Sefton's Dog Control PSPO Extension Proposal.





This consultation is about the rules around dog control in Sefton.

The consultation starts on Monday 16th November 2026 and ends on Monday 1st February 2027.

The consultation lasts 11 weeks.



How can I get involved?

You can complete the survey online by going to Your Sefton Your Say.

Open the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control Consultation.

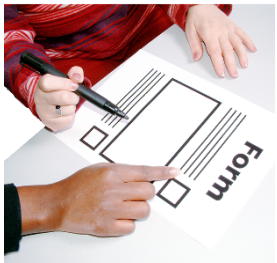
Or scan this QR code with your phone or tablet. Click the link that appears.

This will open the online survey.



You can print this survey from the Council's website. Visit Sefton.gov.uk website and search for 'dog control PSPO'.

Link: PSPO for Dog Control (sefton.gov.uk)



If you need a paper copy of this survey or need any help completing, please call us or email us:



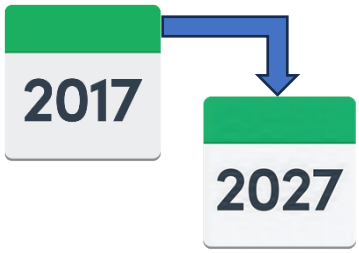
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Introduction.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are powers available to Councils to deal with anti-social behaviour in their area. We will now call PSPOs the Order.



We must extend these Orders every 3 years.

Sefton has had the Dog Control Order in place since July 2017.

We renew the order every 3 years.



We are asking if we should extend the Dog Control Order for another 3 years from 2027 - 2030.



We also want to know what you think about the Dog Control Order.

Please complete the consultation to give us your views.



The Order says that Sefton Council can give a fine to someone if they:

- Don't remove their dog's poo.
- Walk more than 6 dogs at a time.
- Allow their dogs in 'no dog' areas.
- Don't have dogs on leads where they need to be.
- Have dogs on leads longer than 2 meters in certain places (like near roads).
- Have dogs off a lead that are behaving badly or aggressively.



Questions.



1. Do you think we should extend the Dog Control Order for 3 more years till 2030?



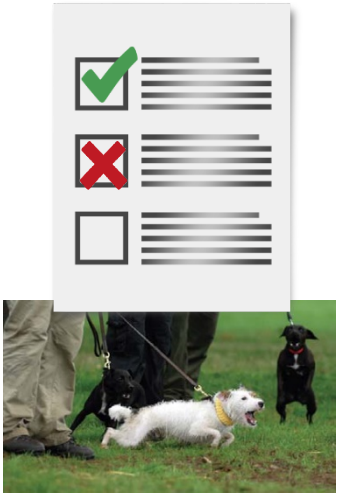
☐ Yes.

☐ No.

Please tell us why:



Sefton has had Dog Control Order since 2017.



2. Have you noticed any improvements?

☐ Less dog poo left.

☐ Fewer aggressive dogs.

☐ Fewer stray dogs.

☐ More dogs on leads in certain areas.

☐ Fewer dogs entering areas they shouldn't be in.

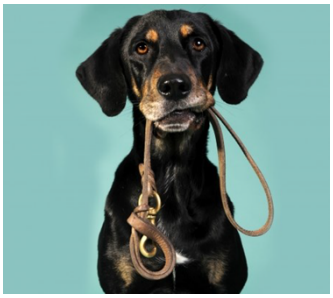


☐ Improvements in responsible dog ownership.



3. Are you a dog owner?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.



4. If you are a dog owner, has the Dog Control order had an impact on your behaviour in any of the following ways?

- ☐ Picking up your dog's poo.
- ☐ Carrying a poo bags or other ways your remove your dog's poo.
- ☐ Use of a dog lead.
- ☐ Not entering certain areas with your dog.



5. How often have you seen irresponsible dog ownership within the last 12 months.



- ☐ Daily.
- ☐ Weekly.
- ☐ Monthly.
- ☐ Every 3 months.
- ☐ Never.
- ☐ Other. Please tell us.



☐

Sefton Council

Public Spaces Protection Order

Dog Control



You must pick up your dogs fouling and put in the bin



Dogs on lead in all picnic, family areas and designated areas



Dogs on lead to be no greater than 2 metres away



No dogs allowed in enclosed play areas and sports pitches



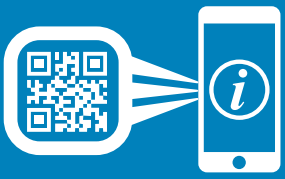
No dogs on marked Football/Rubgy pitches – Sept 1st to May 31st



No dogs on marked Cricket pitches – Apr 1st to Sept 30th

Failing to comply is a criminal offence and could result in a Fine

Information on the PSPO can be found by following the QR code, visiting sefton.gov.uk or calling the contact centre on 0345 140 0845 or searchingfor PSPO dog.

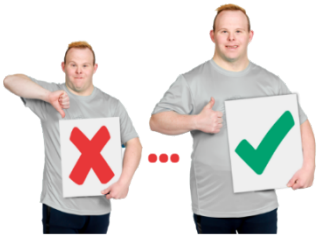


Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014



We changed the information about the Dog Control Order after listening to feedback from our last consultation.

6. Is the information in the poster above clear and easy to understand?



☐ Yes.

☐ No.

If not, how could Dog Control information be improved?





We are looking to add other open spaces into the Order and would like to have your views.



7. Town Hall Gardens in Southport to be a dogs on lead area, do you agree?

☐ Yes

☐ No



8. Derby Park in Bootle, for the Rose Garden to be a Dog on Lead Area. Do you agree?

☐ Yes

☐ No



9. Do you have any comments about the Dog Control Order?



Thank you for completing this survey.

Some Questions About You.



You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want to. All your answers are kept secret. We put all the answers together. Your answers cannot tell us who you are.

We want to make sure we include everyone. So, your answers are very helpful to us.



10. Are you okay with giving your details as explained the privacy notice?

☐ Yes. ☐ No.



11. How old are you?

16 - 24. ☐ 25 - 34. ☐ 35 - 49. ☐

50 - 64. ☐ 65 - 74. ☐ 75+. ☐

Prefer not to say. ☐

12. Sex.



☐ Male.



☐ Female.



☐ Prefer not to say.



☐ Prefer to self-describe.

☐



13. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

☐ Yes. ☐ No. ☐ Prefer not to say.



If no, please describe.

☐

14. Race and ethnicity – what is your ethnic group?



Asian or Asian British.

☐ Includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or other Asian background.



Black, Black British, Caribbean or African.

☐ Includes African, Caribbean and any other black background.



Mixed heritage or belonging to multiple ethnic groups.

☐ Includes White and Black, White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian and any other mixed or multiple ethnic background.



White.

☐ Includes English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British, any other white background.



Other Ethnic Group.

☐ Another ethnic group.

Prefer not to say.



☐ Prefer not to say.

15. What is your religion or belief?



☐ Buddhist.



☐ Christian. (Including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and other Christian denominations).



☐ Jewish.



☐ Hindu.



☐ Muslim



☐ Sikh.



☐ Prefer not to say.



☐ No religion or belief.



☐ Another religion or belief.

Please tell us:





16. Relationships - How would you describe your sexual orientation?

- ☐ Straight or heterosexual.
- ☐ Gay or lesbian.
- ☐ Bi or bisexual.
- ☐ Prefer not to say.
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe.

☐



17. Disability - Do you have a health condition, disability, or learning difference?

This means something that:

- Has lasted a long time.
- Makes everyday activities harder for you.

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.
- ☐ Prefer not to say.



18. If you answered "Yes", which of these bests describe you?

☐ Chronic or long-term condition.



☐ Chronic or long-term pain.



☐ Dexterity (handling or using objects).



☐ Hearing.



☐ Learning, understanding or concentrating.



☐ Memory.



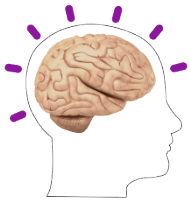
☐ Mental Health.



☐ Mobility (moving around).



☐ Neurodivergence (including autism, ADHD and other social or behavioural differences).



☐ Neurological condition (including epilepsy).



☐ Speech or language.



☐ Stamina, breathing or fatigue.



☐ Vision.



☐ Prefer not to say



☐ Another impairment, condition or access need. Please tell us.



19. Have you ever been cared for as a child by Sefton Council or any other council?

We are asking whether you spent more than 13 weeks in any type of formal care before you turned 16.

This could include:



- foster care.
- residential care (such as a children's home).
- any other formal care arrangement.



☐ Yes. ☐ No. ☐ Prefer not to say.

Thank you for filling in this form.

This information will **not** be able to tell us who you are. But it will help us to understand if we are missing people out.

Sefton Council.
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Dog Control Extension Proposal Consultation.
Privacy Notice.



Sefton Council would like to tell you about our Privacy Notice. This Privacy Notice is for the PSPO Dog Control Order Extension Proposal Consultation.



This Easy Read privacy notice will explain the personal information we collect.



In this questionnaire we will collect information about:

- IP addresses (this is a computer code to show what computer the information comes from).
- Equality questions.



What personal information we collect.

In this consultation we collect:



- IP address.
- Age.
- Sexuality.
- Gender.
- Disability.
- Religion.
- Race or ethnicity.





Why we collect and use this information.

Sefton Council are asking people to have their say about the PSPO Dog Control Order Extension.

IP addresses that identify computers.



- The IP addresses are collected to make sure only one response per resident is received.
- Once this is checked the IP address information is deleted.

Personal information.



- No personal information like your name or address is collected in this consultation.

Equalities Questions.



These questions are asked to show what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

This also lets us know if we need to use different ways to contact groups of people who are not responding.



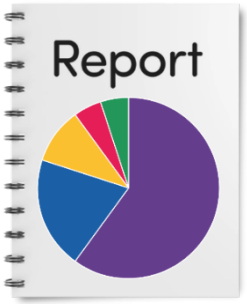
How long we keep your information.

The IP address will be deleted immediately after the checks are done.



The equalities information will be kept until the information has been looked at and a report written.

How we use the information and who we share the information with.



The information collected in this questionnaire will only be used as numbers in the report.

No information is collected that tells us who you are.



Storing the information.

All information is kept safe.

Sefton Council follows the laws around data protection.

The laws.



We need to make sure we:

- Only ask the questions we need to in the questionnaire.
- Ask the equalities questions.



The law says we must ask and act on this information.

It helps us to know what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

It also helps us to know that we are not missing groups of people.



Confidential.

Your answers will not tell us who you are.

The answers will be collected to help us know what people think.



Who will we share this information with?

Your information will not be shared with any other organisations.

Asking to see your personal information.



You can ask to see what personal information we keep about you.

Be aware there are some rules about why some information cannot be shared.



You can refuse to answer any questions in the questionnaire.



If you want to ask to see your personal information you can. Use the Council website to complete a request form.

Or you can call Sefton Council on

0345 140 0845.



Contacts.

For more information about this privacy notice or the consultation please contact:



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