Dogs on beaches - consultation questionnaire

The Government has introduced new legislation to control dogs in public spaces and we have to decide how to apply the new legislation on beaches in Cornwall.

We recognise that dog owners like to be able to walk their dogs on beaches; however we also appreciate that not everyone likes or enjoys dogs. Dog Control Orders restrict when dogs are allowed on beaches.

We are proposing to change the existing Dog Control Orders (DCOs) currently in place, that control dogs on designated beaches in Cornwall, with a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

We propose to incorporate the same conditions, times, dates and durations of the existing Dog Control Orders in the new PSPO - meaning dogs would be allowed on designated beaches at the same times as they are allowed now.

This survey is your opportunity to let us know if you agree with how we propose to introduce the new legislation and also to let us know if you think we should change any of the existing conditions. The survey questions are about our proposals; what you tell us will help inform the decision on how we introduce the new PSPO to restrict dogs on certain beaches in Cornwall.

The PSPO will restrict dogs at certain dates and times - outlined in the current dog control orders. We would like to know if you agree with the orders in all or any of the locations proposed.

More information

Before completing the survey, please view the list of beaches and current dog control orders that we are proposing to replicate in the new PSPO. It may also help to read our FAQs before answering the questions.

Please return your complete questionnaire, by 12 January 2107, to your local one stop shop, or by post to:
Cornwall Council PSPO Dogs on beaches survey, 2nd floor, Camborne One Stop Shop, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 8SX
Dogs on beaches survey questions

1. About you - please tell us about yourself

What is your name?
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What is your postcode?
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What is your address?
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Are you responding as someone who is a:

☐ Resident in Cornwall
☐ Visitor to Cornwall
☐ Business owner in Cornwall
☐ Local group or organisation in Cornwall  (Please use the box below to tell us the name of your group or organisation):

Are you a dog owner?

☐ Yes
☐ No

2. Public Space Protection Orders

In this section we'd like you to tell us what you think about how we propose to introduce the PSPOs to restrict dogs on designated beaches

Do you think the terms of the proposed PSPOs are clear?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know
Do you agree with how we propose to introduce PSPOs - by keeping the existing conditions for restricting dogs on designated beaches?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Do you agree with the proposed PSPO areas/beaches?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

If you answered 'no' please explain why?

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Do you agree with the proposed dates and times for the PSPOs on the areas/beaches?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

If you answered 'no' please explain why?

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Does your response relate to a specific beach?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don’t know

3. Public Space Protection Orders

If your response relates to a specific beach, please use the list below to let us know which beach(es) you use and are referring to.

Which beach or beaches are you telling us about?

☐ Cadgwith Cove, Cadgwith
☐ Carbis Bay Beach, Carbis Bay
☐ Carnsew Pool
☐ Castle Beach, Falmouth
☐ Cawsand Beach, Cawsand
☐ Chapel Porth Beach, St Agnes
☐ Church Cove, Gunwalloe
☐ Copperhouse Pool
☐ Crackington Haven, Bude
☐ Crooklets Beach, Bude
☐ Gyllyngvase Beach, Falmouth
☐ Harveys Towans – Godrevy
☐ Harveys Towans - Godrevy Point, Hayle
☐ Hayle Estuary
☐ Housel Bay, The Lizard
☐ Kennack Sands Beach, The Lizard
☐ Kynance Cove, The Lizard
☐ Maenporth Beach, Falmouth
☐ Mousehole Beach to Skilly Beach
☐ Newlyn Beach to Battery Rocks
☐ Penzance Harbour to Marazion
☐ Perran Sands
☐ Poldhu Beach, Mullion
☐ Polurrian Cove Beach, Mullion
☐ Polzeath Beach, Polzeath
☐ Porth Beach, Porth
☐ Porthchapel Beach, Levan
☐ Porthcurno Beach, Porthcurno
☐ Porthgwarra Beach, St Levan
☐ Porthgwidden Beach, St Ives
☐ Porthleven Wet, Porthleven
☐ Porthmeor Beach, St Ives
☐ Porthminster Beach, St Ives
☐ Porthpean Beach, St Austell
☐ Porthtowan Beach, Porthtowan
☐ Portmellon Cove, Mevagissey
☐ Portreath Beach inc. Harbour, Portreath
☐ Praa Sands Beach, Praa Sands
☐ Readymoney Cove, Fowey
☐ Sennen Beach, Sennen
☐ St George’s Well, Padstow
☐ St Ives Harbour Beach, St Ives
☐ Summer’s Beach, St Mawes
☐ Swanpool Beach, Falmouth
☐ Tattam’s Beach, Portscatho
☐ Trevone Beach, Padstow
☐ Tunnel Beach, Falmouth
☐ Widemouth Beach, Bude

Please use the space below, to tell us in a few words, anything else you would like to let us know about our proposal or dogs on beaches.

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Equality monitoring questions

Cornwall Council is committed to ensuring that our services, policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice and that they meet the needs of all the community. Equality monitoring is good practice and key to ensuring that our service delivery is continually improving by increasing our knowledge about the customers we serve and their potential needs. It also ensures that our customer base is representative of the wider population of Cornwall.

By having meaningful equality monitoring information it assists us to:

- Understand who is and who isn’t using our services
- Plan new or changed services and measure their effectiveness
- Highlight satisfaction levels with your services
- Show if any policies, facilities or services are not taking into account equality issues
- Improve our reputation as an equal and fair provider of goods and services
- Improve our reputation as a fair employer who provides equality of opportunity

By collecting monitoring information we are able to provide evidence that we are reaching people that need our services and identify when we are not. Equality monitoring is a useful tool to help us plan, improve and possibly change the way we deliver services. Responses from other surveys have told us valuable information about how changes we were proposing could have affected some vulnerable people.

For us to check we are providing fair and effective services, we would be grateful if you would answer the questions below.

You do not have to provide the information requested below, but it would help us if you do.

Please give your age:
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How do you describe your sex?

☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Intersex
☐ Gender Fluid
☐ Non-Binary
How do you describe your ethnic origin?
(Please read the list below carefully before selecting the ethnic group that you feel most closely reflects your background)

☐ White (e.g. British, Scottish)
☐ Mixed (e.g. White and Asian)
☐ Asian or Asian British
☐ Black or Black British
☐ Cornish
☐ Other Ethnic Group

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Is there anything we can do or put in place which would make it easier for us to offer you an equal service? For example documents in large print, hearing loop. Please use the space below:

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Do you need someone to help you understand information? For example someone to read documents with you or an interpreter. Please use the space below:

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It would help the Council to know of any barriers you have faced when dealing with us. Please use the space below:

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Fair Processing Notice

The information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence and may be passed on to other services within the Council, who will use it for the same purposes. The information you provide on this form will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not be passed onto any third party. At all times, it will be treated as confidential and used only for the purpose of Equality Monitoring. All personal information held by Cornwall Council is held safely in a secure environment. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our proposals you can contact us:

- phone: 0300 1234 212
- email: communityandenvironmentalprotection@cornwall.gov.uk

More information about Dog Control Orders and Public Space Protection Orders is available on our website:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/ dogsonbeaches