

## Appendix 2

### Public Spaces Protection Order – Control of Dogs Consultation 2020

#### Results of Public Consultation

1,948 responses were received in total.

#### Part A – Dog control at Efford and Weston Mill Cemeteries

Question	Result
Dogs should remain excluded from Efford and Weston Mill Cemeteries	25%
Dogs should be allowed on leads in Efford and Weston Mill Cemeteries	<b>75%</b>
<p>Detailed analysis of results:</p> <p>In total 31% of respondents visit the cemeteries regularly</p> <p><b>69% of respondents who visit the cemeteries regularly said dogs should be allowed on leads.</b></p> <p>31% of respondents who visit the cemeteries regularly said dogs should be excluded.</p> <p>In total 69% of respondents do not visit the cemeteries regularly.</p> <p><b>78% of respondents who do not visit the cemeteries regularly said dogs should be allowed on leads.</b></p> <p>22% of respondents who do not visit the cemeteries regularly said dogs should be excluded.</p>	

#### Part B – Dog control on Sports Pitches

Question	Result
Dogs should be excluded from a marked sports pitch	46%
Dogs should be allowed on leads within a marked sports pitch	<b>54%</b>

Detailed analysis of results:

In total 73% of respondents own a dog.

**70% of dog owners said dogs should be allowed on leads within a marked sports pitch**

30% of dogs owners said dogs should be excluded from marked sports pitches

In total 27% of respondents do not own a dog.

14% of non-dog owners said dogs should be allowed on leads within a marked sports pitch

**86% of non-dog owners said dogs should be excluded from marked sports pitches**

In total 76% of respondents said they walk dogs in Plymouth.

**68% of dog walkers said dogs should be allowed on leads within a marked sports pitch.**

32% of dog walkers said dogs should be excluded from marked sports pitches

In total 29% of respondents play sport on the pitches where dogs are currently required to be on a lead.

**63% of sports pitch users said dogs should be allowed on leads within a marked sports pitch.**

37% of sports pitch users said dogs should be excluded from a marked sports pitch

In total 71% of respondents do not play sport on the pitches where dogs are currently required to be on a lead.

**51% of non-pitch users said dogs should be on a lead within a marked sports pitch.**

49% of non-pitch users said dogs should be excluded from a marked sports pitch.

**Part C – Number of dogs in control of one person**

Question	Result
Someone should be in charge of no more than six dogs at any time in a public place	<b>89%</b>
Someone can be in charge of any number of dogs in a public place (unless Licenced to six)	11%

**Part D – Additional questions**

Question	Response
<p>1. Are there any other areas in the city that you feel should have restrictions?</p> <p>Summary of Comments: The top 4 places where respondents thought restrictions should be in place were beaches, The Hoe, city centre, near schools. Each of these area were mentioned by between 30 to 50 respondents. Other places (mentioned by up to 6 respondents) included: Beaumont Park Freedom Fields Devonport Park Hartley Park Oreston Other parks were mentioned, but these areas already have restrictions in place or were only mentioned by one respondent.</p>	<p>Yes – 26%</p> <p><b>No – 74%</b></p>
<p>2. Are there any adverse impacts to the proposals that you wish to highlight?</p> <p>Summary of Comments: There was a wide variety of comments ranging from no restrictions to support for current and proposed restrictions to requesting more restrictions.</p> <p>Comments generally related to: Dog owners were generally responsible Good walkers are diligent Minority are irresponsible Benefits to mental health of dog ownership Dog fouling in many places across the city H&amp;S of children is priority Need more bins Improve signage</p>	<p>Yes – 30%</p> <p><b>No – 70%</b></p>

<p>Have a publicity campaign  Encourage responsible dog ownership  Work with professional dog walkers  Licence dog walkers  More enforcement by dog wardens  Uniformed wardens only  Heavier fines required  Council should deal with other issues, anti-social behaviour, littering, travellers</p>	
3. Do you own a dogs?	<b>Yes – 73%</b> No – 27%
4. Do you walk dogs in Plymouth?	<b>Yes – 76%</b> No – 24%
5. Do you play sports on the pitches where currently dogs must be on a lead?	Yes – 29% <b>No – 71%</b>
6. Do you visit Efford and/or Weston Mill Cemeteries regularly?	Yes – 31% <b>No – 69%</b>