

## How to share your views

The consultation period closes at midnight on **Tuesday 24 July 2018**.

There is a range of ways to express your views:

- You can complete the survey online at: [www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultations)
- You can request a paper copy of the questionnaire by calling 01327 871100. It can be returned to us via Freepost (no stamp required) by the closing date.

Your views are important. Completing the questionnaire is voluntary and all the information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

No information will be released that could identify an individual or organisation.

Please note that you need to be aged 16 or over to take part in this survey.

## How your views will be used

The outcome of the public consultation will be considered by the Full Council in the autumn of 2018.

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# Have your say!

**Daventry District Council is consulting on proposals to extend and increase its powers to address irresponsible dog ownership across the district. Give your feedback!**



As well as testing those laws already in place, the Council is keen to take advantage of this opportunity to expand the requirements of the existing Public Spaces Protection Order and consult on more innovative ideas which would extend the remit to encompass other pressing local issues that fall within the description of antisocial behaviour.

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## Background to Consultation

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) can be used to regulate activities in public places that have a “detrimental effect on the local community”. They provide local councils and the police with additional powers to tackle antisocial behaviour.

Following an extensive consultation exercise, which prompted over 800 responses; on 1st December 2015 Daventry District Council introduced a PSPO to tackle irresponsible dog ownership, which runs for three years.

When this period is up in December 2018 the council can either extend the Order, or consult the public and introduce changes to create a new PSPO which will run for a further three year period up to 2021.

## Current Requirements

The PSPO made it an offence if a person in control of a dog:

1. Fails to pick up after their dog
2. Fails to exclude their dog from a defined children’s play area
3. Fails to put their dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer
4. Fails to keep their dog on a lead around the café area at Daventry Country Park
5. Fails to have the means to pick up after their dog

As mentioned above, the council is keen to continue with the five current requirements for another 3 year period but wishes to gauge the level of public support regarding a series of the new additional proposals.

## Proposed Requirements

The council is considering introducing the following changes:

1. Dogs should always be on a lead in graveyards, cemeteries or memorial gardens
2. Dogs should always be kept on leads near schools
3. Dogs should always be kept on leads in built up areas
4. Dogs should be excluded from playing areas of marked and maintained sports pitches (in season)
5. A defined lead length and type of lead is to be used in areas where a dog should be on a lead
6. A restriction on the number of dogs to be walked at any one time
7. Prohibition of smoking from defined children’s play areas
8. Introduce DNA restricted areas of public space
9. Delegation of enforcement powers to parish councils

