Subject: Review of Dog Controls within the Borough

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SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

This report provides the Committee with details about a review carried out of dog control measures within the Borough with a view to consolidating existing Byelaws and Designation Orders along with any new requirements under a single Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The review includes the results of a public consultation exercise carried out by the Council

The Committee is recommended to agree to the consolidation of dog control legislation within the Borough into a new PSPO as detailed in this report.

1 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Officers from Environmental Services have undertaken a review of dog control measures across the Borough with a view to updating Byelaws and controls, many of which were created in the 1980's. The new controls will be regulated under the recently introduced Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Following initial consultation internally with Officers, Management and Councillors, and externally with Parish Councils and a number of landowners as to what control measures are felt are required on publically accessible land across the Borough a draft Public Space Protection Order was submitted to Environment Committee on 12th September 2016. The Committee agreed for Officers to progress to a public consultation in respect of the proposals and to bring the matter back before this Committee.

2 THE REVIEW

Review Background

To promote responsible dog ownership and address the issue of dog control Great Yarmouth Borough is currently covered by a variety of Byelaws and Designation Orders relating to dog fouling, sites where dogs are banned from and where dogs should be kept leashed. The last review took place in 1996 and most of the Byelaws pre-date this time. As a result there is publically accessible land and recreational areas which do not currently have any control measures in place but would benefit from having them introduced together

with other sites which have control measures which are no longer appropriate or needed. A review has now been carried out to look at what control measures are needed and to update these to a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

PSPO'S

PSPO's are designed to replace and streamline a range of powers such as Byelaws and Orders which have historically been available to local authorities to deal with anti-social behavior including dog control.

The test for the local authority to make a PSPO is that it must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met:-

- Activities carried out in the public place are having, have had or will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and

- Activities are or are likely to be persistent, unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by the Order

Penalties for a breach of a PSPO may be a fine of up to £1,000 upon successful prosecution in the Magistrates Court or, as an option, a Fixed Penalty Notice can be offered – for Great Yarmouth this is currently set at £80 or reduced to £60 if paid within ten days.

The PSPO covers four areas of control:

- **Failing to Remove Dog Faeces** - An offence is committed where the person responsible for a dog fails to clear up forthwith after a dog has fouled on public land and private land to which the public have access. This is proposed to be a Boroughwide requirement.

- **Dogs on Lead Request** - Enables authorised officers to require that a dog is immediately leashed. This is designed to be used where a dog is causing a nuisance or a hazard to itself or other people. This is proposed to have Boroughwide coverage.

- **Dogs on Lead Requirement** - Makes it a requirement that when using a location with such an Order on that all dogs must be kept leashed.

- **Dog Bans** - Bans dogs from entering a site covered by such an Order.

The proposed PSPO is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3 THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The public consultation opened on the 13th September 2016 and closed on the 17th October 2016. It generated a large number of responses - in excess of 800 in total. The consultation asked a series of questions using the Survey Monkey system. A breakdown of the responses to the set questions can be found as Appendix 2. The Survey Monkey also allowed for consultees to write their thoughts and suggestions in a freehand box. In addition, a number of paper responses were received together with emails and letters sent independently and these responses can be found in Appendix 3 split into a number of groupings. Officers also scanned the local press for articles and letters relating to the proposal and these have been reproduced as Appendix 3.

The Council's proposals have generated a huge response and goes to show the depth of feeling of the public. There were a wide range of responses. In the main most of the Councils proposals received wide support particularly around the Boroughwide proposals around dog fouling and request to leash dogs. However, there were a number of responses taking issue with the Council's proposals for a dogs on lead requirement in particular for areas covering the North Denes Special Protection Area, Burgh Castle Roman Fort and for the extension of the dog bans on the Great Yarmouth Central and Gorleston Beaches from 1st May (as at present) to commence on April 1st or Easter whichever comes first. There were other individual comments received on sites but these areas formed the majority of the public response. 520 comments were received via the Survey Monkey consultation, of these 26 comments received made reference to the Burgh Castle proposal and 88 comments to the Special Protection Area. Although the review is in part to allow for consolidation of legislative controls, the opportunity has been taken to review the appropriateness of the current controls at some sites and to propose new controls on others. A summary of the proposals together with individual sites for which changes or new controls are proposed is attached at Appendix 4. During the consultation additional site proposals were received which the Council might like to consider and these also can be found in Appendix 4.

4 ENFORCEMENT

Current Byelaws around dog control are generally enforced by the Environmental Ranger team. It is recognised that the new proposals will expand the areas for control and place a strain around both enforcement and proactive work, particularly on large open sites. As part of the consultation exercise with Parishes it was asked how the Parish could help with enforcement of the measures they wished to propose. One Parish has a paid dog warden, a number of Parishes have voluntary dog wardens who have had training from the Environmental Rangers and others have said they will collate information about issues via Parish Councillors to pass on to the Rangers. As part of the general enforcement of PSPO's across the Borough (including the Alcohol PSPO introduced last year and the Car Enthusiasts PSPO that is currently out for consultation), all Council officers undertaking enforcement roles are duly authorised. The Police are also authorised to enforce PSPOs.

The issue around resources for enforcement was mentioned by a number of respondents to the public consultation and is one that will need close monitoring.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

At its meeting on the 12th September 2016, the Committee requested that the PSPO and the results of the public consultation be brought back to this Committee for final consideration. If Committee is minded to agree to the making of a PSPO with or without amendments to the draft detailed here, it is proposed to bring it into force with effect from 1st April 2017.

Once an Order has been made any interested person may challenge the Order within six weeks via the High Court. PSPO's last for three years after which time they must be reviewed and renewed if still required. During this time they can still be cancelled, varied or altered, however there is a prescribed route that must be followed to do this.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Where a control measure is in place adequate signage highlighting the requirement must be present. £20,000 has already been allowed in this year's budget to cover the cost of new signage for the sites. To reduce overall costs signage provision for the Drinking PSPO has been delayed so that both controls measures can be included on the one sign.

7 EQUALITY ISSUES

Exemptions have been considered in making the draft PSPO for those people with disabilities who make use of trained assistance dogs. Guidance would suggest that anyone using any type of assistance dog is not subject to a Banning Order in respect of their assistance dog and are also exempt from any requirement to pick up under the Dog Fouling Order. Additionally, PSPO's should not restrict the normal activities of working dogs and we would not seek to enforce in such cases.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee are asked to consider the draft PSPO and in particular individual site proposals taking into account whether they feel they are appropriate, and are recommended to agree to the consolidation of dog control legislation within the Borough into a new PSPO as detailed in this report.

Area for consideration	**Comment**
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	None
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	None
Existing Council Policies:	None
Financial Implications:	Yes

Legal Implications (including human rights):	Yes
Risk Implications:	None
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	Yes
Crime & Disorder:	Yes
Every Child Matters:	None

Appendix 1

GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

The Public Spaces Protection Order
(Great Yarmouth Borough Council) *NO./2016*

This Order is made by Great Yarmouth Borough Council ("the Council") under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act").

The Council is satisfied that:

a. Activities carried on in the restricted areas as described below have had or likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the restricted areas and they will have such an effect.
b. The effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature is, or likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable and justifies the restriction's imposed by this Order.

Under section 67 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 it is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a Public Space Protection Order, or fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject to under a Public Space Protection Order. A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have the power to include in the Public Space Protection Order.

This Order comes into force on 1st April 2017 for a period of 3 years unless extended under section 60 of the Act.

Requirements

1. **Fouling-failure to remove dog faeces**

If within the administrative area of the Council a dog defecates at any time on land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission it shall be required that the person who is in charge of the dog at the time shall remove the faeces from the land forthwith.

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2. Dogs on Leads by Order

A person in charge of a dog present on land within the administrative area of the Council shall comply with a direction given to him by a Police Officer, Community Support Officer or an authorised Officer of the Council to put and keep the dog on a lead.

3. Leads Requirements

A person in charge of a dog shall be required to keep the dog leashed at all time, (or during the period specified in the schedule if stated), when present on any land detailed in Schedule 1.

4. Exclusion-Dog Ban

A person in charge of a dog shall not at any time (or during the period specified in the schedule if stated) take the dog onto, or permit the dog to enter or remain on, any land detailed in Schedule 2.

5. Offence

A person failing to comply with parts 1,2,3 or 4 of this Order shall be guilty of an offence unless:

(a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so;

or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

6. Exemptions

Nothing in part 1 or part 4 of this order shall apply to a person who –

(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

(b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or

(c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

For the purpose of this order –

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 A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;

 For part 1 of this order placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;

 For part 1 of this order the Council does not consider being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces

 For part 2 of this Order an “authorised Officer of the Council” means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of Great Yarmouth Borough Council who is authorised in writing by Great Yarmouth Borough Council for the purposes of giving directions under the Order.

 For part 2 of this Order a Police Officer, Community Support Officer or an authorised Officer of the council may only give a direction under this order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or to a bird or another animal.

6. Penalty

A person who is guilty of an offence under this order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

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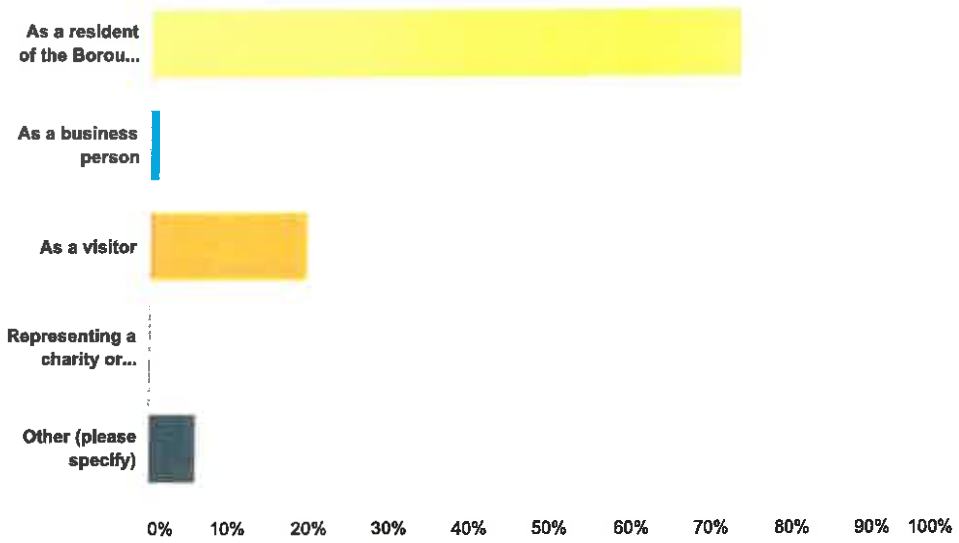
APPENDIX 2

Dog Control - Proposed Public Space Protection Order

Q1 I am completing this survey

Answered: 858 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
As a resident of the Borough of Great Yarmouth	73.19%	628
As a business person	1.05%	9
As a visitor	19.58%	168
Representing a charity or organisation	0.23%	2
Other (please specify)	5.94%	51
Total		858

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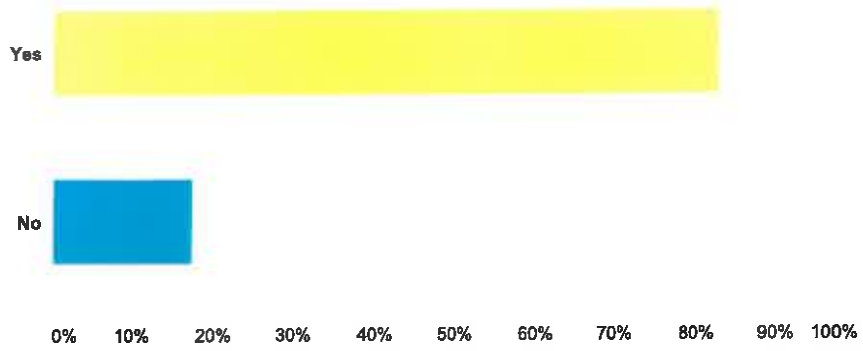
Q2 **Please supply your postcode**

- 858 postcodes were supplied

Q3 Are you a dog owner?

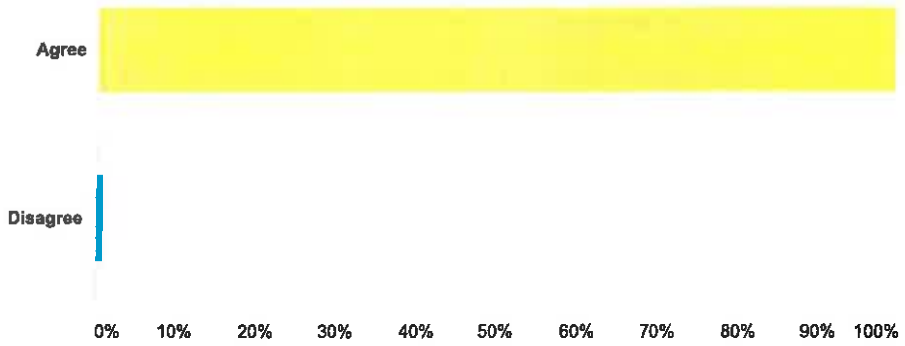
Answered: 858 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	82.75%	710
No	17.25%	148
Total		858

Q4 Dog FoulingThe Council is proposing the continuation of the existing powers that makes it an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its faeces. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

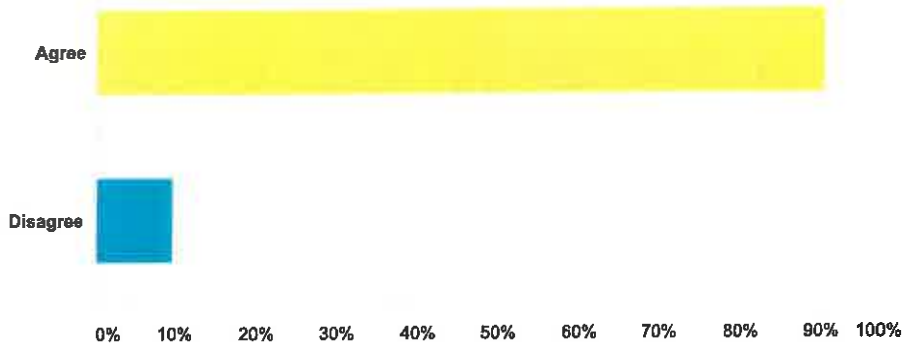
Answered: 855 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	99.18%	848
Disagree	0.82%	7
Total		855

Q5 Dogs on lead by orderThe Council is proposing a new borough wide offence for failing to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer where the dog is considered to be out of control, causing alarm or distress or to prevent a nuisance. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

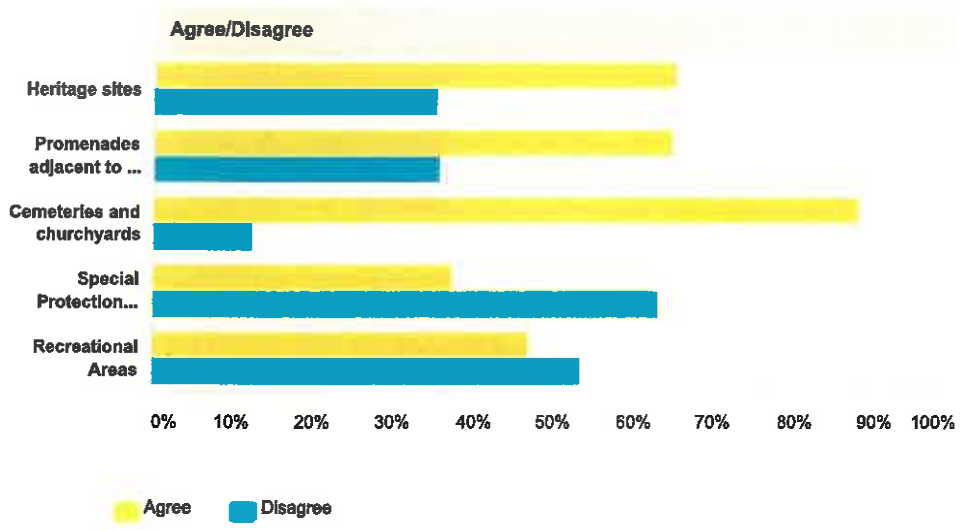
Answered: 855 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	90.29%	772
Disagree	9.71%	83
Total		855

Q6 Dogs on lead requirementIn addition to its own proposals, the Council has received a number of proposals from Parish Councils and other landowners that would require a dog to be leashed when on certain areas of land. This would be in the interest of hygiene, preventing nuisance and respect. Do you agree where it has been proposed dogs should be leashed on the following types of land?

Answered: 856 Skipped: 2

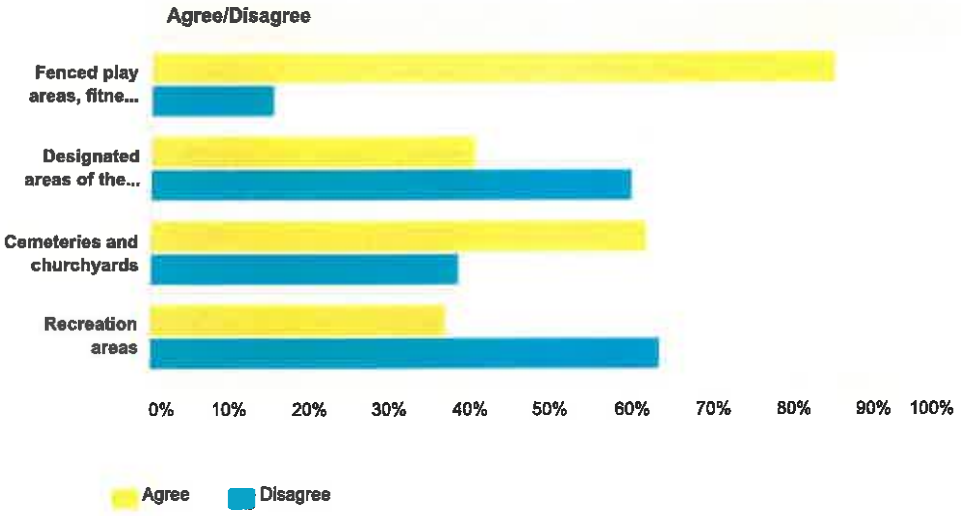


Agree/Disagree

	Agree	Disagree	Total
Heritage sites	**65.03%** 556	**34.97%** 299	855
Promenades adjacent to the main tourist beaches at Gt Yarmouth and Gorleston	**64.52%** 551	**35.48%** 303	854
Cemeteries and churchyards	**87.73%** 751	**12.27%** 105	856
Special Protection Areas for Nature (Beach at North Denes to Caister)	**37.12%** 317	**62.88%** 537	854
Recreational Areas	**46.67%** 399	**53.33%** 456	855

Q7 Dog BanIn addition to its own proposals, the Council has received a number of proposals from Parish Councils and other landowners that would ban dogs from certain areas of land. This would be in the interest of hygiene and safety. Do you agree where it has been proposed dogs should be banned from the following types of land?

Answered: 857 Skipped: 1



Agree/Disagree

	Agree	Disagree	Total
Fenced play areas, fitness areas, skate parks and multi use games areas.	**84.80%** 725	**15.20%** 130	855
Designated areas of the beach at Gorleston and Gt Yarmouth	**40.33%** 344	**59.67%** 509	853
Cemeteries and churchyards	**61.52%** 526	**38.48%** 329	855
Recreation areas	**36.80%** 315	**63.20%** 541	856

APPENDIX 3a

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Q8 Any other comments

Answered: 520 Skipped: 338

#	Responses	Date
1	A lot of people walk their dogs at Caister. If stopped the lifeboat would lose a lot of donations and the council would lose a lot of revenue from the car park as about 50% who use it are dog walkers. Yes dogs should be kept on a lead in cemeteries and churchyards out of respect. The only nature that need protection that I know of is the nesting little terns. What will you do about the vandals who disturb them. Even when fenced off. The Kennel Club and the RSPCA say that dogs need to be able to run free. Keeping them on leads can lead to frustration and aggression to other dogs and people including their owners. You will have more dogs put into Rescue Centres or put to sleep. Who will enforce the rules? I see many broken every day and nothing done about it. Quite often ignored by people who should be doing something.	10/19/2016 11:36 AM
2	Being a Groundsman (voluntary) of a Cricket Club it is a continuing problem of dogs mess on the ground. Most people are considerate and clear up after their dogs but some couldn't care less. Personally I would like to see a complete ban on dogs on recreational/sports grounds as is the case of neighbouring grounds to us i.e. Hemsby, Martham. With children using these types of grounds I think it is essential that a clean, healthy environment is kept.	10/19/2016 11:27 AM
3	We are owners of two spaniels who need to have a lot of exercise to be healthy going on the beach (North Denes) is a pleasure. We pick up their mess (and other debris we find such as glass, plastic etc). We have never had bad experiences with other dogs or owners, in fact made many friends through letting our dogs play on the beach. Keeping our dogs on leads long or short ones would be dangerous as they would get tangled up and could cause injury to them. We also would like to know what you plan for horses as they leave their mess on beach and pavements, plus the damage which teenagers are doing to the dunes by riding their motorbikes there very fast and no care for anyone or anything or is it one law for one and not for others	10/19/2016 11:21 AM
4	Where else can dogs be walking/running if not on beach? It's a silly proposal. We used to have dogs and they need exercise!	10/19/2016 11:14 AM
5	When I was a child I was on the beach and a dog running free jumped up on me. As I was wearing a swimsuit and the dogs claws had not been clipped I had abrasions the length of my body. I now have a life long fear of dogs and I do not think that assurances from owners "they won't hurt you, they are being friendly" are insufficient. If people own dogs they should take responsibility for them and keep them on a lead. When I look after my grandchildren I have to keep them under control.	10/19/2016 11:09 AM
6	Dogs need exercise by running free with owner in control of their dog. If asked should then put the dog on lead.	10/19/2016 10:09 AM
7	North Denes - No need for dogs to be on lead on this huge area there is plenty of space for everyone. I've walked my dogs there since 1949 with never any trouble from other dogs or people complaining.	10/19/2016 9:23 AM
8	Advice when buying my first springer spaniel "please don't if there is nowhere in your area for them to run" as most dogs love to do. What better place than the North Denes and the many fields surrounding the ruins at Burgh. The latter of which there is no excuse for fouling as there are more than adequate bins provided. I am 70 and have enjoyed the pleasure of walking there with dogs from a young age and my parents and grandparents before me. As for fauna, special species can be fenced off as on the dunes at Corton. Dogs are far more important to people in so many ways than a few windswept rare plants. The Council did not consider the hundreds, and I mean hundreds, of skylarks (ground nesting birds) whose habitat was destroyed building Beacon Business Park and the link road from the A12 to A143. On the denes the terns are protected and skylarks still thrive there. It is a know fact that dogs are more aggressive to each other when on leads than off. If an owner has a dog who cannot be trusted with other dogs or with children it is no more cruel to muzzle it than to keep an active fun loving dog on a lead. Dogs will be the innocent victims of these proposals when for the most part their owners are to blame. Please don't let the few spoil it for the many. Catch the culprits!	10/19/2016 9:19 AM
9	I THNK MORE AWARENESS SHOULD BE DRAWN TO THE NOR FOULING ANYWHERE IN THE BOROUGH. I KNOW RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS WHO WOULD PICK UP IN TOWN BUT NOT IN THE COUNTRY!!!!	10/18/2016 1:01 PM
10	I would like to take my dog when I visit a grave and I keep him on a lead. He does no harm. I think there should be designated areas for dogs off the lead on open land.	10/18/2016 11:19 AM
11	More effort should be made to prosecute irresponsible owners who do not pick up after their dogs as responsible owners are penalised by these laws. Human litter louts (e.g dirty nappies etc) cause as many problems.	10/18/2016 10:37 AM

12	I understand dogs should be on a lead on the promenade and on the beach of highly populated beach areas especially during high season however what is the harm of having dog friendly parts of the beach . If Great Yarmouth has a complete dog ban all leads it will suffer drawing in even less visitors. Great Yarmouth should spend more money regenerating itself as the last time I went I felt it was stuck in the 1980s and was really run down.	10/18/2016 9:54 AM
13	I think that a dog ban should be in place on popular beach areas but only during peak holiday periods as other Councils have in place. There shouldn't be a complete ban on dogs in cemeteries as for many people a dog is a member of the family and bereaved people should be entitled to take their dog to visit deceased loved ones. However, dogs should remain on leads at all times. With regards to dog fouling - the problem will never be resolved until we have more Environmental Health Officers in place. Every popular dog walking area is littered with dog muck - North Denes being the worst. In the 6 years I have had my dog I have never seen an Environmental Health Officer monitoring or watching to make sure dog owners pick up after their dogs. They do not have the time and are too stretched to do spot checks.	10/18/2016 9:28 AM
14	First time we have seen anything like this consultation. Wish our Local Authority would do something similar	10/18/2016 9:06 AM
15	If you ban dogs on the dunes you will have one less visitor spending £20+ per visit	10/18/2016 9:03 AM
16	Re Q6 - where and when the little terns nest, yes this is not the whole of the dunes and the beach North Denes - Caister. Responsible ownership should ensure behaviour of dogs.	10/18/2016 8:57 AM
17	Dogs need somewhere to be able to run around and socialise	10/18/2016 8:52 AM
18	The dogs are not the problem its the owners responsibility to ensure the dogs are under control at all times and all "poo" is picked up and disposed of correctly. The North Denes area is a great place for well behaved dogs to run free. A number should be made clearly available for people to report irresponsible dog owners. Maybe a facebook page to name and shame culprits with pictures, videos etc	10/18/2016 8:50 AM
19	There is no need to ban dogs from anywhere provided they have responsible owners who clean up after them and are sensible when they let of lead. Responsible owners are being made to suffer for the bad owners.	10/18/2016 8:38 AM
20	Why deprive good owners and good dogs of one of the enjoyable things the village offers for free. It's a good way to socialise and part of village lifestyle. The rec is lovely to meet up. Children have their play area and I wouldn't want to take a dog there but the rec is ideal for everyone. People need to get along. We all pick up and shouldn't be punished for someone else's selfishness and disrespect.	10/18/2016 8:34 AM
21	These proposals to keep dogs on lead, will not resolve the picking up of dog waste. If they are on lead or not, if the owner does not pick as a rule being on lead will not make them pick up the waste. Also being on lead, does not allow the dog to display natural behaviour. Therefore making the dog frustrated and liable to be reactive to other dogs. Of course any dog that is out of control should be on lead for the safety of other dogs and the public.	10/17/2016 10:43 PM
22	Where are designated areas? Has anybody thought how tourism will be affected? The wording if this survey is ambiguous at best & leading. I have spoke to several tourists & they say they will go elsewhere if unable to let dogs off on north denes beach. Speaking with Great Yarmouth residents it will also become a voting issue. Please don't let a minority spoil it for the rest of us responsible owners, who do more to look after the beaches & dunes then most others.	10/17/2016 10:25 PM
23	There needs to be accountability, WORLD WIDE, of all dog owners in regards to feces and leash laws. This not only prevents harm to humans, but to other animals as well!	10/17/2016 7:21 PM
24	I think most dogs need to be able to run free , to have a good exercise , also to be abe to mix with other dogs , we are all so friendly at the Burgh site, plus we clean up after our dogs , I have walk over the site for at lest 40 or more years , it will be such a shame , I also think it will cost a lot of money to man all these different sites, plus businesses will lose money , because people will be unable to use different areas to walk there dogs , Please do not do this to dog owner's	10/17/2016 7:11 PM

25	[redacted] I would like to register my objection to the Public Space Protection Orders currently being enforced by many councils. I am a dog trainer of 30 years experience and a multiple dog owner. Firstly let me say that there are some points that I am in favour of such as greater restrictions on dog fouling – picking up should be obligatory (are the council going to provide more poo bins to this end?) - and all dogs being walked on leads on any public road. There are several points, however, that are being brought forward by people who obviously do not understand the needs of dogs or the dog/human relationship. Regarding orders to restrict the exercising of dogs off lead. It is important to realise that a dog that does not have sufficient free running and opportunity to burn off energy will be a frustrated dog. This will manifest itself in, at best a destructive and disruptive dog, and at worst a dog that takes its frustration out on its human owner, sometimes physically. Dogs need to run and play in the same way that a child does. Also like a child the dog needs physical exercise for fitness and wellbeing. To deprive a dog of this kind of exercise is sheer cruelty. An owner should, however, be able to demonstrate his or her control over the dog when asked to i.e. by recalling or downing the dog. Another point to be considered is that, should dogs not be allowed off lead, all dog sports would have to cease as there is not a single dog sport whether it be shooting or agility or any of the range of sports across the spectrum, that does not have an off lead component to it. It should also be remembered here that many parks and open spaces remain safe due to the number of dog walkers who are out and about in all weathers and all seasons unlike the non-dog owning public! Dog owners are generally fitter and healthier and have lower blood pressure than non-dog owners, perhaps you should be encouraging more people to own dogs! Another point to bring up here is, should dog walkers be forced to go further afield to run their dogs freely, they will have to put their dogs in cars and drive them elsewhere thus adding to the pollution and congestion that we are trying to discourage. An important point, for councils with jurisdiction over coastal areas to consider, is, the impact of banning dogs from beaches on tourism. A high percentage of visitors to our coastal resorts in this country do so because they do not wish to kennel or leave their dogs at home. The majority of people without dogs go abroad where the weather is more predictable. If dogs are to be banned from beaches during the summer more people will start taking advantage of the pet passport scheme and will take their families overseas, as a result the income that these coastal areas rely on so heavily will decrease considerably. I have noticed that councils are trying to limit the number of dogs that can be walked at any time by one person. I believe that the reason for this proposed legislation is the growth of professional dog walkers who "walk" anything up to 20 dogs at a time. There should not be an overall limit on the amount of dogs a private individual can walk, as most multiple dog owners are involved in a dog sport, and as such, are well aware of their responsibilities regarding dog fouling and control. It would be inhuman to possibly have to leave some dogs in a hot car whilst walking others, which may be the only option for some owners. Public Space Protection Orders that set the limit of dogs that one person can walk at under 6 are actually contravening the DEFRA guidelines. Dog theft from cars is on the increase, while the police and local councils do not appear to take this problem very seriously, for many people it has become not only a heartbreaking and distressing reality but has cost them large amounts of money and on occasion they have even been threatened with physical violence. However, the growth of professional dog walkers means that all multiple dog walkers are being tarred with the same brush. Would a more sensible approach be to license professional dog walkers and limit the amount of dogs they walk at any one time to perhaps 4. It is far more difficult to control other people's dog than your own. It is noticeable to me, a mother and a dog owner, that children these days seem to be frightened by dogs, this appears to be a byproduct of so much anti-dog publicity that is constantly being banded around. Dogs and children make excellent bedfellows providing simple rules are followed regarding common sense and hygiene. (Not leaving children on their own with dogs, worming and hand washing). By removing dogs further and further away from where children meet and play, we will soon have a generation of children who have miserable lives because they are scared stiff every time they see a dog! I noticed in one particular area every minority group was consulted about Public Space Protection Orders except dog owners themselves. Who is stirring up all this anti-dog feeling? Do councilors not realise that having children and owning dogs often goes hand in hand and many children learn responsibility and care in this way? These new Public Space Protection Orders are being brought in by stealth tactics, the majority of responsible dog owners would be appalled if they knew what was being proposed in many areas now. By the time they find out it is too late to do anything about it, this is an infringement of civil liberties!!!! If you really want to know dog owner's opinions on the subject take out a full page advertisement in the local papers, voice it on local television and local radio. Only then can you say in all honesty that you have made people aware of your intentions and given them the opportunity to protest. Yours faithfully[redacted]	10/17/2016 6:25 PM
26	Having a total ban on areas of beach and recreational areas simply penalises all dog owners, including the majority who do not cause any problem. If you did then what does the dog owner, who also has children, and wishes to support your tourist industry rather than go abroad do for a holiday in your area. A very short sighted approach and just reducing income to your local area by more than 70% by banning dogs. They are not all 'devil's beasts'. Do not tar all owners with the same brush. In fact instead of banning, why not use the same people who may enforce the ban to carry out the on the spot fines for those irresponsible enough not to pick up. In the end that would be valuable income for the local authority, and similar income would be forthcoming if you dealt with littering with the same vigour.	10/17/2016 6:22 PM

27	It seems GYBC are lunishing those of us who are responsible dog owners and who do pick up after their dogs and respect the rules yet don't punish those hard enough who do repeatedly offend and break the rules. How are you going to police it? What about those who dump rubbish and drug paraphenalia all over the beaches and parks in the borough? I get fed up seeing rubbish including broken glass in areas where I walk my pup and where others dogs can be seriously hurt. Are the irresponsible dog owners going to pay are vet bills when their blatant lack of respect gets are loving family pets hurt or worse killed? Don't punish those who abide by the rules.....target those who don't!!!!!	10/17/2016 6:04 PM
28	In regard to Heritage Sites and dogs on leads proposals, whilst I support the proposal, it should only be relevant to the Roman Fort area in Burgh Castle that immediately surrounds the fort and should not extend to adjoining and/or adjacent fields, as this would leave no open spaces on the area where dog owners can exercise their dogs off the lead.	10/17/2016 5:35 PM
29	most people walking dogs on North Denes are responsible and to make people put dogs on leads would be a great shame - and might discourage people from walking or using the beach	10/17/2016 5:28 PM
30	Please don't make dogs on leads a restriction on beaches. It will deter visitors from coming to our beaches. As a dog owner it is vital that the dogs have some free space to roam. Totally agree that you should fine those who let dogs foul anywhere - just please don't stop dogs from being free on beaches. It would be unenforceable and impossible to police and would agitate more people than it would improve things.	10/17/2016 5:05 PM
31	Recreation areas should be for the use of all. With the addition of dog agility & dog run areas within the boundaries.	10/17/2016 5:05 PM
32	I used to be a dog owner and always kept them on a lead. As a mother of young children I feel strongly that dogs should be kept on leads as even a small dog jumping up can cause a young child to be scared of dogs. And I am more than fed up of standing in dog mess.	10/17/2016 3:50 PM

33	Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity. We care for approximately 17,000 stray and abandoned dogs each year through our nationwide network of 20 rehoming centres and invest substantial resources in education and responsible ownership initiatives. Dogs Trust strongly believes that banning dogs from certain areas within the local community will have a detrimental impact on dog owners, discouraging them from getting out with their dog. We believe that any areas where dogs are allowed needs to be well signposted to ensure owners are not deterred from visiting them. For example where the consultation proposes to ban dogs on certain sections of the beach it is important that the areas of the beach where dogs are allowed is marked as a designated dog friendly area. Dogs Trust has conducted research with the Cardiac Rehabilitation Team at Harefield Hospital to exemplify the benefits of dog ownership and found: • Dog owning adults and children are more physically active and healthier than non-dog owners. Much more physical exercise is undertaken by dog owners in contrast with non-dog owners, primarily as a result of a dog. Dog owners in fact walk an average of 44 minutes per week that's an extra 38 hours of walking a year than non-dog owners. • Dog owners make fewer visits to their GP and spend less time in hospital. Dog owners make 16% fewer annual doctors' visits and spend 21% fewer days in hospital than non-dog owners. Those with canine companions are better able to handle stressful life events that can induce ill-health as dogs act as an important coping resource. It emerged that dog owning women in China took fewer sick days off work and had to be seen less by their doctor. • Dogs can provide great emotional support for humans during periods of stress and anxiety. The simple presence of a dog can help lower levels of stress and anxiety – the key factors associated with ill-health. In fact the presence of a pet dog appears to have a similar positive impact on stress levels as the company of a human friend. For this reason alone we believe it will be detrimental to ban dogs from any cemeteries. • Dogs can help the development of children with learning and educational difficulties. In the presence of a dog, children with learning difficulties can display a more playful and focused mood and a greater awareness of their environment. The company of a dog is also found to prompt an increase in positive verbal and non-verbal behaviour. • Children that grow up with dogs are healthier and spend more time in school. Dog exposure in childhood can positively impact on immune development. Early exposure to dogs in infancy and childhood, can have a marked beneficial effect on immune development. Furthermore children owning a cat or dog were found to have an extra 9 days at school over the course of a year compared to those without pets. • Owning a dog helps reduce the risk of allergies in children, in particular asthma, wheezing and eczema. Regular dog exposure reduces the chance of children developing atopic dermatitis and asthma. As well as dog or cat ownership reducing the risk of allergies, children exposed to two or more dogs in their first year had even less chance of developing eczema or asthma. Dog ownership is associated with less wheezing amongst high-risk infants during their first year of life. • Dogs can reduce depression and improve mental well-being in humans. Dog ownership can contribute to the overall psychological well-being of people and dog owners can show a notable improvement in self-esteem. The presence of a dog during therapy sessions has been shown to highlight psychological benefits linked to limiting depression. Studies highlighted a decrease in patients' sense of loneliness, social withdrawal and showed notable improvement in depression levels. • Dog ownership aids the recovery of post coronary patients. Not only can dogs lower the risk of coronary heart disease but dog owners are also more likely to recover from coronary surgery. There is an 84% survival rate for non-dog owners and a 94% survival rate for dog owners. Furthermore, dog owners were 8.6 times more likely to be alive one year after a heart attack than those without a dog. • Owning a dog can help lower blood pressure in children and adults. Being in the company of a dog significantly lowers blood pressure and can even help control borderline hypertension. Dog owners also have reduced blood pressure levels when reacting to stressful situations. It only takes between 5-24 minutes for a dog to reduce a human's blood pressure. • Dogs can help the elderly by combating feelings of loneliness and isolation. Dogs have been found to encourage the elderly to socialise and therefore help combat feelings of loneliness and isolation. This can also be said for those in nursing homes; residents that spent time with a therapy dog for 30 minutes three times a week measured significantly lower loneliness scores than those without dog interaction. In conclusion, the benefits of owning a dog are significant and we encourage the Council to reconsider plans to prohibit dogs, and therefore deter their owners, from visiting cemeteries, church yards, beaches and recreation areas.	10/17/2016 2:56 PM
34	Dogs need freedom to roam as long as they are controlled	10/17/2016 2:47 PM
35	If the land between Caister and Gt Yarmouth is a Special Protection Area for Nature, how come [redacted] can dump soil with brick rubble in it over the sea wall and flatten the hills so that the view from the front row of caravans is not obstructed!	10/17/2016 10:52 AM
36	As a responsible dog owner I am all for heavier penalties for those who do not clean up their dog faeces in/on public spaces, especially footpaths etc	10/17/2016 9:30 AM
37	I do not have a dog but am a regular visitor. I enjoy seeing dogs off leash in the area and the interaction this generates with their owners. If these proposals were brought in to restrict dogs to leads or ban them from areas completely myself and my family would cease visiting the area.	10/16/2016 10:46 PM
38	Dogs need major exercise this can not be done on a lead, we can not exercise our dog in the local park as there is already a ban in place. this seems to be all about dog fouling, dogs will foul whether on a lead or not, do not punish us responsible owners who pick up after our dogs for the small minority who don't. May I also suggest poop bins to be put along the now sign posted coastal path.	10/16/2016 10:43 PM

39	You need to stop attacking dog owners and focus instead on the damage and risk to health and the environment caused by other groups in society, such as litterbugs and fly-tippers. I run a national campaign against these ridiculous dog bans and I do promise you, whatever reasons you might have to 'justify' any kind of ban or restriction, I can prove it a lie! My dogs and I have just returned from a holiday in Norfolk, which we love, and I am looking to purchase a property down there. Gorleston was recommended to me as a nice place to live, with a lovely beach for my dogs. You ban dogs on that beach, and I won't be coming to live there! Nor will I be visiting as a holidaymaker, contributing to your local economy.	10/16/2016 10:07 PM
40	We visit Yarmouth occasionally just to walk the dogs on North Denes. We usually go to a café, and sometimes do other shopping while there. We are mindful of others, and have never seen any poor behaviour by dogs in the area. Please reconsider this proposal. Thank you.	10/16/2016 9:54 PM
41	There are very few safe areas for dogs to be off lead. Limiting the areas dogs can go will be very dangerous. For example, burgh castle is safe, whereas Fritton Woods is not for a large portion of the year because of snakes- as instructed my local vetenarians. It is highly unfair to responsible dog walkers to limit where we can go because of a few irresponsible walkers. Likewise, beaches are not open to the dog walkers for the summer months. Prosecute dangerous dogs, owners who let their dogs foul, but do not punish responsible dog walkers.	10/16/2016 9:35 PM
42	I have only just heard about this and have had to ask a neighbour to fill it in for me as I don't have a computer. I am 84 and active because of my dog Ben. Although he cant go far at the moment because of an operation I am looking forward to being able to walk down to the dunes from my home and let him have a good run soon. Putting dogs on leads will not stop dogs mess. Walking my dog keeps me healthy. I cannot drive because of my eyes. I meet other dog-owners on the beach and we can help each other with information. I always keep him on a lead in childrens places and think that's right. [redacted]	10/16/2016 8:26 PM
43	The banning of dogs off lead on north Denes is rediculous proposal. Dogs need to be exercised and enjoy being let off the lead. This proposal means dog owners will have to drive out of town if they want the pleasure of seeing their dogs run free. What about old age pensioners who don't have the luxury of a car. I am the first to agree dog owners should clear up the mess made by their pets and should be fined if they don't but this proposal is a step to far.	10/16/2016 7:30 PM
44	Could I ask if dogs are banned from the beach or other areas where will we be allowed to walk them? It will be more menacing dogs being walked on busy roads or pavements in built up areas. Some breeds of dogs also need to run free, walking on a lead would not be sufficient for all breeds, which could cause aggression in dogs. OAPs and people who do not own cars would not be able to drive their dogs to areas where dogs can run free. Also dog walking is a social event for many people. Banning dogs from areas or not allowing them off the lead is a ludicrous idea.	10/16/2016 7:21 PM
45	dog need to be able to socialize with other dogs and to do this need to run free. This should not cause problems if all dogs are well trained. Dogs that are kept on leads feel more threatened and this can lead to more aggressive behaviour towards other dogs and their owners.	10/16/2016 6:14 PM
46	As a responsible dog owner I would always ensure responsible dog walking. Dogs need to run off of leads for general exercise and because most dogs are more sociable OFF of leads, which if you are not dog owners you would be aware of if you spoke to vets or dog experts. Surly dogs are becoming much more a part of family life now and I would think to quote you our 'expectations and aspirations' include dogs and their wellbeing more than ever. We are, after all, classed as a nation of dog lovers and I'm sure if these suggestions are put in place it shall have a very negative effect on dog owners holidaying in our beautiful area. Where will families encourage children to walk and run with their pets, we need to get more people out exercising not staying indoors.	10/16/2016 5:25 PM
47	Dogs need to have the freedom to be let off a lead and to have a run. By banning this it'll will make it impossible to excercise your dog sufficiently throughout the day. It's hard enough for animals to be rehomed and by placing more blocks in the way regarding where you can walk them, I think it will then make it harder for people to adopt worrying where to walk it.	10/16/2016 5:22 PM
48	Dogs need to socialise with other dogs and restricting them to be on a lead is not healthy. Dogs need to run and exercise. So many dogs are used to running off the lead it would be unfair!	10/16/2016 5:00 PM
49	As I take my dog to most of the places that is proposing the bans, i and many of us will find somewhere else to exercise our dogs which is totally unfair and is discriminating dog owners! Very angry	10/16/2016 4:50 PM

50	I feel that by imposing a total dog ban in these areas is very unfair. Common sense and restrictions should apply, for example dogs should be allowed only on a lead in childrens play areas, many families have children and pets and enjoy a trip to the park together. Banning them from being able to attend penalises both the animal and the children. I agree the restrictions are necessary, for example during peak season on the beach the popular tourist areas could remain no access to pets to make sure it is a safe and enjoyable place for all. By banning dogs completely, or not allowing them off the lead in the places mentioned will result in there being no places at all a dog can get the exercise and socialisation that is essential. Quality of life will suffer. Many tourists and visitors come to our area with dogs, imposing such harsh restrictions will put people off and our local trades and businesses will suffer. I feel that the irresponsible people who already ignore the rules and restrictions will simply continue to do so regardless, while the decent law abiding residents such as myself will be those affected most. Banning dogs off lead will not have any impact on the waste being picked up....those who don't do it already wont start just because their dog is on a lead. The majority of dog mess I encounter on a daily basis is actually on the pavements, and rarely on the fields and beaches. This mess is left by on lead dogs walking to and from their destinations. With dogs already banned from a lot of the surrounding broads walks, restricting them from fields and beaches will have a dramatic effect on the animals health as there wont be anywhere to walk them without driving further a field, thus taking any custom and purchases of lunch/drinks etc to another town and the further decline of ours. I really hope that some middle ground can be found on this situation, certainly restrictions can be put in place sensibly and without serious impact to all residents and visitors alike. Many thanks .	10/16/2016 4:49 PM
51	I do not think the wording on this survey is appropriate such as question 6. I agree dogs should be on the lead to prevent them accessing, for example, the little tern area. However, they could still be allowed off-lead on the majority of the north dunes. Dog fouling is a big issue but it is a shame and somewhat drastic that the majority of residents are punished due to the actions of a few. Perhaps if the Council prosecuted more of those who were guilty of this offence it would deter others. Similarly with "heritage sites" such as Burgh Castle it is such a large area that dogs could be off-lead on most of the area.	10/16/2016 2:24 PM
52	keep them on leads, too many attacks on people. time for change. well done council. with the money from fines you can employ a number of dog wardens to enforce it. zero tolerance	10/16/2016 1:31 PM
53	The majority of dog owners are responsible do not penaliose the majority for action and attitude of the few. Cats give more problems with birds and mess in gardens. Would like to remind [redacted] the good times he had with [redacted] his family dog. Young and old enjoy there dog walking and letting them have a controlled time off the lead.	10/16/2016 1:28 PM
54	Perhaps someone from the council would like to come sit in their car along north drive where we live and witness people park their cars and then allow their dog or dogs to run freely along the dunes, the owners allowing the said dogs to foul and do not attempt to go and pick it up, they themselves do not stay on the trodden paths , they do not keep their dogs under control , allowing their dogs to run up to people and other dogs, we walk daily over there and we observe this every weekend, we can tell the daily dog walkers, we are the ones who have control over our dogs, we are the ones who pick up after our dogs. I feel very annoyed it's people who drive to this area and abuse it.	10/16/2016 1:03 PM
55	It's important for dogs to be off leads for their mental as well as physical health, and socialisation	10/16/2016 12:35 PM
56	I see no reason for dogs to be legally required to be on a lead in areas that are spartially populated by children and/or the general public, particularly areas commonly and historically used for dog walking such as the Roman Forts at Burgh Castle, Caister and the dunes in Great Yarmouth. If the managing authority of Burgh Castle wish to utilise sheep to manage the land then surely there could be a compromise of rotating the sheep and restricting access for dogs to the field with sheep in it at that time. Dogs form part of family life and their owners are required by law to provide them with sufficient exercise to their needs. There is a shortage of areas locally where this can be achieved and Burgh Castle and the Dunes are two of these areas - letting a well behaved dog off the lead causes no harm if done by responsible owners and ill behaved dogs (and owners) are already catered for under separate areas of the proposed legislation. I disagree with the totality of the restrictions proposed for dogs to be kept on leads in these areas.	10/16/2016 12:31 PM
57	A lot of these are already in place. It is widely agreed by Kennel club and many others that dogs need an amount of free running to prevent aggression and other undesired characteristics.	10/16/2016 11:12 AM
58	I feel very strong against this ban, as this restricts us dog owners to were our dogs can run free and get good excersie. My dog with many others need this excersie and to feel they have had a decent walk each day. They enjoy socialising with other dogs its a joy to see them happy. You will always get people who do not clear up after their dogs wheather on a lead or not, this will NOT stop this!! Let our dogs feel freedom when out for a walk! Would you like to be tied on a lead when it's your only time you get freedom.... No you wouldn't!! So give them some enjoyment please!!!	10/16/2016 9:34 AM
59	Should not be allowed on gorleston beach all year	10/16/2016 9:13 AM

60	My child was attacked by a dog off lead!! All dogs should be put on leads especially after the continous dog attacks happening daily! Im also fed up of walking in dog poo or the kids and sick of cleaning others dog poo off our shoes etc! Dogs are not pets they are animals who can attack at any time they should be banned near children altogether! My child will hide behind me anytime he near a dog!! Why shouldn't we be able to walk in public without worrying about being attacked by a dog??! Dogs should only be off lead in owners secured back garden that's it. Definitely never in any public space!	10/16/2016 8:26 AM
61	Why there always dogs in gt Yarmouth cemetery when they are supposedly banned , dogs should be on leads everywhere, as this will stop fouling	10/15/2016 10:37 PM
62	This is a great idea. About time too !	10/15/2016 10:29 PM
63	I am a Winterton resident and strongly disagree with the proposal that all dogs would have to be kept on leads on the village Recreation Ground on Somerton Road. This area is and has been well-used by dog walkers in the 9 years I have lived in the village and I can see no reason whatsoever to change that. I fully understand and agree with the current ban on dogs on the Playground off George Beck Road used by young children but in my experience very few children use the Recreation Ground. I know the "stock" answer will be that dog walkers can use the beach and the Dunes. But Winterton has many elderly and disabled residents - and visitors - who are unable to access the beach or the dunes and many will not walk their dogs on the dunes in the summer due to the slight risk of adder bites. It is a well recognised fact that dogs need exercise off lead and the Recreation Ground is regularly used as an area where dogs can learn to socialise with other dogs and people, to practice training and to give dogs a chance to run freely, which is incredibly important for their wellbeing, in a safe area set back from the road. Winterton also relies heavily on the tourist trade and has long been recognised as a dog-friendly village with many visitors and holiday home owners choosing it because dogs are so welcome and who would change their choice of destination. I believe, therefore, that your proposals will have a significant effect on businesses in the village which rely on tourist trade, most of which bring dogs with them into the village. It is my understanding the the purpose of the Recreation Ground is as a facility for the use of the whole village and your proposal to make all dog walkers keep their dogs on leads at all times would remove their free use of this community space as they wish to use it. Finally, if the purpose behind this proposal is actually to try to remove/reduce the problem of dog fouling, then once again I do not believe your proposals will achieve this. In my experience, all the dog walkers I know who use this space ALWAYS clear up after their dogs. I do not believe that an irresponsible dog owner who does not clear up after their dog will change their ways just because they have to keep their dog on a lead. If the Borough Council insists on implementing this Control Order, then I will be requesting that they provide an alternative fenced area in the village where we can safely exercise our dogs off-lead.	10/15/2016 8:27 PM
64	Dogs should be allowed off the leash on the beach so long as they are not causing any kind of nuisance to other beach users. We moved here from Bedfordshire knowing that this is a dog friendly area and we looked forward to our dogs socialising on the beach with other dogs and getting plenty of exercise. My dog loves swimming in the sea, she would be unable to do this on a leash. Lets live and let live	10/15/2016 8:18 PM
65	I hope this proposal goes through. I'm a dog owner and never let our dog off his lead in public areas. Although he is a very well behaved dog. People can always use extended leads to let their dog run or interact with others	10/15/2016 6:19 PM
66	A dog free area at the beach of Caister-on-Sea would be most welcome. Dog owners allow their dogs to harass children on the beach and urinate in the still water areas that form on the sand, that small children often play in. There is also a field behind the Roman heritage site at Caister, that has a public footpath crossing it, the field is used as a dog run and messing area, as is the footpath that runs between Longfellow Road and Brooke Avenue. I have experienced verbal abuse when asking dog owners to put their dogs back on their leads, and told that I should put my son on a lead instead. There is a notice at the entrance of the Roman site, clearly stating that dogs should be kept on leads, this is ignored. There is a definite problem in Caister with irresponsible dog owners, a further offensive area is the passage way between Byron Way and the main road (it runs alongside the cemetery), filled poop bags are being chucked into the shrubbery exactly where the no dog fouling sign is. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	10/15/2016 4:59 PM
67	When talking to fellow dog walkers, tourists frequently comment on how hard it is to find places to walk there dog off lead. Most of us are responsible dog owners, the irresponsible will still not clean up after their animals or have them on the lead, so please don't punish us due to their behaviour. I visit Northumbria regularly and the tourist sector is well catered for there when it comes to travelling with dogs. No beach restrictions and many parks and stately homes welcoming dogs too.	10/15/2016 3:53 PM

68	Choice between 'agree' & 'disagree' does not allow for comments ie fenced play areas included with multi-use play areas - obviously dogs should be banned from the play ground but does this include the surrounding Mill Lane football fields ? So the answers are too prescriptive to give any accurate opinion My experience is that most dog walkers at Mill Lane & Burgh Castle are responsible, with well behaved dogs who altho; their dogs are 'off lead' present NO PROBLEM to other walkers. Unlike some of the younger users of the Mill Lane Centre - the vandalism, litter and general lack of respect for this area is far in access of any problems caused by 'off' lead dogs. This month at Mill Lane we have had a litter bin removed, its contents emptied - mostly ;poo bags' placed there by the 99% of responsible dog walkers, and the litter bin smashed against the wall until it is destroyed, we have had the 'Keep Left' road sign - stolen from the Burgh Road Roundabout left there - again smashed, & one ;bored' child using the top of the wire mesh fence as a trampoline - I could go on & on.. Far from any distress caused by dogs, several of the more mature dog owners at Mill Lane now feel intimidated by the groups of youngsters (mostly teenagers} I have never seen a Park Ranger there .,altho I have rung the Police when the vandalism is taking place As for 'Generation Wood' - the area has become so overgrown and now provides good cover for groups , and judging by the Lager cans & litter they are not in the bushes studying the 'flora & fauna' It Rather than worrying about 4 legged animals ,perhaps we should turn attention to some of the 2 legged variety & restrain & leash them as they cause far more damage to the environment If the dog ban comes into force - more dog /park Wardens will be needed, each with transport - can the cash-strapped Yarmouth Council afford this ?Surely there are plenty of other issues in our deprived area which need more urgent attention than this - for goodness sake adopt a 'live & let live' policy. Where there is no harm proved don't upset so many of the law abiding & responsible dog owners - (& voters at the next by-elections) there are far more urgent issues in this Borough So 'NO ' to a ban on dogs off leads - apart from the common sense areas of children's play area, central beach areas . & of course save prosecution for the irresponsible dog owners who have anti-social dogs or fail to poop the poo'	10/15/2016 1:41 PM
69	Hopefully the special protection area from the beach at North Denes to Caister inludes the dunes between Haven Seashore and Tan Lane Caister.	10/15/2016 1:03 PM
70	I have recently bought a static caravan on the Breydon Water Yare site. My decision to buy here was driven by it's proximity to the Burgh Castle ruins. My Husband and I are both disabled and appreciate the relative ease and convenience of this particular site. We are able to enjoy the beauty and history of the area whilst walking our dog off lead. I see no reason to legislate against walking dogs off lead on this particular site; if nesting birds or other wildlife need protecting at specific times of the year, notices could be put up advising visitors to keep dogs away from the area concerned, and perhaps the Council and other landowners could fence off these areas as and when necessary. The Council has included vast areas of open land in this proposed Bill but I am unable to find any reasons or explanations as to why. I must also ask where else we are able to exercise our dog off lead and if those areas are accessible to the disabled.	10/15/2016 12:24 PM
71	I have been a resident of Burgh Castle for over 10 years and have only ever come across 1 dog which caused a nuisance. the rest of us dog owners are responsible pet parents who clean up after their dogs and keep their dogs under control at all times both on and off the lead. the fort is a key places for us dog owners to exercise our dogs and to socialize as well. to take this away from us would not be in our best interests. we also go about cleaning up other peoples mess/litter which some people callously just throw on the ground despite being provided with bins. we would be forced to go elsewhere to walk our dogs and this site would become a dumping ground. we have on multiple occasions found drug paraphenalia all around the fort and church and request you don't enforce the dogs on leads case and concentrate on stopping this instead as it is detrimental to both humans and wildlife	10/15/2016 10:24 AM
72	Dogs being on leads will not make a difference to those who unfortunately don't clear up after their dogs. Plus there is a lot more rubbish left at these areas other than poo, food wrappers bottles etc so are you going to can people using these areas too to stop this? Make horse owners clear up after their animals, it's every where in belton even on paths and I don't want to drive through it as I park in my garage and even though they don't eat meat it DOES still smell !!	10/15/2016 8:33 AM
73	Dogs & people need exercise, responsible owners train their dogs to behave where ever they are and clean up after them. I have personally cleared many plastic bags of rubbish from the beach during my walks much of which is deadly to wild life, my dog has never caused any problems down nor would I let him. Much needs to be done in many areas of dog ownership but a blanket ban is not one of them, it's very unfair to those of us who are responsible which is most of us.	10/14/2016 10:56 PM
74	No matter what plans the council puts in place, certain irresponsible dog owners will allow dog to foul and not clear it up. This won't change whether they are on leads or not. To deprive an dog of an area to run freely is cruel.	10/14/2016 9:47 PM
75	With regards to dogs on leads- a compromise should be reached where this is only seasonally. No one visits heritage sites and beaches apart from dog owners in the dead of winter- we're out in all weathers!	10/14/2016 9:34 PM
76	Most dog owners I come across are responsible and use common sense with regards to where dogs should be leashes etc. What I don't see is tourists or members of the public that litter the beaches, leave fire pits etc receiving a ban. Plus how will this affect the already struggling tourist trade. the campsites in the summer are full of tourists keen to walk their dogs on the beach. I should imagine they will be choosing a much more dog friendly location in the future.	10/14/2016 9:30 PM

77	I don't agree with the proposal that dogs must be on a lead in relation to the Dunes area between Great Yarmouth and Caister. Also I disagree with the proposal for Burgh Castle Fort. This needs rethinking	10/14/2016 8:20 PM
78	Dogs are a particular nuisance on the pitch and putt area at Bure Park	10/14/2016 6:37 PM
79	forcing dog owners to put their dogs on leads on the beaches is especially undesirable, it will damage tourism as many visitors come because their dogs can run free and go in the sea, my relations and friends who regularly come here have said they will stay away if they can't exercise their dogs off lead, also of course residents exercise dogs off lead on the beaches, this should not be banned, people choose to move here because they CAN take their dogs to the beaches to run free.	10/14/2016 6:27 PM
80	In regards to the Councils proposal for dogs to be leashed North Denes to Caister beach, I do not agree that allowing dogs of leads in this area has any detrimental effect to the special nature protection area. As a responsible dog owner who always pick up my dog's faeces. I often feel angry at the amount of dogs mess that I come across on Caister beach, and I suspect because a dog is on a lead, this will not make irresponsible dog owners clear up and make the situation any better. So please could we allow dogs to continue to be exercised off lead in this area. Most of the damage to this beautiful area is done by humans! Litter louts with no regard to the environment. There is such a shortage of suitable areas in the Borough to exercise dogs of lead. Perhaps this could be looked into?	10/14/2016 6:21 PM
81	Agree completely on the proposal of not picking up dog mess, I am fed up of walking my dogs and always seeing it! However I do not agree with keeping dogs on lead unless they are causing 'trouble'. However if they are happily walking along causing no harm this is a complete ridiculous proposal and I feel a waste of time! People have their dogs to enjoy and as a dog owner myself I enjoy my long dog walks! Don't ruin this for people too!! Too much gets taken away and controlled - leave this be!!	10/14/2016 6:15 PM
82	Rather than a out right ban that segregates dog owners who are responsible for their dogs hygiene , from being able to pay their respects in graveyards and taking their children to play areas (people such as myself) why dont we see more rangers actually doing their job of handing out fines to those who foul the streets and areas of our homes? I can honestly say as the owner of animals for over 20 yrs ive never seen or witnessed a ranger giving or a person rightly receiving a fine. If effort was put into rangers as much as traffic wardens the problem would be stamped out in my opinion. Its a minority of ignorant and selfish people who once again spoil it for everyone else . how about volunteers to act as rangers when they are out dog walking themselves? If given jurisdiction this could posdibly help by raising awareness and reduce the problem.	10/14/2016 5:49 PM
83	By keep a well behaved dog on a leash you are preventing it from proper exercise and the abilities to socialise with other cainines. I know my dog loves a run on the beach and a swim in the sea if I thought my dog was going to be a nuisance I as a responsible dog owner would put my dog on a lead but do not agree with being told my dog must be kept on a lead at all times this to me is very backward	10/14/2016 4:59 PM
84	My wife and I would be very disappointed with a dog lead requirement at the North Denes. Our early morning walk there is the highlight of our week and we combine it with weekly shopping in the town centre. We would no longer visit Great Yarmouth if the dog lead requirement is passed. When you consider the problems our town and country face, this does seem like unnecessary bureaucracy.	10/14/2016 4:45 PM
85	I currently walk my dog regularly in the field next to the Roman ruins. The field is mainly used to exercise dogs and I have never seen a dog walker not pick up after their dog. There are very few places to walk the dogs off lead in Caister that are safe and I see no reason whilst this can't continue. Dogs need exercise off lead.	10/14/2016 3:29 PM
86	It's not the dog it's the owner , agressice dogs should be leashed , kept under control. It's not fair on dogs that are well behaved and love to run free or the dog owners who pick up their dog mess. There is a lot of dog mess on main roads this is where dogs are leashed. The fine should be made hefty for owners who fail to comply leaving dog mess is vile . More bins should be added around the town / villages	10/14/2016 2:24 PM

87	I moved to Caister just under 3 years ago, we specifically chose this area because of the fantastic outdoors areas that it offers to exercise both ourselves and our dog safely. So I feel absolutely devastated to hear of the proposals to ban dogs from off leads from the beach/dunes area in Caister. I am registered disabled due to the diagnosis of a terminal incurable cancer this year. My own mobility is limited because of my illness, and I cannot physically walk long distances. So if this ban comes in I will no longer be able to give my 16 month old dog the exercise she requires if I am forced to keep her on a lead. She is an active high energy breed that NEEDS at least two proper RUNS per day, not just a sedate walk. Additionally, now that this ban will potentially follow the existing ban that has recently been put in place in King George V playing field, where we are already prevented from exercising a dog off the lead. This means there will be no public facility ANYWHERE in the local area to exercise a dog in the manner in which I am required to do BY LAW... Under the animal welfare act 2006 it is my understanding that I have a duty of care to provide my dog with a suitable environment and the ability to exhibit normal behaviour patterns. This requires me to exercise and socialise my dog as appropriate. Could you please tell me how can I do that if she is banned from every local area? Surely if a dog is unable to burn excess energy then they have the potential to become aggressive on leads, this will ultimately make then MORE of a menace to passers-by not less. Honestly if nothing else I'd love the individuals who are proposing this ban to spend a day in my life right now. Things could not be more stressful with months of ongoing gruelling side effects of chemo and the worry of my illness. Trust me you would feel devastated too that one of my last simple pleasures in life, to throw a ball and play with my dog in my local area, is now under threat. For that reason I feel that you have got your priorities all wrong in this case. There is so much misery in this world already, so when you are faced with a life limiting disease you quickly learn what's important, and I simply do not understand what you think you will achieve by forcing people to keep dogs on a lead. The minority (and it is a minority) of ignorant owners who allow their dogs to fowl public areas will still continue to do so whether their dog is on a lead or not. So the only people you will hit with this are law abiding innocent people like myself who take responsibility for our pets. I have taken the time to enrol my dog in obedience classes and dog agility lessons specifically so I can safely control her off the lead, subsequently she is well behaved and I always carry and use bags to clear up after her as ALL responsibly dog owner do. Yet should this ban be enforced I will be left with the decision to either fail in the care of my dog, which is a criminal offence. Or flout the ban to face whatever penalty you will be enforcing on us just for going about our daily lives which is totally unfair and unnecessary.	10/14/2016 12:33 PM
88	As an enthusiastic bird watcher who has lived in Winterton for 28 years I am very familiar with the soul destroying negative impact that free running dogs can have. So much so that I have now more or less abandoned Winterton as a birdwatching location. I appreciate that the recommendation regarding dogs on leads will not effect Winterton but I do occasionally go birdwatching at Caister and find it equally disheartening. It is even the case that the situation at Winterton may deteriorate further if the off lead ban is introduced (and enforced) at Caister as some of the owners may relocate to Winterton. Even so I still hope it goes ahead as the principle of making dog owners more responsible for their actions is so important. There are so many dog owners now that there are no places left to go for a walk without this intrusion. The main concerns I have are disturbance to wildlife, the failure to pick up dogmess, being barked at, being jumped at and having dogs barking in general in an otherwise peaceful environment. I'm not scared of dogs and I don't even dislike them in their own right and if it was just one or two I could put up with it but it never is just one or two. Dog walkers also have pretty much failed to show much self restraint or self policing in recent years, another reason why this legislation is required.One factor that might be worth looking at is the differences in behaviour between owners who walk directly from their homes and those who drive to dog walking locations. As I said before I have abandoned Winterton and now spend more time birdwatching a few miles inland. The contrast between the coastal walkers and the inland walkers is very clear cut. The inland walkers are without exception friendly and considerate and will often put dogs on a lead well before they reach me or sometimes even change their route so as not to flush any birds. This NEVER happens at Winterton. I think it might be that if dog walkers have to make the effort to get in their cars and drive somewhere they are more likely to take it for granted that their activities will automatically take priority over anybody else. Maybe if dog walking areas could be created nearer to where people live this might help although I accept that the situation might be different at North Dene's compared to Winterton. I would certainly be happy to see GYBC spending money on designated free range areas of little wildlife value where dogs could run around. I do have lots of friends and relatives who own dogs and so appreciate how important they are in people's lives. I think that the majority of dog walkers have little or no understanding of the unhappiness that unrestricted dog walking has on the lives of other people due to the sheer scale of the situation. Good luck with getting this proposal passed and enforced - it is much appreciated.	10/13/2016 10:03 PM
89	We come to Norfolk quite a lot and it is nice to have some where to let your dog off the lead where we play a game with him which is what we do at the North Denes by the Munchies cafe, We always clear up after him and he does not chase after the wildlife so it would be a great shame to have him on a lead.	10/13/2016 7:58 PM
90	A well behaved dog should be allowed the freedom to have an off lead walk, as long as the owner is able to recall and control the dog. How is it planned to 'police' the restrictions? Dog fouling and fly tipping is still a huge problem, this isn't monitored enough. Fix one problem before starting to talk about further restrictions without enough people to patrol and monitor it. If you put the restriction on the beach are you going to have somebody walking the beaches 24/7?	10/13/2016 6:42 PM
91	Humans cause far more harm with litter & rubbish then dogs will ever do. Disgusting people vomiting outside Ocean Room & pubs causing trouble & vandalising. Let the dogs have freedom, ban the thugs.	10/13/2016 6:27 PM

92	Most of us dog owners are responsible owners & our dogs should not be restricted to "on lead" or banned from certain areas unless they are considered to be out of control, causing alarm or distress to others, it is unfair to punish responsible owners & restrict their dogs freedom.	10/13/2016 2:49 PM
93	Most dog owners are sensible, they keep their dog out of play areas, leashed near overly crowded pedestrianised areas, pick up fouling etc. Burgh castle, Mill lane field, university crescent field (behind Gorleston football field), promenade; especially Gorleston, but also Caister, gt yarmouth too and their beaches, are all used for family/elderly walking and day out with dogs. That are cared for so very obviously. These people should not be penalised when such a high percentage of our community use these areas appropriately. Also consider the health benefits (exercise, socialism) and also funding to small business; ice-cream while on your dog stroll or fish and chips. Also consider that these animals need exercise. Yes, a nice stroll somewhere is great, but if you only have a small garden/yard then surely it's only ethical to let the animal have a run about, a play! I could go on about the further positives regarding dogs, family and exercise. Encourage your community please. Trust them, go see for yourself the benefits. PLEASE!!!!!!!!	10/13/2016 12:42 PM
94	I walk at Burgh Castle every morning and have never been witness to bad behaviour by the dogs and or owners. Dog waste is picked up by the responsible owners but there are some who don't to the detriment of others. The dogs love to run the fields and I have never witnessed a problem. In fact more problems are caused by dogs on leads than without. Dogs need to have places that they can run and play. I sincerely hope that this open space remains somewhere that the dogs can run free. The majority of us are responsible owners and as such shouldn't be penilised for the few how aren't.	10/13/2016 11:29 AM
95	Responsible dog owners should not be discriminated because of irresponsible dog owners!! If banning dogs now in the only open space area left, the next step will be a total ban. Spending money on returning dog licences and screening potential dog owners may be more cost effective. Please consider the impact a dog has on the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Individuals who have mental health difficulties, young people and adults with disabilities and ageing should not be discriminated against and lose the opportunity to own a pet/dog. Research should be undertaken to consider the health benefits on owning a dog versus the rights of people to complain or the minority who are irresponsible dog owners. I am one voice but further thought must be taken before "surveys" are carried out which solely considers "bans" and not the needs of a dog or well-being to people in GY!!	10/13/2016 9:58 AM
96	There are times when not busy so dogs can be off.	10/13/2016 9:30 AM
97	Responsible dog owners are more than capable to control dog off lead. Have Osteoporosis and can't have dogs on lead but can control.	10/13/2016 9:28 AM
98	We have been coming down to GY for many years with our dogs. Munchies is a great place to meet other dog owners and walk the beach. Why all year round ban when other beaches you can take a dog during the winter	10/13/2016 9:21 AM
99	Don't see why dogs can't run and should be allowed.	10/13/2016 9:18 AM
100	How do you propose to enforce? Costs involved? Do you also stop motorcycles which are more dangerous than dogs? Kites and motorised cars. Freedom is nice at weekends to visit	10/13/2016 9:16 AM
101	Unfair on dogs to have them on a lead as they are limited everywhere else so should have the beach	10/13/2016 9:13 AM
102	I am a law abiding responsible dog owner as are over 90% of dog owners and am disgusted that you propose to penalise the majority because of the irresponsible minority. These are the ones you should be targeting. I am particularly appalled at the proposal to keep dogs on leads between North Denes and Tan Lane, Caister. I have been taking my dogs there for over 30 years and the only damage caused is by vandals who set light to areas of grass and [redacted]	10/13/2016 9:07 AM
103	Where are dogs supposed to be free to have a run around and let off steam. You might as well ban dogs from having a life full stop. It's down to owners being responsible for their pets.	10/13/2016 8:57 AM
104	It is the same old story - respectable, responsible dog owners are the ones made to suffer. Stop!! Start fines and carry them out. No one is getting disciplined for fouling or not having their dogs microchipped. Be the first Borough to introduce animal police. Yes it's money but the fines will pay for this. Stop, stopping me being able to exercise my dogs adequately. Dogs require energy release by means of allowing them to be loose - they are entitled to this. No one is penalising holiday makers or kids leaving glass, bottles, waste fast food cartons so when my dog slices his foot open because of glass, nothing gets done but at least if I stood in dog mess I can wash it. Oh and please don't forget to punish every cat owner as they poo everywhere. You are not making my dogs suffer! I'm disgusted with our Council to even contemplate these changes	10/13/2016 8:54 AM
105	I specifically object to the proposed ban on dogs having to be on leads at The Roman Fort in Burgh Castle and the Dunes from Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane at Caister. The Council MUST rethink this part of their proposal. It is illogical and highly unlikely to be enforced. For those who do obey it, all it will mean is that the dogs will go to another part of the Borough. Is that fair on other parts of the community?	10/12/2016 11:45 PM

106	I think if dogs are on leads we wouldn't have a problem with dog mess so much. I'm a responsible owner of two dogs & always keep them on the lead as this way I know when I have to pick the poop up. People who let there dogs run of have no idea where there dog is fouling. Please do not ban dogs from the beach near seashore just enforce leads. I love visiting your beach with my dogs near seashore & would be sad if I could no longer bring them to my caravan because of irresponsible dog owners. Bring in the leash rule & heavy fines first before you consider banning dogs to see if it gets better. Why should dogs suffer from visiting the beach!	10/12/2016 10:00 PM
107	Recreational areas cover a huge amount of areas a park is a recreational area where all sorts of recreation take place such as dog walking.I am very concerned as a responsible dog owner that areas where I can exercise and walk my dog are becoming less and less. As we protecting wild life which I am all for I do believe it is just as important to protect domestic pets and their environment by providing areas where they can get exercise will make them a happy and friendly animal.	10/12/2016 4:23 PM
108	I disagree with the dogs on leads order on Kings Road Winterton because this is where visitors to the village park and cut across to the entrance to the dunes. This is not a play area. The entrance to the dunes is not a dogs on lead ban and I don't think people would put dogs on leads for just the short stretch to the main dunes entrance. This grass area is only overlooked by one house and there is a road between the house and the green. I therefore object to the dog ban on this piece of ground but agree with the other areas in Winterton.	10/12/2016 2:57 PM
109	Dog owners need space for their dogs to run around free from the lead. If a dog is under control then it should be able to exercise free from it's lead in fields, open spaces etc.	10/12/2016 12:22 PM
110	Banning, prohibiting and criminalising dog owners is never the way up go. Education and making it socially unacceptable is the way to go. If you criminalise people for austensibly owner a dog and not allowing free movement it becomes a state run society becoming everything or society hates. These things need to stop what next, Free movement of people? Curfews? Minute men? The other side of this coin is that laws are enforced differently in different areas and most are unenforceable. The area I live have dog control orders under the PSPO regulations, however because of the lack of funding from central government there are even fewer people to enforce the laws! A law not enforced is a defunct law. Why not educate it would be less costly and more likely to be provide results. The area I live had a 'Dobb in a Dirty Dog' policy however I reported 4 people for not picking up two I have video evidence and the council did nothing? What is the point?	10/12/2016 12:08 PM
111	I notice from your list that there is no mention whatsoever in regard to Herbert Barnes Park at Cobholm. This is an SSSI and I feel should be included in the list. Also I see no mention of how exactly these Byelaws are to be enforced. Are you contemplating extra dog enforcement officers or some other system? Clarification would be useful.	10/12/2016 10:51 AM
112	The beach at North Denes to Caister is a fabulous space for responsible owners to let their dogs off the lead for much needed exercise as dogs do need to be able to run free. Putting dogs on leads in this area would not alter the fact that there are irresponsible owners who would still not pick up after their dogs.	10/12/2016 10:41 AM
113	Dogs need to exercise and run free. But I agree that they should be kept on leads in certain areas such as play grounds, cemetaries, areas of scientific interest and where the beaches are used by many people during the summer. But there are beaches where I feel it is perfectly OK for dogs to run free, providing they are good natured, have good recall and the owners clear up after their dog. Signs of such ares where dogs run free should be put up so people have a choice as to whether they use that beach or area.	10/11/2016 9:04 PM
114	Regarding the stretch of beach from Salisbury road to Caister, after walking my dog for 44 years , neither me nor my dog have been attacked by another dog. As for putting the dogs on a lead, the people who don't pick up their dog faeces, I don't think it will change their attitude. The dogs will still do their business on a lead. The council or whoever has proposed this idea should go on the beach and see all the empty bottles and beer cans which are left there by people because a lot of dog walkers actively help to pick up the rubbish. Why penalise dog walkers with well behaved dogs.	10/11/2016 6:31 PM
115	I agree dogs should be leased if out of control - and in church yards places that out of respect your dog should not be fouling, I believe that forcing all dog owners to lease there dogs permanently especially north denes etc where a number of responsible dog owners and tourists walk there dogs, this will force tourists to re think there holiday destination even choose not to come and visit the Yarmouth area. You will force good and responsible dog owners onto other areas where there dogs can be more free - and the irresponsible owners will still use the land in the same way and get away with it as they already do. Its not necessary to force behaved dogs on a lead. Enforce the dog fouling laws but don't penalise many because of the actions of the few. Perhaps instead of fines that are probably never paid give people community service collecting trash in the area where they decided not to pick up there dogs mess.	10/11/2016 4:15 PM

116	As a resident and responsible dog owner living in Hopton, I, as do the majority of others, do pick up after my dog, and we all tend to walk around the edges of the recreation ground with our dogs. I do not let my dog in the fenced play areas, nor run across the football pitch during a match, nor be on the unfenced skate park. By the way, the play equipment could do with some repair - a coat of paint wouldn't go amiss and the swings need some oil. Yet again, the responsible dog owners are being punished due to the irresponsible dog owners who will continue to walk and let their dogs poo on the field or around the verges which they now do generally at night when no-one's about. The responsible dog owners would be left with just the beach to walk dogs on which, whilst being beautiful and an asset to the village, is now difficult to access due to the rocks, has no public parking, has fishermen present on most days with big lines stretching across the sands to the sea and who incidentally leave their rubbish and hooks behind!, children and families in the school holidays/summertime, and it it is a long walk for those dog owners who are responsible and come home during their working day to walk their dogs, and for the elderly at the A12 side of the village for whom dog walking on the recreation ground is often the only way they get to socialise let alone walk their dogs in a safe environment. It just wouldn't be practical to ban dogs from the recreation ground. Why not fence the skate park and replace the signs that used to say "no dogs" at the 2 play areas that disappeared and have not been replaced. We should all be allowed to enjoy ourselves on the recreation area - we pay for the upkeep/repair/replacement for the recreation ground in our council tax after all, and for an awful lot of the year there are no children/football matches on there - it would be standing empty which is simply ridiculous as it is there to enjoy. Dog walkers are very often the eyes and ears of a community - I myself have reported vandalism to the skate park, found abandoned motorcycles/vehicles on the recreation ground field and in the car park, pick up litter after the football matches have left, find lost keys, and help the hurt/injured children when they've come off their scooters/skateboards when there have been no parents present. I strongly believe that simply banning dogs is not the answer. Dogs need to be able to run off lead to get the exercise and simulation needed to not end up as an agressive and wound up dog. The vast majority of gardens in the village are not big enough to allow owners to let their dogs get the exercise they need. Yes, we need to keep everyone safe and clean I agree completely, but please don't punish the responsible amongst us for the minority who don't give a damn. (I won't mention the number of "parents" that allow their children to poo/wee in the fenced areas of the play areas!)	10/11/2016 4:06 PM
117	Being a dog owner for nearly three years now 99 percent of dog walkers are totally responsible when walking clearing up dog mess and even other people's and in all these years have never come across any problems I walk ever day at the ruins at burgh castle .	10/11/2016 3:06 PM
118	It would be a shame if good and friendly dogs would not be allowed of the leash anymore. Many people come here or move here because this is a place they can be with their little friend(s). I came across a few people who were more than nasty to dogs off the lead. They are shouting at them and someone actually tried to kick my dog. He is still a puppy and only because he looks big and scary, it does not mean he is. Funny enough the behavior of those people is displayed in their dogs. This makes them more dangerous than most other dogs. Mainly these are those tiny dogs who do not need a lot of walks. I have got a dog who needs about 2-3 hours a day. I did not know that when I got him, but still love him dearly. If I would not be able to play with him off the leash with a thrower, I would have no free time anymore after a long day, as i would be walking for 2 hours at least. Also it would be beneficial to have more bins around the dunes for dog fouling. I pick mine up but can see why some people just leave it. It smells bad and they need to carry it very far in order to find a bin!! Poo bag dispensers would also be very much appreciated.	10/11/2016 1:45 PM
119	I am not a dog lover or a dog owner, but I strongly disagree with some of the new proposals. I thought that there were already powers to control unruly or dangerous dogs and their owners. If an owner is irresponsible I cannot see how having a dog on a lead is going to make them responsible and pick up faeces. To me part of being a responsible dog owner is to ensure that your pet has regular exercise. I cannot see how having to be kept on a lead and just walk is enough. I do agree that dogs should be kept out of certain areas and that the majority of the public would also agree. North Denes dune area is a very well used dog area. It is so popular and well known that people who do not like dogs know well enough to not go there. There are plenty of other places in the area to walk. It would be a great shame if you take this wonderful resource away from dogs and their owners. In fact, I would go as far as to say that you would be harming the area by doing this. I am sure that many people come to Great Yarmouth to use this facility and how many would then stay away as a result of not having an area to let their pet run. The cafes along the promenade would suffer and hence the toilets by Salisbury Road (another well used facility) would close again. I believe that the council is being very short sighted by denying dogs and their owners the use of North Denes dunes. As I write at eleven o'clock on a Tuesday morning I can see six single or pairs of people with their dogs running. It is not only the dogs that are getting exercise! Please think again of the consequences of stopping dogs being able to run on the dunes.	10/11/2016 11:03 AM
120	I believe in everyone's rights to enjoy public open spaces safely and comfortably and so support GYBC's proposals fully.	10/11/2016 8:21 AM

121	With regards to dogs having to be on leads at Burgh Castle Roman Fort area and Caister dunes I fear that a lot of responsible residents will be very disappointed with the proposed restrictions as we have very few areas were dog owners can let their dogs off the lead in order to give them the levels of exercise they need and to encourage their dogs to be sociable. Dogs on leads tend to be more protective of their walker and often bark and snarl. My Labrador is typical of most dogs that I meet at Burgh Castle, friendly, inquisitive, and delight to walk off lead. If I have to find somewhere else to walk the dog where he can be off lead I know I'll have drive further and will miss many of the friends I have met. When you consider how many people have dogs and how many incidents that involve injuries to humans or other dogs have been reported locally it beggars belief that such a restriction is even being considered. There will always be some people that do not like dogs or are frightened of them but can you really spoil the pleasure of owners and dogs off lead have. Facilities have been provided for children to play in many green fields why not a dogs exercise and play area. I have loved and walked dogs all my life and remember when my mother sat inside the Gorleston Pool area on grass with our Golden Retriever whilst I swam. Please rethink the proposals for these two areas as it will lead to a lot of bad feeling and resentment. We already have too many rules and regulations and angry people. Do we really need any more?	10/10/2016 8:30 PM
122	For the last 15 years I have been walking our dog on the beach /dunes area between munchies and the Caister-on-Sea Lifeboat sites, we are responsible dog owners, we ALWAYS clear up, we contribute to the local economy by using Munchies cafe as well as the Lifeboat station cafe. This proposed BAN would drive away the dog owners who actually clear up after their dogs as well as in many cases other dogs as well. Agreed we live in Norwich, but we are close to retirement and were thinking about investing in a Holiday Caravan at the Haven holiday park, but, if we cannot enjoy the coastline with out Westie (Ted) then I am afraid there will be no sales and investment from ourselves.	10/10/2016 8:21 PM
123	I love walking my dogs over the dunes and finishing at munchies for breakfast with friends and their dogs we all have well behaved dogs and they love running around off the lead . It would be a shame to enforce leads in that area as well behaved dogs are fine and dog owners that know what they are doing. The Dogs love the freedom of being outside with no lead for a while wouldn't you! I would suggest you consider looking for those that cannot control their dogs and those that do not pick up after their dogs as they are the bigger problems rather than penalising those of us that take the time and care to train our dogs and have well behaved dogs	10/10/2016 6:14 PM
124	(1) Will the council provide sufficient dog friendly areas, where dogs are allowed to be exercised off lead ? (2) What percentage of the council, are dog owners ? (3) Dogs need to be off the leads at times to socialise otherwise you will breed aggression and cause obesity ,which doesn't go down well with the vets, rspca etc.	10/10/2016 5:39 PM
125	This is a topic open to opinion and bias, and therefore can be interpreted to prejudice dog owners. Especially when the VAST majority of local dog owners are responsible and this proposes punishing them because of the irresponsible actions of a small minority of dog owners (often visiting the area). I agree dogs should be on a lead if they are out of control, causing alarm or distress and all dog owners should be picking up after their dogs, but please don't penalize dogs ability to exercise fully and socially with a blanket ban. What next, will we all be put under curfew to stop antisocial behaviour!	10/10/2016 5:36 PM
126	I am a dog owner and I disagree with stopping dogs from being off lead . They enjoy their exercise and if there is no harm with said dog or animal then I don't see why they should be kept on a lead. You could say that horses are then not allowed to foul on the road etc so this is ridiculous really !	10/10/2016 5:23 PM
127	Living near the great Great Yarmouth Minister churchyard I don't think I have ever seen a dog warden patrolling this area yet it is one of the most abused areas. The other area I will no longer walk due to dog fouling is the footpath along the river Bure from Tar Works Road towards Caister. By the way do we have any dog wardens?	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
128	Requiring dogs to be leashed will not address those owners who routinely fail to pick up their dog's mess. This is the problem which needs immediate intervention. The responsible majority are suffering because of the irresponsible minority. To penalise and demonize all dog owners is a knee jerk reaction to the very specific problem of irresponsible dog ownership and a failure on the part of the council to provide proper areas for well-behaved dogs to run. Those allowing their dog off the lead and to foul land will still do it whilst the rest of us, who have done nothing wrong, will follow these over-zealous laws. How can this be enforced? Catch the irresponsible owners, solve the problem...that's the key.	10/10/2016 4:47 PM
129	North Denes to Caister should be offlead. This is a very quiet area and dogs are not a problem. The cafes will be affected as well.	10/10/2016 3:21 PM
130	Allowing your dogs off the lead is a very enjoyable experience for both owner and dogs. Its also a joy to watch from a distance if its not your own pet. I agree that owners of out of control/nuisance dogs should be direct to put them on a lead but these are in the minority. Dog fouling has been an issue forever and there will always be bad dog owners just like anything else in life but the vast majority are responsible. I walk my dogs on and off the lead regularly and yes I see some dog fouling but I also see huge amounts of litter everywhere plus regular anti social behaviour on the beaches and dunes. Please do not enforce dogs on leads on the beaches from GY to Caister or winterton, it brings a huge amount of joy to people. Caravan parks will suffer too as people bring their dogs on holiday with them and they enjoy the freedom as well. Norfolk is a very dog friendly county	10/10/2016 12:12 PM

131	As you will see from my responses above, I am broadly in agreement with the proposals which I think represent a reasonable balance between the interests of dog owners and those of everyone else. I do not agree with the proposal to require dogs to be on leashes on the dunes at North Denes, as I think this goes beyond what is necessary to protect the environment and would greatly damage the interests of dog owners within that area. I would strongly resist any proposals to make the restrictions on dog owners any more stringent. There are a large number of families who holiday in this area precisely because it is dog friendly. To damage the amenities for them would impact on individuals, families and local businesses. I think it should be remembered that there is considerable research demonstrating the many benefits dog ownership delivers to human health and well being. In general dog owners have more emotional resilience, take more exercise and make greater use of our countryside than non dog owners. In an area where there are significant problems with mental health and obesity, it would be unwise to make dog ownership more difficult. Finally, while I wholeheartedly support measures to crack down on dog fouling, I think these should be balanced by measures to deal with other forms of littering. Broken glass bottles, cans etc are even more dangerous, are unsightly and are not bio degradable. They are a particular problem near the lifeboat station at Caister but also on other beaches. Those who leave such litter are just as antisocial as those who fail to pick up dog poo.	10/10/2016 12:08 PM
132	Dog owners represent a significant proportion of the borough population. Dogs require exercising off lead to maintain their well being and good behaviours, confirm the RSPCA. Public areas must therefore be shared fairly to avoid discrimination against dogs and their owners. Enforce and prosecute the law on dog fouling and out of control dogs. Why are cats not controlled but free to defecate, decimate wildlife, cause nocturnal disturbance and numerous road accidents?	10/10/2016 10:59 AM
133	It would be helpful if there were more "poo bins" available. It saves some of the owners (not me) from baging up the poo and then leaving it for someone else to clear up. It happens a lot on the prom at Caister North	10/10/2016 10:16 AM
134	Won't stop inconsiderate dog owners from not picking up dog mess. As for banning dogs from Salisbury Road to Tan Lane, Caister is a stupid idea as there hasn't been any Terns there for the last 4 to 5 years as they have moved further up the coast. What other wildlife is there to be protected on this stretch of beach during summer months. The north end has hardly anybody using that part of the beach. The Council should re-think this as it could put dogs on the street. We could do with more Dog Wardens then people would clear up their mess	10/10/2016 10:13 AM
135	As council tax payers dog owners should be considered. If the council wishes to exclude dogs from designated areas then alternative areas should be made available where dogs can be safely let off the leash. Also, the ban will have an impact on the holiday parks in the area where people with dogs come because they can walk freely in the area with their dogs. As is always the case this proposal will be to the detriment of the law abiding responsible dog owners whilst the irresponsible ones will continue as before.	10/9/2016 8:49 PM
136	I feel that responsible dog owners are being persecuted.	10/9/2016 6:20 PM
137	As dog owners who always cleans up after their dog. We believe that the owners who do not clean up after their dogs will do so whether they are on a lead or not. Dogs need to learn how to play and socialise with other dogs they will not be able to do this if they always on the lead.	10/9/2016 6:07 PM
138	Most dog owners clean up after there dog and would not have it off the lead if it would cause any problems. I feel dog owners are being hounded because of a few people who will not change no matter what laws are changed.	10/9/2016 5:50 PM
139	I am a walker at Burgh Castle and would like to suggest that there is a designated area for dogs to be off the lead. This is the arrangement at Lound Lakes where dogs are requested to be kept on the lead and dog owners are directed to the dog field.	10/9/2016 4:38 PM
140	We frequently walk our dog on the dunes and beach from approximately Haven Holiday Camp area to 'The Waterways' and 'Beach Hut' Cafe. This large area of beach and dune should be left as it is for the enjoyment of dogs and their owners. The council and police already have within it's powers to reprimand inconsiderate dog owners. To restrict the majority of law abiding people and their dogs to this proposed change of law is totally unacceptable. This proposal will almost certainly lead to a loss of visitors to the area. Why does the local councillor feel the need to get involved and spoil the enjoyment of a considerable amount of people?	10/9/2016 4:32 PM
141	How can people exercise their dogs on a lead they won't be able to play and socialise with other dogs ! Absolutely ridiculous idea	10/9/2016 12:44 PM
142	The dunes in Caister is an ideal place to exercise your dogs, it's such a shame we're all being punished due to irresponsible dog walkers	10/8/2016 10:07 AM
143	recreation areas should have areas available for dog walking, with bins for dog litter. as I regular visitor to the gt Yarmouth area I bring my dogs with me as they are part of my family, during these visits I spend money in the local small businesses. if I was not allowed to bring my dogs or sensibly allow them the use of beach areas etc I would not visit these places, and they would loose regular trade	10/7/2016 7:37 PM
144	I agree with all the proposed statements put forward with the exception of the proposal from North Denes to Caister on the beach which I strongly disagree with.	10/7/2016 5:23 PM

145	With the government trying to prevent obesity and Improve mental and physical health acts like this will not help their cause.Working a ten and a half hour day the instant I am home it's down the beach with the dogs and a quick dip in the sea dogs waiting patiently on the shore nothing better why would someone want to take this wonderful pleasure away? dogs love their freedom as do we please don't take it away from us and them.Dog owners often alert authorities of many occurrences while out walking it has also been proven that a walk is better for you than going to the gym please don,t make our countryside unenjoyable.	10/7/2016 4:44 PM
146	Much of the tourist industry in the area is due to dogs being allowed in many places. if you remove this right you will lose a great deal of tourist income to the area. Please use yuor head for more than a hat rack!	10/7/2016 4:20 PM
147	can something like this be done at the dunes and beach at Winterton on Sea as we have a very bad problem of dog fouling and dogs running wild chasing wildlife and being out of control.If these other proposals go through we will get even more dog owners coming over here as we already have lots of them coming here from areas that have dog controls already.	10/7/2016 12:58 PM
148	all dog owners i meet are happy to keep all areas clear of dog mess i have even cleared up other peoples dog mess. i have found the social interaction for all people with dogs is best when dogs are off the lead, this can be the only time elderly people get to meet and greet others over the course of the day or days	10/7/2016 11:48 AM
149	I currently visit yarmouth few times a year with my severely disabled wife and my daughter. We also bring our three dogs. It is so nice to find somewhere that is accessible to my wife, and that welcomes dogs, such as Munchies cafe. The dogs enjoy a well supervised run, with myself, or my daughter, whilst my wife is able to sit within munchies shielded area. Afterwards we all enjoy a well earned drink. Should dog's be banned, or a lead restriction be put in place, it will no longer be worth our visit from Suffolk and our money will be spent nearer to home.	10/6/2016 10:50 PM
150	As a tax payer, I expect the same rights and privileges to enjoy all the named above areas, along with my dog a member of the family Where in the borough has the council provided any green space(doggie parks) for dogs to run free on, and yet you continue to spend on play areas which are continually vandalized by youths which I contribute to paying for out of my taxes	10/6/2016 10:00 PM
151	A dog needs a certain amount of free running space. Could an area be set aside for a dog park, where dogs can socialise with other dogs.	10/6/2016 8:48 PM
152	I live in Caister, and it is about time this happens in Caister, every time i go on beach/dunes for quiet walk i have been accosted by dogs, jumping at me, on an occasion i had just come out of hospital and was jumped up at, my daughter protected me and shouted at the person not even an apology, sat on beach lovely day in nice closthes woman came along wet dog ran out of sea and jumped on us not even an apology, just a smirk, it is becoming unbearable when you cant even go for a quiet walk on a lovely beach, not to mention disgusting dog mess everywhere.	10/6/2016 6:03 PM
153	You mention generation park at bradwell does this include the recreation ground & football field ?	10/6/2016 4:26 PM
154	The dunes at North Denes are one of the very few places where we feel it is safe to let our dogs run. We always pick up their mess. It would be a great shame if there restrictions	10/6/2016 2:22 PM
155	As owners of pet-friendly holiday accommodation, we - and those with similar local businesses, are worried that you will drive away a big part of our business. The majority of people are responsible dog owners, surely you can't think it would be appropriate to punish all for the few who undoubtedly will continue to to foul regardless anyway? Why not make some responsible local dog owners volunteer wardens instead? It would be a crying shame to take away the enjoyment of our open spaces by denying the opportunity of letting dogs run for a ball.	10/6/2016 1:18 PM
156	With growing obesity in humans. Dog walking is good exercise, but a dog also needs freedom in an open space, providing it is well behaved I do not think they do any damage to the environment.	10/6/2016 11:11 AM
157	I do no agree that dogs should always be leashed on the North Denes area despite it being a S.S.S.I This large area is not harmed by dog walkers. Birds and fauna thrive here. There are some irresponsible people who refuse to pick up their dogs' faeces but this order will not prevent this. I know that the tea stalls also rely to a great extent on dog walkers for trade and if people do not feel they can let their dogs run free on this stretch of dunes I am sure many will decide not to visit. This will greatly affect the businesses along there especially Munchies cafe.	10/6/2016 11:05 AM
158	THE NORTH BEACH DUNES ARE A FAVOURED PLACE FOR US LOCALS AND CAMPSITE TOURISTS TO EXERCISE DOGS OF LEAD WE ALWAYS CLEAN UP AFTER OUR THREE DOGS AND WOULD BE LOST IF THIS PEACE OF OUR BEACH WAS RESTRICTED TO US.	10/6/2016 10:32 AM
159	As a responsible dog owner, I have taken my dog on the dunes at North Denes for many years and have always picked up my dog's faeces and placed it in the bins provided, as have a vast majority who walk their dogs on the dunes. It is only a minority who don't. While taking my girl for a swimming lesson early September and just got out of my car on the car park, I witnessed a young man letting his dog foul on the beach behind the car park on beach that is not supposed to allow dogs to foul or be off lead, and he didn't pick it up. Many people shouted at him as there were still children about so it goes both ways. If I find any dog foul on my walks, I always pick it up as do most people who I walk with. It will certainly have a detrimental effect to Munchies	10/6/2016 9:29 AM

160	I class myself a responsible dog owner and my case is different to other dog owners. I'm in a mobility scooter and walk my dog on the lead along Southtown Rd, he's off the lead if taken down Regent Rd, along the Promenade,seafront.I adhere to all existing restricting laws, and to add any more would hamper my dogs enjoyment of walking him. Responsible dog owners , I think, are of the opinion why? are we being subjected to more restrictions, after all, walking a dog is there by in my case for others to see. I daresay this has all been dreamed up by person or persons who don't like dogs.	10/6/2016 9:16 AM
161	Separate letter of comment sent in	10/6/2016 9:06 AM
162	I feel this survey is too generalised. There are certain areas that I think dogs should be allowed to run off lead and some that is not appropriate. By grouping all the sites into 4 categories does not give sufficient opportunity to state my full opinion. I am a responsible dog owner who clears up after my dog, if he is off the lead and I see anyone or any other dog I will put him back on. He is a very friendly dog. This new proposal will not do anything to stop irresponsible dog owners as they do not care about rules and laws. You've only got to look at the amount of mess that is not cleared up. Whilst I applaud your efforts in trying to make a difference, I feel this will only penalise the responsible owners who need somewhere to give their dogs opportunity to have a good run.	10/6/2016 7:15 AM
163	You are at risk of turning Great Yarmouth into a place that nobody wants to visit. Where are responsible dog owners supposed to walk and exercise dogs? The police and borough council already have powers to deal with irresponsible dog owners! You are not making Great Yarmouth an attractive fun place to visit, there will be yet more "Sign Pollution" which will blight the areas involved. I will be interested to know if the borough council will be subcontracting enforcement, if "Corporate collection officers" will be paid on results, and what the extra cost to the borough will be? I daily watch plenty of people walking their dogs on the Denes, i see no problems, in fact it brings a lot of people to the area for exercise. I strongly disagree with the council proposals!!!	10/5/2016 9:48 PM
164	Dog ownership is out of control they are a menace, they scare small children, mine have been knocked over, just imagine how scary a toddler would be of a big dog running towards it, my son would cry if we told him we were going to Gorleston seafront and he could ride his scooter along the promenade. Personaly I have been knocked off my bike by a dog chasing a ball. Owners just shrug it off by claiming the animal is friendly and try and "instruct them" by shouting from a distance, the dog isn't listening. I don't want my balls sniffed in the street or to be jumped over. Dogs outside schools is a particular problem, they seem to be the latest fashion accessory. Dog mess remains a problem and is a particular issue on the footpaths around Cliff Park schools. Its disgusting when your child steps in it. Dogs should be licenced. Often I see people walking / owning several dogs.	10/5/2016 8:39 PM
165	as my husband has sight problems. He needs to know where he is allowed to walk our dogs. At present he takes them to Avondale Road park. We do not have a large garden and the dogs can run in this safe park,safely. He picks up the faeces and deposits it in the bin appropriately. As this piece of land is the only appropriate safe place for my husband and dogs. I am asking you do not make this a designated area.	10/5/2016 8:15 PM
166	To ban dogs in these locations will prevent family's using them, a dog is part of the family, the kids play on the skate park, while parents excerise the dog, most responisable dog owners clean up after there dog, and have the dog under control, why does everyone have to suffer because of a small minority.	10/5/2016 7:17 PM
167	Dog owners on the beach tend to be very responsible and always clean up after their animals. It would be such a shame if they were not allowed to go on the beach. Where would they go if not there? We hope Sam and his friends continue to be able to run on the beach.	10/5/2016 4:26 PM
168	It is important for dogs to be able to run off the lead for their health. Banning this from all areas would be detrimental to their health and unnecessary.	10/5/2016 2:50 PM
169	How the hell are you going to police the dunes to check?????	10/5/2016 12:18 PM
170	Consultation has not been open and transparent. The issues raised should be to the attention of all the eligible voters in the GT YARMOUTH Borough Council area and voted on. Not left to the Borough Councillors WHOM SEEM to have vested personal interests.	10/5/2016 11:17 AM

171	I am very worried about the proposals for the council, I believe that the council could end up doing damage to the tourism industry. Yes I am a dog owner which uses the dunes, which you could say i am biast. Before I owned a dog i used to go to yarmouth dunes and beach and have a walk. For the last 2 years I have been owned a dog and weekly i specifically go to Great Yarmouth Dunes to let my dog have a good run (off the lead). Their is reserch that shows the dogs need to be able to run free off the lead. But saying this i agree that dogs should always be under control by the owner. The dog owner needs to be responsible for their pet at all times. The amount of people which comes to the Dunes to walk their dog on the dunes and beach is a huge number. all thought the winter which helps local business though the winter when the tourist trade is low. has the council considered this? That dog walkers bring in trade all throughout the year. I understand that this consultation needed to take place, dog owners need to be more responsible for their dogs. their is an issue with dog fouling in certain places. My proposal is as Follows; The Dunes should be a place for dogs and dog walkers, an area where dogs can be off the lead. more signage which states the the dunes is the designated area in the yarmouth area where dog can be off the lead, but dog owners need to be responsible/respectful to the area and other people. their should be more bins along the top of the dunes for dog waste. I believe that dogs should be on leads in most over places, but the the Council needs to be realistic. their should be an area for dogs to be off the lead. many thanks	10/5/2016 10:03 AM
172	The proposal to leash dogs in places like burgh castle is ridiculous and is only to appease a small minority of people.we live in a democracy (apparently) so having 13 people decide this is a joke. Do these people own dogs. All I can see is that this is for revenue.this should be scrapped. Also I see this as unenforceable and would be quite a sight watching whoever is going to be ticketing running after dogs and owners.	10/5/2016 9:54 AM
173	Perhaps allocating a designated dog field or exercise area	10/5/2016 9:03 AM
174	As usual the innocent suffer for the guilty those who choose not to clean up after their dogs are not going g to do it anyway regardless all you are doing is making it worse for the responsible dog owners this will be a mistake and unfair what you should do is clamp down on those caught not cleaning up make the fines larger as for me I believe if you don't clean it up then you shouldn't be allowed to own a dog	10/5/2016 8:32 AM
175	We regularly walk in Burgh Castle. We keep our dogs safe and maintain the area for other walkers. We ALWAYS pick up after our dogs and make sure they do not bother the 'dogless' walkers. PLEASE stop demonising us!	10/5/2016 8:02 AM
176	I am not only a dog owner but also a mother of young children. Banning dogs will only decrease the amount of time my children (like others) are able to visit play areas and therefore also reduce the exercise the children get. Dogs are already prevented in the small fenced off areas containing play equipment such as swings etc. (I am fine with this, as I can view my children safely, aged 8 and 10, whilst playing ball with the dog), so why ban dogs from the rest of the field also? My concern is many of the fields in the borough are used for football. So this would exclude many grassed and fenced areas safe for dogs to exercise. Where will dogs be able to run if they are to be leashed or banned from ALL the areas proposed? Beaches tend to be very quiet out of peak season and early morning and evening, so again I question, why the ban/leash? Why should dog owners pay full council tax if they are not to be permitted to fully enjoy their own surroundings and walk along the beaches they help pay to maintain with all their family members? Tourists are exactly that, tourists! Whilst I agree they bring revenue to the borough, this should not be at the detriment of the residents by making them avoid tourist areas if they happen to be in the company of their dog! I am not comfortable with these proposals for dog bans or leashing (in too many areas) in a climate where obesity is on the rise and such bans will only serve to make walking/exercise less appealing for those of us with dogs. However, I agree fines re: dog fouling should definitely be upheld and officials should be able to command 'nuisance dogs' be restrained. Your sincerely, an owner of a very gentle and affectionate small dog, who is fabulous with people!	10/5/2016 7:27 AM
177	The majority of dog owners are responsible. Please don't target these.	10/5/2016 7:20 AM
178	It is reasonable to make certain areas of a beach dog-free; however making the entire beach dog-free or completely excluding them is not appropriate. We spend significant sums when visiting an area, but would not visit if such controls were in place.	10/5/2016 6:40 AM
179	I fail to see why responsible dog owners should not be allowed to enjoy the outside with their dog just as much as someone can with their kids. Every park I go to with my dog is riddled with litter after 7pm until the morning clean up due to teens leaving rubbish everywhere; where are their bans? My dogs, on the other hand, leave no trace of their presence, don't harass people, or other animals. Some breeds of dog need to stretch their legs off the lead; confining them to a lead is like owning a racehorse and never letting it run, ever. Its cruelty. Yet more and more places, which seem happy to accept noisy, abusive, littering kids and teens, are banning well behaved dogs. Perhaps we should ban on a case by case basis, not blanket ban all dogs. I fail to see why my dogs should suffer from further restricted exercise land because of the irresponsibility of a small minority.	10/4/2016 10:33 PM
180	As a dog owner plus having a business [redacted]. I do belive some area should not have dog running loose but other area owners do need to exercise their dogs . If this goes ahead then I do belive it going to cost a lot to police this as people will not listen to this . Also maybe you should provide doggy parks in areas so owners can let their dogs off lead	10/4/2016 9:13 PM
181	Recreational areas are questionable I do not agree with restrictions on the dunes at great Yarmouth or at Burgh Castle.	10/4/2016 8:19 PM

182	Agreed we should pick up after our dogs and that should be on leads in certain areas. However keeping dogs on leads in open recreation areas is unfair. Live and let live surely?	10/4/2016 8:14 PM
183	Responsible dog owners will always be that - responsible. If you ban all dog owners will it actually make a difference to irresponsible owners? Who will police these bans / restrictions? it will only be the responsible owners who will be penalised. If there is a pan to police the issues then maybe they should start now and book / fine the irresponsible owners now!	10/4/2016 3:18 PM
184	I have two dogs that are incredibly energetic ([redacted]) and is impossible to exercise them to their health needs just being restrained to a lead! I also have health issues and work fulltime and therefore i need to maximise their exercise in the 1 hour time slot of walking i have each day. I use North Denes beach every day and this is perfect for my dogs to socialise and gain the exercise they need when freely able to move. Dogs are animals and therefore need freedom as we do too, not fair to keep them restrained unless their behaviour warrants this, might as well get a hamster! Where would you then walk them?! Sad that you feel if that this freedom should be taken away from those dogs who need and deserve it, i find this appalling and pulls me away from the councils view even more so now as getting worse with ridiculous enforcements!!	10/4/2016 1:36 PM
185	Irresponsible dog owners will always be just that and therefore will not adhere to new legislation.They should quite rightly be penalised. Dogs are an integral part of many people's lives and education could be improved. They need good exercise(off lead) to stretch limbs,maintain fitness,both mentally and physically and therefore there must be sufficient areas for them to exercise and socialize off lead. Dogs are sociable creatures and require opportunities to socialize off lead with other canines. To insist that all dogs remain on leads will ultimately result in neurotic,over protective animals. It is quite correct to insist on leads where children are playing,but quite often whole families will go out together to a play park and it would be unfair to insist on the family pet not joining them(on a lead). Likewise,families(and specifically elderly persons) will walk their dog on a lead through a graveyard in order to pay their respects to lost loved ones. It would be wholly unacceptable to ban them from doing so. With regards Heritage sites,in particular,Burgh Castle,the proposal is vague. Do you mean just the area where the fort is standing,or all surrounding fields? If it is the latter,this is totally ridiculous. 90% of users are dog walkers,the majority of whom respect good dog ownership. It is not unusual to see a dozen dogs of mixed breeds socialising off lead together,harming nobody.This is important social behaviour.Moreover,it is the presence of these walkers,NOT wardens,who police this area effectively. It is hard to measure the deterrent effect,but there is rarely any problem with desecration of the roman site,barbeques,large quantities of rubbish,fly tipping etc. There are occasional instances of kids climbing the walls but they are told to get down more often than not. Give responsible dog owners some credit and stop trying to alienate us. Clamp down harder on the idiot few and better spend your money on improved education.	10/4/2016 11:37 AM
186	dogs need off the lead exercise for their health.dogs need to socialise with other dogs and play,when leashed they can become aggressive to other dogs as they are protecting their owners.	10/4/2016 11:03 AM
187	Whilst I understand not everyone is a dog lover or a responsible owner, I do feel very strongly to being able to exercise my dog on our local field and on North Beach. When will parish councils and GYBC understand that we can all live peacefully if there is some give and take. The local bowling club have members on the parish council how will we get a fair decision ??Children's play areas should be fenced off and dogs not allowed in there. But it should also mean no teenagers in play areas either due to anti social behaviour. How will this be enforced if there are not enough staff to patrol the areas? It seems another useless law that cannot be enforced. Why waste tax payers money on this? There are a lot of responsible dog owners who enjoy the exercise as well as their pets. Please don't take this away from us - especially the elderly and disabled who need to exercise their dogs close to their homes. It's not the animals fault just a few irresponsible owners. Surely it would be more prudent to educate these people instead of discriminating responsible owners?? My dog loves running on North Beach (and Gorleston Beach) as it is such a beautiful place to walk and watch him run freely. Instead of banning dogs or making them wear leads let's be more proactive. If anyone witnesses a person allowing their animals to deficate and not clear up then take a photo as evidence and use in a prosecution. Maybe a cash incentive to the person reporting and paid from the fine for the irresponsible owner ?? Surely we can come up with a more adult solution than just banning dogs or making them wear leads in certain areas?? I fear that if these bylaws are enforced many people will just abandon their dogs creating an even bigger problem!! I also feel this survey has not been freely available to the public. I have not seen this advertised in any newspaper and only stumbled across this via Facebook. Not everyone uses social media and I hope this is not a ploy to get these bylaws passed in an underhand way!!	10/4/2016 10:31 AM
188	This is obviously a plan by a non dog owner , most dog owners are responsible for their dogs and control and clean up after them , to walk a dog on a lead is not a real walk for the dog and they do no damage to the land ,, respect of cemeteries and crowded beaches are observed by all responsible owners and this all seems a bit of a time waster , next we will be banning children from these places as they climb all over the walls at Burgh run wild screaming and generally unruly , leads on children ? Please ! Our dogs are our family and we treat them as such perhaps a reminder to all of what is expected of owners but a total ban and a jobs worth with power no thank you	10/4/2016 7:40 AM
189	Dogs are part of the family & responsible dog owners are always in control. I do not use leads to control my dogs and some of the areas you include here are family areas where dogs could accompany children & parents (even grieving relatives in cemeteries)	10/4/2016 1:29 AM

190	If the council is successful with banning dogs and/or insisting on lead-walking only in areas currently used by dog walkers (such as the beaches in off-season), will the council be providing alternative areas specifically designated for dog exercise? Dogs require exercise the same as people, and walking a dog on a lead does not provide the level of physical activity required to maintain health & fitness. At present, there are very few areas where dogs can be responsibly exercised off-lead - the council proposes to reduce this even further. Imagine the outcry if this reduction was applied to childrens' exercise areas....	10/3/2016 10:49 PM
191	low life humans are far worse than dogs	10/3/2016 9:46 PM
192	I think that North Denes area of the beach should remain a dog walking friendly area with dogs allowed to be off lead, as it has always been. I suggest that more dog waste bins are placed insitu along this area so people do not have to carry bags of dog waste. This would help prevent dog waste being left on the beach.	10/3/2016 9:39 PM
193	I have 2 very well behaved dog which I have no choice but to walk with my 2 children under 3. If this legislation comes into force I would not be able to walk my dogs as I am unable to lead them and push a double buggy. I agree that dog foul should be cleaned up and I totally agree with fines if it is not. I walk my dogs at atleast one of the site's listed for a ban and this site is rarely used by anyone other than dog walkers. I see numerous dogs off lead on a daily basis all behaving well and under control. I don't see while time and money isn't spent on finding those few irresponsible dog owners rather than punishing all of us.	10/3/2016 9:15 PM
194	It is not clear from this survey which area of the beach is being referred to. I feel the North Beach in Great Yarmouth is an ideal place for mine and others dogs to run free.	10/3/2016 8:06 PM
195	I feel very strongly about banning dogs off leads on North Denes area. This is a vast piece of land which has been used for years by dog walkers. Responsible dog owners should not be penalised due to irresponsible dog owners. Dogs SHOULD still be allowed to walk here off the lead as they have always been.	10/3/2016 7:25 PM
196	Whilst I agree with no dogs on Gorleston yacht pond area in the summer months & main areas of beach near the Marina Centre in GY, I cannot see any benefit of restrictions on the dunes North Drive. The area is only used by dog owners & surely the walkers keep the grass low. There will always be irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs, nothing will stop them, I often see offenders, when I have offered them a poo bag they shout abuse so I tend not to bother. Considerate owners will recall their dogs should they need to. At 9.15am Sunday morning, I counted 11 dogs running on Gorleston beach near the pond. There are also cars that drive down the Ravine every Saturday, they mount the pavement to park in the carpark, the same cars/4x4 every week who then go swimming. They are a danger to pedestrians.	10/3/2016 5:52 PM
197	As a frequent visitor (with our dog) to Great Yarmouth, a ban on dogs using the beaches would mkae it a less attractive place to come. We've recently visited Cornwall and almost blanket bans on dogs using beaches until the end of Sept made the visit much less enjoyable. Surely the beaches are big enough to have designated areas for dog users? Weymouth beach certainly does this. Cleaning up poo should still be enforced (no need for responsible owners, who do it anyway) but dogs should be allowed to run free when it's safe for all concerned.	10/3/2016 4:59 PM
198	Although from Lancashire, we visit Great Yarmouth regularly. Our dog loves the beach. We keep her under control and always clean up after her. It is unfair to the dog if she can't run and stretch her legs on her favourite area.	10/3/2016 2:34 PM
199	As an owner of a rescued dog, who isn't very good around other dogs, I always keep him on a lead. Dog walkers who have their dog off-lead seem to get offended if their dog runs up to mine and he doesn't like it. Life would be a lot easier if the rules were the same for everyone.	10/3/2016 2:21 PM
200	As a responsible dog owner i think that it is important for a dogs well being that there are areas that they can run freely .Of course dogs that pose any risk to other dogs or people would need to be kept on a lead which is in most cases is what these dog's owners would and do do anyway and honestly if they dont knowing their dogs are a danger they should not be in charge of that dog!!But i speak for many dog owners who use places such as the Roman fort at Burgh castle and large park areas that our dogs socialise in a much better way with other dogs and people whereas being on a lead can often create a different reaction from certain dogs when meeting with others and once they are allowed off lead they are fine .These are a massive part of our family ...more like children ...and we dont get told to put our children on a leash even though they can be very destructive and display anti social behaviour !!!My dog loves the freedom to wander and explore always near me so he can be leashed if necessary (if he gets scared by anything).I agree with their being certain areas but not a complete dogs on lead Everywhere rule .Its bad enough that the dark evenings mean lead street walking is imminent in the evenings ,i hate the winter for that as myself and my dog dont get the same quality of exercise and we just want our dogs to be happy and healthy and walking on a lead is no substitute for running and playing with other dogs which is more fun for them and fun for us watching them enjoy the lovely countryside that we are lucky to have here .And just to add if my dog is off lead i am always watching to clear up after him .I dont see what the issues are unless people who are not dog owners .Which i was one until 2 years ago but still always been an animal lover and would not still have objected to seeing dogs off lead .There hasnt been any problems where we go and feel strongly that this would be very unjust .	10/3/2016 1:36 PM

201	i feel that a dog SHOULD be aloud to run off the lead on north denes beach, only if they are with there owners, the owners can clean up after there dogs and keep them under control, and then re lead them from the beach. I have a dog that I run there very often as I stay at haven a lot, I always clean up after my dog, as do the other owners I meet every day on the beach, we want to keep it looking wonderful as it is too, that's why we dog owners respect the beach	10/3/2016 1:32 PM
202	It is unfair to ban all dogs from being off leash in open areas (particularly the beach at North Denes to Caister), based on the actions of an irresponsible few. More effort should be placed on addressing nuisance dogs and dog owners, rather than a blanket ban on an otherwise generally well behaved and responsible dog owner majority. In regards to the protection of these natural habitats, more should be done to prevent other damaging factors (pitching tents/fishing/use of vehicles) on the beaches, rather than the very low impact of dogs walking off lead. More focus needs to be placed on safe areas for more energetic breeds to be allowed to have the exercise needed for their well being, and enforcing all dogs to be on leashes at all times is counter productive, and could lead to the health of the dog to be reduced.	10/3/2016 9:39 AM
203	As a responsible dog owner, i will put my dog on leash if it offends anyone, or if he's being annoying to someone. However, there are very limited places in Yarmouth where we can walk dogs off lead (which is needed for the health of the dog, and to prevent aggressive behaviour) . There are no dog parks, no actual big parks where he could run. The only place we have where he can have a run is the beach. Was there yesterday, and most of the people there were dog walkers. There are problems with dogs in the area, people who do not pick up after their dog, or cannot control them, and it is a good idea to reinforce control for these problems, as it would make everyone feel happier and safer. However, do not take away one of the only places where dogs can run with limited risk (far from road, mostly dog owners etc.) and plenty of space.	10/3/2016 9:35 AM
204	Dogs need to exercise off their leads. A ban on this would make more dogs aggressive as dogs need to run free at times	10/3/2016 8:39 AM
205	Dogs should be allowed to run free. It is cruel and unnecessary to restrict their freedom	10/3/2016 6:50 AM
206	Dog owners are responsible and clear up after their pets, and the minority are spoiling it for the Majority who do care	10/2/2016 11:55 PM
207	Clue is in the word recreation. That is for all humans and animals in the area. Most dogs in my area are rescue and recreation ground provides safe place for socialization for dogs and for elderly people whom the beach is inaccessible. Unless you would like to prohibitate people from rescuing border collies or jack Russell or spaniels. How about providing dog parks no pets policy before thinking to such extremes.	10/2/2016 11:31 PM
208	I feel that responsible dog owners who have spent time training their dogs and pick up after them are not causing a problem. It's the few owners that don't care are spiking it for everyone. While I understand some areas need protecting (north denes) beach, this has previously been done with fencing and should continue this way. Out of respect dog should be able to enter cemeteries but on leads. Dogs should be allowed on recreational grounds but not in fenced play areas	10/2/2016 10:31 PM
209	Dogs bring many people comfort and they may well be the only company they have. To potentially deprive them of the necessary freedom and pleasure of walking on a beach is a disgrace.	10/2/2016 9:20 PM
210	Dogs should be allowed to enjoy being off lead, whereas dog owners should pick up after their own dog also.	10/2/2016 9:19 PM
211	Will affect tourism if even more areas of the beach don't allow dogs.	10/2/2016 8:17 PM
212	If your to put a ban on dogs being off the lead basically everywhere then there should be fenced fields designated specifically for dogs to exercise!	10/2/2016 8:15 PM
213	Do not penalise good dog owners. The north beach is a large area they should most definitely be allowed to be off the lead.	10/2/2016 7:47 PM
214	It is 'over the top'	10/2/2016 7:28 PM
215	I disagree with a dogs blanket ban from cemeteries & church yards & some of the open spaces/recreational areas. Dogs do need to be under control and members of the public need to respect the area but should be given the ability to use their own common sense. By all means fine and report those that don't follow rule and cause a nuisance. As for dogs on leash from North Denes to Tan Lane, this area is almost being exclusively used by dog walkers, dogs require exercise and cannot adequately get this on an extendable lead. Regarding hygiene & safety I am more concerned with the glass & tin cans and other rubbish on my local playing field. Maybe this should be addressed before restricting dogs. Please allow us responsible dog owners to make a judgement call on when is appropriate to let a dog run and when to keep them on the lead in order not to cause disruption to sporting events or others going about their day.	10/2/2016 7:23 PM
216	My only main content is banning dogs off lead on North Dene Dunes and Burgh Castle. There is no need for this and these areas are safe, practical areas for us to exercise our dogs. I am a dog walker with many clients, whom I promise I long play and run around on every walk. I would lose business if this ban is brought in.	10/2/2016 7:22 PM
217	The council should have fenced off areas of parks especially for dog owners so dogs can socialise and play with other dogs. This has worked in North Waltham successfully.	10/2/2016 7:22 PM

218	Why always pick on dog owners..... ? ?????	10/2/2016 7:11 PM
219	By all means go after people who don't pick their dog mess up and also target those who have dangerous dogs of their leads. But why in heavens name are you stopping responsible owners from exercising their dogs properly. It's coming to something when i can't even let my dogs have a run on our field. Enforcing this wont stop bad owners it just penalises the good owners and will have a detrimental effect on our dog's health if they can't run.	10/2/2016 7:05 PM
220	The town is a s**thole, the buildings are in a terrible state of repair, youve completely screwed up the sea front and destroyed the town centre and your blaming dogs for the lack of tourists?	10/2/2016 7:01 PM
221	We Totaly agree that dogs should be kept on a leach at all times. Please provide more appropriate receptacles for dogs faeces. Why not add some official dog parks which work extremely well in Florida U.S.A	10/2/2016 6:57 PM
222	Once again the behaviour of the few is being used to enforce a ridiculous blanket ban in areas that dogs have been walked for decades. If the existing laws were enforced re dog fouling then we would not be taking this route. Local business will suffer many people holiday locally as they can walk their dogs off lead in areas like the sand dunes in Great Yarmouth and Burgh castle. I have spoken to quite a few and many have said that if the ban takes place then they will not holiday here. So a loss of income for the town, well that makes good sense NOT. There are many ecological reasons that keeping trails open in fields and sand dunes is a benefit for the wildlife. I agree that areas where children's play equipment is placed should and are dog free. However this plan seems to want to ban dogs from most open spaces. I would like to know the real reason for this proposed ban	10/2/2016 6:43 PM
223	I am a responsible dog owner, always putting my dog on a lead whenever needed, I.e small children around or other dogs on a lead. I disagree that dogs should be leaded up all the time. Don' penalise us for the few irresponsible dog owners. We are a group of like minded dog owners that use Burgh Castle fields, always sticking to the foot paths and cleaning up our dogs mess. If the skylarks were worried about the dogs being around, they would not be comfortable in nesting there and they have been nesting for years without threat. Please leave us alone and concentrate on the serious crimes that are happening in our town. Live and let live.	10/2/2016 5:42 PM
224	On the beach we a plagued by off-lead dogs running up to us by owners who can clearly see our dog (Greyhound on a lead) is feeling intimidated. I've had several that have jumped up at me. Owners unable to recall their untrained dog using the excuse "They only want to play"! Responsible dog owners are sick and tired of this situation.	10/2/2016 5:32 PM
225	People that let there dogs,sometimes 3,out of there cars,the dogs run on beach whilst owners get back in there car and wait a while before they get dogs back.who cleaning up.regular occurrence seen personally from my brothers house marine parade.bring back licences,we have one for our car.my grandsons fishing today,the first thing caught,yep, a bag of dog poo.how disgusting and unhygienic.If dogs are allowed on beach in winter how disgusting will our beach be for next summer.my family have dogs.	10/2/2016 4:43 PM
226	I have 3 springer spaniels and disabilities. I clear up after my dogs and they stay close. To have them on a lead would exclude me from the dunes and other areas. It is also not healthy for a dog to be excercised purely on a lead. Please do not discriminate against me purely because I cannot walk without sticks and therefore cannot lead walk my dogs	10/2/2016 3:25 PM
227	Please take into consideration that there are a great deal of very well trained dogs belonging to elderly and disabled people who enjoy walking their dogs off the leash as it is difficult for them to keep up with a young healthy dog and provide it with the amount of exercise it needs to keep the animal happy and healthy. I myself suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis and struggle to maintain pace with my very well-trained collie. I have no objection for measures to leash dogs that are causing a nuisance, of course.	10/2/2016 3:02 PM
228	As a responsible dog owner, it drives me mad when people do not clear up after their dog. We moved to Norfolk a couple of years ago because of the beautiful beaches and dunes where dogs can exercise and enjoy their walk. Responsible dog owners clear up, irresponsible dog owners DON'T clear up whether their dog is on or off lead. If the "lead only" situation goes ahead, the dog faeces potentially will move to the streets around Caister. Could I suggest more dog bins on the dunes between Yarmouth and Caister? Also there would be less people paying for pay and display at the beach road car park. I can understand some of the places where you are considering changing your policies; however regarding the beach and dunes between Yarmouth and Caister, I vehemently disagree with the idea of a " lead only" policy in that area. Please do not punish the majority in favor of the irresponsible few. Me and my dogs love being free on the beach please do not take away such a simple pleasure. I do hope that this consultation is read and the council takes note of how people feel.	10/2/2016 2:29 PM
229	This questionnaire is far to simplistic and lazy to address a serious issue for dog owners who need to be able to adequately exercise their dogs close to their homes. This is particularly important for the employed who have to leave their dogs during the day. The considerate dog owners, which are by far the majority, are being discriminated against by this proposal which is just taking the simple option. Each site must be judged on its merit e.g.the availability of nearby alternatives.	10/2/2016 2:24 PM

230	This is an excellent proposal in my opinion, as personally I am fed up with trying to walk in areas that are either covered in dog mess, or possibly even worse, dog mess in bags that take umpteen years to decay, plenty of examples of this on north denes beach area. Additionally, I personally find it bewildering as to why dog owners seemingly believe that we all share their love of 'four legged poo machines' and permit them to run up to people jumping, barking and slobbering. So the proposal to keep them on leads would be most welcome to myself and my family, plus nesting birds etc. I guess this would also help to reduce dog mess too? As I pointed out to a couple on Gorleston beach recently, when I enquired as to how they knew where their dogs messed when they up to 100 yards behind them? They just looked at me and shrugged their shoulders. BTW I have photos taken on Friday pm at north denes of mess, discarded poo bags and also discarded dog food wrappers, if you require them? Kind regards, [redacted]	10/2/2016 1:56 PM
231	Owners who do not clear their dog fouling should be targeted. Many vets and dog behaviourists will agree on the benefit of being able to socialise dogs, the ability for them to be able to run free (whilst under control) makes for a far happier and mentally stable dog. This is one of the reasons many vets and training organisations offer puppy classes to give dogs socialisation skills. By banning dogs off leads this penalises responsible dog owners, funds should be targeted at 'irresponsible' owners, as these are the ones that cause harm to their pets and to the enviroment.	10/2/2016 1:50 PM
232	What is the definition of a recreational area, and what are there locations?	10/2/2016 12:36 PM
233	Yarmouth will lose out on visitors and holiday makers if they have to keep their dogs on leads on the dunes at north denes,they should be able to exercise them of the lead.We have lived down here 6 years and had been coming down for 20 plus years and have always let our dogs off the lead on the dunes and never had any trouble.The cafe on the north dunes will lose some business.If enviromental officers got out of their cars in stead of sitting in them and started seeing what was going on it would not have come to this.	10/2/2016 11:28 AM
234	I agree with all the above plus I think dogs should be kept on a lead in ALL public areas. As an example of this I was walking along Bately road a couple of months ago when a small dog came running at me and grabbed the leg of my track suit bottoms {didn't bite me} I wrote to [redacted] asking for dogs to be kept on a lead in public ares and got the usual reply {cannot make it a law}. I emailed GYBC a few years ago about dog mess on Gorleston Cliff top. The reply then was Wardens are out and about. I must say I am out most days and can honestly say I have only ever seen one Dog Warden and that was a few year ago. I hope this proposal comes into force because I see people park up for FREE in the car park on the cliff top, get out with their dogs, most not on a lead then later get back in their cars and go, not here to spend money. I have spoken to three people over the years about clearing up after their dog. GYBC have notices on lamp posts re clear up after your dog, they also have notices about not cycling on the cliff top but numerous bike riders disregard these notices, plus the fact that there isn't anyone to uphold and rules or laws etc. I just hope you have success with these proposals.	10/2/2016 11:16 AM

235	I foster & train rescue dogs, so I am very much in tune with a dog's needs. Dogs need exercise: walking on a lead does not give enough mental or physical stimulation; it is not enough exercise to drain energy. When a dog has too little exercise, behavioural problems arise, such as nuisance barking, chewing furniture, etc. Dogs need to socialise with each other; they need to run, jump, chase balls, chase each other, play. This is normal dog behaviour and is absolutely essential in order for a dog to be calm, friendly, polite companions. Obviously, owners should be respectful of others who don't like dogs, and there should be areas where dogs are banned, but it should not be the default option, it should be the exception. Dogs are not ornaments or toys: they should be able to accompany their owners for most activities. It's already a tragedy that dogs are banned from all school grounds, because it means that the dog does not get that walk to school with its human family: if dogs were permitted, on leash and well behaved, at school, more children would be walking to school instead of being driven. One of the main reasons behind a ban, I suspect, is dog mess. As a dog owner, I detest dog mess, and I detest being tarred with that brush: however, in reality there is far, far more human litter on the ground than there is dog mess, yet we aren't banning humans from areas. Indeed, even where it has been shown that humans are frequenting an area and consistently leaving litter behind, the authorities still do not arrive to tackle that behaviour: eg. the car park on Marine Parade Gorleston is used to eat takeaway food. The litter is simply left on the ground, every Saturday night, like clockwork. Fishermen (hobby anglers) consistently leave their litter, including hooks, on the beach. This has been reported many many times, yet nobody in authority goes to tackle the anglers; anglers have not been banned from any areas. If you want to see how a dog ban works in reality, look at Lowestoft: dogs are banned from the beach even during the cold months when nobody else is using the beach. Dogs are not allowed off leash AT ANY TIME on Lowestoft's beaches, and so they are deserted. Off leash is only permitted on a small section of beach, which is also shared, stupidly, with anglers (whose bait attracts attention from dogs) and horse-riders, and of course off lead dogs will chase horses. Utterly stupid. When you force a lot of dogs into a small space like Pakefield beach, conflicts occur. Dogs need space to get away from dogs they don't like: when they're in a large space like Gorleston Beach, this is possible. It is a fabulous amenity for the taxpayers of GY: I invite you to go down the beach at weekends and see what a thriving happy community of dogwalkers there is, and in particular see what a thriving business JayJay's cafe is, thanks to dogwalkers. Contrast it with Lowestoft prom, whose seafront cafes are boarded up during the cold months. I'm frequently asked where dogs can run off leash, and I have been happy to send them to Gorleston Beach, and they're happy to visit and spend money in the local cafes too. As for dog mess, there is far, far more dog mess in Lowestoft than there is at Gorleston: I once counted (& photographed) 67 poos in a one mile area. All dogs have to be on leash at all times: it doesn't work. It doesn't stop dog mess, but it does make responsible dog-owners go elsewhere, eg Gorleston. I do agree with having an area of beach that is dog-free, absolutely, so people can avoid them, but it should be a small area, not the majority of the beach. Half of UK households now have at least one pet: it is utterly normal to have a dog, and for that dog to join you as you go about your daily routines. I take my dogs to the shops, to those few cafes that welcome dogs, and I spend my money, locally. I buy petfood and toys from Gorleston high street, because I can take my dogs in with me. I only go to cafes where my dogs are permitted, and I go every day if the weather is good. If I couldn't take my dogs, I would do as everyone else does, which is to drive to the big chains with free parking and not spend money at local businesses. Dogs are not unhygienic: you catch far more disease from other humans, esp children, than you ever will from dogs. Think about it: dogs are in the kitchens, lounges and bedrooms of their owners, yet dog-owners are not falling down sick all the time. Dog mess CAN pass on toxicara, but as most dogs are properly wormed, this is highly unlikely to happen. I actually compost my dogs' mess and it's never made me ill. Please don't let the anti-dog lobby use "health & safety" as a blunt tool to bludgeon us. In more intelligent, more enlightened communities, eg university towns like Brighton, California, dogs are allowed inside hotels, pubs, cafes, even restaurants, and it's a growing sector. People WANT to take their pets on holiday, they want to visit Norfolk instead of holidaying abroad. We should be MORE welcoming of dogs (& cyclists, another thriving industry with cash to spend) and less tolerant of human litter, filth & noise, for example. I absolutely agree with dogs being on leash on the prom: it is a cycle route and dogs cause accidents (I've been knocked off my bike twice on cycle lanes, badly bruised, by dogs chasing balls or other dogs). But so do those people who bimble along & walk six abreast on cycle lanes. The real anti-social culprits are the people who don't respect, who harass, abuse & bully cyclists: some of them are dog-owners. Selfish people are sadly in the majority, because it is deemed acceptable to hate cyclists. Please don't take us down the path where it is acceptable to hate dogs too. This is our town, we pay our taxes and spend our money here, and our dogs are members of our family. Don't criminalise us: spend your money & energy on cleaning up our town, tackling noise nuisance, tackling fast food litter, tackling illegal parking, tackling those who park & drive on cycle lanes, and make Great Yarmouth more accessible to cyclists & dog owners, ie the people with money to spend. People on foot or bike tend to spend money locally. Those who drive everywhere, spend money at the big chains, and literally drive small businesses into the ground.	10/2/2016 10:41 AM
236	This is a great step to take from the council. As a runner along the stretch of the beach mentioned proposal, there have been many times where dog owners have let their dogs jump up on me or in a couple of case, tried to attack me and act aggressively. This proposal would hopefully prevent this from happening and I would happily report those who didn't abide to these new proposed rules. Good work.	10/2/2016 9:21 AM
237	My granddaughter was attacked by a big dog at the large green behind Emerald Park. The owner just laughed, we took refugee in the children's play area. She wasn't bitten but very shaken up. 33 people have been mauled to death by dogs in the last ten years. Please stop it happening in this area at least. Do your bit. Thanks.	10/2/2016 8:03 AM
238	Don't blame all dog owner/handlers for the bad few. What are the issues of risk, what's the numbers?	10/2/2016 6:58 AM

239	As a visitor to Yarmouth and Gorleston on a regular basis I can confirm that one of the reasons for my returning on a year to year basis is the fact that I can let my dogs have a run on the North Denes, Caister and Gorleston beaches and to enjoy and support the local facilities provided by cafes etc. I have always adhered to the fact that parts of Yarmouth and Gorleston beaches have restricted access for use by dog owners during certain times of the year. I feel that in the event that I am unable to let my dogs run free on the beaches as previously mentioned (of course,without causing any problems to others or wildlife) then I will more than likely consider holidaying elsewhere.	10/1/2016 9:07 PM
240	I have been using Burgh Castle to exercise my dogs off the lead and clean up behind them since the 1960s but to lead them up during the breeding season as requested by displayed notices and i find most of the regulars do the same and we do inform strangers to these rules and as a 'national trust member' i see no reason to enforce a lead on culture as all dogs need to have a good run at least once a day.If dogs are to be made to wear leads all the time where do we go?	10/1/2016 7:06 PM
241	I think that being with and socialising with dogs is an important part of many people's lives (including children, dog owners and non dog owners). There are already too few places where dogs can run and engage in play and natural behaviours. I love returning to Caister to walk my dog on the beach. Banning dogs would mean that families with dogs cannot take their children to play parks (or risk having either the dog or the child abducted) and that people cannot take their dogs into cemeteries with them when visiting graves.	10/1/2016 6:09 PM
242	I am a responsible dog owner. Why is it the people who know how to treat, owner and exercise a dog or dogs are continually punished. It is about time a stand is made, as our dogs are suffering. If a dog is not given sufficient energetic exercise they will become boisterous and can become unruley. Please do not penalise the majority of responsibly dog owners. Ask for residents to police areas and actually give out fines..... I have never seen anyone receive a fine for allowing their dog to pass feaces and not pick it up.	10/1/2016 5:55 PM
243	First and foremost I think the council should be more concerned about people cleaning up after their dogs, not about whether the dog is running free, hygiene is the main problem. Dogs should be able to have places where they can go to run free, I always thought we were a nation of dog lovers, this council are definitely not! How is this going to be policed if there are still people who get away with not clearing up after their dog? I have to use a mobility scooter but still manage to clear up after my dogs. I am appalled to think us dog owners are going to be penalised like this. You've got to tackle cleanliness first, which you are demonstrating you are unable to do yet. This is an absolutely ridiculous proposal.	10/1/2016 5:50 PM
244	If the council pursued an anti litter campaign with half the voracity they always target dog owners the town would not be the disgrace it is in places.	10/1/2016 5:25 PM
245	It would be a real shame to ban dogs from having free run. It's the humans that cause the mess! I'm disgusted by the amount of rubbish that is left on playing fields and beaches! The only thing my dog leaves behind are his footprints!	10/1/2016 4:00 PM
246	Fed up by be	10/1/2016 3:33 PM
247	I and my dog walking colleagues are all responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs. I do not know of any incident that has caused harm or distress to anybody or another animal as a result of my dog walking without a lead so I object strongly to the proposal to stop this activity which has gone on for years. There is no real justification behind these proposals. Where is the evidence that harm has been caused to people/animals and on how many occasions. It is unfair to stop something completely rather than address individual issues as they arise, if they arise at all.	10/1/2016 3:09 PM
248	Proposals should be extended to include area at bottom of Second Avenue	10/1/2016 3:04 PM
249	It is a good idea to restict the free running of dogs; too often dog owners do not have control of their dogs. However, dog owners need to know the places where they can freely run their dogs, so publicising dog free running places is important to dog owners and the public. Is it possible to exclude guide dogs from a free running ban? Guide dogs suffer stress when guiding and free running is good for a dog's mental well-being, and enables a guide dog to keep on guiding for a longer time. Best of luck with your proposals.	10/1/2016 2:09 PM
250	I personally feel if your dog is under control they should be aloud to run free under supervision, that more bins need to be place along the front of the dunes for when people pick up after their dogs, and the more wardens need to fine people who bag it then then leave on the dunes	10/1/2016 1:19 PM
251	This is just taking the easy route to tackle inconsiderate dog owners but at the expense of all dog owners. Inconsiderate people are not however limited to those who own dogs.	10/1/2016 12:31 PM
252	Put up more dog waste bins for owners to dispose of faeces. Have signs pointing the direction of nearest bin. Have poop sacks available at bins for use.	10/1/2016 10:17 AM
253	Restrictions on beaches and play areas should make allowance for children and dog walkers. Children don't have to stay on a lead and NOT ALL dog owners make/leave mess, humans leave litter far worse than most dog owners. Please don't spoil off lead recreation for all dogs.	10/1/2016 9:15 AM
254	Keeping a dog on a lead will not prevent a dog from fouling a bigger fine for the owners who do not clear up will.	10/1/2016 9:13 AM

255	I have two babies and a very friendly dog! Banning dogs from places means I cannot exercise my dog when I have the children on my own - which is five days a week when my husband is at work. Just because some dog owners are irresponsible why should we all suffer	10/1/2016 9:00 AM
256	many people with dogs come to Gt Yarmouth so that they can bring there dog with them to enjoy the holiday. as I did before moving here. if the areas keep dog owners moving to areas further away this would take people away from these areas and also increase the use of cars on the local roads by those that wish for there dogs freedom	10/1/2016 8:13 AM
257	Most of dog owners I know are responsible owners dont stop our and our dogs enjoyment on certain areas be ruined by irresponsible owners,by lead only or banned areas,im prepared yo pay a permit towalk my dog freely on these proposed sights	10/1/2016 7:38 AM
258	I disagree entirely with the dogs on leads requirements proposed. A well behaved dog should be able to be exercised off lead in so many of these locations.	9/30/2016 9:55 PM
259	GYBC has enough power under current legislation and does not need any more. Enforce the rules you already have. Do not restrict dog walkers any further as you will harm the tourism industry. I have a holiday cottage and dog owners are a growing percentage of my business.	9/30/2016 8:47 PM
260	Regarding Heritage sites, whilst I agree totally that dogs should be on a lead in areas that have been excavated I see no useful purpose in requiring dogs to be on a lead in areas that have not yet been excavated (I.e. open fields)	9/30/2016 7:26 PM
261	We walk our dog every day and it's always a really pleasurable and relaxing watching him run freely off the lead. We have spent a long time training him to come back when needed. We won't let him approach any person or dog unless we know the person. We clean up after our dog every time and will actively chase down another dog owner leaving their mess! We are very responsible and feel upset at the thoughts of our dog being banned from certain areas where he can run free. It's completely understandable in nature reserves/the promenade for example where there are people or animals that don't get on with dogs. But somewhere like open fields or the dunes where dogs can run/exercise freely under full control is harsh to make a ban! Please don't let the few irresponsible dog owners ruin it for the rest of us. It would be impossible to inforce but it's almost as if dog owners should have to pass a test that can prove they have full control of their dog. Then they will have a badge/card to say they're allowed off lead. Kind regards, [redacted]	9/30/2016 7:17 PM
262	Are there plans to dedicated special areas for dog parks only? If you propose to ban dogs from so many areas, where are people supposed to exercise their dogs for their health and wellbeing? I understand implementing lead only areas i.e. wildlife protection- but you need to be specific where these are and ensure there is still adequate space for other animals to enjoy life i.e dogs Banning dogs from Great Yarmouth beach would have a huge impact on the caravan parks in that area and shops and cafes	9/30/2016 7:09 PM
263	As long as the dog is fully under control of the person responsible for the dog and isn't causing a disturbance to the people and the surrounding areas then I believe a dog should be allowed time off the lead. As a dog owner myself i would feel restricted to the areas that I could exercise my dog, he is a avid tennis ball lover. with the regards to the dog ban, i truly believe that some dogs are actually far better behaved than some children and adults.	9/30/2016 6:46 PM
264	Most dog owners are responsible owners...for most the enjoyment of allowing your dig to run freely is often the most rewarding part of own ing a dog..to have this taken away with no consideration of the mental and physical affect it would have on dog or owner is incomprehensible...not only that the affect of tourism would be devastating...I own a business in Norfolk which relies on holidaymakers and often the reason they come to Norfolk is because it's so dog friendly...please do not remove what is in effect one of the better and positive things about our town..	9/30/2016 6:00 PM
265	There are lots of dogs that don't get enough exercise, banning them from grounds will mean even more dogs not getting exercise. Would be more dogs walking the streets and more fouling!	9/30/2016 5:59 PM
266	I think the proposals are an excellent idea. My wife is afraid of dogs and we get fed up when they come bounding up and all the owners say is they are just being friendly they won't hurt. That is not the point. I have even taken to picking a large stone up when i am walking on the beach so that if a dog bounds up to my wife I can defend her.	9/30/2016 5:50 PM
267	If the proposals to not allow dogs on the beach areas without being on a lead, many people including my family will not bother coming into Great Yarmouth with or without our dogs. We will not contribute to the local economy and support small local businesses throughout the year, but especially out of the main holiday season. The majority of reasonable dog owners do not their dogs become a nuisance whilst on or off lead and those who are irresponsible will just continue with their behaviours.	9/30/2016 5:32 PM
268	As the borough council and local constabulary appear to have little or no interest in enforcement of the current rules/regulations pertaining to dogs, extra legislation could prove to be a redundant exercise.	9/30/2016 5:12 PM

269	As a business owner who's business is predominantly frequented by dog owners i feel that this proposal for dogs to be leashed on the dunes is not viable. We feel that dogs need to be social and also integrate with other Dogs. From our experience we have found that dogs on leads tend to feel restricted and therefore are worse behaved to other dogs. We feel that dogs love to chase a ball (or other toys) and therefore this would have a massive impact on them. However we feel that dog owners who do not clear up after their dogs SHOULD be heavily fined and this we feel should be monitored and enforced. We have seen many owners with dogs ON leads who have allowed their animal to foul, but not cleared up behind them. This is unexceptionable. One final point is that as stated at the start of this comment, our business is based on predominantly dog owners,and if this was to be enforced they would have to go elsewhere and therefore have a massive impact on our (and other business) in the area.	9/30/2016 5:12 PM
270	As a responsible dog owner, and my dog is not a problem is always under control and I clean up after her, I totally disagree with the these proposals.	9/30/2016 4:27 PM
271	As responsible dog owners we always clear up after any faeces and control the dog when not on lead	9/30/2016 4:25 PM
272	1. If the proposal to have dogs on lead in the Salisbury Road -Tan Lane area is to be widely applied, it is unacceptable in that it deprives one species of animal of its freedom to roam in the name of protecting other species or vegetation. This is an infringement of our rights and their rights. 2. If the restriction is only to be applied in special circumstances, such as areas fenced off for little terns, then of course it is desirable (and is already honoured). 3. Dog-owners will, in my experience, be reasonable if the authorities are reasonable in return.	9/30/2016 3:27 PM
273	Rules that are currently in place should be enforced. People with dogs that are disobedient should be made to put them in leads. The problem is not people with dogs, the problem is that there is nobody enforcing the rules that are already in place.	9/30/2016 3:11 PM
274	Please make it a requirement to use a proper lead, not an extendable lead, which can cause a hazard to other members of the public when extended and does not give proper control of the dog.	9/30/2016 2:14 PM
275	It would be of help if notices were written clearer in the designated areas which are already in place. By banning dogs in more certain areas will only move the problems elsewhere. Why not use the Community Service culprits to help monitor the situation armed with plastic poo bag? increase the fines to show that the Council means business. Encourage non-responsible to be responsible.	9/30/2016 2:08 PM
276	The restrictions proposed would stop me and my family from visiting Great Yarmouth and the surrounding areas. This will I am sure would be the same with many other dog owners, and will result in the loss of revenue to many areas and businesses. The majority of dog owners are people and add to the local economy.	9/30/2016 1:15 PM
277	1. I think the ban should apply ALL year on play areas and on sites of special interest. 2.The ban does not go far enough on the sites listed above. The ban should be NO dogs ay any time. 3.I'm sorry to have to say that I know too many dog owners have no concern for the health of others or of any wildlife.	9/30/2016 12:29 PM
278	I have no problem with dogs being banned from entering children's play areas and parts of the beach during the summer, but I cannot see the sense in forcing dog owners to put dogs on leads in traditional dog walking areas such as Burgh Castle and Caister Forts, North Denes Dunes and Recreation areas. Dogs need exercise and preventing owners from allowing them off the lead for running/socialising will result in het up and aggressive dogs and potentially more dog fights. It appears to me that GYBC has taken a stance that shows it to be dog intolerant - this is a great shame. Other areas of the country I have visited are very dog friendly, putting out bowls of water and making sure there are sufficient dog waste bins. It's a shame GYBC have decided to take this negative stance towards dogs and their owners.	9/30/2016 10:33 AM
279	Gorleston is covered in litter. The grass is far too long and we certainly have a run down look. Cyclists are banned along the cliff top but this is ignored by several abusive cyclists. Cars are banned on the lower Gorleston prom but there are still those who drive to [redacted] and it is a wonder no one has been knocked down.A walk with your dog is enjoyable and therapeutic as whilst your dogs enjoy a lead free walk,you can talk to others who need a friend to cope with illness and family problems.This has to be one of the most draconian ideas to come out of a council. Will we be banned to go out to the shops at certain times next? Please get a life and don't spoil it for a lot of people who cannot afford nights out but enjoy a walk in freedom with their dogs.Why are you letting the few spoil it for the many?	9/30/2016 10:12 AM
280	I do own a dog but I walk along the beach most morning. I am very upset by all the dog fouling which in my opinion is getting worse. I know that it is a small minority that are failing to clean up after their pets but something needs to be done. Our beaches are turning into public toilets! If keeping dogs on leads is the answer then I would have to agree that this is the right thing to do	9/30/2016 8:57 AM
281	as a dog owner i do agree with certain areas being of limits but just having agree or disagree answers isn't very helpful certain times of the year also play a part in certain areas. i also feel this penalises responsible dog owners who have complete control over their dogs	9/30/2016 8:47 AM
282	More wardens to enforce laws. Authorisation to stop anyone with dog and ask if they have bags on them to clear up mess. Dogs should NOT be able to run free on ANY areas that children play on.	9/30/2016 8:36 AM

283	Question 6 is not clear enough in relation to "recreation areas"; if this means childrens play areas and sports pitches, then I agree that dogs should be on lead. I understand that the proposal to ban dogs off lead on North Denes was at behest of one member of the council who feels the dunes are being degraded by allowing it. I'm aghast that one "member" can wield such power as to potentially affect hundreds of dogwalkers, residents, visitors the local community and local business!! Ive been walking the dunes for 22 years and actually believe that wildlife flora and fauna are flourishing, despite, or maybe even because of, the human/dog presence. Yes dogs mess is a aproblem - as it is everywhere in Gt Yarmouth - but banning dogs offlead wont solve it and will just drive away responsible owners (who help catch the culprits). Aside from the issue for dogwalkers, the ban would have a massive impact on holiday businesses. Lots of tourists stay/own caravans at the North end of town BECAUSE of the dogwalking amenities. Ive been speaking with them; initial response is horror and disbelief and then declarations that they would sell up and move elsewere if the ban is implemented. A local holiday park has already lost business because the sale of a caravan fell through when the purchaser heard about the potential ban. The little cafes at the north end of town cater mainly for dogwalkers, so would suffer massively if the proposals went through. I thought the council was supposed to encourage business growth, not drive it away? I hope the "member" who has requested the ban has deep pockets to compensate these businesses for their losses? The issue at Burgh Castle seems to centre more around nesting birds and, as it only affects 2 out of 5 fields, and for a few months of the year, there must surely be easier/more appropriate and acceptable solutions than a blanket ban on off-lead walking. Im unsure why the council would even want to get involved with having to police the heritage sites listed as they are not council owned and the council don't have enough manpower to police even the dogfouling problems in Great Yarmouth, let alone additional sites. [redacted]	9/30/2016 6:17 AM
284	Provide more dog bins which should be emptied regularly	9/29/2016 11:05 PM
285	Priory Gardens is clearly signed to say 'dogs must be on a lead' I walk my dog there twice a day 75% of dogs are off the leads! so even signage doesnt work	9/29/2016 9:29 PM
286	Where ,if the proposal for dogs to be kept on the lead on the dunes at Yarmouth are we as responsible dog owners meant to exercise our dogs. Perhaps the banning of all pets and children and adults as they leave rubbish and faeces on the beach. Then perhaps shut down Yarmouth in total to all pets children and adults that are not resident in the area. All to be shot on site	9/29/2016 9:18 PM
287	I think a certain amount of common sense should be exercised and if dogs are playing up they should be on a lead. If they are well behaved they should be allowed to be off a lead.	9/29/2016 7:07 PM
288	North Denes Dunes are managed by Natural England, however the council have not even contacted them before the consultation document was produced. How then can the council say the reason for enforcing a dogs on leads policy is for the protection of the SSSI and SPA? You have not even asked the experts? To punish the many dog walkers who use the dunes because of the actions of a few, or on the whim of [redacted] own wish rather than representing the views of [redacted] constituents is unfair and undemocratic.	9/29/2016 6:21 PM
289	Most Dog owners like my self are responsible and probably benefit the arrears we walk due to the type of people we are. however it would be nice to see a few more bins and to see a warden/ranger out and about educating new comers to the area about the Law and local etiquette. I believe a pro active positive approach is the answer required for the North Denes/Caister dunes/ beach arrears. A total ban of," off lead Dogs" in this area would I believe be detrimental to the land in question. I am a former coast and countryside conservation warden with the National Trust and of course a Dog owner who has walked North Denes dunes with our family and children daily for 15 years, During this time our main concern has been unsociable behaviour by young people on motorcycles tearing around the land and dangerous litter left behind (Broken alcohol bottles, fast food packaging etc.)	9/29/2016 4:54 PM
290	As a regular visitor. Dogs should be allowed to run free in recreation areas providing dog poo is picked up and dogs are under control. If a ban is in place. Holiday company's will loose revenue	9/29/2016 4:31 PM
291	i would like to strongly object, to the proposal to restrict dogs from there freedom on the beach. i can't understand what this will achieve. I walk my dog every day on Caister beach. i pick up items left by people i.e bottles (whole and broken) tins, nappies,sanitary towels, news papers with lug worm in it, plastic cups clothes an assortment of broken plastic children's beach toys and last week two lots of human faeces, all left by humans... the odd dog excrement is nasty but biodegradable, i am an activist against rubbish on the beach and have phoned the environmental heath dept. and also Haven camp and reported unwanted items found, on several occasions. i.g toxic containers. This is not a dog problem but a human one!! do you think, this will change just because a dog is on a lead....	9/29/2016 3:59 PM
292	To prevent dogs from running free on North Denes would be a sacrilege. A great deal of people book the caravan park because dogs are welcome. Dogs need places to run free and not just on a lead. Its lovely to see the dogs chasing the balls and having a good time. It would be a sad day the day that is stopped. Please re think the Sailsbury Rd thru to Caister. DOGS NEED EXERCISE.....	9/29/2016 2:31 PM
293	Even thou my own dogs have been badly attacked by a dog off a leash on the sand dunes at north dense - I still blame the irresponsible owners and don't think keeping the dog on the lead would help as these would still be thesesminority dog owners that would still continue any responsible dog owners would be the ones to suffer.	9/29/2016 2:25 PM

294	I think it would be a real shame if you stop well behaved dogs to use the beach my dog loves swimming in the sea and wouldn't be able to do this on a lead as long as you have control on your dog it should be ok	9/29/2016 2:11 PM
295	I do not allow my dogs to run around off a lead in public places other than on the beach as and when permitted and I'm thinking you should concentrate more on litter and anti social behaviour mainly drinking and smoking as how about ban smoking in children's play areas and drinking alcohol but it seems dog owners are yet again the ones facing yet more restrictions.	9/29/2016 1:16 PM
296	The council should actually patrol the Dunes area of North Denea and actually take action against owners who do not pick their dogs waste. I have personally witnessed this and reported to County Councillor who passed on to Dog Warden who never made contact it seems there are a small handful of owners who do not want to pick up their dogs waste and the impact will now affect all dog owners of which the majority do respect the rules Their is an idea viewpoint to catch offenders which is the life guard watch tower...why can't your wardens utilise this to their advantage I will also like to say I have invested in the local area and if the dog ban comes into force I will look to invest elsewhere	9/29/2016 1:00 PM
297	if people picked up there dogs mess this would not even be any talk about this ..there should be dog only areas just for dogs were they can leave mess and see if they want to walk in it	9/29/2016 12:10 PM
298	We bought a caravan at Seashore and taking the dog for beach walks was one of the main advantages of the area. If we were not able to continue with this then we would not be in a position to keep our caravan as the dog could not get enough exercise. It would put alot of people renting at Seashore if they couldnt bring dogs and this would have an impact on numbers visiting Yarmouth.	9/29/2016 11:34 AM
299	I feel that the dog ban or dogs on lead ban by North Denes will be catastrophic for the tourism especially at Seashore. I own at seashore and many owners have dogs and would have to sell their caravans if our dogs could not be walked on the beach.	9/29/2016 11:24 AM
300	I strongly object to the Dogs on Lead requirement proposal for the beach from Salisbury Road to Tan Lane Caister. I have been informed the reason is that owners let their dogs off and they run off and cannot be seen fouling. I live at Caister and the biggest problem is around the Beach Rd car park area where people do not clear up. This is not because they cannot see their dogs, these people will not clear up even if their dog is on a lead. Most of the prosecutions for this offence are in built up areas when dogs are on a lead. I walk my dog twice a day and very rarely see an Environmental Ranger and if you do they are usually sitting in a van. They need to be walking the areas where there is a big problem to enforce the failure to clear up more rigorously. I have walked dogs on Gt Yarmouth and Caister beaches and dunes for over 50 years and the flora and wildlife has flourished and increased over this time. It has definitely not suffered due to dogs running about.	9/29/2016 11:22 AM
301	Dog ownership is equally as important as adults with children, children have play areas and dogs should be able to have free run and enjoy the beaches and swimming. Enormous amount of angry people against this proposal and it will certainly hit the holiday trade as many dedicated dog owners come here for the beaches	9/28/2016 10:02 PM
302	I agree with dogs being on leads in cemeteries but feel they should be allowed in on leads. Agree with beaches having certain areas for no dogs - but not banned altogether. Especially upset with the North Denes proposal. My dog loves running on there- he causes no harm and is always cleaned up after. As it is the same for majority of others that we meet on there, so it is not fair to punish our dogs.	9/28/2016 8:52 PM
303	I'm strongly against having to put my dogs on a lead at the ruins in burgh castle and the dunes in Yarmouth ! I'm a very responsible dog owner and take great care to look after my dogs and clean up after them ! I never allow my dogs to cause any harm or cause a nuisance to anything or any one and I feel strongly that it is unfair to stop them having a good run and play on these safe public areas ! It would be a great shame if this were to go ahead	9/28/2016 7:37 PM

304	I class myself as a responsible dog owner, cleaning up behind my dog is something that I accept has to be done, and I make sure that it is done! I do this on the understanding that in return both my dogs and I get the enjoyment of using the open spaces around my home in return. A small price to pay!!! There is nothing more enjoyable than too take my two dogs out and see them run around an open area, having a free run in an open space. Yes, I would clip my dogs up if I was around very young children, people eating or anywhere that I thought my dogs might cause a nuisance or be in danger themselves. However, I have been walking my dogs on the Burgh Castle and North Denes areas for some years now, and as yet have not seen the need to attach a lead to either of my dogs until I walk up onto the promenade or get close to a main road. I have lived in the Great Yarmouth area all my life, and with regards to the comments of degradation of the North Denes Dunes area, these look the same now as when I was a young lad back in the 1960's & 70's. It seems to me that as usual the main cause of degradation to these areas is generally litter, which I usually find the main culprits are in fact MR. & MRS. General Public, and their offspring. The general dropping of litter, plastic bags, bottles and beer cans, are definitely not caused by my two dogs. All they need for a great time is a couple of balls and an open space to run in for ninety minutes or so. However, it's not unusual to actually use my dogs poo bags to clear up behind MR. & MRS. GENERAL PUBLIC. On more than one occasion, when they cannot be bothered to carry their food wrappers, empty bottles and cans back to the bins or to their cars. These sorts of items are definitely not taken onto such areas by either myself or my two dogs!!! I cant help but believe you are only looking to punish the people who do actually care for these areas, the people who do respect the areas, and are very keen to have the continued use of such areas probably more than the council could possibly imagine!!!! I would suggest that your proposals to take away a bit of enjoyment from my dogs and others, will definitely lead to you seeing some real degradation of your precious SSSI sites..... Unless you are considering spending the precious money that the council keeps telling us they don't have to get teams of people in to clear these areas up every week. Regards[redacted]	9/28/2016 5:23 PM
305	The North Denes area is fabulous for exercising dogs and letting them off their leads. It attracts tourists, many of whom I see year-round on a daily basis. Many dog owners use Munchies cafe, which is leased from the Council. I am sure his takings would be reduced if dog owners were forced to take their dogs to Winterton for off-lead recreation. The dogs and their owners socialise, and in fact we have set up a Norfolk Great Dane UK group who meet regularly at the site. Large dogs need to run and play to socialise. Many owners are elderly and like to come down to the site so their dogs can get a good amount of exercise without them walking too far. The Dog Rescue Centre next to the Racecourse also uses the site so their dogs can enjoy a good run. It would be helpful if more rubbish bins were placed on the Dunes themselves so people don't have to carry dog poo bags for ages, as well as for the leisure users to use the site for BBQ's etc and have to leave their rubbish there. The site is well known to attract dog walkers - banning dogs off the leads would be a terrible shame for dogs, owners, Munchies cafe owners, the Council if it closed down and holidaymakers who enjoy letting their dogs of the lead and a good chinwag! If dogs are causing a nuisance or aggressive, yes they should be on a lead. But let our well trained dogs have a good run! Keeps us fit too. Thank you.	9/28/2016 4:31 PM
306	responsible dog owners enjoy walking with their trained dogs off lead and shouldnt be punished for irresponsible dog owners and if their owners are irresponsible they will foul without clearing up even if on lead , of course dogs should be kept on lead if a danger to other wildlife or farm animals . most dog owners clear up after their dog , and tbh visitors to the beach leave tons of rubbish , you should go down to beach especially in the dunes and see food cartons/bbq/bags/rubbish/nappies left , nothing is said about this on the beach or will go after them , but council have to employ someone to clear the beach . also yarmouth have lots of tourist that come down in caravans etc because they can bring their dog with them , yarmouth cant afford to lose this . perhaps yarmouth should get priorities right and stop being killjoys and give dog owners some slack , this council is moaning about no ice skating rink for xmas and fair making mess , spending money on the naff cafe in the park , they should do something about the drunks in the park , fly dumping etc . and im a responsible dog owner i agree you should pick up after your dog most do , i get fed up with the summer beach ban on dogs on beach as I and infact all locals obey , but how many times visitors dont and nobody does anything , you say something to them you get mouthful . i bet if i broke rules i would get done . so please dont make it harder to enjoy your dog off lead , i dont drive like many older people so cant go for miles to let my dog off . if you do impose dog lead restrictions be sensible about it and remember locals usually obey beach restrictions tourist do not	9/28/2016 3:06 PM
307	Dogs should be banned from King George V Playing Field, Allendale Road, Caister	9/28/2016 12:31 PM
308	I an a responsible dog owner who has walked dogs for years on both the Great Yarmouth and Caister beaches. I strongly object to the proposal for dogs to be kept on a lead on the beach from Salisbury Road to Tan Lane. This will not stop irresponsible owners failing to clear up and more needs to be done to reinforce the existing requirement to clear up after your dog. A lot of dog owners come to the dog friendly beaches of Caister and Great Yarmouth from the surrounding village and Norwich because they are able to exercise their dogs off lead and they spend money in local cafes, takeaways.	9/28/2016 12:28 PM
309	II have owned dogs for 50 years and walked them on Caister and Gt Yarmouth beaches and object strongly to the proposal for dogs on lead requirement for the beach from Salisbury Road Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane Caister. The Environmental Rangers on the rare occasion that you see them,spend too much time in their vans and not enough walking about to catch irresponsible dog owners who do not clear up!	9/28/2016 12:08 PM

310	Why is the council looking at dogs and not fisherman who leave their hooks with dead fish heads all over the beach and those campers who erect their tents wherever they wish. I wonder where they go to the toilet! It would be very interested to see the voting numbers during the next local council elections if this proposal does go through as I for one would not vote for you guys again. One question does come to mind; do you think that if owners do not pick up their dogs mess when off the lead will do it when they are forced to keep them on the lead. I don't think so! This is from someone who loves to see his dog enjoy the freedom that she has been used to ever since we moved here 2.5 years ago and not be restricted to a lead.	9/28/2016 12:05 PM
311	Rather than banning dogs or keeping them on leads it would be better to invest in more bins, there are not enough bins around, especially North Dene's Dunes where dog waste can be disposed of. Bins would help and encourage people to clear up after their dog/s. I also think that problem areas could be policed better, if there is the resources to be able to do this. There is a problem of a few irresponsible people that do not clear up after their dogs but it is unfair to penalise all dog owners because of this. Maybe an email address or mobile number could be set up where people can send pictures/videos of those that leave their dog waste so they can be looked into? Or even a facebook page where people can be publicly shamed for not clearing up after their dog? If people could be encouraged to send in pictures of the people that do offend then it would help to stop it? I do agree that dogs should be kept on leads around tourist spots such as both GT Yarmouth and Gorleston promenades and the popular areas of the beach during high season, I do not agree that this should apply everywhere on the proposed list. It is very unfair when the minority of offenders affects the majority of people that are responsible.	9/28/2016 9:55 AM
312	i have been visiting yarmouth for over 20 years the dunes are a lovely area to walk. over the last few years i have noticed more vagrant camping more full poo bags and picnic rubbish on this beautiful area. the beaches in winter have dangerous fish hooks and netting left by fishing, even motor bikes racing about and large 4x4s on the beach. Instead of banning dogs more poo bins (there is none after the toilets at salsbury rd) and restict vehicals.	9/28/2016 8:45 AM
313	We take our dog to the park (Beaconsfield Road) and we let him off for a run. He does his mess we pick it up and put it in bins provided. Also on Sundays we drive to Seashore Caravan Park and park along the road, we let our dog run along the grass area (not the beach) we pick up his mess. As other responsible dog owners do. Of course you get some dog owners who don't give a damn regarding laws of picking up their dogs mess and it's these idiots that give us responsible owners a bad name. It really annoys us because they never seem to get caught.	9/28/2016 8:28 AM
314	As a responsible owner of a well behaved dog I am opposed to some blanket bans. Shame the same effort is not applied to littering which seems to be accepted in all these places!	9/27/2016 11:02 PM
315	we walk our dogs on North Denes with other walkers .all the dogs get on together. We all clean up after our dogs. what is the councils solution of cat, fox and sometimes human poo on the sand dunes, people camping there and no toilet available- they have to go somewhere. beer cans, fires, rubbish the list goes on. Motorbikes being rode on North Denes - ripping up the grass and showing little resecpt. so called fishermen leaving line and plastic wrappers on the beach and disguard unwanted fish. As for cemeteries our dogs would remain on the lead. I walk through the town old cemetery to get to work and witness dogs roaming free off the lead and not being cleared up after - how disrespectful. no dogs in play areas. this is why we clear up after our dogs- any responsible owner would not want someone stepping in poo.	9/27/2016 10:47 PM
316	I feel that as long as dog walkers clean up after there dogs and there dogs are well controlled, dogs should be allowed to run freely. Cats fouling are just as big a problem as dogs!	9/27/2016 8:43 PM
317	Dogs are just part of the problem most are responsible owners who will clean up but there still are people who don't use litter bins or take their rubbish home also the closing of public toilets will only lead to other issues...	9/27/2016 8:05 PM
318	As a dog owner and a naturalist I find the proposal to ban dogs from running free over the North Denes dune areas. I do not think that this is a problem and find the empty cans, bottles and plastic materials more distressing and damaging to the environment. I know that many dog walkers like myself regularly collect this rubbish while walking among the dunes whilst our dogs exercise themselves running free. I think that if we were to have to keep the dogs on a lead this would seriously restrict this clean up activity to the detriment of the surriundings.	9/27/2016 6:57 PM
319	This public consultation is a bit stealthy and a shame you aren't doing it publically! My husband and I have no issues controlling our dogs, don't spoil it for us.	9/27/2016 6:48 PM
320	As a dog owner the idea of making dogs having to walk on a lead on the North Denes area is terrible. There a few area in Great Yarmouth were dogs can safely run around off the lead and the north Denes is one of the few places in GY. Also very few properties have gardens so you will be restrict voters on where they can walk there dogs off the lead.	9/27/2016 5:49 PM
321	Dogs need to be off a lead to run and be exercised, provided the dog is under control and not a nuisance to public or other dogs they should be allowed this freedom, the owner should self police it ! if the owner is a twat the dog will be ! thank you	9/27/2016 4:46 PM

322	Dear GYBC I write to share my thoughts as [redacted] In specific to elaborate my thoughts on the proposals to enforce dogs on leads between Salisbury Road and Tan Lane, Caister. [redacted] The proposals to extend special measures relating to the implementation of dogs on leads has caused much debate from our families [redacted] Many families who [redacted] have dogs – probably 35% or so, and one of their key reasons [redacted] was that their pets could enjoy the freedom to run off a lead on the dune and beach environment. We also have the challenge that as a [redacted] we have many young families who enjoy the use of the beach – particularly adjacent to the North Denes Coast watch tower and further [redacted] which is probably the main density of users. On the main, I would suggest that people who own and take their dogs to the beach are conscientious and considerate owners and would always clean up after their pets. [redacted] many general waste and a small selection of dog waste bins for walkers to use. [redacted] on peak times put litter bins down on the beach, mainly by the recently [redacted] and by the slip by coastwatch tower to encourage litter to be disposed of sensibly. [redacted] do regular litter picks of the beach, marram and SSSI environment to remove general litter, including fly posted kebab leaflets from unwelcome local operators. On the main from the Coastwatch tower to the far [redacted], there is very little evidence of fouling. I am unsure about the grass and marram area between the north [redacted] and Caister as I have not walked it recently. I would not see a need for this stretch to be made compulsory for Dog owners to have their dogs on leads, especially when we are suggesting that the main areas of beach in both Gorleston and Great Yarmouth are only to be enforced in the periods from 1st October to end April. I would argue and welcome those areas being banned all year rather than just the autumn / winter. On a daily basis, I see that locals will park up along north drive on areas between Salisbury and the coastwatch tower and will let their dogs run off along the dunes. I am unsure if these may be a mix of responsible / irresponsible owners, appreciating that if the dogs run off they may well foul out of sight. I would also point out that probably the larger area of dune would sit between Jellicoe Road and the Coastwatch tower – as at this point the foreshore is at significant distance from the road. Thus creating a larger area for dog walkers and higher volume of use. I would suggest that there is very little in the way of modern, current signage to highlight the potential fines for fouling. I would recommend that this would be the first thing to be installed and would recommend a " whistle blower " mechanism to promote reporting of uncollected fouling. I would also challenge the practicalities of enforcing a dogs on leads policy in this area that must cover numerous square miles and one would assume that there is not provision to employ more enforcement team to support the proposed implementation. My worry is that all the responsible owners will be penalised if the measures are implemented and the rare minority whom do not respect the environment or the anti fouling legislation, would continue to flout any rules or laws and still let their dogs foul, keep off lead, even if this is against law. Equally if there is no plan to up the ante in terms of enforcement, I worry that the situation would not improve. I would much prefer to see • Signage – detailing fines and encouraging whistle blowing • Implementation of Dog waste bins to encourage disposal • Whistle blowing message to encourage reporting of the minority of offenders • Proactive enforcement and fining of the current fouling laws, backed by public engagement If there are then further issues, then absolutely consider the need for enforcement on leads on all dogs. Right now, I feel there is plenty that could be done to support the current legislation and crack down on the minority without the need to upset the majority of well respecting owners. These are the very people, who could be used to help crack the offenders, Would happily meet to discuss points in person and review some of the affected areas. Yours sincerely [redacted]	9/27/2016 3:32 PM
323	Re North beach. I have witnessed dogs off their leads escape their owners and run into the main road causing near collisions. On one occasion my partner and I had to rescue and hold such a dog that had made it to Salisbury Road and was running into people's gardens and on to the main road in the path of buses and cars. it also needs to be considered that many people have phobias regarding dogs and particularly for children, dogs can seem very frightening.	9/27/2016 2:28 PM
324	the beach between North Denes and Caister is one of the few quiet areas where we can all walk our dogs safely, please dont prevent them being off their leads there	9/27/2016 2:23 PM
325	I am 78 yrs old and have always walked my dog which has been a few down on the beach from jellicoe road towards gt yarmouth, summer and winter and in winter you never see any person, so this does not make sense to say dogs have to be on leads if not agresive types they are like children they like to run and play and the beach has always belonged to everybody, it like taking a child to sweet shop and say look but you cannot have any!!! think this proposal is disgusting of the gt yarmouth boro council who do they think they are Russians, as long as mess is picked up should be free for everyone.	9/27/2016 10:59 AM
326	I have 2 extremely well behaved Labs who need off lead exercise to stay fit. I take them to the North Denes (along with many other owners of large dogs) and I always clear up after them if they relieve themselves. They do not dig up or harm this SSSI - they are trained to come when called and do not interfere with people or other dogs. The loss of 'off lead' facilities would be detrimental to their health.	9/27/2016 10:51 AM

327	It is time that on areas of Public Green Space that there should be a fenced area for dog walkers so that adults and children can use the areas as was originally intended unfortunately these area have now become purely area used by dog walkers, because of contamination. This policy is used now in most areas of the country and will help reinstate that the public are welcomed in Great Yarmouth and not just dogs.	9/27/2016 10:27 AM
328	It would be inhumane to never be able to let townie dogs run free and stay at human walking pace. A dog on a lead looks miserable, one running free looks happy with a wagging tail. Most are well controlled, why let 1% spoil it for the rest.	9/27/2016 10:21 AM
329	Please do not ban dogs from running off lead at North Denes - it is the only safe place for me to take my dog for a run within a reasonable distance from home off the lead. It is a huge area and one of the few spaces in the Borough where they can run on a good surface and keep a good distance from other dogs and people. Fence off some areas where the skylarks nest or some areas where the flowers are particularly good to provide a good mix between needs of dogs and needs to preserve the environment!	9/27/2016 9:14 AM
330	What are you trying to do get rid of dogs may be you should also stop people smoking in the streets and stop dropping butts on the the floor and cans	9/27/2016 8:17 AM
331	You should have the right and the freedom to exercise a dog in public spaces as long as its under control and you pick up after it. Please do not penalise responsible dog owners and dogs, just because of a minority of irresponsible owners.	9/26/2016 10:34 PM
332	Dispicable that you fail to openly discuss this public consultation, shame on you. Yet you won't police the 40mph limit by Captain Mamby roundabout, a place where people at in danger of being hurt.	9/26/2016 10:17 PM
333	I've lived borough for nearly 80yrs and always let them run off lead. What about people who don't have gardens where are the dogs suppose to run about.	9/26/2016 9:27 PM
334	Dogs that are not allowed to exercise and socialise will cause far more problems. For 10 months of the year you will find few people on the beach at Caister other than dog walkers.	9/26/2016 8:53 PM
335	Some peoples only companion is a dog (much better than some people) why take all the pleasure out of their lives when children leave more mess at times or there parents do.	9/26/2016 7:35 PM
336	The beaches are for all, if necessary fence off areas where there are breeding birds as in Winterton/Hemsby. How many people who do not own dogs actually walk these areas? It won't make any difference to irresponsible dog owners who don't clear up after their dogs now whether they are off lead or not How do you propose to enforce this?	9/26/2016 7:17 PM
337	As a local it is frustrating that the council feels it appropriate to sneak through proposals regarding dogs being kept on leads in certain areas. I disagree that this will be detrimental to the environment as many dozens & hundreds of locals not forgetting the hundreds of visiting dog owners come to Yarmouth as it has always been dog friendly...it has been a great source of activity for many years & would certainly be more detrimental to dogs & their owners than the environment. There are more important issues for example closing the toilets on North Drive with the public using the dunes to toilet. Others who doss on the dunes leaving behind cans,bottles & needles & other disgusting items. I could go on & on. Please think again about this proposal I am sure the money the Council has in its purse could be spent on other more deserving issues.	9/26/2016 7:06 PM
338	Banning dogs from beaches when the problem is with a small % of dog owners is far too DRACONIAN. The norfolk beaches feature in good dog beaches and banning them from, running around free is completely unnecessary. As the fouling is not being policed how would this be policed if mass disobedience takes place. This would be commercially daft as it will deter trippers from Gt Yarmouth. Please do not do this, listen to your responsible dog owning residents.	9/26/2016 5:59 PM
339	Putting dogs on leads will not make irresponsible dog owners pick up. What about the fisherman's rubbish left on the beach, and dirty nappies left by visitors to the dunes. Or the rubbish and human feaces left by campers on the dunes or burnt out motorcycles. Or the holes left by metal detectors.When you take in the larger picture dogs off leads with responsible owners seem to me not to be causing a problem. How will the dunes be policed, and will there be notice's in the racecourse campsite and seashore camp as they are the biggest culprits!! What is the RSPCA view on this as dogs need exercise	9/26/2016 5:44 PM
340	The majority of dog owners respect and protect their dogs from being a nuisance to other walkers in my opion the proposed measures are draconian are un policeable like a sledgehammer to crack a nut[redacted]	9/26/2016 5:02 PM
341	As a responsible dog owner i believe that it is the owner who should know wether their dog is trained enough to not cause a nusienece or disrespect.all dog owners should be fined failing to clean up after their dog,I also feel that lack of bins and signage especially along the beach area especially along caister beach is an issue.All dogs deserve and need regular exercise and the irresposible dog owners are ruining this for others.	9/26/2016 3:58 PM
342	Dogs should be allowed off lead access to recreation areas, but far harsher fines and enforcement measures should be in place for fouling and nuisance/out of control animals.	9/26/2016 3:48 PM

343	I walk into work most days from Caister to Haven Seashore along the beach and I have got to say that I think whether dogs are on leads or not in the area between Salisbury Road and Tan Lane will make no difference to fouling. I have seen responsible owners in both categories and irresponsible. I actually believe that more signs and more dog waste bins would be more beneficial and a better use of resources than trying to enforce the dogs on leads idea. It makes me wonder how this would be policed when its such a large area? On my walk I don't see a single dog waste bin [redacted]	9/26/2016 3:18 PM
344	The north denes area stretching from Salisbury road to caister is a widly used area for dog walking on and off lead. Both for local residents and holiday makers, dogs need to have a bit of freedom running off lead and to stop this is insane. This area maybe designated a site of scientific interest but to ban dogs from being able to run free serves no purpose you might as well ban people from the area totally as is is us who do more damage to theatres than dogs. Yes there are people who do not clear up after their animals but the amount of litter left behind from the others is far more damaging.	9/26/2016 2:54 PM
345	Dog mess continues to be a big problem along public footpaths in Caister, particularly near the schools.	9/26/2016 2:50 PM
346	I am 77 and all my life since I was 12 I have walked a dog without lead on the North Beach. Health and fitness for me and my dog depend on this. It is cruel to try and exercise a dog on a lead in wide open spaces. Of course, he is on the lead on pavements. We meet fellow dog walkers on holiday who come to our town for our wonderful North Beach facility. I also meet fellow dog walkers from our counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. Why to you want to deter people from enjoying this facility? The medical profession want us to exercise more not less.	9/26/2016 1:30 PM
347	1.Walking the dog is a healthy past time and as British as fish and chips 2.The problem of dog fouling by a minority of inconsiderate owners could be reduced by the provision and maintenance of more bins actually on our beaches as is the custom at continental resorts.	9/26/2016 1:08 PM
348	Many parents with small children or old people also have dogs, it would be a shame to "ban" dogs from certain areas, yes, the dog should be kept on a lead, where this would be necessary, but not banned totally, as this would prevent many people from visiting as they have no-one available to look after their pets	9/26/2016 1:02 PM
349	There are very few areas in Great Yarmouth where it is possible to walk your dog off lead, The beach (North Denes) is one of these areas	9/26/2016 12:46 PM
350	As a responsible dog owner as i'm sure others would agree our dogs would not interfere with any nature or reptiles	9/26/2016 12:19 PM
351	about time. dogs out of control are a menace to responsible dog owners. also owners can turn a blind eye to there dogs fouling when they are off lead!	9/26/2016 10:47 AM
352	I have a dog and always clear up after her and walk her responsibly however, am fed up with other dog owners being irresponsible, thus getting all dog owners a bad name. A neighbour has a pit bull type dog that he walks off the lead round the streets, never clears up after it and thinks it is funny when his dog runs over to mine and scares her as she has been attacked in the past and is scared. I would like to see the proposal to cover all dogs on leads whilst walked in the street. Thank you for reading my comments	9/26/2016 10:39 AM
353	I believe that dogs should also be muzzled when in nearness of the public. However, there are signs already in place at some of these areas and very few people take notice of them. How do you propose to police and enforce the new regulations when you cannot oversee the existing ones ?	9/26/2016 10:34 AM
354	I think if you have complete control of your dog a lead isn't necessary I've spent years training mine and if for instance it's winter and the prom is empty of people why do they need to be on a lead. I think all the church yards should allow dog walkers as it will stop vandalism and people being mugged or attacked	9/26/2016 2:14 AM
355	Dogs need to be able to burn off energy and their owners also benefit from exercise while taking their dogs for a walk. It is ridiculous to say the only area of Yarmouth beach to let your dog off is between Salisbury Rd and Britannia Pier and from the Wellington Pier to South Denes. Where do you suggest that these dog owners park their cars? Oh that's right, make them pay for it by using the car parks. This is a scandalous way of making money out of residents. I'm sure the council is of course going to trace all cat owners that let their cats use the SSSI and beach. Destroy all the foxes that use the beach and SSSI. Destroy all the snakes that live in the dunes and the SSSI. Charge and fine all the people that ride their horses up and down the beach through the SSSI. The SSSI is important and has been there for many more years than most of the dogs that use the area. The Terns only nest for a very small amount of time in the year and this area is cordoned off. This is just pure discrimination against dogs. You can not let the small amount of unresponsible dog owners ruin everyday life for the rest. This proposal is wrong and I hope that all responses will be taken into account and published.	9/25/2016 9:05 PM
356	The areas where dogs are banned at certain times of the year and where required to be on a lead should remain as they are now	9/25/2016 8:59 PM
357	Brilliant proposals. Totally agree with all proposals. Please enforce to the highest possible level so irresponsible dog owners are held to account. Thank you.	9/25/2016 8:12 PM

358	The dunes between Salisbury Road & Caister Lifeboat station are so vast, that the majority of dogs off the lead Have the right to run free & enjoy the freedom. Any sensible dog owner will put their dogs on the lead if necessary to avoid any trouble. Where else in the borough can dogs run around and enhance their welfare and social life? !!!!! It is the area for only people walking/being with their dogs.You will not find people picnicking or sitting in that area, so why interfere?	9/25/2016 5:05 PM
359	Agree that dogs should not be allowed on sports fields but not clear which category this is above? Whilst don't think dogs should be in cemetaries/churchyards, they can be a beloved part of the family and if visiting relatives grave, family may want them there. (And difficult to leave dogs in cars if visiting graves). But of course there will be those who take advantage of being allowed to take dogs in to allow them to mess and not clear up.	9/25/2016 5:05 PM
360	Elderly people may want to take their family dog to visit a family grave in cemeteries & graveyards Propose on lead ,as apposed to total ban	9/25/2016 4:59 PM
361	I strongly disagree with the imposition of a dogs on leads in the area of the North denes It is too extensive an area for the purpose of conservation. The specific nesting area for the terns for a limited time during nesting would be acceptable although most owners seem to comply with the voluntary request around the nesting area. Many responsible dog owners exercise their dogs with balls or frisbee so or simply allowing their dogs to run around under control. A small number of owners do not clean up but there is already legislation for this which is not adequately enforced, unless the new legislation is enforced at a considerable cost it will not be effective and will only penalise the responsible owners who already exercise good control over their dogs. If the issues is damage to the ecology of the denes then only aban on all users would be effective as the footfall of the people on the denes does the greater harm. To do this would deny residents and visitors access to a major amenity to the detriment of the Borough..	9/25/2016 12:50 PM
362	I have walked my dogs along the coast between Caister and Great Yarmouth for many years. their are irresponsible dog owners who do not do what is expected of them, but their is also irresponsible parents both local and visitors who are a nuisance to everyone. Stop picking on the dog owner get of your bums and have a look at what realy goes on.	9/25/2016 12:19 PM
363	We have walked on these dunes for more years that I care to admit to. As a responsible dog owner I find it completely unnecessary to prohibit the walking of dogs off lead. They do no harm to the dunes. we would definitely stop visiting Yarmouth.	9/25/2016 11:27 AM
364	It is unnecessary to insist on having dogs on leads in large open wild areas such as North Denes. It is also impossible to police such a policy.	9/25/2016 10:55 AM
365	I have 2 well behaved active dogs. We exercise them twice a day 365 days of the year on the beach at caister. Why take their pleasure away. Dogs need to be exercised, not on lead.	9/25/2016 10:49 AM
366	I strongly object to leashing dogs on Caister dunes. I have been walking my dogs there for thirty-five years without incident. If the council persist in leashing or banning dogs from so many areas perhaps they can tell us where we are supposed to exercise our dogs? Many people come to Caister to walk their dogs. Many caravan owners at Seashore, Haven are very angry by this proposal as the main reason they come here in the first place is because they can walk their dogs on the dunes and beach. This proposal will also hit trade that depend on dog-owners.I hope the council will listen to the large number of responsible dog owners who do not support this proposal.	9/25/2016 10:34 AM
367	Make it so dogs on leads every public places so under control	9/25/2016 9:59 AM
368	Mainly sensible however the area between Great Yarmouth and Caister should not be restricted to leads - even though I don't own a dog I often look after one and visit this area most weekends then go and have refreshments at one of the local cafes I rarely see anyone without a dog on the dunes so wonder why this has been included	9/25/2016 8:06 AM
369	Dogs who are under control, should reverse the right to stretch there legs.	9/24/2016 9:40 PM
370	There are few areas where dogs are allowed to stretch their legs as it is without you taking away even more open spaces. Most dog owners ARE responsible and we are being punished for the minority. I agree that places like children's play areas should be dog free but open fields away from the mass population is ridiculous! I have 2 dogs, one is very well trained and can respond to the whistle and hand signals as well as voice commands so he is allowed off lead. My younger dog isn't ready to be let off the lead in public so he stays on a lead not because he is dangerous (in fact he's a real sweetheart) but because I am a responsible owner. I carry a 'Dicky bag' with me so when I pick up my dog's poo if there isn't a bin around I can pop it in the pouch and take it with me. Why don't dog wardens take advice from dog walkers about where the unacceptable fouling is likely to be and who is likely responsible, we know as we walk there!!! Driving around in a van does nothing to deter the minority and putting dogs on leads will not stop these morons either. Please don't punish all dogs and all dog owners - we have so few open places to go.	9/24/2016 8:30 PM
371	The proposed ban on dogs not on leads on Caister dunes is ludicrous. I would like to find out the name of the idiot that put this idea on the table!!	9/24/2016 4:04 PM
372	I fail to see how hygiene can be improved by leashing a dog. The council should be doing more to prosecute irresponsible dog owners who fail to clear their dog mess up. 73 owners fined since 2010 is laughable.	9/24/2016 3:29 PM

373	I strongly disagree with the proposal to make it compulsory to keep dogs on a lead in the Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea. I am keen to conserve nature but cannot see what difference your proposal will make other than to take away one of the few local areas where our pets can enjoy the freedom to explore, exercise and enjoy a real natural area. Most of the people that use this area are responsible dog owners who care for their pets, properly supervise them, clean up after them when necessary and do not allow them to willfully damage the wildlife or make unwanted contact with other people or pets. I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposal which, if implemented, will have a very detrimental effect on the quality of life enjoyed by many of the pets and pet owners living in this area.	9/24/2016 12:10 PM
374	Gorleston beach is fine as it is, with a dog free area. Both Yarmouth and Gorleston food outlets would have a full in ALL year round profits if myself and friends and lots of other dog walker were band.	9/24/2016 12:04 PM
375	We don't seem to have any dog park's that some reasonably dog owners need has you are taking away the dogs exercise areas away Dog's need to run around some where	9/24/2016 11:50 AM
376	As long as dog owners are responsible I see no reason to limit the areas they take their dogs to include the beaches and recreation areas. As a regular visitor it would deter me from visiting the area of bans are imposed and I believe this would greatly affect tourism in the area.	9/24/2016 11:14 AM
377	May be if like in other countries we had dog parks then maybe my views would be different. Why should all dog owners be punished due to the irresponsible few.	9/24/2016 11:07 AM
378	These are all good measures, most of which are already in place. Having dogs on leads at heritage sites would be good - in the past I've been enjoying a picnic at a heritage site, only for this to be disturbed by a dog the owner can't control. I'm afraid of dogs and, when you're sitting down, suddenly coming eyeball to eyeball with a loose Staffie does ruin your picnic. Certainly gets the heart pumping. Regarding North Denes Dunes, I support the dogs on lead requirement but think it would be a major cultural change that would be met with strong resistance. This area has some very rare wildlife, including rare ground-nesting Little Terns, and it seems strange to allow dogs to roam freely during nesting season. It would be better, though, to have a more defined area of the beach, and a more defined time of year, for the dogs on lead requirement to be in force. Not the whole area all year. The other dog-related problem for the environment is dog-fouling, which is bad for the rare plants here, but there's already laws against this. Quite apart from dogs, people tearing around on petrol scooters/scrambling bikes is damaging the dunes environment. You can see places where they have performed skids and scalped the area of vegetation. This will take years to recover.	9/24/2016 9:39 AM
379	There is no need for such ridiculously draconian restrictions - obviously due to pressure from people who dislike animals. The vast majority of dog owners are highly responsible and should not be punished for lapses by a tiny minority, when you already have powers to deal with such lapses in any event.	9/24/2016 9:31 AM
380	Cenophobia is either an irrational or experience based disorder. Those suffering from it should have it addressed rather than force others to change their lives. Dogs under control are a joy to normal people.	9/24/2016 8:46 AM
381	The North Denes Dunes should be available to let dogs off the lead as many dogs and owners enjoy this experience without problems. Lots of dogs do need to exercise off the lead and there would be hardly any places left to do this if these proposals were accepted. There should be designated areas on the beaches where a ban could be imposed but most other areas (i.e. Recreation areas, cemeteries, parks, etc) I cannot see why there should be a ban as long as the dog is on a lead.	9/24/2016 8:28 AM
382	All dogs should be on a lead or under control by its owner.all owners should be responsible for cleaning up after their dog if they do not they should be named and shamed	9/24/2016 8:19 AM
383	I would have thought that specific parts of the coastline, stretches of the beaches, recreational areas would be dog friendly anyway with ample dog poo bins etc. Please don't treat all dog owners as irresponsible as we aren't. And most dogs like ours enjoy a good run on the beach and swim in the sea, at anytime of the year and not just the winter months. Too many restrictions will turn many people/tourists away as they are unable to bring their dogs with them. Other councils throughout the UK have superb dog friendly beaches open and accessed all year, so please don't put bans on large areas of Yarmouth beaches.	9/24/2016 7:45 AM
384	The idea that putting a dog on a leash is the answer to controling the behaviour of the dog and their owners shows a lack of intelligent thinking by the legislators and proposers of these control measures. A dog can attack and be out of control on the end of a leash and it doesn't make irresponsible owners pick up the mess. The sole emphasis should put simply on the owner having the dog properly trained and under control.	9/24/2016 7:22 AM
385	Most dog owners are responsible owners and clean up after their dogs as usual it's the minority who spoil things for the majority.	9/24/2016 3:07 AM
386	As a dog owner I can see why you would wish to ban dogs from certain areas. I travel around our local areas a lot and think that rubbish is more of an issue than dog fouling. It makes me mad that people don't clean up after there dogs but it would be unfair to ban all of us for the sake of a few	9/24/2016 1:07 AM

387	The suggested proposals are some of the nastiest insidiously creeping over regulatory control measures I think I have ever heard of. It sounds like the council has listened only to negative criticism of anti dog people without considering views from pro dog lovers - in the interests of deriving a balanced survey. The council needs to think of better ways to promote responsible dog friendly owners, not just arbitrarily legislate against a few possible irresponsible owners. Think again Gt Yarmouth, or you will risk losing a lot of visitors AND the business they bring to the town.	9/23/2016 10:57 PM
388	though we do not have a dog we get pleasure watching dogs running around enjoying themselves	9/23/2016 10:51 PM
389	I mostly agree with the proposals. However, I feel that banning dogs, even when leahed, from all recreational areas and large areas of the beach would leave limited areas for dogs to be exercised. More focus on control and fouling would be preferential in my opinion.	9/23/2016 10:50 PM
390	Can understand if areas are just for summer season then open again in winter but that option is not covered.	9/23/2016 9:48 PM
391	Borough Council should be sorting out the existing problems with dog mess and fulfilling, as well as all the broken glass people leave behind, instead of restricting where people can exercise their dogs. Not all of us are irresponsible dog owners and we shouldn't be punished because of others!!!	9/23/2016 9:37 PM
392	It is becoming increasingly difficult to find areas where dogs can be off leash for play. While I accept that crowded beaches are not the place, there are times of year (End of August to ?) when beaches ought to be available, I have no objection to stiff fines for folk who do not pick up their dogs mess BUT this has to be balanced with the provision of plenty of dog bins that are regularly emptied. One beach I go to is used by many responsible dog owners. Unfortunately the two bins are often filled to over flowing which really negates their purpose.	9/23/2016 9:22 PM
393	Just allow us a section of beach PLEASE.	9/23/2016 9:11 PM
394	The beach is for everyone and no one walks there accept dog owners , so it would be a vast area unused	9/23/2016 9:06 PM
395	Responsible dog owners should be able to allow their dogs off lead on the beach, woodlands recreation grassed field areas etc as this provides extra good exercise a dog wouldn't receive on a lead. Provided the dogs are not a nuisance and owners are responsible it shouldn't be a problem.	9/23/2016 9:06 PM
396	Responsible dog owners should not be penalised by the actions of irresponsible owners. There are not many places where dogs can be let off lead and allowed to run and play. Why not introduce large cage like areas just for dogs which are fenced and dogs can socialise and be trained such as they have in London parks?	9/23/2016 8:59 PM
397	any proposal always sounds good, on its surface. But, the result is that they never get enforced with consistency, or with common sense. Leashes, are fine to require in some areas, NEVER ban dogs from beaches, parks or rec sites. Don't blame the dog, for crappy owners.	9/23/2016 8:57 PM
398	I do believe banned from children's play areas. Other than that there should be somewhere to enrich dogs of responsible owners as its animal cruelty to not let a well trained dog run & let off steam!	9/23/2016 8:24 PM
399	The nearest woodland walk which prohibits dogs is at Minsmere Bird Reserve in Suffolk and you have to have a a private membership and pay an annual fee to visit. To be fair to all, 50% of our woodland walks should be open to dog walkers and 50% should be open to people & families who wish to enjoy a clean environment.	9/23/2016 8:19 PM
400	I might agree to the dogs on lead by order if I understood exactly who would have the powers, what their qualifications/experience would be and what the powers were.	9/23/2016 8:14 PM
401	Number of dogs seen lately off leads with owners on main roads this needs to be adressed. How are you going to police all these changes?	9/23/2016 8:10 PM
402	Our dogs are well behaved members of our family and we like to take them out with us and bring them on holidays with us.	9/23/2016 7:47 PM
403	Most dog owners behave responsibly, do not punish the majority for the acts of a minority. This some minority are likely to be those who smash glass on beaches or in parks, leave litter, even dirty nappies, deal with all antisocial behavior and do not penalise true dog lovers.	9/23/2016 7:44 PM
404	Though I am not a dog owner ,I have walked many dogs over the years .They have all loved the freedom to run safely on our beaches .It would be tragic to deny them that freedom to run .Many local dog owners have no transport to take them to woods etc .Of course all owners should have good control over them ,and needless to say clean up after them	9/23/2016 7:37 PM
405	These draconian measures will not encourage irresponsible owners to clear up after their pets. If dogs are under control, why should the law abiding owners be punished for the irresponsible ones. Is this not going against the animal welfare act which says animals should be allowed to show normal mental and physical behaviour for the health and wellbeing.	9/23/2016 7:33 PM

406	Responsible dog owners should not be penalised by being banned from beaches, which they enjoy with their dogs, because ofthe few irresponsible dog owners who fail to remove any dog excrement their pets leave on the beaches. Gt Yarmouth council could choose to spend the money needed to apprehend and prosecute irresponsible dog owners more usefully, by creating a number of employment opportunities with a job share scheme for beach wardens... (Who could possibly also be wildlife wardens.) This would create a much better atmosphere and provide some people who live in the area with an income	9/23/2016 7:31 PM
407	Stop penalising all the dog owners who are responsible	9/23/2016 7:27 PM
408	I know a lot of people (including myself) who, with my dog love to meet other people with dogs and go for lovely walks enjoying the views. Please do not enforse dog leash bans and dog bans where it isn't necessary at all!	9/23/2016 7:27 PM
409	Most dog owners take their responsibilities seriously and you should not punish many on the actions of a few. Dogs are family and should be treated as such	9/23/2016 7:26 PM
410	As long as the dog is safe and not dangerous it should be aloud off lead everywhere. We walk freely why can't they	9/23/2016 7:22 PM
411	Responsible owners always clear up after their animals, target the ones that don't,if they are prosecuted community service should be cleaning up dog mess in public areas!	9/23/2016 7:15 PM
412	Although I agree with by far the majority of the proposals, I 100% disagree with the proposal to have to have dogs on a leash in the above designated areas. Examples of reasons given to enforce these proposals, although very upsetting, are extremely isolated incidences. The dunes adjacent to the promenade between Salisbury Road and Tan Lane are not areas where people sunbath or picnic or play. They are used mainly by dog walkers. Most dog walkers are responsible and do always pick up and dispose of their dogs faeces. As in everything there are a minority who do not do this. These people sadly wouldn't pick up the excrement wherever they were. I actually walk along this part of the Dunes (North Denes) regularly and seldom see any dog mess. The area is so vast I challenge the argument you are constantly dodging dog mess. I honestly feel it would be far better to designate this area to be an area where dogs ARE allowed to run and play Leash Free .Dogs should be contained in the dune area and not be allowed onto the sandy shore. Signage should be prominently erected to advertise the fact. People would then be aware that potentially dogs would be in this area and could make an informed choice as to whether they need to walk on that specific peace of what is such a small percentage of the total area they can choose to walk.. Obviously all the other laws would still be in operation. Dangerous dogs off a leash would still be prosecuted. This would be relatively easy to implement and wardens could more easily patrol and control the situation. I reaffirm, MOST Dog owners are responsible. Please do not allow the minority take away the wonderful facility of our dogs running free on the god given open air space that brought us residents here to live.	9/23/2016 6:35 PM
413	You need more dog wardens to patrol.	9/23/2016 6:24 PM
414	I do not believe that dogs should be banned from recreation areas or kept on leads as it is the minority who do not keep there dogs under control or clean up after their dogs & I therefore think this would continue to be the case so It's not a deterrent only a penalisation against responsible dog owners. I also think on the beach & costal paths it is very much worse in the summer so think it is visitors & holidaymakers who allow there dogs to foul not just local people. Maybe the holiday camps could try and enforce something to tourists staying at their campsites.	9/23/2016 5:51 PM
415	We use North Denes and cannot believe the amount of people who leave dog poo on the pathways. Also dogs off leads are running far away from their owners and do not respond when called back and how do they know if their dog/s have fouled on the Denes. We have an extendable lead which gives a lot of freedom but our dog is still under control.I was pleased to hear about this on Radio Norfolk this morning.	9/23/2016 4:18 PM
416	In order to save bother - I and a few others pick up any foul we see and bin it. Most people who are law-abiding agree with these regs, but the few who do not will always ignore it. A much bigger problem to children and wildlife are the huge number of plastic bottles, beer and coke cans etc. left by people in the evenings along with little polybags with strange designs on them (whatever they could be!) I have considered tacking a sack and collecting this when I dog walk. Perhaps this could be DNA checked, or the teenagers (or both)	9/23/2016 4:07 PM
417	Would the councillor who proposed this idea be man enough to stand up and be counted.	9/23/2016 4:02 PM
418	Loose dogs have frightened my granddaughter on a number of occasions as well as my wife and myself. The proposals are a good idea	9/23/2016 3:47 PM
419	While I have a fondness for most dogs it is still unnerving to have a loose dog running up to you and jumping up . Our grandchildren will no longer walk on the beaches as they have had unfortunate experiences in this way. The owners may well say that the dog will not hurt you but it is still an unpleasant experience for anyone who is nervous around dogs. Perhaps areas should be designated for dogs to be free running so that a choice may be made by someone wishing to walk without dogs running around them	9/23/2016 3:42 PM

420	I totally believe in dog owners being responsible and cleaning up their dogs mess, however I do not see why dogs have to be on a lead at all times as many dogs are well behaved and cause no problems at all. Having dogs only on leads in most areas would not prevent those dog owners who already do not clean up after their dogs behave any differently. I agree that all dogs should be on leads where there are lots of children or at childrens play activities. Why do we always make rules because the small minority spoilt things for the majority, we should look at tackling this in a different way and not penalise well behaved dogs from getting exercise they require.	9/23/2016 2:56 PM
421	most dogs so need to run and socialise with other dogs on the beach, i have been letting my dog off lead on the beach for years with no problems, MOST dog owners are very responsible and pick up after their dogs and make sure they come back when called or if there are children around. one of my great pleasures in life is to watch my dog running in and out of the surf on our lovely beaches.	9/23/2016 11:42 AM
422	I am very concerned that there are very few places to allow your dog exercise off lead. On a daily basis I walk my dog off lead from Caister lifeboat station to north denes, under new proposals this would not be allowed. This is a beautiful walk where I rarely see non dog walkers. What a waste this would be. I don't see that any harm is being caused. Dog owners that don't clean up after their dog will continue not to do so on or off a lead. Don't spoil it for the rest of us please!!	9/23/2016 11:11 AM
423	There are not enough bins to put your poo in, and where there are they are not emptied often enough. I see no reason why dogs cannot run around the dunes	9/23/2016 9:58 AM
424	The area which concerns me is from Caistor to the beginning of Great Yarmouth promenade and Dunes. We holiday at the Seashore Caravan Site each year with our two dogs. We love the freedom our dogs can have over the miles of sandy beaches and dunes. Our dogs are under control and would be on leads when considered necessary and always on pavements. Yes now and again there is evidence of dog fouling but considering the amount of dogs we see it is minimal. To us the bigger problem is the other litter left by people. Bottles, cans, rubber gloves, dirty nappies, food bags etc. Yes no dogs on beaches in the main area of the town and of course dogs always on leads on the pavements. Whether a dog is on lead or running free certain dog owners would never clean up after their dogs but why punish the majority who are responsible, as with humans, bins or no bins they will throw their litter on the ground. We cannot understand why you need to put restrictions on the two mile beach walk from Caistor to Great Yarmouth and, unfortunately, if you decide to do so we, and others we talked to, will not be returning to Great Yarmouth. [redacted]	9/22/2016 10:40 PM
425	I think a dog should be allowed to go on the beach at restricted times of the year and at the end of the holiday season. But allowed at anytime of the year at non main tourist areas of the beach especially North Beach areas.	9/22/2016 9:22 PM
426	Most of the proposals are sensible and should be supported by all responsible dog owners. However, the requirement to have a dog on a lead on the dunes and beach between North Denes and Caister appears to be over restrictive and unreasonable. This is a huge area and a real pleasure when visiting Gt Yarmouth to be able to take our dogs to enjoy a run and a swim in the sea. In fact this is the sole reason for visiting Gt Yarmouth during the summer months! (Other beaches have dog bans during the peak holiday season for obvious reasons) The breeding Terns are well protected during the nesting season by the electric fencing.	9/22/2016 2:47 PM
427	Putting dogs on leads will not reduce dog fouling, Most dogs, off lead, will not go out of their owners site. The owners who let their dogs foul, or drop the used dog bags, will do it anyway.	9/22/2016 2:45 PM
428	There is no were to take your dog for a good run what all dogs needs to keep healthy also it's the only part you can park for 30 mins for free if your going todo it you need to have a part for dogs and were we can park for free dogs love to run free and it's so safe for them there and keeping them happy instead of being on a lead all the time as soon as my [redacted] see the beach she gets so happy and it's not a nice thing taken that away from them please don't go ahead with this	9/21/2016 8:01 PM
429	As on owner on Seashores, the opportunity to walk on the beach and dunes and being able to let our dog run freely was one of the main reasons for buying at Great Yarmouth. We are responsible dog owners and clean up after our dog and she is a good friendly dog. If anything, the area opposite Seashores should remain a dog friendly area, as it is away from the main beaches at Great Yarmouth. These in my view should remain a dog free area. I do feel that there could also be an impact on visitors coming to Seashores/Great Yarmouth if this dog on lead or dog free option is enforced. We are a pet friendly caravan and mainly rent out to families with a dog, due to the vicinity of the beach.	9/21/2016 7:54 PM
430	Uncontrolled dogs spoil visits to the beach at Gorleston especially in the winter when this beach becomes a giant dogs playground and toilet. Children are often scared by the behaviour of dogs and the owners do not seem to care so long as their pet is " having fun"	9/21/2016 5:57 PM

431	This survey needs to be reworded as "Recreational Areas"is far too vague!! YES thre is no reason shy dogs should be in a childrens play area, but NO there is no reason why they shouldn't be for eg with their family on a park. The lead restrictions for Dunes and Burgh Castle are ridiculous. What exactly is the aim? Most dog walkers are responsible. Having dogs on lead wont stop those who break dogfouling laws. It WILL stop people using those areas, which means local cafes will suffer (eg dunes - majority of café users are dogwalkers). It also means that responsible dogwalkers who help take care of those areas, reporting wrongdoings, (including dogfouling, though that rarely seems to eb acted upon!!)will stop going there and without those people caring for the areas, they will soon be taken over by wrongdoers!! If the concern is wildlife - well go and watch dogwalkers with dogs on extending leads in the dunes!! The leads drag through the vegetation, and across any nests, causing far more damage than a happy dog running around!! Skylarks are in abundance at the dunes despite years of free-running dogs. You might all want to visit these two areas and TALK to dogwalkers to find out what actually goes on!!	9/21/2016 5:20 PM
432	Dogs off a lead spoil the pleasure of people, and particularly small children, by their jumping up on you, urinating etc. Please keep them on a lead for the protection of the public.	9/21/2016 3:50 PM
433	Most dog owners including myself are very responsible people who both clean up after their dogs and keep them under control where necessary but I feel that dogs must be allowed to run and exercise for their own health sake, it's only the few irresponsible ones that spoil it for the rest	9/21/2016 3:45 PM
434	I have walk my three small dogs of the leash on Caister beach for years and I know all the locals who walk there dogs here . Everyone knows everyone and the dogs all know each other. I find ther is no reason to ban dogs as the unruly ones are kept on a leash anyway and the others all are well behaved . Mine walk at my heal apart from my male who loves to run after his ball and bring it back to me . Us locals as dog walkers not only walk our dogs but often pick up the broken glass and the used nappies and rubbish that has been left by others . I talk to holiday makers in Caister who tell me what a lovely beach we have and the reason they come here is so they can bring their dogs and let them run in the sea etc . Before making this awful ban please come and spend some time on the beach and take a look for yourselfs. My tiny dogs don't go in the sea but I have a lot of friends who's dogs love to go in the sea and swim and the poor dogs whould be punished for someone's decision who most probably don't even visit the beach daily. I love all the other dog walkers and there dogs and we all know and love each other and I know this ban would be so negative to the community . After all we are the one who pick up the poo of dog walkers that are not responsible and we clear the mess off the beach. It's the only place to give yourself and your dogs a bit of freedom from the concrete jungle. If you have to make some kind of rule then make it that if you can't control your dog then it has to be on a lead but not all dogs as most are so well behaved and are so happy. If there is a dog coming towards me that I don't know I shout is your dog friendly as I have 3 tiny Yorkshire terriers and the dog owner will shout yes he or she is friendly etc and I've never ever had a bad incident in all the years. I do love and know all the local dog walkers and the dogs they own and I can say not one has a nasty or out of control dog , the ones that are are on a lead etc and you know to give them a wide birth so to speak. Please don't punish us all and put this ban into place as it would kill our community	9/21/2016 11:09 AM
435	All dog owners to be ordered to undertake a dog training course like the Kennel Club 'Good Citizen Scheme if they breach any part of the order.	9/21/2016 8:48 AM
436	Most dog owners take their dogs on the beach each morning all year round. It can be a life line for some people who live on their own to chat with other dog owners while watching their dogs play, also dog owners who visit the beach at week-ends with their families, their dogs can have a good run and socialise with other dogs. It brings much happiness to those dog owners to see their dogs enjoying the freedom of not being on a lead, and they shouldn't be penalised because of a few irresponsible dog owners.	9/20/2016 11:49 PM
437	I along with other responsible dog owners always clear my dogs mess up. I have even gobe back to clear up after my dog if I haven't got enough bags with me. On several times I have been approached by other walkers for a 'poo' bag who have been caught short. I believe that especially in Caister dunes there are not enough bins to dispose of dog waste. It would be such a shame for responsible dog owners to be penalised for no responsible owners.	9/20/2016 8:18 PM
438	We would prefer an enforcement on litter and barbecues which would harm the SPA. Walking dogs on leads has no impact on the SPA and therefore would questions its validity and practical application.	9/20/2016 7:08 PM
439	I don't see why dogs should need to be kept on a lead on the North Denes beach. The dunes themselves have wildlife but the beach is just sand and has no obvious need of protection from dogs off lead. I know there was an area of the dunes that used to be fenced off for part of the year because rare birds nested there but I believe these now nest at Winterton instead so not sure what risk dogs would be to this area if not on a lead. The main reason we and our fellow holiday home owners spend so much of the year in Norfolk is because of the unrestricted beach access for dogs. We have made friends with so many local people over the years who enjoy the freedom of the beach with their dogs every day and the proposals will affect them even worse than us. I don't understand why a dog off lead would be a risk to the beach but a dog on lead wouldn't. I am worried that restrictions would cause many owners to leave and put off holiday makers who also use the Haven Seashore Park as it is so popular with dog owners. If demand drops the park could have to close and it would be a great shame.	9/20/2016 6:55 PM

440	The attraction of allowing dogs on the beach at haven seashore is the main reason for holidaying in Great Yarmouth 6 weeks a year. I would choose somewhere else if this came into force not to allow dogs loose on that beach, as it's not busy anyway. The beach at north Denes to caister on sea should be allowed dogs to run free. It's not a main tourist beach as in centre and more often than not, there isn't anyone on there expect dog walkers.	9/20/2016 5:35 PM
441	I am disgusted at this Idea of dogs on leads on the dunes, My dogs have learnt to socialise and play with other dogs and gets owners relaxed when on the dunes. before we moved to Yarmouth half the reason we holidayed here is because it is so dog friendly and relaxed. dogs on leads tend not to socialise and as a result a lot more barking and noise will ensue. there will be a major effect on tourism and day visitors, thus meaning a lot less revenue for the town.this cannot be allowed as the repercussions will have a lasting effect on the area, Campsites and tourism.	9/20/2016 5:32 PM
442	I have walked my dog's on the dunes between Caister & Yarmouth on & off lead for many years &wish to carry on doing so I do not believe that keeping dogs on leads on the dunes will make any difference to the dunes. It would do more harm than good to all the responsible dog owners & their dogs with lack of socialisation & excersise for whom there are many. Do police dog fouling on the dunes but also other members of the public who use the dunes to doss leave rubish & use the dunes as a toilet.	9/20/2016 5:20 PM
443	we have been coming to Great Yarmouth for years, all of the time bring our dogs with us. The dogs have always been on the dunes and have socialised	9/20/2016 5:19 PM
444	As a dog owner who always pick up I can not understand why you are proposing to not let dogs run free across the dunes & beach area opposite the Seashore caravan park. Dogs need freedom & that was a main reason we bought a caravan on this site as the beach is not overpopulated like the area by the main pier. An area like oppositre Seashore should be designated for dogs. Even nudists get their own areas so why not responsible dog owners.	9/20/2016 5:16 PM
445	I do not believe having dogs leashed would change the incidence of fouling at all. Those that will pick up, do pick up while those that won't, don't. I find a far higher incidence of litterering than dog fouling. I believe it would also have a disastrous effect on tourism if dogs were not provided with space to be exercised properly, any vet would confirm that you cannot keep a dog fit without free running. Many people with dogs live in Yarmouth as well as the tourists who have purchased on Seashore. We would not have done so if this ban had been in effect at the time and if it comes into force we would certainly need to reconsider our position.	9/20/2016 5:08 PM
446	I am principally concerned with the beach area opposite Seashore Holiday Park. I appreciate there are some thoughtless and unreasonable dog owners who allow fouling and do not remove it. However, it must be recognised that dogs need reasonable excercise and there must be areas for them to run and play or they will become stressed and potentially aggressive. As a compromise could an area of beach be designated "dog area" which would allow owners to meet the needs of their dogs and ensure the general public had the rest of the beach for their own pursuits? "Banning" is a lazy and simplistic solution to a problem but often creates other issues in its wake. I believe it will also have a detrimental effect on tourism not only to Seashore but the rest of Yarmouth	9/20/2016 4:16 PM
447	Dogs need some area where they exercise off the lead and socialise	9/20/2016 4:05 PM
448	Dogs need to be able to have some recreational land where they can run free and socialise with other dogs. Having land, like the Mill Lane field & Millennium 'lead only' would be limiting and disappointing. Such large areas can accommodate all types of users. A dogs on lead policy when official football matches are being played would be more sensible.	9/20/2016 3:56 PM
449	The beach and dunes on North Denes are a haven for dog walkers. It's a small minority that spoil it. I agree with people being punished for not clearing up after there dogs but to penalise everyone by demanding dogs on a lead is unfair. There is no where else that's local and safe for a dog to have a good walk. Making them stay on a lead in this area will encourage people to have the off the lead in maybe some other dangerous places. No children are in the dunes.. it's the safest place for dogs to run and play	9/20/2016 2:28 PM
450	Our holiday home faces onto the sea and dunes. Our two golden retrievers have runs along the beach providing there is no one playing or sitting on the beach. If there is they are put back on their leads.	9/20/2016 2:25 PM
451	As dog owners it makes us so angry that other owners do not poop and scoop, we tend to clear up after other dogs on our beach by north denes too, my eldest dog is now 7 and has been going to that part of the beach to walk and swim since she was a puppy and kept under control on and of her lead, it would be a great shame to lose this park of the beach for dogs, we also rent out caravans to dog owners purely cause north denes is one of the few dog friendly beach parts in norfolk, it will affect our business and the local economy should there be a all out ban on the beach area at north denes.... Please don't make our dogs lose their favourite place to go !!!!	9/20/2016 1:35 PM
452	Keeping dogs on leads at all times does not promote good health in dogs nor will it ensure irresponsible owners clear up faeces. Many visitors to the towns beaches have dogs with them and may be discouraged from visiting by this proposed ban.	9/20/2016 1:19 PM
453	Children are at risk from dog poo. All measures to prevent dangers to our children are good. Dog can be a nuisance when owners do not control them.	9/20/2016 12:51 PM

463	I see no reason for a dog to have to be on a lead on the stated dunes there is enough space for all to walk free. Also it is disgusting that you cannot take your dog into the cemeteries when you wish to attend a grave as I do many pet owners have dogs together and when one dies would like to take the pet to the graveside with them on a lead and controlled as my dog always is where does dog friendly Britain begin HUNSTANTON? Dogs are welcome there not only on the beaches but in pubs restaurants and fish and chip shops , plenty of bins for dog mess WAKE UP GREAT YARMOUTH .	9/18/2016 9:22 PM
464	Always clean up after our (rescue) dog when he has fouled and placed in bins provided. It is the minority who spoil it for the majority. If bins not provided can understand wh people don't clear up. What about the litter people leave, which isn't biograble and do far more harm to "all" wildlife.	9/18/2016 8:30 PM
465	Recreation areas not defined, needs to be specified what and where these are.	9/18/2016 7:27 PM
466	A lot of visitors with dogs will stop coming if dogs are not allowed to run on the dunes between north dense and Caister. It will have a negative impact on the cafés along this stretch. I am a regular visitor but will not visit this stretch of beach if dogs are not allowed to run free.	9/18/2016 7:16 PM
467	The officers of the council, and councillors in their 'rubber stamp' role are too keen to use recent legislation to intervene set up bans on activity's across the borough, keep in mind the saying the more you create laws the more you create criminals.	9/18/2016 6:41 PM
468	I would like all owners to be responsible for their dogs, but a complete ban on responsible owner who have their pets under control seems unfair	9/18/2016 4:57 PM
469	The majority of dog owners are responsible, their dogs do not cause any issues for anyone, they clear up after them etc. To enforce these rules penalises the majority for the actions of the minority.	9/18/2016 12:20 PM
470	What alternative facility will be provided to exercise dogs if all public spaces ban dogs off leads ?	9/18/2016 11:46 AM
471	Banning doesn't encourage good ownership Dogs when controlled do not cause a nuisance	9/18/2016 11:46 AM
472	I neither agree or disagree with item 7 but there is no option for that answer	9/18/2016 11:42 AM
473	I am a dog walker and have never seen anyone walking/driving around in 'dog' walking areas checking to see if people are picking up there dogs mess! Maybe more patrols on our streets/walking areas would help this problem instead of discriminating all dog owners as not being responsible!!	9/18/2016 10:44 AM
474	Agree with leashing dogs in beach designated areas along main promenades etc. But absolutely ridiculous for areas like north denes to Caister etc.	9/18/2016 9:49 AM
475	I fully agree that dogs should be put on leads in certain areas of the town and fully agree that dogs should be banned from parts of town, but I cannot agree at all with the idea that they cannot run free along the dunes, it's their time for freedom a runaround, as long as their owners pick up their poo, and I have to say that not all dog owners do this, I for one get so angry about this, I think the owners who are unsure about their dogs should keep them on leads but the majority of dog owners know their dogs and know they just want to play , I think we as walkers to the dunes actually help to maintain the area! If all the grass was not stood on would this not in time become too overgrown? So if the council put this daft proposal into place are they then going to find an area fenced off for responsible dog owners to visit and let our dogs run free? I don't think so. Please rethink this .	9/18/2016 9:09 AM
476	dogs should be on leashes at all times except in designated dog exercise areas. most should also be muzzled in public.	9/18/2016 7:48 AM
477	I love dogs but we must protect smaller dogs ,children&older people	9/18/2016 6:51 AM
478	I understand keeping a dog on a lead but please remember not all dog owners have massive gardens to let their dog run and I myself do not drive so rely on open spaces near by to let my pug run off her lead. I always pick up after her and respect others but do feel there is a fine line being crossed in some areas maybe even discrimination against responsible owners.	9/18/2016 1:54 AM
479	I would like it known that dogs on leads can be more aggressive because the owners pull the dog back it then rears up which is the aggressive sign. Also this proposal on north beach will put people off coming to town and spending money. I would like to meet with someone from your department to have a conversation about this idea. I believe I have some constructive thoughts I live at [redacted] with my post code you will be able to contact me.	9/18/2016 12:19 AM
480	Since my wife was attacked by a dog not on a lead she is reluctant to visit public places. We are hoping that this does come into force so she can walk around Great Yarmouth without fearing for her safety. My wife ended up at A&E & still has the scares on her face. So called dog lovers seem to think every one on the planet love dogs too, well this isn't the case, dog owners should live in a ghetto together well away from people without dogs that can relate to other humans, we can then enjoy our lives, out town without fear of attack or getting covered in dog muck.	9/17/2016 11:34 PM

454	Dogs have a right to freedom and exercise without these rediculous suggestions. Going by the disgusting mess that kids leave behind I'd rather see them on leashes!	9/20/2016 6:33 AM
455	As I am not a dog owner myself I agree the one area the dogs can run free, if owner can control them , is north denes area.	9/20/2016 5:27 AM
456	A more proactive approach to dog fouling is needed. Dogs on lead requirements should be common sense eg in cemeteries/childrens play areas but NOT the North Denes and Burgh Castle Fort etc. Regarding the wildlife on the Dunes - skylarks have thrived there for years despite dogs running free. Once again a few irresponsible dog owners are causing problems for the very responsible majority. Regarding dog fouling - you might like to talk to [redacted] who walks his dog there daily and has NEVER been seen with a poo bag!! He has a miracle dog. Despite mentioning this to the dog warden, nothing is done. Whilst the dog warden team is VERY small (shame we cant get the benefits layabouts engaged in some worthwhile dog-fouling spotting!!) they COULD be much more proactive. And why not engage other dogwalkers in more reporting of offences, The lead requirement wont solve the dogfouling, which in all honesty is the only problem!! If responsible dogowners are driven away, then who will report the problems??!! (not just dog related - Ive reported children setting fires on the dunes/children riding motorbikes at high speed through the dunes - far more life threatening than a dog off a lead!! etc etc. The irresponsible dog owners wont change their actions because of the threat of a ban!!	9/19/2016 10:11 PM
457	We must walk the dogs but. If they dont disturb others i dont agree they must be on lead. I always keep my dogs away from people and clean the poops. You should concentrate on crime and spoiled kids causing trouble. Why do i have to clean after my dog if horses owners dont. Horse poo is much bigger and they never tiding after horse even on the pavemets. Stay on the fair side and protect all not some residents.	9/19/2016 5:41 PM
458	I have several comments in favour of being allowed to exercise our canine partners off the lead/leash on the North Denes. I have spoken to several people who are here on holiday with their dog/dogs who have assured me that if the council enforce dogs this on the lead policy they will take their holidays elsewhere. So there are financial implications to the town to consider. Back to elderly people. There are a number of us who being long in the tooth now find it difficult to get about with the same vigour as the young among us. I personally and I'm sure a great many in similar circumstances find it almost impossible to give my doggy companion all the exercise she requires. What better exercise that to chase around with some of her friends. Here comes [redacted] I say and off she goes to find [redacted] she always jumps up and seems to give him a kiss. Then they run around having a silly five minutes. They don't need to talk their body language radiates all the happiness they obviously feel in each others company. She has many friends on the North beach. In fact if its quiet and not many of her mates about she'll sit down refusing to move until I suggest 'Tea and a sausage?' no need to ask twice she turns and heads off in the direction of Munchies. This socializing with other dogs is multi faceted because my little girl is well adjusted and loves all other dogs and has no aggression. So this socialization helps make dogs better behaved all round. Another bonus from this socializing is while the dogs are playing the owners interact with each other thereby extending their social circle. I had few friends when I retired, but through my dogs over the years I now have what I consider to be a group of very good friends. This also benefits my health and general wellbeing. Thank you for reading this.	9/19/2016 2:01 PM
459	Why should dogs be made to suffer due to lack of human discipline to train. Are you also going to ban cats and horses because I get fed up with my neighbours cat pooing everywhere with no legal recourse to make them clear it up or keep the dam thing under control as it tears helpless birds to piece for no reason at all - not to mention horse poo mountains along the promenade and beach. Why pick on the dogs???	9/19/2016 1:48 PM
460	We moved to Caister specifically because we could walk our two dogs on the beach and dunes there. They are both well behaved, and never harm wildlife and we always pick up after them. I suffer a chronic health condition, and one of my very few pleasures is to go for an occasional short walk with the dogs there. I notice there are several people locally in wheelchairs and motorised chairs that would have terrible difficulty walking their dogs if they had to be on a lead. If necessary, to protect ground nesting birds for instance, I think it would be acceptable to ensure dogs are on leads in those areas at those times. So, for specific conservation (as you already do with the Terns) dogs must be on a lead in that area. We cannot understand why our beach has been singled out, as it would appear that the habitat is the same all along the coast here.	9/19/2016 1:34 PM
461	I walk my dog on mill lane park and most of the time there is no one there so dogs do not cause a nuisance. Mostly all the dogs off the lead are very well behaved. I find that dogs on the lead are sometimes more aggressive. Dogs need to socialise. Everyone I know always clean up behind their dogs. It's a shame that the good owners are Affected by the small group that don't clean up after their dogs. I have witnessed some people clean up poo even if it isn't from their dog! If the proposals come into effect there will be nowhere for them to have a good run and exercise. My children especially won't be able to enjoy playing fetch with my dog and that will affect their exercising too. My family loves walking different places with our dog and the freedom to let him off his lead.	9/19/2016 10:58 AM
462	Keep the areas where dogs are banned or required to be on a lead the same as present day	9/18/2016 11:24 PM

490	The proposal I strongly disagree with is dogs on a lead on the North beach dunes. This area has been granted SPA status to protect the Little Terns that breed on the foreshore May-August. There have been no Little Terns nesting in this area for at least five years. When they do nest the RSPB protect the area with an electric fence. I have worked as a volunteer with the RSPB on this site and never witnessed any disturbance by unleashed canines. SPA management states that worn footpaths on coastal grassland helps in the diversification of the site. Put dogs on a lead and all the footpaths over the grassed area will disappear, people will take their dogs elsewhere. This became apparent the beginning of this year which was rather wet and in the space of two months many of the footpath disappeared under a rich growth of meadow grasses. This same meadow grass if allowed to proliferate will dominate the dunes choking out the 'Grey Hair Grass' one of the species that gives the site its SSSI status. I have been walking these dunes almost daily since my retirement 10 years ago and enjoy the site and the diversity of wild life therein. I am convinced if you reduce the number of walkers the some of these species will suffer. I would not have a dog if I could not exercise her off the lead so I will find another site to exercise my best buddy.[redacted]	9/17/2016 12:54 PM
491	I walk my dogs on the beach at North Denes and as a keen nature lover can see no reason for banning dogs off lead on the beach at any time, maybe dogs should be on lead on the dunes between May and July when the skylarks are nesting but I see no other reasons for banning on the dunes for the rest of the year. If you do ban dogs off lead then you should also ban metal detecting that leaves large holes in the dunes.	9/17/2016 12:47 PM
492	Many of us older dog owners love our dogs but are not fit enough to walk miles with them and I really can't see what harm a game of ball is doing on the beach. It isn't local dog owners that leave plasttic bottles and other rubbish in these areas. As a disabled sixty year old I am very upset because the best part of my day is a game of ball with my dogs and a cup of coffee at Munchies.	9/17/2016 12:26 PM
493	Sadly this is a case of the minority spoiling it for the majority. Responsible dog owners like ourselves, are always equipped with poo bags and ready & able to "pick up the poo" whenever necessary. One of the problems is that the people who are leaving dog mess on the streets/other areas are walking their dogs early in the morning or late at night when it is impossible to catch them.	9/17/2016 12:07 PM
494	If owners of unleashed dogs fail to pick up mess, then they are unlikely to pick it up when leashed. There is plenty of dog mess in passage ways and roads. Take a look along the walk way by the Bure. Do something about that. I assume you want dog walkers to go elsewhere, but where! It is better exercise for the dog to be off the leash and a pleasure for the owner. It will take trade from beach cafes. You are being unfair and taking away freedoms. It will impact on families and visitors. I object strongly to not being able to walk my dog unleashed on the beach.	9/17/2016 10:36 AM
495	With regards to the Special Protection Areas for Nature (Beach at North Denes to Caister), I support a restriction that would specifically apply to the area where the Little Tern colony nests during the nesting season but there are businesses on North Drive that benefit from dog walkers and as such an accommodation should be sought to allow people to exercise their dogs off the lead on areas of north beach as there are no dog parks close by and I would assume the restriction on recreational areas would cover Bure Park.	9/17/2016 10:28 AM
496	When a ban or on lead requirement is put in place signage is needed as to the nearest place one can let their dogs have the excercise that they also have a right to! Not forgetting that walking their dogs is sometimes the only exercise elderly residents get and as the majority of elderly owners don't walk particularly fast their dogs need and have the right to have a place to run off leads if they are well behaved so whilst we have fenced areas for play maybe a fenced area set aside for dogs could be implemented.	9/17/2016 5:20 AM
497	I do think that as a dog owner there are times and places where dogs should be on a lead! Play parks are one of them. However I do not agree that they should be on a lead if they are well behaved dogs when on the beach, cemeteries or recreational areas. I think Great Yarmouth needs a dog park where owners can take there dogs for socialization with other dogs and being safe from cars that speed throughout the town ! You say that the laws are over 30 years old but there seems to be no plans to update the town in general to ensure that dogs are exercised properly.	9/16/2016 10:50 PM
498	As much as you already have a ban for dogs being on the beaches (unless designated) in Gorleston and Gt Yarmouth, I fail to actually SEE any signs along Gt Yarmouth's golden mile saying NO dogs on the beach, with the designated dates. So that is one issue that needs taking care of. Also, as much as I agreed that dogs shouldn't be in fenced off areas such as play parks and skate parks, there are 2 skate parks in Gorleston that are not fenced off, both on common ground where people walk their dogs too, so maybe a proposal to fence off them skate parks to create a barrier so both users of the skate park and dogs and their walkers can use the common land	9/16/2016 8:02 PM
499	Easy enough to police on the promenades etc but if you take your dog for a run while your child is playing that's not right or fair. The council should be targeting the irresponsible dog owners more rather than trying a blanket ban they have no hope of being able to fairly enforce	9/16/2016 7:58 PM
500	Like many other families our dog is part of it and to ban it from so many public places will ensure I visit Great Yarmouth less.	9/16/2016 7:09 PM
501	A huge amount of tourism in Yarmouth is due to the appeal of being dog friendly and I don't believe it causes a significant threat to the sssi	9/16/2016 5:10 PM

481	By banning dogs from all these areas it only leaves the streets to walk. Dogs need to roam free and explore and run about, they cannot do this on a lead. Dogs can be more aggressive towards other dogs if both are on leads. I walk my dog around mill lane, the rubbish on here left all around the field is more of an issue as mine and other dogs constantly pick it up and could choke on such things like bottle lids. I personally put my dog on the lead when the play area is in use, even when i am on the other side of the park, but if the play area is not in use i.e. 9am when children are at school i let my dog roam free. I also beach walk my dog at gorleston and respect the rules/signs where they are not allowed, again If in the height of summer the area where they can be walked is in use I walk on the prom. I find there is more of an issue with the fisherman in this area as they leave items exposed for the dogs to investigate. Personally dog owners need to use common sense and view whats in the area before letting their dog off the lead, but all these restrictions is unnecessary, unless you are going to provide big spaces with loads of bins solely for dogs. With respects to mill lane park....picking dog poo up in long grass is very hard...perhaps your thoughts are needed into how you are going to keep the grass shorter (not cut once every 3weeks) and the place rubbish free, there are too many people throwing rubbish anywhere except the bin and it is particularly worse after football matches. There is also sometimes broken glass, very dangerous for children and dogs. There Are signs saying keep your dog off the pitch, maybe you need BIG signs advising to pick up your rubbish, it works both ways!!	9/17/2016 10:48 PM
482	It's really hard to give yes/no decisions on these 'general' questions which obviously reference specific places. And given that it's impossible to. Complete the survey without selecting one of two extreme choices the survey will generate a highly skewed result. In general I agree that dogs shouldn't be allowed off the lead in cemeteries or children's playgrounds or where birds are nesting on the beach. But in general it's cruel if dogs aren't allowed off the lead and if owners don't have the opportunity to let their dogs off the lead. So long as owners know to clean up dogs should be free to be off lead!	9/17/2016 10:47 PM
483	I strongly disagree with the proposal for dogs to be walked on leads on the beach between Salisbury Road and Caister as I am a local resident that regularly uses this area. It is a place of socialising for the dogs which is very important to their character and behaviour and also for the owners that get to know each other. In my experience these are all responsible owners that would put their dog on a lead if they deemed necessary and also clean up after their dogs. I have found needles/ syringes on this area that I reported and they were left and not cleaned up. I think concentrating on the humans that litter and abuse our beach is a better way forward. Thank you.	9/17/2016 5:50 PM
484	There are loads responsible dog owners constantly penalised for the few. Parents with children don't get banned when they leave dirty nappies or picnics lying around! As for cemetaries dogs will grieve too and should be allowed to visit graves of owners etc. Please don't penalise the majority because of the minority. Fines and control yes but bans no especially graves and beaches	9/17/2016 5:44 PM
485	how can our dogs swim in the sea if this comes about, maybe I can see it on the beach, but you cant keep your dog on an extending lead in the sea, it could get strangled, and the sea as far as i know the council has no control over or am I wrong ??	9/17/2016 5:08 PM
486	I remember playing football on the "rec" and falling onto dog poo. Not nice. But there is a lovely hilly bit of ground between the Golf course and the beach thats great for well-behaved dogs if a dog or its owner misbehaves, make them use a lead or ban them.	9/17/2016 4:28 PM
487	Dogs should be on a lead at all times, extendable leads allow dogs to roam wide but their owners can shorten the leads when and where necessary. This would also mean that owners would have no excuses for not cleaning up their dogs faeces. As another suggestion, designated and fenced off areas could be allocated, with special bins, but the owners would still need to pick up after their dogs. Fined if they don't.	9/17/2016 2:52 PM
488	recreation areas could be added to the ban but only if designated areas are provided for dogs	9/17/2016 2:25 PM
489	Your proposals seem pointless. Most dog owners are responsible, clean up after their dogs and keep them under control. The people who don't, won't pay any attention to new rules re keeping their dogs on leads or not taking them to certain areas. Therefore the only people affected by these changes are the people who are the responsible dog owners in the first place. Why can't you have dog areas in parks & recreation grounds like you have areas for children? Is it necessary to ban them completely? How would you enforce these changes anyway? Especially when the clearing up after your dog rule aren't enforced. If they were there would be no mess on North Denes.	9/17/2016 1:32 PM

502	Why should responsible owners be ostracised from using areas because they have a dog with them, maybe these areas could be dog on lead areas. parts of gorleston beach which are no go areas between certain times of year even though no one uses the beach on bad weather days I can't see why dog owners can't use it.	9/16/2016 5:02 PM
503	I walk on the Special Protection Areas for Nature (Beach at North Denes to Caister) every day with my two dogs. During these walks I witness many types of antisocial behaviour such as; Teenagers without crash helmets riding motorcycles sometimes with two or three on each machine, people launching motorised parachutes, people riding horses in the dunes, motor vehicles on the dunes and beaches, people camping and defecating in the dunes and people having parties and BBQs that lead to surrounding areas catching fire with broken glass and litter strewn everywhere. This has all been going on for many years, most, or all of which is contrary to council orders or bylaws, and which you appear unable to enforce. Why then, do you suddenly now wish to pick on the poor dogs and introduce yet another order for them to be on a lead in these areas, it won't improve the amount of dog fouling, that is a matter of education of owners and 73 prosecutions in six years in my opinion does not send a very clear message, It won't improve the amount of aggressive dogs, as in my opinion, dogs tend to be far more aggressive while on a lead as they are unable to escape and therefore feel more threatened, so, just what it will achieve I am not sure, as your consultation document does not appear to address the point. While I agree wholeheartedly with dogs being controlled on a lead in areas such as parks, recreation areas, churchyards and highly populated tourist areas. I also agree that the council should maintain a robust approach to the problem of dog fouling. However, I do not agree that it is necessary for dogs to be on a lead in the North Deans to Caister beaches furthermore, I fail to see why this proposal has ever been made.	9/16/2016 1:03 PM
504	North beach is a great area for dogs to excercise would be a shame to lose that area	9/16/2016 1:58 PM
505	Dogs must have areas they can run and exercise under control so there must be designated areas in parks and beaches .my grudge is motor bikes causing problems in bureau park they have no respect of safety for people or dogs	9/16/2016 1:31 PM
506	People need to realise then when a dogs about to be locked up all day due to its owners being at work, they need a good run, they need to play and to be social. The north denes is one of few places near me where dogs can do this without getting in the way of tourists etc. To take that a way is an outrage and this needs to be considered. I've been doing that walk years without any issues	9/16/2016 1:19 PM
507	I have recently chosen Great Yarmouth to retire to because I have loved the place for years one consderation for my decision was that I beleive the Town to be dog freindly. Should these proposals be implemented this will be devastating for canine health not to mention dog owners who holiday in the town. If we want improve these areas lets make owners who fail to pick up there dogs mess a major target coupled with heftier fines and not stop dogs getting essential excersize.	9/16/2016 1:18 PM
508	We moved to Great Yarmouth 7 mths ago and one of the reasons was that it was a dog friendly place ...one of my dogs was overweight as there was nowhere to let my digs off their leads where we lived but since we have been here and our digs have gone to the dunes twice a day they are down to their right weight and are happier and healthier fur babies. I would say that the council should look at cleaning up their own act before attacking dog owners yet again. You don't cut grass, tidy raised flower beds, buildings in disrepair. You are once again arts king the holiday makers as well ...are you trying to close Great Yarmouth down	9/16/2016 1:13 PM
509	I completely disagree with the proposed restriction of dogs on a lead on North Denes to Caister - this area is one of very few where we are able to allow our dogs to run. Norfolk and Great Yarmouth are known to be a 'dog loving area' and I feel that this is an unfair proposal when we already can't take dogs onto Great Yarmouth beach in the main thoroughfare. Furthermore, we are supposed to exercise our dogs - a walk on a lead will never offer the kind of exercise required to keep them happy and healthy. Indeed, I would be interested in finding out what the likes of the RSPCA and Dogs Trust would think of such proposals. Furthermore, I am a caravan owner at Haven Seashore, all of those who hire Caravans would be greatly affected by this proposal and this could after the holiday industry in your area which has already been affected enough.	9/16/2016 12:40 PM
510	Listen to what responsible dog owners have to say. Prosecute the law breakers as most dog owners are law abiding when it comes to their dog. The irresponsible owners won't bother what regulations are in place as they will just carry on hoping they don't get caught. Thanks.	9/16/2016 12:19 PM
511	I strongly disagree regarding the proposed lead enforcement North of Great Yarmouth. This is (and walkways has been) an ideal location for us doggy owners to let their pooches play and use up excess energy. It is an ideal spot for dogs to play with other doggy pals, and learn to socialise with both dogs and their owners. Most owners will agree that dogs off a lead a very rarely aggressive, however, on a lead they can feel threatened which may lead to aggressive tendencies. I would much rather see a tightening up of the laws regarding not clearing up after your dog. The area in question could be ideally policed/patrolled from the Coastwatch tower?? the council should adopt a Zero tolerance to dog fouling and once a few hefty fines and handed out I am due the others will soon get the message and "bag it and bin it"	9/16/2016 12:10 PM

512	Whilst I agree with many of the proposals I feel the beach/dunes area between Salisbury Road and Caister is a fantastic open space where well mannered dogs should be able to exercise without a lead. The land is large enough to enable people to do so safely and without interaction if required. I do, however, agree that owners not picking up dog mess is a problem in this area particularly - I don't know how this could be policed. My only other area of concern is Generation Wood at Bradwell, as an owner of two elderly dogs, not now able to manage the larger Mill Lane field, we sometimes manage to walk here and it's a nice smaller area where the dogs can at least be lead-free for a few minutes.	9/16/2016 11:46 AM
513	The area of dunes and beach from Salisbury Rd GY to Caister is mainly used by dog owners, and there is no good reason to enforce a leash requirement here. I am not a dog owner, but do not believe this area needs to be controlled in this way	9/16/2016 11:21 AM
514	I would like to see Hemsby beach added to the designated areas of beach to ban dogs during the summer months due to the unacceptable level of fouling in that area and the number of children that then play and dig in what is essentially a large canine lavatory.	9/16/2016 8:44 AM
515	Perhaps the introduction of a dog park, a secure area of open space for dog walkers only, would be a good idea. This is used widely in America and is a very good alternative.	9/15/2016 6:29 PM
516	Dogs should not be allowed on playing fields, we continuously have to pick up dogs mess before our football training and matches over the weekends. They should be banned and the fining followed through.	9/15/2016 6:22 PM
517	Is there proof that loose dogs are harming either Heritage Sites or Special Protection Areas? If not, why stop them running free if their owners are with them?	9/15/2016 1:48 PM
518	I'm aware that North Denes Dunes are a special protection area partly due to the nesting of Skylarks & Meadow Pippits. I'm also aware that there seems to have been no obvious protection in the 10yrs since I moved here, except for when the Little Terns arrive. The dunes, particularly during the summer months are used by beach buggies; para-gliding; cycling; barbecues, horse riding; as well as families utilising the space for enjoyment, many of whom have dogs & none of which realise that there is a SSI there; I know there is now a sign describing the diversity of the area. I do not feel it is reasonable to now force holiday makers & residents to lose the enjoyment of throwing a ball for their dog & watching it chase after it, or meeting up with other dogs to have a play. For my family allowing our dogs to enjoy running free on the dunes with the children, is a large part of why we love living in Yarmouth & it would be extremely upsetting to all the animal lovers who live & visit the area. Could it not be possible to fence of specific areas during April-August , which is the birds main breeding times & could an information leaflet emphasizing the rules regarding collection of faeces & a map of dog bins be provided at all holiday accommodation.	9/15/2016 1:35 PM
519	I am a dog owner and feel that dogs should always be on a lead when in public unless it's a designated dog area. Can we please have such areas.	9/15/2016 12:07 PM
520	Of course dogs should be on a lead in certain areas but not on beaches or similar areas. Dogs are banned from most of grassed areas in hemsby and beaches are 1 of main exercise areas. If a dog was unsafe to be off a lead then that dog should be on a lead at all times and muzzled.	9/15/2016 9:51 AM

APPENDIX 36

COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL		
Number	**Comment**	**Date**
1	I recently became aware of the dog control measures being implemented in Great Yarmouth. My wife received your letter at her place of work. I wanted to offer my support and gratitude to you and all concerned with this issue. I know that the issue of dogs out of control is a growing problem. Without doubt this is now a serious matter and needs to be dealt with. Of course, recent press coverage detailing the tragic deaths and injuries of both adults and children highlights this. Both myself and my wife enjoy jogging/walking on a regular basis. However, this has now become increasingly challenging as we are often subject to the unwanted attention of dogs, both on and off the lead. I'd add that many dog owners become very hostile when challenged about their dog's behaviour. On ########## I was out walking with my wife when she received a serious bite injury from a Rottweiler. The owner is being prosecuted and is due in ##########. May I make a suggestion regarding the action you are taking in an effort to control dogs and their owner's behaviour. I note that there are proposed restrictions as to where a dog must be on a lead. Unless you are going to set a maximum length for the lead, owners will seek to circumvent this restriction by simply using a long lead. I note that most extendable dog leads now seem to offer an 8 to 10m length. This is far too long and I firmly believe this needs to be addressed when forwarding your dog control measures. Leads of this length for the most part render the dog out of the owners control. Further, a lead that runs to 10m can easily create a trip hazard in busy public areas. Perhaps you would kindly consider this aspect. I have observed owners using these leads and a 10m distance from owner to dog creates a problem. I assume an owner can of course use any length in this respect and this would constitute a "lead". I should also mention that I live close to the ############ in Norwich. I have noted that many parents now take the opportunity to walk their dog to the school gates when collecting their child/children from school. So we have a dangerous situation, several dogs together in an area outside the school gates with in excess of 100 young children leaving. It makes no sense to me, it's a tragic incident waiting to happen. Perhaps you could also consider this situation when developing your strategy. Of course, the aspect of dog fowling represents another problem associated with owners inability or unwillingness to conform. My own property enjoys a corner plot in an open plan area. The grass areas of my property are regularly fowled and I have to embark on the unpleasant task of clearing this. I sincerely hope you can consider my e mail and suggestions. I would also hope that you can pass on my concerns to my own Parrish Broadland District Council and of course Norwich City Council, I would like to think they are going to follow yourselves with this initiative. Perhaps you would be kind enough to acknowledge my e mail and comments when you have a moment.	20/10/2016
2	My wife and I and our 2 dogs have been coming to Great Yarmouth for 3 years now (2/3 times a year), and many years before without dogs. Primally because of the dog friendless of the the area it is with great dismay that we have seen signs calling for a dog ban around here , which we would definitely start looking to go elsewhere. as a dog owner of 2 dogs we like to give our dogs the opportunity to go off lead like many other owners wether residents or visitors to the area and pick up their mess or put em both on lead when necessary. I would also like to add that yesterday I was walking them off lead and ######## likes to roll in grass sand etc they then started rolling in the dunes when I called them down the first dog was ok but the 2nd dog had rolled 2nd and it was the mess all down one side of him at first I thought it was other dog or fox mess but on closer inspection of the area found a nappy that they had been rolling in I was not amused to say the least. Now all week I've been upset to see when walkin on dunes that people are not picking up after their dogs but also cannot see why people are not taking their rubbish from the dunes or beach. Maybe an investment in Rubbish Bins nearer to the beach is an answer as there is only one that I saw and that is at seashore Holliday park. From an upset holiday visitor	19/10/2016
3	Ive been asked by a number of older dogowners to get their views over to you for inclusion in the survey results, as they don't have access to computers, and cant get papers copies of the survey on time for its closure tonight. They are all telling me that having a dog gives them exercise and keeps them healthy, and that being able to let them offlead ensures that their pets get the amount of exercise they really need, and which our older dog owners can perhaps no longer manage themselves. A dog will run a lot further and exert itself far more when chasing balls, and playing offlead than it could when attached to their owner by lead, and particularly when	17/10/2016

	the owner is an older perhaps less physically able person. It also gives those older people a social life which otherwise they might not have. Even some of the older dogowners carry out their own mini beach cleans (as do many many of the dogwalkers)and the point has been made by all of them that it would be much more difficult to carry bags of rubbish AND hold onto a lead, and therefore their efforts to keep the beach clean will suffer.	
4	I would like to register my objection to the Public Space Protection Orders currently being enforced by many councils. I am a dog trainer of 30 years experience and a multiple dog owner. Firstly let me say that there are some points that I am in favour of such as greater restrictions on dog fouling – picking up should be obligatory (are the council going to provide more poo bins to this end?) - and all dogs being walked on leads on any public road. There are several points, however, that are being brought forward by people who obviously do not understand the needs of dogs or the dog/human relationship. Regarding orders to restrict the exercising of dogs off lead. It is important to realise that a dog that does not have sufficient free running and opportunity to burn off energy will be a frustrated dog. This will manifest itself in, at best a destructive and disruptive dog, and at worst a dog that takes its frustration out on its human owner, sometimes physically. Dogs need to run and play in the same way that a child does. Also like a child the dog needs physical exercise for fitness and wellbeing. To deprive a dog of this kind of exercise is sheer cruelty. An owner should, however, be able to demonstrate his or her control over the dog when asked to i.e. by recalling or downing the dog. Another point to be considered is that, should dogs not be allowed off lead, all dog sports would have to cease as there is not a single dog sport whether it be shooting or agility or any of the range of sports across the spectrum, that does not have an off lead component to it. It should also be remembered here that many parks and open spaces remain safe due to the number of dog walkers who are out and about in all weathers and all seasons unlike the non-dog owning public! Dog owners are generally fitter and healthier and have lower blood pressure than non-dog owners, perhaps you should be encouraging more people to own dogs! Another point to bring up here is, should dog walkers be forced to go further afield to run their dogs freely, they will have to put their dogs in cars and drive them elsewhere thus adding to the pollution and congestion that we are trying to discourage. An important point, for councils with jurisdiction over coastal areas to consider, is, the impact of banning dogs from beaches on tourism. A high percentage of visitors to our coastal resorts in this country do so because they do not wish to kennel or leave their dogs at home. The majority of people without dogs go abroad where the weather is more predictable. If dogs are to be banned from beaches during the summer more people will start taking advantage of the pet passport scheme and will take their families overseas, as a result the income that these coastal areas rely on so heavily will decrease considerably. I have noticed that councils are trying to limit the number of dogs that can be walked at any time by one person. I believe that the reason for this proposed legislation is the growth of professional dog walkers who "walk" anything up to 20 dogs at a time. There should not be an overall limit on the amount of dogs a private individual can walk, as most multiple dog owners are involved in a dog sport, and as such, are well aware of their responsibilities regarding dog fouling and control. It would be inhuman to possibly have to leave some dogs in a hot car whilst walking others, which may be the only option for some owners. Public Space Protection Orders that set the limit of dogs that one person can walk at under 6 are actually contravening the DEFRA guidelines. Dog theft from cars is on the increase, while the police and local councils do not appear to take this problem very seriously, for many people it has become not only a heartbreaking and distressing reality but has cost them large amounts of money and on occasion they have even been threatened with physical violence. However, the growth of professional dog walkers means that all multiple dog walkers are being tarred with the same brush. Would a more sensible approach be to license professional dog walkers and limit the amount of dogs they walk at any one time to perhaps 4. It is far more difficult to control other people's dog than your own. It is noticeable to me, a mother and a dog owner, that children these days seem to be frightened by dogs, this appears to be a byproduct of so much anti-dog publicity that is constantly being banded around. Dogs and children make excellent bedfellows providing simple rules are followed regarding common sense and hygiene. (Not leaving children on their own with dogs, worming and hand washing). By removing dogs further and further away from where children meet and play, we will soon have a generation of children who have miserable lives because they are scared stiff every time they see a dog!	17/10/2016

	I noticed in one particular area every minority group was consulted about Public Space Protection Orders except dog owners themselves. Who is stirring up all this anti-dog feeling? Do councilors not realise that having children and owning dogs often goes hand in hand and many children learn responsibility and care in this way? These new Public Space Protection Orders are being brought in by stealth tactics, the majority of responsible dog owners would be appalled if they knew what was being proposed in many areas now. By the time they find out it is too late to do anything about it, this is an infringement of civil liberties!!!! If you really want to know dog owner's opinions on the subject take out a full page advertisement in the local papers, voice it on local television and local radio. Only then can you say in all honesty that you have made people aware of your intentions and given them the opportunity to protest.	
5	As a local Gorleston resident, can I ask the Council to consider extending the 'dogs on leads' legislation to Gorleston Beach. I believe this is long overdue and despite the howls of a few die-hard dog owners who believe their dogs come before everybody else, I am sure the majority of people would welcome this. Just for your information there is a dog owner with ######### who lets his dogs off the lead on Gorleston Beach daily, approximately mid-day. During the holidays he was accompanied by two other people with large dogs which were running riot on the beach. On getting off the beach I overhead one of the gentlemen say "well, that cleared the beach". This is what families have to put up with on a regular basis. Just recently I was pursued by a white Staffordshire bull terrier while I was cycling along the lower esplanade. It eventually responded to a call by its owner who 'apologised' for its behaviour. It wouldn't have happened if the dog had been on a lead. Also while these dogs are allowed to run free, dog owners conveniently look away while their dogs are defecating on the beach, the lower and upper esplanades. Dogs should NOT be put before the wellbeing of people, especially children. Many areas of the country have banned dogs on certain beaches whether they are on leads or not. I fully support the council in your efforts to minimise this problem.	16/10/2016
6	Having recently bought a static caravan at Breydon Water Holiday Park, I am very disappointed to learn of the above mentioned proposed Amendment. I completely agree that there some places where dogs should be kept on a lead, however vast tracts of open land are entirely suitable for off lead walking and I see no reason to prevent this activity. My Husband and I are disabled and, as such, the ease of access to Burgh Castle Roman Fort was the driving factor behind our decision to buy a caravan at Breydon Water. We have begun to familiarise ourselves with Great Yarmouth and its surrounding areas and enjoy walking our dog on the beach adjacent to the Pleasure Beach. If we are unable to exercise our dog on these and other convenient sites, that are easy to access and provide relatively flat walking areas, we may, sadly, need to consider relocating our caravan elsewhere. In closing, I would be grateful to hear the reasons for this proposed amendment.	16/10/2016
7	It was very interesting to attend the Environment Committee meeting on Wednesday; it was useful to see firsthand how things work, and quite a revelation to discover the wide range of issues that you have to address! I am writing regarding the issue of the proposed ban on dogs being allowed offlead and, on this occasion, Burgh Castle Fort specifically. Having carried out further research and consultation (4 weeks has only allowed a tiny percentage of those affected to be made aware of the proposal, and certainly insufficient time to carry out adequate research unfortunately), I have some very pertinent information, all pointing to the fact that there are already adequate provisions at the fort, and that a blanket ban on dogs being offlead there is quite unnecessary. The main concern for ########## seems to be her desire to graze sheep there to produce income. However, legislation already exists in the form of the The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 which requires all dogs to be on a lead/under close control in any sheep field/enclosure. So why would a further Legal Order be required? (This would also cover the issue of the land at River Way, Belton, which I understand was included in the proposals because ######### has stated that he has lost livestock due to dogs?). The second relates to Public Rights of Way. Many exist at the Fort Site, with the main pathways being covered, as well as the lower path by the reedbeds, and a further path all around the fort walls themselves. Dogs are required to be under close control on public rights of way, but there is no legal requirement for them to be on lead, and presumably they would have to be excluded from any proposal for a ban?	16/10/2016

	The main problem that ####### has is the implementation of any kind of restrictions at the Fort, whether by Legal Order, or existing legislation. ######## tells me that ### is the only member of staff, and that ####### has very limited income and cannot employ further staff. I have already suggested to her that if ### engages with dogwalkers, and gets their co-operation, ### has a ready made team of guardians who have a constant presence there, and who are prepared to help (assuming that they are not driven away by the proposed ban!) The ground nesting birds (over which there is also concern) can be protected by simply closing off the Southernmost field (where the main numbers are found) during nesting season. This was done a couple of years ago, and prevented access by both dogs and humans (who I'm sure cause far more damage than the dogs!). The secondary site for the Skylarks is the centre of the main field, and signs requesting that the public keep to the perimeter during nesting season could address the issue there. These simple actions, combined with the legislation already in place in the form of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act which would address her concerns over sheepgrazing, and together with the proposal within the Legal Order for owners to be requested to put dogs on a lead if causing a nuisance/danger would surely remedy the issues at Burgh Castle without resorting to a blanket ban on dogs being kept on lead? Furthermore, they would be supported by responsible dogwalkers who would be happy to help ensure that they are observed, overcoming the difficulty ####### would have in policing any other measures.	
8	I am e-mailing you in you role as chair of the Environmental Committee. I would like to express my objection to the proposal to ban dogs off the lead on the beach from Salisbury Road to Tan Lane. I fail to see how this will be enforced unless you intend to employ an army of wardens, or more likely, intend to rely on the honesty of the very people being penalised. I am concerned that no plans have been published about how this will be achieved and no detailed explanation for the proposal regarding the beach. Dog walkers account for the vast majority of people on that part of the beach. Who else do you expect to find there on a cold, stormy day in the winter? Dog walkers keep the cafes in business. Do the council really want to put people out of business? Most dog owners are responsible people, whether on the lead or not. The best part of my day is finishing work and taking the dog to the beach. Please think again and dismiss this idea.	16/10/2016
9	Hi having recently retired to Great Yarmouth these measures are of great concern to myself and family if they are passed. The reasons I retired here are numerous the fact that we had viseted the town for the past 45 years it has always been intention because its a healthier way of life we breathe better air,we love the town and its people. we have 2 dogs who are walked twice a day on the dunes at north denes and are showing the benefits of these walks of the lead. These proposals in my mind are an extremely bad idea not only for dog owners but for holidaymakers and the town as a whole. Dogs walked of the lead are more sociable tha dogs on a lead as well as this what about canine health. dogs naturally love to run this keeps them healthier and more sociable and interactive with other dogs ask a vet or the kennel club. Lets look at the economic aspect of such a propsal this town is extermely dependant on holidaymakers and as a caravan owner at seashore. I can tell you that my caravan is dog friendly and 95% of my lest are dog owners I have on good authority that a good amount of my customers will not rebook for next year if this proposal goes through I could lose a lot of income as a result I am one of many owners this could result in the town losing much needed income. I understand that if these proposals go through it could prove the policing of such a law could prove difficult as the parish councils involved dont want to police it or niether does anyone else so I POSE THIS QUESTION WHY IS THE COUNCIL SPENDING MONEY ON A PROPSAL THAT COULD COME TO NOTHING WHEN EVEN IF IT DOES GOT THROUGH IT COULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO POLICE ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE DESERVING CAUSES THAT NEED TIME AND RATE PAYERS MONEY SPENDING ON THEM I sincereley hope that common sence prevaile here.	15/10/2016
10	I am in full agreement with the suggestion of dogs being kept on leads on the North Beaches. In my opinion the dog owners are constantly flouting the law in these areas. The Dunes are littered with dog faeces which the owners ignore. We need to ensure all the rules are enforced before we lose safe access for ourselves and future generations to this area of natural beauty.	15/10/2016
11	DOG WALKERS BEWARE - Great Yarmouth Borough Council are proposing to impose a BAN on walking dogs off the lead in what is the so called "Special Protection Area"	10/10/2016

	covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea This is a travesty, they are saying that dog walkers allowing Dogs off the lead are contributing to coastal erosion, what a load of old poo! There is a web site to have your say: www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/have-your-say Please share so others can contribute to this "CONSULTATION"	
12	We own a static caravan at Great Yarmouth at which we spend most of the summer. We are a dog owner and both us and our dog like nothing better than our daily walks on this fabulous stretch of the beach where our dog can run free getting the exercise she needs. We meet loads of friendly dogs and owners who like us really enjoy this space for our beloved dogs. We are responsible owners and ALWAYS PICK UP AFTER OUR DOG but keeping dogs on leads will not change irresponsible owners who do not pick up after their dogs. We hope the council look into this matter favourably so dogs and responsible owners can continue to enjoy this beach.	10/10/2016
13	Dear sir, just saw your proposal for dog ban /on leads, Gt Yarmout to Caister, about time I think its a Great idea thankyou so much!! Every time i go for a nice quiet walk along Caister beach, nearly every time i am accosted by dogs, it is starting to become unbearable, and spoils my day out, whilst on the beach on a lovely sunny day sitting with my daughter enjoying the sea and beach, a woman came along, dog runs out of the sea and jumps on us soaking wet, not an apology just a smirk, it is awful and scary, i have recently been in hospital for quite a major operation and have just got out for walks, walked on the beach with my daughter helping me, and within a minute of getting onto beach people let their dog off lead and it flung itself at me, my daughter turned and shouted for them to take it away three times before they actually did anything, Every single person on that beach has a dog,I have noticed, you never see people with out dogs in the mornings, some are responsible but a lot arent you are supposed to love their dogs, if you dont there is something wrong with you, i cant have a nice walk anymore , and the dog mess is apsolutely disgusting, and poo bags aswell just dumped everywhere, please, do get this proposal through it would be a wonderful thing to get our beaches back , please get it through, thankyou so much.	06/10/2016
14	I am contacting you to express my disgust and indignation re the proposed ban on dogs offlead at the dunes. As a local resident whose home overlooks the dunes and a prolific dog walker with my dogs offlead on the dunes but onlead on streets, I find it pathetic that someone in their wisdom has suddenly decided to target responsible dog owners who use the dunes frequently and cause no issue to anyone or the environment. In fact, if it were not for me taking my dogs across to the dunes multiple times per day and lifting multiple bags of litter strewn around, the dunes would be a much messier place! There are scores of dog owners who take delight in being able to allow their dogs to run freely on the dunes and enjoy the sea whilst causing no bother to anyone else. These are all sociable and trained dogs. It is time that the council did something about the regulations it currently has in place but doesn't enforce - such as litter, motorbikes on protected areas and fires on and around the beach - rather than meddling with something that already works well. But then, that is so often the case with local bureaucrats who don't seem to have enough to do with their time but spoiling something good. I sincerely hope that common sense prevails here and that my strong objection is registered accordingly.	06/10/2016
15	I am prompted to write to you with respect to the above as a responsible dog owner and a frequent user of the Burgh Castle Roman Fort site to exercise my two dogs. I note that reference is made in the council's preamble to existing legislation being largely from the 1980's and thus in need of updating. May I draw your attention therefore to the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which seems to cover the subject adequately and in particular the following points to be used in judging whether a Dog Control Order is appropriate, i.e. 1) Is there a specific problem with dogs on the area of land that is being considered for a Dog Control Order? 2) If it is proposed to ban dogs, or require that they should be kept on a lead, are there other areas of land in the parish available to dog owners where they can exercise their dogs? 3) Is there community support for Dog Control Orders - amongst both the dog owning public and the non dog owning public? Taking the above criteria in order, firstly, is there a problem at Burgh Castle and what is it? How many complaints have been recorded from this site and what level of complaints are there compared with numbers of dogs walked? Regarding point two, can you identify another area of land within the parish that can be used? There are a number of footpaths, however a linear footpath is not an "area" suited for exercising a dog and such use would have an undesired effect for other users of the	02/10/2016

	footpath. Point three is not being properly addressed by the non site specific Survey Monkey questionnaire that the Council is employing in lieu of a comprehensive consultation. It is imperative that more effort is put into the review of this proposal as it will have a significant effect on dog owner's lives. Most dogs need a session of vigorous exercise which can not be conducted whilst on a lead. For those people in full time employment in particular, an area close to their homes where this can be undertaken before leaving the dog to go to work is essential, more so for the non car owners. For those with cars, surely the extra usage to travel out of parish will have an unwelcome effect on the environment. If there are sufficient genuine reasons to implement a Dog Control Order at Burgh Castle Roman Fort then an alternative area of satisfactory size must be identified, perhaps along the lines of the Dog Parks in the U.S. Alternatively the council could consider allotting certain time periods, e.g. 0600-0900 where off lead dog exercising may be permitted. The current proposal seems to be nothing more than discrimination against the majority of considerate dog owners who, incidentally, are by far and away the more numerous of visitors to the Burgh Castle site. In closing, I would urge a that a fit for purpose public consultation is arranged to find a solution for this matter, based upon a more scientific approach and site specific data.	
16	As by now you are aware this is an Issue that is proving to be both unpopular & very upsetting with the dog owning community of Great Yarmouth and the surrounding area, who on the most part are responsible owners who clear up after their animals. It appears extremely unfair to punish this community for the sins of a few irresponsible people. Rather than enforce a blanket ban. Would the council be prepared to consider a counter proposal? The dunes location does not have any enforcement signs regarding the removal dog faeces or bins that are in the right location. All of the bins at present are co-located on the promenade road as opposed to being close or adjacent to the path areas that most dog walkers use. I am also a dog owner and use the area frequently I have noticed that in a good number of cases people have bagged the faeces but have abandoned them on the ground simply because of the distance involved in putting them in a bin. Whilst I am not condoning this behaviour a number owners are elderly and infirm have the frustration of having to walk the additional distance which in some instances is too much. There are also the few who do not clear up after their animals. Like most local authorities I'm sure that GYBC is stretched on its resources, with this in mind I would like to propose the following. A ########################## and also prominent members of the community generally who would be only too willing to follow this course of action working with GYBC we could achieve an outcome that truly benefits the community in protecting the dunes as a unique habitat but also continues to afford freedom to those who show responsibility . I would be happy to come and meet you to discuss this matter in greater detail. I look forward to your response.	04/10/2016
17	Dear Councillor I believe you are Chair of the Environment Cttee and as such, involved in the proposal to ban dogs offlead at the dunes. I am contacting you to express my outrage at this proposal and the impact it would have on the hundreds of responsible dog-walkers who frequent this area regularly. It would appear that we are being victimised because of the irresponsibility of a few. I bought my home, ##############, approximately 18 months ago having come here from Bucks. My primary reason for doing this was the facility to take my dogs out easily multiple times a day to a lovely area. I suffer from osteoporosis and as such, am unable to take my two large, friendly dogs on leads as they are too strong and would pull me over. They are, however, easy for me to manage by the collars and this is exactly what I have done with them now for a number of years. I have to say that if this ridiculous proposal goes through then I will seriously consider selling my home and returning to Bucks as the facility to go onto the dunes and down to the sea every day is one of the only reasons I remain here (as the town has been left to dwindle to an embarrassing mess and is in serious need of regeneration). I am unclear what the reasoning is behind this proposal but can only imagine that it is due to this being a 'protected' area. It is farcical then that this protection does not deal with the multiple motorbikes and quad bikes that I see there on an almost daily basis. I cannot count the number of times I have tried to call to report this sort of abuse but nothing is ever done and culprits are always given their motorbikes back if they are removed for a day or so. This protection does not extend to doing something about the number of dirty nappies which have been discarded and the huge amount of obnoxious litter I pick up and put into carrier bags to bin when I am out with my dogs. Why isn't this addressed? It does not cover the broken bottles and the barbecue messes that are left	03/10/2016

	behind frequently. Why isn't this addressed? It does not extend to litter picks coming this far as north dunes. It does not involve flowers being planted and new signage this far up. I could go on and on. Basically, the inference as a local living across from the dunes is that this area does not matter. Any 'protection' or small 'investment' is made further along the sea front. Having lived here 18 months I have not seen a dog warden once and yet I have seen irresponsible dog owners - with dogs on extending leads even - allow their dogs to foul and not remove it, even when others have voiced that they should. The evidence also that many lift their dog's mess and bag it, only then to throw it on the ground rather than bin it, is shockingly clear. I probably fill 2 carrier bags per day to bin with poo bags which have been thrown on the ground after having been filled. Why isn't this tackled? It is a joy to witness a huge number of lovely dogs jump out from owners' cars and be able to run in the dunes and into the sea, causing no harm to any people or any species. It is appalling to think that someone in their wisdom has decided that this should no longer be allowed and I would urge that the council takes note of the strength of feeling against this ridiculous proposal. There are many environmental changes that are needed in GY. It seems typical that the council should pick something to implement that is not necessary when there are multiple necessary and relevant changes that should be made but which are ignored.	
18	Dear chairman I am emailing you to register my distress regarding the proposed ban on dogs off lead. It would appear that once again the majority are being penalised for the behaviour of a few. I totally agree that dogs should not be allowed to run free in areas where children's play equipment is located these are fenced off already in most open areas. Also cemeteries are for obvious reasons a dogs on lead area. However the blanket ban proposed in many other areas is totally unacceptable to law abiding dog owners. The issue of dog mess not being picked up will only be resolved by a better system of enforcement. We have laws regarding unacceptable behaviour of dogs and owners use them correctly. There are many ecological reasons that path ways need to be kept in areas like the dunes and open fields. I'm sure you have the resources available to you to read these. On a financial issue many people holiday here because they can walk with their dogs off lead. Those that I have spoken to have said that they will not return to the area if the ban takes effect. In fact a local caravan site has lost a sale of a home due to the proposed ban. I would be interested to know who in the council has raised this issue and what was the real reason for its proposal. May I ask if the public will be able to attend and speak at the meeting to decide proposal ? I look forward to your reply	02/10/2016
19	Dear Sir for the first time in my life I feel compelled to write to a local councillor regarding affairs of local interest.I am totally against the ban of dogs off leads.How can the actions of few irresponsible people then go on to affect the majority of responsible dog owners.Please put a stop to this madness.	02/10/2016
20	I have had a phone call from a lady asking to speak to the person who is responsible for the 'dogs on the beach campaign' she read about in the Mercury. She didn't want to leave her name and I couldn't get hold of you but she wanted me to pass on her compliments. She said people have been moaning about the doges running around for some time and seemed nothing was being done with irresponsible dog owners letting their dogs run around knocking in to and jumping up people and not clearing up after themselves. She doesn't wanted to say well done for tackling this problem	30/09/2016
21	I came to live in Caister five years ago and have always been very happy here. One of my reasons for choosing this area was that it is very dog friendly. I have two dogs and I walk them on the beach and dunes everyday, they love it and so do I. I have heard about the proposed restrictions affecting the area where I regularly walk from other dog walkers (a friendly lot who have made me feel welcome here). I and many other dog walkers often pick up litter on both the beach and dunes. Now, that is a problem that does require some action. Glass and plastic bottles, take away containers and drinks cans, worst of all disposable napples are often to be found. I do not believe that my dogs are doing any harm to the natural surroundings, I pick up after my dogs as do most other people I know. I love to watch the changing seasons and appreciate the flora and fauna to be found on the dunes. Please don't punish the many just because of a few irresponsible people. Get out there any punish them.	30/09/2016
22	As mentioned in comms the caller wouldn't give his name and didn't want to go any further with it but says something should be done about it. He was walking down the above road (footpath 9 was mentioned?). A dogwalker had 4 dogs off their leads which came bounding up to him and the owner just laughed. Families use this area for summer walks not just dogwalkers and referred to hearing about blind dogs being attacked by other dogs off leads and people too.	30/09/2016

	Other people in the area have complained too and if they talk to the dogowners and refer them to the signage you put up they get told to f off. He reported it to the police and they say they can't do anything. Road owned by residents? – think he said this	
23	Once again another future control order WILL BE imposed upon genuinely responsible dog owners who do their duty and keep the beach and streets clean of fouling. (and needless to say so they should) One or two people in this suggested beach area also pick up and bag litter on a voluntary basis. Why is it if your suggestion goes through the bad guys who have no aesthetics in life Win! Do you honestly think the wonderful boundless energy dogs enjoy will not be curtailed if you put them on a leash, and will it change the habits of bad owners who use the beach for their dogs toilet. NO i don't think so. (Ask yourselves what have the council achieved?) Is there another way? Examples that work:- 1 Traffic wardens issue tickets for cars parked wrongly. 2 Traffic Police lots of fines for offences 3 Dog wardens probably do a good job in different aspects of their job descriptions,having said that in six years of taking my dog down the beach every day i have never met a warden actually WALKING along this stretch of beach at any time? P.S It might be time for a hands on approach (one warning then fine) Thanking you for your time and interest.	30/09/2016
24	Dear Cllr Smith Your name has been passed to me by ########## of ######## regarding the above. My husband and I have been owners of a holiday home ######### for 11 years, spending over 15 days each month there. We bought our holiday home because we can exercise our dogs on the beach adjacent to the park. This is also the same reason other people are owners of caravans. It is also why many people enjoy their holidays here so that they can enjoy the beach with their families and dogs. We always carry bags to clear up after our dogs as do the majority of people exercising their dogs in this area. There are a few people who do not clear up and I do not think it will matter if their dogs are on a lead or not. Perhaps heavier fines will deter them. We have made many friends with local residents and caravan owners from exercising our dogs on the beach. As a dog lover it is a lovely sight to see all types of dogs happily playing together on the beach. The Health professionals guidelines are promoting people to get outdoors. What better way to exercise than walking along the beach with your dogs running free. During the past 20 years since we have been coming to this area we have seen an increase in the wildlife and wildflowers. A lot of dog walking owners, holiday makers and local residents, carry a bag and can be seen picking up rubbish and debris from the beach and dunes, such items as plastic bags, bottles, broken glass, fishing hooks and line, discarded bbq's which are far more harmful to the wildlife and are no fault of dogs. Much of the wildlife are not deterred by dogs as you can frequently see seals, little terns and a hawk. We, along with other holiday makers, add to the local economy by shopping locally, visiting attractions and enjoying the dog friendly cafe's along the beach and dunes. We have heard that a Ranger patrols this area but we can honestly say we have never seen him. A ban from exercising dogs along this area of beach and dunes will be a very sad decision.	30/09/2016
25	Dear councillor Smith As a responsible dog owner I totally disagree with proposal to ban dogs off leads, the majority of other owners respect and control their dogs when other walkers are nearby on the north beach. I also think the policing would be impossible and costly. We find the biggest problem is litter.	26/09/2016
26	Good morning Mr Smith	29/09/2016

	Man thanks for your prompt reply to my email. I have completed the online questionaire and have added brief comments. Please accept this email as more in depth comment on the proposal for Dogs on Leads requirement for beach from Salisbury Road to Tan Lane Caister. As you can see I have sent copies of this to all our Caister councillors. I am a Caister resident and I have lived in either Great Yarmouth or Caister all my life. I have been a dog owner since 1963 and have always walked my dogs on the dunes and beaches of Great Yarmouth and Caister. Over the years the flora and wildlife on the dunes has flourished and increased, skylarks have always nested on the dunes and still do. Dogs running about have not made a bit of difference. I was informed by the owner of ########## at Salisbury Road that ######### want people to walk the dunes because this spreads the seeds of the rare dune plants there. If you make the area non dog friendly, people will not be walking there. A lot of the time particularly in the winter, the only people who are in this area are dog walkers. With regard to failing to clear up dog fouling, most of the prosecutions in the borough have been for incidents in built up areas where dogs are on a lead. Most of the problem is caused by a few who just refuse to clear up and this measure will not solve this. These same people can be quite abusive if asked by any of us responsible dog walkers to clear up. At Caister the worst area is around the Car park and the Lifeboat sheds where there are 3 bins and people can see their dogs. Dogs running off and fouling out of sight forms only a very minor percentage. + This can only be solved by making the penalties a lot harsher and the Environmental Rangers need to be more visible and more proactive in enforcing the existing laws. The only time I have seen one is usually sitting in a van, they need to walk about these problem areas at all different times of the day to catch offenders. I feel this measure will significantly affect tourism,local businesses and employment. Great Yarmouth and Caister beaches are listed on websites as dog friendly and that is the main reason holiday makers and locals from surrounding villages and Norwich come here because they can exercise their dogs off lead and swim in the sea. They then use the local cafes and takeaways. I and a lot of my dog owning friends are friendly with the people who own caravans ######### and they are incensed by this proposal. They buy their caravans there for the same reason, because the beach is dog friendly. Human litter is a big problem in the area from Tan Lane to the Lookout. I and my friends are always clearing up when we walk our dogs and put the rubbish we pick up in the bins in the Seashore camp. We regularly clear up glass bottles, broken glass, plastic bottles, cans, plastic bags, takeaway litter and even dirty nappies. If we are forced to take our dogs elsewhere, this free service will come to an end. It was plastic waste that killed the whales that were recently washed up on our shores. Finally dogs need to be socialised off lead and given adequate exercise and for most dogs lead walks are not enough. There are a lot of dog owners who do not have transport to take their dogs to other areas. If this goes ahead, we will end up with a lot of anti social dogs, unless the Council intend to provide purpose made dog parks (like they have in the USA). I would appreciate my comments being looked at by the Committee as they reflect the views of all my dog walking friends.	
27	Hello I heard today that the council are to propose a ban on dogs off the lead at the Dunes and Ruins! I feel very strongly that this is an unfair proposal! I'm an owner of 4 dogs and am very responsible owner, my dogs love to play and run about over the ruins and it would be such a shame to take that right away from them! We don't have enough land around as it is for our dogs to enjoy a good run as buildings are being put up everywhere so I truly hope this doesn't get passed! It would be a very sad day if it did happen	28/09/2016
28	I am a Caister resident and I have lived in either Great Yarmouth or Caister all my life. I have been a dog owner since 1963 and have always walked my dogs on the dunes and beaches of Great Yarmouth and Caister. I intend to complete your questionnaire regarding the Public Space Protection Order but first would you please answer me 2 questions. What are the reasons for imposing a Dogs on Lead Requirement on the beach from Salisbury Road Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane Caister-on-Sea? Does the Council have any jurisdiction over the beach area from the seashore up to the high tideline as I have always understood that this area belongs to the Crown? I look forward to receiving your reply.	28/09/2016

	Kind regards	
29	Dog lead control orders, possibly intended for Winterton. Many visitors come here for the dog freedom to roam and many businesses rely on the trade they bring in. Fouling is not a great issue around the suggested sites and as such will only be detrimental to the village	28/09/2016
30	I am very sad and concerned to find that a proposal has been made to restrict walking on the North Beach with a dog off the lead. I am 77 years old and have walked my dogs since I was 12 without leads on this Beach. I have a well behaved ########## who I walk daily on this beach and meet many acquaintances who have dogs and so our walk is a pleasant social occasion. Please do not deter the healthy exercise for me and my dog. A walk for a dog on the lead is no exercise for it. Of course, on pavements he is kept on a lead. I do hope that you can help with not allowing this restriction.	27/09/2016
31	Dear councillor Smith As a responsible dog owner I totally disagree with proposal to ban dogs off leads, the majority of other owners respect and control their dogs when other walkers are nearby on the north beach. I also think the policing would be impossible and costly. We find the biggest problem is litter.	26/09/2016
32	Dear ########## I am writing regarding the proposed changes to local laws and possible new restrictions that are being proposed for the borough regarding dogs I have no issues with all of the proposals apart from the proposal to: · Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea At the ######### we have always accepted well behaved canines. This is not something we have actively marketed but over the years have built up a customer base who know they are welcome at the hotel with their dog and can enjoy the delights of walking on the North beach allowing their dogs off the lead. I am not sure about the thinking behind the proposed ban of dogs off the lead on the north beach, if it is for dog fouling I think this will have very little effect. As those persistent offenders who do not pick up are unlikely to be encouraged to do so by the fact that they now have to keep their dog on the lead. Also it would be fairly unenforceable as you would need 24-hour surveillance to ensure the law was being enforced. I regularly see owners exercising their dogs late at night and early in the morning when I drive backwards and forwards to work. As we are a Tourist destination could we not take a slightly different angle on this and go out to welcome dog owners. Maybe provide more bins, possibly bags to pick up with as I have seen elsewhere around the UK, and instead of employing officials to criminalise our residents and visitors may be employ an official or how about some community service for our residents who have been found guilty in our magistrate's court. to clear up after our dog owners who fail to pick up. I am sure the latter would be very popular with the local electorate. I have witnessed in other resorts a devise similar to a vacuum cleaner which is portable to suck up the waste. We have many day visitors and staying visitors who come to Great Yarmouth with their dogs to enjoy the North Beach instead of turning them away why not embrace them and make it a unique selling point for the town. Finally, from a business perspective I am aware how all ######## at the North end of the beach starting from Sandown road go out of their way to attract dog walkers. I have no insight into their sale figures but by looking at the footfall and number of customers they are able to attract, I would imagine they are trading on the margins and any further attacks on their business may force them into closing, which will then cause revenue loss to the council. On a personal note we own a well behaved ######## and one of my greatest pleasures I have is walking him every day on the north beach before I go to work whatever the weather and enjoying being by the sea. I know from personal experience there is very little to attract people to live and work in Great Yarmouth, both our graduate daughters have no desire to move back to the area as they see no future here for them. To take such a simple pleasure away as walking on the beach with your dog off the lead seems to me to be a very misguided policy when there are so many of our residents who enjoy this activity. I feel sure the majority pick up as often over a weekend the bin opposite the Iron Duke pub is over flowing with small parcels of waste. Another example of failing to provide a service when required. For many having a dog is the only reason to exercise and I am sure this has major health benefits for the local residents and the resulting	26/09/2016

	reduction in the use of the over stretched resources of the NHS. Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I hope our elected officials will let common sense prevail on your above proposal.	
33	Hi Carl, I believe that you have responsibility for environmental affairs for this area, so though I would contact you about the above. Several issues - despite there being a press release on GYBC site I don't recall hearing ANYTHING about this plan in the media. The details on the GYBC site are almost impossible to find, as is the link to the survey. The survey itself is so loosely worded as to be completely useless and misleading in its results. I completely agree with the majority of the plans. There are far too many irresponsible dog owners failing to train or care for their dogs adequately, and allowing their dogs to foul without clearing up, and to run loose in completely inappropriate areas such as childrens play areas. However, amidst the list of proposed sites for the dogs-on-lead requirement, the council have sneaked in some large open areas that have been used by dogwalkers for decades. These include Burgh Castle fort, North Denes from Salisbury Road to Caister, and River Way, Belton. As these are all big open spaces, I assume that the aim of the leads requirement there is in connection with dogfouling? The thing is Carl that the kind of people who don't clear up after their dogs will continue to do so regardless of whether their dog is on a lead!! The only thing that such a requirement will do is to drive away responsible dogwalkers with well behaved dogs, who not only clear up their own dogs mess, but that left by the other kind of dogwalker, along with the piles of litter left by humans. That also means that the responsible people who report wrongdoings/problems/danger/damage in those locations will be driven away which means that the offenders -whether dogfouling or other types will have free rein!! To give you an idea of what I mean - on the Dunes I have reported dogfouling on many occasions to the wardens. Unfortunately they are too few and far between to really be effective, and not really proactive enough. Instead of simply driving along, they should come and join us responsible dog owners who can tell them exactly who does and doesn't clear up so that they can go and speak to potential offenders. A few hours spent on location would have far more effect than a van being seen. Ive also reported an occasion when an area of dunes near the Boating Lake was on fire, Ive reported flytipping, children setting little fires elsewhere on the dunes, and youngsters riding motorbikes (and even quad bikes) down there!! I challenge people if I see them doing wrong, including dogfouling. As well as losing us army of unofficial unpaid guardians (ie the responsible dogwalkers), there would be a massive impact on local business. Many of the tourists at the Racecourse Caravan Park and the seafront holiday park visit specifically because they know the area had great dogwalking facilities. The majority of people frequenting the little seafront cafes at the north end of town are dogwalkers; their trade would suffer immensely if responsible dogwalkers are driven away. At Burgh Castle I challenge people who don't clear up after their dogs, and have spoken to people Ive seen digging up the site (with metal detectors), climbing and damaging those beautiful (but crumbling) walls of the fort and using them as goals, ripping down trees to use as firewood at the holiday park, and people who have turned up with guns (yes guns!!). I'm not the only person caring for our beloved fort, so imagine the impact if we weren't there to stop this highly unsocial behaviour. There would be no benefit from the leads proposal, but a whole lot of detrimental effect. Instead of making a lot of people suffer because of the bad behaviour of a few, why not consult with local dogwalkers for ideas and help? Our knowledge would be invaluable in finding the offenders and we have a massive presence in these locations, and a network of people through whom information/requests could be passed for help. There is SO much that could be done to reduce dogfouling. Some of the offenders doubtless come from the holiday parks, so why not ask them to point out in their literature that dogs mess must be cleared up. Whilst it is a legal requirement, a reminder and mention of the everpresent "Volunteers" might help. And lets make sure the parks understand that THEY have a responsiblility to make sure their clients behave lawfully.	23/09/2016

	Instead of just driving along, why not have the Dogwardens put flyers on the cars parked in these locations on a regular basis, not only pointing out the offence but asking EVERYONE to do their bit and report any offenders. And of course get the wardens in among the dogwalkers, and at the busy dog-walking times. I read an article many years ago about a boy who had been playing rugby and fell and broke his leg. The bone came through his flesh and because there was dogs mess on the ground, he developed gaseous gangrene and had to have his leg removed. That has stayed with me every since and, although I would never dream of not clearing up after a dog, it is a very thought-provoking picture!! It isn't always the people you might imagine who are responsible for the dogfouling either. ########## walks his dog at the Dunes every morning, and has NEVER been seen to return to his car with a poo-bag (a regular source of discussion among us responsible dogwalkers!!). I was going to challenge him over this, but instead reported it to a Dog Warden - high profile resident after all!! The Warden said she had seen him return with a bag - I pointed out that she was the only one who had, ever, but saw him a couple of days later myself and he was carrying something. Turned out to be gloves!! Ive given times/descriptions of offenders, but nothing has come of it. One man was visited as a result of my report/photos/confirmation that I had actually seen the faeces leave the dogs body (a requirement of a prosecution), but when challenged he simply said "I wasn't there that day"!! Unfortunately I had lost my mobile phone since making the report and couldn't confirm with absolute certainty the date, so no action taken. I notice the man has not been seen on the dunes since, so presumably he is fouling another area!! So Carl - please tell us how we can get this message to the people making an very misinformed decision to try and get dogs kept on leads. And how we can get the message across that the majority of us are responsible dog owners and that we help not harm the environment!!	
34	Dear Sir/Madam Hope you are well and that this email has reached the right person. If it hasn't then I would be extremely grateful if you could pass it on to the relevant people. My name is ###### and I am the ########## at ########## at North Denes, Great Yarmouth. I was wondering if I could get some more information about the proposed dog control measures being proposed for: Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea The ########## (many by owners who have dogs and use the beach regularly to run their dogs), I am wondering how our guests and owners would be affected should the proposals go through? I understand that between the 2 points dog owners would be required to have their dogs on leads but I suppose the question is what does it mean by "beach", does this include the marram grassed area of dunes as well? I suppose we are also wondering why the proposal has been made and what would be achieved by keeping the dogs on leads in this area rather than being able to run free?	21/09/2016
35	We visit Great Yarmouth about 4 times a year. One of the reasons we come is because our dogs can freely access the North Denes. If the council go ahead with their plan to ensure dogs are kept on leads many people will stop visiting your town. This is an extremely ill-conceived idea that could prove to be costly to your town.	20/09/2016
36	I am on holiday as of tomorrow but want to say that North beach as far as from Britannia Pier to Caister has always been free to dog owners to walk their dogs either on or off their leads. This area has been a SSSI site for as long as I can remember, and no harm has been done to any wildlife or wildflowers in that time. When the Britain in Bloom judges were here in August they photographed quite a rare yellow butterfly which only adds to the claim that dogs do not create a problem. I feel very strongly about this issue and will say so in November.	14/09/2016

Dear Councillor, [redacted]

You spoke on Radio Norfolk 23rd Sept. Dog walking, I am not a Dog Owner, but a D.G lover

Since moving to Norfolk as a Retiree, Sept 2013, only 1 incidence of out of control Dog come to my ear: Norfolk Wildlife Trust Thorpe Marsh Reserve. Cattle used for grazing, sadly a calf died. Now use Konik's (Ponies) ideal for flood plain management, diet grasses, sedges & reeds.

In Enfield (former home) large park the Town Park - wooded area, the New River and vast Green

space / sport use weekends. Cafe with welcome bowl of water & hot drinks for owners. One side of cafe children's play ground so dog ban. It was doggy paradise.

Which brings me to [illegible] Dene it is a joy to see the dogs enjoying a scamper, as I stroll along to munchies for lunch. Popular with owners & dogs. Bowl of water & doggy sausage perfect. Yes control in sensitive areas like Winterton-on-Sea, Eccles where you have breeding little terns, ringed plovers and basking seals. Yes much of this coast is SSSI. But

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Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Customer Services
5 OCT 2016

Norfolk

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Dear Sirs

Re: Dog Control Consultation

19, and very many responsible dog owners of Caister are so upset about banning our dogs off-lead on our beach and dunes.

We all pick up broken bottles, litter and of course our dogs mess. Our beach would be an eyesore if it wasn't for us.

We protect children and dogs from cutting themselves, we tidy away the holiday makers leftover picnics, beer bottles, cans and disposable barbecues.

Could you not make us "Voluntary Beach Custodians"

Issue us with a card to say we are working alongside the council to keep the beach safe and clean.

I would happily pay you a fee to cover the price of printing these cards and all I've spoken to have agreed with me.

Please, don't deny us our beach and dunes. Make us your eyes.

Environmental Officers are in marked vans, wearing uniform, we would be plain clothes and have a dog with us.

With a card as authority we could work together.

Please would you reply to me.

Yours Faithfully

[redacted]

Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Customer Services
12 OCT 2016

10th October 2016

Dog walking restrictions

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to restrict the free ranging of dogs on the dune grasslands between Caister and Great Yarmouth. As an entomologist I walk along these dunes on an almost daily basis to study the insect fauna that are peculiar to this type of habitat. (I consider this to be my local patch).

I think that further consideration should be given before making such a blanket decision. My reasons for suggesting this are as follows.

The area lying between the North Denes Coast Watch Station and the Imperial Hotel is principally used by dog walkers. The other users that I come across are the occasional ramblers, runners, bird watchers and the odd group of youngsters who use the area as a meeting place (mostly in the evenings). Other visitors tend to cross the dunes in order to reach the beach.

Talking with dog walkers suggests that most, like me, consider this area to be special and they care about it. A good number of them actively collect rubbish from the dunes while wandering with their dogs. Restricting them by making them keep their dogs on leads would obviously curtail the area they roam while doing this.

It is my opinion that the biggest problem on this portion of the dunes is certainly not caused by dogs, but the leaving of rubbish, mostly in the form of empty bottles, cans and plastic bags, and any help in removing this material should be encouraged.

I have to agree that your proposed restrictions would benefit the areas outside the range I have mentioned where many more of the 'holidaying' public prevail.

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p.s. For the information of anyone interested I have just begun to see the appearance of Fox moth caterpillars as they roam about seeking hibernation sites. This is a good two weeks later than previous years. (Global warming?)

12th October 2016

Dear (Councillor)

I wonder if I might take a few minutes of your time, regarding the proposed Legal Order to Update Dog Control Measures?

As a responsible dogowner, frustrated by those that fail to control and train their dogs adequately, or to clear up after they have fouled, I was delighted by the news of these proposals. The Press Release indicated a review and update of current measures that would see the Dog Wardens have greater powers to prosecute offenders, and legislation to enable authorities to insist that owners of dogs causing a nuisance could be requested to put them on leads, together with restrictions on dogs in childrens play areas and sports areas; all great news.

However, within a section of the Public Consultation dealing with a requirement for dogs to be kept on leads in certain areas (play areas etc as above) there are four areas of traditional dogwalking space included, and of which no mention had been made in the press release, and which has led to the vast majority of people who will be affected by the ban (including local businesses), being unaware of the extent of the proposals.

One of these is the North Denes dunes. The impact on dogowners, should a ban be imposed there, would be immense, but in addition the knock on affect on the businesses at the North end of Great Yarmouth, which are primarily holiday sites and cafes would be devastating. Both types of enterprise cater for enormous numbers of dogowners, who stay in Great Yarmouth simply because of the freedom of walking on the Dunes.

A number of reasons have been mooted for the proposal to include the Dunes –

1. Protection of what is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (and has been since 1992) and Special Protection Area and a "need to manage the area and its biodiversity in a sustainable way"
2. Protection of the dunes, which form our first line of sea defence
3. Protection of the wildlife flora and fauna, and for ground nesting birds
4. Dogfouling

Can I address these issues individually?

1. The Dunes have have SSSI status since 1992 I believe, and reports by Natural England confirm that the moderate recreational use seen (almost entirely dog walkers, as the dunes grasses do not afford a pleasurable experience for human contact!) "can help to retain diversity on some sites – sandy tracks break up the vegetation sward and provide areas of bare sand thus increasing the diversity of habitats available".

   The Dunes would therefore seem to be managing themselves, with the aid of dogwalkers, quite successfully! And certainly there is no threat from dogs being walked offlead. Indeed their presence would appear to have been beneficial.

2. A Report on Coastal Strategy for Winterton to Great Yarmouth (due, I believe, to be discussed at a meeting of the Environment committee this evening) states:

   "Great Yarmouth

   The beaches along the majority of Great Yarmouth's frontage have been accreting for last forty years or so, and it is not predicted to change in the near future."

   So no causes for concern on that front either, and certainly no threat from dogs being walked offlead.

3. I have walked the dunes for 22 years, and have seen wildlife flora and fauna flourish. This is confirmed by the recent presence of several rare grasses and sea holly. The skylarks that nest there are abundant.

   So,again, no reasons for concern.

4. Dogfouling is alas a problem all over Great Yarmouth and the surrounding districts, and has nothing to do with whether a dog is on a lead or not, but is simply down to the attitude of those irresponsible owners.

   A ban on dogs offlead would simply drive away responsible dog owners such as myself, who clear up after our own dogs, clear up the mess left by those other irresponsible owners, and help to try to catch the offenders both by reports to the Dog Wardens and by challenging those people who are breaking the law.

This proposal would simply leave our precious dunes at the mercy of the dogfouling offenders, and the people who abuse the area by littering, riding motorbikes, and setting fires. Without the presence of that responsible majority of people, those minority of people who disrespect and damage the dunes will be free to continue with their wanton behaviours.

Regarding Burgh Castle Fort; this is a medieval fort consisting of 3 beautiful remaining walls, and 90 acres of field/open land owned by Norfolk Archeological Trust.

Again it is treasured and protected by the majority of people who walk their dogs there, and who act as unofficial guardians to protect it from the minority of people (and in that instance not always dogwalkers!) who damage the walls and the site, litter, and of course those who do not clear up after their dogs.

The issues there seem to be concern over ground-nesting birds, dogfouling, and the Trust's wish to graze sheep on the land. I'm uncertain how the grazing of sheep would impact on the ground nesting birds, or the rare bee and pyramid orchids found there, but the other issues can be easily dealt with by simple signage and requests for dogs on lead where livestock graze.

There seems to be a lot of confusion over the inclusion of that site in the list of areas where dogs are proposed to be banned from being let off lead. The council advise me that its inclusion was at the request of the site owners and the local parish council, and that Great Yarmouth Borough Council had concerns about its inclusion, but agreed only on the understanding that if the ban were implemented, it would be policed by Burgh Castle Parish Council.

However the Fort owners say that THEY did not request the ban but were told that it had been requested by the BC Parish Council and that "they were happy to support the Parish Council's concerns over dogs off-lead" and that they were told any ban would be policed by Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

And Burgh Castle Parish Council were aghast at the report that they had requested the ban, and even more so at the idea that they would be policing it, which they have confirmed that they could not, and would not do.

So it seems that the inclusion of Burgh Castle was at the request of.....no-one.

At the end of the day, if bans on either of these sites were implemented, the results would be far more than just disappointment and anger from dogwalkers, and the damage to the health and welfare of those dogwalkers, and of the dunes and Burgh Castle.

Seashore Holiday Park in Great Yarmouth have already lost the sale of a caravan because the prospective owners heard about the proposed ban; they had planned to buy a holiday home here purely and simply because of the access to the dunes, and the freedom for their dogs to enjoy offlead exercise.

Since hearing of the proposals, I have spoken to many people who already own/rent caravans at that Park, and also at the Caravan Club site at Great Yarmouth Racecourse.

Without exception, they have stated horror and disbelief, and then declared that they would sell up and go elsewhere/not return to Great Yarmouth.

This would in turn impact on the several cafes at the North end of town for whom dogwalkers provide around two-thirds of their trade.

The same situation would occur in Burgh Castle, where business is primarily holiday based, with associated business in the form of cafes/pubs.

And in both areas ancilliary businesses such as laundries and catering would be hit as a result of what will be an undoubted downturn in business.

The Great Yarmouth area really doesn't need any further damage done to its already quite fragile business base, and economy, and I am shocked that this major factor doesn't seem to have been taken into consideration when including these sites in what would otherwise have been a very good set of proposals.

So I am asking for your help in ensuring that these proposals are rejected for the sake of Great Yarmouth, its business, and its people.

Whilst you may not have an opinion regarding the actual walking of dogs offlead, I feel sure that you will feel very strongly about the effects that such proposals would have on both the Great Yarmouth and Burgh Castle Areas business economies,

What should have been proposals for measures that would have been very welcome and would have earned great respect for our council have, through the inclusion of these sites for uncertain reasons, instead become a prompt for a lot of ill-feeling and anger.

These particular proposals have also not been adequately brought to the attention of the people who will be affected by them. Even those that have heard about it through the concerned word of mouth messages have struggled to understand the ambiguous wording of the "survey" resulting in many participants opposing the ban at the dunes and Burgh Castle inadvertently agreeing to it because they believe that "SSSI" refers to the Little Tern colony site on the beach, and not the whole of the dunes, and that "Heritage Sites" refers to eg stately homes, and not 90 acres of open land at Burgh Castle. This will obviously result in some survey results that appear to be in favour of the ban, actually being quite the opposite!!

I don't doubt that you will be horrified by the potential damage to Great Yarmouth's economy were these proposals to be implemented, and hope that you will be able to lend your voice to helping the right decisions be reached?

Many thanks for your time in reading this, and may I extend an invitation to come and meet some of the dogwalkers and business owners affected by the proposals, and enjoy a cuppa at one of our welcoming dog-friendly North Denes cafes?

Yours sincerely

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- **Recreational Areas**

[ ] Agree

[X] Disagree

8. **ANY OTHER COMMENTS**

If a dog is being anuisance or out of control then yes it should be on lead and possibly even muzzled as the Dangerous Dogs Act states. But to make all dogs be put on lead within the GYBC saddens me and I certainly would not come back to GYBC if this happens. I spend at least 10 weeks a year visiting Winterton with my dog. My dog loves a good run around on the beach and the recreation ground. She's never caused a problem to anyone or any dog, I always have her in sight. I pick up every time she toilets and bin it. ~~Everywhere~~ It seems all dogs are going to be punished for the few dog owners that are not responsible owners. To make people keep dogs on lead is counter productive behaviourally dogs will become frustrated at not being able to mix with other dogs. On lead dogs have 2 options fight or flight as they can't take flight being on lead the only option is fight so we see lunging, air snapping, barking growling etc. On lead dogs are not able to express normal behaviour. This is one of the 5 freedoms within the Animal Welfare Act. Dogs that are off lead are off lead because they are under controll and come back when called. Not many people will allow there dog off lead if they are out of controll or won't come back. We love our dogs and don't want to see them cause harm to anyone or anything or be harmed themselves. My previous dog had to be on lead on her walks because she did not

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Dog Control Consultation
Environmental Services
Town Hall
Hall Plain
Great Yarmouth
NR30 2QF

have a reliable recall. Some dogs do need to be on lead and and it is fore the owner to manage the dogs environment appropriately. But I would say this, making all dogs be on lead is not going to stop these people who don't pick up after their dog. These people are still not going to pick up - on lead or not! Why do all dogs have to be put on lead because a small amount of irresponsible owners are causing the problem. Should we ban all teenagers from recreation grounds because a few of them drink alchohol and then smash glass bottles or litter these areas? What about all the rubbish left on beaches by families, children, people. Massive affect on the wildlife and marine mammals. The whales that beached themselves this year showed stomachs so full of plastic they became ill + chose to beach themselves. My dog stepped on broken glass + sliced her back paw pad, it was horrific injury. Cost over £600.00 at vet, had to be anethasised, 10 stitches and bandage changed every other day fore a month. Not to mention she had to try and keep her weight of that foot/paw for 4 weeks and then restricted exercise for another 2 weeks. Please don't punish all dog owners for the few bad dog owners. There are a lot of tourist that visit GYBC with there dogs and I'm pretty sure that like me they will stop coming to GYBC if they can't have their dogs off

APPENDIX 3C

THE KENNEL CLUB

Making a difference for dogs

Kennel Club Response to the Great Yarmouth Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

Submitted on 17th October 2016 by: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB, tel: 020 7518 1020, email: kcdog@thekennelclub.org.uk

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare and training, whose main objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. As part of its External Affairs activities the Kennel Club runs a dog owners group KC Dog with approximately 5,000 members, which was established to monitor and keep dog owners up to date about dog related issues, including Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) being introduced across the country.

As a general principle we would like to highlight the importance for all PSPOs to be necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. It is also important that authorities balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users.

Concerns about the nature of this survey

We have concerns regarding the way this survey has been worded, particularly in relation to the on lead areas. It is unclear from the online consultation and accompanying schedules the extent to which the on lead restrictions will apply to the 'heritage sites' listed. For instance it doesn't appear possible to determine whether dogs will be required to be kept on lead on the land immediately surrounding the walls at the Roman Fort, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle, or whether the restriction will apply to a wider area surrounding the Roman Fort. Without this information those who respond will not be clear what they are disagreeing or agreeing to.

Response to proposed measures

Dog fouling

The Kennel Club strongly promotes responsible dog ownership, and believes that dog owners should always pick up after their dogs wherever they are, including fields and woods in the wider countryside, and especially where farm animals graze to reduce the risk of passing Neospora and Sarcocystosis to cattle and sheep respectively.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing Orders in this respect.

These proactive measures can include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog poo can be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog.

Dog access

We understand that the dogs on lead order on the dunes is due to it being a site of scientific interest, without reading the report on this we are limited in how specifically we can respond to this proposed restriction. We will be in contact with the council shortly to request a copy of this report and will then offer a more detailed response.

We would question why these restrictions are being suggested when the Natural England appropriate assessment did not view dog restrictions to be necessary (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/356902/gynd-access-conservation-assessment.pdf). We would question the effectiveness of a dog on lead order protecting the dunes from erosion, as dune erosion can be caused by a number of factors. We also understand that this area is subject to a large amount of tourism and these restrictions could have a negative effect on this industry.

We understand that the land around the heritage site is subject to a proposed on lead zone due to the owners of the land wanting to keep livestock and the presence of nesting birds. We believe that rather than the whole area being subject to an on lead zone, the needs of the livestock, birds, dogs and their owners could be balanced through seasonal zoning orders. We would be happy to provide information on how this can best be achieved and examples of good practice.

The Kennel Club can support reasonable "dogs on lead" orders, which can - when used in a proportionate and evidenced-based way – include areas such as cemeteries, picnic areas, sites where livestock or sensitive wildlife may be present, or on pavements in proximity to cars and other road traffic.

However, we will oppose PSPOs which introduce blanket restrictions on dog walkers accessing public open spaces without specific and reasonable justification. Dog owners are required to provide their dogs with appropriate daily exercise, including "regular opportunities to walk and run", which in most cases will be off lead while still under control. This is a provision of the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs, which accompanies the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Accordingly, the underlying principle we seek to see applied is that dog controls should be the least restrictive to achieve a given defined and measurable outcome; this is the approach used by Natural England. In many cases a seasonal or time of day restriction will be effective and the least restrictive approach, rather than a blanket year-round restriction. For instance a "dogs on lead" order for a picnic area is unlikely to be necessary in mid-winter.

With regards to playing fields, we ask local authorities to consider whether or not access restrictions are absolutely necessary. If they are deemed to be needed, whether time/season limited restrictions would be more appropriate than an outright ban. We are aware in many areas, dog walkers do allow their dogs to exercise on playing fields when they are not in use. If of course they are in use we understand the safety reasons behind restrictions. It is also worth noting that compliance with such an order can be difficult for a dog walker if there are no boundaries around the playing field as when exercising their dogs off lead, dogs will not recognise the difference between playing fields and other grassed areas.

The council should be aware that dog owners are required, under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, to provide for the welfare needs of their animals and this includes providing the necessary amount of exercise each day. Their ability to meet this requirement is greatly affected by the amount of publicly accessible parks and other public places in their area where dogs can exercise without restrictions. This section of the Animal Welfare Act was

Included in the statutory guidance produced for local authorities by the Home Office on the use of PSPOs.

We welcome the inclusion of the "dog on lead by direction" provision, which should allow a more targeted approach to tackle the individuals who allow their dogs to run out of control. We would also recommend local authorities make use of the other more flexible and targeted measures at their disposal such as Acceptable Behavioural Contracts and Community Protection Notices. Kennel Club Good Citizen Training Clubs and our accredited trainers can also help those people whose dogs run out of control due to them not having the ability to train a good recall.

We would question why the restriction on the promenade is listed as starting: 'from Good Friday or 1st April (which ever falls first)'. While we appreciate that the order is seasonal. We have concerns as the date that Good Friday falls upon can vary by up to nearly a month, for instance Good Friday falls 20 days later in 2017 than 2016. If there is evidence of a spike in detrimental activity over the Easter weekend due to increased usage of recreation spots then a restriction for this weekend would be justified. An additional restriction could then be introduced to address the generally busier summer months.

Assistance dogs
We welcome the proposed exemptions for assistance dogs.

Appropriate signage
It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs the "The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014" require local authorities to –
"cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to -

(I) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and
(ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be)."

With relation to dog access restrictions such as a "Dogs on Leads Order", on-site signage should make clear where such restrictions start and finish. This can often be achieved by signs that on one side say, for example, "You are entering [type of area]" and "You are leaving [type of area]" on the reverse of the sign.

While all dog walkers should be aware of their requirement to pick up after their dog, signage should be erected for the PSPO to be compliant with the legislation.

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Environmental Services
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Our ref: EN16/01/NF
Date: 6 October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Dog control – proposed public spaces protection order

The Strategic Planning Team would like to offer the following comments particularly in relation to the proposed 'Dogs on lead requirement' for the site at 'Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth'.

As referred to in the site address, the site is designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) which is part of the Natura 2000 sites network. This is a European (EU) protected site designated under the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009L0147&from=EN . This is the highest form of protection afforded to biodiversity sites and is recognsied in the National Planning Policy Framework (under paragraph 118) and the Council's adopted Core Strategy. The site has been identified owing to the dune system that supports the breeding of Little Terns (*Sterna albifrons*), a species of bird referenced in Annex I of the Birds Directive.

The Council when preparing its Core Strategy undertook, and has adopted a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) as required by European (EC Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC) and national (The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations S.I. 2010/490) regulations. The HRA concluded that it is not possible to rule out the likelihood of significant effects occurring as a result of new development increasing recreational pressures on the little tern colonies at the North Denes site. One of the main pressures to this site is disturbance caused by dog walking, e.g. predation, trampling and dog fouling. The little tern colony is vulnerable and the site is already subject to some site management mitigation measures. It is clear that the potential for disturbing the little tern colony could be reduced by this proposal to require dogs to be on leads at this site.

The Strategic Planning Team therefore supports the proposal to require dogs on leads at the 'Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth'.

The Strategic Planning Team is also in support of the proposal on 'Failing to pick up your dog's mess (Borough-wide)'. This proposal was also recommended through the HRA in relation to dog fouling issues at Winterton-Horsey Dunes Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which is another European protected site.

We hope these comments are of use to your consultation. If you require any further information on the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact the officer using the details above.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam

Dog control – proposed public spaces protection order

Further to our response on 6th October 2016 to the above consultation, the Strategic Planning Team would like to offer the following additional comments.

Winterton-Horsey Dunes is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) which is also part of the Natura 2000 sites network owing to the habitation of Little Terns, and is afforded the same degree of protection as North Denes SPA. The site is subject to similar main disturbance pressures such as dog walking, e.g. predation, trampling and dog fouling. The Little Tern colony is vulnerable and the site is already subject to some site management mitigation measures. The potential for disturbing the little tern colony could be reduced by designating the beach area covering the Winterton part of the SAC[1] (between the Borough Boundary and Kings Loke, Hemsby, please see the enclosed map) to require dogs to be on leads at this site.

The Strategic Planning Team therefore suggests another potential site proposal to require dogs on leads at the 'Special Area of Conservation covering Winterton Dunes along the beach from the Borough Boundary at Hundreds Stream to just north of Kings Loke, Hemsby'.

We hope these comments are of use to your consultation. If you require any further information on the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact the officer using the details above.

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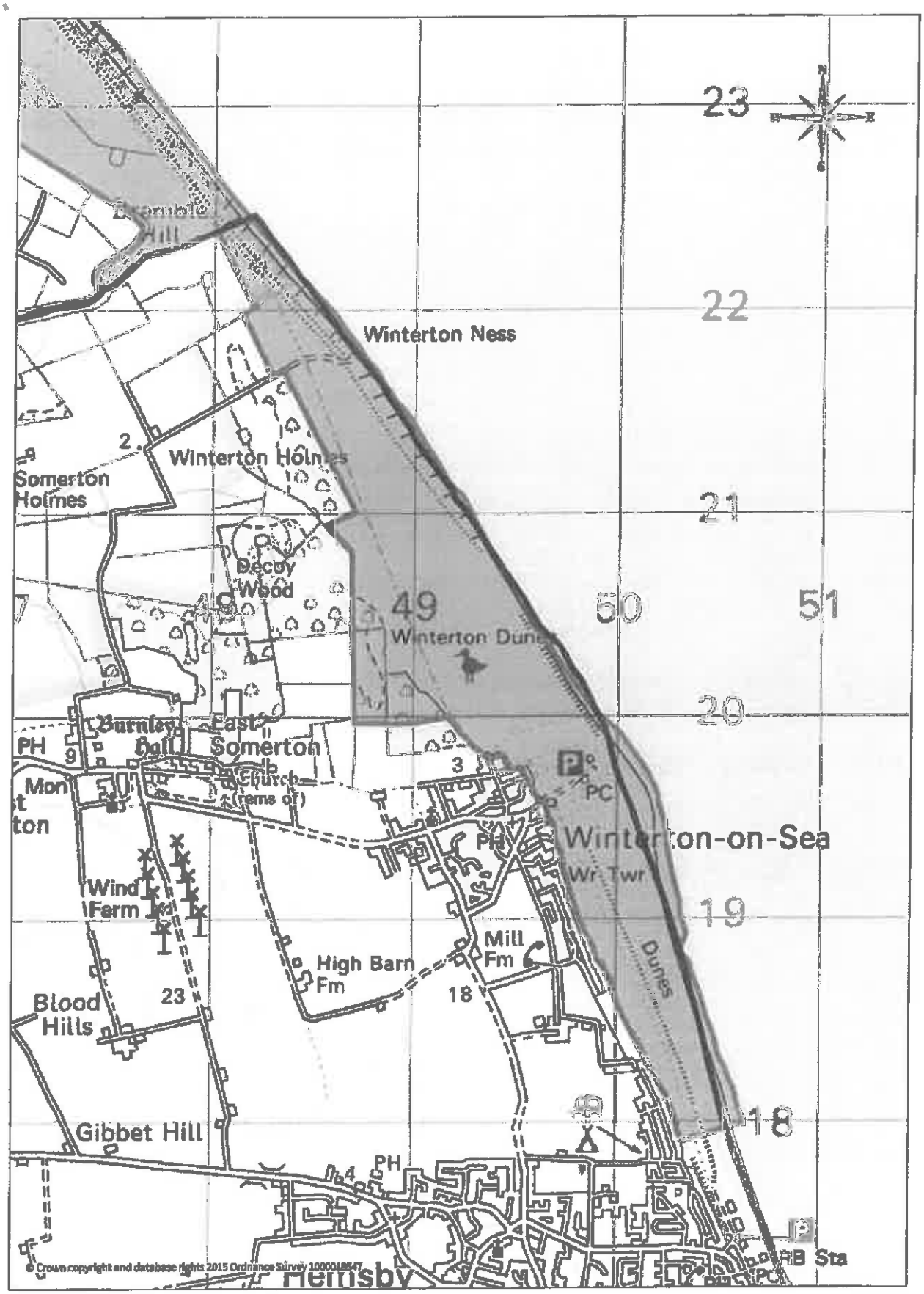
[1] note that the SAC extends beyond the Borough boundary into Horsey, North Norfolk

Winterton-on-Sea SAC



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Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity. We care for approximately 17,000 stray and abandoned dogs each year through our nationwide network of 20 rehoming centres and invest substantial resources in education and responsible ownership initiatives. Dogs Trust strongly believes that banning dogs from certain areas within the local community will have a detrimental impact on dog owners, discouraging them from getting out with their dog. We believe that any areas where dogs are allowed needs to be well signposted to ensure owners are not deterred from visiting them. For example where the consultation proposes to ban dogs on certain sections of the beach it is important that the areas of the beach where dogs are allowed is marked as a designated dog friendly area. Dogs Trust has conducted research with the Cardiac Rehabilitation Team at Harefield Hospital to exemplify the benefits of dog ownership and found: • Dog owning adults and children are more physically active and healthier than non-dog owners. Much more physical exercise is undertaken by dog owners in contrast with non-dog owners, primarily as a result of a dog. Dog owners in fact walk an average of 44 minutes per week that's an extra 38 hours of walking a year than nondog owners. • Dog owners make fewer visits to their GP and spend less time in hospital. Dog owners make 16% fewer annual doctors' visits and spend 21% fewer days in hospital than non-dog owners. Those with canine companions are better able to handle stressful life events that can induce ill-health as dogs act as an important coping resource. It emerged that dog owning women in China took fewer sick days off work and had to be seen less by their doctor. • Dogs can provide great emotional support for humans during periods of stress and anxiety. The simple presence of a dog can help lower levels of stress and anxiety – the key factors associated with ill-health. In fact the presence of a pet dog appears to have a similar positive impact on stress levels as the company of a human friend. For this reason alone we believe it will be detrimental to ban dogs from any cemeteries. • Dogs can help the development of children with learning and educational difficulties. In the presence of a dog, children with learning difficulties can display a more playful and focused mood and a greater awareness of their environment. The company of a dog is also found to prompt an increase in positive verbal and non-verbal behaviour. • Children that grow up with dogs are healthier and spend more time in school. Dog exposure in childhood can positively impact on immune development. Early exposure to dogs in infancy and childhood, can have a marked beneficial effect on immune development. Furthermore children owning a cat or dog were found to have an extra 9 days at school over the course of a year compared to those without pets. • Owning a dog helps reduce the risk of allergies in children, in particular asthma, wheezing and eczema. Regular dog exposure reduces the chance of children developing atopic dermatitis and asthma. As well as dog or cat ownership reducing the risk of allergies, children exposed to two or more dogs in their first year had even less chance of developing eczema or asthma. Dog ownership is associated with less wheezing amongst high-risk infants during their first year of life. • Dogs can reduce depression and improve mental well-being in humans. Dog ownership can contribute to the overall psychological well-being of people and dog owners can show a notable improvement in self-esteem. The presence of a dog during therapy sessions has been shown to highlight psychological benefits linked to limiting depression. Studies highlighted a decrease in patients' sense of loneliness, social withdrawal and showed notable improvement in depression levels. • Dog ownership aids the recovery of post coronary patients. Not only can dogs lower the risk of coronary heart disease but dog owners are also more likely to recover from coronary surgery. There is an 84% survival rate for

non-dog owners and a 94% survival rate for dog owners. Furthermore, dog owners were 8.6 times more likely to be alive one year after a heart attack than those without a dog. • Owning a dog can help lower blood pressure in children and adults. Being in the company of a dog significantly lowers blood pressure and can even help control borderline hypertension. Dog owners also have reduced blood pressure levels when reacting to stressful situations. It only takes between 5-24 minutes for a dog to reduce a human's blood pressure. • Dogs can help the elderly by combating feelings of loneliness and isolation. Dogs have been found to encourage the elderly to socialise and therefore help combat feelings of loneliness and isolation. This can also be said for those in nursing homes; residents that spent time with a therapy dog for 30 minutes three times a week measured significantly lower loneliness scores than those without dog interaction. In conclusion, the benefits of owning a dog are significant and we encourage the Council to reconsider plans to prohibit dogs, and therefore deter their owners, from visiting cemeteries, church yards, beaches and recreation areas.

APPENDIX 3d

GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
Wednesday, September 14

Great Yarmouth Borough Council consults on proposed legal order to update dog control measures

GREAT Yarmouth Borough Council is starting a public consultation tomorrow (Thursday, September 15) on a proposed legal order to update dog control measures relating to publicly-accessible land across the borough.

The council already has in place rules to tackle dog-fouling and promote responsible dog ownership. But most date to the 1980s and need to be brought under the latest legislation in order to be updated and reflect the expectations and aspirations of communities today.

Working closely with parish councils and key landowners, the borough council has drafted, under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control, which will be consulted on until Monday, October 17.

The main control measures proposed under the draft PSPO are:

- **Failing to pick up your dog's mess (borough-wide).** This is already an offence but the proposed order would bring this under new legislation and extend it to cover any land across the borough to which the public have access.

- **Dogs on lead request (borough-wide).** This would enable authorised council officers to request that a dog is immediately leashed if it is causing a nuisance or a hazard to itself or people. Current rules only cover certain open green spaces. The proposed order would extend it to cover any land across the borough to which the public have access.

- **Dogs on leads requirement (some locations).** This would require all dogs to be leashed upon entering specific locations. Current rules already apply to some locations, but the list of sites has been reviewed and updated in consultation with parish councils and key landowners.

- **Dog bans (some locations).** This bans people from taking dogs into specific sites. Current rules already apply to some locations, but the list of sites has been reviewed and updated in consultation with parish councils and key landowners.

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Penalties for breach of the PSPO would be a fine of up to £1,000 upon prosecution or, as an option, a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 (or £60 if paid within 10 days) could be issued. This is in line with the current enforceable legislation for dog-fouling.

One of the borough council's priorities is to support people who want to contribute to further enhancing the borough, and to challenge people and their behaviour when they disrupt others' quality of life.

The borough council has one of the best records in Norfolk for enforcement on dog-fouling, having taken formal action for dog-fouling on 73 occasions since 2010.

Cllr Carl Smith, chair of the environment committee, said: "The vast majority of dog owners are very responsible, but as with all areas nationwide, there is always that minority who need a stronger hand.

"Our Environmental Rangers are successfully challenging these people under rules mainly dating from the 1980s, which are still enforceable but not updateable. However, to ensure our Rangers can continue to enforce effectively, our rules need to be brought under the latest legislation and updated to meet the expectations and aspirations of communities today.

"We are proposing to do this in a planned, coordinated way, involving parish councils, landowners and residents in the conversation, rather than through piecemeal changes which would result in a complex patchwork of legislation.

"We are taking a firm line against anti-social behaviour in its many forms, which blights all communities across the UK. I would hope that our community views this in a positive light and would encourage them to express their views on our public consultation website."

The borough council is holding a four-week public consultation, between Thursday, September 15 and Monday, October 17 to ask individuals and organisations, including partners and statutory agencies, whether they agree or disagree with creating the order.

If the borough council decides to adopt the order, having considered the consultation responses, signage will be put up, awareness work would be undertaken and the order would run initially for three years from April 1, 2017, followed by a review.

To read the draft order, lists of proposed sites and take part in the consultation, visit www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/have-your-say from tomorrow. Paper consultation forms will also be available at the neighbourhood offices, Town Hall reception and housing offices.

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Fury over plan to force dogs to be kept on leads

30 September 2016

Dog walkers are angered by proposals to force pet owners to keep their dogs on leashes on North Denes.

A plan which could force dog owners to keep their pets on leads in Great Yarmouth has unleashed swathes of anger.

The borough council launched a consultation on introducing a public space protection order (PSPO) earlier this month to seek more powers to control dogs.

Across large areas of public space in the borough, including play areas, recreation grounds and beach land, the new powers would mean council staff could issue penalty notices of £80 to offenders. The maximum fine for breach of a PSPO is £1000 upon prosecution.

Dog walkers on North Denes were aghast at the proposals.

The council already has in place rules to tackle dog-fouling and promote responsible dog ownership but new laws mean these powers can be extended.

In a statement, Great Yarmouth Borough Council said: "The council already has in place rules to tackle dog-fouling and promote responsible dog ownership.

"But most date to the 1980s and need to be brought under the latest legislation in order to be updated.

"As part of this, the borough council is consulting the public on a diverse package of proposed dog control measures, suggested variously by the borough council, parish councils and key landowners.

"The dogs on lead requirement is just part of that package and is not a new power – current rules already apply to some locations, but the proposal is to review and update the list of sites."

LAND TO WHICH THE DOGS ON LEAD REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY

• Promenade adjacent to the beach between Wellington Pier and Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth - To operate from Good Friday or 1st April (which ever falls first) to 30th September each year

• Great Yarmouth (New) Cemetery North, Kitchener Road, Great Yarmouth

• Great Yarmouth (Old) Cemetery South, Kitchener Road, Great Yarmouth

• Great Yarmouth (Caister) Cemetery, Ormesby Road, Caister on Sea

• Promenade adjacent to the beach between the breakwater and Ravine, Gorleston - To operate from Good Friday or 1st April (which ever falls first) to 30th September each year Elder Green Playarea, Elder Green, Gorleston

• Hertford Way Playarea, Hertford Way, Gorleston

• Pine Green Playarea, Pine Green, Gorleston

• Clarendon Close (North) Playarea, Clarendon Close, Great Yarmouth

• Clarendon Close (South) Playarea, Clarendon Close, Great Yarmouth

• Dorset Close Playarea, Dorset Close, Great Yarmouth

• Howard Street South Playarea, Howard Street South, Great Yarmouth

• King Street Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), King Street, Great Yarmouth

• Sidney Close Playarea, Sidney Close, Great Yarmouth

• Green Lane Playing Field, Green Lane, Bradwell

• Generation Wood, Mill Lane, Bradwell

• Roman Fort, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle

• River Way, Belton

• Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea

• St Margaret's Burial Ground and Churchyard, Yarmouth Road, Ormesby St Margaret

• Allotments, Black Street/Low Road, Winterton-on-Sea

• Recreation Ground, Somerton Road, Winterton-on-Sea

• Land adjacent to Village Hall (south), King Street, Winterton-on-Sea

• Caister Roman Fort, Norwich Road, Caister-on-Sea

• The borough council is holding a four-week public consultation, which began on Thursday, September 15 and ends on Monday, October 17

To have your say visit www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/have-your-say. Paper consultation forms will also be available at the neighbourhood offices, Town Hall reception and housing offices. You have until Monday, October 17 to take part.

Dogs off lead ban welcomed by Fort

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Proposals to ban dogs from being off leads at a popular walking spot have been welcomed by an archaeological group.

The borough council is holding a consultation on introducing a public space protection order (PSPO) to seek more powers to control dogs.

Burgh Castle Fort is one of the locations, and in a letter the site's owners, the Norfolk Archeological Trust's said: "The number of dogs off-lead at Burgh Castle Fort has forced us to change the way we manage it and this has had a direct impact on trust finances. In the past we grazed the site with sheep but these had to be removed because they were constantly being worried by dogs that were not under control.

The ruins of the Roman fort at Burgh Castle.

"The removal of the sheep means we now have to manage the site as hay, and this costs us money. We are currently reviewing the management of the site as we transfer from Higher Level Stewardship to Countryside Stewardship – which provides less than half the current income – and it would be of great benefit for the environment as well as trust finances if we could put sheep back on the site. This will only be possible if dogs are properly controlled."

However dog owner Julie Young, lives in Jellicoe Road, Yarmouth said: "Surely better solutions than a blanket ban, which has led to a massive amount of ill feeling. Responsible dogwalkers would help police the watered down restrictions, but a blanket ban would drive away those responsible dogwalkers, who are passionate about protecting the fort, leaving it at the mercy of the minority of badly behaved owners and dogs."

The council's consultation ends on Monday, October 17. To have your say visit www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/have-your-say

GREAT YARMOUTH MERCURY LETTERS		
Number	**Comment**	**Date**
1	Our dogs need to enjoy stimulation. As a responsible dog owner I was surprised to read a notice at Burgh Castle concerning proposed restrictions on the freedom they at present enjoy in this area. To expect dog owners to impose lead control in an open area does not take into account the need our pets have to enjoy a stimulating environment. I have spent many happy hours with my dogs from as long ago as 1968 and I find this proposed manoeuvre deplorable.	28/10/2016
2	Don't stop dogs going on beach. I am not a dog owner but would not like to see pets banned from our beaches – where few people venture anyway! Visitors generally stay between the two piers to enjoy the beach in Great Yarmouth; and I know people staying in caravans at Haven Seashore at the end of North Drive like the fact they can take their dogs on holiday and walk them safely. I walk for about a quarter of a mile every other day along the beach towards Caister and enjoy seeing dogs offlead and enjoying themselves. The owners are always so polite and stop to chat with me. I walk to stay fit and healthy, the beach is perfect and I have never seen an offlead dog get into a confrontation with man or animal. Yet I have seen considerate owners pick up mess which their dogs haven't deposited! You will never stop the irresponsible dog owner walking the beach in the dark evenings; and who is going to patrol it late at night?	21/10/2016
3	My dog needs a daily walk off lead. I refer to last week's letters regarding the issue of walking dogs on the beach. I can only comment on my dog. He needs a daily walk off the lead, as recommended by organisations such as The Kennel Club and Dogs Trust. I take him to weekly obedience classes as I want a dog I can take anywhere. I clear up after him whether on the lead or off. I am still concerned the council has upset dog owners and business people but have not said how they plan to enforce the ban in relation to the beach. I have yet to see a dog warden patrolling anywhere, let alone on a large expanse of dunes. The council is making difficult decisions on how to spend our council tax. Staff and services have been cut. Are they really going to have the money to spend on policing the beach at a time when we have homeless people having to sleep there or in parks and cemeteries? When food banks can't cope with the demand? When people of all ages are affected by so many important services being cut? This proposal is too costly and impossible to police. I ask the council to provide more details if they disagree. Please complete the survey on the council website.	14/10/2016
4	Dog ban proposal is Dickensian. I am responding to the Dickensian proposal regarding the exercising of dogs in the local area. It would affect not only the beach but in fact every open space which is currently available to us. A) Dog walking off leash encourages both physical and mental stimulation to both human and hound. B) Social interaction is a positive affect of this activity again for both human and dog. C) For some dogs it is imperative for free running. Some would become so overactive due to less exercise I can see some owners unable to cope, which in turn could result in more rescue places being filled in what is already an over burdened service. D) By taking away this human right and something that many, many people have done all their lives seems a gross injustice for what is one councillor's complaint! E) Why are dog walkers being targeted? Look at Mill Lane field after football. The rubbish left behind is ridiculous and the dangers left by bottle tops swallowed by dogs and resulting in fatalities is real. F) Not everyone has cars and having a safe place to exercise dogs is paramount.	14/10/2016

	My 90 year old aunt relies on walking her dog off lead twice daily. In fact this keeps her active and out of hospital, it is her favourite time of day where she can talk to other people while walking her Labrador, an important factor in her life. G) I have a business which relies on visitors who come here because it is dog friendly. To make these restrictions will affect our tourist trade, something I thought we were supposing to improve and embrace.	
5	Owners need to exercise dogs. According to the RSPCA, a dog needs plenty of exercise and the opportunity to walk and run daily if it is to exhibit normal behaviour. Dogs will also learn to socialise with other dogs through play so being allowed off lead is essential for their development and ongoing well being. A tired dog is a calm and happy dog. Laws already exist which cover fouling and the control of dangerous dogs, fully supported by the considerate dog owners who are by far in the majority. There are of course inconsiderate people that affect all parts of our lives, bad drivers, litterers, vandals to name a few. More legislation isn't the answer when there is clearly insufficient enforcement of the laws we already have. Owners need to exercise their dogs near to where they live and the borough council's proposal to ban dogs offlead on the beach would be discriminatory for those owners who don't drive and/or those who have to get to work and leave their dogs during the day - unless sufficient alternative suitable areas are provided, where owners can exercise their dogs as safe from traffic as they can at say North Denes or Burgh Castle. Or an eg 0600-0900hrs time slot for offlead dog walking could be perhaps be considered. Alternatively the council could delay the implementation of this ill conceived measure until 2030 by which time we dog lovers can have all swapped to cats, removing any of their burdensome enforcement issues?	14/10/2016
6	It should be No Dogs Allowed Dogs on the beach: One would have hoped that responsible dog owners would have been quite happy to comply with keeping their dogs on a lead on beaches. On Gorleston beach my grandson only recently was frightened by a large dog running up to him, the owner saying "Okay he is friendly" shows lack of commonsense. Neither the owner nor I can be sure of a dog's response to a child screaming or running away. Also on two different occasions my son and grandson have trodden in dog mess that owners had not cleared up. It is all very well that 90pc of owners say they are responsible and clean up their dogs mess, but this is a public beach! Great Yarmouth Council should impose the same restrictions as at Thorpeness "No dogs allowed on beach from May to September" - on all of the beach, not just a section. A suggestion which might stop the fury of dog owners on Gorleston beach, would be to allow their pets to run free at the south end, opposite the golf course. Very few people go this far to just sit or picnic. The little black bags scattered around the town show there is considerable lack of responsibility by many dog owners. Someone has to clear these from the streets. Owning a dog brings responsibilty to your fellow citizens, some of who may not see dogs as they do.	14/10/2016
7	Don't take away my beach funtime Re Great Yarmouth Borough Council's proposal to keep dogs on leashes on the beach from Caister to Salisbury Road. My name is Jackson and I am a very energetic cocker spaniel who has just had my first birthday. Early every morning I get so excited when my human mum says the word "beach". I know that this is my fun time, to chase my tennis ball, to play with my dog friends and sometimes to even have a swim in the sea. I never leave my poo behind although I know there are some very naughty doggy owners who do! Quite often on my walkies I come across dirty nappies, broken glass, discarded food and carrier bags. I am certain that these are not being left behind by my doggy friends. My mum says if I didn't get a good run twice a day I would be too energetic.	07/10/2016

	Please do not take away.	
8	Welcome dog beach ban move I welcome the ruling of keeping a dog on the lead. If a dog is let to run around freely how can the owner watch when their pet has a poo and is there to pick it up. I have a dog and he is never let off the lead so I am there to pick up the poo. Also, myself and two friends have been out walking on the field and all three of our dogs have been attacked by dogs off the lead. We do not venture onto the playing field any more for fear of another attack. So bring it on.	07/10/2016
9	Dog walkers help flora and fauna I am writing about the proposal for dogs to be kept on leads on the beach between Tan Lane, Caister and Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth. I am a responsible dog owner, a Caister resident and I have lived in either Great Yarmouth or Caister all my life. I have been a dog owner since 1963 and have always walked my dogs on the dunes and beaches of Yarmouth and Caister. I have completed the consultation and agree with a lot of the proposals put forward, but not with regard to this area of the beach. I have been informed by Cllr Carl Smith this area was included in the proposals at the request of one elected member who is concerned about the birds and wildlife and owners who let their dogs off and cannot see where their dog is fouling. Over the 53 years I have walked dogs on the dunes, the flora and wildlife has flourished and increased, there are more species of wildlife; skylarks have always nested on the dunes and still do. Dogs running about have not made a bit of difference. I have been informed that Natural England who manage the site want people to walk the dunes as this spreads the seeds of the rare dune plants. If the area is made non-dog friendly, a lot of dog owners will go elsewhere. A lot of the time, particularly in the winter months the only people you see in this area are dog walkers. I feel this measure will significantly affect tourism, local businesses and employment. Our beaches are listed on websites as dog friendly which is why holidaymakers and locals from Norwich and surrounding areas come here because they can exercise their dogs off lead and let them have a swim. I am friendly with some of the people who own caravans on the Seashore caravan camp, a lot are dog owners who buy caravans there because the beach is dog friendly. All these people use local shops, cafes and takeaways. Dogs need to be socialised off lead and given adequate exercise and for most dogs lead walks are not enough. There are a lot of dog owners who do not have transport to take their dogs to other places. I and my dog-walking friends regularly clear up rubbish left by humans, glass and plastic bottles, cans and takeaway litter. It is particularly bad around the Caister car park and Lifeboat sheds. It was plastic waste that killed the whales recently washed up on our shores!	07/10/2016
10	Walkers lead to diversification. I've been walking my dogs on the Dunes (which are used almost exclusively by dogwalkers and their families) for 22 years, and actually think wildlife flora and fauna are flourishing – possibly because of the human/dog presence. A fact born out by reports from Natural England on the benefits of tracks being opened up on the dunes by walkers leading to diversification (and so likely responsible for the presence of the rare grass and sea holly now found there). There is undoubtedly a problem with dogs mess – as there is everywhere in Great Yarmouth. But a ban on dogs off-lead will do nothing to improve that, and will likely cause the problem to worsen by driving away the responsible dog walkers who help catch the culprits, as well as clearing up some of the mess and litter left by others. The proposals to increase the powers of dog wardens in combating dog fouling will help far more than this blanket ban, which is creating so much ill feeling. Aside from the issue for dog walkers, the proposed ban on dogs off-lead on the dunes and Burgh Castle Fort would have a massive impact on holiday businesses. Lots of tourists stay/own caravans at the north end of town because of the freedom of walking on the dunes. Without exception, every dog walking visitor I have spoken to has expressed horror and disbelief and then declared they will not return to if the proposed ban is implemented. One local holiday park has already lost business, with a customer	07/10/2016

	deciding not to proceed with the purchase of a caravan because they had learned of the proposal. Not only would this proposal impact on the holiday parks and seafront cafes, but will also affect ancilliary business. As far as protecting wildlife/livestock is concerned, surely a simple ban on dogs being offlead where livestock is grazing, and a seasonal restriction on access to certain areas where ground-nesting birds are found would achieve the same level of protection? Let's hope that commonsense prevails here for the sake of the whole community. However, the survey is very misleading in its terminology resulting in people thinking that the "Site of Special Scientific Interest" refers simply to the Little Tern colony nesting area, and that "Heritage Sites" refers to places such as stately homes, and not 90 acres of land at Burgh Castle!! The majority of dog walkers are responsible people who care for their surroundings, and want to help combat the fouling problem. Let's get more interaction between the council and the dog walkers who can contribute knowledge and a massive constant presence to help the wardens.	
11	Well done for dogs on lead proposal Re the news item in last week`s Mercury on the proposed public spaces protection order (PSPO) making it compulsory for all dogs to be on leads in the listed Great Yarmouth and surrounding areas locations and the resulting complaints by dog owners. Well done GYBC for proposing this overdue requirement for all dogs to be on leads on these beaches and in these public spaces. It is not only dog owners that enjoy walking in these locations during the winter as well as the summer months. Not all dogs attack lone walkers but some do, and if the dog does not attack people do not want it jumping up on them or aggressively barking at them. Young children are particularly vulnerable; I have seen mothers who have had to scoop their child up into their arms to protect them from an approaching dog off the lead on beaches and public footpaths. Consequently this overdue requirement making it compulsory for all dogs to be on leads should be extended to all beaches and public spaces and apply all year round.	07/10/2016
12	Let our dogs run free on beach I refer to the proposals for dogs to have to be kept on the lead on the beach between Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth and Tan Lane, Caister. I am a responsible dog owner. I have taken the consultation survey and agree with 90pc of the proposals being put forward. Most of which are, in fact, common sense - at least to a responsible dog owner. However, the proposal to insist dogs remain on a lead whilst on the beach/dunes between Salisbury Road and Tan Lane could possibly be reviewed. The area of the beach between Barnard Bridge and Salisbury Road is used almost exclusively by families, friends and couples etc walking their dogs. It's a wonderful space for dogs to run free. Responsible dog owners pick up the dog mess, but there's always the minority who would not wherever they were. This area is not used for sunbathing, picnics or playing. I walk this area regularly and would challenge anybody to have to dodge dog mess all the time. Contrary to the proposal to designate the area to force dogs to be kept on a lead, it would be far better to erect signage to inform the public the area is an open space where dogs can run free with their owners. The public then could make an informed choice to walk on that specific part of the beach or choose a section of the other miles and miles of beach where the dogs are not allowed.	30/10/2016
13	I refer to last week's article regarding proposals for controlling dogs in specific areas. Dog owners need to be made aware that this includes making it an offence to walk unleashed dogs on the beach between Salisbury Road and Tan Lane, Caister. I completely understand the issue of a minority of irresponsible owners not picking up	23/09/2016

GREAT YARMOUTH MERCURY WEBSITE COMMENTS		
Number	**Comment**	**Date**
1	########, I pay council tax for things I have no interest in and which are free to users. I go out of my way to make sure my dogs are not a nuisance to others as I appreciate not everyone likes dogs. However, if I'm to be treated as an 'irresponsible dog owner' I might as well start acting like one, why waste money on poo bags when I don't have to and really if you don't own a dog and want to take it for a run on the beach why else would	01/10/2016
2	The list of places where the on-lead rule will apply seems very reasonable, but it would be a shame to have a blanket ban. Why can they not have a few areas where dogs can run free and interact as happens in other urban areas. Modern houses and terraces have small gardens. Dogs need to run and keep fit the same as we do and it's not right that they should never be able to feel free. Most other seaside towns and villages have the beach rule that dogs aren't allowed on the beach in the more popular family areas, but can run free further up the beach - such as the North Denes beyond the prom.	30/09/2016
3	Can cyclist be kept on a lead aswell . As they are a bigger problem on the FOOT paths the an any dog I've ever seen.	30/09/2016
4	No fury, but as an occasional visitor to Gt Yarmouth town centre, there appear to be some 'locals' (?) who should be kept on leash at all times.	30/09/2016
5	Owners should pay a dog tax to pay for the dog poo bins and poo disposal.	30/09/2016
6	I have two dogs,they aren't let off the lead in public areas for their and other dogs people's protection, I can't see what they are upto if they have run off up the beach I can't pick up after them if I haven't seen them poo, perhaps this is the attraction of letting off the lead for some irresponsible dog owners, I can appreciate some people aren't keen on dogs ,I don't want to force my two,onto them. I love dogs, a dog was almost stolen recently, if it had been away running up the road the lady couldn't have done anything.be responsible for your own pets, I am.	30/09/2016
7	As a dog owner, nothing I hate more than other dog owners walking around the streets with their dogs not on a lead. At the same time, the council needs to be sensible. My wife takes our dogs to Gorleston beach at 5:30am and they love to have a run around and splash in the sea. Sometimes we go to Gorleston beach in the afternoons, they are kept on a lead at all times, unless we find a bit of beach (space between two groins) where there's no one around, and only then will we let our dogs have a run. Same when we go to the park, if there's schoolkids around etc, they are on their leads at all times, if it's early morning, then they have a nice run around. I would argue that not being able to throw a ball and play fetch, or let your dogs have a bit of a full speed run when no one else is around, is verging on being cruel. Don't put blanket rules in place that don't take common sense into account. Fine, make all dogs be on leads between certain times in parks and beaches, but not 24hrs. On the street, yes a total ban.	30/09/2016
8	Good and about time too. Sick of feral dog owners with their huskies Staffies and goodness knows what else having no respect for other dog owners and more especially for everyone else. They will all have to invest in a long lead and walk further themselves.	30/09/2016
9	The law states that all dogs must be under control at all times when in a public place, a dog is only under control when on a lead, there is no argument here, that is a fact. get out there and start fining these irresponsible dog owners, for the record i am a dog owner and have been for over 35 yrs now.	30/09/2016
10	It is another great council plan . will extra council staff be required to enforce the rules, it is true dogs do need a good run and if they do not get it they are more likely to be aggresive, it might make more sense to ban dogs in great yarmouth.	30/09/2016
11	I don't see a problem. Dogs are like small children, I don't mind seeing them out and about but I do not wish to share your joy and love for them.	30/09/2016
12	Seems a very sensible idea and I know a lot of dog owners would agree given the rising number of dog attacks on both other dogs and people. I always keep my dog under control but many others sadly do not. Non dog owners have a right to go for quiet walks without putting up with the selfish attitude of some dog owners who allow their dogs to run off lead. There has also been a worrying number of attacks on farm animals and ground nesting birds that need to be protected. May I suggest that any person not complying should have their dog taken from them and barred from keeping a dog for a period of time.	30/09/2016
13	Great idea! Lets hope Norwich (including the parks) will be next.	30/09/2016
14	######, I believe dog owners pay the same council tax as the rest of us they do not pay extra for their dogs. If I wish to use additional council services to pursue my hobbies I pay for them and have to abide by the restrictions and availability, the same has to apply for those who chose to keep dogs for a hobby, the council does not have to provide a facility for dogs to run free or to interact with other dogs especially at the inconvenience of human paying users.	30/09/2016
15	###### I too am a rate payer and I am just as entitled to walk unhindered where I want without having to worry about an unleashed dog running around where I want to walk. It's all a matter of compromise at the end of the day and dog owners need to realise that just because they own a dog they can't always do what they want. Which up until now has been the case. I am sure at the end of the day the right balance will be struck by the council.	30/09/2016
16	I would have thought that Yarmouth had more to lose than gain by not allowing dogs a free run. This Act must surely cover just about all the open spaces in Yarmouth and I cannot think it necessary to impose this everywhere, surely there are some places they	30/09/2016

	can be allowed. As ########## says dogs need a free run for their well being and dog owners are council tax payers too. Also a lot of people with dogs go to places like Yarmouth for their holidays and might not do so if their dogs are not wanted. Still, hey ho! if the Council can afford to alienate prospective holidaymakers they get what they deserve.	
17	Totally agree they should all be on a lead. Lets make it apply everywhere.	30/09/2016
18	Dog owners have been given freedom to act responsibly, they have failed in this so it is time to bring them into line with the rest of society. ##########, maybe dogs have this need to run off lead and interact with their own kind but it is not an obligation for the general public to offer this. Dog owners have to pay for their hobbies like the rest of us.	30/09/2016
19	The problem is that dog owners think they have some divine right to let their animals roam at will, without any thought whatsoever to anyone else. Not everyone is a dog lover. Many people are apprehensive about coming into contact with a dog, especially if it particularly large and boisterous. Gorleston seafront at times is busier than Crufts. All I say to dog owners is that we non dog owners also have a right to roam where we want. Preferably not stepping in dog poo, making sure we do not trip over an extremely long lead or having to get out of the way of a dog running full pelt to have a sniff around another dog that is also not on a lead. Its more than just a few of irresponsible dog owners that are spoiling it for the many. And in that I include non dog owners. We have rights too.	30/09/2016
20	Dogs should be keeped on a lead not allowed to run wild.	30/09/2016
21	Dog walkers a more self entitled and angry group than cyclists - this is a good idea fully support GYBC in this makes it pleasant for all - mind the poop.	30/09/2016
22	Interested to hear the arguments against this.	30/09/2016
23	If you think this will deter irresponsible dog owners who have aggressive put of control dogs think again. They already have their dogs off-lead and allow them to attack other people's pets when they know their dogs are aggressive so why would they obey any on-lead signs? I guess it is yet another case of the good owners being penalised for the bad. Dogs need to be able to run free and interact with their own kind off-lead for their health and well-being.	30/09/2016
24	Well thats fine my dogs can be on leads, nothing's to say I have to be on the other end of the lead!!!	30/09/2016
25	The one year from 2014-2015 over 7000 reported dog attack on people from uncontrolled dogs. So good all dogs should kept on leds when in a public space.	30/09/2016

Appendix 4

BOROUGHWIDE PROPOSALS

DOG FOULING – REMOVAL OF FAECES

LOCATION	PROPOSER	LAND OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT	REASON	CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES ON LAND
Boroughwide	GYBC	Various	Hygiene and protection of public health	Borough currently covered under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. By updating land previously exempt would be covered

DIRECTION TO LEASH DOG

LOCATION	PROPOSER	LAND OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT	REASON	CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES ON LAND
Boroughwide	GYBC	Various	Safety. To enable officers to deal with dogs causing an immediate nuisance or danger to themselves or other users	Currently only selected sites are covered

SITE SPECIFIC CONTROLS

SCHEDULE 1

LAND TO WHICH THE DOGS ON LEAD REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY

LOCATIONS	PROPOSER	LAND OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT	REASON	CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES ON LAND
• Promenade adjacent to the beach between Wellington Pier and Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth • Promenade adjacent to the beach between the breakwater and Ravine, Gorleston To operate from Good Friday or 1st April (which ever falls first) to 30th September each year	Environmental Services	Both GYBC	Adjacent beaches have bans on during same period for health and hygiene reasons and enjoyment for other users. Dogs on leash requirement will minimise risk of dogs running onto beach. Should Council wish to pursue Blue Flag status this is a requirement for any land seeking such designation	Currently has an existing dogs on lead requirement operating 1st May to 30th September. Would like to extend current start date to take account of Easter
• Great Yarmouth (New) Cemetery North, Kitchener Road, Great Yarmouth • Great Yarmouth (Old) Cemetery South, Kitchener Road, Great Yarmouth • Great Yarmouth (Caister) Cemetery, Ormesby Road, Caister-on –Sea	Environmental Services / Bereavement Services	All GYBC	Respect for graves and other visitors. Complete bans have not been sought as sites provides a through route	Currently have dog bans in place, however sites provide a through route for pedestrians so officers feel a leash requirement would be more suitable

SCHEDULE 1 CONTINUED

LAND TO WHICH THE DOGS ON LEAD REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY

LOCATIONS	PROPOSER	LAND OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT	REASON	CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES ON LAND
• Elder Green Playarea, Elder Green, Gorleston • Hertford Way Playarea, Hertford Way, Gorleston • Pine Green Playarea, Pine Green, Gorleston • Clarendon Close (North) Playarea, Clarendon Close, Great Yarmouth • Clarendon Close (South) Playarea, Clarendon Close, Great Yarmouth • Dorset Close Playarea, Dorset Close, Great Yarmouth • Howard Street South Playarea, Howard Street South, Great Yarmouth • King Street Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), King Street, Great Yarmouth • Sidney Close Playarea, Sidney Close, Great Yarmouth	Environmental Services / Community Housing	All GYBC	Control around children's playsites - to avoid issues around dogs fouling and health/safety of children. Bans have not been pursued on sites they are located within a communal area providing access to properties	Dogs on lead requirement sought as sites are located in a communal area providing access to properties so dog ban would not be appropriate
• Green Lane Playing Field, Green Lane, Bradwell • Recreation Ground, Somerton Road, Winterton-on-Sea • Land adjacent to Village Hall (south), King Street, Winterton-on-Sea • Allotments, Black Street/Low Road, Winterton-on-Sea • Generation Wood, Mill Lane, Bradwell	All Parish Council	Parish Parish Parish GYBC	Concern regarding the number of dogs allowed to run free causing concern and fouling the areas	No Borough Council controls currently in place, however for Green Lane and Winterton Allotments Parishes have their own dogs on lead requirement and sites are signposted
• Roman Fort, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle • Caister Roman Fort, Norwich Road, Caister-on-Sea	Parish Council Land Owner	The Norfolk Archaeological Trust English Heritage	Historic issues with reports of attacks on other dogs and livestock. Protection of ground nesting birds. Site owners have had to remove grazing livestock from site To avoid the issue of dogs running free and causing nuisance	No GYBC controls . Trust have their own dogs on lead requirement in place from 1st March to 31st July No GYBC controls. English Heritage have their own dogs on lead requirement and site is signposted
• River Way, Belton	Environmental Services / adjacent Land Owner	Un-adopted road with public right of way	Repeated attacks on livestock on neighbouring field by dogs off the lead	No Borough Council controls currently in place, however signage has been erected requesting dogs be leashed
• Special Protection Area covering the beach from Salisbury Road, North Denes, Great Yarmouth to Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea	Member	GYBC	Protection of wildlife and for enjoyment of other users Supported by Planning Policy who have had an environmental impact analysis carried out on the site	No Borough Council controls currently in place
• St Margaret's Burial Ground and Churchyard, Yarmouth Road, Ormesby St Margaret	Parish Council	Parish and Diocese	Respect for graves and so that owners know when their dog has fouled	No Borough Council controls currently in place, however Parish have their own dogs on lead requirement and site is signposted

SCHEDULE 2

LAND TO WHICH THE DOG EXCLUSION/BAN SHALL APPLY

LOCATION, PROPOSER, REASON FOR PROPOSAL AND DOES CURRENT LEGISLATION ALREADY EXIST

LOCATIONS	PROPOSER	LAND OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT	REASON	CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES ON LAND
• All Borough Council owned or managed fenced playareas, fitness areas, skate parks and multi use games areas • Runham Playarea, Thrigby Road, Runham	Environmental Services	All GYBC	To reduce fear of use and for safety and hygiene issues	Dog bans in place on Council playsites and sports activity sites, however due to a lot of newer sites not all are currently covered Runham is not fenced but does have a natural boundary allowing ban to be implemented
• The beach between Wellington Pier and Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth • The beach between the breakwater and Ravine, Gorleston To operate from Good Friday or 1st April (which ever falls first) to 30th September each year	Environmental Services	Both GYBC	Hygiene and safety reasons on main section of beaches Should Council wish to pursue Blue Flag status this is a requirement for any land seeking such designation	Currently have existing dog bans operating 1st May to 30th September. Would like to extend current start date to take account of Easter
• Magdalen Lawn Cemetery, Oriel Avenue, Gorleston • Gorleston Old Cemetery, Magdalen Way, Gorleston	Environmental Services / Bereavement Services	Both GYBC	Respect for graves and other uses	Currently have dog bans in place
• Bland Corner, New Road, Belton	Parish Council	Bell Lane Charity	Conservation work carried out in area. Due to being adjacent to a busy road it is not felt the site is suitable for dog walking	No current Borough Council controls
• New Road Playing Field, New Road, Belton • Burgh Castle Playing Field, Church Road, Burgh Castle • Hemsby Playing Field, Waters Lane, Hemsby • Martham Playing Field, Rollesby Road/Playing Field Lane, Martham • Edgar Tenant Recreation Ground, Station Road, Ormesby St Margaret • Repps Playing Field, High Road/Church Road, Repps with Bastwick • Thurne Playing Field, The Street, Thurne	All Parish Council	All Parish	Sites are used predominantly for sports - safety and hygiene reasons	No Borough Council controls currently in place, however Parishes have their own dog ban requirements and sites are signposted
• Hemsby Burial Ground, The Street, Hemsby • St Edmunds Church and Parish Graveyard, Church Road, Thurne	Both Parish Council	Parish Parish/Diocese	Respect for graves	No Borough Council controls currently in place, however Parishes have their own dog ban requirements and sites are signposted
• Amenity Area, Pit Road, Hemsby	Parish Council	Unregistered	Small site not suitable for dogs to be exercised	No GYBC controls. Parish have their own dog ban requirement and site is signposted
• St Margaret's Ruins, Coast Road, Hopton-on-Sea	Parish Council	Parish	Safety and hygiene reasons on a listed site	No GYBC controls. Parish have their own dog ban requirement and site is signposted
• Allotment Gardens, Low Street/Church Road, Repps with Bastwick	Parish Council	Nicholas Evans Lombe Estate	Hygiene reason around crops and reduce fear to livestock	No GYBC controls. Parish have their own dog ban requirement and site is signposted

ADDITIONAL FORMAL PROPOSALS RECEIVED DURING CONSULTATION

LAND TO WHICH THE DOGS ON LEAD REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY

LOCATION	PROPOSER	LAND OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT	REASON	CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES ON LAND
• Beaconsfield Recreation Ground, Beaconsfield Road, Great Yarmouth • Cobholm Recreation Ground, Mill Road, Cobholm • Gorleston Recreation Ground, Church Lane, Gorleston • Magdalen Recreation Ground, Edinburgh Avenue, Gorleston • Mill Lane Recreation Ground, Mill Lane, Bradwell • Southtown Common, Suffolk Road, Gorleston	Member	All GYBC	Safety and hygiene reasons during organised sports events	No Borough Council controls currently in place. Proposal is that dogs should be leashed during any sporting event taking place