone being spoken to or fined for this so would be a waste of public money to continue.

Not a safe environment for dogs to be off lead, particularly around small children

For reasons already stated. It is disgusting and unhygienic to find dog excrement in a kids play area.

A play area is not the place for a dog

It's unhygienic and unsafe.

Dogs shouldn't be allowed due to them maybe fouling, urinating. Nipping, biting etc

I think all dogs should be on lead in these areas, when children are present as not all children are taught how to be around dogs safely

Safety and comfort of all

Not enforced, no impact.

No need for it

Children’s fear, risk of fouling

as before

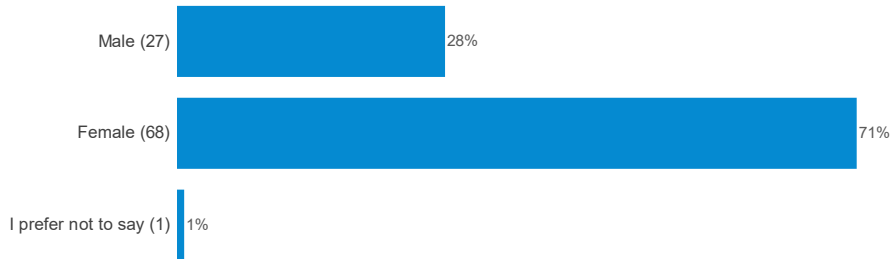
Not appropriate to have unknown off lead dogs with young children who have come to enjoy the space without fear

Dogs can react differently around children or screams and crying.

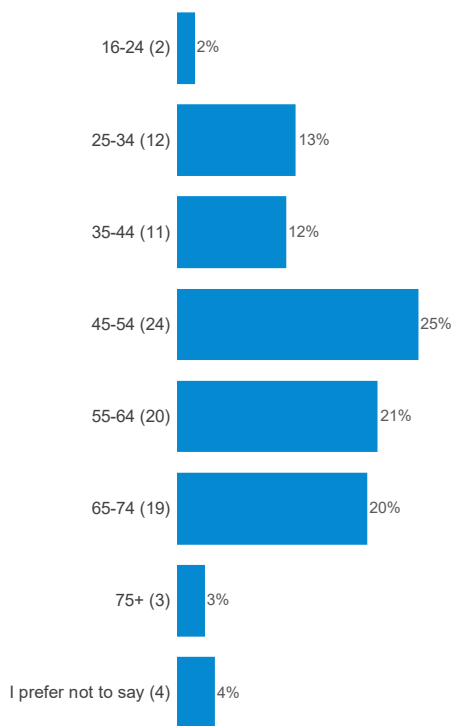
Do you have any other comments regarding the PSPO?

No	No	It should be enforced
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Publicise orders issued		

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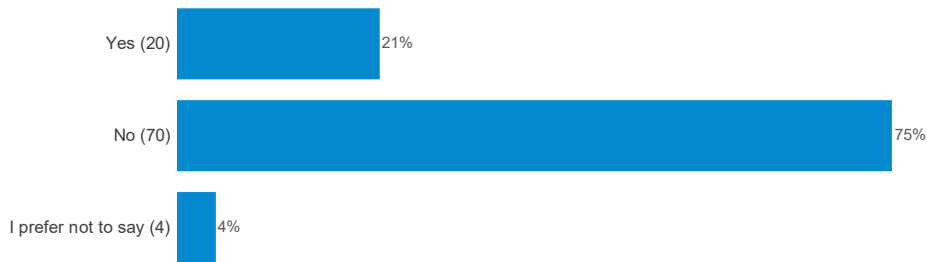


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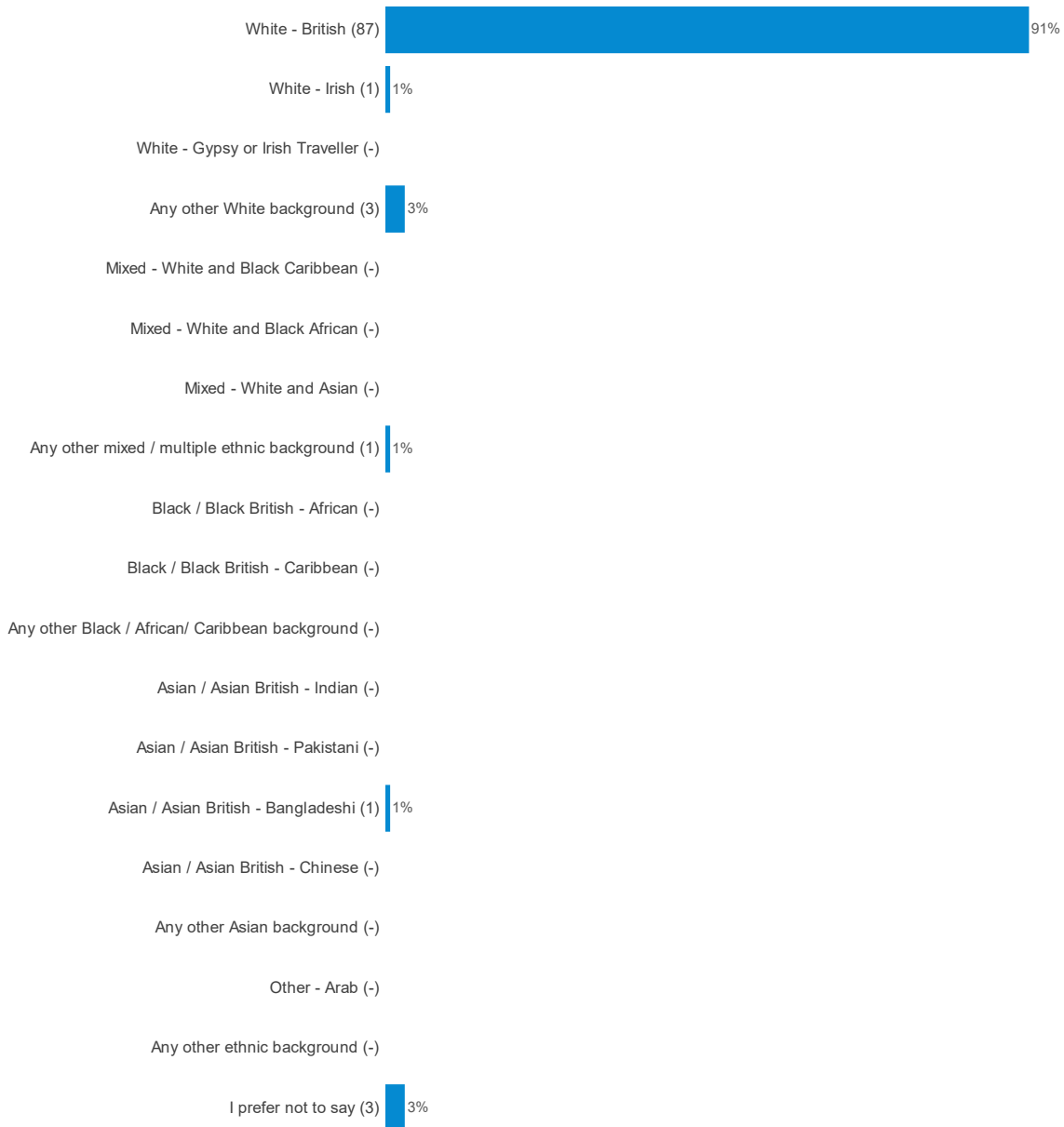


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Do you have any long-standing health problem or disability? Long-standing means anything that has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months.



What is your ethnic group?



Other, please state

White European
 White American/British/European
 no

Please can you tell us your postcode sector (e.g. 'ME5 7' or 'ME14 1')

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