

## **Invitation to comment on proposed Dog Control Orders in Wiltshire**

Dog Control Orders can be made by the Council regarding any land to which the public have a right of access:

1. Requiring the person in control to clean up after a dog has fouled;
2. Prohibiting Access by dogs;
3. Requiring dogs to be kept on leads;
4. Requiring dogs to be put on a lead when required by an authorised officer of the Council.
5. Restricting the number of dogs that can be in the control of one person on certain land.

In exercising its powers, the Authority is required to adopt a fair balance between the needs and aspirations of dog owners and non-dog owners. It is also essential that any orders should be capable of being enforced within reasonable resources.

Currently, there are a variety of inconsistent Orders covering the areas of the four predecessor Districts. It is intended to replace all existing Orders with one consistent set. The proposals are summarised in the table below:

Order	Proposal	Comments
Dog Fouling	Make generic County Wide order	Aim to cover most land.
Dog Exclusion	Make generic County wide order	Enclosed Children's play areas only plus land covered by existing orders
Dogs on Lead	No Generic Order	Confirm existing order, discourage further use.
Dogs on Lead on request of authorised officer	No Generic Order	Discourage use
Maximum number of dogs in control of one person	No Generic order	Discourage use

In order to help frame the proposals which will go to a formal consultation process comments on behalf of Area Boards, Council Members, Parish Councils and other interested bodies and individuals are being sought. The consultation paper,

including full details of the proposal can be accessed at the following link, together with a questionnaire for making comments, by **7 February 2011**.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

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