RENEWING THE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN STOCKPORT

1. Background - what is the issue and what is being proposed?

1.1 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014, gives councils the power to create Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) when antisocial behaviour in a designated area becomes detrimental to the local community. These orders last three years but can be renewed.

1.2 PSPO's effectively impose restrictions on activities and behaviour in the designated area which apply to everyone there. This provides additional powers and options to Council officers and police when communities are faced with antisocial behaviour.

1.3 Enforcement action can be taken either by the police or by Stockport Council who have the authority to issue penalty notices for a minimum fine of £100 per offence.

1.4 Court action can be taken if appropriate. Upon summary conviction a fine can be imposed by a Magistrates court to a maximum of £1000.

2. Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

2.1 In 2018, Stockport Council put in place a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to help promote responsible dog ownership. This followed on from significant numbers of complaints about dog fouling. Concerns had also been raised about dogs being allowed off leads - into children's play areas, sports areas, and cemeteries, and about an increase in professional dog walkers taking large numbers of dogs at a time into our parks and open spaces.

2.2 The Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership PSPO addressed these concerns:

- The penalty for allowing a dog to foul on public land was increased from £50 to £100.
- Dogs were excluded from enclosed children's play areas and from other enclosed recreational areas such as bowling greens and tennis courts.
- The number of dogs under the control of one person on parks and other open areas was limited to four dogs per person.
- Dogs were required to be kept on leads in cemeteries.
- Anybody walking a dog was required to have the means to pick up any fouling.
- Anybody causing a nuisance with their dog or unable to control it was required to put the dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer.

2.3 Exceptions were made for working dogs, and for those people who require assistance dogs, and might therefore be unable to see or pick up dog fouling.

3. The Impact of the 2018 Order

3.1 The Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership PSPO was successful in tackling the issues described in 2.1, above. Reports of all animal fouling fell by significantly in the first year of the PSPO. The order was renewed in 2022. It expired in March 2025.

3.2 Since the expiration of the PSPO, it has not been possible to enforce its conditions, and the Dog Warden has not been able to issue any fixed penalty notices, however other enforcement measures were available. Although complaints about animal fouling are lower than previously, there were still 378 in the twelve month period following the expiry of the PSPO.

4. Proposal to renew the order and consultation

4.1 We propose to put in place the Public Space Protection Order to promote responsible dog ownership set out in Appendix One. The requirements relating to dog fouling, the means to pick up dog fouling, dogs on leads by direction and a maximum of four dogs per person apply to all land within the area of Stockport MBC that is open to the air and to which the public have access. The requirements for dogs to be kept on leads in cemeteries and excluded from enclosed recreational areas apply to the land specified in Schedules 4 and 5 respectively.

4.2 A public consultation of residents and community stakeholders was undertaken in summer 2025. They were asked

- Whether they agreed or disagreed that dog fouling is a problem in Stockport
- Whether the amount of the fixed penalty should change from £100
- Whether they agreed or disagreed that dogs should be excluded from children's playgrounds and other enclosed recreational areas
- Whether they agreed or disagreed that dogs should be kept on leads in cemeteries
- Whether they agreed or disagreed that one person should have no more than four dogs under their control in public areas
- Whether they agreed or disagreed that dog owners should be required to put dogs on a lead if their dogs cause a nuisance or are out of control
- Whether they agreed or disagreed that is should be a requirement that dog owners should carry a means to pick up fouling
- Whether they agreed or disagreed that the proposed PSPO will help to address complaints about fouling and dog behaviour in Stockport
- Whether they had any other comments they wished to make.

4.3 There were five responses to the consultation. Three were from members of the public. Their responses are contained in appendix two, below. One response was from the Trans Pennine Trail organisation, and one response was from the Kennel Club. The Kennel Club and the Trans Pennine Trail organisation both provided general statements. These will be discussed in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6, below. The Trans Pennine Trail comments are contained in Appendix three, and the Kennel Club response is in Appendix four, below.

4.4 There was strong support for maintaining restrictions aimed at promoting responsible dog ownership. Some respondents also suggested further measures, including limiting

the number of dogs one person can control at any one time, improving signage, increasing the £100 fixed penalty, and requiring dogs to be on leads in all public areas.

4.5 The statement from the Trans Pennine Trail organisation strongly supported the PSPO that had been put in place in Manchester. They stressed the importance of protecting the safety of trail-users. They were concerned about the potential for harm to people, pets, and the environment caused by dogs which are not properly under control.

5. The Kennel Club response to the consultation

5.1 The Kennel Club provided a detailed and constructive response to the consultation. They highlighted the importance of ensuring PSPO's are a necessary and proportionate response to problems, and for local authorities to balance the interests of dog owners with those of others. They recommended that the Council take the following proactive steps:

- Increase the number and visibility of litter bins
- Clearly communicate that bagged dog waste can be disposed of in litter bins
- Run public awareness campaigns
- Use signage and local initiatives (eg Green Dog Walkers) to reinforce positive behaviour

5.2 The Council does not have the resources to increase the number of litter bins at present. It is difficult to put bins in the middle of large open spaces such as parks because we need to minimise the distances operatives have to walk to and from their vehicle to go and empty each bin. However, there are litter bins at the entrances to our local parks, and at strategic points within them.

5.3 All of our litter bins are clearly marked as accepting bagged dog fouling.

5.4 The PSPO will be publicised through the usual channels. We acknowledge the need to raise and maintain awareness and will be looking to run social media campaigns highlighting the PSPO at regular intervals throughout its duration.

5.5 There are already signs at strategic locations, and we will look to renew and replace these as required.

5.6 The Kennel Club suggested being open to working with volunteer groups who want to put themselves forward as Green Dog Walkers to support positive dog behaviours. The council are happy to do so should we be approached.

5.7 The Kennel Club support the intent to ensure owners are equipped to pick up after their dogs. However, they raised concerns about penalising owners who may have already used their last bag during a walk, or for some other genuine reason were unable to demonstrate the means to pick up. There are 'reasonable excuse defences' for the offences within the PSPO, and anyone in receipt of a fixed penalty notice is entitled to make representations. Therefore, it is unlikely that unfair fines will be issued.

5.8 The Kennel Club supported the proposal to require dogs to be put on leads in certain defined areas but were concerned about blanket restrictions. They recommended that such restrictions be targeted, evidence based, and, where appropriate, time limited. The proposed PSPO only requires dogs to be put on leads in cemeteries. The use of

cemeteries is not seasonal, and therefore it is not proposed to make this a time-limited condition.

5.9 The Kennel Club strongly supported the 'on lead by direction' power. They emphasised that officers using those powers should be trained in basic dog-behaviour and to understand the difference between nuisance and perceived fear. The officer who will do most of the monitoring and implementation of the PSPO is the Council's Dog Warden, who is very experienced in dealing with dogs, and in challenging behaviour in a proportionate manner.

5.10 The Kennel Club do not support the proposal to limit the number of dogs any one person can walk to four at a time. Their view is that the maximum number depends on the walker, the dogs, whether leads are used, and the location. They recommend that if the proposed measure is implemented it should be accompanied by an accreditation scheme. The Kennel Club's comments are noted and appreciated. However, the Council does not have the resources to implement and maintain an accreditation scheme. The maximum of four dogs per person applies to the land described in Schedule 6. The reasonable-excuse and landowner-consent provisions in article 7, and the working-dog exemption in article 8, remain unchanged. Anyone aggrieved by receiving a fixed penalty notice can make representations and/or rely on the reasonable-excuse defence.

5.11 The Kennel Club did not oppose dog exclusions from enclosed areas where suitable alternative spaces for dog walking are available nearby, although they were concerned displacing problems. They recommend Councils evaluate access to open, off-lead exercise areas in those areas affected by the exclusions. They also recommend that exclusions are seasonal or time limited for sports pitches. The enclosed areas are usually within larger parks where dogs can be exercised off-lead. There are approximately 50 that stand alone, and these are usually within walking distance of green spaces where there are no restrictions. There are many unenclosed football pitches within parks and green spaces. These fall within the PSPO area but are not subject to the restrictions applying to enclosed areas. We have not previously been able to measure any shift in the location of complaints that would indicate displacement and therefore do not propose amending this.

5.12 The Kennel Club were concerned about potentially negative impacts on vulnerable groups, including users of assistance dogs. They felt the Council should recognise that many disabled people enjoy the company of a pet dog, which may not be an official assistance dog. There are exemptions within the PSPO which apply to the users of assistance dogs, and to people who are vulnerable.

6. Legal Basis

6.1 As part of the consultation the Council has published the draft Order and rights of appeal.

6.2 The consultation responses have been considered as set out in this report. The Order is made under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The requirements and prohibitions are set out in Appendix One, together with the land to which they apply, the exemptions and the rights of appeal.

6.3 Wider publicity will be needed around any proposed Order, linking in to information on the Council, GMP and Safer Stockport Partnership websites.

7 Recommendation

7.1 That the executive member approves the Public Space Protection Order to promote responsible dog ownership set out in Appendix One.

Appendix One – Public Space Protection Order Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Stockport MBC

Dog Controlling and Dog Fouling

Public Spaces Protection Order 2026

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its power under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 {"the Act") and of all other enabling

powers being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the act have been

met hereby makes the following order:

1. The effect of this order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or

requirements in the public places described in the Schedules to this order and

where appropriate shown edged in red on the plans annexed to this order.

Offences

2. Fouling of land by dogs

(a) If a dog defecates at any time on land referred to in schedule 1 of this

order and the person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to

remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of

an offence unless:

(i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) The owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of

the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person

failing to do so; or

(iii) That person is subject to the exemptions listed in article 8.

3. Means to pick up dog faeces

(a) A person in charge of a dog on land referred to in schedule 2 of this

order, shall be guilty of an offence, if, at any time, he does not comply

with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the council to produce a device for or other suitable means of removing dog faeces and transporting it to a bin (whether or not the dog has defecated) unless:

(i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) The owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or

(iii) That person is subject to the exemptions listed in article 8.

4. Dog on lead by direction

(a) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence, if, at any time on land referred to in schedule 3 of this order, he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the council to put and keep the dog on a lead unless:

(i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so.

(b) For the purpose of this article:

(i) An authorised officer of the council may only give a direction under this article to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any other animal or bird on any land to which this article applies.

5. Dogs on leads in cemeteries

(a) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence, if, at any time

on land referred to in schedule 4 of this order, he does not keep the dog on a lead unless:

(i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so.

6. Dogs excluded

(a) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence, if, at any time he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or remain on land referred to in schedule 5 of this order unless:

(i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or

(iii) That person is subject to the exemptions listed in article 8.

7. Maximum number of dogs

(a) A person in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time he takes more than four dogs on land referred to in schedule 6 of this order unless:

(i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to doing so.

8. Exemptions

(a) Nothing in articles 2, 3 and 6 shall apply to a person who:

(i) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

(ii) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or

(iii) who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on the ability to carry out normal day to day activities including affecting his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity or such other charity/approved body as is considered appropriate by the council and upon which he relies for assistance or

(iv) is training an assistance dog for one of the prescribed charities or such other charity/approved body as is considered appropriate by the Council.

(v) is not a person falling within the criteria mentioned in paragraphs (i) to (iv) above but who the council considers should be exempt due to the impairment of that particular person.

(b) Nothing in the order shall apply to the normal activities of a working dog whilst the dog is working. This includes dogs that are being used for work in connection with emergency search and rescue, law enforcement and the work of HM Armed Forces and farm dogs that are being used to herd or drive animals.

For the purpose of this order:

• A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;

• Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;

• Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

• An "authorised officer of the authority" means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of the Council who is authorised in writing by

the Council for the purpose of giving direction under the order.

• Each of the following is a "prescribed charity".

- Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454),
- Support Dogs Limited (registered charity number 1088281),
- Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number (803680).

9. Penalty

A person who is guilty of an offence under this order shall be liable on summary

conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

10. In force

This order shall come into force on:

for a period of three years

Schedules to proposed order.

Schedule 1. All land within the area of Stockport MBC that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

Schedule 2. All land within the area of Stockport MBC that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

Schedule 3. All land within the area of Stockport MBC that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

Schedule 4.

Mill Lane Cemetery Cheadle.

Highfield Cemetery, Bredbury.

Park Road Cemetery, Cheadle.

Stockport Cemetery and Crematorium, Stockport.

Willow Grove Cemetery, Reddish.

Schedule 5.

Play Areas
Abbeydale Close Lap 1
Abbeydale Close Lap 2
Adder Park
Adswood Park
Alexandra Park
Balmoral Gardens LAP
Bean Leach Road Play Area
Blackstone Road Play Area
Blair Close Play Area
Bloomfield Close Lap
Bognor - Alderley LAP
Bognor - Bexhill LAP
Bognor - Goodwood LAP
Bonar Park
Boothby Street Park
Brabyns Park
Bradshaw Hall Park
Bramhall Park
Bredbury Rec. Ground
Briars Mount - Briars Hollow LAP
Briars Mount - Briars Mount 1 LAP
Briars Mount - Tennyson LAP

Briars Mount -Briars Mount 2 LAP
Briars Mount -Briars Mount 3 LAP
Brigehall Play and Muga
Brindale Road Park
Brinnington Park
Brookside Park
Bruntwood Park
Cale Green Park
Carrs Road Park
Castle Street
Catterwood Drive Play Area
Cavalier LAP 1
Cavalier LAP 2
Chapel Street Lap
Cheadle Heath Park (Gorsey Bank Park)
Cheadlewood LAP 1
Cheadlewood LAP 2
Cheadlewood LAP 3
Cherry Tree Drive (Tannock) Play Area
Cheviot Road Play Area
Clarendon Road Park
Coppice Court LAP
Cornfield Road LAP
Cote Green Road Park
Covent Garden / London Sq Play Area
Craig Road Park

Crescent Park
Cromwell Avenue Play Area
Devonshire Road Park
Diamond Jubilee Park
Dysart Street LAP
East Avenue Park
Eden Park Lap
Eden Park Play Area
Fir Tree Lap
First House Play Area
Foggbrook Close LAP
Gatley Rec. Ground
Glenville Close LAP
Gotherage Lane Park (Cherry Tree Road Play Area)
Goyt Valley Road Play Area
Grafton Street Park
Great Moor Park
Green Lane Park
Greenlands Close LAP
Half Moon Lane Park
Hallam Gardens Play Area
Harewood Close Lap
Hawk Green Play Area
Heathbank Road Play Area
Heaton Mersey Park
Heaton Moor Park

Heaton Norris Rec.
Hempshaw Lane LAP
High Lane Park
Highfield Park LAP 1
Highfield Park LAP 2
Hollywood Park
Houldsworth Park
Huntley Road Play Area
Ince Close Play Area
Kingfisher Road LAP
Lancashire Hill Play Area
Lavington Avenue LAP 1
Lavington Avenue LAP 2
Lavington Avenue LAP 3
Lavington Avenue LAP 4
Lavington Avenue LAP 5
Ludworth Rec. Ground
Lumb Lane Park
Manchester Road Park
Maple Avenue Park
Marbury Road Park
Marple Memorial Park
Mellor Rec. Ground
Millbrow Rec. Ground
Millwood Close LAP
Moat Walk Play Area

Mottram Street Piazza Play Area
Mount Drive
Norris Hill Farm Play Area
North Reddish Park
Oak Meadow Play Area
Oakleigh Road LAP
Overdale Park
Parkside Park
Peak Street Play Area
Peel Moat Play Area
Pennine Road Park
Peregrine Road Park
Regency Gardens LAP
Riversdale View Play Area
Romiley Rec. Ground
Rose Vale Park
Scholars Green 1 (2 Scholars Drive)
Scholars Green 2 (27 Scholars Drive)
Shaw Heath Park
Simpson Street LAP
Sleddale Road LAP
Smithy Green Play Area (Pine Street)
Snowden LAP (Conway Rd)
South Park
South Reddish Park
St John's Wood - Cherry LAP

St John's Wood - Farcroft LAP
St John's Wood - Hall Pool LAP
St John's Wood - Old Pasture LAP
St John's Wood - Owens Farm LAP
St John's Wood - Woodtop LAP
St John's Wood Fields LAP
St Thomas's Park
Stansbury Play LAP
Strawberry Field LAP
Strines Road Play Area
Thorn Grove Park
Thornfield Park
Three Acres Drive LAP
Torkington Park
Treetops LAP
Turnstone Road Play Area
Unity Park
Viaduct Park
Victoria LAP
Walnut Tree Park
Waters Edge LAP
William Scholes Recreation Ground
Windlehurst Road Park
Woodbank Park
Woodlands Park

Bowling Green Sites
Brinnington
Cale Green Park
Diamond Jubilee Recreation Ground, Cheadle
Ladybridge Park, Cheadle Hulme
Alexandra Park, Edgeley
Gatley Recreation Ground
Torkington Park, Hazel Grove
Heaton Moor Park
Thornfield Park, Heaton Moor
Marple Memorial Park
North Reddish Park
St Thomas' Recreation Ground
Vernon Park, Offerton
Houldsworth Park, Reddish
South Reddish Park

Enclosed Sports Areas	
Adder Park	MUGA
Adswood Park	MUGA
Adswood Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Alexandra Park	MUGA
Alexandra Park	TENNIS COURT
Alexandra Park	WHEELED SPORT
Brabyns Park	WHEELED SPORT
Bredbury Rec. Ground	BASKETBALL COURT
Bredbury Rec. Ground	TENNIS COURT
Bredbury Rec. Ground	WHEELED SPORT
Bridgehall Play Area	MUGA

Bridgehall Pump Track	WHEELED SPORT
Brinnington Park	WHEELED SPORT
Brookfield Recreation Ground	MUGA
Brookside Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Brookside Park	WHEELED SPORT
Bruntwood Park	WHEELED SPORT
Cale Green Park	TENNIS COURT
Cale Green Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Carrs Road Park	MUGA
Cheadle Heath Park (Gorsey Bank Park)	MUGA
Craig Road Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Crescent Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Diamond Jubilee	BASKETBALL COURT
Diamond Jubilee	TENNIS COURT
East Avenue Park	MUGA
Gatley Rec. Ground	TENNIS COURT
Gatley Rec. Ground	WHEELED SPORT
Gatley Rec. Ground	MUGA
Gotherage Lane Park (Cherry Tree Play Area)	MUGA
Great Moor Park	TENNIS COURT
Great Moor Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Half Moon Lane Park	MUGA
Heaton Moor Park	TENNIS COURT
Heaton Norris Rec.	MUGA
Heaton Norris Rec.	TENNIS COURT
High Lane Park	WHEELED SPORT

Houldsworth Park	MUGA
Lumb Lane Park	MUGA
Manchester Road	BASKETBALL COURT
Marbury Road Park	MUGA
Marple Memorial Park	MUGA
Marple Memorial Park	WHEELED SPORT
North Reddish Park	MUGA
North Reddish Park	TENNIS COURT
North Reddish Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Penny Lane MUGA	MUGA
Shaw Heath Park	MUGA
South Park	BASKETBALL COURT
South Park	WHEELED SPORT
South Reddish Park	MUGA
South Reddish Park	BASKETBALL COURT
St Thomas's Park	MUGA
St Thomas's Park	WHEELED SPORT
Thorn Grove Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Thorn Grove Park	MUGA
Thornfield Park	MUGA
Thornfield Park	TENNIS COURT
Torkington Park	TENNIS COURT
Torkington Park	WHEELED SPORT
Torkington Park	BASKETBALL COURT
Woodlands Park	MUGA
William Scholes Recreation	RUNNING TRACK (INFORMAL)

Unity Park	GOAL END
Peregrine Road	GOAL END

Schedule 6. All land within the area of Stockport MBC that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

Sites
Reddish Vale Country Park
Etherow Country Park
Woodbank Park
Bruntwood Park
Brabyns Park
Chadkirk Country Estate
Abney Hall Park
Mersey Vale Nature Park
Bramhall Park
Happy Valley
Middle Wood / Norbury Hollow
Redbrow Wood
Torkington Park
Poise Brook
Penny Lane Open Space
Bridgehall Playing Fields
Middlewood Way
Brookfield Park

Ladybrook Valley / Mickerbrook
Davenport Playing Fields
Vernon Park
Heaton Mersey Common
Gatley Carrs
St Thomas's Park
William Scholes Park
North Reddish Park
Rosevale Park
Alexandra Park
Adswood Park
Warth Meadow Playing Fields
Heaton Norris Park
Woodford Recreation Ground
Marple Memorial Park
Brinnington Park
Bradshaw Hall New Playing Field
Heaton Mersey Bowl
Bowerfold Lane Open Space
Blackstone Road Park
Hollywood Park
Mill Lane Recreation Ground
Harcourt St.open Space & Play
Heathbank Road Playing Field
Outwood Road Recreation Ground
Norris Hill Farm Open Spaces

Frederick Whittaker Scott Playing Fields
Gotherage Lane Playing Field
Oakhurst Drive Playing Field &
Woodsmoor Playing Field
Sandringham Road Playing Field
Lavington Avenue Sports Ground
Walnut Tree Playing Field
Etchells Road Open Space
Cale Green Park
Overdale Road Recreation Ground
South Park
Marple Recreation Ground
Marbury Road Playing Field
Ladybridge Sports Ground
Linney Road Playing Field
South Reddish Park
Grange Park Road Playing Field
Naseby Road
Heaton Mersey Park
Woodlands Park
Diamond Jubilee Recreation Ground
Cross Road Playing Field
Meadows Road Playing Field
Woods Lane Sports Ground
Argyll Road Open Space
Sykes Reservoirs

Goyt Valley Open Space & Rec.
Craig Road Playing Field
Green Lane Recreation Ground
New Zealand Road Playing Field
Gorsey Bank Park
Rectory Fields
Meadow Bank Open Space
Brookfield Recreation Ground
Thornfield Park
Chester Road Playing Field
Higher Mill Open Space
Great Moor Park
Tangshutts Playing Field
Bradshaw Hall Old Playing Field
Lumb Lane Recreation Ground
Heaton Moor Park
Hawk Green Recreation Ground
Outwood Road Open Space
Bonar Park
Bakery Bridge Playing Field
Bredbury Recreation Ground
Brookside Lane Recreation Ground
Daisyfield Playing Field
Ludworth Recreation Ground
New House Farm Estate
East Avenue Recreation Ground

Romiley Recreation Ground
Gatley Recreation Ground
Park Road Stadium
Half Moon Lane Recreation Grou
Houldsworth Park
Parkside Play Area
Thorn Grove Recreation Ground
Cote Green Lane Recreation Gro
Manchester Road Park
Devonshire Park
St Andrews Road Playing Field
Shaw Heath Park
Peregrine Road Play Area
Lloyd Street Recreation Ground
Oak Meadow Park
Mellor Recreation Ground
Adder Park
Craig Road Allotments
Torkington Road Allotments
St Johns Wood Fields
Brookfold Road Playing Field
Riversdale View Open Space & P
Poise Brook Park
Crescent Park
Cheviot Road Play Area
Edgeley Park

Dial Park Road Play Area
Carrs Road Play Area
Bradshaw Hall Play Area
Brooklyn Park
Heathbank Road Play Area
Unity Park
Smithy Green Rec Ground & Open
Boothby Street Park
Tannock Road Play Area
Hallam Gardens Open Space
Mile End Meadow
Viaduct Park
Mill Lane Cemetery
Willow Grove Cemetery
Highfield Cemetery
Park Road Cemetery
Stockport Cemetery and Crematorium
Riverside Open Spaces

1. It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to engage in any activity that is prohibited by this order, and this may result in an FPN fine amounting to £100.

APPEALS

In accordance with Section 66 of the Act, any interested person who wishes to challenge the validity of this order on the grounds that the Council did not have power to make the order or that a requirement under the Act has not been complied with may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which the order is made.

Appendix Two – Online Responses to the Consultation

Questions have been abbreviated and personal details redacted

Dog Owner?	Yes	No	No
Agree/Disagree there is a dog fouling problem in Stockport	Tend To Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree that the dog fouling fpn should remain £100	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Neither
Agree/Disagree that dogs should be excluded from play areas	Tend To Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree that dogs should be excluded from enclosed recreational areas	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree that dogs should be kept on leads in cemeteries	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree that one person should control no more than four dogs in public areas	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree owners should be required to put out of control or nuisance dogs on a lead	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree that owners should have the means to pick up fouling	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Agree/Disagree that the PSPO will help address complaints about dog fouling and behaviour	Strongly Agree	Tend To Disagree	Tend To Agree
Are there any other aspects the PSPO could address?	The £100 fine should be increased to properly deter fouling	It would seem that dogs present a hazard to the general public but when this might occur cannot be predetermined. On that basis all dogs should be kept on leashes at all times.	Better signage is needed, the fine should be higher than £100, the maximum number of dogs should be 2-3, the Council needs to do more to advertise and enforce this.

Appendix Three – Trans Pennine Trail response to Consultation

Ensuring Safety and Enjoyment on the Trans Pennine Trail

Introduction

The 'Control of Dogs Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Review 2025' is a vital initiative by Manchester City Council aimed at promoting safer and more enjoyable public spaces for everyone. This review holds significant importance for the Trans Pennine Trail, a cherished corridor of nature and recreation that offers unparalleled access to outdoor experiences for walkers, cyclists, and families across the region.

The Importance of Dog Control on the Trans Pennine Trail

Protecting Trail Users

The Trans Pennine Trail is a shared space enjoyed by thousands of individuals each year. From cyclists exploring its scenic routes to families strolling with children, the trail caters to diverse users. Effective control of dogs ensures that all trail visitors can feel safe during their journey without fear of aggressive or uncontrolled animals. Incidents involving uncontrolled dogs can compromise the safety of children, elderly walkers, and even the pets of other trail users, making the PSPO review an essential step toward fostering a more inclusive environment.

Preserving Wildlife and the Environment

The Trans Pennine Trail stretches through areas rich in biodiversity. Uncontrolled dogs can unintentionally disturb or harm local wildlife, including ground-nesting birds and small mammals. They can also damage sensitive ecosystems by straying off designated paths. Reinforcing dog control through the PSPO will help maintain the natural beauty and ecological health of the trail, ensuring it continues to thrive for generations to come.

Enhancing Community Enjoyment

One of the primary purposes of the Trans Pennine Trail is to provide a tranquil and accessible escape into nature. Unchecked behaviour of dogs can introduce noise, unpredictability, and discomfort for other visitors. By supporting measures that encourage responsible dog ownership, the PSPO review enhances the harmony of the space and ensures it remains a welcoming environment for all.

The Role of Responsible Dog Ownership

Encouraging Education and Accountability

The PSPO review is not merely about imposing restrictions; it is about empowering dog owners with the knowledge and tools needed to ensure responsible behaviour. Clear guidelines and the implementation of enforcement measures can encourage accountability, making owners more mindful of their pets' impact on other trail users and the environment.

Benefits for Dog Owners

The PSPO review can also benefit dog owners themselves by fostering mutual respect and ensuring their pets are perceived positively by the broader community. A well-controlled dog contributes to the owner's enjoyment of public spaces, enabling them to build

positive connections with other trail users while exploring the beauty of the Trans Pennine Trail.

Conclusion

The ‘Control of Dogs PSPO Review 2025’ represents an important opportunity to safeguard the unique character of the Trans Pennine Trail. By encouraging responsible dog ownership and reinforcing regulations, Manchester City Council can protect the safety of trail users, preserve its natural environment, and enhance the overall experience for the community. Supporting this consultation underscores a commitment to the shared values of safety, sustainability, and enjoyment that define the trail. Let us work together to ensure that the Trans Pennine Trail continues to be a haven for all—human and wildlife alike.