

Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation Headlines results

- All three consultations (Borough wide, and Carrs Park, Wilmslow Dog Fouling & Dog Control PSPO's and Alley Gating PSPO's) were opened on Wednesday 26th July 2023 and closed at 9am on Wednesday 6th September 2023.
- The Consultations were available to complete digitally via our website, weblinks/QR codes. Contact numbers and email addresses were also provided for those who would like to request a paper copy of the consultation or complete over the phone.
- PDF copies of the councils' intentions for each order were circulated to all key stake holders, these could be printed off and displayed as required to alert members of public to the consultations. The key stake holders included; Ward Members, Town and Parish Councils, PCC and Police, Libraries and Leisure Centres, CEC parks, green and country side spaces (including private landowners such as the national trust), the Dogs Trust, all members of our Multi-Agency Action Group (MAAG) which include fire service, registered providers and community safety representatives and the Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP). In addition to this a press release was also sent out to advertise the consultation and encourage responses and individual ward members with gated alleyways within their wards were also notified. The press release can be viewed on the attached link: [07/08/2023 - Provide your feedback on our Public Space Protection Order consultations \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Carrs Park Dog Fouling and Dog Control PSPO: 29** responses so far have been received, **75.8%** strongly agreed or agreed that the order should be extended. **20.6%** either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the order being allowed to extend.
- **Borough Wide Dog Fouling and Dog Control PSPO: 33** responses so far have been received, **84.8%** strongly agreed or agreed that the order should be extended. **9%** either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the order being allowed to extend. The borough wide PSPO also asked respondents whether they would support in the future further restrictions on the current order. Over **69%** of the respondents indicated that they would like to see the following restrictions in the future:





- ❖ Restriction on the number of dogs per owner that can be taken out into public spaces at one time
 - ❖ A requirement that a dog owner should be able to present to an authorised officer evidence of means by which they intend to clear up after their dog (e.g. dog poo bag)
 - ❖ A requirement that a dog should remain on a lead at all times in certain areas of the borough (e.g. parks)
 - ❖ “No dogs” allowed areas (e.g. enclosed children’s play areas)
- **Alley gate PSPO:** The consultation required members of public to comment if they did not agree with the councils’ intentions to extend and vary the current order. An email was received via the ASB Team enquiring about the gates and their purpose and legislation in which they had been gated under restricting public access, the ASB Team will respond to this enquiry accordingly. A response was also received via email from a local ward Cllr to confirm that they were in full support of the extension of the order.
 - Of those that chose to respond to the question for the **Carr’s Park Dog PSPO** 96.4% identified as residents and 3.5% identified as Ward Cllrs or Town/Parish Cllr’s. Of those that chose to respond to the question for the **Borough Wide Dog PSPO** 81.8% identified as local residents and 15.5% identified as Ward Cllrs or Town/Parish Cllr’s.
 - There is a currently a good balance of Male/Female and age band respondents, however, there does not so far appear to be any responses under the age of 35 unless they are in the “prefer not to say” category.
 - Separate responses were received from the PCC’s office and the Dogs Trust. The PCC’s office confirmed receipt of the councils’ intentions and confirmed that they were happy with the proposals and had no further comment. The Dogs Trust provided a letter of support of the Council’s intentions with the dog related orders which is supplied below.







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- The responses are lower than other years, however this is consistent with previous consultations whereby the orders are not “new orders” but more extensions of original orders with no or very little change. Responses tend to be higher when new orders are being introduced or significant changes are being made to existing orders that might impact on different areas and different groups/communities.
- Summary tables are supplied below of the main response results around the Dog Fouling and Dog Control PSPO's. As no on-line objections were completed for the alley gating orders there are no tables to show.

Borough Wide Dog Fouling and Dog Control Consultation:

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the extension of the councils current borough wide Dog Fouling and Dog Control PSPO and the area it covers? Please select one option only				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		75.76%	25
2	Tend to agree		9.09%	3
3	Neither agree nor disagree		6.06%	2
4	Tend to disagree		0.00%	0
5	Strongly disagree		9.09%	3
6	Not sure/ Don't know		0.00%	0
			answered	33

Which of the following locations/areas would you like to be specifically or generally covered in any future reviews of the PSPO for dog fouling and dog control? Please select all that apply

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Restriction on the number of dogs per owner that can be taken out into public spaces at one time		78.79%	26
2	A requirement that a dog owner should be able to present to an authorised officer evidence of means by which they intend to clear up after their dog (e.g. dog poo bag)		87.88%	29
3	A requirement that a dog should remain on a lead at all times in certain areas of the borough (e.g. parks)		69.70%	23
4	“No dogs” allowed areas (e.g. enclosed children’s play areas)		84.85%	28
5	None of the above		3.03%	1
6	Other (please specify):		6.06%	2
			answered	33







Which of the following best describes how you are you responding to this consultation: Please tick one box only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	As an individual (e.g. local resident)		81.82%	27
2	As a Cheshire East Council employee		0.00%	0
3	On behalf of a group, organisation or club		3.03%	1
4	On behalf of a local business		0.00%	0
5	As an elected Cheshire East Ward Councillor, or Town/Parish Councillor		15.15%	5
6	I would prefer not to say		0.00%	0
			answered	33






Which of the following best describes you? Please select one option only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		62.50%	20
2	Female		34.38%	11
3	Prefer not to say		3.13%	1
4	Prefer to self describe (please write in the box below):		0.00%	0



7. What age group do you belong to? Please select one option only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	16-24		0.00%	0
2	25-34		0.00%	0
3	35-44		9.38%	3
4	45-54		12.50%	4
5	55-64		31.25%	10
6	65-74		25.00%	8
7	75-84		15.63%	5
8	85 and over		0.00%	0
9	Prefer not to say		6.25%	2




Carrs Park Dog Fouling and Dog Control PSPO:

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the extension of the councils current Carrs Park, Wilmslow Dog Fouling and Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order? Please select one option only			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		68.97%	20
2	Tend to agree		6.90%	2
3	Neither agree nor disagree		3.45%	1
4	Tend to disagree		6.90%	2
5	Strongly disagree		13.79%	4
6	Unsure/ Don't know		0.00%	0
			answered	29

Which of the following best describes how you are you responding to this consultation: Please tick one box only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	As an individual (e.g. local resident)		96.43%	27
2	As a Cheshire East Council employee		0.00%	0
3	On behalf of a group, organisation or club		0.00%	0
4	On behalf of a local business		0.00%	0
5	As an elected Cheshire East Ward Councillor, or Town/Parish Councillor		3.57%	1
6	I would prefer not to say		0.00%	0

Which of the following best describes you? Please select one option only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		67.86%	19
2	Female		28.57%	8
3	Prefer not to say		3.57%	1
4	Prefer to self describe (please write in the box below):		0.00%	0

What age group do you belong to? Please select one option only

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	16-24	0.00%	0
2	25-34	0.00%	0
3	35-44	17.86%	5
4	45-54	14.29%	4
5	55-64	21.43%	6
6	65-74	28.57%	8
7	75-84	3.57%	1
8	85 and over	0.00%	0
9	Prefer not to say	14.29%	4

Open ended questions summary:

In Summary the main comments in relation to the Dog Fouling and Dog Control Orders both Borough wide and in Carrs Park were as follows the below were areas that received more than one comment and were from those in support of and also those against the council's intentions:

- ❖ Multiple responses suggested that there was not enough enforcement of the orders already in place
- ❖ Some suggested that more enhanced restrictions/requirements were needed (e.g. dogs on lead at all times/bans of dogs in enclosed MUGA's/Childrens play areas)
- ❖ Suggestions that the PSPO's should cover other areas of ASB such as littering and use of BBQ's.
- ❖ Some stated that they felt the orders were not required and the majority were being punished to tackle the minority.
- ❖ More signage in areas alerting to the rules and restrictions.