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Certainly are..Nothing is proposed to protect nesting birds and wildfowl with young..there was a horrendous attack in Bramhall Park where a goose and gosling were killed..This dog attack was witnessed by Mums and toddlers..There has to be an exclusion zone around waterside areas during nesting and fledging times..Dogs should be on all footpaths within council run parks..There are plenty of grassed areas where they

Fouling on pavements especially near schools. Dogs uncontrolled off the lead in other spaces regularly used by the public and especially children for sport - e.g norbury cricket and lacrosse pitch and other similar areas.

Having the resources to enforce these rules!

Unpredictable animals should never be allowed off the owners land

Dogs need to be on ALL footpaths in parks..Dogs should be prohibited from lake and riverside parkland areas during Bird and wildlife nesting and breeding season..A dog off a lead killed and injured birds in Bramhall Park this year and this was witnessed by mums and toddlers..unpleasant and unnecessary.

I feel often dog walkers have dogs off lead in open spaces such as parks and nature areas which I visit with my young children. The dogs often come bounding over, licking, jumping up and the owner says something to the effect of 'don't worry they're friendly' whilst my young children are terrified by a dog often much bigger than them jumping all over them. They then become quite hostile if you ask them to move the dog away from my, now very upset child. I feel that dogs should be kept on a lead or made to keep a sufficient distance from others, who may not want them approaching.

Dog fouling on pavements

No most dog owners seem responsible, so don't restrict them unnecessarily.

Increase the fine, create more spaces without dogs.

Fines should be higher for dog fouling.

Don't think anything in this consultation will make those who are irresponsible or can't control their dogs become more responsible

There should be a reporting and enforcement mechanism to make sure that irresponsible dog owners are fined and that repeat offenders are no longer permitted to own dogs. It would be advisable to widely advertise a number that people could call to report the type of dog and owner who has left the dog poop would be helpful. This has been used in other councils successfully elsewhere in the UK. Employing more PCSOs to patrol and issue on spot fines would help too.

Aggressive dogs who have previously attacked another dog

PSPO'S limiting number of dogs a person can walk are based on unevidenced information and are draconian and are imposed in a Dictatorship fashion. Dogs out of control are dealt with under the current Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 which further means that the PSPO is totally unnecessary. Councils who impose these PSPO'S are abusing the very nature of a PSPO and are using a sledgehammer hammer to crack a nut problem. STOP targeting an extreme minority and deal with the real ASB in the area!!!

Animals being walked in hot weather

More signage warning about signs, and more enforcement officers.

Dogs on leads in parks too as my dog isn't keen on friendly dogs bounding over to him

Dogs leaving their premises to enter the road unattended, often to chase other dogs on lead walking down the highway.

Concern over people not being in control of their dogs.

Dogs off the lead in parks can cause a danger to other park users in particular young children.

Other than the small area for children's play equipment at parks, and bowling/tennis courts, there is nowhere to go outdoors that is dog free. I hate that there are no green spaces that children can run and play that are free from dogs and their fouling. I would like to see some dedicated green spaces that dogs are 100% banned from.

Too many dogs running free in Bramhall Park not under control

Not keeping them in a secure garden where they can't escape

No

Aggressive dogs to be on leads if are able to move from the dog owners property to public footpath, or other means of prevention

There needs to be the same level of fine applied to people who bag their dog's poo then leave it on the floor / hanging on tree branches etc. Picking it up is of no use whatsoever if it is not then placed in to a bin...

£100 is NOT a deterrent - suggest max should be closer to £500

Owners failing to recall their dogs and believing they are not causing any harm or distress to other dogs.

Multiple physical dog attacks in Cheadle hulme

It is fine to have an order and another matter enforcing it.

Unless we have people being fined heavier and more often than people will continue to allow their dogs to foul and be unruly.

This dog that attacked and killed another dog and attacked a human actually cornered my dog in a field over 6 months ago. The woman had this dog and a staffie off their leads near a school. Not a care in the world. Until dog wardens begin to police this idiocy we can make all the policy we want, it won't make any Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public open spaces.

People with dangerous dogs like the norton incident on ack Lane should be treated as serious danger and assault these people leave their windows open allowing the dogs to get out they are dangerous dogs and have no place in this vicinity there has been 3 incidents at least, its their attitude I find unacceptable, they don't care about a young girl a d her dog was savaged or a young mother and 2 youngsters were attacked walking down the road , or the the trauma and horror that is impacted for life on these people, this family are feral and there brother lives on my road and they and their children cause a lot of bother, had parties in the covid make a lot of noise and the youths of this family hang around here, the fact they have lied and hid this dog thinking they can get away with this shows no respect for human life and safety , should be

Owners should ensure that their dogs cannot escape from their property/gardens into public space ie pavements, roads and receive fines if they do so.

Dog owners have very little space where dogs can be allowed off lead and this is actually detrimental to dog behaviour when they are off lead. Dogs need to be allowed to run and play. Dogs are not the problem. People managing their dogs and over zealous dog haters are the problem. If we put children on lead because some of them misbehave would you think that was appropriate? Too often one or 2 problem dogs cause an over zealous response toward all dogs. Given how dog ownership has gone up during the pandemic I think reducing the number of places dogs can be off lead just creates more chance of something bad in those spaces. Concentrate on cracking down on those who genuinely don't look after their dogs properly. Maybe in some area consider having times when it is known that dog can and will be off lead (and not just always unsociable and impractical times) then maybe people who are scared of dogs can avoid the parks at

Owners who have dog(s) outside of their home in enclosed places should ensure these enclosed places are secure and their dog(s) are unable to get out and savage/kill other dogs as has recently been reported. Many people (like myself) are scared of dogs and this is rarely taken into consideration, particularly by dog owners. I feel dogs should be kept on leads in many more public spaces such as schools, public footpaths, some green spaces etc as people like myself are very restricted in where we (and our children) can go, due to the lack of dog-free spaces. I think the PSPO should be extended to cover other spaces and should allow other people, as well as officials, to request that owners put their dogs on leads, when they are not abiding

Fine should be higher than £100.

Dogs should not be left to wander without owner.

Harm to wildlife and stock is a huge problem. We're in a biodiversity crisis which dogs have a large impact on the success of nesting birds and other wildlife. Areas designated for wildlife should be on leads at all times

There should also be more clarity with regards to aggressive dogs, whether they attack a person or another dog. Dog owners that do not control their dogs should now be permitted to own them

Dropping the dog waste bags everywhere around the passages behind houses and around the pavements in dairyground estate. Basically where people can't see them doing it.

Throwing their doggy poo bags in trees & over fences into peoples gardens.

Vicious breeds need additional measures

Fouling fine should be much higher .

So many people walk their dogs and allow them off the lead despite the fact they cannot control them. For example, dogs jump up on people including children and do not follow recall command, and chase runners. I believe there should be more stringent measures in place to allow the reporting of poor owners, whereby they can only have dog off the lead if they are able to control them sufficiently. Those that do not have this level of control, must keep their dog on a lead when in a public place. There should be fines in place to Should also consider running and cycling in spaces where dogs walk - this is not compatible with good use of parks - runners and cyclists often storm over everyone including dogs!!!

£100 fine should be much higher.

Bagging and REMOVAL of dog foul - not left in the bag in situ or hanging from trees.

Making sure a dog that's let out into the garden is contained and not free to attack or show aggression in

We need specialised dog areas where they can get exercise without the chance of hurting small children. As too many dogs are off leads and irresponsible owners don't care that they are causing young children to be distressed if they don't like dogs.

None that I can think of.

Owners being held responsible and accountable speedily for the behaviour of their dogs in public places, pavements etc, Therefore enabling people to walk along a footpath without fear of attack to either their dog or themselves. If dogs are removed then informing the public when it is safe to walk in the area again. There is nothing to say what is being done to protect other dogs from attacks from other dogs.

Also the fine is too low.

I think 4 dogs with 1 person is too many. You can't physically watch 4 dogs at once off lead and 4 dogs on lead is even more of a hazard.

Picking up poo and carrying a bag is one option, what is worse is people who pick up because people are watching, but they then throw the bag in the bushes or trees. It then poses a greater threat to wild animals like foxes and also doesn't biodegrade any where near as quickly.

An out of control dog is not necessarily an aggressive dog. There are so many dogs with little or no recall walking on the parks/fields around Stockport and the owners just shout, it's ok they're friendly! This isn't fair to my dog that has good recall and doesn't like being approached by other dogs. I've received so much verbal abuse by nasty owners because their dog is out of control but not nasty and I've had to ask them to call their dog or come and get it to stop it harassing me and my dogs

Knowing a few people with dog allergies I feel that all pet dogs should be banned from all indoor public places. We have on numerous occasions had to leave establishments such as public houses due to such Dogs should not be left barking in gardens. Any dog barking for longer than 20 minutes is in distress as well as disrupting neighbours. There is no public information or guidance about this and I know of some dog owners who think constant barking is just something dogs do - it isn't and if the owners were aware of this they may be more likely to address it.

Dogs shouldn't be able to get out of their home or garden without appropriate supervision.

Dogs should be on a lead when walking/running on pavements

A dog was recently killed on Ack Lane - the dog had previously attacked another dog. There is nothing in this order that would address this situation - why wasn't something done about this dog after the first attack. I have a dog that has bitten in the past. He goes out with a muzzle and is always on a lead. These people should have been forced to muzzle their dog in public and it should have been ENFORCED  
I think dogs should be kept on leads in all public spaces  
All dogs must wear identity tags detailing the address and a contact number for their owners.  
Dogs must be micro chipped.

If there are complaints relating to a particular dog there must be immediate action to prevent any other incidents . Irresponsible dog owners must be held accountable , both legally and financially, for the actions and behaviour of their dog.

Dogs should be kept on a lead when walked along footpaths at the side of roads, to avoid straying into traffic.

Dogs off a lead out of control.

I believe dogs should be kept

on lead in places like Bramhall Park, Woodbank Park etc except for in designated dog area's. There are a high numbers of owners that have dogs that are not trained and they can not heel their dog or manage their behaviour. This cause distress to non dog owners and dogs that are more nervous. The owners do not have the knowledge to keep their dog controlled to stay in a close space

The owner (or other person allowed by the owner) should be present when the dog is outside its home - so that they can see when the dog defecates and clean it up - that is, dog owners should not intentionally let their dogs out of their property to relieve themselves on public land without the owner, or other person, being present.

Owners of dogs that show aggressive behaviour to other dogs or their owners should be held accountable. From significant fine up to custodial sentence dependent on severity

Dogs should be excluded from parks altogether. At the moment parks are nothing more than dog toilets. The smell of dog mess and urine can be overwhelming. Very difficult putting for humans to enjoy the green spaces whatsoever,

Responsible dog owners such as myself will always adhere to all of the proposals. It is the irresponsible people who own dogs and don't care about fouling, dogs in leads, aggression. I see too many reports of irresponsible dog owners not being prosecuted particularly after a dog attack on another dog. It is no good putting posters up on lamp posts saying dog fouling will be fined as there is never anyone around to catch them. There should be a lot more CCTV particularly on residential streets to catch irresponsible dog owners. It just looks to me like SMBC isn't doing anything regardless of their supposed policies.

Dogs should be excluded from all grassed areas in parks. Bramhall Park is nothing more than a doggy toilet. People cannot walk on the grass without having their footwear smelling of excrement and urine.

It doesn't go far enough.. the fine should be increased. Owners who flout these suggested orders should have their dogs removed and be banned for up to three years from having another dog. Anyone who has a dog that attacks, kills or maims another dog or a human should be prosecuted and banned from dog ownership. It's too late for education about responsible dog care for such people.

I feel the fine for dog fouling should be £1000

I feel dogs should be kept on leads in busy areas of park grounds eg Bramhall park on the main paths you see a lot of dogs running off lead with the owners nowhere to be seen. There should be designated areas in parks for dogs to be allowed off lead as even dogs with good recall can often upset more nervous dogs who

To keep 4 dogs under control for one person is not always possible.

I think that the Order could go a bit further.

Areas where people play sports [eg cricket; football; children's play areas [fenced or unfenced] should also be 'no go' areas for dogs. I strongly feel that the ground should be for the playing of sport or dogs - but not the two together.

That owners should have their dogs under control at all times.

Dogs that are completely out of control, attack people and other dogs as they pass by the house they kept insecurely in, until eventually the dog kills another dog. Even then the dog wasn't immediately removed. What does it take to make the authorities act immediately in such situations? A child to be mauled to death I wish to express my concern at dogs being allowed off lead at my local park ... Bramhall Park under no circumstances should this be allowed where there are numerous young children and vulnerable people etc. It is very worrying and intimidating as no one can ever trust a dog not to attack. Why is this continuing to be allowed.

Also why is it not an offence that dog owners allow their dogs to foul up against people's gardens, gates, walls etc... why are they not instructed if need be to go to the edge of the pavement/kerbside this should be only that the notice for dog fouling fine should become visible again and displayed prominently. Thank goodness this is coming to the fore and being discussed once more.

Dogs loose without owners

Local to us, Ack Lane West, Cheadle Hulme, there is a house that has more than one pit bull type dog which has escaped from the house and attacked people and killed another dog. It has no collar on and is clearly used for breeding.

How does Stockport MBC propose to deal with this continued threat to the public who have to walk past this house?

I think 4 dogs is too many for one person to be responsible for, it should be only 3. And if they have more than one dog with them they should only have one off the lead at any one time, if the dogs chase after something or someone there isn't anything they can do to control them if they are all off the lead. I have been really scared on many occasions when two or more dogs come bounding over to my small dog.

The regulations won't make much difference, it is catching people breaking the regulations that is the

People should have sufficient fencing/barriers to keep their dogs inside their own property. I've experienced & heard of many incidents when walking down a road/street and a dog has ran out of its property & attacked people/others dogs walking by

Dangerous aggressive dogs need to be removed from the owners and the owners should be banned from keeping dogs.

Unless this is enforced with stronger fines, nothing will change. How is this going to be implemented? Dogs are still allowed to foul the footpaths and driveways around Cheadle Hulme and no one does anything about

We think dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places.

Dogs should not be allowed in pubs or garden centres.

Twice recently we have been walking out and about once in the valley and once down a normal road when a dog has come racing up to us barking and the owners just call the dog who totally ignore them. One of the dogs actually started licking my ankles.

On another walk a filthy dog came rushing up to us and because we did not stroke the dog the owner started saying to her dog "not everyone loves you but I do " beyond belief.

Dogs to be on lead at all times to protect wildlife

ANY dog/ their owner that another member of the community ( not just 'officials') asks to put on a lead because they appear uncontrolled - should do so , as the opinion of the community matters and should be respected. A method of reporting such uncontrolled dogs/owners (or the paid walkers) should be easily available + some form of restriction then applied by the Council.

Paid dog walkers should pay a tariff for the number of the dogs that they take to foul woodlands and green areas. Such businesses should be registered by law with facilities available for the public to report their vehicle number plates - for checks against the required register, with appropriate fines or taxes in place.

THIS IS NOW A MASSIVE INVASION & DETERIORATION OF OUR STREETS AND GREEN AREAS TO THE COMMUNITY OF STOCKPORT

Yes. You will probably be aware of several terrifying incidents on Ack Lane in Cheadle Hulme where an American XL Bully has been allowed to escape from the owner's house. As a result, one lady was forced into oncoming traffic and badly bitten requiring medical attention and a week later, the same dog escaped yet again and attacked and killed an innocent dog being walked by its 14-year-old owner in horrific circumstances.

The owner of the dog is incredibly abusive and should be banned from keeping dogs. How will the PSPO cover the element of irresponsible people owning dangerous dogs? The law needs to be changed on how quickly dangerous dogs can be seized and confiscated. It also needs to be changed where there is deemed Higher fine required for dog fouling. Should be £1000

How will any of this be enforced as it hasn't worked previously

No

Raise the fine - minimum £1000

No

I think that dog owners should be made to keep dogs on leads in all parks and public spaces as I have seen many dogs out of control and frightening young children and elderly people.

Dogs should be kept on leads near ducks and geese in Bramhall Park and other parks that have waterfowl. I feel four dogs are too many for one person to keep under control. Even when on the lead, particularly extension leads, they get tangled and become a hazard for pedestrians trying to pass.

A register of irresponsible dog owners could be useful to monitor repeat offenders and the fine could be increased each time an offence is committed.

An aggressive dog incident that causes injury to a person should be reported to the police and investigated as a matter of urgency in order to prevent a repeat and possibly more serious incident occurring. ( as demonstrated in the Ack Lane problem.)

Owners should be encouraged to muzzle dogs who are aggressive towards other dogs or people.

All dogs should be on a lead when in public places or muzzled especially to prevent airborne disease from animals in a pandemic

This all needs to be enforced, and as we don't see any PCSOs or dog wardens who will ensure dog owners obey the law

Illegal dog breeding/puppy farms in gardens/yards. Not leaving time between litters and breeding the mother again immediately

Owners let their dogs run freely where children are playing football on the grass. This frightens children and on a number of occasions owners have allowed their dogs to back children into a corner which has frightened them! They should therefore be banned from running on grass where there are goal posts and

I believe that making rules to ensure responsible dog ownership, including a PSPO, is a good start. However, in order for it to be successful it requires the employment of local dog wardens to monitor dog owners and ensure they are compliant. In problem areas CCTV cameras should be installed. A more effective way is to have dogs licenced and keep a record of their DNA so they can be traced via their faeces.

Regarding dogs being kept on leads I feel that the leads that extend should be restricted in length so that dogs have to walk by the side of their owners long leads are hazardous and cause a trip situation for other  
Muzzle wearing if dog prone to biting people or other dogs

Owners not properly controlling dogs that bark and yip a lot - even when on a short lead and otherwise under control.

Not sure how one can police and prevent that, though.

We live in an area of Bredbury which has 'greens' on the estate. Many dog owners allow their dogs off their leads on the greens which can often be intimidating for the children who use the greens for safe outdoor play. In built up residential areas like ours a ' No dogs off leads' notice would be helpful.

How to enforce these issues?... Dog fouling where I live has been at an all time high recently. Signs make no difference neither does the risk of a fine. Early morning/late evening dog walkers can ignore their dogs fouling and will not be 'caught'.

Maybe let us all know through media outlets how many people are fined each month so residents feel the problem is actually being addressed rather than pointing to a few PSPO documents.

Do wardens patrol dog fouling areas at the times when dogs are walked or do they just respond to our many complaints behind a desk ?

I have a toddler and it isn't safe to use parks anymore as dog owners let their dogs jump all over him. There should be specific dog free areas and dog areas. Dog ownership seems to have increased recently and a lot of people do not know how to control their dogs. Dog poo is everywhere too.

How this will actually be enforced - how many enforcement officers will there be? How can residents alert them to persistent offenders?

I would like to see dogs kept on leads when out in any public space.

During the first lockdown in 2020, I was attacked by a Pitbull type dog and 2 big brown dogs when walking on Welkin Road playing fields area, Bredbury with my husband early one morning. The owners had none of the three dogs on a lead - the dogs saw us from two fields length and came racing towards us so we turned and walked away. We didn't run as we know that can aggravate dogs. The owners were screaming at the dogs to come back, which took no notice and eventually caught us up. They were jumping at us, snarling. Then the white Pitbull-type dog, got hold of my glove and ripped a chunk out of it. Thankfully, I had Thinsulate gloves on which have two layers, otherwise it would have been hand not the glove with a chunk missing.

When the owners eventually caught up and put their dogs on a lead - they told us it was our f\*\*\*\*\* fault for not standing still while they came to sort their dogs out!! I said, "Your dogs need to be on a lead, they're dangerous" The woman said they wouldn't hurt anyone. "One of them has just taken a chunk out of my glove!" She shut up at that point.

We have seen them before and they do have the dogs on lead if they know there are people around but the problem this particular day was that the dogs saw us before their owner.

It was an absolutely terrifying experience and deprived us from walking in two local areas for our daily exercise walk as they went down to both that side and the other side of the road.

Also my husband gets cellulitis very badly that requires intravenous anti-biotics if he gets scratches on his legs. So even people's dogs who are just jumping up to be friendly could cause serious damage unintentionally.

None

No dog should be off it's lead in a public park. Bramhall park is full of dogs running around, not under control. I'm a dog lover, but keep them on a lead in public.

I feel there should be laws against keeping dangerous dogs and being allowed to build kennels or keep dangerous dogs for the purpose of breeding anywhere but especially on a residential street .

Dangerous dogs are being kept at 38a Ack Lane East . 1 has attacked a lady and her dog and 2 weeks later attacked another dog and killed it . The offending Dog was taken and hidden and another dog eventually seized. The occupants now have 2 other dogs , one which looks like an American bulldog breed with is ears clipped . The other is similar if not the same . They are kept indoors and bark .

Dog warden and police aware but it seems a dog on dog attack isn't a criminal offence . Concerned that they are now building kennels to breed dogs . Neither of the owners are fit to own a dog and something needs to The problem is catching an irresponsible dog owners in the act. as there is no CCTV available. The signs do not seem to work. I have seen dog fouling which has occurred right next to a no fouling sign.

Dogs should always be on leads. There should be designated enclosed dog exercise areas for dogs off leads

I believe that dogs should be kept on lead at all times when there are other dogs around. It should be a requirement that an owner who has their dog off leash puts them back on lead if a leashed dog is in the Fine for fouling should be increased to £500.

On Twinning Brook/Micker Brook bridleway used by "professional" dog walkers often walk with 10 dogs- none of which are on leads- this is clearly ridiculous.

I cannot sit on a bench in Bramhall Park & have a snack without within 5 minutes a damn dog is there after my food, with the owner hundred of metres away.

Dog issue is a major problem in SK8, whilst walking i've had on several occasions, puppies jump up at me with muddy paws, again with owners metres away & all they say..." well, he's just a puppy" this is irresponsible dog owner behaviour.

All covered

Irresponsible owners will not be made responsible by this order. They are convinced that their dog is an angel and is not a problem.

All dogs should be kept on their leads unless in a private gated area.

There needs to be more action for out-of-control dogs that try to attack or interfere with someone else's dog. It is currently against the law to have an out of control dog off lead and yet I see it daily.

Also lots of boroughs have a minimum group walk of 6. This rule only negatively impacts dog professional dog walkers and while I think 6 is too many and dog walkers should be licensed, I do think it should be 5.

Certain parts of open spaces to be sectioned off as clear dog free zones.

Introduction of fines for more than just fouling, increase to a max of £500 and actually dish them out.

Irresponsible dog owners should be offered classes in the responsibilities ownership and training their dogs to be acceptable members of society, using positive reinforcement, in the same way as those caught speeding are offered a speed awareness course.

Leaving them unattended outside school gates !!! Tied up .whilst they do collection. Not allowed inside school playground at all .

All muscular and strong breeds to be muzzled at all times and on leads at all times

Aggressive dogs kept on lead and possibly muzzled.

If there was a designated area that was fenced off for dogs off lead in every park this might help.

Noone should be allowed to walk a dog if it's not on a lead

It might be helpful that owners of certain breeds of dogs which are known to have aggressive tendencies should have some sort of licence. Similar to a gun licence.

Dogs who attack other dogs should be destroyed and the owners prosecuted and any vet bills paid for

I am baffled by the prevalence of dropped full poo bags. It seems to be the opinion of some dog owners that collecting the poo in dog bags is the limit of their responsibility. Bags are common on footpaths all around Stockport and there seems to be an increase of them being hung on trees or fences. Full bags dropped on the ground represent a serious slip hazard for other walkers. Perhaps a specified deterrent for such behaviour could be included in this PSPO to highlight the fact that this is unacceptable behaviour.

Owners should be fined if their animals attack another animal causing harm to the pet or person

There should be a limit to the number of dogs in an area at any one time.

Responsible people don't own dog

Having been the victim of out of control dangerous dogs, I believe that all dogs should be on a lead on SMBC/public land, including parks and recreational areas.

The fines should be more, there's not enough of a deterrent for irresponsible dog owners

I would like to see covered a penalty for those filthy people who, after picking up and bagging their dog's muck, they then hang the bag from a nearby tree or a bush or a fence !!! This is totally unacceptable, and in my firm opinion is an even worse offence than not picking up in the first place, and should carry an even bigger fine, because they are also then littering the environment with plastic bags as well. They cannot expect bins to be provided everywhere, where it happens to be convenient for them. The legal requirement to pick up after your dog should also include a legal clause along the lines of "and dispose of the bagged faeces in a responsible manner". Fines should be doubled for people who pick up, but then litter with the

Dog Fouling in High Lane and on the canal is a problem.

Dogs off leads in parks and on streets..

My daughter has a dog but keeps it on a lead. Her dog has been attacked several times by dogs off the lead both on the canals and in parks.

Dogs should be kept on lead when walking on land adjacent to livestock.

People who bag their dog faeces but then leave the bag on the ground/hanging from a tree/bush should also be fined.

No but there needs to be sufficient bins to make this work. For example a bin in Memorial Park at the bottom of the path leading to Station Road and the canal has been removed. Makes no sense as next to areas where people walk dogs. More obvious patrols by dog wardens. It is not just the order that will help solve dog fouling and irresponsible owners. More publicity and more education in schools about diseases

We need people patrolling parks and enforcing the rules otherwise the only people that will obey rules are the ones that are currently responsible.

Maybe a message in schools as kids often don't pick up when they are walking a dog.

Another favourite is people on their phone neither watching what their dog is up to or choosing to ignore it.

Finally bigger signs in parks warning people of the rules,

More dog wardens

The total amount of the fine handed out to people who allow their dogs to foul and/or remain out of control - it should be higher than £100, let's say, £250.

A similar kind of fine should be introduced to people who allow their dogs to continue barking while at

Dogs on shared use cycle paths - need to be kept on a short lead and under control.

Regularly have issues with dogs appearing on paths well out of sight of their owners or else on a very long lead, which is really dangerous.

Also totally fed up with the owners who throw their bags of dog poo into the bushes, rather than carrying it back to the bin at the start of the path. The bags don't biodegrade and will be left there for many, many years.

I agree with the order but it's pointless if it's not enforced, people know it isn't and so they ignore it. Enforcement needs to be done with education to make irresponsible dog owners aware of the

The banned activities should include "allowing a dog to cause or give fright to any person". This is because I have seen large dogs being 'very physically friendly' to small children - causing them distress - whilst the owner or person in charge looked on, not pulling their dog away.

i believe that dogs should always be on a lead except in specially designated open spaces

People that are being paid to walk dog(s) should have to pay for use of public spaces. I see many professional dog walks with more than four dogs and seem unable to clean up even if they just have a couple.

As someone living in close proximity to a park we do tend to be subject to significantly more barking at unreasonable times than people would allow in their own homes or expect their own neighbours to tolerate. Dogs should be on a lead in the presence of livestock such as sheep, cattle, horses etc., unless the dog belongs to the owner of said livestock eg working sheep-dog

Dogs not on leads in Bramhall Park ,

But where is the enforcement, far too much reliance on members of the public in identifying culprits ; when I have done this it has led to confrontation which I don't need ; you need to put resources into this or a means of observation ,, ie CCTV

I live on a road that is a popular track to the middle wood way , majority of dog owners are responsible but there is a significant element that don't , hardly a day goes by where I don't witness dog waste on the footpath ,also I don't think these proposals tackle the issue of dogs " peeing " , Dog owners think it entirely reasonable for dogs to pee anywhere on garden walls ; shop corners ; bus shelters etc , this subject doesn't have the same stigma but it is also offensive to have a long stream up against your wall or bus shelter : More  
No

All orders are useless unless enforced. What about getting more dog patrols out and about especially knowing that dog ownership has increased during the pandemic.

Also what about the horse's that foul on our urban streets are they going to be made to clear it up.? I have no problem with it in the countryside but in a residential area?

The policy needs enforcing-there needs to be more dog wardens. Fines need to be increased and

Nowhere does the recreation ground between Ruskin Grove and Bank Road BREDBURY seem to appear! This is a gated childrens' play and sports area; (it used to be the sports area for Barrack Hill School before the bungalows were built), and is used by people driving their dogs here from near and far to have dump. The dogs that is.

Why is this area missing, and it should be there. Have I missed it?

A maximum of two dogs per person would be better.

Many dog owners fail to recognise that not everybody likes dogs. I don't like dogs jumping up at me, only to be told 'He's just playing, he won't hurt you' etc. When I am with my elderly mum, I notice that dogs can upset her balance as she tries to avoid their attention. Young children can also feel intimidated by dogs which are often bigger than they are.

Recently I saw a sign at a National Trust property reminding dog owners in a very pleasant way that not everyone loves dogs as much as they do. I think notices like this would be great.

Whilst I welcome these measures suggested they would need a lot of dog wardens to monitor to be effective.

Also, I have noticed dog owners often bag up dog poo then leave it 'to collect on my way back' and I don't think this is acceptable.

And finally, I think 4 dogs is too many for a dog walker to be able to monitor which dog is pooing where, and

All owners should have liability insurance to cover dog bites, otherwise muzzles should be used if off the leads.

Dogs should be on leads not just in children's play areas (the fenced / gated areas with play equipment) but other areas too. Dogs are a major issue on the skate park (Marple) chasing after children on scooters and skate boards. I witnessed a child be bitten. Also on playing fields and areas children play football etc.

Fines should be increased for dog fouling and dogs off leads.

More restrictions should imposed in public areas (dog on leads at all times except dog parks or private

Throwing poo bags into trees or hiding them in the undergrowth.

Not keeping dogs on a lead, but also a SHORT lead.

Will this order be placed on Brabyns Park Pony/Horse exercise area that has now got no fence line and is regularly used for dogs, owners and people having picnics.

I have personally had issues with dog walkers walking in the middle of me riding on this area with dogs off

You haven't covered people letting their dogs off the lead in public places. I have been frightened to death several times in the last 12 months by irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs run free, but have absolutely no control over them

I think that people should be prosecuted for allowing their dog/s to foul in a private garden or on private land. I'm sick of clearing dog faeces up from inside the entrance to my property.

If a person is in charge of multiple dogs they shouldn't be allowed to be off lead. I don't believe they have can have sufficient control over multiple dogs.

Letting dogs off the lead in areas where they may disturb wildlife eg. near water birds in Etherow country park. Also letting dogs off the lead when they gave poor recall when they may cause harm to other dogs or

Consideration of dog muzzles in all open spaces as this would reduce any injury due to dog attacks, especially on young children and would be easily identifiable as to whether this requirement was being All dog owners should be able to prove they have regularly wormed their pet (as per vet's instructions) as even if they clear up after it, if they have not wormed it, the ground will be contaminated and there is a risk that that contamination could get on someone's shoes or a ball and then on hands and then a person can Dogs barking late at night

Enforcement of any regulations is difficult for ordinary members of the public. To be effective, there should be more dog wardens, or persons given the responsibility to police the orders.

There is evidence of members of the public being abused when confronting dog owners over their

Dogs should be confined to designated areas of parks so that people who do not have dogs can enjoy the park in peace.

control of dogs when in the owners garden. Since March 2020, there is an increase in dog ownership, thus the noise of barking dogs has increased.

None

Aggressive dogs who attack other people's dogs. Lots of emphasis on causing a nuisance to other people but many dogs are attacked by other dogs and there is no deterrent.

It is a shame that it cannot be extended to include dogs which are shut in all day while their owners go about their daily lives

Dogs should always be on a lead at the request of the authorised officer or landowner.

Carrying a bag is all well and good. Unfortunately some owners think it ends with picking up the mess and leaving the bag hanging on hedges etc.

How is this problem going to be addressed?

People with multiple dogs should keep them on leads as is the case at New Mills Park. Dogs running free in groups behave differently and are intimidating.

The amount of badly controlled dogs running freely in Brabyns and parts of Memorial Park ruin the park for all other users, scare children, deter people from exercising and make the park a no go area for much of the day. Professional dog walkers are worst with large numbers of dogs eg 8 dogs off leads with 2 adults and do not put them back on leads when approaching children, games etc

Could add that dogs should be kept on leads around children's events in parks - eg junior parkruns, children's parties / activities.

Enforcement: although the provisions are ok in themselves, the absence of any effective enforcement makes this likely to be a bureaucratic response to a problem that requires feet on the ground!

Enforcement of any laws/regulations is always the crucial issue. I've lived in the Marple area for 25 years, have been a responsible dog owner for the last 10 years, always complying with all the requirements of the PSPO but have yet to lay eyes on a Dog Warden! I frequently see evidence of dog fouling in local communal open spaces and, no doubt related to the increase in dog ownership seen during the pandemic, greater numbers of professional dog walkers, some exercising up to 6 dogs at a time. In reality, even 4 dogs is probably too many for one walker to control and monitor, especially in terms of defaecation - how do you pick up a clump of faeces and tie up the poobag whilst also holding 4 leads and monitoring the activities of  
Increase the fine to £150.0

Failure to muzzle a dog when it is known to act aggressively towards other dogs on occasions.

Dog owners should be made aware of requirement to keep dogs on leads on cycle and foot paths.

The Highway Code indicates this but most dog owners either ignore or are unaware of the need.

The Highway Code says (Rule 56): 'Do not let a dog out on the road on its own. Keep it on a short lead when walking on the pavement, road or path shared with cyclists or horse riders.

More dog wardens needed in the area so they can go to the local parks and open spaces on a regular basis not just when an incident has been reported. Prevention is better than cure!

Dogs being allowed to continuously bark in parks. Causes a nuisance for people living around parks

3 strike rule

The questions seem focussed on parks, but I think it is also very important that dogs chasing farm animals (cows and sheep) and dogs on bridleways (or with horses) should also be considered. Personally I get fed up with dogs jumping up at me, covering my clothes with mud and the owner then saying 'they are only being friendly' - which has happened several times.

Letting dogs roam free without no supervision at all

I think dogs should be on leads in more places. Parks such as Bruntwood and Bramhall get very busy with families and I think, at least between certain hours, dogs should be on leads throughout the park not just play areas. My children have both been knocked over by overexcited dogs and have had food taken by dogs whilst having a picnic. My eldest has additional needs and is scared of dogs and whilst we work to help this it's really difficult when we frequently see poorly trained, out of control dogs. So many shops and restaurants now allow dogs too which makes things more difficult so it would be good to have some dog

No

I can often see how owners are not having responsibility for their dogs and leaving them to foul. So I feel that this needs to be addressed to keep sight of them.

Dog training should be available and strongly encouraged. Many dog owners do not seem to be able to control their dogs.

ALL parks should have dogs on a lead at all times and have a 'designated dog exercise area only' available. I own a dog and would like it to be safer to walk in a park for all dogs and children.

Educating the dog guardian on correct training or how to handle/look after dogs. A lot of these issues would be resolved if the guardians were educated in looking after an animal.

Dogs that attack other dogs should be muzzled and kept on a lead (flexi if the area isn't too busy so the dog is exercised) in parks.

Irresponsible dog owners who are repeat offenders should be sent on dog training courses.

Owners of small dogs should train their dogs as much as owners of large dogs. Their size is not an excuse for bad behaviour.

Dogs should have a fenced area in parks to run off the lead instead of being able to run anywhere such as flower beds and undergrowth where owners seem to be unaware of their dogs actions.

The use of parks & other greenspaces by "professional" dog walkers.

I have witnessed on more than one occasion in Happy Valley LNR 2 people with 10-12 dogs from 2 vans just being let loose with no attempt at control & no pick up of dog turds.

These people are making money from this with no regard for public greenspace.

I feel v.strongly that this practice needs to be stopped.

Yes, the disposal of dog poo bags, too often they are left at the side of the path or hung / thrown in a bush.

Irresponsible owners will ignore this or act in aggressive or violent ways; the council does not have resources to enforce this.

## **Do you have any other comments? - Any other comments**

These exclusion zones need to be implemented for next Spring..If they aren't the matter will be publicised to the press and national conservation and wildlife protection groups..It is a ludicrous situation and one that has obviously been given no thought by the council..

We had video footage of a dog continually fouling outside our house which was access to our front door and you were not interested and did not fine the lady responsible.  
The council are also irresponsible and lack authority in this area to let these people get away with it

Current methods of upholding the law inadequate. More bins need to be provided and regularly emptied.  
Need to have more dog wardens to police this. Alright having fines but have to catch people breaking the law.

It's ok having policies in place but they need to be enforced and have the resources to enforce it

As a former dog owner and potentially a dog owner of the future I strongly feel that people should be made to put their dogs on leads in open spaces. They can intimidate humans as well as other animals. If on a lead no one needs to be as concerned  
Wildlife needs special attention for protection..Something sadly neglected by SMBC..If something isn't done National wildlife groups need to get involved.

More signs are required on streets to warn people of penalties better signs around neighbourhoods like  
Children play round here please take your dogs waste home  
A dedicated line for people to report cases

Not a dog owner but they are great for people's mental health, watching them run free is amazing.

I've noticed no change (either positive or negative) since the order came in. Dog fouling remains a problem on streets in my local area (Hazel Grove), rather than in parks.  
The field that Peregrine road backs onto needs to have no dog fouling signs up and a bin for dog waste.  
Some dog owners don't feel they should pick up after their dog on this field that the houses back onto.

The dog fouling issue is pervasive and not just in parks in Stockport but all round Stockport residential areas. It is a health hazard. The fine should increase in cost for repeat offenders and I think £100 is not high enough to deter a lot of people. I'd recommend a starting fine of £250. Thank you for running this consultation,

I do not agree re dogs causing a nuisance as there is a lack of definition and no evidence presented of enforcement and results of previous years re out of control or dogs causing a nuisance it is not sufficient to use hearsay evidence if there is any at all

Dog walkers who are insured to do so should be able to walk more than 4 dogs up to the total of 6 as per their insurance. Or a licence introduced to allow you to walk more than 4 dogs.  
The dog fouling issue is usually down to irresponsible dog owners who have 1 or 2 dogs.

You need people enforcing these rules

The reason I strongly disagree that the order will work is purely due to enforcement. We don't have enough police on foot/bike patrolling our streets, therefore how will we have enough dog wardens or other officials? I never ever see officials like this and I walk my dog every day often twice a day

STOP abusing PSPO'S!!

This won't work if not enforced on day to day basis

Given it is the minority that cause problems then should consider a larger fine if that is possible. Needs to be a harsh deterrent !

Unfortunately you can make the fine a £1000 but it will not stop irresponsible owners. Also letting young children walk dogs can cause problems as they often do not have the physical strength to control them whether they are trying to escape other dogs or are after other dogs.

Dog fouling is a huge issue across Stockport. You may have seen a reduction in complaints but this is probably because people have given up complaining as nothing changes. It's rare we don't see dog mess on the (short) walk to school. The proposals don't go far enough in my opinion.

I think the proposals are good and the issues raised need to be addressed, however they need to be dealt with by the council. People will only start to act upon these new guidelines if they know action is being taken, for example that people are fined for their dogs fouling etc

More staff to police the area

There needs to be significantly more enforcement for any of these policies to work

Ban dangerous dogs! It will bring these instances to zero.

The fine for fouling should be increased to £500 and no more than 2 dogs should be under the control of one person at any one time.

I think the fine for dog fouling should be increased by at least £50.

It is very important that we still have access to public parks to walk our dogs off lead.

Prosecute people with dangerous dogs ban them punish them jail them name and shame them I am afraid to walk in my area with my grandchildren

I'm not sure whether these proposals will address the problem of owners keeping dangerous dogs. I realise this is a matter for GMP but could there be a Council register of owners whose dogs had been reported to be used should further problems arise.

Britain is becoming so un dog friendly that I would never have another dog again after my current 2 pass on. We don't expect perfect robotic behaviour from humans who speak our language so why do we expect it from dogs who don't.

We need to be careful as to what we class as genuinely bad behaviour from dogs. Sometimes people who complain about dogs can actually be responsible for the behaviour in the first place.

As Stockport Council contributes nearly £1 million pounds per annum to Lyme Park I would like the council to ask the park to be more accommodating in providing good open spaces for dogs to be off the lead.

I would also like the council to ask Lyme Park to be open of an evening for walkers & dog walkers to use as we are tax payers contributing to the parks upkeep. The park currently closes at 4.30pm which means we cannot walk after work! Historically pre covid pandemic the park closed at 8.30pm in the summer months.

I would love to be able to visit more green spaces in the Borough, but can't due to my fear of dogs. I know many others who suffer from this too. If more areas could ensure dogs were kept on leads, even longer extendable ones, then more people would be able to access our green spaces, without fear of coming into contact with dogs.

People ignore the rules currently, those people will probably ignore new ones too.

The fine should be increased from £100 to £1000, therefore I disagree with the current £100 fine.

Being able to walk your dog off lead is important for both your own mental health and the well being of the dog. Whilst there should be areas in parks where younger children play, I would not want to see dogs excluded from off lead walks in the main areas of parks. Dog walking is a social thing, and is also physically and mentally good for your health, to allow the minority of irresponsible dog owners spoil the huge benefits of owning a dog from the many responsible dog owners should not be allowed. There are many complaints about dog fouling yet few about litter and plastic pollution which are far worse for the environment. I agree with fines and people having to carry bags but I strongly disagree with restrictions for off lead walking of dogs, unless they are shown to be out of control.

I hope it makes a big difference but I live next to the footpath leading to Norbury field & it is full of dog mess & regularly get dirty bags thrown over in to my garden. I have brought this up before & notices have been put up but it still happens

Concerns about aggressive dangerous dogs in the community should be followed up . Especially when there are several reports around the same dog . Having recently had my dog killed in an unprovoked attack and discovering afterward that there were many complaints /concerns raised beforehand to RSPCA /wardens /police etc ..

it saddens me that this isn't and wasn't the case .

The problem around dogs not on leads is huge. I was in Poynton Park this morning (3rd Aug) and an elderly lady was with 3 dogs all off their leads. I picked my 2 year old up and unfortunately one of the dogs still jumped up and scratched her leg, which made my daughter very upset. If she would have been on the ground she could have been knocked over. It's causing distress for young children when we are out trying to enjoy parks. My son is petrified of dogs when they aren't on leads and this causes our family a big problem when we are out in parks.

If only all dog owners used their common sense there would be no need for this.

There needs to be quicker action regards dog attacks made on people and other dogs

Perhaps dog wardens could check on parks and play areas during school holidays, I notice when we take our granddaughter on Carr's rd parks, they have dogs running wild

Encourage people to take home their litter. Since lockdown there has been an increase in the number of picnics and the abandoned food and plastic waste is a hazard to dog walkers. I recently had to remove an entire bar of chocolate from my dog's mouth. She had found it abandoned on the ground amongst the debris from a picnic - if she had managed to eat it it could have killed her. I find I am increasingly having to avoid popular parks because of the amount of food debris - as someone who is an active 'friend' of my local park I am less likely to volunteer to litter pick and balsam bash if it is a space that I can not use because day trippers who rarely visit the space left it covered in their litter.

Fine for not picking up after dog fouling should be higher than £100

No good unless there are people to enforce it. There is one dog owner around my house (out of many) that does not pick up after their dog but even if these measures are in place - who enforces it? I have no idea which dog owner causes the problem & sticking a few stickers around doesn't deter someone who doesn't care in the first place.

The fine of £100 is no deterrent, how many people actually get fined?

The facilities for dog owners in Stockport are poor.

SMBC should provide in each of the larger parks a secure dog area where dogs are permitted 'off lead' for training /exercise. Such areas will allow owners of larger breed dogs to exercise their dogs with confidence that they will not 'run off'.

The provision of dog litter bins in SMBC areas is poor - this is evidenced by persons who 'bag' dog mess and then leave the bags for someone else to remove. Also, many bins are not emptied regularly and are frequently over-filled - very un-hygienic!

I recently noticed in Poole & Bournemouth that the local council use large wheelie bins ( secured to metal struts ) for dog bags. These bins have a much, much greater capacity, are easier for councils to empty and are more hygienic for council staff to empty - compared to small bins with plastic liners.

I have a concern over who ( apart from Dog Wardens) are 'authorised persons' for demanding dogs should be on leads- this should be clearly defined. No more 'jobs worths'!

I live in Chealder Hulme a few years never seen one dog warden active in the area .

Maybe stop letting developers buy all the green belt in Stockport so all the dog owners are stuck in one small space .

Families with children often have a dog and it's difficult if they want to access a play area but can't leave a dog outside. It could become distressed, or stolen. Perhaps a compromise would be to have the dog on a lead and under close control.

I would like to see the return of a park ranger who would possibly have transport in the form of possibly a bike or a Segway to get around.

I am more concerned with the dogs that owners have no control over these dogs must be kept on a lead or be told to take them to training sessions.

I have 2 small working cockers and at the moment I am afraid to venture into a park because of the fear my dogs might get attacked.

Where are the dog wardens that are going to enforce this. Haven't seen one for years

There could be signs to indicate the proximity of a dog poo bin. For example, where there are signs along a foot path showing destinations there could be additional signs underneath saying, for example, dog poo bin 200m. This might discourage people from simply hanging their dog poo bags on trees when they go walking as they will then know how far it is to the next bin.

I would limit the number of dogs to be walked at any one time to Two. These are pack animals and I don't think the public eg children would be safe if under attack from pack animals . An owner can not control more than two animals at any one time.

Should have more police/PCSOs/ dog wardens on patrol . Never seen one dog warden on patrol/ handing out fines in Stockport in my 10 years as a dog owner.

Dog owners should only be allowed to walk two animals at one time ie one dog in a lead for each hand . This would make it easier for the owner to control their pet ,  
The points are are valid, however who is going to be out and about to enforce these rules?  
Dog fouling is s massive problem on the streets too.

People in charge of horses should also be required to pick up their horses droppings from public foot paths and cycleways.

I have responded 'do not agree to the £100 fine because I think it should be higher. £500.

Concerned about recent dogs attacked by a dog on Ack Lane West Cheadle Hulme. My grandchildren walk that way to school. Next time it could be a child that is attacked if this dog has not been apprehended.

Fouling near schools is a major problem, done during timing of school drop offs and pick ups shows significant level of either wilful failure to follow rules or extreme ignorance. Either way, dog owners need to understand their responsibilities to clear mess to avoid significant health issues.

The rules and penalties can only be enforced through supervision and monitoring. We need boots on the ground for this....how do you propose to fund that?

It might be worthwhile running some awareness campaigns in parks and around schools to encourage dog owners to be alert to when their dogs poop and to pick up after them. "Have you picked the poop up yet?" Posters can be useful as reminders .

As above

There is definitely a need for this to take place and be made clear to all dog owners.

I would like to see more 'dog poop' bins rolled out in general, more around the A555, and the gates near old Mill Lane etc, as I think this may go a long way to reducing the horrible habit some people have, who are obviously too lazy to carry it away with them, of leaving bagged dog mess lying around.

All of this should be regularly monitored and enforced otherwise people will ignore it

Can we have the fine increased and as I have requested previously cameras placed in the street areas to catch offenders

As above and

We would also like you to address the dog owner who lets their dog keep yapping and yapping.

When we are out all the time we have to listen to yapping dogs. Perhaps you could suggest they let the dog carry a ball to stop it barking.

When we are sitting in a garden there is always a dog barking.

We do not understand how it does not annoy the owners.

Bins are overflowing with dog excrement bags which cause a health hazard, with many additional bags either randomly discarded or hung on trees or bushes apparently for others to clean up or remove.

Please consider an escalating level of fines for any repeat offenders. Thank you for conducting this survey.

Irresponsible dog owners will continue to be irresponsible.

I cannot find a definition of whom an "authorised officer" would be.

I would like to have this specified please.

No

Too many dog owners are irresponsible!

I am a dog lover, but feel problems are caused by irresponsible owners.

Perhaps owners could be asked to sign up to a Responsible Dog Owners Charter when they apply for a dog licence. This could outline what is and what is not acceptable behaviour from a dog owner. It would also remind them to respect other people and the environment as well as their own pets.

There should more enforcement of fines as they do not seem to be done so much

Can't see that there would be enough wardens etc to enforce these proposals.

I believe the £100 fine is not a high enough deterrent and should be increased to £500 or more

Why is it necessary for any dog owner to own more than one dog, let alone 4! Even if they choose to own more than one dog, they should not be out with more than one dog at any one time. If an irresponsible owner lets a dog foul in public, then they could just as easily allow more than one of their dogs to do the same.

Visible official monitoring is a must and actual issuing of fines and ensuring they are paid is also a must.

If the rules were displayed in parks and popular dog-walking areas.

If there was an obvious method of enforcing these proposals. From personal experience the problems are caused by a minority who will not be minded to change their behaviour because they don't care in the first place.

I'm very pleased to see this consultation, and the proposal to extend the order for three more years.

Any dog that attacks another dog should by law be made to wear a muzzle, and this should be enforced. My daughter's dog was attacked by a larger dog on Saturday. Fortunately no serious injuries but the owner was nowhere in sight and when approached just walked away, without putting the dog back on the lead

How to enforce these issues?... Dog fouling where I live has been at an all time high recently. Signs make no difference neither does the risk of a fine. Early morning/late evening dog walkers can ignore their dogs fouling and will not be 'caught'.

Maybe let us all know through media outlets how many people are fined each month so residents feel the problem is actually being addressed rather than pointing to a few PSPO documents.

Do wardens patrol dog fouling areas at the times when dogs are walked or do they just respond to our many complaints behind a desk ?

It is important that dog owners still have somewhere to walk their dogs safely, they shouldn't be excluded from all public places. Walking dogs provides many people with physical exercise that they wouldn't otherwise have. It is also fantastic for mental health, as dog-ownership is generally. It is wrong of Stockport Council to say it wants to encourage physical and mental good health in its residents, but then make it difficult for people to walk their dogs.

Also, on the issue of cemeteries, does this include church yards, and former church yards, where there are old graves? For example, many people walk their dogs on the old church yard of St Paul's in Portwood, It's one of the few green spaces around, and the graves are all old, so people don't put flowers or things on them. Are owners allowed to let their dogs off the lead here? It isn't causing any harm.

I think it's really important to remember that most dog owners are responsible, and shouldn't be punished because of the actions of a minority.

Many parents of children have dogs too, so excluding dogs from play areas makes the already difficult job of parenting a lot harder to balance with maintaining a dog's welfare and caring for the child/children. Dogs on leads in enclosed play areas would be a reasonable and sensible compromise, that would also offer the opportunity for parents of children without a dog in their family the opportunity to socialise and educate their child/children on how to behave safely around dogs.

No thank you

Could the same rules apply to cats? They foul in my garden all the time & I don't have a cat myself so feel doubly aggrieved!!

No

Dogs should always be on leads. There should be designated enclosed dog exercise areas for dogs off leads

No

How will it be enforced? Given that it is extremely difficult to tackle anti social behaviour by youths and littering, what will be done to ensure it works.

As a responsible dog owner, I am shocked at some of the incidents I witness and the abuse I get if I ask people to control their dogs. (My dog was unfortunately attacked when he was a puppy, so I am extra cautious around dogs off lead).

The dog mess problem has always been there but is always worse when the nights start drawing in and when I suppose, people think they can get away with it more.

Libraries used to provide free pop bags which I thought was an excellent idea to promote picking mess up.

All the ideas put forward are really good but the main problem will be policing as it's all so common & widespread. I look forward to seeing if this initiative has any positive outcomes on more responsible dog ownership in Stockport.

All of these fouling and lead laws are pointless if there is never anybody around to enforce them.

Owners need to take more responsibility of their animals. I don't let my children run up to people and pester them and I would love it if my children could just walk down their road without the risk of standing in dog mess which is a daily occurrence. Disgusting.

Unfortunately it is a minority of dog owners who allow unchecked antisocial behaviour in public places. It will not matter to them whether there are PSPOs in place or not as irresponsible people will take no notice of them. These are also more likely to be the sort of people who make no effort to train or socialise their dogs, which can inevitably lead to issues, and who also confuse their dogs with children! Dogs are NOT children and their behaviour and manners are therefore very different. There are plenty of people who make little effort to understand and read a dog's body language, yet expect them to be able to fully understand human verbal and body language. Better education could lead to fewer problems.

Local Parks, its a Public Park, it should not be monopolised by 2 or 3 people who just walk in and immediately let their dogs off the lead and not watch them at all!!!!!!

The provisions of the PSPO look very reasonable to me, and I'm glad you are considering a renewal. However, I'm very surprised to read the following:

"... complaints about dogs in children's play areas and reports of large numbers of dogs being walked at one time have decreased."

I suspect that any decrease in reports at a time when dog ownership has risen so much is quite simply because people have grown tired of reporting problems. Speaking personally, I no longer visit Bramall Park due to the large number of dogs there, often poorly controlled. My grandson was scratched by one in the play area and the owner's response was "You shouldn't teach him to be frightened of dogs."

Having an order in place is one thing, having the resources to implement it is quite another but thank you for trying.

On a slightly different note, I no longer use a couple of "dog friendly" cafes in the area since I noticed staff stroking customers' pets and then handling food without washing their hands.

Dogs should be on leads at all times on public spaces if not the dog owner doesn't know where the dog had pooped so doesn't pick it up.

Dog walkers should have no more than three dogs as most of the time they are chatting with other dog walkers and not watching the dogs.

The fine for dog fouling is a waste of time as no one is caught., it is All lip service and nothing else.

As a disabled person using a rollator I find dogs and bikes can limit my pleasure in walking to keep healthy. I used to enjoy walking on Heaton Mersey Common, in local parks, on the Metro path, on estate roads and on the path by the Mersey. It is no longer safe or pleasant because these places are dominated by dogs, often off lead or in packs. Owners let dogs' leads stretch out across the pathways and feel that they have more right of way and ownership than pedestrians without dogs. Stepping in dog mess is a constant hazard. I fear that the proposed new pathways e.g across the Common will not be accessible for me and others like me because of the current worship of Dog and the proliferation of dogs.

Fines for dogs that stray

I regularly see dog fouling when I am running. It is usually not cleared up and occurs as the dog is not on a lead and the owner has not seen it so is oblivious to their crime. The fines for fouling need to be increased.

My daughter has grown up terrified of dogs and each time I think I am getting somewhere with her, we end up with an incident that sets her back. Not all dogs are walked in parks - there are plenty of areas where dogs are not fully under the control of their owners (but whose owner thinks they are). How is an owner in full control of a dog, off the lead and 100 yards away from them. We have had many a dog jumping up at her for no reason, which now means she would jump into the road if a dog looks at her. I don't think dog owners realise how scared a child becomes when this happens and they brush it off with a "oh he won't hurt you".

I now have an adult daughter who jumps at the sight of a dog coming towards us and hides behind me. All dogs off the lead are potentially out of control of their owner and surely dog wardens should be telling anyone with a dog off the lead that they need to be close to the dog or they are out of control and not just wait for an incident to happen before they get told.

Although I've never been a dog owner, I do like them and enjoy meeting them when out walking. This proposed order will hopefully ensure that dogs remain welcome out and about in Stockport.

Dogs should be kept on a lead in Parks and on the canal. They are a threat to children, and to other dogs on leads.

May be more bins near paths to encourage people to pick up.  
I don't think £100 fine is high enough. It needs to be more. I say this as a dog owner.

As previous question

Yes, the problem we face in Heatons North is multiple professional dog walkers bringing dogs into Stockport for exercise. I have seen over 20 dogs at a time off the leash on Priestnall field. They represent a pack of wild animals impossible to control. They defecate on the rugby pitch. The order should ban the congregation of more than one dog walker and four dogs on the same field at the same time.

John

Please see above

Fines should be increased

I feel that whilst the Public Space Protection Order is a step in the right direction, there needs to be more investment in Dog Wardens in Stockport to enforce it. The order will be meaningless without enforcement.

Currently I don't think I have ever seen a dog warden in the two years I have lived here, and dog fouling has increased significantly in that time.

More powers to seize out of control dogs should be increased.

**START ENFORCING THE PSPO!**

Policy needs something specific on very long retractable dog leads - it should be a requirement that these are kept short on shared use cycle paths. There are plenty of green traffic free spaces for people to walk their dogs in Stockport. However, there are very limited green traffic free spaces for people to cycle on and some of them become quite hazardous due to the large number of dogs being walked.

Please can voluntary groups who are active in green spaces/parks be provided with cans of non-permanent spray paint to use to highlight issues where owners have failed to clear up after their dog? It is still a major issue and we need to shame those who persist in not clearing up properly, to do so.

Not fencing in bramhall park play equipment was a mistake and makes it impossible to keep dogs out of the area.

In the consultation. where "Dog Owners" is given, I suggest that "Dog Owners or person(s) in charge of dogs" would be better. This agrees with the actual PSPO.

I am unclear on the purpose of schedule 6 and what restrictions would be imposed in these areas

It's all very well making these orders but you're just not enforcing them. I am currently not a dog owner but I have owned dogs in the past and have always been a responsible dog owner. It should also be an offence for irresponsible dog owners to allow their dogs to foul private land eg other people's gardens.

A far bigger problem is people letting their cats out to roam about, and crap in other people's gardens, it's disgusting, there should be a law against it. This is apart from the fact that roaming cats cause accidents and kill wildlife. Why is always dog owners that are pilloried, almost all cat owners are far more irresponsible, and I say that as someone who has been a responsible cat owner in the past.

A dog not on a lead ran up to my niece and frightened her in Carwood ..... surely they should be on a lead on a public footpath

As a dog owner I strongly agree that these measures should be put in place, however how can they be enforced? Staff shortages means no officers patrolling, parks no longer have keepers to enforce rules and I would be surprised if any prosecutions take place.

Orders only have a value if they are enforced. More dog patrols are needed especially as dog ownership has increased during the pandemic.

No.

As above- this consultation is a waste of time without proper enforcement

Whilst we love the rewilding that seems to be taking place at brabyns Park, it is of concern near the car park because people seem to see it as a reason not to pick up dog poo and the grass is just littered with loads of dog poo especially near the entrance. Think a balance of rewilding and short areas of cut grass would be best as it tends to be start of walks where dogs poo, and people just leave it in the grass which is disgusting.

Also, the park gets v busy in summer and the bins are often overflowing (great that picnickers dispose of rubbish) and not sure whether this encourages people not to bag and bin dog poo but more regular collections from bins would be useful.

The Ruskin Grove play area in BREDBURY is missing out here. Why?

Children won't use it because of all the stuff dropped out of dogs bottoms, while their owners pretend not to have seen it.

Let's have this area on the lists for dogs on leads-and not the silly very long leads too.

Most dog owners are responsible, but the small minority who allow their dogs to foul in public spaces should be immediately fined.

I've been told that SMBC currently don't actually fine dog owners who leave dog mess on our streets and parks, but at worse, an officer "has a chat with them".

Instant fines only will sort this problem out.

I think the fine for fouling should be higher.

Currently I do not see any of the points on this PSPO being enforced.

In relation to the '4 dog rule'... if that is without leads, then maybe it should be 6 all on leads. Providing they can control them and are registered dog walkers.

I oppose fines for not carrying dog bags. Going out without one can be a genuine error - either the bag holder has been removed from the lead and an owner may not have noticed in occasion, or a dog may have unexpected diarrhoea and the owner unexpectedly runs out of bags or even bags have fallen out of a pocket on way to the park. These scenarios can happen and are genuine mistakes that have NEVER actually prevented me from picking up after my dog but could lead me to a fine? I always ask another dog owner for a bag in these scenarios.

Issues with dogs appear to have increased over lockdown more enforcement is needed.

If the fine was 100 or 1000 pounds it doesn't make a difference as this is just seen as a hollow warning and the owner chance of being caught during the offence is practically zero.

People need educating that it's not ok to inflict your dog on others, e.g. letting them jump up etc... the fines need to be much higher but most importantly they need to be enforced.

I think it would be good if there were at least one green space in Stockport where dogs are not allowed. For a while I was very scared of dogs and this made going out for a walk very stressful, I used to go into the gardens at Lyme and relax as there were no dogs allowed there ... but that has changed now

I can understand why there are areas like cemeteries and childrens play areas etc that dogs are not allowed in or have to be on a lead. However, if I've read this correctly you are banning dogs from all park areas - Brabyns, Etherow, Torkington, Woodlands etc. These parks would barely be used, apart from hot days, if it wasn't for dog walkers. The majority cause no problems. It's the dog walkers that pick up the smashed glass, litter and all the picnic left overs that the general public leave behind. It's the dogs walkers that have an interest in the parks on more than an occasional basis. It's not the dog walkers that are abusive or threatening and congregate in groups in the parks. It's not the dog walkers who ride motorcycles through the parks. Taking everything into account in sure that the small amount of irresponsible dog walkers cause no more trouble than any other group, but once again we are penalised more harshly . A massive amount of people in the Borough have a dog, we pay our council tax and we should have access to the park facilities. Punish the individuals who are irresponsible not all dog owners.

Dogs should always be on a lead and their owners' control.

The principles of the PSPO are admirable, but without stronger enforcement those who ignore them are likely to continue to do so.

I also think that dogs should be on leads at ALL times when out.

Some years ago I was bitten in an unprovoked attack by a German shepherd dog in the open area of Torkington Park.

The injuries required hospital treatment and time off work. The circle of bite marks (including puncture wounds) were on my upper thigh. My upper thigh could easily have been a child's face!!!!

It was reported to the police but unfortunately the owners gave a false name and address so couldn't be traced by the police.

Dog licences should be reintroduced.

I think there should be signs in every park and open space that make it very clear the rules for dog owners - maybe with numbers to call/text to report issues.

We live near Brabyns Park and the park is huge and I would love there to be an area of open space where dogs can't go. We've tried to play ball in the big open spaces or have a picnic and then are having to scoop up kids as dogs are running toward us or trying to get the ball.

I would be interested how many times a fine has been given to a dog owner - this is why I have put the comment on that I am not sure how well it addresses the issue. There is no one around to give out the fines as far as we can see.

However I think the order is needed and there must be rules for dog owners.

I would welcome more of a presence of wardens in popular dog walking/public spaces to make sure rules are being followed.

Some dog walkers regularly exercise more than four dogs in public parks which is unfair on dog owners and other park users.

I would like to see the PSPO renewed to reinforce the message that Stockport Council is taking this issue seriously. However, the PSPO is already in place and there are still plenty of issues - we need stronger implementation to make a difference.

There is no provision for promoting responsible dog ownership e.g specific areas for dogs to play and socialise together

no

Do the fines etc ever get implemented?

Yes I cannot see either Hesketh Park nor the Mellor Green greenspace, both in Cheadle being on the list of parks to be protected and both should be. Both attract dog walkers and both suffer from fouling which is not always picked up

No point in having such legislation if it is not enforced, which I don't believe it is.  
No

The no dogs in play area sign at brabyns play area is currently missing

Recruit and assign dog wardens based on the usage of a particular park/open space by dog owners.

I'm not sure how you find the irresponsible dog owners.

we need more waste bins in areas that are popular with dog walkers.

- a) More bins for poo bags - and maybe some system by which people can suggest places where they think bins could be.
- b) Guidelines for how to behave with dogs near farm animals. I think I saw some very clear guidelines in the National Farmers Union website. These should be well published.
- c) Free or cheap training for dog owners, which would include b) above.
- d) Dog licences or compulsory ID chips

There is a huge problem with dog fouling in the Stockport area, especially in semi-rural areas. Most walkers here do not carry bags, and some that do simply leave the plastic bag filled with dog waste on garden walls, in peoples own bins and along the floor. There must be a stronger response by SMBC to address this, because there is really no deterrent- as evidenced by the fact that it's so rife.

The few people who are responsible and pick up after their animals, and take the waste home/to a designated bin are being overrun by the majority who simply don't want to pick up after their dog. As dog waste is toxic and can cause blindness in children in some cases, SMBC need to do more to tackle this issue.

It is of course important that dog excrement is cleared up from urban and suburban pavements, children's play areas, cemeteries, parks and sports pitches - that goes without saying. But the council itself also has a vital part to play, in ensuring that waste bins are emptied frequently. I often exercise our dog in Brabyns Park, and this summer the bins have frequently been overflowing. If you intend to punish people for not putting their dog waste in bins, then you need to provide enough bins and empty them frequently. Why should we bother if you don't bother?

On a separate matter, I think you need to bear in mind that although Stockport is a metropolitan borough, parts of it are quite rural. Control measures which are appropriate to urban and suburban areas are not always appropriate or necessary in the countryside, and that is reflected in the fact that farm dogs are exempted from these rules. In particular, it is unreasonable to require dog owners to pick up faeces in woodland or on muddy paths and bridleways in the country, where there is a complete absence of waste bins. To do so means that dog walkers may have to carry a full poo-bag for literally miles, and that is unreasonable. In my view these measures should be applied in a commonsense way, and confined to places where they are needed, and where waste bins are provided. If you insist on introducing urban and suburban restrictions in rural areas, you should provide waste bins and ensure that they are emptied regularly.

The fine should be more than £100

I agree with most things apart from the maximum number of dogs issue as this would cause a lot of problems for professional dog walkers. I think they should be exempt on the provision that they have risk assessed the dogs that are being walked together and that those dogs can be controlled at all times by the dog walker. I believe that failing to exempt professional dog walkers would cause individuals employed as such significant financial hardship and it would also cause issues for dog owners who rely on such services.

Policy needs enforcing!!.....policy has been in existence already and yet we still have a huge problem.

Dogs, as with wild animals, should be allowed to foul where the national speed limit applies, i.e. outside of 20, 30 and 40mph areas.

Walking in the countryside you must expect to come across mud, horse droppings etc.

Fair enough that there should be no fouling where people play ball games etc.

I object to the term 'dog owners'. Language is important and using the term owner suggest that animals are merely possessions which is inherently wrong. It would be better for SMBC to refer to those with animals as guardians going forward and to refer to the animals as companions. This gives a much truer sense of the situation and also stops people thinking that animals are theirs to do with as they wish which could stop cruelty and pranks.

Irresponsible dog guardians are definitely in the minority and most people with dogs in our area look after their dogs well and have them appropriately trained. I do not want all dog owners to be tarred with the same brush nor for dogs to be seen as the problem when it is very much their guardian who is the issue. I hope that these measures are only holding the dog guardian at fault and not the dog and that it will be the guardian who is punished and not the animal.

Stockport should have dedicated fenced off areas so that dogs can be socialised and trained whilst getting exercise and without worry of small children etc. A small charge could be made and the service booked for individual or groups of owners.

The fine for dog fouling should be a lot higher than £100.

There should be more dog wardens and it should be well published when someone is fined.

As A professional dog Walker I agree completely with this order however with the council unable to provide enough manpower to police the order it seems a complete waste of time !!!! I regularly see other professional dog walkers in fletcher moss and reddish vale walking 5-6 dogs just getting away with it !!!! It's so frustrating when you are sticking to the rules and turning business away whilst others are just flaunting it!!!!!! I saw two guys from 1 company with 13 dogs between them yesterday, completely irresponsible!!!!!!!

Dog fouling is just getting worse by the day, I pick up other people's poo if I pass any whilst out but that's not my job, I just go it because I hate to see it so much!!!!!!

Dogs are routinely present in the running track on Scholes field, Gatley, which has become a meeting place for professional dog walkers. There is sometimes fouling, and sometimes dogs interfering with runners. There are no signs indicating that dogs are not permitted and no enforcement.

Dogs should be allowed to foul in rough areas where the public don't tread or it is difficult to pick up. We need to reduce the use of plastic. Bio-degradable bags don't work and cannot be relied upon - I bought some but they degraded before I could use them.

This threatens to alienate dog owners