

The Clerk
Town/Parish Council

Our Ref : JT
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Date : 26 June 2019
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Dear Clerk,

**Proposed Public Spaces Protection (Control of Dogs) Order
Consultation**

Amber Valley Borough Council is aware that clean streets are one of the most important priorities for residents and visitors to the area. Dog fouling continues to be a concern to local residents, although we are aware that it continues to be a minority of dog owners who do not behave responsibly in public areas. The council wishes to use all the powers available to it to ensure that public spaces remain clear of dog fouling.

The council is therefore consulting on its plan to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dogs in the borough. If introduced, the PSPO will require any person in charge of a dog:

- to immediately remove any of the dog's faeces from public areas;
- in public areas, to show they have suitable means in their possession for cleaning up dog faeces, e.g. a suitable bag;
- to keep the dog on a lead in cemeteries and burial grounds; and
- to prevent it from entering or remaining in children's play areas within parks and open spaces.

Any person found, by an authorised person, to be in breach of these requirements will commit an offence and could be dealt with either by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution in the magistrate's court.

The council recognises that, for those who use an assistance dog, these requirements are not reasonable and therefore they will be exempt from the requirements of the PSPO.

The council wishes to address issues relating to dogs through education and awareness raising, and will therefore promote the PSPO, should it be adopted, in the following ways:

- Published media such as residents and parish newsletters, press release and on-site notice boards.
- Social media through corporate accounts on Twitter and Facebook.
- Reference material will be added to the council's website.

If you would like more information about the proposed PSPO you can read more details at www.ambervalley.gov.uk/pspoconsultation

Should your council wish to comment on this proposal I would be grateful to receive any representations by no later than Friday 2 August 2019. It is my intention to report the outcome of this consultation to the next meeting of this council's cabinet on Wednesday 4 September 2019.

Yours sincerely

Julian Townsend
Executive Director (Operations)