

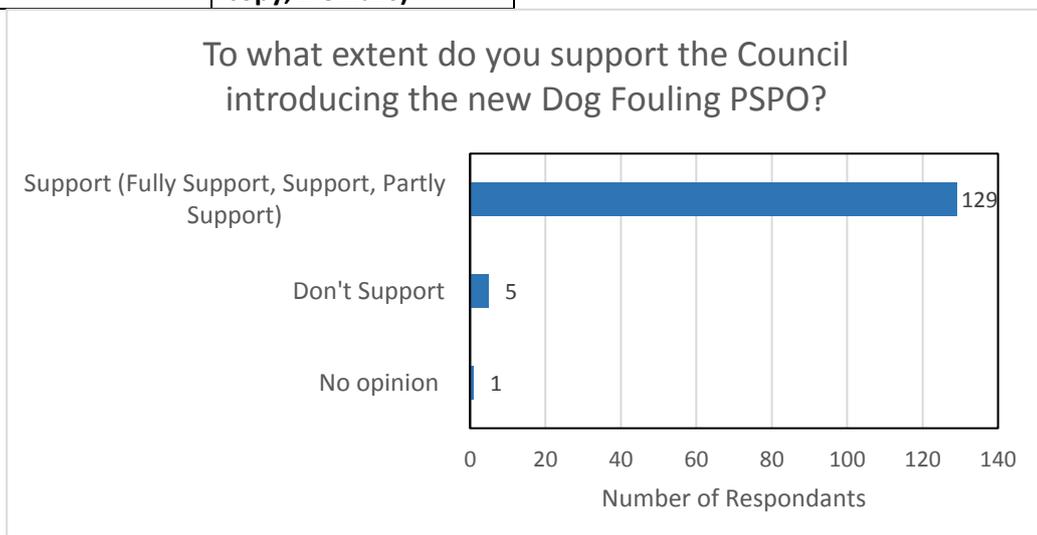
APPENDIX 2

PSPO Consultation Survey Results

Question	Responses	Percentage	Comments
Do you own a dog?	Yes -79 No – 53	Yes – 59.8% No – 40.1%	
Are you a resident/councillor/visitor/ other?	Resident- 124 Parish council representative - 11 Visitor -2 Other - 1		Other – lives on the border of East Cambs/Suffolk Number is greater than total respondents as some people have answered more than one option (i.e. resident and parish council representative)
To what extent do you support the Council introducing the Dog Fouling PSPO? (See below)	Fully Support – 117 Support - 7 Partly Support- 5 Don't Support- 5 No opinion – 1	Support (Fully Support, Partly Support, Support) – 95.5% Don't Support – 3.7% No opinion – 0.74%	Total – 135 (132 online, 1 paper copy, 2 emails)

Responses	No of Respondents
Fully Support	117
Support	7
Partly Support	5
Don't Support	5
No opinion	1
Total	135 (132 online, 1 paper copy, 2 emails)

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Comments from 'Don't Support' respondents

- I feel that providing the mess is to the side/ not directly in the path then **it should be left to degrade naturally**. Collecting the poo in a plastic bag only aides to our issues with landfill and use of plastic
- **There are inadequate dog bins** in the areas described, this is currently acceptable as these are areas of low traffic and therefore low risk of passers by being at any health risk. If dog owners are forced to pick up this waste, then more bins must be put in these places and regularly collected. It would be a far greater health risk to have people walking a great distance holding dog mess, so this must be avoided. This would be a significant cost, which is unnecessary, as the risk to health is currently negligible

Ely is a very dog friendly city. Many of its residents are both proud to live in Ely and proud to own dogs. **Dog fouling of land is a result of poor investment in bins.** Consider the underlying problem, not the symptom.

It is ridiculous, for example, **to require dog owners to search across a ploughed field for dog faeces!** I support the current regulations and am a responsible dog owner but I do not support this wholesale and unreasoned extension of the regulations.

- I pick up after my dog. Most dog walkers are vigilant about keeping an eye on other people's welfare, they notice when things are not right - they are the regular eyes in the street. I feel safe when my older kids are hanging out in areas where there are dog walkers because I know there would be help on hand if they had an accident or faced harm. **Dog fouling is offensive but I think this notice unfairly demonises and sections out one group** (a generally helpful group) in our society. Litter, especially broken glass causes far more harm to people, plastic litter v long term harm to wildlife . Dog mess though unacceptable is only one part of the picture. I also think that these anti social behaviours should be tackled with positive messages not penalties. Besides I would like the police to spend resources tackling more important crimes.
- I believe dog's mess should always be cleared up but the Littleport locals can be nasty enough about people who don't do it, or who they think don't do it, without giving them more reason for their animosities.

Comments from 'Partly Support' respondents

- Other villages under ECDC gave far better open spaces with **lots more bins** in situ, this is what you should be concentrating on not bringing in more rules and regulations that only punish dog walkers
- No I think there is too much regulation on open spaces as it is, how about spending more on anti social behaviour orders and getting shops in Soham high street to clear up their rubbish such as cigarette butts

- Before bringing in this new order at considerable cost the **council should invest money in more bins/ dog waste bins** near every footpath and byway and empty them more regularly.
- Only a very small minority of dog owners failing to pick up. I'm more concerned at the amount of cat faeces I have to pick up in my private garden I've even seen cats pooing in children's play areas but apparently cat owners are exempt from responsibility.
- Fouling on agricultural land is done by numerous animals, both wild and domesticated. In particular horses fouling are a problem on footpaths, bridleways, droves and lanes. Whilst the health risks from horse fouling are lower, the problems of smell, and general unpleasantness are the same, and the deposits are significantly bigger. Therefore the same ruling should apply to all riders of horses and ponies.
- Not something which I feel can be easily enforced without expense and resources being found. It's **not something that I see as a high priority** and don't want to fund the resources to enforce if when I imagine PCSO are better placed to deal with this.

Comments from 'Fully Support' respondents

- Responsible dog owners always pick up their dogs produce anyway, so this will have no impact on them. Irresponsible dog owners will take no notice.
- Dogs fouling pavements is a real problem in our village especially around school and other local amenities where small children are walking.
- It is very easy to pick up dog mess especially if there are bins provided to place it in.
- Dog fouling is antisocial, unpleasant and inconsiderate. There is NO excuse.
- There is a significant issue in the area and something needs to change to stop people doing it.
- I live near Qua Fen Common and visit it regularly with my 5 year old son. **Common land is not covered by the current legislation and I welcome its inclusion.**
- I think it is every dog owner's responsibility to clear up after their dog.
- To help make the local area safer and more pleasant for visitors and locals

Other comments:

- I would like members of the public to be able to report dog fouling by sending a photo or name of the owner to a single email address – *The new 'envirocrime' email address has been set up so that a report can be made online to the team. More information will be placed on the web site detailing what makes good evidence and a*

You Tube video is going to be made to educate the public as well as some targeted promotional days.

- **More bins around** – *The purchase of dog bins is down to the parish councils and we will be encouraging Parish Councils to provide more if possible and appropriate. We have 315 dog bins in the district.*
- **Please can you sticker up bins to say they can be used for bagged dog waste** as I think people are unaware of this and think that only dog waste bins can be used. Also, please please please start emptying the waste bins regularly in Isleham as they have been left in a disgusting state this summer! Thank you. – *Stickers are being designed currently.*
- There are dog bins in my area but often these are not emptied in a timely fashion; leading to them overflowing. – *The waste team advise these are emptied every week. North of the district emptied on a Mon/Tues, South of the district emptied on a Thurs/Fri.*
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