



PSPO consultation May/June 2023

Headline findings

- 22 responses
 - Not all respondents answered each question
- Support (yes answers) for every proposal
 - 100% backing for continuing to require dog owners to clean up / have the means to pick up after their dog
- Almost identical levels of support (81% or 82%) in favour of no more than six dogs in each mentioned location
- Lowest support for
 - Continuing to require a dog to be on a lead in
 - the Bathpool park area (55%)
 - open space owned by parish and town councils (55%)
 - Continue to require dogs to be excluded from open space owned by parish and town councils (52%)

We would like to know if you would support the following proposals:

	Yes	No	Don't know
The prohibition of any person having an open alcohol container in their possession. Any individual who has an open alcohol container in their possession will need to surrender this when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council or Staffordshire Police.	82%	14%	5%
Continue to require a person in charge of a dog to clean up its faeces if their dog fouls in any public place.	100%	0	0
Continue to require dog owners to have the means to pick up dog fouling i.e. a bag with them whenever they walk their dog.	100%	0	0

	Yes	No	Don't know
Continue to require a dog to be on the lead at.....			
Borough Council Crematorium, churchyards and cemeteries, and closed churchyards	86%	14%	0
Formal gardens e.g. Queens Gardens, Queen Elizabeth Park	96%	5%	0
Marked out sports pitches	73%	17%	9%
Unfenced children's play equipment and a portion of the surrounding area, extending 20 metres in all directions from it.	86%	14%	0
Fenced / enclosed portions of Apedale Country Park which are designated for wildlife conservation	86%	14%	0
Parts of Bathpool park from the car park, across the reservoir dam, and along the side of the reservoir next to the railway line	55%	23%	23%
Fishing Pools managed by angling clubs as per their signs	77%	14%	9%
Open space owned by parish and town councils as per their signs	55%	36%	9%

	Yes	No	Don't know
Continue to require owners to put their dog(s) on a lead(s) when asked to do so by an authorised officer	95%	0	5%

	Yes	No	Don't know
Continue to require dogs to be excluded from:			
Fenced or enclosed children's play areas which are designated and marked for children's play	95%	5%	0
Fenced or enclosed games areas, such as tennis and ball courts, multisport areas and skate parks	95%	5%	0
The grassed portion of all bowling greens	86%	14%	0

Fenced or enclosed portions of Apedale Country Park which are designated for wildlife conservation	81%	14%	5%
Fishing Pools managed by angling clubs as per their signs	71%	14%	14%
Open space owned by parish and town councils – as per their signs.	52%	24%	24%

	Yes	No	Don't know
Continue to require that no more than six dogs can be taken by any one person into the following locations:			
Apedale Country Park	81%	19%	0
Bateswood Country Park	81%	19%	0
Bathpool Park	81%	19%	0
Clough Hall Park	81%	19%	0
Silverdale Community Park	82%	18%	0
Lyme Valley Parkway	81%	19%	0
Birchenwood Country Park	81%	19%	0

Are there any additional controls you think are required, or any other locations where specific controls need to be set? Due to the small number of comments they are included in full here:

- You have both "dogs on leads" AND "dogs excluded completely" for Apedale Country Park enclosed areas, this does not make sense and provides a loophole people will exploit. It should only be "dogs excluded" from fenced wildlife conservation areas in ***ALL*** country parks because Silverdale Country Park also has wildlife conservation areas which are fenced in.
- The anti-social behaviour caused by alcohol consumption/drugs that occurs on the loopleveline and Birchenwood playing fields/woods in Kidsgrove, more especially during summer evenings and school holidays. The litter (cans, bottles, take away food cartons and on occasion stolen shopping trolleys) is appalling. Fires are regularly lit in the tunnels (destroying the tarmac) using wood ripped from surrounding woodland and any detritus is either thrown over the railings within the tunnel, into the water or smashed on the path.
- Outside school gates.
- Dogs that are owned in flats have to be on a lead when outside the property and owners must clean up their mess not just leave it.
- Allocation of dogs should be lower than 6. 1 person cannot control 6 dogs
- Less fouling, people need to start taking home their waste with them if there is no dog waste bin
- More to be done about fouling, provide more bags for public
- More education to public
- This six dogs rule is too many. Some people can control six dogs but too many dog walkers are irresponsible. Not that these controls seem to have much impact anyway - dog walkers (including 'professional' dog walking companies ignore them).

Age profile

Fewer than half (43 per cent) were aged under 50, with 38 per cent aged more than 60.

