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30 March 2022

## **FAO Town and Parish Council Clerks**

Dear Town and Parish Clerks,

### **Folkestone & Hythe District Council - Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)**

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is proposing to introduce a new Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under Section 59/60 of The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. As required under S72 of the 2014 the district council is making the necessary notification and consultation of the district's Town & Parish Councils of the proposed new Dog Control PSPO.

It is proposed that the new order will come into force on **18 May 2022** for a three-year period and is currently out to public consultation ending on **4 May 2022**. Please return any comments by this date.

The draft version of the new proposed Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order can be viewed in the following link – <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news/dog-control-pspo>

To comment on the new proposed order please

- Post: C/O Environmental Protection Services  
Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation  
Folkestone & Hythe District Council  
Civic Centre  
Castle Hill Avenue  
Folkestone, Kent  
CT20 2QY

Or

By email: [environmental.protection@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

### **Summary of the New Dog Control PSPO**

The following is a summary of the proposed measures within the PSPO. For full details of the PSPO and maps follow the link as above.

1. A person who is in charge of a dog, shall be guilty of an offence if they allow a dog to foul and do not pick the fouling up forthwith, unless they have a reasonable excuse

or the permission from the land owner. This applies on any land where the public has access.

2. Dogs are prohibited (banned) from designated sports and playing pitches within the whole District, as listed in the PSPO.
3. All dogs are prohibited from designated children's play areas, specifically areas with fixed play equipment including multi-use games areas and sand based play areas as listed in the PSPO.
4. All dogs are required to be on leads in all graveyards, church yards and memorial gardens at all times as listed in the PSPO.
5. From the 1 May to 30 September annually, all dogs are prohibited from designated coastal beaches.
6. From the 1 May to the 30 September, annually, all dogs are required to be on leads on all promenades adjacent to designated coastal beaches.
7. Failure to keep a dog under close control at all times or prevent a dog causing a public nuisance.

Failure to comply with the Dog Control PSPO Public Spaces Protection Order could result in the issuing of £100 Fix Penalty Notice (FPN) or if prosecuted a fine not more than £2500.

Yours sincerely,

**Andrew Clarke**  
**Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer**