

Do you have any ideas that you would like to share regarding the dog control PSPO?

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| 1 | It is important that the dog control PSPO is maintained. This reinforces the message to irresponsible dog owners that their community will not tolerate bad behaviour and the Council has the power to reinforce this. |
| 2 | Don't outsource the enforcement job to a third party who employ staff on a commission basis. Allow some reasoning and leeway before issuing fines. Have an appeals process. |
| 3 | I would like to see fenced off area in parks where dogs could run freely but all other areas they remain on a lead making parks safe to use for anyone. |
| 4 | <p>I think the number of dogs should be reduced to 4 unless the person is a registered dog walker, it is difficult to control more than 4 in an open space unless the dogs are trained to a very high level.</p> <p>I also believe that an officer should have the right to scan dogs and check information recorded as there is a huge problem with dogs that are found and the chip information is out of date. Responsible dog owners will follow the rules and also ensure their dogs are chipped and the info is correct, these people are not the problem, the ones causing all the anti social problems do not follow the rules. All dogs have to be chipped so we should use the officers to make sure this happens and fine owners with unchipped/out of date info. Dog theft is a massive problem at the current time, checking the chips would help to return some of these dogs to their rightful owners. We have the technology and should use it otherwise there is little point in enforcing the law for getting dogs chipped!!</p> |
| 5 | Dont fine people unless the person clearly understands the rules and still breaks them the enforcement officer would be liked and respected if they were there to help and educate the public not just to fine and make us feel uncomfortable in our local parks. |
| 6 | <p>Please rather than writing about it. Do something- anything</p> <p>Stop dog mess</p> <p>Stop aggressive dogs being off lead. Mines been attacked twice this year alone on public streets by dogs off lead</p> <p>these measures only seem to apply to people who are already following the guidelines.</p> <p>Make it apply to EVERYONE who has a dog. Enforce enforce enforce !</p> |
| 7 | I do not see any reason why a dog must wear a collar and name tag? All dogs must be microchipped by law. This provides sufficient information for an owner to be contacted. If the council does not possess equipment to read the microchip it should purchase it. Collars cause dogs discomfort. A harness with a lead is much more comfortable for the dog. |
| 8 | 95% of all dogs are well behaved so PSPO is cracking nuts with a sledge hammer and penalize well behaved dogs and dog owners |
| 9 | All dogs should be licenced, chipped and DNA tested so that their owners can be traced in the event of an attack or leaving of dog poo. Fine them £1000 for leaving dog poo. |
| 10 | The issue of Fixed Penalty notices has attracted a lot of adverse press publicity but one advantage is that it reminds dog owners of their responsibilities. |

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| 11 | <p>people employed as PSPO officers must be chosen very carefully and have some leeway to simply advise dog walkers instead of immediately fining them. Taking photos is demeaning and would make me feel like a criminal if I made a mistake when walking my dog.</p> |
| 12 | <p>There should be areas/ fields to exercise dogs off lead, not just restricting to on lead and putting sports pitches on so dogs cannot be exercised. Rather, dogs should be able to be exercised off lead in all fields and parks UNLESS there is a sports match going on. Increase fines for those not picking up after their dogs instead of targeting responsible dog owners and tourists. Sefton council have obviously decided to have a war on all dog owners instead of targeting those who don't pick up after their pets. Introduce dog foul bins like in other boroughs so there are more bins for people to use. If dogs are to be banned from fields with playing areas, then there should be an alternative within walking distance where dogs can be exercised freely which is safe. Introduce dog parks where dogs can be exercised without kids being allowed (there is non at all in Southport).</p> <p>Clean up the palm oil on the beach, put signs where there is known quicksand and put a fence up on the coast road so it is actually a safe place to walk dogs!</p> |
| 13 | <p>I would like it to be a requirement that dogs are on a lead unless in specified "dog exercise areas" instead of the other way around.</p> |
| 14 | <p>make signs more obvious and more permanent not paper or cardboard.</p> |
| 15 | <p>Regular patrols by dog wardens. We are troubled by dog excrement locally, indeed also by one individual who bags the excrement and then throws it into the gutter aiming for the drain cover but usually is so inaccurate that bags are often to be found scattered on the pavement and carriageway. If dog wardens responded to complaints and information supplied these individuals could be fined and hopefully improve their behaviour.</p> |
| 16 | <p>Dog poo problem escalates when the darker nights start, that is when you need officers on patrol. Up until two years ago we had a dog and walking him on darker nights I definitely noticed an increase in dog poo not being picked up.</p> |
| 17 | <p>If officers insist on targeting responsible dog owners who have walked their dogs responsibly on their local field twice a day, EVERY DAY for 13 years, they should also target the footballers who use it once a week to play football. After they have used it the amount of rubbish, bottles, tape, plastic bags and food waste they leave behind is absolutely disgusting.</p> <p>I don't see why I should be discriminated against for being a responsible dog owner who picks up after my dog (not that she goes out on a walk). Dogs need to be able to run, play with other dogs and express natural behaviours according to Section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006. As a RESPONSIBLE dog owner I will be abiding by this.</p> |
| 18 | <p>Dogs can not be controlled without leads.I have seen loose dogs jump up on to young children , chase cycles & motor cycles & attack dogs which are on leads.</p> |
| 19 | <p>Better awareness programme Publication of fines issued per month</p> |

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| 20 | No |
| 21 | Information on how to contact officers for support. I have previously struggled with dog walkers allowing their dogs to defecate in my garden or on my drive and leaving it. |
| 22 | Most people are responsible dog owners. How do you stop a dog that's allowed to roam up and down the road and defecating on your front lawn I don't know, unless you contact the owner and do you need CCTV to establish your claim,there is no easy answer |
| 23 | Dog walkers that I have encountered because they weren't sticking to the rules have sometimes become offensive and abusive. |
| 24 | That all dogs should be on a lead and under control once they have left their premises ,and only let of the lead in designated areas |
| 25 | I feel it is essential to have PSPO restrictions on dog walking in place for the safety of the public in parks and open spaces. it is particularly important to enforce these regulations in areas where families and children gather. Parks and playground areas should be regularly patrolled by enforcement officers and on-the-spot fines issued for every breach of the regulations. Too many dog walkers still do not 'pick up' after their dogs and always make excuses when their dogs harass people. |
| 26 | All dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in a public place. To allow them to run free a fenced off area should be provided. |
| 27 | More information needs to get out to the public by news and social media sites. Leaflets etc. I don't believe enough people dog walkers and non dog walkers are aware that the PSPO even exists. |
| 28 | I feel there needs to be a council database of dangerous owners set up somehow. Those of us who walk in the dunes etc all know who to avoid. |
| 29 | Dog poo is a big problem and seems to have got worse over the past few months. This should be a priority. |
| 30 | Do not cover beach. Happy with fenced play areas. No consultation of picnic areas in past. |
| 31 | You could employ seasonal enforcement officers for summer? Train other Council staff for them to be able to enforce PSPO? |
| 32 | Great to have another survey however it is pointless if as has happened previously lobby groups get up a petition and recommendations are reversed We have been dismayed on several occasions when on Crosby beach dogs have been off leads and allowed to run among scared children playing |
| 33 | More areas fenced for off lead. |
| 34 | Larger, better signing to force people to comply |
| 35 | It was found to be confusing. Clearer message no dogs in play ground. Off sport pitches and keep dogs under control or officers will ask you to put dog on leads. |
| 36 | Fenced off areas on some parks for dogs only to exercise would be a great advantage. This would show a willingness of the council to not only listen but help. Dogs need to be able to run freely in a safe area. |
| 37 | I think there should be bins in Sefton, not only for rubbish but also for dog waste. Bins are often overflowing especially in the south road area of Waterloo. When the bins are full you then find people leaving there bagged up dog mess next to the bins. |

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| 38 | Pspo officers / Park keepers actively patrolling to enforce the rules and fine irresponsible owners. I have never known or heard of of any of those rules to actually be enforced. |
| 39 | I think a good amount of the beach should be dogs on lead, my dog is fine with other pets and humans but not all people like dogs and not all dogs are good with others. It's far safer for dogs on leads and someone around to enforce it. Dog mess should be removed or you get a fine simple as that I wouldn't want to walk in it but I definitely wouldn't want a child to be digging on the beach and come across it. |
| 40 | It's a Waste of time |
| 41 | It's the people who don't respond to surveys and whose dogs are aggressive that need to be targeted |
| 42 | More is required around open playgrounds (eg Victoria Park in Waterloo) and certain parts of the coastline where people just let their dogs run wild and poo without cleaning up. |
| 43 | I would suggest max number of dogs for one person is 5. Ban leads more than 1 meter (stretchy leads are dangerous as people don't know how to use them properly) Local dog orders need to be more prominently displayed. |
| 44 | Better visibility of enforcement officers, extended to beaches (no go dog areas). |
| 45 | A elderly lady with a 17 years old dog .that has walked around the end of the lake for years was confronted with one .wouldnt give her name so was followed to her flat in town ... neither was aggressive couldnt walk very well .in other words very easy to catch . Theres got to be limits on the type of people and dogs that are confronted by these people. |
| 46 | Would like to see irresponsible dog owners fined for dog fouling and being off the lead. I hate dogs of the lead running at me and my dog and they say he/she is ok I reply well mine isnt ok and will bite, they soon get hold of them. |
| 47 | Provide dog poo bins along the canal I've reported dog mess on pavements before in Netherton and it's still a constant problem Play area on Alexander Fleming is being used by a huge aggressive dog - nothing is being done to stop it |
| 48 | I believe most dog owners act responsibly and the current rules are appropriate |
| 49 | Would welcome all dogs on leads unless in designated areas |
| 50 | I suppose, in an ideal world, I would like to see a more physical presence around the area. I have lived here for 4 years and walk our dog daily in the lovely area of Southport town centre but I have never seen an officer on patrol. There are many irresponsible dog owners who have no respect for others. It makes me very annoyed 😞 |
| 51 | Try enforcing it! I'm fed up of my dogs being bothered and attacked by out of control dogs - |
| 52 | I think dog walkers who don't pick up their dogs mess need to fined more. More PSPO officers are also needed. Dog walkers need to be made aware of PSPO. |
| 53 | Spaces to be provided which are safe for dogs to be freely exercised which are free given council tax rates which are paid. |

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| 54 | No |
| 55 | More rangers on the beach, there isnt enough, the ones on crosby are great and give out their own poo bags to people they spot, but thats off their own back. There just isnt enough frontline staff, all managers. |
| 56 | Fine people who do not pick up poo. I have never seen a dog warden and I walk my dog everyday |
| 57 | I have, on many occasions, watched groups of dog walkers in the park chatting among themselves completely oblivious to what their dogs are doing. Dogs that are lagging behind on the walk sometimes poo and are not noticed by the people in charge of them. There should be regular patrols by Enforcement Officers of parks and green spaces and fines issued when appropriate. |
| 58 | There is an area by the Mons pub in Bootle, a grassed area where lots of people walk their dogs, including me. Is there a possibility that CCTV could be put up, as last year, a number of dogs became ill or became a fatality as someone had put poison down, which is what I heard. Whether true or not, I don't know, but I think CCTV would be good, especially when walking dogs early in the morning or late at night, and seeing as the dark mornings and nights are not far away, I, and many other dog walkers, would feel safe, plus, you would be able to see who is being 'anti-social' when walking their dog. |
| 59 | We would like to see more officials in areas of concern. More bins for dog poo in public places More assertive action against people who do not comply with the current PSPO |
| 60 | It is not strict enough. No dog should be off a lead in public. Far too many dog owners assume everybody should "like" their dogs and when they jump up on you "they are only playing" not taking into account some people are either afraid of dogs or do not like them at all. Dog owners think they have a right to walk their dogs but non dog owners also have the right to walk dog free. |
| 61 | They should try patrolling the path between the Coastguard station and Hightown. Dogs not on a lead frequently run in front of cyclists while the owners call them in effectively instead of moving toward the dog. |
| 62 | Pointless, never any enforcement especially regarding dog fouling. Badly implemented, no enforcement and a pointless thing to have in addition to the national laws around dog fouling and having a dog under control |
| 63 | More visible enforcement |
| 64 | Why do we need it ? During Covid I have not seen any difference in dog walking behavior only that the Wardens have not been around. The money generated from fines is not enough to pay their wages. Most dog walkers are responsible and sensible people who love their dogs and act appropriately who DO NOT need to be supervised. |

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| 65 | <p>Who decided what was deemed as a picnic area</p> <p>No consultation with friends groups around individual park areas</p> <p>Long standing issues (dog owners who persistently do not clear up the poop after there dog - never addressed, same with "anti-social" dogs which are let off in the park</p> <p>Insufficient bins within parks so often over-spilling even if people try and dispose of their poop in the bag</p> |
| 66 | <p>Please look at other areas and add some signs about keeping dogs on leads and keeping them under control.</p> |
| 67 | <p>It's give and take. All about being sensible. Dogs need exercise and the best way to get it is off the lead, so please don't restrict them to a life on the lead.</p> |
| 68 | <p>I think dogs should be allowed in playgrounds but have to be kept on leads.</p> |
| 69 | <p>Would like to see more officers not only in parks but in streets and roadways and would like to. See most of my opinions implemented other wise we will see no change in dog owners allowing there dogs to do dog mess and beeing left also dogs allowed to be roaming around loose in parks because whether there signs up or not some owners are not bothered were there dogs roam about unless law his tightened if a park has not got a dog deganeted area to let dogs off then they must be kept on a lead liverpool council done it years ago but sefton leisure services management would not do it</p> |
| 70 | <p>Yes.I have complained on countless occasions regarding dog fouling.Never seen an officer in the 15 years we have lived at our present address patrolling the area.</p> |
| 71 | <p>We will never have responsible dog owners in the Litherland area so Fenced off dog runs needed.</p> <p>You take a child the park , they are in an enclosed fenced off area, so unfair.</p> <p>It is not safe or hygienic to let children play on the grass outside if these areas .</p> <p>Rimrose Valley and local beaches are the same .</p> |
| 72 | <p>Make sure signage is clear and visible in all entrances and give more media coverage to ensure all dog owners are aware as I see many people walk their dogs around town not on leads and there is alot of pooh about on the streets. As a dog owner I find it upsetting to see other dog owner not abiding by these guidelines which gives us all a bad name</p> |
| 73 | <p>Dog poo and bad owners are not good for childrens health (or adults for that matter). The introduction of poo collection bags is not a problem for 'good' owners. The bad owners operate delinquent behaviour in that if seen they pick up but then further down the road drop it in the gutter or throw it into somebodys garden. Many dog owners walk early morning or late evening (when there are not many people about) this assists their delinquent behaviour. The whole scenario is problematic so credit to the Council for addressing the issue. Let's have dog licences again, with names and addresses + fees to pay for the enforcement officers. Good owners may well welcome this.</p> |

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| | there needs to greater communication of what responsible dog ownership is, including not leaving little bags of poo. it should clear that such behaviour will result in a fine. |
| 74 | wildlife areas such as formby lifeboat rd need better signage and dogs should be on a lead |
| 75 | More staff to patrol parks and beaches. The dunes and garden by Crosby are infested with poo |
| 76 | I have never seen anyone patrolling or policing the pspo. It is very much needed and I say that as a dog owner. |
| 77 | Dog walking is a family event that should be enjoyed by all I do not thing any further restriction is put in place until the first one is policed |
| 78 | How about a fenced area, then would enable dogs owners to let their dog off the lead, for a run in perfect safety. These are provide in Spain |
| 79 | Members of the public should be able to quickly and easily report an offence. I don't know anybody who knows of this PSPO, nevermind report anyone. If somebody has a dog running loose in a park or playground near kids, would it just be easier to call the police? If so, what's the point in PSPO? |
| 80 | Dog walkers have taken over all green spaces and act with importunity and disregard for other users. For example, dogs off lead and running amok so that any other users have to take action to avoid a collision, whilst the owner looks on. I would like to see more on foot patrols to encourage good practice in the short term, and to establish ground rules within shared facilities. As a walker I feel out of place if I don't have a dog with me when I visit green spaces or the coastal paths, and my enjoyment is spoilt by selfish and irresponsible dog walkers. |
| 81 | Well behaved dogs should be able to walk off leash in public parks. Areas that require dosg to wear leads should be marked more clearly. |
| 82 | Need to be able to issue immediate fines for not picking up dog waste, which should be patrolled. Owners should be constantly approached, most people wouldnt have an issue with that and better signage in parks etc |
| 83 | I understand the order should be in place, but as it is not fully monitored all the time (to my knowledge SD) people can become complacent and the rules become useless |
| 84 | It's difficult to know how it should be enforced given the lack of council officers. Extendable leads should be banned. Large dog a should have a minimum age for people to walk eg huskies /Rottweilers should not be walked by 13 year olds |
| 85 | I think the number of dogs on a lead with a dog walker should be reduced to 3. 6 dogs is way too many. Fines should be higher than they are now. Owners should not be allowed to let their dog off the lead anywhere outside their home |
| 86 | although no personal , a couple of friends have and found the person that dealt with them very rude and abrupt maybe a more informative approach would be appropriate in the first instance, especially when dealing with older people. |

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| 87 | I have owned a dog for 18 months and walk him frequently, always on a lead. In all of that time I have never seen a dog control PSPO. I have seen plenty of dog poo left around in parks, beaches and roads. I also see lots of poo bags where clearly owners have picked it up and then just left the bag. More bins would certainly help with this. |
| 88 | The PSPO did not reduce dog mess. From reports in the press there was confusion regarding the rules and vulnerable people seemed to be targeted by the officers. |
| 89 | If you are going to continue this then it needs to be properly monitored by enforcement officers otherwise many people just ignore it and continue not to clean up after their dogs. A bit of signage doesn't stop lazy or ignorant people. Fence off any areas where dogs are not allowed so it is clear to everyone where they can and cannot go. |
| 90 | I just feel the area is full of irresponsible dog owners. Pavements full of dog faeces. Children's school full of it at entrance. A lot of people who actually bother to bag their dogs mess just leave it on garden walls, fences or on the floor. |
| 91 | Please make the PSPO Officer available by publishing the name and contact number |
| 92 | Dogs have a right of exercise that includes off leads. Cyclists can be as dangerous and we have a coastal path. That path should accommodate all not dogs on leads so cyclists can go 25 miles an hour. |
| 93 | More bins needed to encourage people to clean up after their dogs |
| 94 | More signs, more dog poo bins, emptied more often. Free poo bags, more enforcement and much higher fines. Dogs which are not under control and dog faeces everywhere blights our society, spoil my walks and prevent me running. I moved to Southport in 2018 and there is far far more dog faeces on the pavements here than in Derbyshire where I lived before. Even my family comment when they visit the area. |
| 95 | Enforcement officials are too keen to issue tickets with no discretion, sometimes being intimidating to members of the public. I have witnessed this in Coronation Park. |
| 96 | The PSPO needs to be controlled discreetly. In the past officers have been known to take their powers to extreme, there must be consideration for people to be educated and boundaries of where the rules apply to be made easily visible. I was so unsure I was too frightened to let my dog off its lead due to the fear of prosecution. |
| 97 | Please do not ban dogs on the beach! We walk them every day, twice a day and our dogs love it! They never ever bother anyone else, they keep themselves to themselves. We often are the only people down there especially during the non summer months and without the dog walkers the place would be abandoned! Also during the summer months when the litter situation was horrendous after sunny days, myself and many of our dog walking friends were the people going down with black bin bags picking up the litter! |
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| 99 | <p>First, the last three years have been effective. As I stated, I have noticed an improvement, and I have wondered why things have improved so much. Well done.</p> <p>I think your rules are sensible. The lead length is a good example as of course 2 meters is far too long in some circumstances, however making it shorter would be overly limiting in most situations. It is a difficult balance to strike.</p> <p>I think that an offence ought to be picking up the dog poo in a bag, then just discarding the bag in the road or verge. I see a lot of that.</p> |
| 100 | <p>Have leaflet drops and contact numbers on signs so that the public can report incidents for a higher visibility of officers in troubled spaces. Also do not outsource the officers as they clearly work to a piece rate when they are outsourced</p> |
| 101 | <p>I want it to have more of an affect on owners who let their dogs defecate and are not responsible enough to pick it up .</p> |
| 102 | <p>Dogs should be on a lead at all times when they are not on the owner's property</p> |
| 103 | <p>pspo is simply a way of making dog walking very stressful for the old and disabled who seem to have bern the target. It should not be used to victimise dog walkers and definitely not used were private groups such as friends of Ainsdale village Park are dictating where dogs can be walked.</p> |
| 104 | <p>there's needs to be more wardens about the dog poo around the field ,paths and along our road is disgusting. L30 2ne area is absolutely repulsive.</p> <p>I would happily take photos and send you them but wouldn't make any difference!!</p> |
| 105 | <p>Need to be visible. I have never seen one in the parks.</p> |
| 106 | <p>With Rimrose being carved up there are fewer and fewer places to let dogs have a good exercise. If you are going to enforce this again you should commit to some more fenced off areas - what about the bowling green at the bottom of Victoria Park? Why is this just for beagles? I've seen no end of dogs now lead walked and pent up for it; Magnus the deerhound was a sad example of not enough large areas to exercise dogs - he never wore himself out and ended up spending nearly a year in Carla Lane after getting to excited and bouncing up at someone. We are house hunting away from the area as the dog walking is poor around here</p> |
| 107 | <p>There are many large open red zones that are rarely used for sports. These should be allowed to be used for dog exercise off lead when not in use.</p> |

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| 108 | <p>There are many wide open spaces in Sefton currently unused and padlocked. For example the old school site on Hawthorne Road and a huge, safe field on Browns Lane (Bootle/Netherton).</p> <p>I would be happy to pay a key holding fee to be able to use these fields for dog walking. They are safe for the dogs and means dog walkers would not come into contact with members of the public and it would keep large groups of dogs away from public parks, beaches etc.</p> <p>I also think you underestimate the use of having dog walkers walk on sports pitches. We regularly walk at the NAC when we are allowed. We have fixed broken railings to prevent dogs getting into the canal, we have brought bin bags and cleaned up after firework parties when the field was left in a bad state.</p> |
| 109 | <p>There should be far greater clamp down on people not picking up after their dog and get rid of rules that affect responsible dog owners. My dog won't go to the toilet when she is on lead and gets very stressed while we look for an area where she can go off lead.</p> |
| 110 | <p>I think the scope it is too wide, it should be narrowed to Children's play areas only, however there should be greater effort made to fine any owner not collecting dog excrement. I am all for a DNA register to run in conjunction with micro chipping, which again should be in forced.</p> |
| 111 | <p>Improving the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners should not come at the cost of limiting freedoms or opportunities for responsible ones.</p> |
| 112 | <p>Only that I'd like officers to use their powers *only* where there's genuine bad behaviour. Stories of people being fined for walking a dog that's under control, but whose lead is x centimetres too long, cause bad feeling and don't [I suspect] improve anyone's behaviour.</p> |
| 113 | <p>Don't punish all dog owners for the few.</p> |
| 113 | <p>Give the wardens discretion and common sense.</p> |
| 114 | <p>Every dog should be under control whether on a lead or not!</p> |
| 115 | <p>Happy with PSPO as stands apart from lack of access to marked pitches and retirement for 2m leads. Do not believe these rules are helping dog owners act more responsibly, in fact likely they do the opposite through unintended consequences. Long dog training leads are banned under these rules, which harms the ability of responsible owners to train their dogs. And lack of access to empty sports pitches forces dog owners into more populated areas unnecessarily.</p> |
| 116 | <p>I'm not sure of the number of officers there are and where they are patrolling so I'm thinking that, to reassure both dog owners and non-dog owners, this needs to be more clearly advertised.</p> <p>There is always an assumption that everyone loves dogs but some people do find them intimidating and messy. It doesn't mean they hate dogs! Some dog owners are of the opinion that they can do whatever/go wherever they like with no consequence. The rules should be there to protect non-owners just as much as, if not more than, owners. I would very much like them to be re-introduced.</p> |
| 117 | <p>PSPOs are useless legislation which don't help the situation.</p> |

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| 118 | It is a good idea, but needs to be enforced. |
| 119 | More education for dog owners to be responsible. |
| 120 | More signage |
| 121 | <p>Too many people do not pick up their dog poo in places where it can be trodden on/ridden over. I saw an incident on the beach where a large dog on a lead did an enormous poo and the owners just walked off with the dog. I called after them and they ignored me.</p> <p>I think the Rangers should have the power to make people pick up their poo.</p> <p>The incident described above (which happened on 7th September 2020) made me incredibly angry. The poo was near one of the iron men and there were young children playing nearby.</p> |
| 122 | Many dog owners will disregard any regulations I think posting on social media to remind people with short public information videos |
| 123 | No. |
| 124 | I agree dog owners should be responsible but taking away all dog walking space is not the answer. |
| 125 | None |
| 126 | As a member of the public we are not able to do anything regarding dogs not on leads. As a volunteer at Botanic Gardens we are always seeing dogs off leads but are unable to do anything about it so why can't we do anything about it? |
| 127 | Ensure signage is clear and people understand the rules. There were so many people letting there dogs run accross the fields whilst I kept mine on lead. I had to stop taking my dogs there in the end. |
| 128 | I wish restrictions would be placed on dogs inside pubs, cafes etc. |
| 129 | <p>I like dogs but there are so many oblivious and inconsiderate owners that I think there is no choice but for it to remain in place, especially in areas where a lot of people visit.</p> <p>Signage and communication could be more upfront!</p> |
| 130 | <p>I've tried to take control of putting dog fouling stickers on lamppost and tried so hard to have more urgently needed waste bins installed in and around our communities. I was willing to contact communities to take this further but got no support of any kind from Sefton council.</p> <p>So many people and families in our communities need these things to take place asap ..new waste bins in area's..dog fouling lamppost stickers...help from Sefton Council and other bodies ..</p> <p>Our communities are asking for these actions to take place but the council won't move ..</p> <p>What a real shame.</p> |
| 131 | PSPO was a three trial period that lasted three years and was a failure in public relations. The Order has not produced as much revenue at was anticipated by the Council and has produced a lot of resentment from law abiding dog owners. |

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| 132 | <p>covid 19 seems to have produced another level of dog poo bags being dropped, I know that the council suspended the bins but I just don't understand why people just can't take the poo home and dispose of it responsibly.</p> <p>I also noticed during lockdown that people completely ignored the guidelines for hours and number of times allowed outside.</p> <p>Sadly as previously mentioned, people just do what they want :-)</p> |
| 133 | <p>Every home with dogs should be informed of their responsibilities on laws, by-laws, constant barking, specially in back gardens at night and in flats.</p> <p>Their email addresses should have to be given to the council by vets and dog sellers.</p> |
| 134 | Would like all dogs in park and beaches with leads on. |
| 135 | Think money could be better spent on other things |
| 136 | More visible signage and an accessible way to report irresponsible dog owners |
| 137 | <p>Dogs should not be banned from anywhere. I support the encouragement and fines for people not picking up dog mess but there should be no restrictions as if there are this penalises the many responsible dog owners and well behaved dogs - and that is not right.</p> |
| 138 | I use the parks, particularly Hesketh Park, daily. I have yet to see an enforcement officer in the parks or anywhere else in town. |
| 139 | <p>Dog poo is a massive problem in our area with owners not picking up. It is very frustrating when we try to be responsible owners- also dogs off lead can be an issue running over to our dog & child growling. It can be difficult to manage when I'm on my own and their owner doesn't care.</p> |
| 140 | <p>I think it absurd not to allow dogs on marked sports pitches when they are not in use. As long as dogs are cleaned up after what is the problem?</p> <p>Portland Street playing field in Southport is a disgrace following weekend football matches with literally hundreds of discarded plastic bottles. It is disgusting and much more anti-social than a dog walking on a patch of grass.</p> |
| 141 | <p>Would love to have a dog free zone on Crosby beach. My children are frequently approached by dogs off a lead- which makes them and myself nervous. I have friends who aren't able to take their children to the beach as they are scared of dogs.</p> <p>You also know it will be free from dog poo so they can play safely.</p> <p>Our school route which we walk/scoot to everyday always has dog poo on - the phrase most used by all parents on this route is "mind the poo"! Very unsafe and annoying.</p> |
| 142 | Please keep all dogs on leads in any public space including beaches and parks. Better still ban them |
| 143 | <p>Feel that restrictions should be there for other people to feel safe.</p> <p>Also the officers should have more responsibility and be respected</p> |
| 144 | Stricter penalties to owners whose dogs attack other dogs in a violent unprovoked manner . |

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| 145 | <p>Many people are rightly disgusted by the amount of dog faeces and poo bags left everywhere, and are also angry at the amount of dogs out of control, some attacking other dogs behaving well on lead. These problems will never be solved by PSPOs. Many ignore the rules and Sefton would need many thousands of wardens to patrol every public space to make a start in curing these problems.</p> <p>I believe the ordinary public order rules cover most of the problems and the PSPOs seem able only to catch the unsuspecting old lady who knows nothing of them, as can be witnessed by the number of ridiculous cases reported in the papers and I suspect it's because little old ladies are the easiest targets. The police have all the rules and laws they need to address the dog problem, although I do appreciate we do not have enough police to do so. But adding a few PSPO wardens and unworkable regulations simply to catch the easiest offenders is not the way to go.</p> <p>Until the council realises they can't simply cure a problem by closing public spaces off to dog walkers, without creating alternative areas for them to be correctly exercised, the present situation will cause further anger and upset to genuine conscientious owners.</p> |
| 146 | <p>I think that if there were more "dog friendly exercise" facilities, that there would be less dogs being exercised in and around children's playgrounds.</p> <p>Not all dogs have perfect recall, but still need a good off lead run, these owners need somewhere safe and secure to exercise their dogs safely.</p> |
| 147 | more dog wardens |
| 148 | More visible |
| 149 | <p>This is a good initiative</p> <p>I don't have any understanding of the consequences of saying "no" to the continuation of this scheme- ie how much does this cost the council?</p> <p>If you can get a handle on the dog poo situation in this area it will be a lot more pleasant for residents.</p> |
| 150 | <p>If you're not gonna actively enforce the PSPO then stop now because it's having no effect. Even if you have to observe secretly from close to the park. It needs to be done.</p> |
| 151 | <p>Some sophisticated councils have adopted DNA-testing of dog poo. An automatic fine is sent to the owner when a deposit is found. I understand the owner is linked to the dog's microchip.</p> <p>A far more effective way of solving the problem.</p> |
| 152 | Make it simple for people to understand where they can and can't go. |
| 153 | Yes. Getintouch with me |
| 154 | <p>I would like the PSPO officers to be more understanding with dog owners. Rather than just run up and give them a ticket, it would be good if they could explain the area dogs must be on a lead, especially to the walkers who use the security gate entrance. A warning would be appreciated, if it happened again they deserve a ticket.</p> |
| 155 | Need to fine people who do not clean up after their dogs, especially around schools and parks |

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| 156 | It would be useful if the enforcement officers were incognito. If a dog-walker sees an obvious council employee they would definitely clear up faeces that they might have left if they didn't feel overlooked. |
| 157 | Too many restrictions in place |
| 158 | I think these are a great idea however I have never seen these rules enforced. I am a dog owner and completely understand that dogs need to be on a lead in certain areas however, if rules aren't enforced there's no point in having them. |
| 159 | They should be more visible |
| 160 | More signs. Plus regulations appearing on social media and local press. |
| 161 | I would like to see more officers enforcing the order especially in no dog zones |
| 162 | I think having the owner's phone number on the dog's tag is sufficient. Having your address could be open to abuse. |
| 163 | It would be good to advertise the complete regulations in the local park etc. I read the rules that were displayed and nowhere did it say about the 2m lead rule. I met some dog owners who had been fined for their extendable lead when they were in aware of this rule Are you going to do a similar Order for cyclist? Although cycling is banned in the park, this is largely ignored with no consequence. |
| 164 | It would be helpful to know where "non-dog-friendly" places are so those who dislike dogs can avoid dogs, rather than only promoting "dog-friendly" places. |
| 165 | Dog poo has got a lot worse everywhere - need more dog poo signs to remind people to pick up their poo |
| 166 | Council should be required to provide areas that dogs can be exercised off their leads. No point in bringing out rules without providing these spaces as every dog should be exercised to keep them healthy. I am lucky as I live by South Park Bootle that has a large fenced field to exercise my dogs safely. |
| 167 | I've reported numerous dog attacks on myself and family to the council and police. No action taken! I'm told nothing can be done from yourselves. No support due to funding I'm told. It's a major problem in Melling regarding dog attacks and dog mess. It's only a matter of time for a fatality. I feel I've been ignored regarding my complaints |
| 168 | where are these enforcement officers have never seen or heard of one. More of them please. Dog owners are very entitled and think their animals come first. |
| 169 | Dogs need to be let off leads it's cruel not to |
| 170 | There should be no restrictions as to where dogs can and cannot go on lead or off lead however if the dog is behaving badly and not listening to commands it should always be on a lead shorter than 2m. |
| 171 | Dogs need spaces to be able to be exercised correctly. Owners need to be able to recall their dogs and if not then should not be off lead. Some dogs like humans require space and do not want dogs running over into their space. Individuals need to be able to control their dogs and not exacerbate the situation. A lot of the time it is the irresponsibility and ignorance of individuals that is the problem |

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| 172 | <p>I can only comment on Waterloo road recreation field. That the markings on the field incorporates 2 adult size marked pitches And 2 junior pitches. This takes up over 70% of marked pitches on the public field. With the old PSPO In place local residents that have used the field to exercise their dogs by throwing ball have had the use of the field changed under the PSPO. The field has become an extension of the rugby club and mainly for their use. The club use the PSPO to protect their pitches from over use and in good condition. Dog owners constantly watch training not taking place on the pitches but on the limited dog friendly areas that are not marked pitches. It is then impossible to walk or even exercise your dog because of the safety of the children training and the dogs exercising by chasing a ball. Many residents have jointly made contact And had meetings with the council on this matter. If the PSPO is reinstated with the same conditions that your dog cannot enter a marked pitch then the local field will not be used as was originally intended for the pleasure of ALL people and local residents for everybody's enjoyment. The PSPO should not be a carte Blanche rule for all fields and parks. There should be individual consultation particularly with regards to Waterloo Road recreation field.</p> <p>The marking of 4 pitches incorporates most of the field and its main use will be the rugby club. The two junior pitches should not be included to enable dog walkers to enjoy An equal proportion of the field.</p> <p>With regards to dog poop that should still be enforceable because no good dog owner would not have w poop bag on them and not pick up their dogs poop.</p> |
| 173 | if you're going to put rules in place please enforce them |
| 174 | <p>My small dog was attacked by a huge dog off the lead, there were 2 both being “handled” by a young teenage girl, she still walks them every day and can’t even control them on the lead, but she takes them off when on the field and has absolutely no control over them. I’ve never heard of this order or seen a PSPO officer but I wish I had so something could be done about this.</p> <p>I think the order is great, it makes things safer for everyone including responsible dog owners and their dogs. I also would love to see more people being fined for not picking up their dogs poop, there is no excuse for that.</p> |
| 175 | It's pointless if it's not strictly enforced, just another waste of time and money on flimsy disposable signs. |
| 176 | The officers need ti be present at busier times. E.g weekends |
| 177 | <p>As a dog owner & a parent (my children are adults) I've always believed that children should be able to play freely. There should be designated areas for dogs to be off leads away from children (a designated field in a park)</p> <p>With waste land in sefton, why not create dog parks ? I happily pay £7 for 30 mins for a VIP dog field in Formby to let my dogs run off lead. I live in Bootle & travel weekly.</p> |
| 178 | Given cuts in the council budget this is a complete waste of council money . Spend the money on social care and schools |
| 179 | More bins for poo bags and invent no plastic bags |
| 180 | Make the fines bigger and enforce them more. I’ve twice had an unleashed dog jump up on to the babies pram in moorside park. The owner may believe the dog is friendly but I don’t want to take the chance |

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| 181 | <p>There needs to be officers enforcing the rules. Streets throughout Sefton are littered with dog poo, and used poo bags therefore, more bins need to be provided.</p> |
| 182 | <p>It's just words in a consultation paper ...and signs in a park . In reality most people ignore both and ALL parks should require dogs to be on a lead . Dog walkers are constantly ignoring their dog fouls as they are put of sight .</p> <p>I have 2 dogs and both are ALWAYS on a lead but they are often at risk if attack from other dogs who are off lead and their owners have NO control or recall . Young children are at risk and parks and pavements are constantly messed as very few dog walkers bother to pick up the poop .</p> <p>Without frequent monitoring or action taken to fine people and not just warn them this will continue. Surely by fining dogs off lead and for fouling could generate enough income to pay for additional staff to monitor....and then whole area would be improved</p> |
| 183 | <p>I think the previous order is good, however, to my knowledge, it does not address dog owners who cannot control their dogs off the lead. I think this is a huge issue for people who don't like dogs and those with dogs who are not friendly or who's owners don't want strangers dogs running up to them. Although dogs are very intuitive, a dog running at another dog may not be seen as playful. This is a big issue in my local parks. We do have some designated areas where dogs can be let off the lead which is a good thing. I would like to see more designated areas for this so owners who wish to walk their dogs off the lead can do so without impacting those who wish to walk dogs on the lead. However, I reiterate this does not apply to all dogs just those without control over their dogs and good recall.</p> |
| 184 | <p>need more officers to be seen as the amount of dog fouling in areas outside of the main town is on the increase. Fine should be larger.</p> |
| 185 | <p>Yes more dog poo bins on streets and residential areas, colour coded coats/collars/leads for dogs with antisocial attitudes, more advertising possibly on busses and billboards. Advice notices before a fine so the person can be more informed and they'd give details more openly less hostile if they feel they've got away with it.</p> |
| 186 | <p>Would be good to identify small fenced areas where dogs could play off lead. They have this in other counties.</p> |
| 187 | <p>more officers to catch the minority of dog owners that let there dogs poo wherever they want, and then don't pick it up. Or throw it in a garden rather than put it in the bins provided in Harrow Drive park.</p> |
| 188 | <p>I have never seen any enforcement of any dog control measures. I am unable to go to parks, the beach, closed paths such as through the sand dunes, beach, etc due to dog walkers with dogs off their leads. No one enforces the restrictions & dog owners continue to allow their (off-lead) dogs to approach strangers on pedestrian paths as if dogs have priority over people.</p> <p>My suggestions is that Section Council sends enforcement officers to uphold the policy in more remote places than just the large town centres. Try monitoring coastal pathways & beaches.</p> |

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| 189 | The maps on the Sefton website appear to have different zones to those labelled in the actual locations. Around the Marine Lake in Southport signage suggests dogs should be on leads in all areas when the website map differs. |
| 190 | The last pspo penalised people with disabilities and poor people with no transport who cannot get in their SUVs to travel to walk their dogs. you made quite a few parks impossible for owners to walk even well behaved dogs off lead. Kings gardens and Ainsdale are two examples. Also the people who are not responsible are not going to take a notice of a PSPO. Also this consultation is misleading as you don't explain that some of the provisions are already covered by other laws eg the dangerous dogs act and any littering laws. You would be better employing more dog wardens and focus on education and training (including for non dog owners) the only creatures who suffer are dogs whose owners live in fear and don't then exercise their dogs as they should be. |
| 191 | I feel that dogs should always be on a lead whilst walking along a road, however a park and beach are areas where all the family go for various reasons and family dogs should not be excluded. I do feel that responsible dog owners should keep their dogs under supervision at all times and should clean up after their dogs. |
| 192 | Have never seen a PSPO in Ainsdale where live. |
| 193 | Although there is less 'dog poo' lying around, there are many people who seem to think that once it has been bagged they can now drop it on the ground and leave it for someone else to clear away. I am not sure how we tackle this - maybe more designated bins around the streets. Fines for anyone seen doing this. |
| 194 | The previous pspo meant you could get fined even if your dog walked over a white line of a marked pitch. That is ridiculous. Target the people that don't pick up and the people that leave all of their rubbish all over playing fields and don't use the bins. This includes the footballers who also think it is OK to speed up and down 20 mph roads. And the pspos who think it is acceptable to intimidate vulnerable dog owners rather than giving a warning first - particularly when there is no signage. Just a pathetic work away red sticker. |
| 195 | Target those who don't pick up their mess. That is the issue here. Why should the rest of us be punished for their poor behaviour? I even reported a regular offender a few years ago and nothing was done. They are the ones who are the problem. And leave the rest of us to continue to be responsible owners and to enjoy the benefits of our walks and enjoying the beautiful spaces we have in Southport. And please do something about the footballers. We clear the poo from their environment and they should do the same. |
| 196 | Signs must be clearer and frequent |
| 197 | Stop issuing fines, especially to the elderly. A warning is quite adequate. |

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| 198 | <p>This only tackles a small proportion of the misbehaviour of owners who in my experience of 30+ years of dog ownership are the younger owners who appear to take much pleasure in owning aggressive, out of control, large or powerful dogs. They are often out in the evenings or in groups during the day. They appear to have total immunity in their own minds, of any legislations imposed. They are a menace and a threat to normal dog owners who fear for our own safety, and that of our dogs, who are often our family.</p> <p>Can something be done to tackle these owners, I very much doubt they will comply with any restrictions unless strict penalties are imposed and followed through.</p> <p>I have only heard of PSPO officers (via press reports) challenging older/single dog walkers during the daytime. What about the evenings when the real culprits are around.</p> <p>Please help keep us all safe, my dog is a very friendly bichon and he has been attacked twice (not seriously) by powerful dogs (on leads) in the past nine months. The owners couldn't control the dogs or keep them from biting my dog, because they were too strong and pulled the owners towards my dog in both incidents. I now pick him up if we see a powerful dog approaching whether on a lead or not..... Will I get attacked now???</p> |
| 199 | <p>This is a difficult issue and depending on your viewpoint can be quite contentious. The six dog rule should be changed to two dogs. Six are a pack. Normally most dog owners would not have this many. This is presumably a sop to professional dog walkers.</p> <p>Areas that are not fenced in should not be part of any future order even if marked out for sports activity.</p> <p>The order should enforce existing statutory law regarding dogs on leads on the public highway, not just specific highways.</p> |
| 200 | Dogs and dog poo are a serious problem and the council needs to enforce the legislation in the interests of the wider community |
| 201 | If in place, it needs to be enforced. |
| 202 | No. |
| 203 | <p>Please stop discriminating against people with disabilities by limiting where they can take their dog (especially off-lead). People might not feel confident without their dog, whether that's for an emotional or a physical disability. One such person I know feels very unwelcome due to his disability-sadly he feels this sort of discrimination is becoming more prevalent.</p> <p>Also families don't want to have to split up-they want to be able to take their dogs altogether. It will stop people wanting to visit if you limit the freedom of dog-owners. The kind of people who aren't responsible are likely to ignore rules, so you are only effectively banning decent people from visiting, and costing businesses money.</p> <p>We quite rightly don't stop parents coming, just because there are some parents who are irresponsible, so why effectively ban dog owners?</p> |
| 204 | waste of time and money |

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| 205 | <p>They should not be renewed as they were. Fenced playgrounds should be dog free and people should be fined for not picking up their dog's poo.</p> <p>Apart from that there should be no other restrictions.</p> |
| 206 | <p>I've never seen one of these pspo officers, wouldn't know what one looked like.</p> <p>More signage in town re dog leads particularly pedestrian areas.</p> <p>More bins would mean more poo is scooped.</p> <p>Get rid of extender leads they're a hazard</p> |
| 207 | <p>I know of people who have had contact with officers and the officers have been intimidating and aggressive.</p> <p>There is much more poo around than before the order came into effect, people only seem to be fined for when dogs are in the wrong areas or off lead rather than when not picking up poo.....this needs to be dealt with soon!</p> <p>Maybe, what would be easier, would be to provide a specific, large fenced off area where dogs could be off lead, then elsewhere they need to be on lead....? I do know that most dog walkers are responsible and stick to the rules....as per normal it's the odd few who don't care and never seem to get caught!</p> |
| 208 | <p>It is ridiculous to have unfenced areas of a park in which dogs can and can't go. Dogs can't read signs!</p> |
| 209 | <p>Any renewal of the PSPO should involve better enforcement and notification particularly on public paths, rights of way etc. These appear to be forgotten areas.</p> |
| 210 | <p>The PSPOs are draconian and go against our Human Rights and Freedom. They rules are also discriminate against us dog owners and the right to walk and exercise our dog in healthy ways. We in this town/borough pay our Council Tax and are being totally restricted by these rules. There is more litter left on the beaches rather than dog poo.</p> |
| 211 | <p>The PSPO do a good job. Permanent signage (the round traffic light stickers) need to be permanent. This would support them when they speak to dog walkers. Their presence reminds the public of appropriate behaviour when walking dogs.</p> |
| 212 | <p>As mentioned more signage .. my local park is Hesketh park and there is signage at the entrances ... which could be missed so larger notices of zones , and reinforcing indicators along the paths.</p> <p>Larger fines for fouling . It is disgusting to leave this, however how do you police it? Extra wardens would take resources from other areas, but we need healthy open spaces!</p> |

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| 213 | <p>Firstly i would like to point out that most dog walkers/owners are good at picking up and having the sense when around other dogs/people/children etc. It is the few that arent that spoil it for others. I would like to see the same criticisms dealt out to the football clubs who think it their right to leave litter on the fields (ie bottles,cans food wrappers ,food etc etc. They should be fined as a club-after all they are also leaving some of their rubbish on where we walk our dogs and sadly dogs do pick up things be it old food,bottle tops etc and unfortunately sometimes eat them and become ill.Each club should have a designated person who makes sure the pitches and surrounding areas are left rubbish free. Certainly if you take Portland St fields you find most of the bins are full of dog poo which shows that majority pick up after their dogs- very little rubbish found in them especially after the football matches at the week end!!! On the subject of footballers they need to be monitored for the speed inwhich they access the field parking area. All in all your patrols would make more money by fining the footballers than they do harassing the dog walkers. I have heard some harrowing tales from people-mainly the older generation who feel intimidated by these so called enforcement officers. Emptying the bins more often too would be helpful.Often wondered why it takes two to empty two bins!!</p> |
| 214 | <p>Define "behaving badly"? How do you intend to identify poo belonging to a particular animal? Where will your poo bag provision points be? How often will your "officers" provide a bag if a person inadvertently forgets theirs? Are your "officers" there to facilitate and educate or to entrap and dish out swingeing fines? Do you also intend similar powers to trap and punish mothers of unruly children? Dirty nappy dumpers? Screaming children? Etc? Are you going to provide various sized exercise areas for dogs to be able to run free/be socialised/training areas/secure bookable spaces for those owners needing them for training?</p> |
| 215 | <p>I would like to see the rules enforced more than what they appear to be now. I live facing the park and see people bringing dogs into the fenced area where they are not allowed early in mornings. I also have never witnessed anyone receive fines although there is plenty of dog muck evident in the park.</p> |
| 216 | <p>stop being discriminatory over the number of dogs someone is allowed Control of dogs comes from training and handler experience, not from numbers. An inexperienced owner may struggle with one dog whereas an experienced owner may easily manage 10 or more trained dogs. Also the owners with more dogs in general have accumulated those dogs over many years so probably have more experience and capability not less.</p> |
| 217 | <p>The PSPO is nothing more than a stealth tax - a change requires education NOT enforcement by paid bullies working for corrupt agencies.</p> |

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| 218 | <p>Responsible dog owners ensure their dogs are under control and will clear any dog mess produced by their dogs. Imposing a fixed penalty on dog owners whose pets enter onto marked pitches even briefly is completely over the top. The marked lines of pitches are also, in some cases (such as Deansgate field) very close to bushes making it difficult for dog owners to walk past without transgressing onto the pitches. The aim of the PSPO should be to reduce dog mess on pitches, not to target innocent members of the public with large fines should their dogs transgress over a line in the air. Some irresponsible dog owner will use the parks with marked pitches early in the morning (before going to work) or late evening, times when wardens are less likely to be around. The PSPO as it was / is often targets well meaning public spirited residents and causes considerable distress to some.</p> <p>Loss of community spirit can also result in local residents and dog walkers being less inclined to tidy up the often considerable littering caused football sessions. Littering is also an offence yet no action appears to be taken.</p> |
| 219 | <p>Meet with responsible dog owners. Work with them instead of penalising the already converted. Get a working party together and discuss better strategies for dealing with the irresponsible minority. You will cause conflict between the non dog owners and the responsible dog owners and divide communities. Work together.</p> |
| 220 | <p>use common sense. ask dog walkers who are responsible to help</p> |
| 221 | <p>it is very important for public health and safety in parks etc for the strict enforcement of dog control regulations.</p> <p>this applies especially in areas where children and families play and gather.</p> |
| 222 | <p>Use by laws and I do not support a pspo. You can deal with dog poo in a by law that already exists. A pspo is just financial gain for ridiculous things like a long lead</p> |
| 223 | <p>The number of dogs off-lead is too high, and i can think of no good reason to let it continue. Dogs off-lead are dogs out of control in a public space. The other issue is Continuously Barking Dogs. Some owners transfer their pets anti-social behaviour to their neighbours, by parking them in the garden all day. A dog can bark continuously and deafeningly all day long. Therefore neighbourhoods plagued by this should have recourse to a Barking Restriction measure.</p> |
| 224 | <p>If it's going to be kept, I'd like to see some wording introduced that shows you appreciate that a dog isn't a human being...it's not always going to have 100% good behaviour and it's unreasonable to expect an owner to have 100% control of their animal 100% of the time.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>"Dogs to be kept on-lead in designated areas. If an owner is found encouraging their off-lead dog to use on-lead areas, or neglecting their off-lead dog's entering of on-lead areas, they will be liable to a penalty fine."</p> <p>Basically I don't expect to be hit with a fine for a minor infraction, despite regaining control and keeping him on his lead again afterwards until he learns his lesson.</p> <p>I've not had this as a problem, but it's always a worry!</p> |

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| 225 | Instead of punishing the responsible dog owners and that's what the sport do target irresponsibly dog owners instead |
| 226 | The majority of dog owners are responsible and law abiding, I find it offensive that the control officers seem to think that everyone walking a dog is a trouble maker and are looking out to fine you. More training and compassionate responses need to be put in place. |
| 227 | What's the point of having a fixed penalty when there's no one to enforce it, still lots of dog poo left also people dumping full poo bags |
| 228 | <p>As previously mentioned I regularly walk my dog on the Deansgate Field in Formby. This area comprises of four separate fields, all of which are marked up for pitches. However, not all the pitches are used at any one time and I would therefore suggest that one field could be left unmarked for exclusive use by dog walkers.</p> <p>I would also comment that the pitches are mainly used only at weekends. During the week there is no-one using these pitches, so would suggest that restrictions to walking on the pitches could be restricted to when they are in active use.</p> <p>The pitches have recently been reinstated on the Deansgate fields - with as many as possible being crammed on each field, with little space being left around the edges. In fact on one field it would be impossible to social distance between the edge of the field and the hedge which borders it.</p> <p>During lockdown these fields were used by the wider community - people out walking alone or in families, with and without dog - and given that this virus is not likely to go away in the near future, I feel that all Sefton residents should have reasonable access to exercise on the available green spaces.</p> |
| 229 | Perhaps mandatory attendance at dog training should be required as well as fines |

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| 230 | <p>1. Signage should be uniform and should be led by Sefton Council. Parish and Town Councils with responsibility for Parks and Open Spaces should receive signs from Sefton Council, as opposed to paying for themselves. As a result of not being handed signs, signage can vary between Parish/Town Councils.</p> <p>2. Include the names of parks and/or open spaces under the operation of Parish / Town Council within the PSPO. I am conscious that the order applies borough wide i.e. "under the air" but by naming the names of parks, there is certainty about where the order can be enforced. Having liaised with Sefton Council about this matter, I am conscious that the names of Sefton Council parks/open spaces were included, yet those of Parish/Town Councils were not. This could have been challenged if enforcement action were taken.</p> <p>3. Have a contact officer for Parish / Town Councils in order to increase patrols within an area. Although the order enables fixed penalty fines to be issued, it makes no sense to have an order supported through signage if there are no patrols in place - particularly where dog fouling is prevalent in a park. Have an effective mechanism whereby Parish/ Town Councils can highlight that there is a problem within their area, and that enforcement officers are deployed accordingly.</p> <p>4. Have a "Launch" day. Effective publicity of the order, drawing on support from Parish / Town Councils which can then be disseminated through Parish / Town Councils social media / council meetings etc.</p> |
| 231 | <p>There seems little point in trying to keep dogs off sports pitches, etc, if you're not going to enforce the picking up of faeces. The moment an enforcement officer leaves the park area, you see people letting their dogs off lead to run all over the pitches which I don't think should be a problem provided they're picking up after their dogs.</p> <p>I know of dog walkers who have been fined for allowing their dogs on pitches but have yet to meet or hear of anyone being fined for not picking up after their dog. It's everywhere, even hung in bags in trees, this to me is the bigger issue.</p> |
| 232 | <p>If a policy is implemented it should be policed, but judging by the amount of dog mess that's on the streets this previous policy has been ineffective and not policed</p> |
| 233 | <p>Enforced no dog zones on the beach and an enforced dog free park somewhere in Southport please.</p> |
| 234 | <p>I understand control and on lead areas such as children's playground / picnic areas but NOT beaches/ open spaces. The beach is big enough for everyone to enjoy. There is limited green space in sefton. We travel out.</p> |
| 235 | <p>For Sefton Council to adopt a collaborative dog ownership model.</p> <p>I don't feel that your PSPO model has reduced priority issues such as dog fouling. I'd imagine most of your PSPO resource is spend identifying sensible dog owners who fall foul of the punitive PSPO rules.</p> |
| 236 | <p>It should be down to the dog owners to be responsible but I think the council should focus on tacking the people that leave dog Pop but also the children that leave litter everywhere particularly in the parks</p> |

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| 237 | As more people have purchased dogs during lockdown, the dog population should be recalculated and published and taken into account before any decision to restrict access to areas by Dogs is prevented... this needs to be representative of all of our constituents |
| 238 | There are already dog laws in place to deal with out of control dogs. PSPO's in this respect are not needed. The majority of dog owners are responsible. Deal with the minority who are not with the current dog laws. Stop penalizing everyone for an extreme minority! |
| 239 | Please use the law of the land that already exists to deal with dog related problems. |
| 240 | Increase in dog wardens/ enforcement officers |
| 241 | No |
| 242 | I think the PSPO should concentrate more on people not picking up their dogs poo. The parks especially are full of it. |
| 243 | Extendable leads to be banned |
| 244 | We've noticed a huge rise in dog owners not picking up their mess - that is the main issue for us. I know there used to be street stamps and warnings of fines on lampposts but I think they've been removed? |
| 245 | Don't think a fine is relevant. Naming and shaming with photo on social media would be better. Most dog owners are respectful but some certain people will continue to ignore enforcements in the same way ignoring rules and fines. But they won't like their picture branded about that's for sure |
| 246 | <p>Nanny state !</p> <p>I agree no dogs in children's parks and on segregated bits of beach in summer only but as for the rest the ability to fine is a blunt instrument.</p> <p>Not good enough signage on Duke Street Park. If a dog needs (not wants - needs a good run for its own health/wellbeing) why can't it run across the park on a weekday when there's no football provided the owner picks up any poop.</p> <p>The rules were : RIP common sense and treat all dog owners as potential rule breakers. Please do not bring back the dog control order. Act for the many (mostly responsible) and not the few (the idiots who don't care and ignore the rules anyway)</p> |
| 247 | They should be there to educate people, not have a priority of seeing how many they can catch by hiding so to extracate money out of mostly law abiding dog lovers. |
| 248 | In reality, everyone (dog owners) were doing what they needed to do without the PSPO thing. There is always going to be some sort of disagreement between people who own dogs and people who don't. It's a question of perception. You get responsible and irresponsible dog owners and you get responsible and irresponsible people who don't own dogs. If the Council must get involved in the petty disputes between the two communities, then you are pitting your wits against a community which rises at 5-6am onwards and walks their dogs in your open spaces and who picks up litter (including dog poop) and are the eyes and ears to everything. I think that the anti-dog movement are in the minority. |

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| 249 | All you need is dogs on lead by direction and dog fouling, all other types of order are discriminatory, prejudicial and discourages good behaviour by not rewarding it. In the days of nudge theory and positive based training Draconian laws are medieval and counterproductive. Target the behaviour not the species. |
| 250 | There's hardly any council areas where we'll trained dogs an walk off lead. There needs to be more dog waste bins. |
| 251 | <p>Regarding the number of dogs walked by one walker, my young son at the time age 2 was surrounded by three dogs form a 'proffessional dog walker' on Birkdale sand dunes (I was also surrounded) and they bounded around us, stealing my young sons food and scaring him to the point that he has had a ignificant fear of dogs ever since. This man had a least 4 dogs and could not keep control of them. This went on for about a minute efore the man finally called them away.</p> <p>Additionally I am a WeBS Counter (Wetland Bird Survey) on Aisdale-Birkdale beaches and dog disturbance their (which is illegal) of roosting bords is shocking at times. Dog walkers need to be more aware and have more control and respect for other users both people of wildlife.</p> |
| 252 | No |
| 253 | <p>I had no contact but my Mum's friend (over 70 yrs) was issued a fine. She was not aware of the rule in the park and was not asked to shorten the lead or the rule explained (warning) was just issued a fine. I do feel this was a little harsh. It was not a purposeful flouting of the rules. The dog was on lead, she's not a fast walker and the dog was just smelling and mooching around. Yet others do not pick up their dog poo day after day.</p> <p>Difficult to monitor I know but it just seemed a little unnecessary</p> |
| 254 | More bins available |
| 255 | Make the rules clear and obvious around dog control through signage and availability of information. |
| 256 | Dogs must be kept off sports pitches to protect people using them. Signage needs to be improved |
| 257 | N/A |
| 258 | There needs to be stricter enforcement, particularly of the picking up poo and keeping dogs on leads. |
| 259 | I believe dogs shouldn't be allowed on marked pitches or playing areas as it is often that they dig holes that create a hazard to playing at the chance of an injury, but also for leaving their waste behind which can cause infection if it were to end up in a cut due to a playing injury, etc. |

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| 260 | I am coach mini rugby at Southport. I don't go there to pick up some one else's dog poo. Yet I spent part of the time I should be coaching kids doing this every time I go to the club. It's not my job. Sefton Council has a duty of care to young people to do everything in their power to enforce good dog owner behaviour and make sure the areas we use for rugby are a clean safe environment. The science between dog faeces and diseases that can lead to blindness is proven. Irresponsible dog owners should be fully prosecuted for endangering the health and welfare of our children and all other users of the land. Dog poo isn't the only problem, but then your survey doesn't give the opportunity to highlight other issues such as aggressive dog owners and dogs digging holes in the pitches. |
| 261 | Dog should not be allowed to be off lead and foul any sports pitches. |
| 262 | Sports pitches and clubs play vital part in the community and the development of its children. Spaces must be safe and hazard free. Children's welfare is paramount. Responsible and considerate dog ownership includes ensuring that your dog doesn't present a risk to others in the community. |
| 263 | I feel the PSPO is a hammer cracking a nut. There have been laws regarding picking up poo for years and the vast majority of people pick up poo. The PSPO criminalise people and is just a way to increase council coffers. The council should be about educating residents not criminalising them |
| 264 | I feel it is not needed and should be done away with. I don't feel dog walkers are a problem. However, littering and asb by people in public areas is. Use of electric scooters and off road bikes on beach and parks are dangerous |
| 265 | Not needed. Just a bye law fining for not picking up dog poo |
| 266 | I haven't seen a PSPO enforcement officer. It would be good to have someone acting as a keeper for the parks in my local area. there are three parks in close proximity and one warden could service all three. Not only making sure that dogs are well behaved but perhaps also discouraging those that like to use the parks to smoke weed and behave like morons. Generally the dogs and their walkers are great, it's the behaviour of some of the humans that are the issue. |
| 267 | Waste of time and public funds |
| 268 | just that at waterloo road where i walk my dog on a lead around the edge, which is a good walk. Always have dogs off leads and pooing everywhere, then you see rugby club players with kids picking it up. I feel embarrassed as a dog walker. |
| 269 | I've tried complaining about a dog off lead before & you sent a letter. That was it even though the behaviour continued. Your signs are pointless & all this is worthless unless you're proactive & serious about it. You don't even have any enforcement officers! You're useless! |
| 270 | I have never seen these officers so more visible presence would be appreciated. I am involved with a sports club in this town and I am sick of seeing people allowing their dogs to foul where adults and children play sports. |
| 271 | It's a great idea, but dod owners should take responsibility of theyre dogs behaviour and clean up after them, I have no objection to dogs being anywhere if they are Co trolled and cleaned up after, with the exception of children's play areas where even after they've been picked up after kids are still on the floors |
| 272 | More info and advertisement would allow more people aware of the rules surrounding dogs etc. |

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| 273 | <p>I personally feel all dogs should be kept on leads I have two dogs one is frightened of other dogs and the other can be snappy towards other dogs I am sick and tired going for a nice walk and other dogs coming over off the leads I have to pick my two dogs up and explain to the owner of the dog that my dogs don't like socialising with other dogs after they say to me time and time again that their dog is ok yes but mine isn't.</p> |
| 274 | <p>I believe this is an unnecessary step which has caused great confusion and distress. More often than not Criminalising responsible dog owners.</p> <p>It has made little difference to dog fouling as irresponsible owners will not pick up whether dog on lead or off lead.</p> <p>It also makes it very difficult for families with young children and a dog(s) when out and about. Dogs are very much loved members of a family group and Dog PSPO makes it extremely difficult to enjoy beach and/or parks / other green spaces when you face such segregation.</p> |
| 275 | <p>There should be more signage and information made available more easily. As I wasn't even aware this existed, although I'm glad it did and hope it continues</p> |
| 276 | <p>You need to significantly increase the FPN for dog fouling</p> <p>You also need to issue a FPN if the dog owner/walker does not carry a dog poo bag on their person. If they don't have any means to pick poo up then they deserve to be fined</p> |
| 277 | <p>Most dog walkers in our local area are extremely responsible, good natured and public minded. We share spaces with all park users, however, it's important to note that the park we use, is mostly used by dog walkers and often we find ourselves the only users. It seemed an over-reaction to close off areas of the space which then diverted dogs into the area closest to the playground, meaning dog waste was being put into the bins within the play area. Before the order was in place, dogs would go around the outside of the park and use bins further out.</p> |
| 278 | <p>The area which was designated for control on Ainsdale Park was very poorly thought out. Before it was introduced the dog walkers generally circuited the whole park which avoided the children's play area all together. With the restrictions all dogs off a lead were made to go past the entrance to the fenced off kids playground and past the picnic tables. This was absolutely absurd and was far more disruptive than when the dogs can we walked all the way around the edge of the park.</p> |
| 279 | <p>Dogs shouldn't be allowed to bark incessantly without any recourse, it isn't the fault of the dog it's the owner but also the council when they turn a blind eye because the owner has got away with it they are in no hurry to train their dogs.</p> <p>Dog faeces is absolutely disgusting along Crosby Coastal park and on pavements. Sometimes it is not possible to get every last bit which is why in addition to bags I always carry a bottle of water for my dogs to drink and to help clean pavements if necessary. As a wheelchair user it is no fun getting dog mess on your hands and on your wheels, which is then transferred to the car. It isn't fair or healthy but people don't often see it from our perspective!</p> |

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| 280 | <p>Dog poo is a blight on parks. It is a health and safety hazard to children playing and sport.</p> <p>Also dogs off leads can scare young children. My daughter had a phobia of dogs for a long time due to them approaching her in parks.</p> |
| 281 | <p>There need to be places where dogs can be off lead and the notices should make people, especially parents aware that they need to tell their children to behave appropriately around dogs they do not know. This is a two way thing. It's dangerous how many small children are not socialised with dogs, and so get hysterical and cause the dogs to get upset or excited and chase. Sensible behaviour of children around dogs is as important as having a well trained dog .</p> |
| 282 | <p>More signage. More visible or officers</p> |
| 283 | <p>I believe rules should be in place and responsible owners deserve to have space for their pets to run and play.</p> <p>Public places must be that something for everyone. Dog owners use public spaces daily not everyone does.</p> |
| 284 | <p>Give the public a chance to put it right.</p> <p>It's not a police state.</p> |
| 285 | <p>Yes. Waterloo rd recreation field Hillside.</p> <p>Southport Rugby Club share that field and abuse the PSPO. There are 4 marked pitches so dog walkers keep off them. But the Rugby club dont use the pitches except 1 day a week on match day. Instead they train everywhere EXCEPT on the mark pitch because " we want to let the grass grow for a better playing surface"</p> <p>So they are using the PSPO to keep dog walkers off and train / practice on other parts of the field knowing full well no one else can go on the marked pitches. So dog walkers have even less space to excercise their dogs. When they are training there are 4 empty marked pitches not being used and the remaining space is used by the rugby club, their spectators and dog walkers and needless to say there are confrontations. THEY ARE ABUSING THE INTENTION OF THE PSPO BY USING IT TO RESERVE LARGE PARTS OF THE FIELD YET THEY WONT USE IT AND PRACTISE ON THE NON MARKED PARTS OF THE FIELD.</p> <p>Its pathetic but apparently they have the "ear" of the Council so they can do what they want.</p> <p>THEY HAVE 4 PITCHES ALL TO THEMSELVES BUT WONT USE. Its a public recreation ground not Twickenham or Cardiff Arms Park. They are abusing the PSPO and should be told to use it or loose it motvuse the order so the grass grows!!</p> |
| 286 | <p>I don't really understand why a PSPO is required. The council already has powers to combat anti social dog owners and specifically things like not having your dog under control / not picking up dog poo. Despite the order, I see a lot of dog poo at my recreation ground and on my normal walk through the dunes, so I would suggest the order is both ineffective and on top of this is not enforced properly.</p> |

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| 287 | I feel that dog license's should be hold by people having a dog. Dog walkers should carry information to confirm that they are dog walkers and have been access by an authoritative body. There should be enclosure spaces for people to allow their dogs off the lead and not then have to interact with other beach or park users, allowing all to enjoy the space. If you then wish to continue your walk on the beach, park or woodlands then the dogs should be on a lead. I don't allow my dog off the lead when people are about. |
| 288 | Weekends and bank holidays should be more monitored, Seems this is when more dogs are about.. |
| 289 | Strict control on dog access of nature reserves, beaches with roosting migratory birds, sensitive habitats. More signs informing public of issues of dogs running wild, educate people on websites, local papers. |
| 290 | Dogs is someone's choice to buy, so they should have to take them to specified dog only areas and not use any bit of residential grass area as it it belongs to them |
| 291 | awful idea waste of money most of the pspo that came on the park were rude and intimidating to young and they old and it stopped people going out . |
| 292 | Many visitors may miss the signs. Introduce yourself as a dog warden. Follow the track and trace system. Scan the microchip. If no chip issue a fine immediately. Give the walker a leaflet explaining the public protection order. If another. offence occurs in 6 months a fine will be issued. Everyone is happy and the visitor will not be put of returning to Sefton. |
| 293 | The only issue I have is people not picking up dog litter after theor dogs |
| 294 | return of dog wardens and dog licence for every dog |
| 295 | Check Dodds park in Maghull. Every morning and early evening plenty of dogs off leads and not controlled. Just because they are small doesnt mean that they should be allowed |
| 296 | More visible enforcement. I have reported dog fouling to be told there is not currently an enforcement team in the borough |
| 297 | I am aware of some of my dog walking friends having been approached by enforcement officers who fined them. Although I do not condone if rules were being broken, I do not believe there was enough education nor signage to make the rules enforceable. Enforcement officers should explain the rules and request dogs to be under control/foul removed in the first instance before a fine is given - call it a warning. I believe especially with the lack of signage and publicity for the previous PSPO that the fines were unjust. If there is going to be more signage and education surrounding the new PSPO then it needs to be kept up for 3 years, not just publicised at the start of the PSPO. |
| 298 | I think the signage needs to be really clear so that there is no excuse for breaking the rules. |
| 299 | As long as there is sensible conversation both ways and not black and white situations let them do their job. Life is not right and wrong |

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| 300 | All dogs should keep to dog walking areas only . All dogs should be muzzled and chipped . Owners should be responsible at all times for the dog . Fines should be higher and repeat offenders should have there dog taken away . |
| 301 | Dog owners should be encouraged to use muzzled in areas where there are small children parks and play areas without fences. |
| 302 | Stop people 'hanging' their used dog poo bags in trees and shrubs...they need to be forced to take them home or dispose of them properly. |
| 303 | Dog walkers need to be held responsible for their dog...clearing up muck, keeping their dog under control, avoiding jumping up at strangers, avoiding unwanted physical contact with other dogs. |
| 304 | The dog control PSPO is pointless unless it is consistently enforced. Parks and sports grounds should be policed and fines issued. |
| 305 | I understand that funds are very limited but there is absolutely no point at all in having laws/rules if they cannot be enforced. There are far too many dogs now and the problems this presents are growing all the time. Those of us,actually by far the majority of the population, are surely entitled to walk, relax, work in areas free of dogs, their noise, their mess and the worry about they behave. |
| 306 | As you most probably know, requires multiple communications channels to be used to get the key messages to dog owners and walkers. Signage; Sefton MBC web site and email mailing lists;local media; social media; dog owner clubs etc. |
| 307 | I am dismayed at the lack of education about dogs and their behaviour. I'm tired asking people to put their loose dogs on a lead. I don't know how but people need to be educated about the wild animal on the end of their lead!!! |
| 308 | It should be an offence to leave bagged dog poo anywhere with enhanced penalties for gaming poo bags on a fence or tree. |
| 309 | More signage, more wardens, more enforcement. |
| 310 | Dogs that bark and display a threatening behaviour should be discouraged in some way. Owners very often say " Oh my dog wont bite" but it has already done damage by putting fear into a passerby. |
| 311 | I feel they should have body cams, from what I have witnessed they are happy to approach females or people who don't appear threatening yet ignore others, particularly large males, due to fear on confrontation and allow them to walk their dogs off lead in no dog areas |
| 312 | It should be run and administered by staff that have dogs. The majority of responsible dog owners should not be restricted controlled and punished because a minority of owners are irresponsible. Focus on enforcement and better education of those please. Also enforce tourists who visit our beaches to take their rubbish away that threatens our beauty spots and is an eyesore and a danger to our dogs. |
| 313 | Hasn't really done anything. Feels like a waste of public money in what is a difficult time. |
| 314 | Fines for caught leaving 'doggie bags' poo not disposed of in a proper manner. |
| 315 | Gives a very poor impression to visiting dog walkers. Aggressive officers. The PSPO plus hifh parking charges is driving visitors away from Southport. |

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| 316 | It was trying to penalise responsible owners. Eg some people where more frightened of being caught without a clean bag than of leaving poo behind! Thus some people who had always cleaned up left poo because they were down to their last bag, even though that would have been sufficient till their next walk. |
| 317 | I think all dog owners should pass a basic training to own a dog and if not have there dog removed and so should breeders people buying pups should have to show something to say they have done a course of training to a level they should also be responsible for documenting who they sold it to name address and id number of the person's pass certificate and so should the rehoming centers otherwise you should not be allowed to have a dog and you should have to be over 18 to own a dog or even walk them unless accompanied by a adult with a pass grade this should be done every year |
| 318 | It needs to be better managed. I own dogs and look after friends dogs very regularly, I clean up every time and it is frustrating to have other dog mess on the pavements and walkways. |
| 319 | I think I an element of common sense is needed. I own a well behaved dog and I am worried about walking her on crosby beach because of how other people have large dogs that they can't control. There needs to be more visibility of officers |
| 320 | As a dog walker I would like all dogs to be on a lead in ALL public areas. |
| 321 | The only measurable effect of the dog control PSPO was to fine old people and others to raise money for Sefton Council. SMBC have simply found a way into mugging residents and visitors by proxy. It is the sort of disgraceful behaviour we have come to expect from politicians all over the country from all political backgrounds. From RAPE to expenses scandal to scatching each others backs, it is politicians and public servants who are unreasonable, not people walking dogs who find themselves accused of a criminal offence of walking a dog quietly along a road or on the wrong bit of grass. I may be wrong but I don't remember the marked pitches being mentioned earlier. I hope it has been dropped because you already had the fouling law, so why did you also need a possibly may foul law too - Ahh yes -- JUST TO RAISE MONEY. |
| 322 | Use the money on something useful not this |
| 323 | The PSPO needs to have robust powers and enforce them |
| 324 | Most of the people who had fines had bad experiences. An elderly lady was so shaken up by it she wouldn't leave the house |
| 325 | There are some who wait & 'accost' elderly in the park who are not aware of the rules. I think a warning should suffice in the first instance if someone has their dog off the lead & a chat about the rules/legislation. Fining should be a last resort. Fining however should be done immediately in the case of dog fouling where the owner does not clean up. |
| 326 | The amount of dog poo on the pavements and paths in Southport is disgusting. We need to enforce the rules & fine the dog owners who don't clear up after their dogs. |
| 327 | Increase fines to pay for more wardens - copy the parking enforcement model. |
| 328 | I haven't seen any and feel money could be spent better elsewhere |
| 329 | More signage asking people to pick up dog poo. It is terrible in Southport, I have to walk with my eyes in the ground to stop walking in it. Disgusting |

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| 330 | <p>Increase the signage</p> <p>Use more fines and MAKE irresponsible dog owners pay them</p> <p>Make dog owners fully and clearly aware of where dogs are allowed</p> |
| 331 | <p>Where there are other people all dogs should be on a lead. So many dog owners think that their dog is lovely and they do not have any comprehension that their dog jumping up can be a terrifying experience for others.</p> <p>The more dog controls the better.</p> |
| 332 | Dogs should not pooing where children are playing |
| 333 | I live in Ainsdale, the sand dunes and pinewoods are covered in poo or poo bags I have never seen anyone policing it |
| 334 | <p>As the parent of a child who is scared of dogs I do think it should be a requirement that dogs should be on a lead whilst being walked on roads.</p> <p>We live in a cul de sac which leads to a field and people frequently let their dogs out of their cars off the lead. The dogs then run into the front gardens and are not under control.</p> |
| 335 | Get some better signs and focus on fining people for leaving dog poo! |
| 336 | I think all dog walkers should be fined if they do not have a poo bag on them. I would like to see more officers on patrol ensuring compliance of dog walkers |
| 337 | <p>Mobile cameras set up to catch persistent dog fouling as reported by members of the public.</p> <p>More visibility of PSPO officers or park wardens to enforce the dog control PSPO.</p> |
| 338 | <p>Whilst working on Ainsdale beach I (along with colleagues) have been verbally abused a number of times by dog owners (most are nice and understanding). The rangers need more powers in this regard. Certain dog owners are entitled and nasty and do what they want no matter what, being able to issue the fines for breaching PSPO would make the job a lot easier. Making the signage clearer about where dogs can and can't be, especially on Ainsdale beach, would be useful. Instead of just no dog zone signs, have 'dog zone' and 'horse zone' signs. The no dog signs should also incorporate that no horses can enter the bathing zone.</p> <p>Using signs along the coast road to explain about the salt marsh and why it's so important to keep dogs out of there would also be incredibly beneficial. And the dunes! I personally counted 34 different dog poos on the small stretch from ADC car park, up to the Ainsdale dunes filling the pontins wall I to the cow enclosure. People also MUST have their dogs on leads going in and out of their cars and in park parks.</p> <p>People who continuously flout the rules should get banned from sites.</p> |
| 339 | Shame to be too harsh on dogs in public spaces, they add a lot to the environment just by being there. |
| 340 | More bins in popular dog walk areas, that are emptied regularly! |

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| 341 | <p>On marked playing fields dogs should be able to run on them if not in use. Responsible dog owner tend to walk round edges of fields any way and dogs get used to this so don't tend to run on pitches. However if your dog has walked and run freely on the same pitch for over 10 years you have taken away his right to exercise of the lead. My dog is sniffer dog and if he gets a scent he occasionally will run on a marked pitch because he can't differentiate between white lines on the grass and I would always call him back. So you should not have wardens jump out from behind bushes or hide behind buildings trying to catch good responsible dog owners for something that they have been doing for many years. You are trying to take away rights of good responsible dog owner who always pick up poo and walk on leads when required by your drive to control us and stop our dogs from living their best lives. You should be ashamed of some of your restrictions.</p> |
| 342 | <p>I have never knowingly seen a council warden and i walk my dog in lots of places</p> |
| 343 | <p>I am not a person who hates dogs. The dogs cannot be blamed, though I think that their owners are often open to criticism. Only yesterday, I was startled by an extremely aggressive dog which had a go at me when I was simply passing by. Fortunately, its owner had it on a lead (though not a sufficiently short lead) but I think that, at my age, I can be forgiven for having been startled.</p> <p>If people want to have pets (and I can understand that they do), then they must be made to be responsible for their behaviour and the behaviour of those pets. If they cannot accept that responsibility, they should be subjected to criminal sanctions.</p> |
| 344 | <p>I have never seen anybody enforcing any of the controls, dog poo in bags often found decorating street, dogs in extendable leads across paths, pier etc Dogs loose on beach</p> |
| 345 | <p>Don't let one dog tarnish all. Bond owners accountable but impose realistic and fair limitation</p> |
| 346 | <p>The first time I have seen your traffic light logo was doing this survey. It should be used wherever possible and broadcast.</p> |
| 347 | <p>Maybe introduce a Dog DNA program so that people who leave dog poo without being seen can be fined.</p> |
| 348 | <p>As a dog walker I find it very annoying been told I can't let my dog off the lead on my local park that I've walked all my dogs on for last 30 years I understand not to let my dog off when football is been played but that's on for 90 mins and we were told dogs couldn't go on at all off leads but provided us with no where else to go I can't get to botanic gardens It's too far to walk I think it should only be dogs on leads when footballs is been played after all we are entitled to go on there too after all and most of us are responsible owners</p> |
| 349 | <p>I think that more consideration needs to be given to dog owners throughout- not everything should he focused on the non dog owners needs.</p> <p>There needs to be more bins for dog waste.</p> |
| 350 | <p>Would like to see more 'spot' visits to check. Have seen non compliance in local parks.</p> |

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| 351 | The issue I see is that overzealous officers acting like the current batch of parking officers will alienate the council from dog owners. Poor training and officious enforcement of rules will cause more issues than those solved. |
| 352 | All dogs off leads should by law wear muzzles, the leather cage type. Poo bag dispensers and many more bins, emptied every other day. Southport seems to be dog central but an unacceptable amount of dog poo on the pavement. In Newtown Powys the stickers on the bins state maximum fine £1000. This would deter people more than a £75 fine. |
| 353 | There should be fenced off areas for dogs to run, rather than family areas being fenced off and dogs being given the full run of the park or beach. There are many dogs in Southport parks not on leads. Owners are oblivious of where and what there dogs are doing. Even when asked to keep aggressive, nuisance dogs on a lead by Park managers they refuse to do so. Dogs frighten small children and I am very wary when visiting the park with my grandson. Dogs also chase wildlife in park lakes and ponds. |
| 354 | As a dog walker I would only ever walk 2 dogs at a time. If there was an emergency controlling a of pack of six would be impossible. This rule should be changed. |
| 355 | signage needs to be bolder. More fines where people are not taking any notice of the rules. |
| 356 | I think the FPN should be more than £75, I think it should also be an offence under the PSPO failing to have the means to clean up after your dog ie you must always carry poo bags |
| 357 | The police were always able to fine dog fouling on the pavement. So that doesn't need addressing. Dog ownership comes with he responsibility of looking after the dog. If a dog is better behaved off the lead, and under control then why state where the dog cannot be off the lead. If the dog cannot be kept under control then the owner of said dog is responsible and should be penalised for it. Make the signage much clearer so it is obvious where dogs can go or not, and if they need to be on a lead. Do not abuse this ability or dog walkers will ignore the signs. |
| 358 | Target irresponsible owners. Not responsible ones. |
| 359 | Introduce licences for pet ownership. All legislation can then be applied at origin nal point of contact. So educate and enforce. |
| 360 | Question 13 are you a dog walker does this mean professional / business or personal I answered no but I walk my dog so is the answer yes? People need to be responsible for the dog they own and ensure every risk has been minimised. Common sense by wardens needs to be applied not just target driven fines. |
| 361 | More patrols on dog waste issues & if you want dogs to stay off marked pitches please fence them off as that one is the only one I feel is ridiculous, dogs don't disiquish marked areas so if they accidently cross the line owners may get fined? !! |

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| 362 | Why should dogs not be allowed on football pitches when footballers themselves cant be bothered to pick up their rubbish, tape, drink bottle etc. Let's see warden to fine them! |
| 363 | People should have to apply via the council each time they want to buy a dog, and carry paperwork the same way drivers need a licence. Any dogs with a bite circumference of more than the size of a tennis ball should be muzzled full stop. Remove the risks of injuries to other dogs and people. |
| 364 | In Wales the beaches sometimes have restrictions eg in summer the beach to the right is dog free, the beach to the left is ok for dogs. |
| 365 | I understand the £75 fine but if their isn't sufficient signage informing people of areas where you can have your dog on & off the lead seems unfair to issue a fine I am aware fines have been issued where the officer had the map the wrong way round & that the area was ok for dogs to be off the lead Just feel the officers are a bit power mad & no empathy if dog owners are unaware of the rules within our county |
| 366 | Its another way for the establishment to take away our rights, tax us and ultimately spoil what should be an enjoyable part of life! The PSPO's I have encountered have been very sneaky hiding in bushes waiting for your dog to step over onto a marked pitch. I have been followed and pursued by a PSPO and found this to be quite threatening behaviour. I have witnessed PSPO'S particularly targeting older and more vulnerable people who are more likely to easily give up their personal details and accept fines because their dog had stepped onto a marked pitch . |
| 367 | They are viewed as the traffic wardens of the town centre. Inflexible and unreasonable, probably with bonuses for minor infringements that cause no harm to anybody |
| 368 | Dog poo is a nuisance, especially on sports fields and green open spaces, like rugby club at Hillside and round hill. |
| 369 | I have never ever seen one!! |
| 370 | More presence - signage, officers and more enforcement. |
| 371 | No, I feel as long as signs are maintained and 'rules' are adhered to everything will be well |
| 372 | 1st offence given a warning against the dogs microchip. 2nd offence fined. |
| 373 | Where do they hide? |
| 374 | I would like dog control I have a lab puppy and I find other people walking dogs off lead on main roads not knowing how their dog will react to an excited male pup |
| 375 | More dins for dog |
| 376 | Making part of beaches/ pinewoods dog free zones Other green space where dogs are banned is needed too, |
| 377 | I think the order needs to be in more public spaces as i have seen more dog poo being bagged then hung on trees and bushes especially around ainsdale nature reserve. |
| 378 | I feel that dogs shouldn't be allowed to exercise on narked sports pitches. The dog foul can blind children when it gets in to the eyes of players. The constant digging up of the pitches and exercise areas, and fouling on marked pitches isn't acceptable. There is enough space for all to accommodate each other |
| 379 | Designated Dog safe enclosed spaces should be available |

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| 380 | Consider that the majority of dog owners have control of well behaved dogs off lead in dog safe green spaces. Consider making some wide green spaces/ park areas - dog only- as with a child's playground - have decent sized dog play areas. |
| 381 | Better and clearer signage required in parks. Please keep the beaches and woods free for off lead walks or it will have a detrimental effect on many dogs physical and mental well-being. |
| 382 | The dogs are not the main problem it's the owners who simply do not care and more must be done to protect everyone. |
| 383 | The dog poops out of control. I dont know anybody whose been fined or caught |
| 384 | Information tables at busy spots would help get message out |
| 385 | Dog owners who have their dogs off lead on public highways should be liable to a fine. |
| 386 | Actually have officers visible, if this has been in place before never seen one where I walk my dog in a public space of a local park. Dog owners still take their dogs in playing areas when not supposed to. The dog waste along streets of residential areas is vile especially over the Marsh Lane bridge, like a dance to avoid it really. How can you take pride in the area you live in of this is the case in most places. Need to address the regular fly tipping over that bridge on the Aintree Road junction people just sling their black bags there the smell is awful, needs fencing off and a proper bin area for the multiple flats that are based there, tenant turnover is high in those properties and nobody really cares what rubbish they dump. |
| 387 | I have never seen one. Never seen any on patrol. They should have an email to report.things |
| 388 | Generally most dog owners I know tend to be responsible and police themselves or each other. If there is a problem with a dog it is usually when no officer is around. The majority of litter I see on my walks tends to be rubbish left by people so that should be a better focus for the council, especially from tourists on the beach. What we do need is more bins for excrement , particularly on the wildflower walk behind Dobbies |
| 389 | As a parent of young children, I can appreciate the need to consider these options but feel its important that the council do not vilify all dog owners as the majority and responsible dog owners. I think that too many areas dogs are not allowed is quite extreme (excluding playgrounds and pitches) as part of the enjoyment of having a dog is being able to take them for walks in places such as the beach. I think the council needs to consider the increase in the number of households who have become dog owners during lockdown and not try to ostracised them excessively. |
| 390 | Regulations, info and duties could be shared by vets |
| 391 | I just feel it is difficult to enforce these policies as dog walker continued to disregard the rules an this could be down to a lack of knowing what they were, so their needs to be more awareness of these in relation to dog walkers. I feel some people will alter their behaviour if their was more awareness, however their needs to be enforcement on those who show a complete disregard to the rules knowing they are in place. Otherwise none dog walkers lose confidence in those trying to act when their is no follow up. |

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| 392 | I feel officers should be patrolling the area more often. I think that the officers should also be able to enforce fines on litter droppers. I feel that Sefton Council should be investing in more enforcement officers and also running more campaigns to raise awareness of the effects of litter and dog muck not being cleaned. I feel that the council should be looking after the area a lot more to encourage people to look after the local area and encourage pride in the neighbourhood. |
| 393 | More designated and suitable areas for dogs to go will help |
| 394 | There are good dog owners and irresponsible dog owners. The latter group will continue to ignore the PSPO and not pick up after their dog |
| 395 | maybe advertise in vets or pet shops. more appropriate bins to dispose of poo bags for us responsible dog owners it might also encourage non responsible dog owners? |
| 396 | Personally I think long retractable leads should not be used for exercise in public areas - they do not allow any control of the dog. |
| 397 | I think that it should not all be about placing additional restrictions on dogs and dog walkers as the vast majority of owners are responsible and would never dream of behaving in an anti social way. Also as tax payers we are also entitled to make full use of public areas such as the beach and parks. That said, I agree with the suggestions relating to poo, play areas etc |
| 398 | I know people who have been fined because their dogs have put one paw over the wrong area. There is not a common sense approach, feels more like an opportunity to charge as opposed to serving a purpose. I also suspect that a lot of dog fouling occurs in the evening, so maybe evening patrols? Unfortunately some people just don't care. |
| 399 | I feel that other than fenced off areas of parks then Dogs that are controlled should be able to run freely. The only issue is the poo and I would say that 90% of owners clear this up. It is like rubbish left in picnic areas you will always get people who do not care about the park. This however is not policed by wardens and should be. |
| 400 | Having only recently moved to Sefton , I am really surprised by the lack of public bins and specifically dog bins. In a short 20 minute walk in the area I used to live, I passed over 6 bins. In a similar length walk here, I don't pass any bins and have to either deviate from my route to find a bin or bring it home to my own bin. |
| 401 | Have more signs, I have never seen anyone enforce the rules I have personally had to say to people to pick up their dogs poo so more enforcement of these rules, in areas where there is a lot of dog poo maybe provide poo bags so that people will be able to use these poo bags if they run out while walking |
| 402 | Officer needs more powers and to be more visible |
| 403 | Designated fenced off areas where dogs can be walked on or off leads. The amount of dog poo in parks, on sports pitches and around play areas is a really problem. |
| 404 | Give the officers the powers to deal with the issue. |
| 405 | It would be great to be able to go to public spaces and be reassured that dogs are not going to come charging up to you. |

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| 406 | <p>A lot of the dog areas in parks in Sefton are tiny. No room for them to run.</p> <p>I agree they shouldn't go in playgrounds. But everywhere else they should be.</p> <p>In light of the above tiny issue, restrictions on beaches would worry me. Nowhere for them to run.</p> |
| 407 | No |
| 408 | <p>Whilst I agree that orders should be in place for some dog owners, it is important that responsible dog owners are not being negatively affected. Any measures put in place should only impact dog owners who are not being responsible, rather than those who already are. For example, I have always picked up after my 2 dogs and effectively trained them from a young age to ensure they walk well on a lead and have strong recall if taken off lead to play fetch. In addition to this neither of my dogs will approach other walkers or dogs even if they are off leash. However, my local area has no specific areas sign posted for dogs and each park and public field is fenced in, meaning by the rules stated here, my dogs would not be allowed any exercise in these areas regardless of how well trained they are on and off leash. Not only would this be problematic and unrealistic for responsible dog owners who ensure their dogs have appropriate exercise but this would have an added impact on the environment if dog owners were forced to drive to another public area each time they needed to walk their dogs (especially larger breeds who require 2+ walks daily). I therefore ask that careful consideration goes into these creating such restrictions and a greater emphasis is placed on the actions of particular dog owners and their pets as opposed to restricting public areas for all.</p> |
| 409 | Leave our open spaces alone..if there's no problem then don't fix it. |
| 410 | <p>Green spaces are for all and it is the dogs planet too. Sensible controls in restricted areas such as kids play areas and fenced picnic areas. Dogs need areas to be able to run with plenty of room, like in Raunds have a maintained dog park or dog areas. Devil dogs and bad owners need to be challenged, but dog owners do not need to be oppressed and discriminated against. Football on brookvale field is not controlled with plastic litter and urinating common on open field. Dangerous driving onto field and non professional dangerous grass cutting.</p> |
| 411 | <p>Dog owners have become more numerous and less likely to follow good behaviour regarding their animals. Enforcement of the rules will be difficult if the rules are not strongly enforced and the penalties are stringent. Perhaps a re introduction of dog licensing and tagging is required</p> |

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| | <p>It can't be assumed that all areas are available for either dog walking (on or off the lead) or picnics. For example an off lead zone park such as those in Waterloo are often used by families for picnics & days out. They should be aware of the dog arrangements if they don't want contact with dogs.</p> <p>Dog owners should have priority in off lead areas and it should be more robustly advertised.</p> <p>Badly behaved dogs, vicious, anti social etc should be controlled even in off lead zones. A concerted training program should be offered by the council and those who attend & pass a level of required behaviour are able to use council parks. Evidence of success enables use of parks etc. Sanction if you don't could be considered.</p> |
| 412 | Insurance of dogs should be mandatory. It might help to stop impulse purchases of dogs. |
| 413 | Never seen a PSPO unless it's for traffic, never seen them in parks/beach etc |
| 414 | How can any dog owner know were their dogs are leaving their mess if they are off the lead. As a rambler I constantly meet very bad dog owners, they're the MAJORITY!!! |
| 415 | More dog poo bins would be better as some people do not wish to carry it too far! It is difficult to deal with irresponsible dog walkers who let there dog off the lead and walks off ignoring the dog |
| 416 | I think it should be down to the individual as some owners are more responsible than others. Dogs of different sizes and breeds i think should vary the maximum amount they can take. le small dogs you can have more and larger dogs less. This also has variables based on the walkers capabilities. In regards to off the lead. I think there should be more spaces for dogs to be able off the lead to allow them to run. |
| 417 | If you own a dog you should be aware of the rules, this needs to be sent to all registered dog owners |
| 418 | They should patrol streets to catch the worst offenders. You can't walk far without seeing a dog poop or bag disposed off on the floor. Some areas are worse than others. Maybe have a telephone number asking people to contact and the PSPO can then patrol those areas. |
| 419 | Try to publicise via responsible dog owners as they are the majority |
| 420 | Stop making all do the same as some aren't following rules |
| 421 | Better signage, with large notifications in local papers including free ones with coloured maps showing the areas including the order. |
| 422 | <p>If dogs are well behaved and the area used for walking is not a playground or golf course and owners/walkers pick up their poo there should be no need for heavier restrictions</p> <p>The threat of losing valuable walking space like rimrose valley is perilous to the public using smaller areas for non dog walking activities as more dogs will have to resort to using parks and beaches</p> |
| 423 | Dogs should be required to be on some sort of lead in all public places. |

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| 424 | <p>See previous statement.</p> <p>I believe there should be freedom and respect for all walkers and cyclists. With or without a dog. However I don't agree with cyclists who exercise their dog whilst the owner cycles. They cannot keep control of their dog whilst on a bike. People just need to exercise common sense and share open spaces fairly. There is room for all. This involves appropriate signage, public education and some local legislation which is followed up by action when required.</p> |
| 425 | <p>I would like to see more bins to enable me to dispose of my poo bag</p> |
| 426 | <p>Cyclists and runners also gave a responsibility, they can cause issues when they appear from nowhere and without warning then complain about dogs.</p> |
| 427 | <p>Bins should be placed by the notice board in the field by Birkdale Golf Club. This would help with people cleaning up after their dog. There should be more goodwill from the council towards responsible dog ownership. I have made this comment in various forms over years. The area is transformed for golf tournaments. It should be no hardship to locate the bins in a more suitable area.</p> |
| 428 | <p>Introduction of the dog control PSPO has been a good thing. Selfish dog owners are now held responsible and can be penalised for their actions. Previously nothing was done to resolve these problems and people just had to put up with a dog(s) barking all day. This may people think twice about obtaining a dog.</p> <p>With people having to stay at home more now due to the COVID virus, this act needs to continue to help police/council resolve any issues with barking dogs quickly. Able to nip it in the bud without it getting out of hand. Also, I think there will be an increase in this anti social behaviour as people thought it was a great Idea whilst they were working from home and didn't look at the bigger picture when they will need to return back to work!</p> |
| 429 | <p>We need far stricter penalties and much better enforcement of them for dog fouling, our streets are disgusting.</p> |
| 430 | <p>I think signs should be up in the local vets & in public areas to make dog walkers aware of PSPO.</p> |
| 431 | <p>I believe its only a small proportion of people who cause the real problems with their dogs. Unfortunately, I see this group of people who usually have a type of dangerous dog or tough attitude you can't reason with.</p> <p>PSPO's need to be tough , physically and mentally and feel able to carry out the enforcement.</p> |
| 432 | <p>It should be a requirement that if a dog is viscous or unfriendly and likely to bite another dog it be muzzled in all areas to ensure the safety of other dogs. Dog owners should have there pets removed if they attack or are out of control towards other dogs. Dogs should be removed from peoples care if they repeatedly let them off a lead and can't control them. Bigger fines should be in place for those who don't pick up there dog poo. Bigger fines should be in place for irresponsible dog owners in general.</p> <p>I have noticed personally that since the beginning of lockdown there has been an increased number of people walking there dogs and behaving irresponsibly. There is an increased amount of dog waste, dog attacks, and in general antisocial ownership.</p> |

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| 433 | I wish there was the capacity for PSPO to attend to dog owners at home addresses when there are issues around noise nuisance and concerns regarding dogs being left outside for long periods when owners are at work. |
| 434 | <p>Dog owners forget that not everybody likes dogs. Some people, especially children, can be scared by a large dog off its lead bounding up to them, however playful and friendly the dog may be. Restrictions are necessary to prevent some of our most scenic places becoming intimidating no-go areas for non-dog walkers.</p> <p>The amount of dog poo not picked up is appalling, and has increased significantly during lockdown. This is not just unsightly, but is also a health hazard, especially in areas where children play. I was shocked to see a suggestion in this survey that dogs should be allowed free reign on sports pitches - how would you like to play sports (or watch your children play) on sports pitches covered in dog poo?!</p> |
| 435 | Clear signage and basic rules that are not overbearing. Sefton council are there to serve its people NOT to tell them how to live. We own you and not the other way around. Don't forget that. |
| 436 | More explanation of the signs with details of the penalties |
| 437 | Not at this stage |
| 438 | Lots of larger signage would help. Waste bins emptied more frequently |
| 439 | <p>Include appropriate disposal of bagged poo.</p> <p>Don't set a number for dogs allowed to be walked set behaviour standards. Some people and dogs in large packs cause no issues. One poorly trained dog with an irresponsible walker can be a major problem.</p> |
| 440 | <p>Only to have more enforcement officers and bigger fines.</p> <p>It is irresponsible dog owners that cause the problem. I do think that many people take their dogs out after dark so no one can see them when they don't pick up. I think because of this the poo on the pavements is worse in the Autumn & winter.</p> |
| 441 | If a dog is found to have attacked another dog off-lead multiple times the owner should be fined and the dog taken away |
| 442 | No point having PSPO unless adequate resources to enforce |
| 443 | Sounds like a good idea but just seems to penalise people who are responsible anyway. People who are irresponsible with their dogs will just continue to be irresponsible regardless of this order. |
| 444 | I think there are responsible dog owners who shouldn't be restricted because of the few who are bad. It is a joy to see dogs and their responsible owners. I am totally against any restrictions because of a handful of obvious animal dislikes. They are part of our family community and I hope the council support all types of people and animals who enjoy our surroundings. Dogs will be needed more than ever with the current pandemic. They are stress-busters and should be celebrated and encouraged to be a part of our community as they benefit countless individuals. I would be furious to think they might be restricted anywhere. The council should instead campaign for responsible dog ownership. |

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| 445 | I think I have been fairly comprehensive however I think care should be taken and a great deal of attention paid to the Wirral consultations that show significant public objection to private thugs enforcing nonscience fines with the aim of milking money from vulnerable people. These sorts of orders lead to that and will ultimately cost the council good will |
| 446 | In my street, certain dog owners bag the dog poo, but persist in just leaving the bag in the street. One of the favourite places for them to drop these bags is behind/beside BT junction boxes. Walking along Forefield Lane/Moor Lane I've seen at least 5 full bags in one day. Some sort of action needs to be taken against these irresponsible owners. My guess is that they walk their dog/s very early or after dark to try and avoid being spotted. Please spray hi-viz warning signs on the pavement, because signs probably wouldn't be effective. |
| 447 | They need to be more in evidence, particularly along the coastal paths and parks. |
| 448 | <p>A lot of the dog fouling is in the area around the park where there are no bins for dog walkers to dispose of bags so either it doesn't get picked up or the photo bag itself is left on floor or hung on trees,</p> <p>Signage needs to be bigger so everyone can see it.</p> <p>More patrol to challenge those that don't respect the area</p> |
| 449 | See last comment |
| 450 | Initial contact with an officer should be a warning. The officer should not be making people feel like a criminal. This is the way the officer made my husband feel. Also, the officer was unkempt and unshaven. My husband was with our grandchildren and was read his rights in front of them. |
| 451 | More bins for dog waste |
| 452 | Visibility of a person, I never saw a person in any of the places I walked the dog, there are mountains of poo around the streets of Victoria Park and the PSPO made no difference to this, my dog on a lead was always harassed by off lead dogs to the extent one knocked me to the ground and one went for my dog and the owner blamed my dog and me for her being on the lead. You would have thought there was never an order in place. Do a better job this time name and shame the culprits as they did with fare dodgers on the trains. |
| 453 | more signs telling people where they can report people and of the fines irresponsible dog owners will have to pay, its on a small minority causing problems and as a responsible dog owner its infuriating seeing so much dog waste no being cleaned up by their owner's |
| 454 | More wardens patrolling regularly at various times is needed to help with dog fouling, or more to the point owners of dogs not picking up dog mess. |
| 455 | Its sad that this even has to be considered. As a responsible dog owner I dont need rules to tell me how I should train/walk and clean up after my dogs. Unfortunately there are some people who have no consideration for others or control of their dogs which then impacts us responsible people. |

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| 456 | It is so important. I have a young son and dogs off leads barking and being aggressive frequently ruin trips to Victoria Park or the beach, to the point where you give up and come home. Dog poo is a massive problem, especially near St Nicks School. The council should advertise where there are specific dog places to try and get people to avoid parks. They should also employ more staff to police this , rather than parking being the focus. My husband was bitten by a dog outside our house by Rimrose Valley. There should be an education campaign. |
| 457 | Not publicised, should work with rather than against the people of Sefton who are dog owners and provide dog parks |
| 458 | Please stop penalising responsible dog owners |
| 459 | They are a huge infringement on the rights of a responsible dog owner to exercise their dog. Walking a trained dog off lead in an open space should not be considered anti social behaviour! There are already existing laws in place for failure to pick up dog mess and out of control dogs so these should be used instead. Stop penalising the majority for the sake of the minority!!!! |
| 460 | Fine dog owners heavily for not cleaning up after their dog |
| 461 | There must be signs regarding the 2m length of leash, I never saw one anywhere & consequently approached by an officer who found it unbelievable that I never knew! |
| 462 | english law covers any dog related law so PSPOs are not required. |
| 463 | I am concerned that such orders are off-putting to dog owners. Visiting the area. Dogs under control, of responsible owners , whether on or off lead are not a problem to anyone. The number of dogs being walked by any one person is not the issue, whether or not the dogs are under control is. Draconian measures are not required. Encouragement of responsible behaviour is., just as with any other situation where the behaviour of an individual impacts others, e.g. littering, noise, or any other antisocial behaviour.. Making these orders, and particularly giving private firms the ability to impose fines, gives the impression that responsible dog owners are not welcome in the area. They will go elsewhere and take their money with them to more welcoming places. |
| 464 | Dog control PSPO is not required. There are laws already in place to deal with out of control dogs. |
| 465 | I am sure that this survey is just a tick box exercise and will be ignored but fine, fine, fine is such a narrow minded and unimaginative way to do things and ultimately just creates bad feeling. |
| 466 | dog owners and professional dog walkers are all tax payers to. Do not discriminate against a whole group of people . Morally and ethically wrong |

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| 467 | <p>I think the dog control is essential and especially as over this previous lockdown the amount of new dogs people have bought or obtained has been tenfold and it worries me what will happen to these dogs when things ever get back to normal.</p> <p>It is important that people manage and control their dogs and look after them so the dog control can support this.</p> <p>It would also be useful if there were more dog litter bins around the area especially where I live in Maghull - there are no street dog litter bins (only around shops or in the parks) I live on a new estate and the dog litter and day to day litter is dreadful</p> |
| 468 | Large fines for people who 'hang' bags of dog poo off foliage should be mandatory. |
| 469 | Need more control over dogs barking |
| 470 | <p>Never saw any dog control wardens in my area(Blundellsands), or any evidence that less dog mess came about from their ' enforcement ', certainly now as the nights are drawing in increasing amount of dog mess is now seen, no good having enforcement officers if they are never seen or if they only work 9am -5pm</p> |
| 471 | Dog walkers/owners should be made aware of the impact of not clearing up after their dog is having on their community, signs should be on lamp posts in the areas concerned and more patrolling of officers |
| 472 | <p>In my opinion, it would make sense for the exclusion zones at Deansgate Fields to apply at weekends but not during the week. Most dog walkers go around the outside edges of the fields anyway, and dogs typically only get near to the marked pitches where they extend close to the edges of the fields.</p> <p>It would also make sense for dogs to remain on-lead at weekends when there is football going on, as there are lots of small children around.</p> <p>Any issues regarding dog poo are due to the minority of irresponsible owners and I have not observed any improvement as a result of the exclusion zones. I have noticed the presence of poo from foxes and large birds, which seem to be more likely to appear on the pitch areas than any dog poo. I would be very supportive of any concerted effort to target those irresponsible dog walkers who don't pick up after their dogs!</p> |
| 473 | More officers needed. It doesn't matter what rules you put in place if they are not enforced. |
| 474 | I would like to see all dogs on a lead while walking on the canal towpath. |
| 475 | I think dogs in general are not controlled properly in Sefton. There is too much dog excrement and too many dog owners who are irresponsible. Dog leads and muzzles should be enforced where the general public are in danger. All dog owners think their dogs are friendly yet hundreds of adults and children are attacked and injured each year in Sefton. I think it is time to start implementing strict rules and fines for those people who do not comply. |
| 476 | There is nothing in this consultation regarding control of barking dogs. I think this should be taken into consideration |
| 477 | I object to their presence and the use of fines. What is the fine used for? How does it help the situation? Has there been any reduction in the perceived issue? |

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| 478 | Crackdown definately needed on horrendous noise nuisance of barking dogs in residential areas. Unacceptable (and unnecessary!) to have suffer constant barking. |
| 479 | All dog owners should pick up their dogs poo however I frequently use coronation park with my dogs and the worst problem isn't dog poo but rubbish, how is this issue being addressed? |
| 480 | More bins available in large open areas eg Rimrose Valley. More stringent fining for irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up dog mess. Ensure that aggressive dogs are muzzled AND in leads. Prevent stoned idiots who stink of skunk and have vicious dogs as a status symbol from owning an animal! |
| 481 | Just that dog owners should not only bag poo should dispose of correctly. Not leave it on pavement or hanging from bushes and railings. |
| 482 | All dogs in any outside the house setting should be on a lead. |
| 483 | <p>I want to see less dog poo and if dogs have to be off lead then they should be under control and kept away from on lead dogs who may have difficulties with other dogs, but I very much doubt it is achievable as people are too irresponsible and selfish.</p> <p>I would also like to walk along the canal and Rimrose valley without being bitten!</p> |
| 484 | <p>Please stop discriminating against disabled people by limiting where/how dogs can go. Some people can't manage dog leads well, so you're effectively banning disabled people if you make people put dogs on leads.</p> <p>You shouldn't discriminate against all dog owners just because of the few bad ones-you don't tell all parents to hold onto their kids, or ban them bringing kids, just because some kids make a mess and annoy people.</p> <p>Have 'dogs welcome' signs, and recognise that dog friendly businesses bring people into the area. Dogs are good for mental health, as well as physical, so you could have rewards and signs to promote children walking dogs with their families.</p> |
| 485 | Think a big focus should be the canal tow path in the Rimrose Valley area. A lot of dog owners allow their dogs to foul and don't pick up -it's left for people to walk over |
| 486 | <p>PSPO are anti dog and should not be in place. There is no where to walk dog off lead near my house as all fields have marked pitches.</p> <p>Council haven't listened to this feedback when raised</p> |
| 487 | Myself and other responsible dog owners would love to see a Public Space Protection Order enforcement officer in Litherland parks. |

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| 488 | <p>It needs to recognise and account for how dog w ownership and particularly dog walking is a 'social' event for both owners and dogs. This is true of the elderly, the disabled, people with mental health issues and people who live alone. Often the 'twice daily' dog walk may be their only interaction with the outside world. If the PSPO makes no allowances for these categories of dog owners then you may be cutting people off from the world. How does the arthritic elderly lady with the little dog Pick up the dogs poo? How does the man in the wheelchair pick up his dogs poo? Dogs can be service dogs or therapy dogs so their owners may not be able to comply. People with other physical limitations may not be able to comply? The PSPO cannot prejudice a persons entitlement and enjoyment of being a dog owner because for no fault of their own, they are unable to comply with the PSPO.</p> |
| 489 | <p>There should be a penalty for dog owners who allow their dogs to bark day and night</p> |
| 490 | <p>I have never seen a dog enforcement officer, so people get away with their dog's bad behaviour. We need more regular officers, especially at Waterloo, as many people go there. Some people care about other people and the environment but others do not care, and allow their dogs to run around and poo. I have seen people whose dog is running around and the owner's back is turned from it, and they are unaware their dog has pooped, and others simply will not pick it up. Maybe all dog owners should attend dog obedience training courses and have dog licences (if they dont already).</p> |
| 491 | <p>Dogs should not be allowed off their lead in council parks. Any dog not on a lead should be confiscated and a substantial fine should be levied for its return. Responsible dog owners would not be penalised.</p> |
| 492 | <p>More needs to be done for dog mess that's is left unbagged ...and more bins provided for bagged dog mess and rubbish</p> |
| 493 | <p>Have more of them around more frequently. I use parks every day and I have never seen one, but I have seen plenty of dog walkers breaking the rules.</p> |
| 494 | <p>I have never seen an enforcement officer. Reintroduce dog licences and mandate dog owners to complete an assessment of their suitability to own a dog before they can get a licence.</p> |
| 495 | <p>Enforce it much more vigorously and make the designated zones very clear. I have made a few suggestions and would suggest a few tins of spray paint and let loose somebody's inner Banksy on the paths going into designated areas. Be that simply spraying the floor in entrance areas red or orange coupled with some clever stencils</p> |
| 496 | <p>Not really, my only thought on this issue is that if you control dogs going into certain areas, then we also need areas where dogs can go to be exercised. I suppose there are already specified fields that you can pay for to exercise your dogs but not everyone can afford these.</p> |

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| 497 | Dog owners should put dogs on leads or keep control around children. Too many times a dog has coming running over to my small child without an owner and I have no way of knowing if they are safe or not. |
| 498 | Better signage in problem areas. Major newspaper coverage. Interview on local radio and local TV. Leaflet drop in problem areas. Strict enforcement. |
| 499 | Generally good scheme. Fines should be higher for repeat offenders especially uncollected poo. |
| 500 | <p>In my area (Oriell Drive) the amount of dog poo is horrendous. I visited the local surgery several times over this before lockdown this year to speak with the local councillor. I put forward several suggestions to try and deter these dogwalkers e.g. CCTV and more wardens patrolling.</p> <p>The councillor Tony Carr could only suggest giving me more stickers to put on lampposts in the nearby area which I did. The following day 7 out of the 8 stickers I had put on had been pulled off. Obviously this is having no effect on people abusing this rule. I again got in touch with Tony on 9th March explained what had happened and he turned up with more stickers and even put one up outside my house. Again this was removed within 24 hours. I suggest a stern warning be put on these stickers about the removal of council property is an offence.</p> <p>I am dreading the winter months as the problem always escalates worse because of the amount of daylight. I have grandchildren who have on numerous occasions stood in this muck on their way home from school. I dont think a lot of people are aware of the health risks this can cause.</p> |
| 501 | <p>As a Gran and a dog owner I feel well qualified to say the following - in my own children's' time the Ainsdale recreation ground was a sandy desert with an ancient set of swings and a rusty slide. As a family we went there only occasionally, as it was largely a dogs' toilet !</p> <p>My grandchildren now play there regularly and do not have to dodge the dog poo as they have a fenced area with excellent equipment and a designated area of dog free park to play , run , and play 'hide and seek ' etc without the dangerous risk of getting soiled. Most dog walkers are responsible but there always those who pretend they haven't noticed what their dog has done while its running free.</p> <p>Today due to a monumental amount of work often from volunteers lead by a dedicated team it is a delight all year round . From the hedges , the careful cultivation of wild flowering areas , spring bulbs , and a rolling programme of tree planting this park has become a huge asset to Ainsdale.</p> <p>The park is transformed and should we as a community should be both grateful and proud of what so many local people have achieved.</p> |
| 502 | None |

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| 503 | <p>Should concentrate on those not picking up their poo. Dogs should be allowed off lead where there is a marked pitch as long as a game isnt going on. Outdoor space should be for all to enjoy not just those with families. Dogs are been penalised by a council that obviously has a hatred for them! Maybe consider improving the dog training in the areas.</p> |
| 504 | <p>Increase fines for not picking up and get rid of the other ridiculous rules!</p> <p>How about an app? Do the signs have QR codes on them?</p> |
| 505 | <p>This is a very welcome initiative as some people are scared of dogs. Potentially dangerous dogs such as Pit Bulls, Dobermans, German Shepherds Rottweilers and even sturdily built Staffordshire Bull Terriers should be muzzled in public places.</p> <p>Dogs are allowed to run unhindered on Crosby's beach, promenade and sand dunes. Dogs on the promenade should at the very least be kept on a lead.</p> <p>Many retractable dog leads are too long and don't allow the dog owner sufficient control.</p> <p>Higher fines for dog fouling should be introduced to make people realise it is unacceptable to allow one's dog to defecate anywhere and everywhere and just as bad to hang dog poo bags on neighbours trees or fences.</p> |
| 506 | <p>Need more pspo officials in high vis A visual deterrent</p> <p>Ask for volunteer officers on social media and recruit</p> |
| 507 | <p>It is very difficult to police these orders as offenders can't really be reported as they are usually unknown to the person whom is attacked/frightened by their own or their dog's behavior.</p> <p>I don't think dogs, with the exception of guide dogs, should be allowed on buses either.</p> |
| 508 | <p>I think the fines are too harsh as many dog walkers are old or also unaware of what they done wrong. A second chance may be more appropriate</p> |
| 509 | <p>What about nuisance dog barking is there any controls in place</p> |
| 510 | <p>More on the spot fines for people who don't clean up or clean up properly. Fed up cleaning outside my house where poo has been picked up but residue left behind. Still nasty if you stand in it or dangerous for a child. Greater fines for people who don't pick up their dog's poo.</p> |
| 511 | <p>There are too few dog wardens in the area and too many irresponsible dog owners.</p> |
| 512 | <p>Maybe a few more if finances allow!</p> |
| 513 | <p>I believe that the only way this is going to have any affect is to have a bigger presence of officers. Especially on Crosby / Waterloo beaches. Lived in that area for over 20 years and had plenty of issues walking my dogs there one of my dogs was attacked 3 times there, due to irresponsible dog owners.</p> |

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| 514 | <p>More publicity about the fact that this survey is taking place, perhaps in the local press. I use Ainsdale Village Park and I had not noticed the sign about the survey. I was told about the survey by another dog owner. Is he had not told me I would not have taken part in the survey.</p> <p>More publicity about the PSPO after the consultation period so that we know about any changes that might be made.</p> <p>Many thanks</p> |
| 515 | <p>It seems more like a revenue technique rather than a viable deterrent that achieves anything</p> |
| 516 | <p>The PSPO is discriminatory to anyone with a disability or elderly. Those without internet would not know about the consultation or be able to fill it out.</p> <p>Those who are colour blind have no way of determining where marked pitches are. And certain people will be unable to determine the colour coded signs.</p> <p>There are plenty of people who are totally unaware of a number of rules.</p> |
| 517 | <p>Dogs are an important part of many families lives and their need to exercise should be recognised. However the safety of our future generation who do not not understand the health and safety of play areas need to be protected. Could ant future dog owner be given a copy of the Order and have some form of training prior to owning a dog?</p> |
| 518 | <p>Weekends and summer season dogs should only be walked on beaches before 10am and after 6pm</p> |
| 519 | <p>All dogs should be on a lead went out of their homes</p> |
| 520 | <p>No control of dogs and their owners would be a an unsafe disaster.</p> <p>Just be fair and have good warning signage.</p> <p>Dog walkers and dogs could then chose the safest areas to enjoy the relaxed experience and healthy excercise in our lovely parks .</p> |
| 521 | <p>The PSPO should be targeted at areas around school and roads where evidence of dogs messing is apparent.</p> <p>A dog off a lead does not necessarily lead to irresponsible dog owners. We are more concerned about dogs fouling the footpaths especially around schools and places young people congregate.</p> <p>It appeared that enforcement action was undertaken on easy targets, Not having a dog on a lead rather than concentrating on those dog owners who let their dogs foul. We would like better targeting at dog fouling, not dogs off leads or on a lead more than 2 M long.</p> |
| 522 | <p>I believe that the PSPO should also include the right for Enforcement Officers to intercede when neighbours' dogs are creating excessive noise or disturbance to residents when reported to the Council by a number of residents. I can speak from experience on this point and although the matter would appear to be resolved we had to take action directly.</p> <p>I am also amazed at the number of people who allow dogs to roam amongst the graves in Bootle Cemetery when I am there tending to our family plot, it really beggars belief. There is definitely a need for more enforcement officers to make the PSPO worthwhile.</p> |

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| 523 | <p>Our local park is ainsdale village which has a fenced play area and fenced tennis court. I was unaware that dogs weren't allowed off lead in certain areas and as I have two young children this was hard to enforce.</p> <p>If dogs are not allowed in the area I believe it should be completely fenced off</p> |
| 524 | No |
| 525 | <p>New prominent and clear signage needed with relevant contact number for urgent problems.</p> <p>General amount of signage needs to be increased.</p> |
| 526 | <p>I would like to see much tougher controls on the question of barking dogs.</p> <p>People should not be allowed to go out for hours on end and leave their barking dogs for their neighbours to listen to. This causes health issues and very much stress were people feel as though they have no control over their private lives being totally disrupted by inconsiderate owners who don't have to listen to the noise pollution themselves.</p> <p>This makes life a total misery for lots of people.</p> <p>Please address this issue with stricter rules and penalties. I am sure a lot of Seftons residents would agree.</p> |
| 527 | None |
| 528 | <p>Dogs are part of the family and people will react badly if dogs are restricted unreasonably</p> <p>Since owning a dog I have lost weight and made friends both excellent reasons to encourage owners to get out and walk their dogs. Having a dog has helped me cope with isolation during lockdown</p> <p>As a dog walker I am appalled by those who do not clear up after their dogs so I believe fines should be hugely increased and there should be more wardens to enforce it</p> <p>I have had a dog for three years and never seen a warden</p> <p>There is no point banning dogs from unfenced pitches. Either properly fence the pitch or allow dogs on but make the fines even higher if owners dont clean up</p> <p>There needs to be more areas dedicated to dogs which enable them to run safely off lead and the public know the area is for dogs</p> <p>It would also be great if there were a lot more benches to enable older dog walkers to rest part way through a walk.</p> <p>Those who do dog walking for a living should be licenced and have passed a training programme in understanding the regs and in how to deal with aggressive dogs</p> |
| 529 | There should be more , either on foot or bike or car , this way more dog owners would be caught and fined which could hopefully fully fund their services. |
| 530 | Should be more enforcement as there are far too many off lead/out of control dogs in parks & beaches and hardly anyone picking up the poop! Dogs should be taken off repeat offenders and they should be banned from owning them. |
| 531 | No |

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| 532 | more enforcement of the order needed. I have never seen an enforcement officer - I live where I can see dog walkers every day. Most people pick up - the same ones don't. Maybe CCTV could be used in the most popular areas. |
| 533 | As previously stated, dogs should not be allowed off the lead in public places except fenced off dog areas. My toddler is forever getting knocked over, jumped on and liked in the park by loose dogs. |
| 534 | I would prefer the local park to have more designated fenced off dog areas so dog walkers had more options as they are just taking over the entire park. I do not feel safe to even enter a park any more as too many dogs off leads. |
| 535 | Please make our park in marian gardens for people . It is currently a dog park where dogs are off leads even though there is a seperate dog area. The only exclusion is the play area. I am afraid of dogs off leads which means i cannot walk through the park or take my grandchildren to the park. I do not dislike dogs and can pass a dog that I see on a lead but when did dogs come before people especially in these trying times . That is our place to take exercrise too. Dogs can run around safely in the designated dog park. |
| 536 | I would like to see heavier fines. The fines to increase for further offences. I have not yet spotted a PSPO officer. I assume there are only a few. If the PSPO's are greater in numbers and consequently succeed in successful prosecutions and are wearing a noticeable uniform, then maybe we may see a change of behaviour from dog owners. |
| 537 | Yes I would like to say I strongly agree with this order, and it should be continued and enforced more. There are too many foolish owners, who allow their aggressive dogs to run wild and attack other dogs and people. Responsible dog owners like myself should feel safe when walking their dog. |
| 538 | As I have already stated please have some play areas/parks in our area where dogs are excluded totally. Please make sure signs are actually displayed as there are definitely none in my local park. Unfortunately there will still be some people who will decide that the laws do not refer to them and allow their dogs to foul and not clear it up. Also to sit in a children's play area and allow their dog to run around! |
| 539 | RCVS annual license required, for a small sum. Licence requirements. 1. Dog only bought from RCVS breeders others breeders should be illigal. 2. Dog insurance, health, liability. 3. Certificate of dog training by approved RCVS trainers. 4.All dogs required to be chipped. |
| 540 | Also very high fines for dog mess, even higher when left in plastic bag. N/A |
| 541 | No all local dog walkers pick up poo and manage their dogs responsibly |
| 542 | Admin exercise no practical value |
| 543 | Most dog walkers want their dogs to be able to run free safely without fear of being run over by traffic. They also need more receptacles to dispose of dog poo safely. |

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| 544 | <p>I had some reservations about the previous PSPO giving officials and awkward citizens scope to bully dog owners, but it was a fair compromise of various interests and has been enforced reasonably without generating friction so far as I have observed. The aspects listed above where I have not noticed an impact does not mean it has not been of benefit, but the places I walk my dog were anyway populated by sensible dog walkers and dogs who were well-treated and consequently without the behavioural problems people cause in their dogs.</p> <p>Overall, it ain't broke so please refrain from fixing it! Renewing the previous PSPO would maintain the benefits, but if this is used as excuse for any extension the balance of public interests could be upset and problems introduced.</p> |
| 545 | <p>Not only do dogs destroy wildlife but many dog owners seem unaware of, or uncaring about, the fear that dogs can bring to other people.</p> |
| 546 | <p>council (my) monies could be better spent on keeping streets cleaner and other services lacking in my local area.</p> |
| 547 | <p>Have fines and punishments for those who are not responsible dog walkers by all means, but it's not fair to ban dogs from being off lead on beaches or fields. Especially if they're not in use for sports. Dogs need to be able to run free in a safe space.</p> |
| 548 | <p>The problems on parks are more to do with teenagers than dogs</p> |
| 549 | <p>Educate rather than legislate Dogs are so valuable in todays society why are you always demonising them. Dogs do not vandalise , still drop litter, spit gum, get drunk or any of the other things that might be called antisocial. 2 metre lead rule - ok so who is going to measure and really that is pathetic and of no relevance what is relevant is training. There are already laws you have to hand to deal with the few individual irresponsible dog owners why are you making the responsible suffer for the few. Tackling them with ABO or Control orders. Or the Dangerous Dogs act. Or any of the other laws available - no need for DRACONIAN PSPO's which were not designed for how long is a dogs lead. Relevant PSPO's dog fouling, dogs in children's play areas and dog on lead on a public road. All others are not required. Simply a money making exercise. Why are you punishing multiple dog owners who are rare and who may have 6 or more dogs for sporting and work purpose and will have them under control and insured why are you making life unnecessarily difficult for that minority group. When you have all the laws mentioned above to deal with any irresponsible dog owner and any dogs that is out of control. Why are you not working with dog owners and using education and good practice rather than fines?</p> |
| 550 | <p>It is lazy thinking, just a fundraiser for council coffers and the bully private enforcement firms. Rather than concentrating on the few who aren't responsible you use prejudicial laws which punish the innocent and exclude from society.</p> |

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| 551 | Work with responsible dog walkers/owners not against. It is a small few that ruin it for the majority. |
| 552 | I'd like to see less dog walkers Pro and public not glued to their phones. Their reaction time to any possible incident is gratefully reduced. |
| 553 | They are a waste of money and are not needed |
| 554 | No |
| 555 | More dog waste bins. |
| 556 | complete waste of time and an erosion of rights for dog owners. There is not a massive problem with dogs or as a dog owner I would know about it. The only thing the council should be enforcing is fining people who fail to pick up poo. This is covered by council rules already. the rest is bullshit and the fining of people who fail to follow rules they know nothing about is disgraceful. Why don't you sort out litter droppers and fly tippers..... oh yes not as easy to corner as poor dog walkers! You will have a negative effect on visitors to Sefton with draconian rules that are not based on any real problems reported. Loss of income will follow as people go elsewhere. |
| 557 | Very clear signage in all locations stating the rules and penalties, repeated signs along a route not just one sign per route or area. Media campaign to highlight and make everyone aware |
| 558 | Poo left on the floor around the local area, park and foot paths have increased. Everyday walking the kids and dog to school we always see fresh poo left on the path of Balmoral Drive. There is always poo left in our local park Botanic Gardens. |
| 559 | Maximum numbers should be 4 as advised in the recent Professional Dog Walker guidelines http://www.cfsg.org.uk/General%20Guidance%20Documents/Dog%20Walking%20Guide%20202019.pdf |
| 560 | I think rather than split up individual sites into different areas, if possible find different sites. We need more officers out and more fines as deterrents. Too many complicated rules, for instance ainsdale beach dogs not allowed on first bit within summer months this should be all year. Do more research on how lack of dog control effects how many people spend leisure time or avoid locations because of dogs. Service is to reactive. For every dog attack there must be about 20 near misses. These near misses need to be reported. Your PSPO was definitely not being followed at ainsdale park and there was often dog muck around children's play area. The dunes at the back of Chatsworth are out of the way and full of dog owners with dogs off lead out of control, and also a lot of dog poo. |
| 561 | There is no-where safe to walk dogs off lead in Southport. If PSPO to continue then there should be dog parks where families are not allowed to exercise dogs in ALL parts of Sefton. There is currently none in Churchtown, Crossens, Southport, Birkdale or Ainsdale |
| 562 | Having fenced dog friendly zones in parks, a safe space for dogs and their owners to socialise. Halton council do this with good effect. |

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| 563 | <p>We need more wardens to enforce the rules on dogs in parks, not picking up faeces and where they can go. I havent seen more than 2 wardens in 3 years. It would be self funding with fines and dog walkers who are irresponsible would quickly get the message if it was shown on Facebook, local news, local papers, the council website who has and how many has been fined. Pay any surplus fines raised to local animal rescue centres</p> <p>In the past we have had the restrictions but dog walkers in the main ignore anything that tells they cant do it.</p> |
| 564 | I haven't seen an officer at all in Southport. |
| 565 | Companies that walk people's dogs should not be allowed on public land of any sort. Recently I was at a SSSI nature reserve and a dog walking company van was on site unloading at least half a dozen dogs. |
| 566 | <p>I think the council notice boards throughout the Borough should have had the notices in place from the beginning.</p> <p>I think the current regulations do not need changing, perhaps enforcing in problem areas.</p> <p>There is a small minority of dog owners that are irresponsible, please bare this in mind when deciding PSPO regulations and restrictions on all dogs and dog owners.</p> |
| 567 | <p>There should be a visible phone number where can complain if necessary.</p> <p>All dog owners should have a licence (as in the old days)</p> <p>Dogs should be DNA tested so that any droppings can be tested and owners prosecuted.</p> |
| 568 | keep it up, they are a menace on playing fields, leaving dog poo everywhere without any attempt to clean it up |
| 569 | Your officers to be able to approach dogs walkers and ask if they have poo bags and if they do not to be able to fine them. |
| 570 | <p>You brought in these rules with zero consideration of the social policing dog owners undertake on anti social behaviour year round. It would also have been nice if you had bothered to consult with friends of groups about areas of parks where designated picnic.</p> <p>Our picnic bench is not in picnic zone.</p> |
| 571 | <p>More officers</p> <p>Not just in parks along the roads I'm fed up of walking outside my house and walking in dog poo.</p> <p>Officers out and about following up complaints from the public maybe sitting in a car for an hour monitoring a street.</p> |
| 572 | Review picnic area. Keep access to the coast |
| 573 | more regular patrols and more hefy fines, especially around football pitches, the amount of poo you still need to pick up on a saturday/sunday playing football suggests current measures are not working. It is unsafe and dangerous |
| 574 | More PSPO to enforce rules/laws |

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| 575 | I think the PSPO is having no impact, there is actually more poo in Victoria poo and the council officers would be better placed concentrating on catching irresponsible dog owners not picking up poo. Dogs are either under control or not, designating specific areas eg fields where they should be on leads is pointless and leads to hostility towards officers and the council due to 'black or white' enforcement. There is then an attitude of some of the top fields that they are now 'dog fields' as other fields are restricted and now it is a segregated instead of shared space, I think the park is more fragmented as a result and not a good community shared space, I have seen fewer people without dogs using the top field as a result. Also clamp down on the teenagers on bikes and smoking weed would be a welcome intervention |
| 576 | Leave it as it is. Now is not the time to cause any aggravation. |
| 577 | Clearer and more signage and more bins for poo bags. |
| 578 | The current situation is perfectly fine and effective. In light of current events time, effort and finances would be better spent elsewhere. |
| 579 | Areas where dogs are not allowed should be fenced off with a gate it is very lazy and unreasonable just put up inadequate signage and expect dogs to not stray on to these areas temporarily |
| 580 | Need more enclosed dog space in south Sefton. |
| 581 | Would like to see professional dog walkers licensed, and asked to make a contribution to the upkeep of the public spaces that their businesses operate in. |
| 582 | <p>Questions in this are very weighted to steering respondents a certain way.</p> <p>Question re "dogs misbehaving" what is definition of this?</p> <p>More work needs to be done to address persistent offenders who do not clean up after their dog.....our group have provided names/addresses/details of time people visit the park and NEVER clear up after their dog yet nothing has EVER been done!</p> <p>Certain areas of the park lend itself to people not clearing up after their dog (differential mowing area - people often are unable to find exact location that their dog has been)!</p> |
| 583 | <p>Moorside Park, the Rose Garden has been designated a "Family Picnic Area" I've had my dog for 14 years and used the park everyday. I have NEVER once seen a family having a picnic in that area!</p> <p>There has been zero consultation with the friends (surely the best people to ask). Zones enforced which make no sense. It just appears to be a massive waste of money? I've never seen anyone in the park enforcing the zones, fining owners that don't pick up after their dogs. I dont really get the point?</p> |
| 584 | Heavier fines. |
| 585 | As stated I believe that Sefton as a landowner has overlooked its responsibility to care for protected amphibians and reptiles. It is not enough to ask dog owners to keep dogs under control. As a volunteer surveying species and renovating areas of the local nature reserve and SSR1's, I see the consequences of dogs off lead during the breeding season. Species are most active between March and September and I think dog owners should be required to keep dogs on lead during that period like they would have to at other nature reserves. |

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| 586 | Why do you fine and evict pensioners who watch the bowls with their little dogs on leads.... You say you care about the elderly and vulnerable, this is the only socialisation they get in the summer. As they are so scared to walk their dogs around the parks, this is the only space they feel safe. |
| 587 | The offending people should be targeted, better signage |
| 588 | Though I answered "No" to Q13, I was a dog walker until recently, so my answers have the welfare of dogs in mind, as well as humans. Dog fouling has long been a problem and shows no sign of reducing - and if a warden or anyone else is in view a potential offender will probably clear up. I have suffered abuse myself when pointing out that a dog has fouled, so I have sympathy with your staff! Perhaps it is time for a meaningful dog licencing scheme to be introduced, not just the tax that it used to be, with compulsory registration, and euthanasia of any dog found in breach of the law. |
| 589 | Better education rather than fining people. bigger signage at entrance to public parks etc warnings first offence, handing out dog poo bags. fenced dog areas |
| 590 | more publicity including in Parish and Town Council areas more signs including possible fines up to £xxx per offence |
| 591 | have them patrol early in morning (before 9am) and evening when responsible dog owners have gone home. |
| 592 | I have noticed that there is a lot more dog poo on the park since this order was introduced and would like to see it changed to no restrictions and let the dogs run and have exercise |
| 593 | I think you should advertise how these controls are working, how many people have been fined, attitude of dog owners when spoken to, I think the dog mess everywhere is disgusting but until you witness and fine perpetrators it will carry on. !!! |
| 594 | It is more important that dogs, which are not safe either with people or other dogs should be kept in order and poo picked up |
| 595 | I think money could be better spent elsewhere. |
| 596 | More enforcement of powers to ensure all owners pick up dog poo on the streets. |
| 597 | I felt at the time of the original PSPO that the Council had caved in under the massive weight of the pro-dog lobby, which has friends and influence in very high places. Irresponsible dog ownership is rife, resulting in badly behaved, unsocialised animals, attacks on livestock and people, adverse impacts on wildlife already under severe pressure and, of course, an epidemic of dog-fouling. It is so rare to see a well-behaved well-controlled dog in the countryside that I make a point of congratulating the owner. I'm afraid there are a great many dog-owners who are a law unto themselves. Perhaps an extension of PSPOs might make them sit up and think, though I very much doubt it. |

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| 598 | <p>Change the rules to have more regard for professional dog walkers. It is ok to walk a single dog offlead on the beach but probably not ok to have more than 3 off lead at once as difficult to control with members of the public.</p> <p>Open up large, unused playing fields for use by dog wealkers for the safety of the dogs and the public.</p> <p>Open up unused areas of land that are currently locked to dog walkers. Specifically areas such as the huge field near Browns Lane, Netherton. I believe this used to be a school but it is now a huge, well maintained field which is locked up and cannot be used by anyone. This would make a fabulous place for dog walkers to walk multiple dogs off lead safely. I woudl happily pay a small fee to have keys to such areas and lock up before and after use.</p> |
| 599 | <p>Unnecessary piece of legislation that has mad little or no difference to dog fouling.</p> <p>All it has done is fed the fear some people have on dogs and their behaviour.</p> <p>Far better to educate both dog owners and non dog owners to ensure dogs are well behaved in public and at home.</p> <p>Many young families like to enjoy our parks beaches and green spaces with children and their dogs who are very much part of their family.</p> <p>Very difficult under current PSPO</p> |
| 600 | Police it more |
| 601 | Get more offices so the PSPO works, there is dog poo everywhere in Seaforth, Waterloo and Crosby,. |
| 602 | <p>A waste of tax payers money,no significant sign of less dog poo.The streets still have lots of it.Dog attacks are still happening.The number of dogs you can take out is a joke some people can't control 1 dog but others are able to control several small ones it's punishing responsible owners and walkers wh know what they are doing.The wardens employed have a bad attitude towards dogs and they're owners very often going round in twos and intimidating older walkers</p> |
| 603 | <p>A waste of time and money employing these people.Still ad much poo about on pavements . No evidence off the number of dogs you can walk making any difference still as many dog attacks.</p> |
| 604 | <p>PSPO should not be used to victimise dog walkers and make them feel like second class residents. It should be used for anti social behaviour as it was intended and leave us to enjoy our relaxing time with our dogs.</p> <p>We DO NOT want zoned areas of public spaces or friends groups dictating where we can walk our dogs.</p> <p>We use the public spaces two or three times a day 365 days a year. Our presence cuts down on vandalism and we report crime or anti social behaviour to the police. We are responsible residents who are being victimised.</p> |
| 605 | <p>This isn't about zones.</p> <p>This needs to be about owners taking responsibility. They know their dogs.</p> <p>By all means fine irresponsible owners.</p> <p>Don't punish the rest of dog kind with stupid restrictions on the back of this.</p> |

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| 606 | <p>I have been campaigning since 2017 to get the summer season No Dogs signs replaced on Southport Beach. You may be able to inform me that this has now happened. I would be very happy if it has. I am unable to check it out because I am recovering from a operation and confined to my home because of the virus. If there are still no signs this year that will be 4 years without. What a disgrace. I know people who no longer take their children there, I certainly would not take my own Great Grandchildren to play on Southport beach.</p> <p>In 2017 Rachel Northover Coast and Countryside Officer would not respond to my letter, email or phone call so I asked our MP for help. He wrote to her and got a reply swiftly, saying, and I quote "We apologise for the oversight and will ensure that the signes are in place next year for the specified time." Date of that letter 13th October 2017. I still have copy of both letters.</p> <p>I also spoke to Sir Ron Watson and two councillors and a chairman of one of our political parties.</p> <p>Who will be made responsible if a child is injured or blinded. It will not only be the dog owner responsible. Off lead on a beach is no safe place for a dog.</p> <p>I have suggested that instead of the very large wooden signs that had to be removed 30th Sep. and replaced 1st May. at what must have been a high cost, they have metal ones fixed to the sea wall like the warning signs for Beware Cyclists. They would be a permanent fixture with little or no maintenance. This would result in a tremendous amount of savings in labour costs. Also a very large sign as the cars come onto the beach is needed.</p> <p>In Blackpool, the area between the north and south piers are dog free. If the signes are not replaced for this summer, that will be 4 years without. Let's not delay until a child gets</p> |
| 607 | Enforce it more often. Put up the fine. |
| 608 | It would be good to control the folk who insist on feeding the wild life dog food in the dogs off lead areas |
| 609 | <p>Clear marked areas .</p> <p>Separate fenced area for dogs off lead .</p> <p>Poo bag dispensers with bags in on the parks .</p> |
| 610 | Stop giving stupid people power. |
| 611 | No |
| 612 | Where are they ? |
| 613 | I have never ever seen a PSPO so have no idea how these rules are actually enforced . |
| 614 | It would be good to have a rule that children should not be walking a dog which they cannot control. Have often seen a child walking a dog on a lead which is bounding ahead of the child and straining at the leash. |

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| 615 | My issue is the number of dogs now which are in the area. There is no consistent policy for pubs, restaurants and shops and there are too many dogs in one place. You should not have a dog in a restaurant it is simply not hygienic. You cannot stop people owning dogs, but the problem is that dog owners think that everyone loves dogs. We don't and they are simply horrible when you say that you do not like dogs and can you please keep it away from me. Dogs are on tables on chairs which you are sitting on. They lie everywhere and you have to walk around them. It is even worse when they are walking on the pavement, you have to walk around them! Messages should be sent out, before it gets out of hand and it really will be too late to change things. |
| 616 | Well behaved and adequately trained dogs should not have all the current restrictions |
| 617 | I would like to see a more visible presence of officers enforcing fines. |
| 618 | I have never seen them pert rolling the area of L30 |
| 619 | More enforcement officers particularly patrolling residential areas so as to discourage fouling. |
| 620 | Give a warning and scan the microchip. You now have the owners details. Warn the person if another offence occurs in 6 months then a fine will be issued. The person may be a visitor and not be aware of the Good Dog Code. It keeps tourists happy without causing resentment as the officer is just doing his or her job. |
| 621 | We all know that if a young child falls into a pile of poo, face down, then that child will be harmed for the rest of his/her life. This is never advertised to dog owners. I do believe that it will do some good. |
| 622 | Educate people that their dogs need training . Good luck with that !!!! |
| 623 | I think that if the PSPO is to continue, the on lead/off lead areas need to be reviewed. I can only speak for Bedford Park where it is very difficult for people to know exactly where the boundaries are. It would also have been a good idea to consult with the Friends groups. |
| 624 | During Covid-19 all dog restrictions on marked pitches should be dropped to allow people to walk their dogs and keep their distance from other owners. Further to the rules, many places only have access off lead from June to august, this is not fair to owners, in some fields there is the possibility to give areas for off lead exercise which many dogs need. If these rules have to continue in their current form, which I hope they don't, then to be more fair either give areas or fields to dog owners, or shorten the restriction period. |
| 625 | Not required |

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| 626 | <p>Yes.</p> <p>Firstly I am not anti-dog. I understand that dog ownership is valued by lots of people and that people take comfort and companionship from pet ownership. It can also help people with their mental health.</p> <p>However irresponsible dog-owners need to be held to account.</p> <p>All dogs should already be micro-chipped and with the introduction of dog-gates at exercise areas the microchip could be read on entrance and egress. Sefton would then have a record of the dogs using the facility. This is no different from the way many private clubs control access to their premises.</p> <p>It is also reasonable for dog-owners to pay to register the DNA of their dog. This would be used to enforce anti dog-fouling measures. There should be progressive penalties for persistent offenders who after an agreed number of offences should be banned from keeping dogs.</p> |
| 627 | <p>My dogs are part of my family and I feel very luck to live near the coast so that I can take my dogs out onto the sea front, be that on the beach without restrictions, along the promenades or any of the coastal walks. I wouldn't want any restrictions to be brought in here.</p> <p>I know dog poo is an issue and as a dog owner who always picks up my dogs' poo it annoys me when other people don't do this however a bigger major issue is the level of rubbish left by people which is a huge problem in parks, on streets, on the coast. As a dog walker I see the amount of rubbish dumped every day. This needs looking at.</p> |
| 628 | <p>Wider publicity about PSPO is needed and enforcement.</p> |
| 629 | <p>A dog can be under control off the lead. The restrictions on B roads could be relaxed</p> |
| 630 | <p>Signage should be more prominent. The traffic light system in use in parks is confusing. Dogs off the lead a free to roam into different zones with their walkers claiming (possibly genuinely) not to have realised that they are in a dogs on lead zone.</p> <p>The walking of physically strong dog breeds should be restricted to no more than two at any one time. I have witnessed a well built man struggling to control two mastiff type dogs whilst in Southport town centre.</p> |
| 631 | <p>I think that in ALL public areas, ALL dogs should be on a lead. I have had several incidents with other dog owners where their dog has not been on a lead and has worried or attacked my dog, which is always kept on a lead for his own security and safety.</p> |
| 632 | <p>I have never seen one, don't know what they look like. There should be more of them.to enforce the rules as entitled members of the public obviously can't follow guidelines without.enforcement.</p> |
| 633 | <p>Owners must pick up poo and take it home, no hanging it on fences or moving it to grassy areas , dogs like to sniff and children run around grassy areas .</p> |
| 634 | <p>Tougher penalties</p> |

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| | <p>Something needs to be put in place to help residents who have other people's dogs fouling on their property.</p> <p>Dogs regularly foul in my garden and on my driveway, and dog owners leave it there. This has been a problem for many years - the previous owners struggled with this too.</p> <p>This is not a police matter, and the council have said that as it is on private property it is not their problem either. So who is there to turn to?</p> |
| 635 | The dog control PSPO will have little effect as there is no feet on the ground to enforce it. |
| 636 | <p>not only is the amount of dog poo getting more prevalent , but also the no. of "poo bags" that are just discarded at the first open space that can be found ,thus defeating the object, owners do not take it home</p> |
| 637 | <p>Check early morning or late evening. That's when they sneak out. I live down Ferryside Lane Crossens. A lady comes from Fylde road and she has 14 dog's they run all over the playing field and she lets them loose. My elderly neighbour has a dog and is terrified of walking her dog.</p> |
| 638 | <p>Better zonal signage and more Enforcement visits.</p> <p>Good dog owners welcome good enforcement measures to protect them and their dog.</p> |
| 639 | They target older people, especially ladies and are very aggressive. They do not issue a warning but give a fine first time. They do not think that older people know the law ! |
| 640 | <p>I have heard some distressing stories from friends about the attitudes of PSPO Officers. On one occasion a lady was shamed in front of a group of teenagers with her photo being taken and the Officer employing a harsh and discourteous manner. She did have her dog off lead in the wrong place but it was a genuine mistake and she was reduced to tears by the Officer. Can Officers please, be trained to talk to the public in a reasonable, kind and courteous manner.</p> |
| 641 | I feel that with injuries from dogs all dogs classed as dangerous should be muzzled to stop anymore critical injuries or worst. |
| 642 | I would like to see this area made into "Dogs on Lead" only, whilst on the road & pavements |
| 643 | I would like to see one, I have lived in Crossens over 3 years and never seen any, I regularly walk 4 miles a day |
| 644 | <p>Certainly need more focus on dog poo in and around the area where I live. I feel dogs need a run and a park local or otherwise is the place to go& unleash them. For those who think they would rather not don't have to visit the park, they can carry on walking their dogs in & around streets where they need to have a lead on.</p> |
| 645 | <p>The biggest problem is the boom in dog owners and particularly the boom in professional dog walking that is largely unregulated. This has taken over our parks and open spaces. These commercial dog care businesses are using public spaces for free and they cause so many problems, and especially make people feel unable to go to the parks. This is not fair, but people don't like complaining and the dog walkers are very demanding. PLEASE listen to residents who feel they are being pushed out.</p> |

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| 646 | Go back to educating people. The enforcement was difficult and most of the provisions are covered in existing law. All you did was alienate good dog owners. |
| 647 | A colleague told me she was spoken to by a dog control person in Liverpool I wonder if gangs of young people are approached in the same way as a single female |
| 648 | No |
| 649 | Ban PSPO'S as they are nothing but a sneaky underhanded tax - you could have used bye-laws but then you'd have had to employ people to enforce them . . Shock horror! |
| 650 | The council should publish figures for all areas within the borough that have resulted in notices, fines or prosecutions, to indicate how effective the orders have been. |
| 651 | <p>The Empire employees enforcing the bylaw have a reputation for picking on older ladies and bullying them as easy targets to accept a fine whether they committed an offence or not. I do not know of any dogwalker who does not view them with disgust as commission driven to issue as many fines as possible.</p> <p>This breaks down trust between the dog walking community and the council.</p> <p>The provisions under the bylaw are sensible, but rather than presenting it this way its seen as a draconian means to raise revenue through fines. The council could try to reverse this perception and will see a lot more support and compliance that the current approach achieves.</p> |
| 652 | I believe all owners should pick up their dog poo. However, the issue is pavements and less on fields. Police pavements, use fines to address this, stop discriminating the good dog owner. I miss seeing dogs out in certain areas when we go for a walk. |
| 653 | 90% of all dogs are well behaved and harmless. These rules penalize 90% of dog owners because of the remaining 10% |
| 654 | <p>They should try attending the botanic gardens in Churchtown more often.</p> <p>Dogs off leads in areas they shouldn't be and dog poo a daily occurrence. The signs are too small and not adhered to.</p> <p>I have never even seen an officer!</p> |
| 655 | <p>again I say:</p> <p>The onus should be on the dog owner to control their dog(s) and penalties should be administered when they don't comply, but to punish an old lady who's dog is doing nothing wrong other than being off a lead is not right! but she is an easy target for the enforcement officer and an easy fine to serve and an easy target!!</p> |
| 656 | The money that this has generated is not enough to pay the dog wardens and the improvements particularly in amount of dog poo has not got any better. The amount of inappropriate abuse given to dog walkers is unfair |
| 657 | <p>Dog fouling on pavements has gradually increased and is increasing more and more.</p> <p>There should be an offence of walking your dog whilst not equipped to pick up its mess, punishable by the same penalties that apply to not picking up after your dog.</p> |

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| 658 | <p>Can I say that dogs are only as good as their owners. More responsible owners would help. How this could be implemented I'm not sure maybe more classes for owners.</p> |
| 659 | <p>Warnings should be issued first. Visitors to the town will not be aware of local rules and should be given some leeway. Aware of people personally who will not visit town again because they received a fine because dog was off lead yards into Hesketh Park. No signs visible. Surely a warning would have been enough in this instance .</p> |
| 660 | <p>I consider the PSPO was not required and has created just another way for Sefton to tax people. I have come into contact with several people who have been fined for walking a dog somewhere proscribed by the PSPO and they knew nothing about it. If it continues there should be no fines for any of the rules except failing to pick up poo.</p> <p>The recreation ground on Waterloo Road needs to be sorted, as at the moment there are too many marked pitches, leaving very little space to throw a ball for a dog to chase. At least two of the pitches need removing so there is an equal area available to dog walkers as well as people playing sports.</p> |
| 661 | <p>More signs around and about would help.</p> <p>Please bring back 'Bag it Bin it' signs and paint markings on pavements. It really made a difference.</p> |
| 662 | <p>The order should include Police Community Support & Traffic Officers in the staff who are authorised to enforce the PSPO. It is not sufficient that they may have been authorised by the Council, that requires research by the public, the statement about enforcement should be clear.</p> <p>£75 appears to be rather harsh, for what the order refers to. One enforcement notice should be sufficient to correct behaviour and £50 is still a lot of money to most people. A third or subsequent contravention should be prosecution.</p> <p>Dogs on leads is a road safety issue and therefore any dog on a public road should be on a lead. A responsible owner would wish to control a dog whilst on a road and that can only be done by being on a lead.</p> |
| 663 | <p>It's bad people that are the problem-and they should be banned from having dogs, rather than banning responsible people. There's no point to PSPOs as the bad owners will continue to do as they do, and you just spoil things for decent families . It's important for mental/physical health that families can go out and exercise together, by restricting dogs going places, you're making life difficult for families, which makes children's lives much harder. In addition, it discriminates against disabled people, as they often aren't confident going places without their dog, which for physical or emotional needs.</p> <p>Also dogs need to be off their leads to get decent exercise, and it's important for everyone that they get this so they are calm.</p> |

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| 664 | <p>I have lived in Maghull for more than 30 years. In the last two years since having a dog I have met more local people made friends and lost 2 stone in weight. This is due to the fact that I can freely exercise with my dog in local parks and along the canal. Throwing the ball or frisbee are great exercise</p> <p>During the lockdown this activity has kept me sane We are already weighed down by so many rules and restrictions please don't make any more</p> |
| 665 | <p>The streets were clear of dog excrement to start with and you could go for a walk and look about you . Now the dog excrement is building up again and you spend most of the walk looking where you are putting your feet and children's bikes get covered.</p> |
| 666 | <p>It is a fair policy.</p> <p>We live on a crowded island and need to accommodate other people's pastimes and preferences without any one group being demonised and/or excluded.</p> <p>If it were possible, it would be useful to educate primary age children how to behave around dogs aspart of the dog control PSPO. Dogs need to be able to exercise and run free too. There are too many instances where they run screaming past dogs or overtake them on scooters, and the parents expect the dog to react in an adult manner. Dogs take their cues from us - if we are peaceful and calm, so are they. If we are wild and yelling, they think we're all on a chase.</p> |
| 667 | <p>I think the rules that have been put in place near to me have upset more people than pleased. Sefton is becoming an area where dog walkers are being pushed out of more places and therefore becoming a less desirable place to live for dog owners who once had access to plentiful beautiful dog walks. There are a lot of dog owners in Sefton and you need to be aware of the impact you have.</p> <p>As rules have become more stringent for dog owners I believe that the rules should be increased for non-dog owners as well. After sunny days the sand dunes and beaches along the Sefton coast are filthy with litter and debris left by visitors who don't use these areas every day and don't realise the impact they have.</p> <p>Sefton's view on dogs is not a modern view; with more restrictions than opportunities. Thankfully there are some villages where dogs are invited inside to shops/bars/restaurants; its just a shame that the scenery cannot be enjoyed in the same manner.</p> |

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| 668 | <p>I would like to see extendable leads banned. As a runner they are a complete menace and I cannot begin to imagine what impact they have on blind or visually impaired people. the dog either runs up to you or after you or sometimes the owner has them that far away from them, dog one side of pavement and owner the other side, you can't always see the lead and I've nearly been wiped out on more than one occasion.</p> <p>There are also too many dogs off leads and owners just say "oh its ok, just being friendly" but as someone who has a fear of dogs its not ok, I also have a number of friends who have been bitten whilst our running by dogs off leads. Dogs should not be allowed off leads in parks or on beaches, owners just have no control of their dog when its not on a lead and even then some dogs are not controlled</p> |
| 669 | <p>I have contacted the council regarding having special areas that are for dogs only. Like enclosed dog playgrounds as there are none in Southport and nowhere to walk dogs safely. I was told we have the beach however it is not safe due to quick sand, palm oil and exposure to a main road without restriction.</p> <p>If there were dog parks in all areas, there would be a safe environment to walk dogs and controls and concentrate on people not picking up the mess rather than pick on vulnerable people.</p> |
| 670 | <p>Would like to use marked football pitches to walk my dog during the football season whenever there is not a match on. I do not see this to be a problem as the vast majority of dog owners pick up dog poo.</p> |
| 671 | <p>I have not seen any real noticeable improvement in the dog poo on the streets. Education and signage to back up the policing of this would be more beneficial. Why not run a campaign explaining why dog poo on the roads is unacceptable and the health hazards it causes. The masses read papers and watch tv. A simple campaign would align most.</p> |
| 672 | <p>I know resources are stretched, but more might be given to the dog problem. Some children are petrified of dogs so more enforcement is required, particularly in parks.</p> |