



Proposed Introduction of Dog Control Orders

Using powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Epping Forest District Council is proposing to introduce three Dog Control Orders making it an offence to:

- a) Fail to remove dog faeces deposited on any public land within the district.
- b) Fail to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer, on any public land within the district.
- c) Fail to limit the number of dogs, which a person may take onto public land within the district to four.

Before proceeding any further, the Council is consulting on the proposed Orders. Responses to the consultation will be reported back to District Councillors before a final decision on the proposed Dog Control Orders are made.

Dog Fouling

In 1998 the Council designated the whole of the district under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, making dog fouling an offence.

The 1996 Act has a number of limitations, most importantly, there is an exclusion for land used for agriculture or for woodland, including all land in the ownership of the Corporation of London. The proposed dog fouling Dog Control Order would re-designate the whole district, making it an offence for a person to permit a dog in their control to foul and fail to remove faeces immediately, from any public land in the whole of the district, including land owned by the Corporation of London.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a Dog Control Order to control dog fouling over the whole of the district, making it an offence to fail to pick up dog faeces deposited on any public land?

Yes

No

Don't know

Other, please comment

Dogs on leads when directed

This Dog Control Order would enable officers effectively to carry out dog fouling enforcement work safely by ensuring that the person responsible for a dog can be required to put and keep their dog(s) on a lead(s). It is envisaged that this Order will rarely be used and will have little impact on dog owners but will aid enforcement where necessary. The Corporation of London officers may also use this power if a dog is found to be out of control on their land.

2. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a Dog Control Order that allows an authorised officer to request a dog to be put on a lead on any public land?

Yes

No

Don't know

Other, please comment

Maximum Number of Dogs

The council receives a number of complaints each year about 'professional dog walkers' taking an excessive number of dogs onto recreational land and public areas. Complaints refer to the dogs being out of control, blocking footpaths and fouling without the person responsible being able to pick up the faeces because of the number of dogs in their control.

Based on guidance and experience, the Council is proposing to introduce a Dog Control Order that restricts the number of dogs a person can have in their control on any public land to four.

3. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a Dog Control Order within the district that restricts the number of dogs a person can have in their control on any public land to four?

Yes

No

Don't know

4. If you answered 'No' to question 3. do you believe that a restriction on the number of dogs a person can have in their control on public land should be imposed at all?

Yes

No

Don't know

5. If you answered 'Yes' to question 4, what is the number of dogs you believe that one person should be restricted to have in their control on public land?

fewer than 4

5

6

7 or more

Other, please comment on the number of dogs that you think is acceptable

Contact Details

This section is not compulsory but would help us with our survey. The information will not be used for any other purpose.

If you would like to leave your contact details, please tick box

Are you an Epping Forest district....

Resident?

Visitor?

Other (please state)

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

About You

In order that we can ensure our services meet all the needs of our community we would be grateful if you would complete the general questions below. You do not have to provide this information but it will be kept strictly confidential if you do.

Are you?

Male

Female

Age Group?

Under 18

46 to 55

18 to 25

56 to 65

26 to 35

66 to 75

36 to 45

75+

To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (please tick one box only)

White British

Black or Black British - African

White Irish

Any other Black background

Any other White background

Asian or Asian British - Indian

White and Black Caribbean

Asian or Asian British - Pakistani

White and Black African

Any other Asian background

White and Asian

Chinese

Any other Mixed background

Any other ethnic background

Black or Black British - Caribbean

What is your religion, even if you are not practising?

Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)

Sikh

Hindu

Muslim

Jewish

Buddhist

Any other religion

None

Do you consider yourself to be?

Heterosexual

Other

Gay or Lesbian

Prefer not to say

Bisexual

Do you consider yourself to be disabled in any way?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us how it affects you?

It affects my mobility

It affects my vision

It affects my hearing

It affects me in another way (please specify)

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.