

Members are requested to NOTE and CONSIDER making a response to this request from the Licensing Department of Swindon Borough Council.

Members may decide to reply as individuals.

**Request received:**

It has been nearly three years since the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) at Lydiard Park in Swindon was introduced for dog control at the park. Under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Council legally has to review a PSPO every three years. Due to the success of the PSPO at the Park the Council is considering renewing the Order in its current format but is consulting with the public for their thoughts in this matter.

You have been identified as someone with an interest in the park whether through activities, as an owner/occupier or other formal consultee and so are invited to take part in the consultation regarding this.

More information and the survey itself can be [here](#). This can also be found on the [consultations](#) page of the Council website and we will be carrying out press over the consultation period.

If you require any further information or need a hard copy of the survey please contact [dogwarden@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:dogwarden@swindon.gov.uk).

Please note that responses must be received by 5pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

**Information from SBC Consultations Page**

In 2016, we introduced a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) regarding dog control at Lydiard Park.

Public Spaces Protection Orders were introduced as part of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and are designed to ensure that people can enjoy public spaces without the threat of anti-social behaviour.

The order was introduced following multiple complaints of out of control or nuisance dogs at peak times in the most popular areas of the park over the last several years.

The vast majority of dog owners have conformed to the requirements and those that have been spoken to by officers have immediately complied with their request.

The measured approach taken by the council at Lydiard Park has been identified as an example of good practice by the Kennel Club in their report to the Government in 2016. As such, it is used by them in their advice and training to other authorities on how to construct an effective Public Spaces Protection Order.

Under section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, the council is obliged to review the order every three years following consultation if it is to be extended. Due to the ongoing success of the order, we are considering extending it in its current format. This consultation is to gather the views of the public and formal consultees regarding this.