

Dog Control Orders 2012**Consultation Responses**

<u>Consultee</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>
Keith Williams Address supplied	Will the dogs on a lead requirement extend to canal towpaths? Whins Lane is 60 mph and will be excluded. Can we lobby to have the speed limit reduced?	The towpath is considered to be open space and requiring dogs on leads is not considered appropriate. Nevertheless dog walkers should ensure their dogs are under control and if this necessitates the use of a lead rather than command etc. then they should use leads. Speed control on roads and speed limits are not an issue for this report.
Linda Barron Address supplied	Objection to requirement to have dogs on leads in parks and open spaces as it will discourage exercise and result in greater car use as people travel to areas where dogs can be off lead.	National guidance requires the introduction of Orders to ensure there is a balance between the needs of dog walkers and the general public.
B Richardson Email address supplied	Expressed concern that the wording of the Orders should be in 'plain English'	Orders are drafted in accordance with national guidance and subject to legal scrutiny to ensure they are enforceable.
Laura Spencer Email supplied	Objection to any restrictions on dog owners being allowed to walk their dogs in public spaces off a lead. Accepts that children's play areas are an exception	National guidance requires the introduction of Orders to ensure there is a balanced between the needs of dog walkers and the general public.

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Paula Haworth Address supplied	Objection to proposals on the basis that there is no problem with dogs in her area and that we should be focussing attention on people who cause antisocial behaviour and damage to public property.	National guidance requires the introduction of Orders to ensure there is a balance between the needs of dog walkers and the general public.
Natasha Seed Address supplied	Objection to the proposals on the basis that she can control her dog and the dogs exercise would be affected if it was kept on a lead all the time	Orders will not require dogs to be on a lead at all times. Dogs can still be exercised on open spaces where no organised sport, play or recreational activities are being held.
Brenda Ferner Email supplied	<p>Comment that existing laws should be sufficient but are not enforced so why should new Orders make any difference.</p> <p>Comment that dogs are an important part of people's lives and information and education should be used to ensure people (especially children) are taught how to meet and handle dogs.</p> <p>Much more should be done to ensure dogs are tagged and can be identified</p>	<p>Existing Bylaws do not allow the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices and the level of fines for offences under Bylaws is relatively low and therefore has little deterrent effect.</p> <p>The Orders do not seek to restrict dogs accessing most open space areas. The comment does not account for the fact that some people simply do not want contact with dogs whilst out.</p> <p>The Council already provides a low cost micro chipping service.</p>
Janice Duncan Email supplied	Seeking clarification on term 'ornamental lake'. Does it include lodge at Yarrow Valley	Ornamental lake refers to small constructed lakes as part of a landscaping design for a park or open space. Lodges and reservoirs are therefore not included.

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Charnock Richard Parish Council	Support for the proposals and highlighted concerns on publicising the Orders and enforcement	Subject to approval the Orders will be publicised in accordance with statutory requirements and notices erected in appropriate locations. Enforcement will be undertaken by authorised officers (Neighbourhood Officers, PCSO's and Park Rangers) who currently deal with dog fouling and other environmental crime issues by way of fixed penalty notice.
Pam Ascroft Email supplied	Fully support the proposals	n/a
Adlington Town Council	Fully support the proposals	n/a
Brindle Parish Council	Fully support the proposals	n/a
Whittle le Wood Parish Council	Discussed at Parish Council meeting and no comment to make	n/a
Hoghton Parish Council	Fully support the proposals	n/a
Cllr Marion Lowe Chorley Council	<p>1.Dogs to be on leads at all times in Astley Park and which would help to reduce dog fouling as owners do not watch what the dog is doing if off a lead</p> <p>2.Dogs to be on leads at all times at Yarrow Valley Park around the main public areas and lake which would reduce the no. of dogs going into the lake terrorising breeding birds and to reduce dog fouling as above.</p>	<p>Having a blanket requirement for dogs on leads in all areas of Astley Park would be disproportionate and not a balanced approach as required by the guidelines for the making of such Orders.</p> <p>The schedule to the Order requires a dog to be held on a lead on footpaths. People who allow their dogs to terrorise or injure wildlife should be dealt with under other animal welfare and criminal provisions.</p>

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	<p>3.No dogs to be allowed in recreation areas and for dog bins to be removed from such areas</p> <p>4.Animal welfare officers to develop schemes to encourage micro chipping and more publicity given to try to educate irresponsible dog owners</p>	<p>It is thought this is covered by the requirement for dogs to be on leads when there is organised activities or sports. The provision of bins encourages owners to clean up.</p> <p>This issue, whilst important, is not directly related to the making of these Orders.</p>
<p>Anderton Parish Council</p>	<p>The Dog Exclusion Order does not include the 'Guide Dogs' charity as an exemption to the Order</p>	<p>Draft Order has been amended to include the 'Guide Dogs' charity</p>
<p>Fiona Eastham Email supplied</p>	<p>Seeking to extend 'dog on lead' requirement everywhere</p>	<p>Having a blanket requirement for dogs on leads in all would be disproportionate and not a balanced approach as required by the guidelines for the making of such Orders.</p>