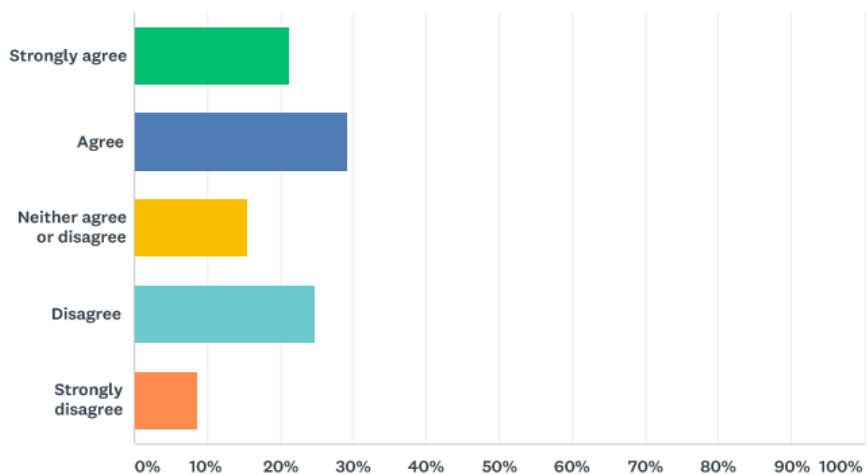


Feedback on Consultation of Proposed PSPO Order No.1 Dog Fouling

Q1 Do you agree or disagree that dog fouling is a problem where you live or visit in Waverley?

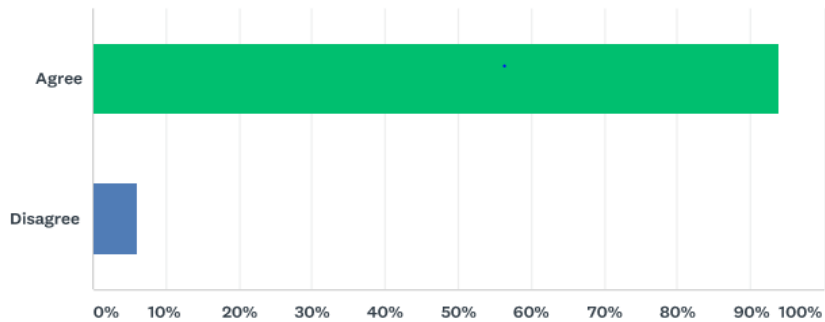
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	21.36%	342
Agree	29.36%	470
Neither agree or disagree	15.43%	247
Disagree	24.98%	400
Strongly disagree	8.87%	142
TOTAL		1,601

Q3 Do you agree or disagree that a person in charge of a dog must clear up after the dog immediately?

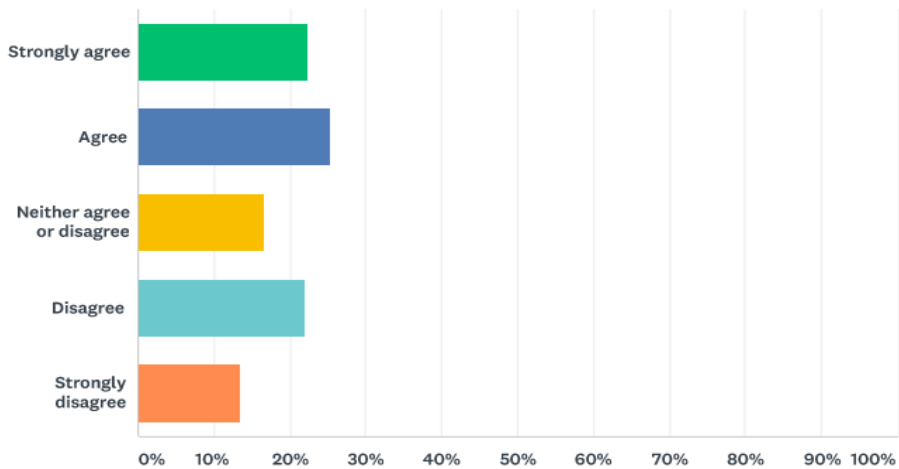
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	93.97%	1,496
Disagree	6.03%	96
TOTAL		1,592

Q4 Do you agree or disagree that dog control orders, and/or fines issued by Waverley would be an effective way to tackle dog fouling and dog control problems?

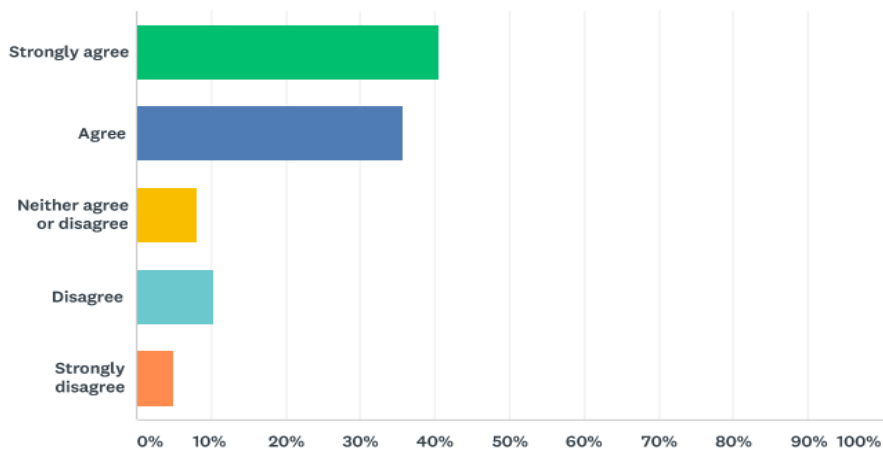
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	22.33%	357
Agree	25.39%	406
Neither agree or disagree	16.64%	266
Disagree	22.01%	352
Strongly disagree	13.63%	218
TOTAL		1,599

Q5 Do you agree or disagree that a Fixed Penalty Notice for a £100 fine should be issued to a person who is in charge of a dog and fails to clear up its faeces in a public area?

Answered: 1,598 Skipped: 5

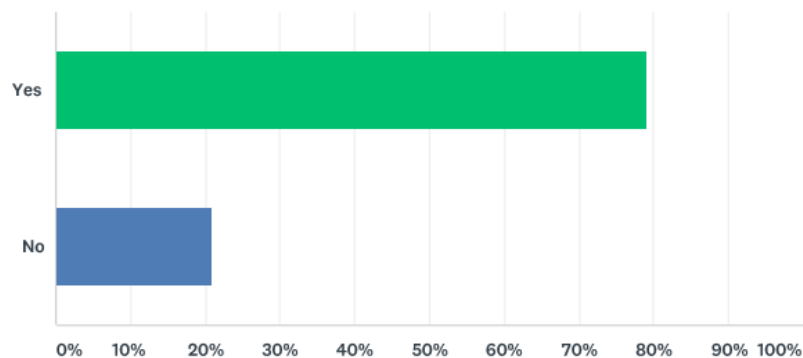


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	40.68%	650
Agree	35.79%	572
Neither agree or disagree	8.07%	129
Disagree	10.45%	167
Strongly disagree	5.01%	80
TOTAL		1,598

The draft order proposed exemptions to the requirement to clean up after your dog and the exemptions are listed in the draft order.

Q24 Do you agree with the above exemptions?

Answered: 1,534 Skipped: 69



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.14%	1,214
No	20.86%	320
TOTAL		1,534

Additional comments in respect of these questions.

Absolutely not. The growth of the assistance dog is a scandal. If you own a dog you have to care for it and clean up. If you can't you should be out walking it. I know frail elderly people and they don't allow their dogs to foul. If you're registered blind ok but that is the only exemption.

I think someone who is deaf should still clear up the dog's faeces 9

Not sure why deaf people should be exempt from picking up their dog poo - agree with other exemptions which are practical (mobility issues or visual impairment)

With respect to dog fouling, even if people have a disability one would hope that they would do their best to work out a way round the problem e.g. arm's length pooper scooper.

But the requirement to clear up dog faeces should not be exempt unless blind or unable.

Disabled, etc, persons in charge of a dog should be accompanied by an able-bodied person if there is any likelihood that the dog may foul a public place.

No not all of them there are ways of picking up. The only exception should be blind people

I do not see why a deaf person cannot be expected to pick up dog mess.

Parts of this exclusion are nonsensical - why should a blind/deaf person be allowed to walk more than 4 dogs when an "able" bodied person is forbidden? Ditto letting assistance dogs off the lead.

Totally blind people are clearly exempt but anyone else if physically capable of having a dog should be able to control and clear up it albeit perhaps with the aid of a scoop. Deafness won't stop you controlling or clearing up after your dog

Yes - but perhaps people listed above could carry 'dog poo' bags and be ready to accept assistance from members of the public to clear up their dog's mess when this fouls a public area.

If people aren't capable of picking up after their dog, they shouldn't be allowed to walk them either.

But the individual should still be encouraged to comply and receive training to do so if they are able.

There are various aids that allow you to pick up dog poo, fair enough a blind person cannot see but all others should be encouraged to try.

no exception to cleaning up faeces

Disabled people should still be in control of their dogs. Discretion should be applied and their opportunities protected.

Unfortunately this lends itself to people taking advantage and leaving dog waste because of a fictitious disability and this then affects everyone. Fouling from dogs is unacceptable

regardless and if you have a dog, for whatever reason, then I believe you should be able to clear up after them.

Anyone considered capable of looking after a dog should be capable of clearing up after them

Only for the blind as anyone in charge of a dog should be able to care for it and control it. Picking up poo if you are blind should be exempt however in the countryside a blind person would need to be accompanied anyway so can delegate.

I believe that all people who are not sight impaired and who are otherwise physically capable of clearing up after their dog should do so.

No, a deaf person could still comply with all the above proposed orders.

Dog fouling needs to be cleared up, if someone can walk a dog they can clear up after it unless they are blind/visually impaired

The groups listed are already covered by the Equality Act 2010. The council would act illegally if it infringed their rights.

Exemption shouldn't mean they don't try to comply with fouling clean up if possible.

Exemptions should not apply if people to their abilities are unable to comply eg blind person

Some people own dogs to help with mental health issues such as depression which is unseen disability

This is a hard one to answer - fouling is fouling but where and when possible I am sure many do clear up after their dogs have fouled.

I agree in principle but I am not sure why an otherwise able deaf person can't scoop?

I understand the blind reference and possibly some mobility issues But just because a dog is working dog does not mean they should not be cleared up after 7

The second paragraph appears to be a "get out" clause for the elderly, who in my experience are the most likely not to clean up after their dog. In simple terms, if they can take the dog out, they should clean up after it.

Why should it be not ok for me, but ok for some, why?.....where is the logic? everyone should pick up, clear up. If you can't do what it takes to have a dog, then you should have one, it's like saying the under 5's can drop litter or if you're in a wheelchair you can drop litter. Having an assistance dog should not preclude you from the responsibility of dog ownership.

Anyone who is in charge of a dog in public should be able to clean up after it or make suitable arrangements for someone else to. It is not acceptable to just leave it.

Not deaf. Unless physically unable to see or pick up then the policy should apply to all.

Special licence should be available to those who can't carry out the task.

Disabled people should pick up the poo. Shouldn't have a dog if it's not being looked after and trained properly. (Not including guide dogs) 7

If the person is unable to pick up faeces then they should not have a dog in a public space. Blind yes, as they may not be aware.

If a person is able to see their dog fouling and physically able to pick it up then they should.

I think you should also consider companion dogs for the elderly and mentally challenged or other vulnerable people also, as they provide important support for vulnerable persons and can help reduce their reliance on outside assistance

There are other categories too- some frail or disabled people cannot bend, a mum trying to look after several children may not be able to go searching about because she must keep an eye on her children and the same would apply for an adult with a child with special needs. Also, where someone has several dogs would find it difficult to be aware of each one.

What has being deaf got to do with not picking up dog poo. You don't listen for your dog to go to poo you see it. Deafness doesn't effect your ability to pick up poo. I have a disability being disabled doesn't mean you don't pick up dog poo. If you are able to take a dog in public on your own you need to attend to all you and it's needs. If you are that disabled you can't move or lift everyday items then you should be having a care or support package else how to you manage to eat drink dress use the loo all day. So if it's something you can't do you need to find a carer to do it on your behalf.

All people should be treated equally if they own dogs. Why would a deaf person not be able to pick up poo?

The owner should still carry the means to dispose of their dog's excrement so (in theory) a kind passer-by could assist them.

If dog fouling is the problem, all dogs foul. Just because someone is disabled, does not mean they shouldn't have to do their best to pick up, or take the dog to where any faeces can biodegrade naturally. The VERY worst thing is faeces that has been picked up and bagged, but the bag is then just left hanging in a tree or on a fence. The plastic pooh bags don't rot and are disgusting.

People with assistance dogs may need help, but dog faeces are dangerous to human health, and just disgusting, so can never be condoned or allowed.