

Comments – PSPO consultation

Q. Do you believe that Boston still has a problem with dog fouling? Full list of comments below: -

Miscellaneous

- But better than it was
- Don't know

No

- Not a massive problem – more human. Pick it up do not throw it or leave it on trees
- Not where we live
- Not too bad
- Most pick up
- Not too bad in town centre.
- Not in town centre. Pretty clean
- Not too bad sometimes on walks
- Not to bad
- Not seen any in centre
- Visiting not seen its problem
- Not where I live
- Visiting, not seen any
- Not where we live – Wyberton West Road

Problem varies

- Varies
- Some area. West wood lakes
- Think people will always leave it but no bigger problem than anywhere else
- Depends on area
- Depends where are

Yes

- Fenside
- In places
- Jenny woods a problem
- Visiting it is problem
- On walks
- Bicker
- Wyberton West
- Willoughby Road

Q. Do you agree it should still be an offence if dog walkers/owners do not carry bags or other means at all times to clear up after their dog? Full list of comments below: -

Do not agree with fine/not offence

- But obviously if the dogs have been to loo and ie. I only have one bag left it shouldn't be a fine. Also I don't see why I should produce, it's more power than police
- Always have but I don't see it as offence
- Sometimes, people forget
- Enough offences
- Not offence
- I've come out without realising before
- Too much for £100 fine. Bit extreme

Yes

- Town yes
- Yes, because if they are not carrying them then it means they have no intension to clear it.
- I've always got them
- Always remember a bag
- Should carry

General/Miscellaneous

- Get bags at council
- But this isn't always the issue, its dogs off leads away from their owners
- I've had an instance before where I've used 4 poo bags on a walk and if id have been stopped after would not have any on me. They should supply the bags in more walking area
- If you challenge a member of the public who has not picked up, they tell you to mind your own business and your not a dog warden so keep your nose out it is particularly bad on right of way paths across fields they say there on grass and it does not matter
- Should be illegal to have dog

Q. Do you agree it should still be an offence to refuse to put dangerous or nuisance dog/dogs on a lead when requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.

Yes

- All dogs should be on a lead
- Dogs should be on lead
- All times on lead
- All dogs should be on lead
- I also believe that all dogs, whether deem dangerous or not, should be on a lead when outside of the bounds of private property. I have often seen dogs with their owners walking through the middle of town with the dog off the lead (Wide Bargate, Tawney Street and Fydell Street)
- Safety is important
- Muzzled

- Should be on a lead at all times
- Don't take my dog off lead
- Always on lead
- Have to be careful
- Always on lead
- All dogs should be on a lead
- Got bit by a dog that was off lead
- All dogs should be on lead. Dangerous ones muzzled

Unsure/depends on dog

- Depends – grey area
- Each owner of the dog should know their own dog and what to do to be responsible for that dog and the lead the owner should do as requested

Q. Do you agree it should still be an offence to allow a dog/dogs into an enclosed designated children's play area?

Allow dogs in play area

- Should be ok if dog is controlled on a tight lead
- Not sure about that keep on lead
- On leads
- But they should be on leads etc and fines should be higher!
- If on a lead and controlled
- On lead
- On lead
- On a lead would be ok, good for children to interact with dogs
- But in main Boston park the gates have been removed so if dogs goes in accidentally its not fair
- Because many families also have a dog or dogs and want to bring all members of their families to the park. They do not want to leave their dogs tied up outside the area where they might be subject to abuse or theft which is a real worry in an area know for dogfighting and these poor dogs are used as bait. If people with children have a dog with them then I see no reason why the dog cannot be allowed into the play area whilst on a lead. Its complete madness why they are tied up outside and left in a distressed state. It would also be a very big plus factor if an area was designated ie. The old tennis courts was used for dogs to run freely. Boston has a huge dog population and a population is not in anyway catered for. It is also a population with owners who are happy to pay for a safe and clean area for their dogs to exercise in.
- Depends on dog – keep them on lead
- On a lead
- If they clean up and if in control

Depends on the dog

- Depends on the dog
- I think that it should depend on circumstances, for example if your dog is sensible and well behaved and as long as it is not bothering the children or the children are not bothering the dog. As a single parent with a dog sometimes It would make it

easier if I could take my dog into the play area so that I could watch my child on the play equipment. I know that my dog is sensible and would just sit on the grass as long as she has been to the loo beforehand outside the play area I would know there would be no risk of her going to the loo in a children's play area

- Depends on nature of dog
- Depends on dog
- Depends on dog

Miscellaneous

- Under new legislation this is breaking the law – a child who has lost a parent can have a dog with them – keep on lead
- Muzzle when out in public
- But if you have young children you cant take your dog in play area

Agree, not in children's play area

- It is the only way to keep children's play area clean.
- Again safety should be primary focus
- You never know
- No dogs in park (central)
- Definitely
- Shouldn't do
- Not in any parks