

Overview of Responses

Parish Councillors

Q1: Are you supportive of the need to retain the offence of 'failing to clear up after a dog has fouled a public area'? Whether that is a yes or no could you encapsulate to what extent fouling impacts on your service area in general.

Overwhelming positive responses from Parish Councils regarding the retention of the failing to clear up after a dog has fouled in a public area. Query was raised with how we deal with children who are out walking dogs by Instow PC.

Q2. Are you supportive of the requirement for dogs to be kept on leads in certain circumstances? Please provide the rationale for your response for general and/or specific conditions pertinent to your area or expertise or concern

Majority of Parish Councils support this, however would like to know what circumstances are – i.e Leads on Tarka Trail.

Q3. Are you supportive of the exclusion of dogs from specified areas? Consider seasonal bans on beaches, total bans in Children's play areas and designated Sports Pitches, and of course the proposed inclusion of NDC owned car parks. You can of course include any other setting not featured in the current provision, especially areas under your direct control

Questions raised regarding exclusions zoning – some concerns about whether the exclusions zones would be whole beaches – there is support to “zone” specific areas or place time restrictions. When considering we should ensure that continue to make key walk areas accessible.

Support to ensure dogs are kept on leads in shopping areas/car parks

Q4. Do you consider there is a need to limit the number of dogs a single person can manage at any time?

This is supported by all councils – however concerns are being raised about the limit of 6, general feeling is that it should be 4 per person.

Q5. Are you in favour of a reduction in the specified length of lead from 2m to 1.5m?

Mixed responses received regarding this question – Approx 60/40 split in favour. Concerns raised about how we would enforce this (would we be stopping and

measure leads etc) and that members of the public accidentally falling foul if they have the incorrect length.

They support the idea of possibly making this a zoned approach – i.e Tarka Trail.

D&C Police – Support PSPO

Kennel Club – See Document in Folder