**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**

**CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

**(‘PSPO’) DOG CONTROL – BRADGATE PARK AND SWITHLAND WOOD**

Notice is hereby given that Charnwood Borough Council (‘the Council’) proposes for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour in relation to dog control to make a PSPO under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and of all other enabling powers.

**The Council would like to seek your views on the proposed Notice of Intention to make an order. This Notice outlines the details of the proposed PSPO. Any comments and/or objections should be sent in writing or by email to the correspondence address below.**

At the closure of the formal consultation period, the Council will review all comments/objections and will make a decision on whether to make the order or an alternative in part or in full

The PSPO will seek to address anti-social behaviour issues relating to dog control across the estate of Bradgate Park and Swithland Wood.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and display effective dog control but there are some occasions where additional controls are necessary to ensure all people in controls of dogs are acting responsibly.

The Council takes the health and well-being of the residents very seriously, and seeks to promote a healthy, safe environment for all residents, protecting them from anti-social behaviour in the form of dog control issues. These issues include:

* Owners allowing dogs to foul and not clearing away afterwards
* Dogs in dog exclusion zones
* Dogs not being kept under control on a lead near wildfowl and other animals causing distress and sometimes fatalities
* Dogs not being kept under control and worrying and causing distress to visitors to the park.

The effect of the Order will be to apply conditions to dog owners by:

* Insisting they clear up after their dogs if they foul forthwith across the whole of the Estate
* Insisting all dogs are kept on leads in areas of the park shown in yellow on the Plan (Seasonal between Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is sooner) and October 31st and between 9am and 10pm.
* Insisting dogs are not to be taken into dog exclusion zones shown on the Plan
* Insisting dogs are put on lead if directed by an authorised Trust staff member in areas shown in dark green on the Plan.

This Order applies to the public places described in the Schedule to this Order (“the restricted area”)

**SCHEDULE**

**Plan shown overleaf**

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| **Condition** | **Location** |
| Dogs on leads  £100 fixed penalty notice | In areas shown in yellow on the Plan –  between Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is sooner) and 31st October and between 9am and 10pm. |
| Dogs on lead by direction  £100 fixed penalty notice | In areas shown in dark green on the Plan. |
| Dog exclusion zones  £100 fixed penalty notice | All areas shown as “deer sanctuary” on the Plan |
| Clearance of dog faeces  £100 fixed penalty notice | Across the whole estate on any land which is open to the air and has access to the public whether by payment of not |

A draft of the proposed Order is available for inspection on the Council’s website (Reference BP/10/16).

More details about the Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order can be found on the Council website at:

<http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/currentconsultations>

Any representation or objection to the proposed PSPO outlined in this notice must be in writing addressed to:

Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation, C/O Street Management

Charnwood Borough Council,

Southfield Road,

Loughborough,

Leicestershire

LE11 2TR

Stating the reference number to which they relate and the grounds for making them before January 16th 2017.

Alternatively email [cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk) quoting reference BP/10/16