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**CAMBRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL**

**Streets and
Open Spaces**

Mr Michael Bond
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2 January 2013
Ref: Dog Control Order Consultation 2013

Dear Mr Bond,

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 Dog Control Orders

Cambridge City Council is currently considering which Dog Control Orders to make from the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. This legislation enables the local authority to tackle issues and problems relating to dogs within Cambridge. The new powers mean that the council will be able to fine, or even prosecute irresponsible dog owners who breach a Dog Control Order. Before finalising details of which Dog Control Orders to create, we are consulting with local stakeholders likely to be affected by the creation of Dog Control Orders.

The council is considering the following Dog Control Orders:

- Dog Exclusion Order for sensitive areas such as children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts, skate parks and paddling pools;
- Dogs on Leads Order for all public roads and footways, Council owned allotments and Newmarket Road Cemetery;
- Dogs on Leads by Direction Order for the whole of the district this would give authorised officers the power to request that dogs are placed on a lead; and
- Fouling of Land by Dogs Order to cover the whole district.

Under the new Orders, the council would take action against any individual who was found to be breaching an Order. Failure to comply with any of the Orders could result in a fixed penalty notice or prosecution. Registered disabled exemptions to Dog Control Orders would apply.

The council has a legal duty to consult on the proposed dog control orders before they are introduced. The formal consultation will run from 2 January to 8 February 2013. If you would like to take part in the consultation process, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it in the enclosed pre-paid envelope by Friday 8 February 2013.

Alternatively if you would like to discuss the proposed Dog Control Orders, please contact the Customer Services Centre on 01223 457900.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Young
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



Dog Control Orders Consultation

Questionnaire



If you have any comments on the proposals, you can either complete this questionnaire or contact us using the details at the end of this form. All comments must be received by 8 February 2013.

About you

1. Do you live in Cambridge? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. If you live in Cambridge, please tell us your full postcode.
3. Do you work or own a business in Cambridge? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Are you a dog owner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Are you a dog walker? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Are you: ☐ Male ☐ Female
7. Please indicate your age range?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55 | <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ | |

Keeping dogs on leads if asked by an authorised officer

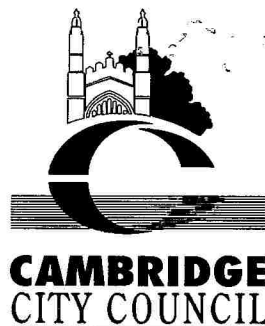
8. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

An authorised officer (e.g. Dog Wardens, Enforcement Officers) should be able to request dog owners or handlers to put their dogs on a lead if they are deemed to be out of control, or a threat to other people or animals.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree or disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | |

9. Do you have any comments on the proposal to enable authorised officers (e.g. Dog Wardens, Enforcement Officers) to request that owners or handlers put their dogs on a lead when appropriate? Please write any comments below.

Dogs on leads at all times



10. Which best represents your view on Cambridge City Council introducing powers to require owners and handlers to keep dogs on leads on Council owned allotments?

- ☐ Dogs should be kept on leads in Council owned allotments.
- ☐ Dogs should be allowed off lead without any restrictions in Council owned allotments. However, Cambridge City Council should introduce orders which require owners and handlers to put their dog on a lead if requested to do so by an authorised officer, where the dog is deemed to be a threat to other people or animals, or is not under the appropriate control of the owner / handler.
- ☐ There should be no general requirement for dogs to be kept on leads in Council owned allotments.

11. Which best represents your view on Cambridge City Council introducing powers to require owners and handlers to keep their dogs on leads in Newmarket Road Cemetery?

- ☐ Dogs should be kept on leads in all the areas of Newmarket Road Cemetery without exception.
- ☐ Dogs should be kept on leads in frequently used areas such as both entrances, the chapel lawns, and along the main walking route connecting these; elsewhere, where there are fewer people there should be no general requirement. However, Cambridge City Council should introduce orders which require owners and handlers to put their dog on a lead if requested to do so by an authorised officer, where the dog is deemed to be a threat to other people or animals, or is not under the appropriate control of the owner / handler.
- ☐ There should be no general requirement for dogs to be kept on leads in Newmarket Road Cemetery. However, Cambridge City Council should introduce orders which require owners and handlers to put their dog on a lead if requested to do so by an authorised officer, where the dog is deemed to be a threat to other people or animals, or is not under the appropriate control of the owner / handler.
- ☐ There should be no requirement for dogs to be kept on leads on Newmarket Road Cemetery.

12. Which best represents your view on Cambridge City Council and partners introducing powers to require owners and handlers to keep dogs on leads on all public roads and footways?

- ☐ Dogs should be kept on leads on all public roads and footways
- ☐ There should be no general requirement for dogs to be kept on leads on all public roads and footways. However, Cambridge City Council should introduce orders which require owners and handlers to put their dog on a lead if requested to do so by an authorised officer, where the dog is deemed to be a threat to other people or animals, or is not under the appropriate control of the owner / handler.
- ☐ There should be no requirement for dogs to be kept on leads in all areas open to public access.

13. Do you have any specific comments on the proposal to require dogs to be kept on leads in all public roads, footways, Council owned allotments and Newmarket Road Cemetery? Please write any comments below. You can use this space to tell us where you think there are serious or regular dog-related issues in the area.

Dog Exclusion Zones

For the following areas, where there are proposals to exclude dogs, please indicate whether you:

- ☐ Agree (i.e. you think dogs should be excluded from them)
☐ Disagree (i.e. you do not think dogs should be excluded from them)

14. All children's play areas in parks and open spaces

- ☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

15. All bowling greens play areas in parks and open spaces

- ☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

16. All tennis courts in parks and open spaces

- ☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

17. All skate parks in parks and open spaces

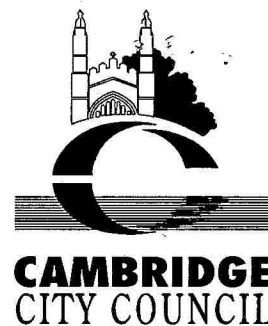
- ☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

18. All paddling pools in parks and open spaces

- ☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

19. Do you have any other comments on the proposed dog exclusion areas? Please write any comments below.

Require the person in charge of a dog to clear up dog faeces



20. Do you agree with the introduction of the order to require the person in charge of a dog to clear up dog faeces?

- ☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

21. Do you have any other comments on the requirement for people in charge of dogs to clear up dog faeces? Please write any comments below.

Any other comments

22. If you have any other comments about these proposals and about dog control in Cambridge, please write them below.

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