

Modified and Additional Beaches and Inland Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control	
Executive Summary	In accordance with The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) have a maximum duration period of 3 years at which point a review of the order is triggered. Following a consultation on the Council's inland PSPOs earlier this year, Cabinet resolved for consideration of additional PSPOs and PSPO amendments raised by consultees in a subsequent consultation.
Options considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt all PSPO proposals. • Maintain PSPOs as currently constituted. • Adopt PSPO proposals on a case-by-case basis as decided by Cabinet.
Consultation(s)	The Council launched a consultation from Monday 6 October 2025 that concluded Wednesday 5 November 2025 at 11.59pm to determine the views of residents, local councils, organisations, and other interested parties. During the consultation 21 responses were received from the public and local Councils. The majority supported all PSPOs being retained, with most of the others seeking changes to one or more PSPO.
Recommendations	Cabinet is asked to make the following resolution: Adopt all the Public Space Protect Orders (PSPOs), as set out in Appendix A, relating to dog control.
Reasons for recommendations	The recommendation allows the modification of and addition to the dog control PSPOs, as supported by the majority of consultees.
Background papers	N/A.

Wards affected	2. Beeston Regis & The Runtons 4. Coastal 5. Cromer Town 7. Gresham 13. Lancaster South 14. Mundesley
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Callum Ringer
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Links to key documents:

Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Greener Future; • Developing Our Communities.
Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	It is not anticipated that this work will have implications for the MTFS. Short term may have marginal implications for financial spend on signage.
Council Policies & Strategies	Corporate Enforcement Policy

Corporate Governance:	
Is this a key decision	No
Has the public interest test been applied	Yes
Details of any previous decision(s) on this matter	The Council introduced PSPOs for dog control on beaches in 2018, renewing them in 2021, and 2024 for three years each time. The inland PSPOs for dog control zones were introduced by the Council in 2019, and renewed in 2022, and 2025.

1. Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution from the Cabinet on modifications and additions to beaches and inland Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for Dog Control, as identified in the maps at Appendix A. The Council receives regular complaints regarding dog control issues. Dog fouling presents a risk to public health in terms of transmission of disease as well as a nuisance. Public safety, and enjoyment of public spaces for all persons requires that dogs are properly controlled. These PSPOs address that purpose.

To assist decision making, and as required under the legislation, a recent consultation took place with local councils and members of the public likely to be affected the police for a four-week period, on proposals to modify and add to existing Public Space Protection Orders. The headline results are discussed below.

2. Introduction & Background

The Council launched a four-week consultation on proposed modified or additional beaches and inland Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for Dog Control to determine the views of residents, local Councils, organisations, and interested parties. The consultation concluded on the 5th of November 2025. During the consultation 21 responses were received from the public and local Councils. The majority supported all PSPOs being retained, with most of the others seeking changes to one or more PSPO. Details of the consultation can be found in Appendix B and C.

The headline results of the consultation were:

- 13 respondents were in support of renewing all the existing PSPOs;
- 8 respondents were not in support of renewing all the existing PSPOs; and, of these:
 - 2 respondents objected to all dog control PSPOs;
 - 1 respondent had concerns about the Mundesley Beach access;
 - 3 respondents had concerns about the proposed East Runton PSPO;
 - 1 respondent considered that dogs should be allowed on beaches providing they are on leads and their waste is cleared up;
 - 1 respondent objected to dog PSPOs requiring dogs to be on a leash (lead), preferring that dogs should be required to be under control instead;

3. Proposals and Options

1. Adopt all PSPO proposals.
2. Decline all PSPO proposals and maintain PSPOs as currently constituted.
3. Adopt PSPO proposals on a case-by-case basis as decided by Cabinet.

The first proposal would allow for all PSPO proposals to be adopted.

The second proposal would result in the continuation of all existing dog control via the currently constituted PSPOs.

The third proposal would allow Cabinet to adopt its preferred PSPO proposals.

It is recommended that proposal one is adopted, as this recommendation allows the adoption of all PSPO proposals, as supported by the majority of consultees.

4. Corporate Priorities

Our Greener Future.

It is considered that the dog control PSPOs enable a wider range of people to enjoy the use of and potentially enhance North Norfolk's beaches and public open spaces.

Developing Our Communities.

It is considered that the dog control PSPOs enable communities to enjoy North Norfolk's beaches and public open spaces.

5. Financial and Resource Implications

There may be some minor and short-term implications regarding financial spend with the provision of signage for each area if new or replacement signage is required, however staffing resource will be within the confines of existing budgets.

Comments from the S151 Officer:

6. Legal Implications

The Council has had PSPOs established and in operation since 2018, with no significant issues, and as such legal implications for NNDC will be minimal. The

Council must comply with the consultation requirement and take the responses into account.

Comments from the Monitoring Officer:

7. Risks

No significant risks are anticipated in accepting the report recommendations. Dog control PSPOs have been in operation since 2018, without any significant issue or reputational impact on the Council. It is proposed that there is a greater risk in terms of reputation, and if the Council did not renew these PSPO proposals.

8. Net ZeroTarget

These proposals have been assessed and tested for consistency against the Net Zero 2030 Strategy & Climate Action Plan. This has been summarised and scored in the output table for the tool below.

The modification or addition of dog control Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), allowing the public use of designated beaches or open spaces without dogs, or without dogs off of leads, contributing to a reduction of dog faeces/bags, and leading to increased public use of beaches or open spaces.

Criteria	Score	Justification	Mitigation
GHGs	2	The project should encourage more/continued use of local beaches and green spaces, instead of travelling by vehicles, due to reduced concern about uncontrolled dogs and faeces. The signage and resources are generally already in existence, and so minimal resources will be required.	Identify the Council's appropriate approved suppliers who have less impacts. Information provided on which sites are covered, and the restrictions.
GHGs 2045	0	The PSPO project will end after three years unless renewed.	N/A
Air quality	2	The project should encourage more/continued use of local beaches and green spaces, instead of travelling by vehicles, due to reduced concern about uncontrolled dogs and faeces. The signage and resources are already in existence, and so minimal resources will be required.	Identify the Council's appropriate approved suppliers who have less impacts. Information provided on which sites are covered, and the restrictions.
Sustainable Transport	2	The project should encourage more/continued use of local beaches and green spaces, instead of travelling by vehicles, due to reduced concern about uncontrolled dogs and faeces.	Information provided on which sites are covered, and the restrictions.
Land use change	4	Hopefully continued public use of green sites would prevent them being built upon.	Retention of the current signage, and public communications work.
Biodiversity	0	Sustained reduction in uncontrolled dogs and faeces.	Retention of the current signage, patrols where possible, and public communications work.
Soil and waterway health	2	Sustained reduction in uncontrolled dogs and faeces, including run-off/deposition into waterways.	Retention of the current signage, patrols where possible, and public communications work.

Climate Change Adaptation	0	N/A to this project.	N/A to this project.
Energy Use	0	N/A to this project.	N/A to this project.
Energy Use 2045	0	The PSPO project will end after three years unless renewed.	The PSPO project will end after three years unless renewed.
Sustainable Materials	0	The signage and resources are already in existence, and so minimal resources will be required.	Identify the Council's appropriate approved suppliers who have less impacts.
Waste	1	Likely to be less dog faeces and bag waste at and around the PSPO sites.	Information provided on which sites are covered, and the restrictions.

9. Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

The proposals have been examined regarding the Council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, and appears to be consistent principles set out in this document. Assistance dogs would be considered to be exempt from any PSPOs.

10. Community Safety issues

The proposals are unlikely to impact upon community safety issues.

Conclusion and Recommendations

This is a resolution for Cabinet to make. We are asking Cabinet to agree to adopt the following recommendations:

Adopt all the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), as set out in Appendix A, relating to dog control.

The recommendation would allow for the modification of some existing PSPOs and additions of others, as supported by the majority of consultees.