

Results for Public Space Protection Order – Controlling dogs 2019/2020

Introduction

In 2017 Boston Borough council exercised its powers under the Anti Social Behavior Crime and Policing Act 2014 to make a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the controlling of dogs. The council is looking to extend the PSPO for a further 3 years, a survey was distributed to seek views on the subject.

203 surveys were received. The survey ran from Monday 14th October 2019 through to Wednesday 4th December 2019.

The survey was made available on the council's website and social media. There were also three market stalls in the town centre to promote the survey.

Headline Results

- 75% believe that Boston still has a problem with dog fouling
- 96% 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
- 99.5% agree it should still be an offence to refuse to put dangerous or nuisance dogs/dogs on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer
- 93% agree that it should still be an offence to allow a dog/dogs into an enclosed, designated children's play area?

Results

Q. Do you believe that Boston still has a problem with dog fouling?

	%	n*
Yes	75%	149
No	25%	50

28 comments were received; a full breakdown of all comments can be seen in appendix 1.

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

	%	n*
Yes	96%	191
No	4%	8

17 comments were received; a full breakdown of all comments can be seen in appendix 1.

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.

	%	n*
Yes	99.5%	197
No	0.5%	1

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

	%	n*
Yes	93%	178
No	7%	14

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