

COLLATION OF RESULTS
Questionnaires sent to all Parish Councils and Town Councils – 23 Questionnaires returned
Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
Re: Consultation on Dog Control Orders

QUESTION			COMMENTS
1a) Do you think that North Wiltshire District Council should adopt a district wide Dog Fouling Control Order?	Yes = 21	No = 1	But we believe it should be wider than simply Dog Fouling, see (2) below. (Little Somerford PC)
1b) If yes, do you agree with the type of land covered and excluded by the Dog Fouling Control Order?	Yes = 19 N/A = 1	No = 1	Unfenced public footpaths crossing exempted land should not be included in this order. (Little Somerford PC) As per the Schedule. (Corsham TC)
1c) Do you think this level of fixed penalty proposed is appropriate?	Yes = 19		Fine to be a minimum of £100, with no discount for prompt payment. (Chippenham TC) For the first offence. (Minety PC)
	No = 1 N/K = 1		Should be more for persistent offenders. (Lyneham & Bradenstoke PC)
2) Do you think that Town and Parish Councils are best placed to implement Dog Control Orders for specific local dog offences, other than dog fouling?	Yes = 2		But care will be required when delegating power to small Parish Councils. Not Parish. (Luckington & Alderton PC)
	No = 18		Parish Councils are not. (Broad Town PC) District Councils. (Biddestone PC) We believe that NWDC should include offences 3 & 4 as well (viz not putting and keeping dog on lead unless directed by authorised officer <u>and</u> permitting dog onto) land from which dogs excluded). (Little Somerford PC) Parish Councils do not have the resources, (Minety PC) Not Parish. (Yatton Keynell PC)
	Possibly = 2		Will be investigated further etc in due course. (Calne DC) (Box PC)

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3) Do you propose to exercise the powers to make Dog Control Orders yourself?	No = 22	Lack of resources. (Cricklade TC)	Not if 3 & 4 are part of NWDC's Dog Control Order. (Little Somerford PC)
	Possibly = 1	(Calne DC)	
4a) Do you want the District Council to exercise the powers on your behalf?	Yes = 20		
	No = 2		
4b) If yes would you be prepared to reimburse the District Council the total cost incurred in making a Dog Control Order.	Yes = 1 (Sherston PC)	No = 16	<p>Would depend on costs involved, we assume you will be keeping the fines collected which would even out these costs. (Lydiard Millicient)</p> <p>Certainly not. (Yatton Keynell PC)</p> <p>Not without some idea of how much this will cost – this Council's only means of raising money is by taxing the local community. (Malmesbury TC)</p> <p>Subject to consultation on the amount. (Sherston PC)</p> <p>Cannot commit to this without knowing the cost. (Minety PC)</p> <p>It would be very difficult for a Parish Council of our size to find further funding. (Hilmartin PC)</p>
	N/K = Incidentally what is the cost? (Little Somerford PC)		<p>N/K = Depend on cost (Box PC)</p> <p>N/K = not able to answer without knowing who gets the fine and how much we would charge. (Biddestone PC)</p> <p>N/A = (Calne DC) (Kington St Michael PC)</p>

Any additional comments?

Response agreed at Parish Council Meeting of 30.11.06. (Castle Combe PC)

Must have sufficient bins in areas of popular dog walking – applicable in urban areas mainly. (Kington St Michael)

The Parish Council fully supports the stronger stand being taken on the dog nuisance. (Broad Town PC)

Parish Meetings have no resources for funding. Dog Control Orders should be implemented by primary authorities within existing budgets. (Marston Meysey PC)

What will you do with the fine income? (Yatton Keynell PC)

Fixed penalty notice could have costs added in case of dispute. (Minety PC)

Is a public footpath on private land covered? (Minety PC)

Prosecutions do work – need at least one in an area for effect. (Minety PC)

Would a district wide order negate existing bye-laws? (Minety PC)

Please ensure that the fine is clearly visible on the signs. Also, increase the number of dog waste bins and empty them frequently. (Corsham TC)

I contacted Sgt J Mattis to check whether the issuing of Dog Control Orders could come under role of PCSO's but have not had a response. (Cricklade TC)

Our Parish Council were concerned about how implementation would be funded, but at the same time felt anything that could be done to improve dog fouling especially would be welcomed. (Hilmarton PC)

Questionnaire not completed - no particular comments to make at this stage. (Wootton Bassett TC)

Please return this completed questionnaire to the address below by no later than 18th December 2006.