

Many thanks for your interest in completing our Dog Control - Public Spaces Protection Order 2026 survey.

Once you have completed the survey, please return it to our Customer Service Centre in person or via post at the following address:

Communications Team, Customer Service Centre, Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY.

The survey closes on Sunday 12 July 2026. Any responses received after this date will not be considered.

For any further assistance, email us at communications@cambridge.gov.uk.

You can also call our Customer Service Centre and ask for the Communications Team on 01223457000 (open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.15pm).

Background information

We welcome well behaved dogs in the majority of our parks and open spaces. However, we do place restrictions in certain areas.

We are consulting on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control in Cambridge. The proposed order would help address issues linked to irresponsible dog ownership in public spaces, including dog fouling, dogs not being kept under control, and dogs entering restricted areas.

The PSPO would replace existing Dog Control Orders and allow us to continue protecting parks, play areas, open spaces, and shared public areas across the city. The proposed measures are intended to balance the needs of dog owners with the safety and enjoyment of other residents, visitors and nature.

The proposed order includes:

- requiring people to clean up after their dogs
- requiring dogs to be kept on leads in certain locations or at certain times
- excluding dogs from some fenced play areas and sports pitches
- requiring owners to put dogs on leads if directed by an authorised officer

Personal data

We will submit your input to Cambridge City Council's online participation platform. If you want to receive updates relevant to your input by email, please fill out the following fields on this page and we will create an account for you. Your data will not be public and will only be used by Cambridge City Council. If you do not agree for us to use your personal data in this way, you can leave them empty.

First name(s) (optional)

Last name (optional)

Email address (optional)

By checking this box I consent to my data being used to create an account on Cambridge City Council's participation platform.

Dog Fouling

1. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the requirement that a person in charge of a dog must clear up their after dog immediately?** (optional)

E.g. dog fouling

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

2. **Do you have any other comments on the requirement for people in charge of a dog to clear up after their dog immediately?** (optional)

Keeping dogs on leads if asked by an authorised officer

With the exception of dog exclusion and dogs on leads areas, as is the case now, dogs are allowed to roam off of leads in all open spaces in Cambridge.

However, we do ask that dogs are still under control and can be called and obey orders from the person in charge of them. If it is clear that a dog cannot be kept under control off lead, then authorised officers from the council can request that the dog is placed on a lead.

Examples of when this order may be used are:

- where animals or birds or wildlife are, or could be, threatened
- where the public, particularly children or vulnerable adults are at threat, or feel threatened
- where dogs are posing a risk to the safety of pedestrians and/or cyclists and/or motorists
- where dogs are causing damage to public property, including trees and plants
- in case of emergency situations

3. **To what extent do you agree or disagree that authorised officers can request that the person in charge of dogs put them on a lead if the dogs are out of control, or a threat to other people or animals?** (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

4. Do you have any other comments on the requirement for people in charge of dogs put their dog on a lead if requested to do so by an authorised officer? (optional)

Dog on lead areas (Existing restrictions)

There are areas in Cambridge where dogs must be on a lead at all times and these are listed below:

Cemeteries:

- Histon Road cemetery
- Newmarket Road cemetery

Green spaces:

- Cherry Hinton Hall - area by the pond/stream
- Hanover and Princess Court - the green area outside the residential area

Recreation areas:

- Tenby Close - whole of the park

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the requirement that dogs must be on leads at all times in the above areas? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

6. Do you have any other comments on the requirement for dogs to be on leads at all times in the above areas? (optional)

Dogs on leads (Proposed new area)

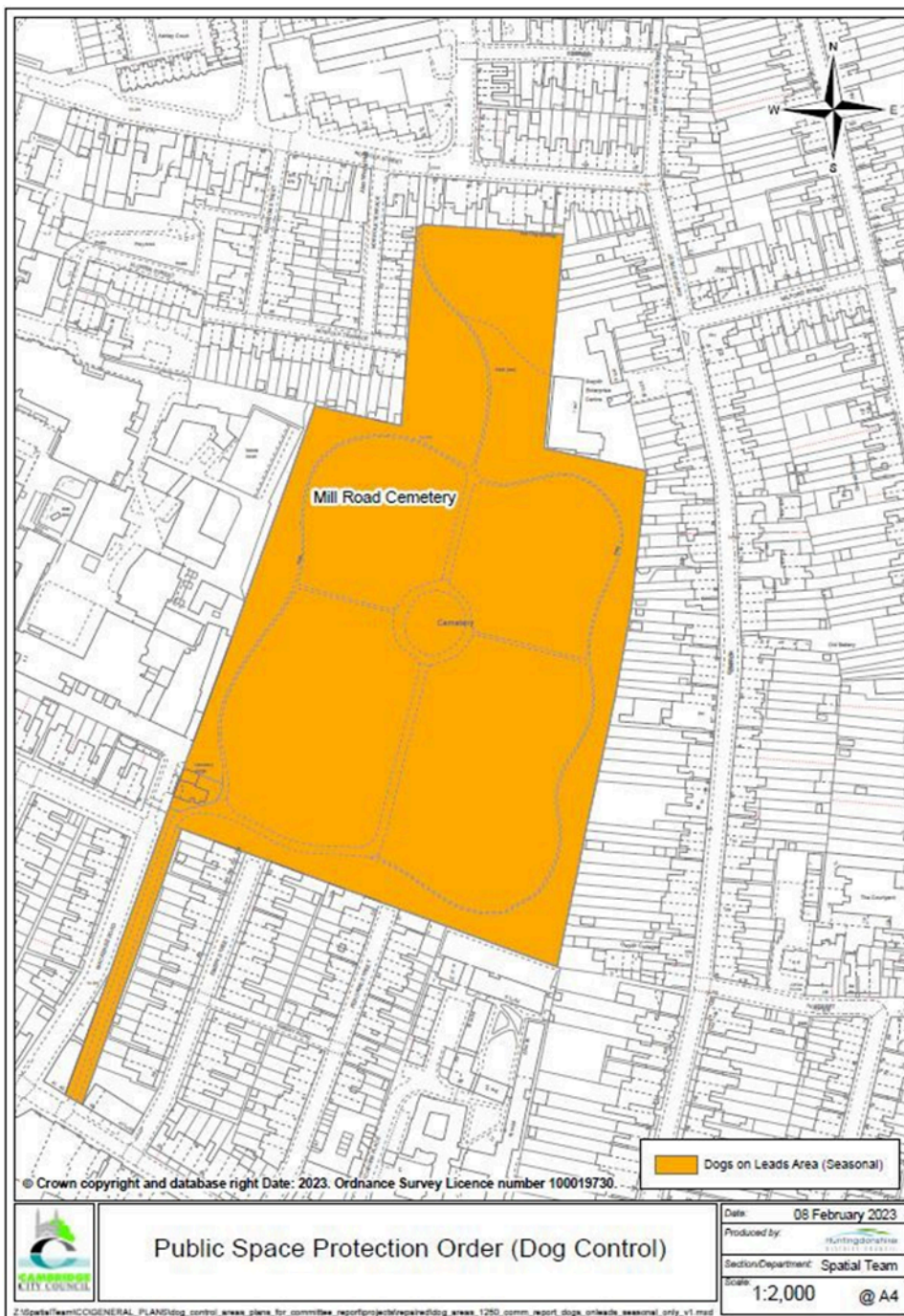
We are proposing a new area where dogs will have to be on leads at all times.

The current PSPO for Mill Road Cemetery (whole site) is restricted to dogs being on leads from 1 March to 31 July every year (seasonal restrictions – bird nesting season).

The proposal is that the whole of Mill Road Cemetery should be restricted to dogs on leads at all times.

Mill Road cemetery is the only closed cemetery where dogs are currently allowed off the lead outside of the existing seasonal restriction to reduce disturbance to low nesting birds.

The proposal to require dogs on leads at all times would align with other similar cemeteries to support quiet recreation and reduce the negative impact of dog urine on the rare grassland habitat for which the cemetery is designated a City Wildlife Site.



7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposal that dogs must be on leads at all times at Mill Road Cemetery? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

8. Do you have any other comments on the new proposal that dogs must be on leads at all times at Mill Road Cemetery? (optional)

Dogs on leads (Existing seasonal restrictions)

There are areas in Cambridge where dogs must be on a lead during the bird nesting season (1 March to 31 July) every year. These are:

Local Nature Reserves (LNR) (the whole site):

- Bramblefields LNR
- Paradise LNR
- Barnwell East LNR
- Barnwell West LNR
- West Pit LNR
- Limekiln LNR
- Logan's Meadow LNR (existing wet woodland and river frontage south of cycle bridge)
- Mill Road Cemetery (whole site)

9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the existing seasonal restrictions that dogs must be on leads at all times in the above areas? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

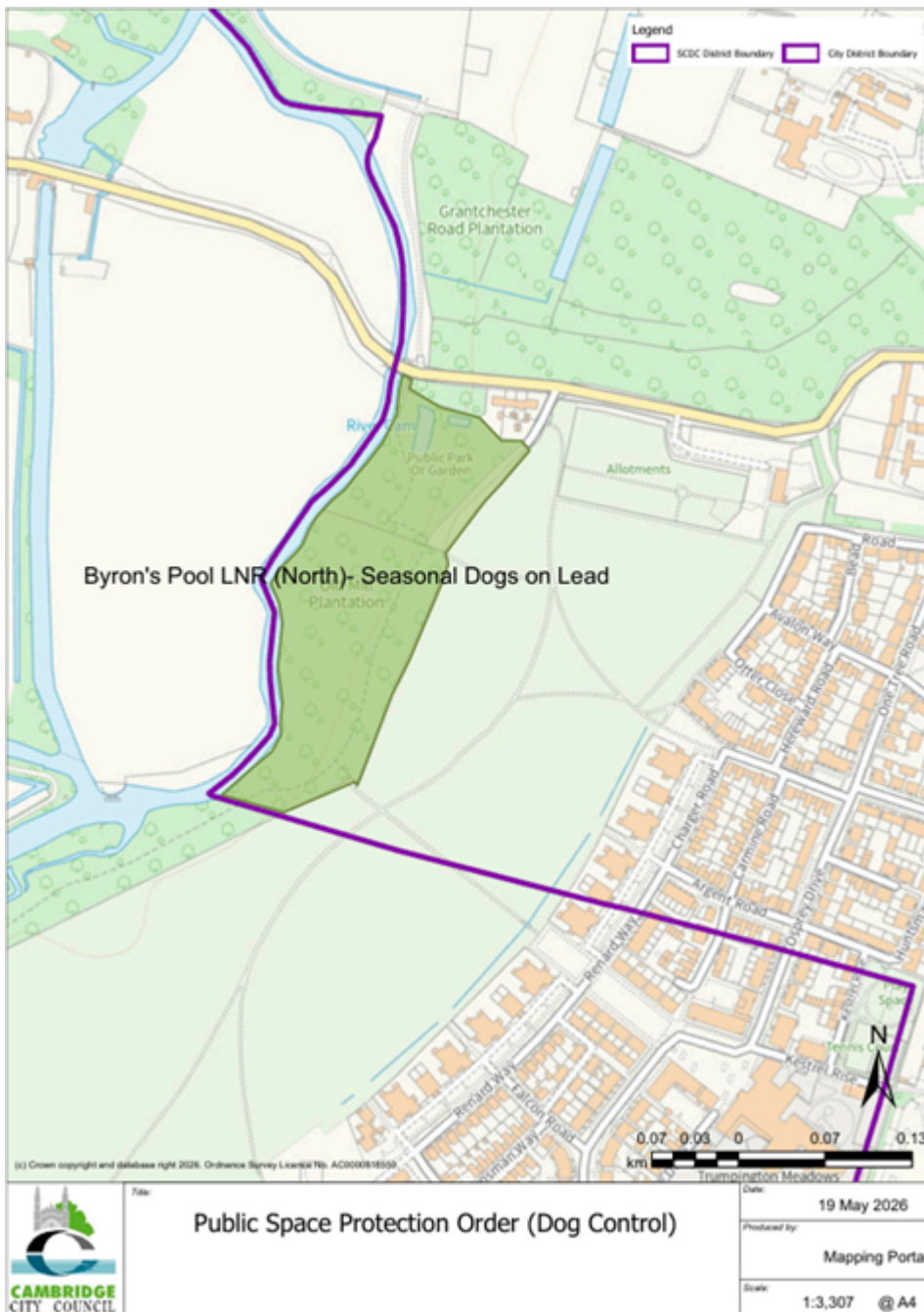
Dogs on leads (seasonal restrictions) – Proposed new areas

We are proposing the following new areas where dogs have to be on lead during the bird nesting season (1 March to 31 July) each year:

- Byron's Pool LNR (northern section only)
- Church End, Cherry Hinton LNR
- Fulbourn Road, Cherry Hinton LNR
- Hobson's Park, Option 1 (South)
- Hobson's Park, Option 2 (East)

Byron's Pool LNR

Seasonal dogs on leads proposed in line with other Local Nature Reserves to reduce disturbance to low nesting birds such as Chiffchaff and Blackcap.

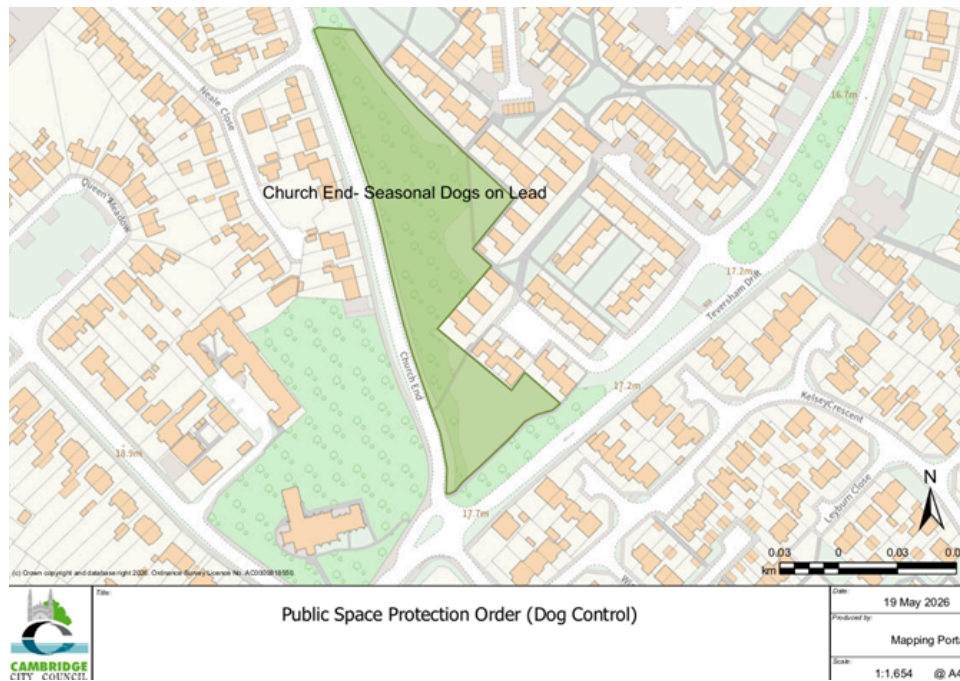


10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposed seasonal dogs on leads at Byron's Pool LNR? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

Church End, Cherry Hinton LNR

This site has been approved for designation as a Local Nature Reserve in 2026, seasonal dogs on leads proposed in line with other Local Nature Reserves to reduce disturbance to low nesting birds such as Chiffchaff and Blackcap.



11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposed seasonal dogs on leads at Church End, Cherry Hinton LNR? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

Fulbourn Road Open Space, Cherry Hinton

This site has been approved for designation as a Local Nature Reserve in 2026, seasonal dogs on leads proposed in line with other Local Nature Reserves to reduce disturbance to low nesting birds such as Chiffchaff and Blackcap.



12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposed seasonal dogs on leads at Fulbourn Road, Cherry Hinton? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

Hobson's Park

Hobson's Park is currently subject to a maximum four dogs restriction, but not seasonal dogs on leads controls under the current sealed Order.

We are consulting on two potential options for introducing seasonal dogs on leads restrictions at part of Hobson's Park.

Hobson's Park Option 1 (East)

The park has been designated as a City Wildlife site in recognition of its breeding bird populations, including ground nesting skylarks. Option 1 seeks to provide a seasonal dogs on leads zone to reduce disturbance during the nesting season and includes a seasonally wet area that also supports spring migrating waders that need to rest and feed.



Hobson's Park Option 2 (South)

The park has been designated as a City Wildlife site in recognition of its breeding bird populations, including ground nesting skylarks. Option 2 seeks to provide a seasonal dog on leads zone to reduce disturbance during the nesting season and reduces disturbance to the boundary ditch that surrounds the perimeter of the lake. There is no public access to the lake, which is not City Council maintained.



13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with introducing seasonal dogs on leads restrictions at Hobson's Park? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

14. Which option do you prefer for seasonal dogs on leads restrictions at Hobson's Park?
(optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- Option 1 - Southern section
- Option 2 - Eastern section
- Neither
- No preference

15. Do you have any other comments on the new proposed seasonal dogs on leads areas?
(optional)

Dog Exclusion Areas

There are areas in Cambridge where dogs are excluded - which are fenced children's play areas, green open spaces, bowling greens, tennis courts and outdoor paddling pools. There are no proposals to amend these areas.

- [Existing areas listed in Schedule 2](#)

We are proposing to amend Schedule 2 of the order to cover any new fenced children's play areas, green open spaces, bowling greens, tennis courts and outdoor paddling pools.

- [Proposed amendments to Schedule 2](#)

16. Do you support the proposed amendment to Schedule 2 that would prohibit dogs and their owners from entering specified fenced or enclosed recreational areas within Cambridge City Council public open spaces? (optional)

This includes sports courts, bowling greens, children's play areas, paddling pools, BMX tracks, and other designated restricted-access areas.

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

17. Do you have any other comments on the requirement for dogs to be excluded from the above areas? (optional)

Maximum number of dogs (Existing restrictions)

There is a restriction on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person, the maximum is four dogs. This restriction currently only applies to the following areas:

- Bryons Pool LNR
- Coldhams Common sports pitches
- Hobson's Park

18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the limit on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at Bryons Pool LNR? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

19. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the limit on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at Coldhams Common sports pitches? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

20. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the limit on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at Hobson's Park? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

21. Do you have any other comments on the limit on the number of dogs that can be walked by a person at the above locations? (optional)

Means to collect and dispose of dog faeces

Most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dog - however, a minority of irresponsible dog owners fail to do so, by not carrying the correct means to do so.

We are therefore seeking views on a citywide requirement for those in charge of a dog being walked to have on them a suitable means to collect and dispose of dog faeces, and to produce the means of disposal upon request of an authorised officer.

The means to dispose of dog faeces can be bags (such as nappy sacks, dog poo bags, carrier bags, poop a scoop). Unacceptable examples would include using hands and leaves/twigs to collect faeces once the requirement to produce has been made.

22. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new proposal that authorised officers could request that the person in charge of dogs produce to them a suitable means to collect and dispose of dog faeces? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

Exceptions to the order

Currently dog control restrictions do not apply to all people, and we want to ensure that restrictions placed on dog owners and handlers are reasonable and take into account conditions where it is not possible to comply.

The current exception is:

The orders do not apply to a person in control of a working assistance dog which has been trained to assist a person who has a disability.

23. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above exception? (optional)

Please write a number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 5 (Strongly agree) only

24. Do you have any other comments around the above exception? Or any other exceptions that should be included in the order? (optional)

Additional information

25. Do you have any other comments about the public spaces protection order for dog control? (optional)

About You

To make sure we are hearing from a wide range of people we would like to ask some questions about you.

These questions are optional but answering them will help us better understand what you tell us.

26. Do you own a dog/s? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

Yes

No

27. Are you a professional dog walker? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

Yes

No