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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Let's see how the dog warden polices this situation. Up to now (and I spend many a happy hour at the memorial park) I will not be holding my breath. A waste of money I am more concerned about the football people human urine is left behind trees when they play football is tha not an offence ?	10/30/2024 8:01 AM
2	We need in Great Harwood spaces for dogs to run freely	10/29/2024 5:21 PM
3	Regarding memorial park think the whole of bottom field should be for dogs to be allowed on freely as there sre football pitches on the top where its been levelled the bottom marked pitch is only there periodicaly also there are pitches down Whalley road area with proper facilities toilets etc	10/28/2024 9:52 PM
4	Dogs should be on leads in the Memoral Park and Lowerfold PArk, Gt. Harwood.	10/28/2024 9:27 PM
5	I feel that dogs should be allowed off their leads on the memorial playing field why should they be allowed off lead in the memorial park where children play but have to be on their leads where football is played allowing them to be off lead outside the white lines on the field is not going to work why can't they be allowed off leads on all the playing field .I believe a forest school is being planned in the memorial park woods how will this work with dogs off lead children will suddenly be subjected to dogs running free without any warning or will dogs have to be on leads ? The park has lovely flower beds which could be spolit by dogs running free there are no flower beds to spoil on the playing field	10/28/2024 5:44 PM
6	The Kennel Club's Formal Response to Hyndburn Borough Council's Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation Submitted on 28 October 2024 by: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB, email: kcdog@thekennelclub.org.uk The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare, and training. Our objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. We campaign for and advocate on behalf of dogs and their owners and, as part of our external affairs activities, engage with local authorities on issues such as Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). The Kennel Club is the only national organisation named by the UK Government as a body that local authorities should consult prior to introducing restrictions on dog walkers and is considered the leading canine authority on dog access. As such, we would like to highlight the importance of ensuring that PSPOs are necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. We also believe that it is essential for authorities to balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users. Response to proposed measures: Dog fouling The Kennel Club strongly promotes responsible dog ownership, and believes that dog owners should always pick up after their dogs wherever they are, including fields and woods in the wider countryside, and especially where farm animals graze to reduce the risk of passing Neospora and Sarcocystosis to cattle and sheep respectively. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ further proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing Orders in this respect. These proactive measures can include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog faeces can be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog. Exclusions The Kennel Club does not typically oppose Orders to exclude dogs from playgrounds or enclosed recreational grounds, such as skate parks or tennis courts, as long as alternative provisions are made for dog walkers in the vicinity. Children and dogs should be able to socialise together quite safely under adult supervision, with having a child in the home the biggest predictor for a family owning a dog. On lead We can support reasonable 'dogs on lead' Orders which can, when used in a proportionate and evidence-based way, include areas such as cemeteries, picnic areas, or on pavements in proximity to cars and other road traffic. Playing fields Regarding playing fields, we ask local authorities to consider whether or not access restrictions are absolutely necessary. If they are deemed to be so, time or seasonal restrictions may be more appropriate than a continuous exclusion order. We are	10/28/2024 12:49 PM

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aware that in many areas, dog walkers do allow their dogs to exercise on playing fields when they are not in use. We understand the safety concerns underpinning restrictions while the playing fields are in use. It is also worth noting that compliance with such an order can be difficult for dog walkers if there are no boundaries around the playing field, given that dogs will not recognise the difference between playing fields and other grassed areas. Assistance dogs

The Kennel Club welcomes the exemptions proposed in this Order for assistance dogs. We urge the Council to review the Equality and Human Rights Commission's guidance for businesses and service providers when providing any exemptions for those who rely on assistance dogs. The guidance can be viewed here: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses.pdf> While a proportion of assistance dogs relied upon by disabled people are trained by charities, many are not. A number of reputable assistance dog providers are members of Assistance Dogs UK. This umbrella group currently has eight member organisations, which can be viewed here: <http://www.assistancedogs.org.uk/>. It is important to note that the membership of Assistance Dogs UK is not a definitive list of all UK assistance dog organisations and may change during the currency of the PSPO. It also does not provide for owner trained assistance dogs. We would therefore encourage the Council to allow for some flexibility when considering whether a disabled person's dog is acting as an assistance dog. The Council could consider adopting the definitions of assistance dogs used by Mole Valley District Council, which can be found here: https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/1/b/83072_-_Completed_PSPO.pdf or that of Northumberland County Council: "(4) The term "Assistance Dog" shall mean a dog which has been trained to assist a person with a disability. (5) The expression "disability" shall have the meaning prescribed in section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or as may be defined in any subsequent amendment or re-enactment of that legislation". Appropriate signage It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs, The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 makes it a legal requirement for local authorities to – "cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to - (i) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and (ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be)." Regarding dog access restrictions, such as a 'Dogs on Lead' Order, on-site signage should clearly state where such restrictions begin and end. This can be achieved with signs that say on one side, for example, 'You are entering [type of area]' and 'You are leaving [type of area]' on the reverse. While all dog walkers should be aware of their requirement to pick up after their dog, signage must be erected for the PSPO to be compliant with the legislation

7	I would extend the orders to include many more park areas , eg Memorial Park great harwood, I no longer take my grandchildren there as many dogs are off lead and often are not in.their owners control	10/28/2024 7:56 AM
8	I do not consider the field adjacent to Memorial Park a council owned sport pitch it is a playing field as designated on the sign at the top of the field	10/27/2024 7:48 PM
9	Hundreds of thousands spent on Memorial Park and yet you plan to continue to allow dog owners with out of control multiple dogs run through the flower beds, foul the park, no fines issued Football, Football, Football what about the rest of us Dogs should be on leads in all Hyndburn parks and all open spaces owned by the Council Get a grip - weak manangement	10/27/2024 5:32 PM
10	Dogs should be kept on leads in memorial park great Harwood .the park is for people not dogs always was so why has it changed to accommodate the canine species.	10/27/2024 11:43 AM
11	In my opinion if dogs are kept under control and the owners adhere to the legislation then problems would be few I am intrigued to know how you are going to implement the legislation at the Forrest school in memorial park Is this covered under the play area restrictions?	10/27/2024 10:34 AM
12	There needs to be facilities for dog owners to allow dogs to play safely with other dogs. I understand that leashing dogs should prevent uncollected dog poo. However I see so much dog poo on the streets where you'd expect a dog to be on lead. Reducing the number of areas which dogs can play is targeting dog owners & preventing socialisation of dogs. Socialising dogs adequately reduces the instances of aggressive behaviour. The rose garden at Howarth used to be a social hub for humans & dogs. I never saw any of the owners leave uncollected poo. The grass was never left in poor condition beyond regular use of a grassed area. The location provided gated safety. I understand that when events are on in the gallery people are respectful of this & wouldn't use the facility. Since the rose garden was an on lead area we've	10/24/2024 7:41 PM

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not been into the park or gallery since. Please consider encouraging shops/the market & town centre to be dog friendly. It brings customers into shops. Rawtenstall is a flagship for this. Unfortunately most dogs are better behaved than humans!

13	In addition to the current requirements, the Council should introduce a further requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead in all public parks	10/23/2024 12:30 PM
14	Totally disagree with the football pitches on brantfell rd great Harwood most dog owners are responsible for their pets. More rubbish is left by people not pets	10/21/2024 3:32 PM
15	Hyndburn council should create dog exercise areas. These could be on waste land, public open space or by removing one football pitch from a sports area. EG There is a football pitch next to Allsprings Drive on the Memorial Playing Fields in Great Harwood which isn't used. If this pitch was removed and then marked out with coloured lines, it could become a dog exercise area. There is also the old football pitch on Alan Ramsbottom Way in Great Harwood. Using dedicated areas like this would allow the council to attach the PSPO to parks such as the Memorial Park in Great Harwood.	10/21/2024 2:25 PM
16	I would very much to propose that dogs are NOT allowed to run free in Memorial Park, Great Harwood. The Park attracts the elderly and children who are intimidated and, in some cases, knocked over by free running dogs. Owners do not always watch their dogs constantly and so fouling happens in the beds and around the grassed areas especially the 'wild' spaces. Perhaps an area of the adjacent Playing Fields might be set aside for free running dogs. Thank you	10/21/2024 9:21 AM
17	The issue is the enforcement of these rules!	10/21/2024 7:58 AM
18	There are some sports pitches which are not used eg the bottom football pitch on the Memorial playing field Great Harwood. This could become a dog walking area. If this was adopted the requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead in the Green Flag Memorial Park could be introduced. Volunteers look after the flower beds in this park and are distraught when they see unsupervised dogs running through them. Dogs should be on leads in public parks	10/20/2024 12:09 PM
19	I am amazed that you have created a Forrest School for primary school aged children in the wood at Memorial Park yet have no plans for dogs to be on leads Why are Childrens play areas treated differently under your proposals?	10/19/2024 10:29 PM
20	The rose garden is a safe place to let dogs off the lead and socialise, particularly important if you have a puppy. Disgusted that I have to pay for the upkeep and yet am not allowed in with my dog off lead. If an event was taking place a notice on the gates would suffice to tell people not to go in with their dogs. To completely ban them off lead permanently is a disgrace. This ban should be overturned and replaced with common sense.	10/19/2024 11:28 AM
21	Ban dogs from Stanhill Memorial Gardens as this site has become a regularly used dog toilet.	10/19/2024 8:23 AM
22	I am a dog owner and we welcome all your requests to keep dogs on leads in public places. I met a guy in Gt Harwood with a huge, massive type dog that wasn't on a lead walking on Fielding Lane I would not tackle him about his dog not being properly restrained as he looked like someone who would only laugh in my face: long beard, tattoos, sleeveless T-shirt. Please can you try and employ someone to drive/walk the streets of the borough to endeavour to prosecute such people. They think the laws don't apply to them as they believe their dog is so well trained nothing will deter it from reacting to other dogs or people.	10/19/2024 8:13 AM
23	With the loss of King George's Playing Field and the council's ongoing reluctance to clarify who owns the land or confirm whether the public have the right to access a previously gifted space, there is no safe, open area to exercise dogs off lead in Baxenden. There are several easy compromises to be made regarding the use of the Rose Garden which have been ignored. Being walled and gated, the Rose Garden provided a safe space for off lead dogs.	10/19/2024 3:44 AM
24	A lot of money has been spent on the Memorial Park in Great Harwood and yet the council encourages dogs to be exercised off leads wrecking the flower beds and fouling I avoid the park because of the dogs Dogs should be on leads in Memorial Park We should be given the same protection as footballers Lots of rules but no enforcement A very weak council	10/18/2024 11:22 PM
25	I agree with everything in this document. The only query I have is with open access land ie the coppice. I always pick up my dog mess, however there are instances when my dog will go toilet in the middle of bushes up the coppice. This is then hard to get to and hard to pick up ie prickly bushes.	10/18/2024 3:15 PM

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26	On two separate occasions in the last 4 weeks I have seen two dogs within the children's playground at Cutwood Park. In one instance, the grandparent asked me if it was okay to bring her dog into the designated play area.	10/18/2024 2:48 PM
27	What about a question about Dogs on Leads in War Memorial Park, Great Harwood - It is not on the Survey. Why ?	10/16/2024 7:22 PM
28	I live in Great Harwood and frequent the Memorial Park and adjacent playing field. For me, the enforcement of Item 3 is crucial here. Clearing up after your dog has fouled in a public place must be enforced and an example made of those who don't comply. Rules that are not enforced might as well not exist. The presence of Dog Wardens in public places employed by HBC is essential for enforcement. Members of the public must understand that there are consequences if they don't clean up after their dog has fouled in a public place. This has not been the case of late.	10/15/2024 9:13 PM
29	If an individual is not going to pick up after their dog, it is irrelevant if they are on a lead or not, these are the people who are spoiling it for responsible owner who always clean up after their dog and for dogs who deserve some space to be off lead.	10/15/2024 12:42 PM
30	Members of the public have a right to expect to be able to sit and play on the lawned areas in the Councils parks which are free from dog faeces as should those choosing to play sport. Many elderly are afraid of being knocked over by free running dogs in the parks. The council give a dis- proportionate of protection to footballers when compared to families. Dogs should be keep on leads in all parks and open spaces owned by the Council.	10/14/2024 10:29 PM
31	Why are you being so draconian about dogs when youths and adults openly use drugs, play loud music and litter the very areas you've put control orders on dogs in. Sort the real issues rather than nit picking please.	10/14/2024 8:31 PM
32	Good dog owners being restricted because of bad dog owners	10/14/2024 7:01 PM
33	I think the memorial park in great Harwood could very easily be split between dog walkers and footballers. The football teams seem to be monopolising all the green space and it is only fair.	10/14/2024 5:52 PM
34	Sports pitches are not used all year as long as responsible owners pick up there own dogs mess I don't have problem	10/14/2024 5:13 PM
35	It's becoming more and more difficult to walk your dog in public spaces it's not fair especially when it's dark and some of the only places with light are public parks so why should we not be able to exercise ourselves and our dogs. It effects mental health not being able to go out. I agree that the is a issue with irresponsible dog owners and they let good.dog owners down. But these places were dogs are not allowed are being destroyed by people without dog who just littler and loiter as they please why are these incidents not being policed. We are now entering fire works season and before we know it the public spaces will be filled with fire work boxes and rocket sticks. We also have a issue of people dropping food everywhere and making dogs sick. PLEASE don't let responsible dog owners suffer We Need these spaces to be available to use.	10/14/2024 5:09 PM
36	I would want the council to make dog owners keep their dogs on a lead in all HBC public parks and I would want the council to mitigate this by providing recognised dog exercising areas. These could be created in areas especially set aside. For example, by reducing at least one football pitch from each field. Memorial Park, Great Harwood, has a football pitch adjacent to Allsprings Drive which is never used, This would make an ideal dog exercising area instead of using the park itself where dogs run over and ruin flower beds.	10/13/2024 5:00 PM
37	Keep dog exercising areas free from glass and objects that could hurt dogs	10/13/2024 1:00 PM
38	Please can you ban dogs from the rose garden at the hag. Even though signs states please keep dogs on a lead every time I go up dogs are roaming free. I've had people have a go at me for not closing the gate as their dog could run off. Never seen any enforcement by the do warden service. Never heard if anyone being fined in the time this has been introduced. Not great when people want wedding pics but have to mind the dog dirt. There is the whole park which can be used for dogs. Can the rose garden be treated like a kids play park and dogs excluded from this part of the park.	10/12/2024 11:16 AM
39	I manage Foxhill Bank Nature Reserve. There needs to be an addition to the current control orders that includes the control of dogs on nature reserves, Local Nature Reserves and local wild life sites whereby dogs must be kept on a lead on the nature reserves. It is actually illegal	10/11/2024 1:27 PM

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to let a dog off lead at certain times of year, due to the disturbance caused to nesting birds and fledgelings. Also, i was not aware of the dog fouling control order on sites where there is public access.. Is it possible to obtain some signs reflecting this? my email is kcoverdale@lancswt.org.uk. regards, Kim Coverdale

40	Designated dog areas in the parks or dogs to be kept on a lead as parks like cut wood are overrun with dogs and less accessible for people who are nervous with dogs off leads.	10/11/2024 8:50 AM
41	I agree with the control orders in place but i have seen no evidence of enforcement in Great Harwood.	10/10/2024 10:23 PM
42	I propose that dogs should also be kept on a lead in Memorial park in Great Harwood. On many occasions I have witnessed dogs roaming away from their owners and leaving a mess that has been unattended by their owners.	10/10/2024 12:42 PM
43	I would support dogs needing to be on leads in Memorial Park, children play there. I always keep my dog on a lead yet I see owner letting their dogs loose and not under control and not cleaning up after them	10/10/2024 11:05 AM
44	Dogs should be on leads in Great Harwood war memorial park. It has always been a family park but not anymore.	10/10/2024 10:26 AM
45	Dogs have the right to run on the field in great harwood memorial park as they were not sport pitches when the park was given to the people	10/10/2024 9:41 AM
46	All dogs should be kept on leads in public spaces and off lead only in designated areas for dogs	10/10/2024 12:17 AM
47	Dogs kept on leads on the formal areas of Memorial Park, Gt Harwood. Hopefully preventing damage to floral beds	10/9/2024 9:04 PM
48	Dogs should be on leads in every public space. The fields by memorial park are like a dog toilet. We need more enforcement for lazy or ignorant owners that don't abide by the rules and spoil dog ownership for everyone else. I'm scared of dogs and haven't been able to use some play areas because of dogs off leads.	10/9/2024 8:32 PM
49	I am a dog owner and all dogs should be on a lead unless paid for enclosed field.	10/9/2024 2:50 PM
50	If dogs are going to be prohibited from being off lead in certain areas, it would be great to have specific enclosed spaces for dogs in local parks. I have been to this types of spaces when visiting other areas of the UK and they have been fantastic. They can bring a sense of community amongst local dog owners.	10/9/2024 2:48 PM
51	I feel that dogs should be allowed to exercise off lead on sports pitches when they are not in use. Obviously, you would still be required to clean up after your dog.	10/8/2024 11:02 PM
52	Dogs to be kept on a lead were cenotaph are within the parks, on all public footpaths and also include the canal towpath that runs through the borough.	10/8/2024 8:44 PM
53	Rhyddings Park is a dog friendly park. It seems to work	10/8/2024 8:39 PM
54	More poo bins in local parks and routes into green spaces would encourage people to clean up.	10/8/2024 7:53 PM
55	I know this will be controversial and possibly impossible to implement but I feel that there should be an area designated within parks for dogs to be off the lead and everywhere else they need to be kept on a lead. I have experienced and witnessed dogs off their lead harassing people or fouling and their owner being nowhere in sight so many times it's beyond a joke. Since the pandemic many of these dogs have not had proper training and therefore have zero recall when off the lead. These dogs often harasses other dogs who have responsible owners who have kept their dog on it's lead. Dog ownership has risen but dog ownership standards have fallen and the lack of licensing has also contributed to this.	10/8/2024 6:51 PM
56	Would support requirement for dogs to be on leads in ALL parks	10/8/2024 6:43 PM
57	I would support any dog that is not trained in recall to it's owner to be kept on a lead at all times.	10/8/2024 2:02 PM
58	Dogs should be on leads in all areas not just the above mentioned and should only be allowed off lead in an area where it is enclosed and no members of the public, can feel threatened or	10/5/2024 9:24 AM

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scared. Maybe think about free access to secure areas for people to let there dogs off, with the responsibility of cleaning and clearing the areas once they have used them.

59	All dogs & their owners must be responsible for their pets @ all times .	10/4/2024 4:44 PM
60	I'm support of all these but feel better deterrents are needed especially on the sports fields as the orders are just ignored as people know they are not being properly monitored and no ones gets fined so they just ignore the signs.	10/4/2024 3:10 PM
61	I would completely ban dogs from cemeteries, it is extremely disrespectful	10/4/2024 2:45 PM