

Proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Order 2022 (PSPO)

Thank you for your comments for the proposed PSPO. We are pleased that the consultation responses show an overwhelming support for the proposal.

A recommendation for the Order will be presented to Rushcliffe Borough Council Cabinet in March and if it is approved will be taken to Full Council for endorsement in May.

It is proposed that the new PSPO will cover the following controls:

- a. Dog fouling – to include all areas of the Borough where the public has access; and the person in charge of the dog must have with them an appropriate means to pick up excrement deposited by the dog
- b. Dogs on lead in specified areas – only certain parts of Rushcliffe Country Park (as signed) to be mandated;
- (c) Dogs excluded - this applies to all children's play areas, multi use games areas, skate parks and gym equipment zones which are either fenced or enclosed

It is acknowledged that some areas have requested additional controls for example excluding dogs on playing fields . In considering these requests the Council must be satisfied that the legal tests for the use of the powers are met and that it is a proportionate response to the level of harm and nuisance being caused. In this case the Council does not consider that there is sufficient evidence for the additional controls requested, such evidence may include increased number of complaints received etc.

Where Parish Councils seek additional controls on land in their area local arrangements can continue as at present, but will not be enforceable under the PSPO. I can confirm that the Council is required to review the PSPO every 3 years.

Kind regards

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