DOG FOULING IS A BIG ISSUE IN DAVENDRY DISTRICT.

Dog fouling is a big issue in Daventry District. Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Our research tells us that dog fouling is one of the issues residents are most concerned about. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness and seizures.

While many dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

Daventry District Council is keen to take measures to combat this problem and is proposing to use new powers contained in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to consolidate its three existing Dog Control Orders in a single Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). It is also considering giving its enforcement officers broader powers to deal with dog owners who fail to properly control their pets in public open spaces across the district. We consider the views of residents and businesses important in this matter and a period of consultation on the suggested PSPO will run until midnight on Monday 10th August 2015.

If you would like to comment, please complete this questionnaire and return it Freepost (no stamp required) by the closing date.

You can also complete the survey online at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultation

REVIEW OF EXISTING DOG CONTROL ORDERS, TO BE CONSOLIDATED IN A SINGLE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER.

Q1 Would you like to see the continuation of the existing power which makes it an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its faeces?

Please note that a registered blind person, or a person with a disability affecting their mobility, manual dexterity or ability to lift, carry or move everyday objects and who relies upon a dog trained by a prescribed charity for assistance is exempt from this order – agricultural land is also exempt from this order.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐

Q2 Do you support the continuation of the existing power that makes it an offence to allow a dog onto fenced/enclosed children's playgrounds which have been designated to exclude dogs?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐

Q3 Do you support the continuation of the existing power that makes it an offence to fail to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐
THE PROPOSED NEW POWERS, WHICH AIM TO ENHANCE THE COUNCIL’S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS.

Q4 Would you like to see the introduction of a new offence under the Public Space Protection Order which would require dog walkers to carry a poop bag or other means for clearing up after their pet?

*This would mean that if a dog walker could not produce, on request by our dog warden, a poop bag or similar they would risk being issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.*

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐

Q5 Would you like to see the introduction of a new offence under the Public Space Protection Order requiring dogs to be kept on leads in Daventry Country Park?

5.1 In the whole of the Country Park Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐
5.2 In a designated area of the Country Park Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐

GENERAL

Q6 Are you a dog owner?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q7 Do you support the Council’s proposal to set the level of fine for committing one of the above offences under the new Public Space Protection Order at £100?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know ☐

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Q8 If you have any additional comments about the proposed Public Space Protection Order that are not addressed in this questionnaire please feel free to write them below.

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ABOUT YOU

Any personal information provided will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Daventry District Council will not share information with anyone without your consent and all published survey results will remain anonymous.

Q9 Are you?

Male ☐   Female ☐

Q10 What is your age group?

18 and under ☐   19-24 ☐   25 – 34 ☐   35 – 44 ☐
45 – 54 ☐   55 -64 ☐   65 – 74 ☐   75+ ☐

Q11 Do you have a long-term illness or disability which limits your daily activities?

Yes ☐   No ☐

Q12 What is your postcode: ______________________________

Q13 Contact Details – completing this section is optional. However, if you provide your contact details we will be able to feedback the results of this consultation to you.

Name: 

Organisation (if applicable): 

Email or Address: 

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please return it Freepost (no stamp required) by Midnight 10th August 2015
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