



**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

27TH OCTOBER 2022

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER
DOG CONTROL – CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that Charnwood Borough Council ('the Council') proposes for the purposes of reducing antisocial behaviour in relation to dog control to extend and vary a Public Spaces Protection Order under Section 60 and 61 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 extend and vary an order. This Notice outlines the details of the proposed variations to the Order in red Ink in the schedules on page 2 and 3. Any comments should be completed using the smart survey on the link below or using the QR Code below.

At the closure of the formal consultation period, Charnwood Borough Council will review all comments and will decide on whether to extend and vary the order or an alternative in part or in full.

The variation from May 2022 at Stonebow Washlands, Loughborough and Dishley Pool, Loughborough will also be added into the main order so that there is one order in place for ease of understanding. The Order outlined in the Notice of Intention will supersede the May 2022 variation, as detailed on the schedule of the Order.

The Public Spaces Protection Order will seek to address anti-social behaviour issues relating to dog control across the Borough of Charnwood. 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 control 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 defecating on graves at cemeteries/graveyards
- Dogs in dog exclusion zones where small children are playing
- Dogs not being kept under control on a lead near wildfowl and other animals
- Dogs out of control in public areas

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
- Insisting all dogs are kept on leads in cemeteries which are owned/managed by Charnwood Borough Council or the Parish/town Councils
- Insisting dogs are not to be taken into fenced children’s’ play areas
- Insisting dogs are put on lead if directed by an authorised officer in areas outlined in schedule below.

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

SCHEDULE

| Condition | Location |
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| Dogs on leads at all times Fixed penalty notice £100 | All cemeteries within Charnwood Borough Council which are owned/managed by the Borough Council or the parish or Town Council Birstall Parks: 1.School Lane Playing Fields, Birstall 2. Meadow Lane Playing Fields/Worcester Avenue fields, Birstall 3.Harrowgate Drive Playing Fields, Birstall Closed Churchyard, All Saints' Church, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford Existing variation of May 2022 to be included in this order and effective from 6th January 2023. Dishley Pool, Loughborough (from May 2022 variation) Stonebow Washlands, Loughborough – Blue zone around the pools (from May 2022 variation) |
| Dogs on lead by direction Fixed penalty notice £100 | Booth Wood Shelthorpe Pitch and Putt Charnwood Water Existing variation to be included in this order and effective from January 2023. Option 1 - Maintain the existing restriction Stonebow Washlands, Loughborough – Yellow zone playing fields (from May 2022 variation and 2020 Order) |

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| <p>Dog exclusion zones</p> <p>Fixed penalty notice £100</p> | <p>All fenced children’s play areas which display a sign stating “dog exclusion zone) whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect)</p> <p>Variation to apply from January 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butler Way Play area, Sileby • Harlequin Drive play area, Sileby • Millfield Play area, Anstey • Fairhaven Farm Estate Playing Fields, Anstey • Bob Brown Memorial Field Play Park, Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford |
| <p>Clearance of dog faeces</p> <p>Fixed penalty notice £100</p> | <p>Borough wide on any land which is open to the air and has access to the public whether by payment of not</p> |

A draft of the proposed Order is available for inspection on the Council’s website on the current consultations page. More details about the Proposed PSPO can be found on the Charnwood Borough Council website at:

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

Any comments on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order should be outlined in the smart survey which can be accessed on the link below or found on the current consultations page.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PSPO_NOI/

You can also access the smart survey by scanning the QR code below.

