

Appendix E

1. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- 1.1 In total 297 people responded to the consultation. Out of all of the responses 287 were via the online survey accessed through the RBWM webpage. (Redacted responses can be shared upon request) and 10 were via paper copies of the survey.
- 1.2 Residents were first asked: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to address dog fouling and effective dog control for Windsor, Maidenhead and Ascot for a further 3 years?
- 1.3 272 respondents agreed or strongly agreed to the proposed continuation. Only 14 respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed. The remainder did not respond.
- 1.4 Residents were then asked: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to address cycling on the highway in pedestrianised zones of High Street, Maidenhead and the pedestrianised zones of Peascod Street, Windsor for a further 3 years?
- 1.5 238 respondents agreed or strongly agreed to the proposed continuation. Only 50 respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed. The remainder did not respond.
- 1.6 We received feedback on the proposals from the Windsor Ascot Maidenhead Active Travel, Windsor Cycle Hub & Active travel group, Windsor & Maidenhead Cycling Action group and the Windsor Cycle Hub. The primary suggestion was that the PSPO relating to cycling operate during the hours of 10am to 5pm to bring it in line with restrictions on motor vehicles. This feedback has been taken into consideration and we are proposing to amend the PSPO accordingly.
- 1.7 We received feedback on the proposals from the Dogs Trust who fully support a well implemented order on fouling and suggested that an adequate number of disposal points are provided, free disposal bags and sufficient signage. They also questioned whether issuing on the spot fines was effective. We will pass on their feedback to our parks teams re bins and review our signage. We addressed the query re fines in that we first and foremost regard the PSPO as an opportunity to engage, educate and change behaviour with fines being a last resort and a deterrent.
- 1.8 We also received feedback from the Kennel Club who suggested some other proactive measures that could be implemented in addition to the PSPOs such as increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog faeces 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. They also encouraged local authorities to be more flexible and use targeted measures at their disposal. They also emphasised the importance of clear signage to ensure dog walkers are aware that PSPOs are operating in the areas.

- 1.9 The Kennel Club also encouraged the Council to allow for some flexibility when considering whether a disabled person's dog is acting as an assistance dog. They suggested that the Council could consider adopting the definitions of assistance dogs used by Mole Valley District Council or Northumberland County Councils. This will be passed onto our legal teams for consideration.