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Clwb Rygbi Pantyffynnon	Cleaning up doesn't remove the problem, there are traces still left on our playing fields. dogs should always be on a lead in a public place	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead in all public places for animal welfare reasons. If the existing proposals do not address the problem of fouling on playing fields, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to exclude persistent offenders from these areas. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
Farmers Union of Wales (FUW)	In principle members agreed that there was a need to Clean up dog excrement after fouling.	Noted	No further response required
Furnace United RFC	Please add that no dogs should be allowed on private leased sporting venue used by adults and children.	Noted	It is for private land owners to decide who can enter on to their land and to deal with any trespass issues. If the existing proposals do not address the dog fouling problem, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to exclude persistent offenders from these areas. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
great dane care charitable trust	the dog is a very useful benefit to the vast majority of people, providing a means of exercise, companionship, and security for all ages of people yet the responsible dog owner is treated as a criminal. Without a place to exercise dogs, the health of all ages of people will suffer. The council provides the facility in some places like the country park at Pembrey and the coastal path yet has very few dog poo bins so how does this encourage good practise?	Noted	The order does not prevent people from exercising their dog off a lead in public areas. dog waste can be disposed of in normal litter bin's, we will review the number of bins within the County.
Jonathan Tudor, Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County council	Publicity will be required to deter people from violating the order. A wide range of council employees need to be involved in the enforcement of this order. Special Constables and Police Community Support Officers (PSCSOs) should also enforce if possible. Further it must be made clear if action can be taken on the basis of sufficient evidence provided to the council by members of the public who have witnessed the violation of the order e.g. witness statement, photographic evidence and reported.	Noted	The council will take this into account when making arrangements to publicise and enforce the order. The order will be published on the council's web site and publicised by way of media campaign. Signage will be erected through out the county. People will be encouraged to report breaches of the order. The authority will review the resources available to enforce the new orders. The use of Police & PCSO's to enforce the orders will be discussed with Dyfed Powys Police.

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The Kennel Club	We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing orders in this respect. These proactive measures may include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog poo may be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog.	Noted	We will take this in to account when publicising the order. The authority engages with dog owners and undertakes press releases and media events in promoting responsible dog ownership. We will review the number of bins within the County. The order makes it clear that dog mess can be placed in normal litter bins. Our website will also make this clear. The authority currently places signs on bins to inform dog owners of this.
Ysgol Bro Banw	As a school we have reported issues of dog fouling on our playing fields on several occasions. Small signage has been posted but this has not resolved the issue. As a school we welcome any sort of restriction placed upon dog owners to ensure the health and well being of our pupils.	Noted	Most school sites are not public land and for these purposes of the PSPO. The authority is happy to work closely with the schools in tackling these issues which may include the use of Community Protection Notices.
Laugharne Township Community council	Despite providing free dog bags this remains an issue for public areas in Laugharne, with many dog owners ignoring our notices and failing to pick up. The council welcome this proposal and are pleased to see the county council taking this positive initiative. dog fouling is the main complaint we receive from members of the public accessing LTCC land.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
Llandyfaelog Community council	Llandyfaelog Community council manages a play area at Idole and a Community Garden at Tir Gof, Llandyfaelog. Llandyfaelog Community Hall also has a play area in Llandyfaelog. We would very much wish this to be implemented at these locations.	Noted	The dog fouling provision in the PSPO will apply to all three sites.
Llangennech	Llangennech Community council resolved to support the order at its meeting held on the 9 November 2015.	Noted	No further response required
Pendine Community council	This must include all the beach and Pendine as the tide can move mess around	Noted	The dog fouling provisions within the order will apply to all of Pendine beach.
St Clears Town council	The Town council is very mindful of health risks associated with dog faeces and is supportive of action against irresponsible dog owners	Noted	No further response required
	dog fouling has become a big problem especially on the cycle path running from Garnant to Ammanford.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	dog fouling in the coastal park is out of contro;	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.

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	I think that the extent of dog fouling has notably increased over recent years. I have also noticed more people having more than one dog, in some cases three or four.	Noted	If we become aware of problems concerning a number of people walking loose dogs, we may review the issue in the future.
	There's always dog mess outside Ysgol Llangynnr and along St Catherine Street from the mini-roundabout down past the Vauxhall Garage, down to Debenhams.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	it is already a legal requirement to clean up after your dog, there is dog mess everywhere so if the existing law is rarely enforced how will another law improve things	Noted	Currently, people are only required to clean up after their dog in some areas. The new orders will extend the requirement to all public places within Carmarthenshire.
	The problem is widespread and prevalent even in very high profile places such as Pembrey Country Park. The efforts made to enforce penalties do not appear to have been very effective despite warning signs and disposal points. Perhaps more visible signs quoting penalty warnings might help educate the offending 'minority' of dog owners.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	a large number of "culprits" of the offence continue to do so during darker hours where they won't be seen and enforcement officers are off duty at these times	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	As a responsible dog owner who always cleans-up after my dog, I strongly agree with the "order" but think it will be difficult to enforce successfully.	Noted	No further response required
	Expensive to enforce. What about an initiative that responsible owners can sign up to and advertise? E.g. on high vis tabards? How about "Don't Be A Sh*t - Clean Up After Your dog (Like I Do)"?	Noted	The authority's enforcement officers currently engage with dog owners whilst on Patrol. The use of High Viz tabards would not be an effective use of resources.
	Fine the offender heavily and publish their name in local papers!	Noted	Fines imposed on conviction are a matter for the courts. All prosecutions are sent to the media section for press reports. For the offenders that have accepted a fixed penalty notice, the authority is unable to publish their details.
	Fines could be used to fund further dog Wardens so that more areas could be monitored more often including evenings and weekends. Also name and shame. Also fines for the culprits who are seen to be picking up but later dump the bags further along on the pretence of picking it back up on their return but invariably fail to do so.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. Where offenders have accepted a Fixed Penalty Notice, the authority is unable to publish their details. For offenders that have been prosecuted through the magistrates court their details are disclosed to the press. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.

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	Harsher penalties are needed.	Noted	We will take this into consideration on reviewing the fixed penalty notices, The Prosecution Fines are fixed by the Magistrate courts.
	HOW AND WHO IS GOING TO MONITOR THIS. WILL SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL BE PROVIDED TO ENFORCE THIS.	Noted	It will be enforced by authorised officers of Carmarthenshire County council, the authority will review the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	How will the council ensure that people pick up their dog's mess? I live in Ammanford and the amount of dog mess on my 10 minute walk into the centre of town has increased recently. I have friends who own dogs and they scrupulously clear up after them, however, those who don't get away with it as there is no-one around when the mess is made so who is to say which dog/owner is responsible? You can't follow	Noted	The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC, these comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	How will this be policed?	Noted	The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC, these comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	how will you fund this?	Noted	Within the existing resources, however this will be monitored and reviewed.
	I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dogs but I see so much dog poo not picked up and I don't see how this is going to improve just by making a new order. For this to work you need people going out and watching what is going on and challenging the people who are not picking up after their dogs!	Noted	The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC, these comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	I think its awful that dog owners are not already doing this and feel this should be policed far more than it is currently	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	I totally agree with this proposal, however it will be extremely difficult to enforce given that the county is so large and council employees don't work 24 hours a day. Also council employees have other priorities and can't be everywhere.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	It's about time that action was taken against these owners as this is a growing issue.	Agreed	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	My only concern is with budget cuts further looming, how will the local authority enforce such an excellent order?	Noted	The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC, these comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	Need to enforce that people must take the dog waste bags away with them. Too many people leave the bags for the dog poo fairies!	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.

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	Persistent offenders should be named and shamed - either with signs being put up in their neighborhood or in the paper with their photo.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. Where offenders have accepted a Fixed Penalty Notice, the authority is unable to publish their details. Where offenders have been successfully prosecuted through the magistrates' court their details are disclosed to the press.
	sometimes owners can get distracted or not not see if the dog has done anything, es;pecially if its of leash and or gone behind a bush/tree, they should point this out and give them the opportunity to clean it up, i take old peoles dogs for a walk i have plenty of bags on me, but by the time i pick up bottles cans, i often run out and have to get more bags, i just hope the officers use discretion and common sense and not immediatly fine people	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog. Officers will use discretion and common sense if there are good reasons why an individual cannot comply with the order.
	The council need to enusre that they actually have the staff to patrol the street to catch the offenders. The street I live in quite often has dog foul on it and it has appeared overnight when irrisponsible dog owners walk their dogs.	Noted	The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC, these comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	This is essential that strong enforcement is introduced as the majority of complaints from the public is dog related; dog muck and dogs off the lead in public places and dogs being left to roam in children's play areas.	Noted	The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC, these comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	This should be supported by zero tolerance enforcement	Noted	The authority will adopt a strict approach to enforcement and will endeavour to ensure consistency. However, each incident will be assessed on its own merit and officers do have discretion on the appropriate enforcement action to be taken. Officers will be expected to use common sense.
	All dog owners should carry suitable clean up materials when walking their animal. Those that fail to produce one when challenged by a pcs0 or police officer should receive an on the spot fine as they clearly had no intention of cleaning up any mess the animal makes.	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.
	An authorised officer of the council should be required to ask anyone with a dog on public land to prove that they have come equipped with a bag for the dog mess.	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.
	The council should go further. People with authority should do it, ask dog owners, when they see them with a dog, to show their plastic bag. And if they don't have one the should be fined.	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.

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	Everyone should be responsible for their dog. As a dog owner I walk many paths walked by other dog woners and am discusted by the amount of dog fouling that I see. I regularly confront dog walkers who have an excuse such as they do not have a bag to put their dog fouling into. Why not look at an order that requires all dog walkers to carry bags to pick up their dog fouling with..? If a dog walker does not have a bag then it is obvious that they have no intention of picking up their dog foul.	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.
	I feel owners walking their dogs should be able to be approached and challenged that they have the necessary equipment (bags)to clean up after their dogs ,and then fined appropriately .	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.
	It is a very few people who do not pick up. Responsible dog owners do. You should do targeted undercover work in chosen area s and fine fine fine those thst do not comply. Make it a law if you have a dog you must carry pooh bags and employ the Pele to ask. By the by. Just cos s dog is on a lead does not mean people will pick up their pooh	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.
	There is a gentleman who walks his dog on the grass area opposite the vets by James Street, Llanelli. I reminded him that he needed to clean up after his dog has done his business on the grass but he completely ignored me and does not carry with him anything to clean the dogs mess up with.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	As a responsible dog owner who always cleans up after my dog, I am amazed by the amount of dog mess left by owners. However the situation is not helped by the lack of bins for use by dog owners to use. I regularly use the Quay in Kidwelly and Pembrey park for walking my dog. Kidwelly Quay has some bins but mainly near the parking areas and therefore quite close together. It would benefit from one at the far end of the canal route and one near the ponds. At Pembrey country park , in the wooden area, there are no bins to be seen for miles. I have noticed that many owners seem to think it's therefore acceptable to throw bagged dog mess into the woods.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. we will review the number of bins within the County. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	But more bins should be provided	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	Do we have enough appropriate bins to put the bags in? Could the council supply bags that would be available near the bins?		we will review the number of bins within the County. The authority has previously supplied bag dispensers in key areas around the county, however these facilities have been abused and subsequently withdrawn
	However, the council MUST provide more bins for people to drop off doggy bags.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County
	I agree especiall in areas where children play, but there needs to be more bins to put it in and emptied more frequently especially in the summer months	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County and the frequency of emptying.

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	I am a dog owner who regularly walks on the cycle path between Pontamman and Garnant. I often see filled poo bags disgarded on the path. There is a shortage of bins on the path and I think that bog owners who have bothered to bag Poo would use bins if they were placed at regular intervals on the path .Bins that are placed on the path are often over flowing I also walk with my small grandson and often have to megotiate him around large quantities of horse manure, maybe the same rules for bagging poo could include horse poo too.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces. We will also review the number of bins within the area inc the frequency of emptying. We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.
	I strongly agree BUT the council of course needs to ensure that there are sufficient facilities in public areas to allow for disposal of dog poo. There are certainly not enough at the moment.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County, where there are no bin's it is for the person in charge of the dog to take the faeces home with them.
	If this is brought in I would like to see the council supply more bins around the county. This is one of the big reasons for owners I've spoken to for not picking up after their dog as there is no bin around to put it in. Yes responsible owners like myself just carry the bag until we find one or take it home and dispose of it there if no bin is found but more bins would greatly help increase the amount of people picking up.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County, where there are no bin's it is for the person in charge of the dog to take the faeces home with them.
	Insufficient bins for disposing of waste in areas	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	It is easy to clear up after your dog however there are very few bins to put the waste in and walking for a few hours with bag of faeces can get very unpleasant!	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	Make it clear that BAGGED dog mess can be put in any refuse bin.	Noted	The authority currently places signs on the litter bins which indicates that Bagged dog Poo is permitted to placed within the bins.
	More bins in which to dispose of dog poo, particularly in areas that are popular with dog walkers.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	More bins need to be made available	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	More bins needed on recognised walks. I can help to identify Betws area. ***** More you need as local knolage key.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	More bins should provided for people get rid of the dog mess. The easier you make it for people to dispose of the dog mess, the more people will do it	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	more disposable units needed in all parks and childrens play area's also around school area's.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.

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	People should be cleaning up after their dogs for sure. However, it can be the case that owners do run out of bags now and again and perhaps a grace period is in place for these instances. I do recognise that the owner has full responsibility, but this has happened to me on one occasion whereby my dog was unwell, and 7 bags were used during one walk, and I had to return to pick up his mess once I had managed to get more bags. Carmarthenshire are slow at changing the bins and I have often had to place my dog's mess on the floor next to the bin due to there being an overflow of poop bags at the bin. This will need to be addressed to encourage people to pick up their dog's mess. There are also areas that do not have any bins at all for example, the river side walk from Brynamman through to Garnant, Sandy Water Park Llanelli and Swiss Valley reservoir Llanelli, no regular bins to dispose of mess, if people are expected to pick it up you need to offer them opportunist to get rid of it. I have seen dog owners pick up their dog mess and hang it of a gate or tree due to there being no bins available.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. we will review the number of bins within the County and the frequency of emptying. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces. It is not always practical to place bins in remote locations.
	People should definitely pick it up but make sure you provide enough bins. Not enough at Pembrey Country Park.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	Please add more bins on known dog walking routes	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	Please provide much more bins in order to dispose of it. I have found on walking our dogs that waste has been left for this reason, it has even been picked up but the waste bag left as no where to put it. It's not nice when out with children, having to hold onto a bag of faeces. It's unsanitary	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	Strongly agree, but more bins are required especially in places like Pembrey Country Park !!	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	The provision of waste bins needs to reflect the impact of the order. People are more likely to bin it if there is a bin close to hand and in an appropriate place. Positioning of bins would be best done with consultation of local dog walkers who know how dogs use the area. In wild or unmanaged areas a 'stick and flick' policy would also be both sensible and workable	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County. The authority does not think it would be appropriate to adopt a stick and flick policy, however landowners may agree to accept this policy on their land.
	There is a lack of bins. The fact that some people do pick up and make things worse by then dumping the bags in the bushes.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. we will review the number of bins within the County and the frequency of emptying. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	there is not enough dog bins some have been taken away why? when you expect people to clean up after their dogs. North Wales provides lots of bins and is very dog friendly.	Noted	we will review the number of bins within the County.
	To make bins available to public for dog waste. Ive seen people leave dog mess and also throw their bags due to lack of bins which have been taken away in some areas	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. we will review the number of bins within the County and the frequency of emptying. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.

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	You need to put more waste bins in the walking areas alongside ensuring that dog owners in town take responsibility for their dogs and clean up waste. It is noticeable that Priory Street and internal areas of town is littered with dog fouling because owners take their dogs out early morning and late at night and allow them to foul without picking it up. It is less likely in the walk areas when people have to make an effort to walk.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. we will review the number of bins within the County and the frequency of emptying.
	Also the disposing of dog waste in doggie bags are sometimes thrown in to bushes, which is worse as it takes a greater amount of time for these to breakdown	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	Bagging dog waste causes an environmental issue when non-decomposing bags used. In some situations waste will be quickly removed by slugs, etc so areas where this applies should be careful considered.	Noted	It is not appropriate to allow dog fouling to be left behind in some locations and to ensure a consistent approach in dealing with dog fouling issues.
	dog mess should be cleaned and put in bins or taken home to bin and full poop bags not left hanging on fences.	Agreed	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	It should also be made clear that the bags should not be left behind and should be placed in a bin.	Agreed	This will be considered when publicising the order. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	I think that every dog owner should carry a kit bag with them when out walking their dog, so that as well as having a bag to place the faeces in they should also have a spray to kill any germs left after the faeces is placed in the bag. That is, any residue should also be cleaned up or neutralised especially in grassy areas. There should also be something in the order about the disposal of bags, as there is nothing worse than seeing filled bags thrown onto the branches of trees or hedges.	Noted	It would be inappropriate to impose such a requirement under the current PSPO's. It's unnecessary to include something in the order relating to the disposal of bags as throwing bags in to trees or hedges is already a criminal offence.
	Not just clean up and bag the dog fouling but take the bags home with them. People often bag up the dog dirt but leave them at the side of footpaths or hanging in trees.	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	people need to clean up after their dog and then responsibly dispose of the bag containing the dog faeces as often this is just thrown into bushes or onto the ground.	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	should also include disposing of the bag and not leaving at the side of the pavement etc	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	The amount of dog mess seen locally is unacceptable, and on many occasions, where dog mess has been put into an appropriate bag, it is then thrown into the nearby hedge.	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	The leaving of dog fouling bags on the floor or hanging from branches are as much a problem as the dog fouling itself	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	The order should include a requirement to dispose of the collected faeces in an appropriate bin or to take it home, with penalties for those bagging and dropping or throwing excrement.	Noted	It would be inappropriate to specify how the waste must be disposed of. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.

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	the proposal that requires people to clean up after their dog should make it clear that they should remove and responsibly dispose of the dog's faecal waste in biodegradable bags. I am fed up of, no - really angry about coming across bags of dog poo hanging from fences, hedges or just plain abandoned in public areas.	Agreed	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	They should also take the bags home or put them in a bin rather than leave them at the side of the path or throw them in a tree.	Agreed	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	As a parent it is really disgusting having to clean my children's shoes after they have stepped in dog mess. Hopefully this will reduce this occurring. Another major issue for me is cat fouling in my garden and drive, there seems to be @ 10 cats that foul in my garden and drive. My children and others have frequently stepped on this cat poo and walked it through the house. It concerns me as there is a nasty parasite in the cat poo which can affect children's sight. Could the council insist that cat owners have litter boxes for their cats as many clearly do not and let their cats foul everywhere. Also place a limit to the amount of cats one person can have.	Noted	Public Spaces Protection Orders can only be used to regulate activity on public land. They cannot be therefore be used to limit the number of cats a person can have and impose a requirement to have litter boxes. Where Cat fouling is a serious problem the council could consider using other statutory powers.
	As I work with Visually Impaired people I have major concerns about dog fouling in public places. dog fouling can cause blindness in young children and adults.	Noted	The council recognises the health issues concerning Toxicarra. The current enforcement regime on dog fouling is limited to designated areas, for this reason the authority is looking to introduce a county wide orders for dog owners to clear up after their dog within all publicly accessible areas.
	dog faeces are medically dangerous (eye infection and general gut content bacteria etc). It is also highly disgusting on shoes, pushchair wheels etc. Also why do some dog owners who pick up dog faeces in a bag then leave the bag on the path or or a seat . you will need to include those who do not dispose of faeces correctly even if picked up	Noted	The council recognises the health issues concerning Toxicarra and the nuisance of dog fouling. The current enforcement regime on dog fouling is limited to designated areas, for this reason the authority is looking to introduce a county wide orders for dog owners to clear up after their dog within all publicly accessible areas. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	I often take my child in his pram/trike to public parks and areas and the wheels get covered in dog mess.	Noted	No further response required
	I thought that was ther law anyway. If not it is behind the times as we all try to keep our areas hygienicly clean and pleasant .	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible land.

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	I walk to & from work everyday & walk through many streets in Carmarthen town. Nearly every street i walk through as dog fouling there. The area where I mostly walk there a 2 schools where parents walk their children to school & on many occasion I can see that pram wheels have gone though the dog foul & then this is taking into schools & people homes, which is most Unhygienic.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning enforcement activities.
	Important for Public health and safety	Agreed	No further response required
	It is no longer a pleasure to go for a walk in many parts of Carmarthenshire due to dog fouling. You are unable to walk and enjoy the view as you are constantly having to check where you're walking in case of dog fouling on the path. Also children aren't able to play freely as I am worried that they will come across dog dirt.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible areas.
	It is revolting to see dog fouling left in public spaces, it is not difficult to clean up after your dog.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible areas.
	Most dog owners are responsible and do clean up but there are a number of dog owners around my area that totally disregard the law and repeatedly leave their dog mess where children walk and play	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible areas.
	There is nothing worse than dog mess on shoes etc., and that is before health issues are even looked at!	Noted	The council recognises the health issues concerning dog fouling. The current enforcement regime on dog fouling is limited to designated areas, for this reason the authority is looking to introduce a county wide orders for dog owners to clear up after their dog within all publicly accessible areas. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.

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	This is long overdue and I personally feel very pleased to see this being taken forward. When I walk my own dog, its upsetting to see how much dog mess is left by owners around our public spaces, this is particularly upsetting to see in areas where our children play.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible areas.
	Accompanied dogs are not really the issue it is latchkey dogs and strays	Noted	The dog fouling provision of the order will apply to latch key / stray dogs. The council will also consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with persistent issues relating to latch Key / straying dogs.
	As a dog owner I am very angry as we always clean up after our dogs and did so before it ever became law.It is also annoying as people may think we are culprits.I cannot understand how the offending dog owners don't care about mess.Do they not mind if they or their children step in it and take germs home with them.A big problem is when the owners of large dogs let them out of their cars so the dogs run off , make a mess whilst owners are locking their vehicles etc and don't see or care what their dogs have done.	Noted	The council recognises the health issues concerning dog fouling. The current enforcement regime on dog fouling is limited to designated areas, for this reason the authority is looking to introduce a county wide orders for dog owners to clear up after their dog within all publicly accessible areas. For those dog owners that fail to keep control of their dogs, the authority may use Community Protection Notices that would place conditions on them to comply with the law.
	As a dog owner i feel very strongley that it is my responsibilty to clean up any mess left by my dogs and i expect others to do the same.	Noted	No further response required
	As a responsible dog owners it makes my bloody boil that majority are NOT the amounts of times I have had arguments with owners WHO do not pick up after there own dogs and offering bags to them just blatantly ignore all efforts and walk away! It's so dangerous and disgust on many levels! It's dose not cost much to buy poop bag I pay £1 for 100 bags in home bargain! So no excuse at all! JUST lazy irresponsible dog owners who should not have a dog if not willing to look after it properly and be responsible for it and every one around, upper Brynamman park is coverd in dog foul all the time and children have to walk through park 2ce a day to go to the school!	Noted	The issues highlighted in Brynamman Park will be taken into account when conducting future enforcement activities.
	As dog owner I always clean up after my dog.	Noted	No further response required

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	dog owners are responsible for their pet's behaviour and should clean up after them as soon as possible	Agreed	Unfortunately there are a minority of irresponsible dog owners that continue to disregard the law, and these individuals have been targeting areas where there is no enforcement regime. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle this anti social behaviour.
	dog owners should clean up after their dog, this is a no brainer	Agreed	No further response required
	dog ownership has it's responsibility . owners should adhere to a Code of Practice. We have The Highway Code ,Countryside Code ,etc., why not dog owners Code?	Noted	We will consider a "Code of Practice"
	dog responsibility needs to be taken seriously, not only for the health of public using facilities, but also the health of the dog, and that includes cleaning up.	Agreed	No further response required
	As a responsible dog owner, it is perfectly fair to ensure that other dog owners clean up after their dogs immediately, and put them in a bin rather than leave the refuse bag on the pavement or somewhere similar.	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	I agree wholeheartedly with the proposal. I ALWAYS clean up after my dogs and expect every other dog owner to do the same.	Noted	No further response required
	I agree with this as good dog owners get tarred with the same brush as bad ones.	Noted	No further response required
	I always pick up my dog's mess straight after he does one, and I make sure he does not go onto private land as some dog owners do!!!	Noted	No further response required
	I am a new puppy/dog owner and have not once failed to clean up after my pup. I am venturing onto many walks, paths and common ground areas where I have not been before and my dog seems able to sniff out any dog mess that has been left by irresponsible pet owners. It never ceases to amaze me how many people fail to pick it up.	Noted	No further response required
	I coached a local junior rugby team, I had to turn up early to clean the dog mess off the pitch, during daylight owners respect tend to clean up, during the night time I have seen owners that just release their dogs by the gate and do not bother even following the dog into the park. dogs should be on a lead at all times in public parks not only in childrens play areas. On a Sunday morning during a game with young children all around a dog owner with 2 German Shepherds works into the park with both dogs off the lead. I did ask him to place the dogs on the lead, he refused.	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead in all public places for animal welfare reasons. If the existing proposals do not address the problem of fouling on playing fields, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to exclude persistent offenders from these areas. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
	I encourage all fellow dog walkers to clean up after their dogs, and won't hesitate to reprimand anyone who does not.	Noted	The authority does not encourage members of the public to challenge these irresponsible dog owners and recommends that these types of incidents are reported to the council.
	I have previously owned many dogs so understand the reason for this	Noted	No further response required

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	I note from my local area that all persons I know with dogs always carry bags and pick up their dogs mess.	Noted	No further response required
	I think most people do, and I commend the council for the number of bins in Carmarthenshire to make it easy to comply. I think there should be more compliance from dog owners and the leaving of filled bags around is very bad. I am in favour of education rather than aggressive legislation. I fear enforcement for enforcements sake having lived in a country where such laws are enforced without common sense (the USA) and understanding.	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces. The council also conducts various education and awareness events i.e. Road shows, College and school programmes, liaising Community Groups and media press releases.
	If a person owns or is in charge of a pet they should be accountable for that pet.	Agreed	No further response required
	In Cefneithin Park people from all over the Gwendraeth Valley come, let their dogs off the lead and foul all over the park with out picking up!! NOT ON	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	It is a meaningful responsibility of being a dog owner!	Agreed	No further response required
	it is the responsibility of the few dog owners who do not "pick up" gives everyone else a bad name !!!!!!!!!!!!	Noted	No further response required
	LOCAL PARKS SEEM TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEM - DOGS ARE LEFT TO ROAM FREE TO FOUL ALL OVER	Noted	No further response required
	owners should be cleaning up after their dog anyway but I do realise that irresponsible owners don't and therefore they should be fined and named and shamed in the local newspaper.	Noted	Where offenders have accepted a Fixed Penalty Notice, the authority is unable to publish their details. Where offenders have been successfully prosecuted through the magistrates' court their details are disclosed to the press.
	The fines should be more like £500 This would help to pay more wardens i also think every boady should have to clean after there dog with no exceptions . This then would allow all responsible dog owners into parks and public places.	Noted	The fine and fixed penalty is set by government and the maximum fine for dog Fouling is £1000 and the maximum level for a fixed penalty notice is £100.
	the problem isn't so much dogs with owners it's latch-key dogs and strays	Noted	The dog fouling provision of the order will apply to latch key / stray dogs. The council will also consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with persistent issues relating to latch Key / straying dogs.
	There are several dog owners who use the coastal path in Machynys who do not pick up their dogs faeces.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	There is no excuse. If you have a dog, you have it in the knowledge that you are absolutely responsible for cleaning up after it. Not having dog poo bags is not a viable excuse. I clean up after my dog, other dog owners should do the same.	Noted	Under the Equality Act there are exemptions for those dog owners that have a disability that restricts them from being able to clear up after their dog. We also believe an exemption has to be made for working dogs.

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	There is simply no excuse for not cleaning up after a dog. Carmarthenshire provides more than ample disposal bins, and these are regularly emptied. Suitable bags are available at Tesco for 35p for three hundred. Failure to clean up after a dog is simply unacceptable and offenders should be dealt with by the strongest means possible. Very significant fines should be imposed on ALL offenders.	Noted	Under the Equality Act there are exemptions for those dog owners that have a disability that restricts them from being able to clear up after their dog. We also believe an exemption has to be made for working dogs.
	There needs to be much more pro-active education, starting with schools, teaching the next generation that it's irresponsible not to clean up after your dog, issuing fines is not enough, the council needs to work with responsible dog owners who do the right thing, maybe set up a voluntary task force, I don't want further restrictions to be introduced all because of persistent irresponsible owners who spoil it for everyone else	Noted	The council has conducted various education and awareness events for a number of years which include Road shows, College and school programmes, liaising Community Groups and media press releases. We feel that the proposed orders are reasonable and proportionate.
	There should be no reason for people not to clean up after their dog.	Noted	No further response required
	They should anyway	Noted	No further response required
	This applies to County councillors as well, I have see with my own eyes not clearing up after his dog when he takes it for a walk, another takes his dog to a playground to walk his dog when your own signs say this is not allowed.	Noted	Subject to the exemptions set out within the order, the order will apply to members of public inc county councillors.
	This is what responsible owners have always taken for granted.	Noted	No further response required
	This should be common sense by all dog in owners.	Noted	No further response required
	we show and breed dogs and when out with our dogs country or town we always have poop bags in the car or in our pockets and clean up after them	Noted	No further response required
	I have owned several dogs in the past and have never found it a problem to clean up after it. It is important to respect the environment and other walkers.	Agreed	No further response required
	Any dog owner, regardless of disability or visual impairment, is responsible for the fouling of their dog and should not be excluded from this order. It is the repsonilbilty of the individual in question to make the necessary arrangements to clean up after the dog in a public place. The public can not be adequately protected from uncotrolled fouling in e.g playgrounds if there are rules for some and not for others - whatever the circumstances. A child's illness caused by exposure to dog feaces is a lot more important, serious and in the interests of society than anxiety by lawmakers about dogs owned by disabled people.	Noted	When exercising our functions, we must have regard to the public sector equality duty in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. We must consider the need to eliminate disability discrimination and to advance equality of opportunity. We do not believe that it is appropriate to take enforcement action against people who are unable to comply with the order for reasons that are related to a disability. We could be acting unlawfully if were to do so. It could also discourage disabled people from owning a dog or properly exercising their dogs.

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	dogs should not be allowed on playing areas full stop	Noted	Due to animal welfare issues it would be inappropriate to exclude dogs from all playing areas. If the existing proposals do not address the problem of fouling on playing fields, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to exclude persistent offenders from these areas. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
	Feel people who are physically able the rule is right . Also feel it right that include the Exemption list of Assistance dog and working To their nature Of assistance dog and working dog . People in that list are right if not able to	Noted	DEFRA guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO.
	I am extremely dismayed about the hunting dogs exception. The order should especially apply to packs of hunting hounds who cause all manner of annoyance and disturbance as well as dog faeces everywhere.	Noted	DEFRA Guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor this and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.
	I believe that the definition of working dogs should not include dogs being used for hunting as this cannot be defined as work. I therefore believe that this proposal relating to fouling should apply to dogs being used for hunting	Noted	DEFRA Guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.
	What happens if a child falls in an area where a dog has fouled and results in a permanent injury/disability for a child? I believe that anyone who has a dog should be treated equally irrespective of what category they fall into, the after effects for a child will be the same irrespective of who's dog has fouled.	Noted	Under the Equality Act there are exemptions for those dog owners that have a disability that restricts them from being able to clear up after their dog. We also believe an exemption has to be made to working dogs.
	Agree where the dog defecates close too or on public footpaths but when the dog is off the lead and is away from any paths, discretion should be given where the owner has made a reasonable attempt to try and locate the mess because when the dog is free to roam and the grass or ground is un kept, its quite difficult to find the mess to clean up.	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog. Officers will use discretion and common sense if there are good reasons why an individual cannot comply with the order.

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	Dependent on how easy it is to access where the dog has defecated.	Noted	Under the order a person has a defence to prosecution if they have a reasonable excuse to failing to clear up after their dog. If a dog defecates in an inaccessible location they may therefore have a defence. Officers will use discretion and common sense if there are good reasons why an individual cannot comply with the order.
	I think all public land is a bit silly. I don't see anything wrong with not cleaning up if the mess is on a grass verge or a farmers field for example. Obviously playing fields pavements and paths should never have any mess left there	Noted	Members of Public can come into contact with dog faeces on grassed verges and open access land. For this reason the orders should apply to all these areas.
	If dogs are trained to defecate off paths, roads, pavements etc and it is not accessible to children, e.g. in a hedge, in scrub etc then I think it is reasonable for the person responsible to leave it where it is.	Noted	Members of Public can come into contact with dog faeces in these areas. For this reason the orders should apply to these areas. It is not feasible to limit the dog fouling provision in the order to areas that children access.
	If in woodland and the dog fouls in a thicket of brambles or patch of ground that is not easily accessible to get to then this is not really practical!	Noted	Under the order a person has a defence to prosecution if they have a reasonable excuse to failing to clear up after their dog. If a dog defecates in an inaccessible location they may therefore have a defence. Officers will use discretion and common sense if there are good reasons why an individual cannot comply with the order.
	If the dog is off a lead then it could be out of owners sight and dog defecating could be missed	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog. Officers will use discretion and common sense if there are good reasons why an individual cannot comply with the order.
	In my mind there is scope for certain public land to be designated 'Allowed' areas - this is because it can be very overgrown and be difficult for a dog owner to go in and even find where it may have messed. Though these areas would have to be signposted - and be areas less likely to be somewhere children would play.	Noted	Members of public can come into contact with dog faeces in these areas. For this reason the orders should apply there. It is not feasible to limit the dog fouling provision in the order to areas that children access.

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	Or footpath. Bushy countryside verges can sometimes be excused as it's hard to get it out effectively. The point should be made that the dog cannot help it. Naughty owners should not be fined but have to do community service and pick it up for a few hours in a hot poop spot and not be let off until they have collected a certain weight related to the location of their offence.	Noted	Under the order a person has a defence to prosecution if they have a reasonable excuse to failing to clear up after their dog. If a dog defecates in an inaccessible location they may therefore have a defence. Officers will use discretion and common sense if there are good reasons why an individual cannot comply with the order. The Penalties are decided by the courts. It would be costly and resource intensive for the local authority to offer restorative work as an alternative to a fixed penalty notice.
	owners do not always see what their dog is doing when it is not on a lead or where it is doing it.	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog.
	Should include paths, verges. We live in the country and our lane is covered with dog fouling.	Noted	The order will include these areas
	some public land is very rarely accessed by people so fouling wont hinder human use of the land. So dog fouling will do fauna and flora good, and is better than gathering in plastic bags for landfill. So an order for all fouling to be cleaned up on ALL public land is detrimental.	Noted	It is not feasible to exclude areas rarely accessed by people. To identify these areas and draft an order in those terms would be very difficult.
	The only difficulty with this may be if you are walking your dg in woods or a beach (where they are allowed) and they go out of sight while running around. You cannot have your eyes on them at all times, and it would be a shame to keep a friendly dog on a lead all the time.	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog.
	The order is excessively stringent. In more wild areas cleaning is less necessary as natural processes operate quickly. Also there is the problem of many people's preference for leaving bags of faeces rather than removing them.	Noted	It is not feasible to limit the dog fouling provision in the order to areas rarely accessed by people. To identify these areas and draft an order in those terms would be difficult. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	We have a lawned area in front of our house (ours) and all our neighbours - they are our property but due to new build they don't have any walls etc separating each garden, and from the main road. We have a lot of problems with dog owners leaving their dog mess in our front lawns because of this. Could this be included as well i.e. will owners receive a fine if their dog messes on someone else's property/land?	Noted	The order applies to all land that is open and accessible to members of the public. This includes privately owned land unless the person that controls the land decides otherwise.

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	Yes pick up in a park but not in a country lane etc. Would be ideal if you could make secure dog only areas for free running.	Noted	Members of public can still come into contact with dog faeces in country lanes, it is not feasible to exclude these areas from the order. As large rural authority it is not practical to provide such facilities throughout the county. This also has resource implications.
	but what about horse owners the piles that there animals leave on public ground far outweigh that which is left by canines and cigarette butts what is being done about them ?	Noted	We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.
	Can the policy please be extended to include cats?	Noted	Cat's are essentially a straying animal and we cannot expect their owner to follow their cat at all times and clear up after it.
	Can we also talk about the double standard about horse shit? If you have the local hunt's horses shitting in public that also needs cleaning up.	Noted	We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.
	Chewing gum is also an issue!! dogs eat it and is toxic	Noted	Litter Fixed Penalties are issued to individuals who drop / throw down chewing gum.

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	I think improved signage is also needed in all parks and other areas that people frequent with their dogs. And come to think of it I don't much like stepping in horse muck so why aren't horses included?	Noted	It is not feasible to provide signage in every piece of Public land within the County. The authority will endeavour to provide signage in locations where there is an adverse affect from dog Fouling and will publicise the order by other means. We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.
	Officers should also catch the humans who defecate on river walk . dogs do not cut up bits of newspaper in tiny squares. If these disgusting people can take newspaper in their Lycra pocket they can take a dog poo bag.	Noted	Other statutory powers can be used to deal with human defecation.
	What about horses, foxes, cats, birds and other wild animals? What about guide dogs, as the owner can not see what the dog has done?	Noted	We cannot see how these orders can be used for foxes, birds and other wild animals. Cat's are essentially a straying animal and we cannot expect their owner to follow their cat at all times and clear up after it. We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time. The order will not apply to the individuals that have a serious sight impairment that restricts them from seeing their dog defecating.
	I am in a wheelchair, the dog fouling is always on the pavemenn where I live. It is very awkward to get to where I want to go. There is always a lot of dog fouling where I live. I went yesterday about 500 yards from my house. there was approx 8 places where there was dog fouling.I	Noted	No further response required
	In parks and on footpaths	Noted	The dog fouling provisions will apply to the orders

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	Please could you specify what publicly accessible land is. Does this also includes beaches ? National Trust parks? Fields? Woodland? Roads?	Noted	For these purposes a "Public Place" means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission. These will include Beaches, National Parks, Fields , woodlands and roads where there is public access.
	Surely this is in place now !	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible land.
	There has been the odd occasion were I have found myself without bags but have always returned later to clean up. However it would be useful to have bags available esp in popular dog walking areas.	Noted	It is up to dog owners to ensure that they have sufficient bags with them to comply with order. The authority has previously supplied bag dispensers in key areas around the county, however these facilities were abused and have now been subsequently withdrawn
	This is not being done at Cwmamman Park Garnant	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. The dog Fouling provision in the order will apply at Cwmamman Park.
	This is surely already the law anyway	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible land.
	Thought this was already the case.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible land.

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	we should try and adopt the new system of DNA testing dog mess as other authorities have done. I would pay for that as would most responsible dog owners. on our street there is an owner who lets their dog defecate on a daily basis. its kind of annoying when it does it on your path or directly outside your gate!	Noted	We do not think a DNA database will assist with enforcement activities, as dog owners do not have to provide DNA samples for the database. It is likely that only responsible dog owners would do so.
	well it is not working so far so what is the point? Why not open a DNA data base?	Noted	The current enforcement regime on dog fouling is limited to designated areas, for this reason the authority is looking to introduce a county wide orders for dog owners to clear up after their dog within all publicly accessible areas. We do not think a DNA database will assist with enforcement activities, as dog owners do not have to provide DNA samples for the database. It is likely that only responsible dog owners would do so.
	Within a few minutes to allow dog to finish fouling and being able to hold dog whilst picking up. Some people may need to tie to dog to a post etc to allow them both free hands to pick up poop.	Noted	the person in charge of the dog is required to remove the dog faeces forthwith, however officers will allow a reasonable opportunity for them to do so.
	All dogs should be registered on a DNA database and offenders identified by DNA testing of faeces. This should be paid for by the introduction of a new dog license, the council should make representations to this effect to the legislature.	Noted	These are matters for central government to consider. We do not think a DNA database will assist with enforcement activities, as dog owners do not have to provide DNA samples for the database. It is likely that only responsible dog owners would do so.
	All land used for recreational purposes should be designated as 'dog Free Zones' especially from April to October.	Noted	Due to animal welfare issues it would be inappropriate to exclude dogs from all land used for recreational purposes. If the existing proposals do not address the problem of fouling on recreational land, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to exclude persistent offenders from these areas. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
	please see the attached link regarding daventry council http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-northamptonshire-34972213	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.

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Dog's on Leads

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Farmers Union of Wales (FUW)	It was accepted that a dog was under better control whilst wearing a dog's lead but also accepted that many dogs were extremely obedient and under the control of their owners without the need for a lead.	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. People will not be required to place their dog on a lead if it is not causing or likely to cause problems.
great dane care charitable trust	those on extendable leads are rarely in full control and there are no proposals to encourage owners to attend training classes. these are no allowed inside any council property.	Noted	If authorised officers find that dog owners are unable to control their dogs with extendable leads, they may instruct the owners to reduce the lead length down to 2m. The authority may also use Community Protection Notices as a long term solution in dealing with dog owners that are unable to control their dogs, this could include attendance to training classes.
Jonathan Tudor, Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council	A wide range of Council employees need to be authorised and trained to enforce this order along with Special Constables and PCSOs if possible. The order will need to be well-publicised so people understand that Council employees do have these powers.	Noted	The authority will review the resources available to enforce the new orders. The use of Police & PCSO's to enforce the orders will be discussed with Dyfed Powys Police. Where additional resources to enforce the orders are identified appropriate training will be provided. The orders will be placed on the authority's web page, and a media campaign informing the public of the new powers will be undertaken.
Open Spaces Society	In the case of public rights of way the council cannot make such a direction as rights-of-way law supersedes this. On a public right of way a dog must be on a lead or otherwise under close control. So we suspect this could lead to some confusion.	Noted	Under Right of Way law dogs do not have to be kept on a lead on rights of way. They only need to be on a lead or under close control. There are also no criminal sanctions against a person who fails to comply with the requirement in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to keep their dog on a lead when on access land. The proposed order will give the authority powers to deal with problems in these areas by insisting that a nuisance dog is placed on a lead, and taking enforcement action if the person in charge of the dog refuses to do so. We do not agree that rights of way law prevents us from making this order. Where existing legislation imposes more onerous restrictions on dog owners, those restrictions are not superseded by our order and can still be enforced by relevant persons.

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The Kennel Club	The Kennel Club strongly welcomes 'dogs on lead by direction' orders, as these allow responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs off lead without restriction providing their dogs are under control, whilst allowing the local authority powers to restrict dogs not under control. We would recommend that the authorised officer enforcing the order is familiar with dog behaviour in order to determine whether restraint is necessary. There is a danger that, through no fault of its own, a dog could be a 'nuisance' or 'annoyance' to another person who simply does not like dogs.	Noted	The authority will consider arranging training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour.
Ysgol Bro Banw	If a dog is on a lead it should be as short as possible to prevent the animal coming into contact with passers by.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
Llangennech	Llangennech Community Council resolved to support the order at its meeting held on the 9 November 2015.	Noted	No further response required
	A well behaved dog under the control of its owner and no threat to man or animal should not have to be on a lead. It restricts exercise and the officer can be biased in their view of if the animal is under control. How could they prove otherwise if the dog has done nothing wrong. This restricts well behaved dogs from social interaction with other dogs in public spaces and can be detrimental to socializing puppies on future good behavior. This could create a new generation of dogs who have no skills in interaction and would infact make dog control worse in some cases.	Noted	We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. People will not be required to place their dog on a lead if it is not causing or likely to cause problems.
	All dogs need the freedom to run off a lead,2 metres is to short but you can still have controll on a longer lead even in populated areas,The wardens who would have the control to advise people to put there dogs on leads need too be trustworthy people who would not use it as a power controll, i do agree that there are times when dogs need to be on a lead, most people who walk trhere dogs and care enough to walk there dogs, will be sensible and cotroll situations for themselve they need to be trusted to do this	Noted	We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	As a responsible dog ower you would only let your dog off the lead when it is safe .I mean bye safe that when there are no other dogs or children about	Noted	No further response required

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	I don't agree that dogs should be on lead all the time on public land though. Only when there is a specific need for that dog to be on the lead.	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The order does not require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	I think this is a good idea . We only let our dog off the lead when there are no people around or other dogs, although he is friendly not all people like dogs and also we have had problems when people leave their dogs off the lead and they won't come back when called and have attacked a dog which has made him nervous of big dogs.	Noted	No further response required
	I worry that officers will approach all dog owners and demand that they put them on leads when the dogs are not being a nuisance or disturbance. I can take my dog anywhere and I know he will behave and I therefore won't take kindly to anyone demanding he is put on a leash.	Noted	The order will not be used to require dogs to be put on a lead at all times, or to impose restrictions unnecessarily. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. People will not be required to place their dog on a lead if it is not causing or likely to cause problems.
	If area is vacant then will we be obliged to put dogs on lead?	Noted	No, the order does not require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. If an area is vacant it is highly unlikely that these criteria will be met.
	If the dog is no danger to others and is away from traffic they should be allowed to enjoy their freedom	Noted	We accept that controls should not be imposed unnecessarily and there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.

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	It is good for dogs to be off on a lead and take responsibility for ensuring that they are called to heel and place them on a lead when people are around and other dogs its about allowing them some freedom appropriately as long as they are trained in obedience	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	Large dogs need off lead exercise in order to keep them stimulated, this makes for well socialised happy dogs less likely to cause disturbance or problems.	Noted	We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons.
	Not all dogs need to be on leads - many are well behaved and friendly. There are plenty of unfriendly dirty cats roaming free that are a lot worse than dogs and nothing is done about them (As far as I am aware).	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The order does not require dogs to kept on a lead at a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. Cats are outdoor, straying animals and we cannot expect owners to follow their cat at all times and clear up after them.
	Someone walking through hundreds of acres with no one else around shouldn't need to keep the dog on a lead. Carmarthenshire is after all the lowest population density county in England and Wales. It will inhibit dogs from getting proper exercise. and I have seen many dogs on the lead under far less control than many dogs off the lead.	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The order does not require dogs to kept on a lead at a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	This would be appropriate if other dogs are around.	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.

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	A responsible dog owner should always have their dogs on leads whenever they are in public spaces. It is not enough to say they can have them off lead unless an authorised officer directs them How often are authorised officers in and around? Officers can't be everywhere.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make an order requiring people to keep their dogs on a lead at all times in all public areas. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. authorised officers will patrol areas where reports / complaints are received of nuisance dogs. The authority anticipates to include Park Rangers / Wardens and PCSO's as authorised officers.
	All dogs in public areas should be on a lead. The lead should be a short length to enable full control of the dog. A long lead is not visible to people, cyclists passing a person walking a dog and therefore, can act as a ligiture with obvious consequences - particularly for cyclists. I am aware of many accidents, some serious, that have occurred when a cyclist overtakes a pedestrian with a dog on a lead extending from one side of the road/path to another. A dog not on lead on a public path caused a personal accident,resulting in serious injury.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. We will keep the situation with dogs on cycle paths under review and may consider further PSPO's to address this in future if necessary. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	All dogs should always be on a lead, otherwise the owner can lose sight of the dog and be unaware that the dog has made a mess.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog.
	All dogs should be kept on leads while in public whether there's anyone there to tell them to do so or not.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. This order strikes a fair balance.
	all dogs should be on a lead at and around all public used area's	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. This order strikes a fair balance.

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	All dogs, particularly on the cycle path, should be on a lead, not exceeding 2 metres .Not only would this prevent dog fouling , but it would make the cycle path safer for the many cyclists ,who visit the area. An area, adjacent to the Visitors Centre peninsular, could be fenced off, to allow dogs to come freely and their owners to oversee the collection of their dogs poo	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. We will keep the situation with dogs on cycle paths under review and will consider further PSPO to address this in future if necessary. We will also consider using additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue. The authority may also look at introducing dedicated dog walking areas this would be subject to available budgets to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the area.
	Believe that all dogs should be kept on leads at all times in public, including beaches/parks etc where they bound around like lunatics.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	Dogs not on leads or extended leads pose a hazard to cyclist. It would be much better to make it mandatory to put all dogs on leads when they are on designated cycle paths eg. millenium path.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. In some locations, cycle paths are the only places where people can exercise their dog off-lead. Some cycle paths also run through large open spaces where dogs are allowed off lead. However we will keep the situation with dogs on the cycle paths under review and may consider additional PSPO's to address this in future if necessary. We will also consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with any problems that arise.
	Dogs should be on a lead permanently when out in public! Dogs are very unpredictable, especially if they are old or ill or just moody they will bite people and other dogs when usually they do not!	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.

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	Feel that all dogs should be on a lead when they are in public areas.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate and would not withstand a legal challenge. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I am sceptical about how effective this provision will be as it is very rarely that I have seen a council officer when I have been out in dog walking areas. Unless there are more officers covering these areas more frequently I feel that most people will still have their disobedient dogs off lead. I think it would be better to have a blanket requirement for dogs to be on leads or have a system where the public can more easily report uncontrolled off lead dogs	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue. The order will be enforced by authorised officers of CCC. These comments will be taken into account when planning future enforcement activities.
	I believe dogs should be on leads in public places for the safety of other dogs and children. Dogs that are loose often charge up to other dogs often frightening a nervous dog or even attacking them. This has caused many owners to have large veterinary bills and often worse when some dogs have not survived. Better to have a policy of dogs on leads at all times with certain exempt areas to allow the dogs freedom so owners can choose whether to frequent these places	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I do not agree with dogs being off their leads in public places especially if there are children around.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.

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	I think all dogs should be on leads all the time. Especaly on paths and anywhere where there are public peolpe. Even if the dog is a friendly one, you never know what that dog could do if it comes accross an other dog. Leads all the time -Simple.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I think that dogs should be on leads at all times when out in the public domain	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	My dog who is always on a lead has been pounced on quite aggressively on 4 occasions while walking around Llyn llech Owain. My dog is now extremely wary and nervous of loose dogs approaching us. So I would welcome the need for all dogs to be on leads in public places as a necessity for safety to others.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	People should not be allowed to walk a number of dogs, e.g., six, along public footpaths such as the River Aman path, without leads at all. There are people walking multiple unleashed dogs that cause havoc and annoyance to both other dog owners and cyclists.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	Should be taken further by having dogs on leads at all times in all public places. The council should then provide allocated off lead dog areas.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. Creating "dog off-lead areas" in every community of a large rural county would be difficult.

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	Suitable placarding in place instructing dog owners that dogs MUST be on a lead at ALL TIMES and not only when instructed by unauthorized officer of the Council.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	think certain public areas should have a ban on dogs being off the lead completely	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. The Council can consider site specific dogs on leads orders, but any orders would need to be evidence based. We would need to consider animal welfare issues and the availability of other land in the vicinity where dogs can be walked off-lead.
	This is a brilliant idea for people who have dangerous dogs, the shorter the lead the better. They should also not be allowed to walk around town with what is classed as dangerous even if they are on a short lead. There is only one reason why people have these dogs, it is as a weapon/intimidator to others.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Where dog owners persistently fail to control aggressive dogs the authority may use additional enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with such issues. This may include the owner to muzzle the dog there is any evidence to show it will attack people or dogs whilst it is out with it's owner.
	Too many dog owners don't even use a lead especially in busy public areas. People who are attacked or barked at from dogs without a lead should be better informed who to contact in order for necessary action to be taken to the dog owner.	Noted	Where dog owners persistently fail to control aggressive dogs the authority may use additional enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with such issues. This may include the owner to muzzle the dog there is any evidence to show it will attack people or dogs whilst it is out with it's owner.
	1 meter	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

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	1 metre would make it easier to control/prevent a dog from harassing or frightening people, especially small children.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. Where dog owners persistently fail to control aggressive dogs the authority may use additional enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with such issues.
	2 meters is reasonable but I do think that the expandible leads should be banned!!	Noted	We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads. The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires owner to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	2 metres is far to long, a regular leash should be used. Extending retractable leads are a hazzard to others and can cause burns to the skin as dogs run past peoples legs.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	2 metres is not enough.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	2 metres is too long. They should be on a short lead to facilitate control.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	A full length extendable lead (up to 5m) is reasonable as the dog is still leashed.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	A lead will put the dog under control however long and flexible leads mean the dog can exercise without bothering anyone and be bought back to owner quickly so maximum length unnecessary.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	A strong retractable long lead would be acceptable. NOT a long lead/training line which is harder to control.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	Amy length up to 5m is acceptable as the dog is still leashed.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

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	As my dog has to always be on a lead, due to lack of recall, I feel 2 metres is too short in places where there is no traffic, as this would limit his freedom, unless large enclosed spaces are provided by the council in each town/ village . He is not a risk .	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead in all public places for animal welfare reasons, however If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue. Currently there are no plans to introduce dedicated off the lead areas for dogs within the county however this would be reviewed subject to available resources.
	Ban the use of retractable leads	Noted	We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads. The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	Could be short length	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	Depends on the size of the dog. The bigger the dog - the shorter the lead.	Noted	An order that imposed a different maximum lead length based on the size of the dog, could cause confusion. It would also require enforcement officers to measure the dogs, to determine the maximum lead length to apply. For the sake of clarity and consistency, we think that the same maximum length should apply to dogs of all sizes.
	Discretionary length by agreement	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	Extendable ones on parks etc are fine	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	flexi leads can be adjusted but dog can be controlled	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	How can a dog owner be in control of their dog when the lead they have on is too long.	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.

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	I agree that a 2metre lead for walking a dog is adequate, however, if an owner is expected to keep a dog on a lead at all times then a 5 metre flexi lead would be more adequate giving the dog some form of freedom for exercise purposes.	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead in all public places for animal welfare reasons, however If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I agree with the 2m however i think it should be specific to the size of dog and wether or not the handler of the dog is able to control it should it pull away	Noted	An order that imposed a different maximum lead length based on the size of the dog, could cause confusion. It would also require enforcement officers to measure the dogs, to determine the maximum lead length to apply. For the sake of clarity and consistency, we think that the same maximum length should apply to dogs of all sizes.
	I believe that 2 meters is reasonable to be able to control your dog and keep sufficient distance between other users of public space.	Agreed	No further response required
	I metre would be enable the dog to be controlled more easily	Noted	We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads. The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so. We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	I personally would prefer a shorter lead and that leads that have expanding and contracting extra lengths should be banned as they are dangerous to children, the elderly and bicycle users.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	I think 1.5 metres is long enough. Many of the paths in Carmarthenshire are under 2 metres in width! Not all children (or adults) feel comfortable around dogs. We always see at least two dog when we go for a walk in the evenings and my daughter gets quite nervous when a dog comes in the opposite direction because the dog is quite often on our side of the path as the lead is so long. Many dog owners seem to assume that everyone feels relaxed around dogs and very often make no attempt to pull their dog to one side.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	i think 2 meters is two long for town situations but they are fine in open spaces where there is no traffic	Noted	An order that imposed a different maximum lead length based on the location, could cause confusion. For the sake of clarity and consistency, we think that the same maximum length should apply to dogs of all sizes.

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	I think it could be shorter, having walked dogs for friends 2 metres would allow the dog to pull and the owner not to have full control. I often think the extendable leads are a big nuisance in themselves and should only be used in an exercise area and not so that the owner can walk metres behind the dog.	Noted	This mirrors the requirement under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads. An order that prohibited the use of extendable leads in some locations would be difficult to draft and could cause confusion. We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable.
	I think that 1/5 metres is more than adequate.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	I use a retractable lead which is approx 4m in length. Most people using leads these days are responsible and use retractable leads. I don't see the problem. It is the people who don't use leads - esp small yappy dogs that seem to cause the most problems.	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	I use an extending lead but can control the length of it to below 2 metres	Noted	No further response required
	I would like to see a maximum of one meter	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	If a dog is causing a nuisance to the degree that it can be seen to need putting on a lead, then it may be that a two metre length is too long!	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	It should be shorter than 2 metres - dogs should be kept on a lead on all land designated for recreational use or as above not allowed on that land in the 1st place.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.. It's not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead in all public places for animal welfare reasons, however If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	max. length should be 1 metre.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	Most extendable leads are 3m in length it would be difficult to judge 2 metres.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

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	My dog has an extendable lead but we also use a 5 metre lead when practicing/ teaching him recall etc sometimes we need to do this in public because he needs distractions etc to learn	Noted	No further response required
	No I feel strongly that the length of a lead should be a maximum on 1 metre.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	No it should be much shorter.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	No, our dog leads extend to more than 2 metres. We keep them short when there are people around but let them run on the extended leads when there is no-one in sight. 2 metres is very short for proper exercise.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The PSPO only requires the person in charge of a dog to place and keep it on a lead of no more than 2m if they are directed to do so by an authorised officer to prevent nuisance and annoyance etc. At all other times the dog can be exercised off lead, or on a lead of more than 2m.
	Not convinced is 2 Metres a little short !	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	One of my dogs was recently attacked by another dog in a completely unprovoked attack, the other dog was on an extended lead and the owner had no control over their dog. This change may prevent others suffering a similar attack.	Noted	Where dog owners persistently fail to control aggressive dogs the authority may use additional enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with such issues.
	Shorter as flexi leads people walk with them and dog ha all over when use my guide dog. All on hight of dog but people shouldnt have flexi lead on walk	Noted	An order that imposed a different maximum lead length based on the size of the dog, could cause confusion. It would also require enforcement officers to measure the dogs, to determine the maximum lead length to apply. For the sake of clarity and consistency, we think that the same maximum length should apply to dogs of all sizes. We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads.
	Should be shorter	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

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	some children weather the dog is on a lead or not are scared. 2 meters maybe too long for some children to walk past a dog	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	Some owners & dogs are kept under control on an extended lead.	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	The difficulty arises when retailers sell extendable leads over 2m, there being a lack of understanding on the part of the public	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	The length of the lead needs to be longer or shorter dependant upon the situation in order to keep the dog under control. The purpose of this has to be to keep the dog under control and therefore the length of the lead does not need to be stated.	Noted	An order that imposed a different maximum lead length based on the situation could cause confusion. For the sake of clarity and consistency, we think that a consistent maximum length should apply.
	the shortest extending lead is 3m making it difficult for responsible owners to adhere to the 2m length restriction due to the nature of the lead recoil and extend action.	Noted	The lead can be retracted to less than 2m
	There should be a provision to allow use of a retractable lead so long as it is "reined in", as many people would not have an alternative lead with them. I don't think a dog at the end of a retractable lead can be thought of as under control, particularly on a cycle track, however in an open space such as a park or empty beach this would be acceptable and allow more exercise for the dog.	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads. It requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m <u>if</u> directed to do so. At all other times, the lead can be extended to beyond 2m.
	This should be a normal lead wich is under 1 meter.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	This would depend on the size of the dog and therefore, I feel that this needs to be carefully considered. Putting a dog on a lead which ensures they have full control of a dog is better rather than specifying a length of lead.	Noted	An order that imposed a different maximum lead length based on the situation could cause confusion. For the sake of clarity and consistency, we think that a consistent maximum length should apply.
	Too often I have seen people with the extending leads leaving their dogs to wander near the road, leads need to be shorter to avoid this.	Noted	Where dog owners persistently fail to control aggressive dogs the authority may use additional enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with such issues.
	Two metre is more than generous. Irresponsible dog owners to shout to inform you that their dog "won't bite" or "only wants to play" when their dog is bounding towards you fail to understand that is someone is genuinely frightened of dogs, or has nice clean clothes on doesn't want any dog anywhere near them.	Noted	The order doesn't stop people from using extendable leads, but requires the person in charge of a dog to retract the lead to no more than 2m if directed to do so.
	Up to 8m is reasonable provided the dog is restrained	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

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	authorised officers must receive appropriate training from qualified and experienced dog behaviourists/trainers so they fully understand what they are seeing. How can someone judge a situation or behaviour if they have no experience or knowledge to base their decision on?	Noted	The majority of authorised officers are dog owners, the authority will look consider training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour.
	Frequently, I see dogs that are not on a lead on Llansteffan beach, in the months where it should not happen. Rules are fine but they do need to be enforced to be effective.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. The authority is also looking to widen the use of Park rangers / wardens and PCSO's as authorised officers to enforce this order.
	HOW AND WHO ISGOING TO MONITOR THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT. WILL SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL BE PROVIDED TO ENFORCE THIS	Noted	authorised officers of the Council will issue directions requiring dogs to be placed on a lead, in appropriate circumstances. The authority is currently reviewing the use of additional resources, this may mean that Park warden / Rangers and PCSO's maybe authorised to enforce the order.
	I agree to the extent that it should be possible to direct people if a real nuisance is a risk. I fear aggressive enforcement where no risk exists which will lead to greatly restricted freedoms for dog owners. Part of the appeal of this Country is the ability to enjoy dog ownership. I agree that dog owners must be considerate and responsible.	Noted	We note the concern about aggressive enforcement. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to avoid causing genuine nuisance and annoyance etc.
	I do hope that the authorised officers will be capable of understanding dog behaviour to be able to make a sensible judgement and not bully people as they have in the past	Noted	The majority of authorised officers are dog owners, the authority will look consider training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour.
	I think that this proposal should be extended to any member of the public requesting a dog to be put on a leash, if they feel threatened by another dog. Many times I have had my dog on a leash, only for another owner to allow thier dog to jump and threaten my dog. I am also aware this situation happens to other responsible dog owners.	Noted	People who issue directions and enforce these orders will require appropriate training and must be willing to attend court to give evidence. There could also be health and safety implications, as people could be met with aggression and abusive behaviour. Therefore, we think that enforcement should be limited to authorised officers of the Council.
	measuring annoyance or disturbance is such a subjective thing. To be told to put your dog on a lead because it is chasing a squirrel or rabbit would be annoying for the dog owner! However I would agree that a dog chasing cows/sheep would be a nuisance. Who decides on this?	Noted	It is for authorised officers to decide whether the criteria for issuing a direction are met and whether the person in charge of a dog should be directed to place it on a lead. The authority will look consider arranging training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour.

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	Not entirely sure how effective this would be due to limited availability of enforcement officers. There should be a requirement for dogs to be kept on leads on narrow footpaths and rights of way. As a runner using the cycle ways and footpaths around Carmarthen, I've lost count of the number of times I've been lunged at by dogs whether they're on leads or not. I've also been bitten twice and chased along the footpaths by out of control dogs.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders. Where dog owners fail to control aggressive dogs the authority may use additional enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with such issues.
	One would hope that the Officer of the Council applies some common sense and not target any dog that is not on a lead.	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to avoid causing genuine nuisance and annoyance etc. They will not - and cannot - be used to require people to place their dog on a lead at all times. authorised officers will be suitably trained and expected to use commonsense.
	Only if it is warranted	Noted	No further response required
	Only in designated areas where it is not conducive to have dogs running free. However all non aggressive dogs must be allowed to have areas where they can run freely off lead, in order to exercise .	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. We do not think that it is feasible to limit it to designated areas, as problems with out of control dogs could occur anywhere. The "dog on lead" provisions in this order do not prevent dogs from running freely off-lead, unless the person in charge of the dog is ordered to place it on a lead.
	The authorised officer needs to identify themselves or wear visible identification on order to avoid conflict.	Noted	All authorised officers will be in Uniform and are required to carry with them at all times their authorisation and identity card.
	There won't be any officers anyway as the council can't afford them so this is a waste of ink	Noted	We disagree. The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	This is fine 'in theory' but I would like this to only be by a qualified person that has a proper sound understanding of dog behaviour. No use giving this to someone in charge who has no grasp of dog behaviour or training with no experience at all. The length of lead is irrelevant. Control is control. However I believe that flexi leads are not a sufficient device for controlling a dog.	Noted	The majority of authorised officers are dog owners, the authority will look consider arranging training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour. We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads.

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	Who is this authorised officer? Who decides what is 'reasonably necessary'? Who decides that an annoyance or disturbance is likely? I am quite concerned that this gives an undefined amount of control to an undisclosed 'officer of the council' to demand that dogs are restrained based on their own opinion. There would need to be clearer wording than that given above (which is extremely vague). What constitutes a nuisance annoyance or disturbance? Surely it would be better to designate certain areas of Carmarthenshire as onlu for dogs on leads. At least then, owners would know what was expected of them without the intervention of some outside figure.	Noted	Authorised officers are appointed by the council. The authority will look consider training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour. It will be up to the officers to decide whether the criteria for issuing a direction are satisfied, and whether to issue a direction in appropriate circumstances. The wording of our order is based on the old Dog Control orders, which were approved by the Welsh Government.
	will it be enforced	Noted	Yes, it will be enforced. The authority is currently reviewing the resources that are available to do so.
	Would the authorised office have any training in Animal Care / dog handling ect?	Noted	The majority of authorised officers are dog owners, the authority will look consider training sessions for officers to be familiar with dog behaviour.
	Dogs running free, particularly on roads, pose a significant threat to other road users.	Noted	For those dogs that persistently cause concerns near public highways, the authority may use additional enforcement powers to tackle such issues. This could include a Community Protection Notice imposing restrictions on the individual for safety reasons, when traversing a public highway.
	Dogs should be kept on leads at all times on cycle paths.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. In some locations, cycle paths are the only places where people can exercise their dog off-lead. Some cycle paths also run through large open spaces where dogs are allowed off lead. However we will keep the situation with dogs on the cycle paths under review and may consider additional PSPO's to address this in future if necessary. We will also consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with any problems that arise.
	It's important from a road safety point of view, but what about hunting dogs? Shouldn't they be subject to the same control as other dogs. The only exception should be police dogs.	Noted	DEFRA guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO.. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.

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	No dog should be off the lead in a public park! Sorry not all children like dogs and become scared if a dog big or small runs up to them.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	Not in total agreement, but dogs should be kept on shortened leads in public spaces where children and people are approaching.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	The council should consider signage that all dogs should be kept on leads on the cycle paths. I have been knocked off my bicycle by out-of-control dogs and have had another near miss recently. Dog owners seem unaware that they are liable for any injuries and damage caused by their dogs in such circumstances, as evidenced by a £65,000 payment ordered by the courts and reported in the press only last week. Education and information is preferable to injury and litigation!	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. In some locations, cycle paths are the only places where people can exercise their dog off-lead. Some cycle paths also run through large open spaces where dogs are allowed off lead. However we will keep the situation with dogs on the cycle paths under review and may consider additional PSPO's to address this in future if necessary. We will also consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with any problems that arise.
	The definition of an "authorised officer" should be as wide as possible and the power thus conferred should be exercised in order to minimise the nuisance caused by dogs.	Noted	People who issue directions and enforce these orders will require appropriate training and must be willing to attend court to give evidence. The authority is currently reviewing the resources available to enforce the orders.
	They must be on a lead if animals are in the same field as them. Unless a working dog with the animal owners permission.	Noted	A "public place" means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission. Many fields will not qualify as public land for the purposes of this order.

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	They should NOT be off a lead in 30mph limits . It's not that expensive to fence off play / pitch areas so we can be sure there is no poo. Picking up poo does not always happen effectively despite owners best efforts. Should there be doggy recycle poo toilets instead of bins?	Noted	At present we do not think that it is appropriate to make an order requiring dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in these areas, as we do not have sufficient evidence to justify it. For those dogs that persistently cause concerns near public highways, the authority may use additional enforcement powers to tackle such issues. Fencing off all marked sport pitches in the entire county would be resource intensive.
	Gain. Depends on location. Dogs should be under control but still able to exercise.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate.
	I also think this need to be deturmining by the abedience of the dog, my dogs are well trained, and will stand next to us whilst people pass, some people feel this should automaticall be done and does not take this into account	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	I have dogs which function better and are more controllable on longer, or no leads, while still being under total control and causing no nuisance. Dogs should be required to be under reasonable control, but not on a lead of specific length.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	I walk my dog using a retractable lead with has a maximum length of 5m. However, when passing people or near traffic etc, I always retract the lead. There is no reason that anyone should dispute putting a dog on a lead IF it is causing a nuisance.	Noted	No further response required
	If the dog is seen as being a nuisance, then he owner should act responsibly. The beauty of Carmarthenshire are the many dog friendly beaches and wooded areas	Noted	No further response required
	If you have a trained dog and your a responsible owner then it's fine for dogs to be off the lead.	Noted	The order does not require dogs to kept on a lead at a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	It would be great if all dog owners notice when you put your own dog on the lead - and also do the same. Some dogs are nervous of others, so to keep my dog safe if I see another dog that may be a little boisterous I will put my dog on a lead, some other dog owners acknowledge this and then put their dog on the lead - but a lot do not.	Noted	The Purpose of the PSPO is to address the issue of irresponsible dog ownership in particular with those that cannot control their dogs correctly.

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	My dog is better off without a lead as she is lead aggressive/nervous. However, she poses no threat to man nor beast when without a lead. It should be down to the owners discretion and understanding of their dog. However, I do understand the theory behind this being dogs kept on a lead are safer- but this isn't always the case. And some cannot be controlled when on a lead.	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. People will not be required to place their dog on a lead if it is not causing or likely to cause problems.
	My dog is very good off the lead, but I do understand that other people's dogs can be socially challenged. I will always put him on a lead if a dog approaches us, as I am aware that other people's dogs are not as socially trained as mine. Nevertheless, I have come across people who do not take this into consideration, so I am happy with this to be implemented.	Noted	No further response required
	If a dog behaves properly off the lead, and has been properly trained, it shouldn't be a problem. Unfortunately, we sometimes see that they haven't been trained and they definitely need to be kept under control if the owner is unable or unwilling to do so.	Noted	People will not be required to place their dog on a lead if it is not causing or likely to cause a nuisance or annoyance to others, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	Very unreasonable, some dogs are well trained and are able to walk without the requirements of a lead!	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The order does not require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	A bird is, by definition, an animal. Better wording.....to any other animal, or causing damage to the property of a third party.	Noted	The wording of our order is based on the old Dog Control orders, which were approved by the Welsh Government. We agree with the respondent's and will amend the order accordingly.
	about time	Noted	No further response required
	As a qualified canine behaviourist, BSc. Hons and former member of the UK Registry of Canine Behaviourists. Well socialized dogs need open space off leash exercise, and for certain breeds, eg. spaniels need something much larger than an enclosed garden space. Whilst I agree that firm measures should be in place for clearing up after dogs, and against owners of anti-social dogs, people who have taken the time and the effort to train their dogs should be encouraged and rewarded. One solution to this could be, that people who have trained through the Kennel Club's Good Citizen Dog Scheme should be allowed access to places where untrained dogs are not allowed. Also there needs to be more venues available to people who run dog training classes, and also insistence that people who are teaching these classes are properly qualified AND are a member of a reputable professional body.	Noted	We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. We do not think that it would be appropriate to make an order allowing people who have trained through the kennel club to have access to areas of land that other people do not. PSPO's must be evidence based, so we would need to good reasons to limit access to land or to particular categories of land in this way. The dog owners who do not have access to these restricted areas could be aggrieved that others are being treated differently. A county-wide order identifying these restricted areas could also be difficult to draft and to enforce.
	Definitely.	Noted	No further response required

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	Dogs are being allowed to run off lead at Cwmamman Park Garnant	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. Dogs will still be able to run off-lead at Cwmamman Park, unless an authorised officer instructs the person in charge of a dog to place it on a lead. Cwmamman Park will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	dogs chasing wild birds on the beaches and rampaging through the vegetation in the parks and nature reserves is inappropriate	Noted	The order will enable authorised officers to deal with such situations.
	I assume this will only apply to land that is open to the public, and not on private land	Noted	The "dogs on leads by direction" provisions in this order will apply to all public places in the County of Carmarthenshire. For these purposes, a "public place" means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission. It includes privately owned land that the public (or a section of the public) has access to, although land owners are able to opt out of the order by giving people permission to breach it on their land. The order will not apply to private land that is not subject to public access.
	I believe that the definition of working dogs should not include dogs being used for hunting as this cannot be defined as work. I therefore believe that this proposal relating to dogs on leads should apply to dogs being used for hunting	Noted	DEFRA guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.
	I fully support this proposal which is badly needed.	Noted	No further response required
	I have concerns that this will be used to demand that dogs be kept on a lead at all times wheather they are causing annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird or not . If it is used only as worded then I agree with it.	Noted	The order will not be used to require dogs to put on a lead at all times, or to impose restrictions unnecessarily. A request to put a dog on a lead will only be made where an authorised officer of the council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	I used to walk regularly along the path overlooking the North dock beach and regulaly be confronted by loose dogs. If I were to tell the dog to "get off" I would be told by the owner "what is wrong with you you miserable git" or "go away you horrible man". I no longer walk along the path. A similar situation occurs around Sandy Water Park but what infuriates me when loose dogs are encouraged to dive into the lake amongst the swans and ducks even at time young ducks are fledging.	Noted	The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing aggressive / nuisance dogs in all publicly accessible land.

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	Important that people feel safe around dogs walking without fear or threat	Noted	The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing aggressive / nuisance dogs in all publicly accessible land.
	It depends where the dog is at the time.	Noted	The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. We do not think that it is feasible to limit it to designated areas, as problems with out of control dogs could occur on any public land.
	It will allow people to feel safer in their communities.	Noted	No further response required
	Many dog owners seem to think that a casual "sorry, he won't hurt you" makes up for a dog jumping up at a stranger.	Noted	No further response required
	Might be too long. Definitely the extendable ones are dangerous. Can you make that dogs must be on leads at all times? I walk with my grandchildren and have dogs bounding up to them (often pushing them over!) with dog owners saying such irritating things as 'oh he loves children'. Dogs kill children so everytime one bounds up to my grandchildren I am justifiably scared . The children are terrified. Also when they jump up they dirty clothes and of course their feet are dirty. I have gone to the beach with my grandchildren but have not gone onto the beach because dog owners are letting their dogs (often Rottweilers or Alsatians) run wild and I won't risk it. With rights come responsibilities and too often dog owners do not show responsibility.	Noted	We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads. People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. Therefore, it is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. If the existing proposals do not address some problems, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with persistent offenders. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address further problems.
	Pointless - how likely/frequently is this going to happen? Why not have all dogs on leads all the time unless there's a specific area where they can be allowed off? When they're off the lead is when they dump, threaten/attack other dogs, generally make a nuisance of themselves. Or, on lead unless they've passed the Responsible Citizen test - and the owner can have something - e.g. a tabard - to advertise the fact. Their dogs will be under control as they will have been trained to return to heel on command.	Noted	We disagree that the order is pointless. People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons, so it is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order requiring people to keep their dog on a lead unless they have passed a responsible citizen test would be unlawful. Administering such a test would also be resource intensive. If dog owners continually fail to control their dogs properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to address their behaviour.

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	providing this doesn't slip into - at all times. Dogs have a right to run freely.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The order will not be used to require dogs to put on a lead at all times.
	Public need to feel safe around dogs . Help minimize threat of attack	Noted	The Purpose of the PSPO is to address the issue of irresponsible dog ownership in particular with those that cannot control their dogs correctly.
	Restraints where worrying children/ babies should be included... they are surely more of a concern than animals and birds.	Noted	This is already covered by the existing wording.
	some dogs are off lead which should be controlled...	Noted	The orders will enable us to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to avoid causing genuine nuisance and annoyance.
	The number of dogs supervised by one person should be limited to 2:1 and this should apply to ALL dogs. My Doberman, on a lead, was attacked by 3 terriers that were running loose and badly supervised by a person in a mobility scooter. We have also had to avoid certain areas where we know there are individuals who exercise up to 5 dogs off the lead. I am strongly in favour of dogs always being kept on the lead if other dogs are around and the the number of dogs an individual can supervise in public being limited to 2 . I would support it being 1:1 for large breed such as my dog.	Noted	The authority currently has no plans to introduce restriction on the number of dogs a person can take out. In appropriate circumstances we will consider using Community Protection Notices to restrict the number of dogs that a person may walk at any one time, if there is evidence to show that they cannot control their dogs. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
	The sentence above - "disturbance of birds in particular I feel, is taking the matter too far. I believe dogs should be restrained/put on a lead where animals are concerned i.e. other dogs, deer, horses, cows, sheep etc.	Noted	We believe that these controls should enable officers to deals with the situation where dogs are worrying or disturbing any animals, including birds.
	The wording of this is open to too much Interpretation and as such leaves it wide open to abuse. If this is brought in it needs to clearly set out that would be considered a reasonable nuisance other wise it could lead to owners of dogs who are not likely to cause a problem for others falling fowl of this section. For example a group of dogs running of lead happily playing for some may give them fear the dogs will cause them a nuisance or annoyance when the dogs are not doing anything wrong. Id rather it read something like: "A direction to put a dog on a lead can only be made by an authorised officer of the Council when a dog is out of control and causing a nuisance to people, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird." this would prevent owners of dogs who are under control but off lead for being targeted unnecessary. I also feel 2 meters is not long enough to exercise all types of dogs if one is asked to be placed on a lead, many leads are 5 meters or more long.	Noted	Our order is based on the old Dog Control orders, the wording of which was approved by the Welsh Government. It will not be used to require dogs to put on a lead at all times, or to impose restrictions unnecessarily. Officers will be appropriately trained and expected to use common sense in their use of the orders. The amendment suggested would weaken the order and could lead to disputes about whether a nuisance dog is "out of control". We believe a maximum lead length of 2m is reasonable. 82% of respondents agreed. This also mirrors the lead length requirements in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
	Think definition is very much open to interpretation - for example, yhe definotion of annoyance is subjective	Noted	Our order is based on the old Dog Control orders, the wording of which was approved by the Welsh Government. It will not be used to require dogs to put on a lead at all times, or to impose restrictions unnecessarily. Officers will be appropriately trained and expected to use common sense in their use of the orders.

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	This is a strange order, since the purpose of the order is not really explained properly, but I assume that this is in order to prevent "dangerous" dogs from threatening the safety of other individuals or animals/things?	Noted	The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. We believe that the purpose of the order is adequately explained.
	This proposal is not unreasonable although needs to be used with common sense	Agreed	No further response required
	This proposal is too limiting. There should be more dogs on leads only areas. In crowded public places they should be muzzled. The lead should be shorter on a cycle path on the beach or park the 2m lead would be fine. I have seen cyclists fall from their bikes having come across an extended lead on a cycle path.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. Therefore, it is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We do not believe that it would be appropriate to make a CPN requiring all dogs to be muzzled in crowded public areas. Evidence is required to justify making a PSPO requiring dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in an area. The authority would have to consider animal welfare issues and the availability of other areas in the vicinity where people can walk their dogs off lead. If an individual fails to keep their dog under control and continues to cause problems, we may consider the use of other powers (such as Community Protection Notices) to address their behaviour. In appropriate circumstances, a Community Protection Notice could require an individual to keep their dog on a muzzle in public areas. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address any future problems.
	What about working farm dogs?	Noted	DEFRA guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO.
	When I had a dog she was once attacked by a pack of two pit bull like dogs who were off the lead whilst out walking. The owner could not control them and they were very aggressive, acted like a pack and were biting and trying to kill my dog, who was a very timid whippet type mongrel. In the end my partner had to kick the dogs off my dog to stop them attacking her and even then they came back to bite her. If they were on a lead, the owner could have controlled them better. It was a very traumatic experience for me and my dog. When out walking you just don't know what type of dogs you are going to meet and their reaction to your dog and/or young children.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons, so it is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We encourage people to report incidents like this to ourselves and to the police, so that we may consider the use of other powers (such as Community Protection Notices) to deal with the individuals whose dogs cause such problems.

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	While I don't want to see dogs running amok I notice that there are very few open spaces in Carmarthen that allow dogs at all. What this does is encourages people into their cars to travel to excersize their dogs when realistically, dogs that get picked up after on a 5m lead in public parks seem to be less of a nusence than extra cars on the road taking dogs for a walk.	Noted	We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. We do not exclude dogs from our outdoor public spaces, other then our enclosed children's play areas. However the existing seasonal dog exclusion (Bye Law) will remain in place at Cefn Sidan and Llansteffan beach.
	Why should hunting dogs be given an exemption? This order should especially apply to packs of hunting hounds who cause all manner of annoyance, disturbance and nuisance to wildlife, landowners, other people and pets.	Noted	DEFRA guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.
	Also if you know your dog is likely to attack another dog or person however far away it should always be kept on a lead in public.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. If an individual fails to keep their dog under control and continues to cause problems, we may consider the use of other powers (such as Community Protection Notices) to address their behaviour.

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Cefneithin welfare association	And all playing fields. We use the local park and there are more and more poepke bringing their dogs to the park and leaving them off the lead.	Noted	It is not appropriate to exclude dogs from all park areas, for animal welfare reasons. Any order to exclude dogs from parks or sports pitches need to be considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. Rather than excluding all dogs from playing fields, we will use Community Protection Notices to deal with offending dog owners. We will also review the need for further site-specific PSPO's if there is sufficient evidence available to pursue the additional PSPO's.
Farmers Union of Wales (FUW)	Members agreed with the proposal for enclosed play areas for Children to be protected. It would be beneficial if there were additionally "Dog Areas" within the same area where parents could take their animals whilst taking their children to the play areas so that they could maintain the family make up.	Noted	It is not necessary to set up "dog areas "within parks or children's play areas. People will be able to tether their dogs outside the enclosed play areas, and to exercise and play with their dogs in surrounding park areas.
great dane care charitable trust	responsible owners will keep a place clean . all efforts should be made by the council to keep these areas cat and fox proof and they both carry toxicara canis and they don't get routine worming like most pet dogs.	Noted	We will try to stop others animals from getting in to these areas, but it is very difficult to exclude some animals such as cats.
Laugharne Festival Committee (Cors Playing Field)	Dogs are already excluded from our playing field.	Noted	As land owners it is up to you to decide who can access your land. We believe it is not appropriate to exclude dogs from park areas for animal welfare reasons, unless other land is made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead.
The Kennel Club	The Kennel Club does not normally oppose Orders to exclude dogs from playgrounds, as long as alternative provisions are made for dog walkers in the vicinity. We would also point out that children and dogs should be able to socialise together quite safely under adult supervision, and that having a child in the home is the biggest predictor for a family owning a dog. Appropriate signage for dog exclusion areas - To ensure compliance and avoid doubt for people with and without dogs, on-site signage should make clear where such restrictions start and finish. This can often be achieved by signs that on one side say, for example, "You are entering [type of area]" on one side and "You are leaving [type of area]" on the reverse of the sign.	Noted	We agree that children and dogs should be able to socialise together quite safely under adult supervision. Our order does not prevent this. We will take your comments in to account when arranging signage for these sites.
Ysgol Gynradd	It's important to ensure that dogs that are in public places where children play cannot run free but for families who have dogs it is also important that they can take the dog for a walk and that the children have the opportunity to stay in the local park for a while and play with th dog on a lead.	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO to exclude dogs from the parks for animal welfare reasons. Our order only excludes dogs from enclosed outdoor children's play areas, including the enclosed play areas within parks.

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Llandyfaelog Community Council	Llandyfaelog Community Council manages a play area at Idole. Llandyfaelog Community Hall also has a play area in Llandyfaelog. We would very much wish this to be implemented at these locations.	Noted	The enclosed Children's play area at the rear of Llandyfaelog Community Hall would fall within the exclusion order. It will not apply to the park area at Idole. As land owners it is up to you to decide who can access your land. We believe it is not appropriate to exclude dogs from park areas for animal welfare reasons, unless other land is made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead.
Llangennech	Llangennech Community Council resolved to support the Order at its meeting held on the 9 November 2015.	Noted	No further response required
	Absolutely necessary	Noted	No further response required
	Again, I fully agree with this proposal.	Noted	No further response required
	Agreed that dogs should be kept off enclosed children's play areas, but only the small areas with play facilities, as should drunken, drug taking youths. That is a problem I see far more often though the council has never put any effort into addressing the problem.	Noted	The anti-social behaviour legislation can be used to deal with other ASB including drunken behaviour through the use of PSPO's or Community Protection Notices. Such issues would be dealt with on a site specific basis.
	As a mother of young children and a dog, I struggle with this as yes I agree an enclosed outdoor play area is no place for a dog but I feel that if I am out with my dog and children I would like to bring my dog into the playground, on a lead and sat close to me as he would only woof constantly if I tied him up outside the gates of the play area. It's a difficult one but I guess the sensible option is no dogs as there are some irresponsible dog owners who would not be as responsible as me.	Noted	No further response required
	As a responsible dog owner, I agree, support and comply with the above anyway. In relation to point 20 - in the interests of fairness, could consideration be given to allowing enclosed dog areas as the do in the States?	Noted	In a large rural county like Carmarthenshire it is not feasible to provide fenced dog walking areas in every community. Setting aside and fencing off these areas would have resource implications. We may consider setting up some dog walking areas in the future if this will prevent problems on other neighbouring land .
	As always should be the case	Noted	No further response required
	As with my previous comment is this not the case with the signs you have in place, if not why are they up?.	Noted	The only exclusion bye law in place is the enclosed children's play area in Pembrey Country Park. Generally any signs that are currently in place have been erected by the land owners. As land owners they may be imposing their own restrictions
	Children's play area should be protected, likewise for responsible dog owners the freedom to walk their dogs off lead is important.	Noted	We accept that there need to be areas of recreational land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead.
	Dogs should be banned from all children's play areas	Noted	No further response required
	Extremely important for safety and public health reasons	Noted	No further response required

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	for safety and health reasons	Noted	No further response required
	Hugely important for health and safety	Noted	No further response required
	Hygiene and safety - need I say more.	Noted	No further response required
	I agree with this, but when I'm walking my dog and my child wants to play in a park, I either have to leave my child enter and play in the park on her own in order to stay outside the fence with the dog, or I can't allow her to play in the park. It may be helpful to have specific/designated points where a parent in this situation can tether their dog outside the playground boundary in order to enter the playground to accompany their child.	Noted	People will be able to tether their dogs outside the play areas. We will review the need for further facilities for people to tether their dogs.
	I believe that, subject to the exceptions, this proposal is reasonable as children and parents should expect outdoor enclosed play areas to be safe and clean.	Noted	No further response required
	I cannot emphasis how essential this measure is.	Noted	No further response required
	I find this acceptable. I think other dog owners would also agree that this is acceptable so long as there are dog friendly places in the community then they do not need to be exercised in areas for children.	Noted	No further response required
	I have often seen dogs roaming around play areas off lead, and seen small children be very wary of them, especially big dogs.	Noted	No further response required
	I recently had to report an incident of dog farces being smeared all over a piece of children's play equipment at a park in Llanelli. I was mortified to find the mess as I was about to put my little boy onto the slide. I reported it immediately so as to get it addressed before other children went to play in the park.	Noted	The proposed PSPO will not prevent such irresponsible behaviour. However, other ASB powers could be used to deal with this situation, if the offender could be identified
	I totally agree to keeping play areas free from dogs, although it does make it difficult for people wanting to take their dogs out together with their children, maybe a fenced area within the play area where space allows could be set aside to help with this problem	Noted	It is not necessary to set up "dog areas "within children's play areas. People will be able to tether their dogs outside the enclosed play areas, and to exercise and play with their dogs in surrounding park areas.
	I wouldnt want my dog going anywhere near an enclosed children's play area	Noted	No further response required
	if the area is completely enclosed.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to children's play areas that are enclosed on all sides.
	Many parks already have no dogs signs but from my experience some dog owners still let their dogs run wild. You should put a report telephone number on the signs no dogs to deter the owners	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to the enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed play area within a park, it will not apply to the remainder of the park. There will be appropriate signage placed in the area to inform dog owners. Information on how to report incidents will be published on the Council's website.
	Most play areas are fenced off	Noted	No further response required
	My child walks/crawls on grassed areas that a dog could/has left its mess on so I would support this new proposed order.	Noted	No further response required

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	My nephew lives in a village just outside Carmarthen, in the village there is a child playground, football field & cricket pitch. When I visit i can see dog owners from the village walking around these play areas & allowing their dogs to foul & not cleaning it up.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to the enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed children's play area within a park, it will not apply to the remainder of the park. It is not appropriate to exclude dogs from all park areas, for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches, is difficult. The locations of the pitches can change, and pitch markings are often not maintained all year round. Most pitches are also not fenced off from the rest of the site, and fencing them off would have resource implications. Therefore, dog owner may not know which areas their dogs are excluded from at different times of the year. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN to deal with offending dog owners. We will also review the need for further site-specific PSPO's.
	no brainer	Noted	No further response required
	Obviously if it's an enclosed children's area then dogs should not be allowed	Noted	No further response required
	Play areas are for children and adults NOT dogs.	Noted	No further response required
	Play areas should be excluded, as some young children are afraid of dogs, and some dogs can in turn react to that fearfulness. Many owners are unable to read the body language of their dogs to understand when a reaction could occur.	Noted	No further response required
	Providing that the children area is fenced off. By dogs should be aloud in the park/ playing fields to run around.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to children's play areas that are enclosed on all sides. Where there is an enclosed play area within a park, it will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	I understand that not every parent or child likes dogs so this aim is fair.	Noted	No further response required
	Some dogs get over excited around children and 'herd' them. My children will not go into a play area where there are dogs.	Noted	No further response required
	Some people are reckless with their dogs around children and are blind to the dangers that could potentially happen.	Noted	No further response required
	There are more than enough adequate areas to take dogs, there is no need for dogs to be allowed in Children play area's. We are supposed to be encouraging children to stay fit and healthy by playing outside to get some exercise but when you see play area with dog dirt it makes things difficult.	Noted	No further response required

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	There are plenty of other places to take the dogs so don't see why they should be permitted in a play area	Noted	No further response required
	There is an obvious serious risk to children's health from dog fouling, particularly from the parasites in faeces affecting eyesight.	Noted	No further response required
	There is no place for dog poo in play parks or dogs. There are plenty of other walks dogs can go on with their owners. Dog and cat mess is a health hazard especially for children.	Noted	Cats are outdoor, straying animals and we cannot expect owners to follow their cat at all times and clear up after them.
	There is no reason for a dog to be in a children's play area, children should be able to run and play without being concerned by dogs being present that may bark or cause a nuisance to them or worse leave a mess that they tread in.	Noted	No further response required
	There is simply no excuse for allowing a dog to foul any public area, whether intended for children or not. Good governance, however, dictates that dogs should be completely banned from any area intended for children's play.	Noted	No further response required
	These areas should be places of safety, it is totally unacceptable to have dogs running around when there can be young children there who are frightened of dogs.	Noted	No further response required
	This already exists in Llandysul.	Noted	No further response required
	This has been introduced by other councils in the past, and is something I considered to be common sense.	Noted	No further response required
	this has to be done as some owners are irresponsible. how large an area is included? some people may be prevented from walking their dog on a playing field? But is this due now to the irresponsible owners.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, it will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	This makes good sense ?	Noted	No further response required
	This should have happened years ago. It is necessary.	Noted	No further response required
	to be fair, when I visit a park with my daughter I never see dogs within the confines of the actual park.	Noted	No further response required
	Totally agree	Noted	No further response required
	totally agree, there's nothing worse than seeing dog mess in children's parks or seeing dogs chase children when they play as they want to play with them also, dogs can nip (not bite) when they get excited with play!	Noted	No further response required
	very necessary	Noted	No further response required
	Zero tolerance	Noted	No further response required

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	<p>Totally agree, dogs should be prohibits dogs from children's playgrounds and sports fields. Who want faeces in your face when you're playing rugby?</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>The exclusion order will only apply to the enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed children's play area within a park, it will not apply to the remainder of the park. It is not appropriate to exclude dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches, is also difficult. The locations of the pitches can change, and pitch markings are often not maintained all year round. Most pitches are also not fenced off from the rest of the site, and fencing them off would have resource implications. Therefore, dog owners may not know which areas their dogs are excluded from at different times of the year. They may feel that the only way to avoid breaching the order is to avoid park areas or to keep their dog on a lead at all times, which could have welfare implications. Any order to exclude dogs from parks or sports pitches need to be considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN to deal with offending dog owners. We will also review the need for further site-specific PSPO's.</p>

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	Also any rugby football pitch or unenclosed play area with swings and similar.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to the enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed children's play area within a park, it will not apply to the remainder of the park. It is not appropriate to exclude dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches, is also difficult. The locations of the pitches can change, and pitch markings are often not maintained all year round. Most pitches are also not fenced off from the rest of the site, and fencing them off would have resource implications. Therefore, dog owners may not know which areas their dogs are excluded from at different times of the year. They may feel that the only way to avoid breaching the order is to avoid park areas or to keep their dog on a lead at all times, which could have welfare implications. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN to deal with offending dog owners. We will keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	And all playing fields.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above.
	And cemeteries and not only the play areas all public parks, Parc Howard Ilanelli especially!	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	Any exclusion order should prohibit dogs from all play area. Eg. Park grassed areas, football fields	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	Does the definition of outdoor enclosed children's play areas include all school grounds / fields? Not sure whether all school fields include play equipment, but I wouldn't like to see any dogs permitted on any school land.	Noted	Most education establishments are classified as private land and the general public should not access this land without consent. The PSPO will not apply to these assets. However if dog owners are found entering such sites the Authority may use other enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices or deal with it as a trespass issue.
	Dog owners also take their dogs to the local park in Dafen, let them off their leads and the dogs run over the grass playing field area, foul and go running over to other dogs who are on leads and being controlled. This needs to be stopped, they should not be allowed to run around grass areas which are then used by local clubs for sports training.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	Dog walkers do not need to take dogs on playing fields where sport is played. Council owned land or private rugby footy fields.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	Especially school playing fields where dogs fouling is regularly not cleaned up and disgusting	Noted	most education establishments are classified as private land and the general public should not access the land unless consent has been given. PSPO will not apply to these assets. However if dog owners are found entering such sites the Authority may use other enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notices or as a trespass issue.
	Hope this extends to public land where children play competitive sport for Clubs?	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	Hopefully this will apply to playing fields - rugby/football pitches. Children partake in events played on these grounds and they should be able to play without parents fearing they'll step into dog mess!! The health hazards of such incidents are widely known and reported!	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	I suggest that this should include playing fields- rugby, soccer and cricket - which are not enclosed.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	I would add all playing areas to this proposal. Football, Rugby and other sport areas.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	I WOULD HOPE THIS INCLUDES THE BEACH, WHERE I HAVE CONSISTANTLY WITNESSED FAECES IN SEAWEEED (UNDETECTABLE) AND DOGS USING CHILDREN'S SANDCASTLES FOR THEIR TOILET AND THEN THE CHILD/CHILDREN RETURNS TO PLAY WITH THE CASTLE UNKNOWINGLY.	Noted	In early 2015 the authority conducted a consultation with the general public to ascertain if there was support for a seasonal beach exclusion at a number of amenity beaches in the County. 70% of the respondents indicated that they did not want a beach exclusion order. The dog fouling provisions in the Order will apply to beaches. However the existing seasonal dog exclusion (Bye Law) will remain in place at Cefn Sidan and Llansteffan beach.
	I would like to see this ban extended to all sports grounds whether activity is taking place or not.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	No dogs should be allowed in any park areas, especially where there are children playing - this is a problem in Ammanford Park, Betws Flower Park in Park Street, Betws Park in Heol y Felin, Gorslas Park and Llangynnwr Park. Dog mess everywhere!!	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	reside in abergwili where residents walk their dogs frequently near the rugby fields. despite signs prohibiting entry they still allow dogs to enter freely and defecate. this poses extreme dangers for children playing in fields.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	Same should apply to beaches	Noted	In early 2015 the authority conducted a consultation with the general public to ascertain if there was support for a seasonal beach exclusion at a number of amenity beaches in the County. 70% of the respondents indicated that they did not want a beach exclusion order. The dog fouling provisions in the Order will apply to beaches.
	Should also include some grassy areas in park and gardens, for example; the picnic area at Carmarthen museum which is heavily used by dog walkers but sadly not used by families because of constant dog mess on the grass.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Orders to exclude dogs from other sites need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis. Alternative land also needs to be available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	Should include sports fields as well	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.
	There is also need to patrol the Museum grounds as there are dog walkers there that allow their dogs to run riot.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.

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	There seems to be dog waste everywhere and people not clearing up. Have lost count of the number of times that rugby/football matches have had to be stopped due to dog mess on the fields. It's not nice and it is very dangerous	Noted	The dog fouling provisions in our PSPO should address this. It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches in the county, is also difficult for the reasons set out above.
	And maybe not all left tied to the entrance gate which would make other children frightened to enter. Do the outdoor childrens play areas include those owned by the Council? By Community Councils? By Public Houses?...	Noted	People will be able to tether their dogs outside the play areas. If this is a problem, we will review the need for further facilities for people to tether their dogs. The exclusions in the PSPO will apply to all outdoor enclosed children's play areas, subject to signage appropriate signage being erected. This includes privately owned children's play areas, although land owners are able to opt out of the order by giving people permission to breach it on their land.
	Are you talking playgrounds or parks? If owners pick up then dogs should be allowed into parks as in some areas these are the only green safe areas to allow a dog to run free	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it. We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons.
	As a parent and dog owner we often find ourselves in the local park with the children and the dog. We live in Hendy and the children's play area is not enclosed as I am sure many other parks are the same throughout the County. Does this mean that all play areas will need to be enclosed? If so at what is the expense ? How in the insatnce of Hendy Park is the enclosed area defined when it is not enclosed ?	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it. We may consider fencing additional play areas, subject to available resources.

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	I agree with the dogs being banned from childrens play areas although it states "enclosed" play areas. Is this a catch as many people may believe this may refer to all childrens play areas That is different. Many parks have open green spaces where children run around that are not "enclosed" e.g. Carmarthen Park? Where children play in areas that are green and open space and surrounded by 2 m high boundary railings? All dogs should be banned from Council Parks, Open green spaces and have an area of their own.for the dog and owner to be exercised.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and the areas in question will be marked with appropriate signage. We will also publish further information on our website to help identify which areas it applies to. It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Orders to exclude dogs from other sites need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis. Alternative land also needs to be available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review. In a large rural county like Carmarthenshire it is not feasible to provide fenced dog walking areas in every community.
	I agree with this but i do think it needs to be clearly stated whether this would include a park which has a play area in it, and excludes the whole park, or if this is just areas designated solely for children that is sign posted and fenced off.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it. The areas where it applies will be marked with appropriate signage.
	Need to define children's play areas as unclear whether this extends to other facilities for children/teenagers such as skate parks, cycle paths/velodrome, country park facilities etc where children play	Noted	They are defined in the order. A "enclosed children's play area" is an area that is set aside for children to play in and contains children's play equipment such as a slide, swings, seesaw, climbing frame or other similar play apparatus. It does not include skate parks, sports facilities and velodromes etc. We will also publish information on our website to help identify which areas it applies to. The areas where it applies will be marked with appropriate signage.
	There needs to be clear guidance on what constitutes outdoor childrens enclosed play areas	Noted	We will publish information on our website to help identify which areas it applies to. The areas where it applies will also be marked with appropriate signage.

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	While I agree that dogs should not be running around a children's play areas I'd like to see a set size for the outdoor enclosed children's play area where dogs are banned. Other wise this could cover a very large fenced in field/park with a small play area in one small corner of it having the whole park being classed as one being enclosed play area when it isn't really. This could lead to a risk to children if parents allow them to play unsupervised while they wait with their dog far away. A good compromise would be to ban dogs if the area is under a certain size (so parents can safely watch there children from out side the fence) and require dogs to be kept on leads if the area is over a certain size (so parents can sit and watch their children with the family dog on lead).	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it. We will publish information on our website to help identify which areas it applies to. The areas where it applies will also be marked with appropriate signage.
	I often take my relatives to the park and have the dog with me, I do not agree that he should be banned from entering the play area, as he will sit on the lead next to me while the children play. It's my opinion that this highly dependent on the owner and the dog.	Noted	We accept that some dogs will be better behaved than others. There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Allow dogs on short lead. Children should be able to interact with dogs.	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate. Children will be able to continue to interact with dogs in the general area of a park.
	As a responsible dog owner it would be safe to allow me to take my god into these areas.	Noted	No further response required
	as already stated, dogs on leads at all times in public, spend more on modern cleanup facilities.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make an order requiring people to keep their dogs on a lead at all times in all public areas. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate.
	As long as you have well socialised dogs, and pick up after them this is not an issue which need any further action	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Be nice to take your dog to the park with the kids!!	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	Children need to grow up around animals and if a dog is found to soil these areas then follow through with prosecution of the owner	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.

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	Dependent on the dog. I take my dog and two young children for walks and will tie my dog up to a fence in a play area while they play and the dog sleeps. I tie the dog up in the corner away from the play equipment. I think putting too many Orders in place is over the top and it should be down to people to be sensible. I wouldn't be happy to accept a fine when my dog is not doing anything and it would put me off using certain play areas.	Noted	We accept that some dogs will be better behaved than others. There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	There is no reason to do so if people comply with 15 and 17 above. It would be reasonable to insist that all dogs have to be on a lead in such areas, but unfair and extreme to bann dogs completely. E.g. it is stupid that it isn't allowed to walk through the path in the main park in Carmarthen, and that the long path that goes around the park has to be used in stead.	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate. Our exclusion order only applies to enclosed children's play areas and does not exclude dogs from the paths in Carmarthen Park. Carmarthen Park is controlled by the Town Council and any dog exclusions is imposed by them.
	Dogs on leads, not banned	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Dogs should be on lead not banned.	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	It should be allowed if on a lead	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	families should be able to take their dogs on a lead as they are part of the family	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	I do not have children, so this does not worry me personally, but if I had children, as a person who is never without her dogs, I would find this a very difficult order to obey. Say there is a play area, there are no children around, or those that are around are fine with my two doggies, surely that is ok? If this is an order to prevent "dangerous" breeds from harming children, perhaps the council should try to address this issue differently. Maybe by introducing dog licences, to ensure that dogs are only owned by responsible individuals, and not hoodies who see staffie ownership as a status symbol.	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate. The Council cannot use PSPO's to require people to have a dog license, or to control who can own a dog.

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	I don't think they should be off lead but if well behaved should be able to join family at park	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	I have a little dog but also have grandchildren so does this mean I cant take my pet dog out with the grandchildren to the park? If everybody cleans up after their dogs why should this be a problem.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	I would like to be able to take my grandson to the park with my dog on a lead. As long as the dog is under owners control then why can't it go into a park.	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	If dogs are accompanied and looked after properly you should be allowed to take them anywhere	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	If the owner is out walking the dog with children, Dogs should be allowed on a lead within the enclosed play area as it would be difficult to separate and observe the children and dogs if the owner is alone. It should only apply to enclosed play areas with proper fencing. Some play areas in the county have open green spaces that are useful for exercising the dogs.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.

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	Is this going to adversely affect the well being of dogs and their owners if say a single mother goes to a park with kids but can't take dog?	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	Provided dogs are on a lead and owners pick up dog mess I see no problem allowing them in parks	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Provided that owners clear up faeces there is no reason to exclude dogs. However dogs should be on a lead in these areas.	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Providing the dog is under firm control with the parent/s of the child in the play area, I can't see any problem. However, the parent/s must be held responsible for clearing up any mess made by the dog or face a FPT. Many parents take their children out with their dogs at the same time.	Noted	There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate. The dog fouling provisions in the order will enable us to deal with dog fouling in these areas.
	so long as the dog is on a lead and you clean up after it then its ok to be in the park with children.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	So you can't take your child and dog for a walk to the park any more, it all depends on the dog you've got, as long your dogs on a lead I see no problem.	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	Some children like to have their dogs with them when they're playing.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from playing with their dogs elsewhere.

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	Some families have dogs. Where would u take them if your children wanted to play in park?	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	Some of the dogs are family members, it is a shame that most responsible dog owner are to be banned from these places.	Noted	Dog owners are not being banned from the parks, the exclusion order only applies to the enclosed children's play area.
	There are some bad owners who need to have dogs removed responsible owners would keep the dog under control	Noted	The Council cannot use PSPO's control who can own a dog.
	What about families with pet dogs who also have young children and want to use the play area when the dog is with them? Allowance needs to be made for this too!	Noted	Dogs can be tethered outside the play area. There has been an overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	What happens if a family go out to a park with their pet dog? Where will they put the dog? A lot of families these days have a dog and therefore, we should not deter them from enjoying a family day out. I believe a good compromise would be that all dogs need to be placed on leads when in and around an outdoor enclosed play area and the Owner to ensure they have full control of the dog in that area.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. If someone wishes to enter a play area, their dog can be tethered outside it. There has been an overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Whilst I would not like to see dogs off the lead in play areas, dogs that are under adult control and on a lead when part of the family is part of family time. Remember most dogs are family pets, usually well behaved - but the right to ban individual pets/owners should be available - it is often irresponsible owners and not the pets that are the issue.	Noted	There has been an overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	Again, there should be no exception for hunting dogs for this.	Noted	DEFRA guidance states that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO. We believe this includes packs of hounds that are being used for hunting. We do not foresee a problem with dogs entering these areas whilst hunting. We work with Hunt groups if issues arise.

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	<p>I run a therapy dog unit of dogs trained and tested for such work which includes special needs school children but I am not a registered charity. Why should my dogs be excluded because I am not a charity. But are equally if not more suitable than some working for registered charities. Your own Carmarthenshire Therapy dogs will fall foul of this part of the regulation. (I run Tinland Therapy Dogs)</p>	Noted	<p>Assistance Dogs provided by the main assistance dog charities, are easily recognisable. They should have formal identification in the form of a white harness, organisation specific branded dog jackets, lead slips or id tags on the dog's collar. Their dogs are also fully toilet trained. The Council has considered extending the exemption in clause 13 of the order to apply to all assistance dogs, rather than those trained by a registered charity. However, we are concerned that this could leave it open to potential abuse from people who try to escape enforcement action by claiming that their pet is an assistance dogs when it does not provide them with assistance and has not been properly trained. Under the order a person still has a defence to prosecution if they have a "reasonable excuse " for failing to comply with it. We believe that people who genuinely rely on a properly trained assistance dog that has not been provided by a registered charity will have a "reasonable excuse" for taking their dogs in to these areas, and we will not take enforcement action if we are satisfied that this is the case. If dog owners are unsure whether the order applies to them, we will be happy to advise.</p>
	<p>Specific exclusion from this order for guide dogs should be made explicit on any signage.</p>	Noted	<p>Exemptions will be displayed on the signs</p>
	<p>There should be no exceptions.</p>	Noted	<p>When exercising our functions, we must have regard to the public sector equality duty in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. We must consider the need to eliminate disability discrimination and to advance equality of opportunity. We do not believe that it is appropriate to exclude assistance dogs from play areas, as it could prevent people with a disability who rely on an assistance dog from using these areas. DEFRA guidance also state that PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs. We have therefore excluded working dogs.</p>

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	this should be at discretion of landowner	Noted	The owner, occupier or person in control of a piece of public land can give the person in charge of a dog permission not have to comply with the order on their land. They can give this permission to individuals, to groups of people, or to everyone that uses their land. By doing this, they can opt out of the exclusion order, so it <u>will not apply to their land.</u>
	I only agree to this if the play area is closed off, for example hendy park has an open play area, whilst the local park over the border in swansea in Pontarddulais has an enclosed play area which is safer for children. If this was to apply to keeping a dog on the lead for the whole of Hendy park i would object as i believe that dogs need to socialise and play with other dogs to be learn socialisation. Dogs who do not do this are more of a risk to younger children and adults. I would suggest this area is either closed off or the bottom area of the park is used for an exclusive area for dogs.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to children's play areas that are enclosed on all sides.
	But not banned from public parks completely	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from <u>taking their dog to the park</u>
	Carms Council is suppose to be a dog friendly county. I would insist that this is respected. Dogs require exercise off-lead in some public open spaces. It is not acceptable to force dogs to be on leads at all times in all public areas.	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas. We accept that there need to be areas of public land where people can exercise their dogs off-lead. The order does not require dogs to be kept on leads at all times in all public areas.
	Enclosed Play areas such as swings etc, but not football pitches	Noted	The PSPO Exclusion order will only apply to the Enclosed children Play areas and will not apply to football pitches.
	Enclosed play areas yes but parks and fields no.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas and will not stop people from <u>taking their dog to the park.</u>
	Outdoor aresa such as parks etc yes definately,fielsd that are sometimes used no but the council needs to trust dog owners to do the right thing	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. . We will keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	So long as then ban does not include open space in the parks. Many families with children visit the parks with the family dog.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. Where there is an enclosed play area within a larger park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park. Where there is an unenclosed play area within a larger park site, the exclusion order will not apply to it.
	Could we have parks especially for dogs? They only need an empty space - a field for example, where wouldn't be much upkeep therefore costs would be very low.	Noted	As large rural authority it is not practical to provide such facilities all throughout the county. This also has resource implications.
	but it should be ensured that there is a suitable place for dogs to go in every area. There is no-where in Carmarthen where dogs are allowed to go-	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the parks and other areas. Some open spaces are not owned or controlled by this Council, and restriction in these areas are imposed by the person in control of the land.
	Dogs should be on a lead in all parks.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all parks. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate.
	Dogs that annoy people like me who are terrified of them should not have to face dogs or their owners who pester me. Extendable leads should be banned, sometimes they are just rats on a string!	Noted	We do not think that it would be appropriate to use these orders to ban the use of extendable leads
	I am concerned that this cannot be enforced in an unsupervised area.	Noted	The Authority is currently reviewing the resources available to enforce these orders.
	I was under the impression that this was already the case.	Noted	The only children's play area where this Council currently excludes dogs, is in Pembrey Country Park.
	i would have expected this to be the case already	Noted	No further response required
	It is important that the fences around these areas are suitable to keep dogs out -AND MAINTAINED, you can't expect a dog not to jump through a gap to follow their child into a play area.	Noted	We will maintain the fencing at these locations.
	LOCAL PARKS SEEM TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEM - DOGS ARE LEFT TO ROAM FREE TO FOUL ALL OVER	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. The dog fouling provisions in the order will enable us to deal with dog fouling issues.
	Obviously. Isn't this being done already?	Noted	The only children's play area where this Council currently excludes dogs, is in Pembrey Country Park.

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	please also prohibit dogs from being tied up immediately outside children's area to prevent people from being intimidated from entering the children's play area by the presence of dogs.	Noted	There are no plans to restrict dogs from being tethered onto the fencing around enclosed children's play areas. However if this is a problem we will review the need for further facilities for people to tether their dogs and will consider steps to address the problem.
	Policing?	Noted	The order will be enforced by the County Council.
	Prosecution should be automatically applied for offences in these areas.	Noted	In most cases, the Council will issue a fixed penalty notice to someone who breaches the order. However, we may decide to prosecute them instead, if we consider it more appropriate to do so. For example, we may consider prosecuting someone rather than issuing a fixed penalty notice if they behave inappropriately towards our enforcement officers, or if they have previously been issued with a fixed penalty notice for similar behaviour
	Public should be encouraged to report thoracic owners that do not comply with this proposed order.	Noted	The Authority actively encourages members of public to report issues concerning irresponsible dog ownership, this can be done either by phone the authority or <u>reporting incidents on-line</u> .
	Someone has removed the no dogs sign outside Llangunnor Park, there seems to be confusion about whether dogs are not allowed in parks or not!	Noted	This Council does not exclude dogs from its parks. However, not all parks are managed by the local authority. Some of the parks are managed by Town & Community Councils or Sport Associations, who may be imposing their own restrictions.
	The direction could be seasonal as a parent and a dog walker in winter months the children's parks are empty but still have to walk my five year old past the park if we have the dogs with us.	Noted	The exclusion order will only apply to enclosed children's play areas, and will not stop people from taking their dog to the park. There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the exclusion order should apply all year round.
	There should be provisions for dogs to be safely tied up outside the play area where they can be seen by the owner.	Noted	There are no plans to restrict dogs from being tethered onto the fencing around enclosed children's play areas. We will review the need for further facilities for people to safely tether their dogs.

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	This is in place anyway where there are fences - BUT all play areas need to be fenced PROPERLY	Noted	We will maintain the fencing at our enclosed children's play areas. The only children's play area where this Council currently excludes dogs, is in Pembrey Country Park. However, not all play areas and parks are managed by the Local authority. Some sites are managed by the Town and Community Council or Sports associations. As land owners they may be imposing their own restrictions.
	Tricky if people leave the gates open. Dogs wandering around town on their own can easily get into play areas.	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times to ensure that it does not stray in to these areas.
	What about have proof dog is soshalysed as some sounds can spook and dog owner has done class with there dog	Noted	There has been an overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play area and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.
	What about wild animals? Will that include all horses, including police horses.	Noted	We will try to stop others animals from getting in to these areas, but it is very difficult to exclude some animals such as cats. We are not aware of any problems with horses in children's play areas, so we do not believe that it is necessary to make an order excluding them.
	The ideas, at 19 above, I have seen working in Melbourne--dog fouling is almost eliminated and the cycle-ways, much safer.	Noted	No further response required

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	authorised officers should include people who work as volunteers with the countryside services team,	Noted	The Authority will look at utilising other resources within the Authority to enforce the orders.
	Common sense would hopefully prevail when considering whether a FPT is issued regarding any dog related matters. Every incident should be considered on its merits and not fixed in stone.	Noted	Each incident will be based on its own merit, officers do have discretion on the appropriate enforcement action to be taken.
Abergwili CC	Council regularly receives reports of dog fouling on footways and on the roadside particularly on side streets in Abergwili and in Peniel in the vicinity of the school and estate roads and pavements nearby. Council would welcome the implementation of powers by CCC that will assist in the elimination of dog fouling. The play area near the school in Abergwili has no dog notices currently but new exclusion powers would ensure that such notices can be enforced should the need arise.	Noted	No further response required. With regards to the issues at the side streets at Abergwili and Peniel, these will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	enforcement officers possibly being made available out of office hours as these are generally the time i experience the problems in my area	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	Enforcement powers should extend to all of the countryside team in Carmarthenshire not just country park rangers, council should consider volunteer rangers to enforce this proposal	Noted	The Authority will look at utilising other resources within the Authority to enforce the orders.
	Ensure that this is policed properly and I know that the council are making financial cuts everywhere so it is not likely to be done. I do agree with what you are planning.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	Failure to pick up after a dog exhibits a disgusting lack of courtesy towards other people. In the same vein, all littering is equally unacceptable and a civilised society should not tolerate such behaviour. A zero tolerance policy towards ALL levels of such anti-social behaviour would raise standards in Wales towards those enjoyed by more obviously far sighted states as Singapore where litter, spitting, smoking debris, and dog fouling are simply unheard of.	Noted	Both dog fouling & litter fixed penalty notices are issued by authorised officers of the authority.
	finer should be increased and enforced more rigorously.	Noted	Fines imposed on conviction are a matter for the courts.
	Have you enough Enforcement Officers to police this if the order is passed ?.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	How will the Local authority enforce the new orders, in particular that most of the issues that affect the communities occur in the non working hours, no point introducing the orders if there is no-one there to enforce them !	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	I agree on the whole but how the Authority are going to police it remains to be seen.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	I also think that more dog wardens are also required in order to enforce the above proposals.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.

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	I am particularly concerned about dog fouling on grass verges and on the public highway in rural areas especially as there are no pavements and as a regular walker it is hazardous trying to avoid the dog fouling when vehicles are passing, often forcing me to stand on the verges. I welcome any law enforcement to dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead as I have had many occasions out in the park with my grandchildren who have been traumatised by loose dogs running towards them.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible areas. People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If specific dog owners continually fail to control their dogs properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I have lived in Carmarthen for 12 years and walk my dog daily, all over Carmarthenshire. The amount of dog faeces on EVERY public footpath is diabolical. I have NEVER seen the dog warden on patrol. Setting new orders is great but the council also need to ensure they are enforced.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	I have taken a career break since having my little boy and we spend alot of time out and about in both Carmarthenshire and Swansea. Since having him and being out and about with either a pushchair or a trike I have been disgusted to see the extent of dog fouling in both Counties. You become acutely aware of it when you risk pushing your babies pram through such foul mess. I have also become very much more aware of how many people take their dogs onto the beaches during times when they are supposed to be banned. Despite seeing plenty of signs around they are very often ignored and it's not just the dog mess issue, I want to see little ones playing on the beach safely without the fear of a dog coming bounding along the beach towards them. These issues really need to be addressed and soon.	Noted	We hope that the new PSPO order will enable us to address the dog fouling issue. In early 2015 the authority conducted a consultation with the general public to ascertain if there was support for a seasonal beach exclusion at a number of amenity beaches in the County. 70% of the respondents indicated that they did not want a beach exclusion order. We are not therefore pursuing any beach exclusions orders at this time. If there are future problem on beaches, we may consider seasonal site specific orders in future.
	I personally think the first offence should be a warning, names held on a data base and if caught a second or further time then there should be a sliding scale of fines, also everyone should be made to clean up immediately wether fined or not	Noted	We do not intend to only warn first time offenders. In most cases, the Council will issue a fixed penalty notice to someone who breaches the order for the first time. However, we may decide to prosecute them instead, if we consider it more appropriate to do so. For example, we may consider prosecuting someone if they have previously been issued with a fixed penalty notice for similar behaviour. The Current fines for prosecution are fixed by central government.

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	I thought there was already an order to require people to clean up after their dogs immediately. How will this be enforced? I have never seen a dog warden patrolling early in the morning when owners are walking their dogs and blatantly allowing them to foul public areas. e.e. between 7 and 9 am Parc Pendre Kidwelly. Words and orders are easy to make but they must be enforceable and action be seen to take place.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible land. The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	I would like to see more Dog Wardens on patrol and preferably well trained ones. I would also like to see more areas where dogs are welcomed, and would like to see more prosecutions for dog fouling as I believe that will be the time irresponsible owners will take more notice.	Noted	The current enforcement regime in tackling dog fouling is limited to dog fouling within designated areas. The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing dog fouling in all publicly accessible land. The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	It appears that the dog population is on the increase and that dog excrement is bad. Will there be an increase in the number of people that the council employs to do this work?	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	More patrols needed, to stop irresponsible owners letting their dogs defecate on the Cwmamman football pitch. Usually first thing in the morning and then again in the evening. The walk from pitch down towards Ammanford has piles of excrement. As is behind Glanamman Square-Trim Trail. More irresponsible owners should be named and shamed. More bins required at beginning and end of walks to stop idiots tying them to wire fencing and dangling like a pair of earrings.	Noted	The issues highlighted in Cwmamman football pitch will be taken into account when conducting future enforcement activities. Where offenders have accepted a fixed penalty notice, the authority is unable to publish their details. Where offenders are successfully prosecuted in the magistrates' court their details are published in the press. The authority will be reviewing the number of Litter bins within the county.
	People walking dogs in the evenings, when dark, do not clean up after their dogs as they are unable to see the mess.	Noted	No further response required
	Please monitor Cefneithin playing field by the community hall. People are really misusing it and letting their dogs foul, without picking up after them!	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities
Laugharne Township Community Council	The council supports County Council enforcement officers accessing LTCC land to enforce these proposed orders	Noted	No further response required
	the dog and cat fouling in carmarthenshire is diabolical, there should be more animal wardens appointed, i think like the police, get more uniformed wardens, first of all a uniform is a deterrent also there are lots of male & females only waiting to get a uniform on, and would accept a moderate salary. i think it is worth creating even part time patrols.	Noted	Cat's are essentially a straying animal and we cannot expect their owner to follow their cat at all times and clear up after it. The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	The sooner the better we impose dog control on public land the better	Noted	No further response required

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St Clears Town Council	The Town Council would wish to ensure that particular areas currently of concern would now enable the County Council to take enforcement action and provide exclusion orders. To this end the Town Council would be prepared too work with the County Council and any other interested parties to eliminate dog fouling on the Welfare Field in Station Road, Peillac Way (63/NCN2/1) the cycle/foot way which runs along the riverbank from the TRA40 road bridge to St Mary's Church. Both these areas give rise to regular reports of dog fouling and is imperative that appropriate action can be taken to educate irresponsible dog owners. The Town Council has responsibility for the Skateboard Park, to the rear of the Car Park in Pentre Road, and the enclosed Children's Play Area alongside the Welfare Field in Station Road and should be the subject of exclusion orders. The Town Council is keen to ensure that all the above are safe areas for the enjoyment of all its residents and free from potential health risks.	Noted	This information provided will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities. The exclusion order will not apply to the skate park. If there are problems at the skate park we will consider use CPN's to deal with offending dog owners. We will also keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review. The authority is happy to work closely with the town council in tackling the aforementioned issues.
	There needs to be more authorised people manning public paths	Noted	The Authority will look at utilising other resources within the Authority to enforce the orders.
	THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN. BUT IT WILL NEED TO BE MONITORED BY AN OFFICIAL. MANY A COASTAL PATH/COUNTRY WALK HAS BEEN SPOILT FOR ME BY THE DOG OWNERS WHO DO NOT SEE THE NEED TO CLEAR UP AND ARE ABUSIVE WHEN ASKED TO DO SO. ON THE SPOT FINES SHOULD BE HANDED OUT.	Noted	No further response required
Laugharne Festival Committee (Cors Playing Field)	We are concerned that implementation of the order may be difficult at our unsupervised park.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.
	You need to make it easier for people to report dog fouling anywhere in the county.	Noted	Members of the public do have the facility to report dog fouling, this can be done via telephone 01267 234567, online through the authority's web page known as I-local report it (http://local.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/iLocal/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_DOG_FOULING&ebd=0&ebz=1_1452786757093) or by calling in to any of our Customer Service Centres at Carmarthen, Ammanford or Llanelli.
	All names of people that DO NOT clean up should be published in the papers. NAME & SHAME them.	Noted	Where offenders have accepted a fixed penalty notice, the authority is unable to publish their details. Where offenders are successfully prosecuted in the magistrates' court their details are published in the press.
	Concern that enough resources are made available to ensure compliance More bins should be made available Promote campaign / educate public; Publicity would get the message across to dog owners / Posters	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders. We will review the number of bins within the county. The authority will undertake a publicity campaign raising awareness of the new orders being proposed

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	Dogs should be microchipped and ownership subject to approval and licensing. Failure to comply should result in destruction and legal sanctions respectively.	Noted	The council cannot use PSPO's to require people to have a dog licence. We are not aware of any plans to reintroduce the dog licence, however the government is introducing mandatory Micro chipping of all dogs in 2016.
	Ensure that sufficient resources are in place to implement the policy Provision of dog fouling bins important Public awareness campaign; posters would be beneficial	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders. we will review the number of bins within the County. The authority will undertake a publicity campaign raising awareness of the new orders being proposed
	I believe fins for fouling should be higher I'm also of the opinion that dogs should be taken away from irresponsible people	Noted	Fines imposed on conviction are a matter for the courts. PSPO's cannot be used to take dogs away from people.
	I have two dogs. Many years ago, I would have had to purchase a dog licence to keep a dog. Can this be re-introduced? If anyone has a dog, then they can afford to pay circa £20 a year for a dog licence. This money could be used for more dog bins and to fund officers? If not, I would warly welcome any orders that keep our pavements and paths clear and clean and allow the "good" dog walkers to better enjoy our County.	Noted	The council cannot use PSPO's to require people to have a dog licence. We are not aware of any plans to reintroduce the dog licence, however the government is introducing mandatory Micro chipping of all dogs in 2016.
	I know dog licences were stopped a number of years ago - but I feel that that they should be reintroduced and all dogs chipped - too many dogs are left to roam our streets without any consequence for the owners (besides them defecating, tearing open bags on rubbish night is an issue).	Noted	The council cannot use PSPO's to require people to have a dog licence. We are not aware of any plans to reintroduce the dog licence, however the government is introducing mandatory Micro chipping of all dogs in 2016.
	I think encouragement is more beneficial than trying to clobber people with fines. If a person is seen not to have cleaned up after their dog they should be offered bags to do so prior to issuing a fine. Their name could then be added to a database (or their dog's microchip number) that is available on a handheld device so that if seen again they are then issued with a fine. I also think as much effort should be put in to stop people riding their horses on pavements resulting in having to dodge horse manure which covers a far greater area than a dog's mess.	Noted	The council does encourage people to clean up after their dogs and promotes responsible dog ownership. We will also undertake a publicity campaign raising awareness of the new orders being proposed. The onus is on the person in charge of a dog to ensure that they have adequate means to clean up after it. We do not intend to only warn first time offenders. In most cases, the Council will issue a fixed penalty notice to someone who breaches the order for the first time. We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.

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	It is disgusting that a minority of dog owners do not clean up after their dogs and this needs to be stopped as it reflects on us responsible dog owners. They should be given greater penalty's in order to stop them doing this. We need to find better methods of catching them and punishing them.	Noted	Fines Imposed on convictions are a matter of the courts, the authority will be constantly reviewing the enforcement activities to ensure that resources are used to their maximum potential.
	It is not only dog mess in these parks what about broken glass, needles, litter etc are the council worker going to approach children if they see them littering and breaking glass in the public areas!!!!!! On numerous occasions I have come across soiled nappies in parks as well as beaches, will parents be approached for this???? If owners do allow their dog to foul and not clear up after them, then they should be banned from keeping dogs, if they are not acting responsibly they are not fit to care for an animal. Council may need to consider bringing in a dog licence or something.	Noted	Enforcement officers enforce dog fouling, littering and other waste offences. If offenders are children they will be referred to the Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator who in turn will engage with their parents. PSPO's cannot be used to take dogs away from people. or to require people to have a dog license. We are not aware of any plans to reintroduce the dog licence, however the government is introducing mandatory Micro chipping of all dogs in 2016.
	its a small minority that let their dogs foul-they should have their dogs talkie form them. dogs should have licenses, and there should be fair bigger punishment for deliberate dog fouling. we should have a dog fouling app that lets you point out problem areas-see Flintshire link below. DNA testing should be introduced as mentioned in Flintshire Council meeting http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-33585594	Noted	PSPO's cannot be used to take dogs away from people. The fines for dog fouling are fixed by central government. We do not think a DNA database will assist with enforcement activities, as dog owners do not have to provide DNA samples for the database. There are no plans to introduce an app at this current time, however to report irresponsible dog ownership or dog fouling, reports can be made via the Authority's Contact centre or on online at http://ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/iLocal/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_DOG_FOULING&ebd=0&ebz=1_1453904938306
	More advertising of the fines and bins in the area would be helpful. my street has a woodland as part of it, but no bin available and people often fail to pick up meaning my children are at risk of standing / being in contact with dog poo.	Noted	The authority will undertake a publicity campaign raising awareness of the new orders being proposed. A review will be undertaken on the number of bins within the county.
	one big problem is even when there are notices people just do what they want	Noted	No further response required
	People should be encouraged in responsible dog ownership through education and reward (ie, positive comments), rather than legislation and punishment. Once enforcement officers get involved common sense flies out of the window. If fines are to be introduced they should be proportionate. It sounds easy to say £100 fine. £100 can mean a very real hardship to people, where the minimum wage is £6.50 per hour that represents 15 hours (pre tax) work. Dog owners are often pensioners on a limited income or others, for whom their sole recreation is exercising their dog. I think if fines are involved that they should be on a sliding scale, with £100 being at the high end, for persistent offenders.	Noted	Education and Awareness is the first and foremost strategy of the authority. Fines imposed on conviction are a matter of the courts. The maximum fixed penalty is also set by central government. The respondent's comments will be taken in to account when the council sets its fixed penalty.
	Publicise how many people are fined for these offences.	Noted	The authority already publicises all enforcement actions.

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	The risk that dogs pose are real from serious infections to physical threats -they should all be on leads and owners who fail to dispose of faeces safely should have big fines and be named and shamed in the local paper. Dogs aren't children and dog owners need to realise this. Children's and all people's safety and comfort outweigh the rights of dogs to frighten, attack and contaminate public spaces	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead on all public areas for animal welfare reasons, however if specific dog owners continually fail to control their dogs properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue. Where offenders that have accepted a Fixed Penalty Notice, the authority is unable to publish their details. Where offenders are successfully prosecuted in the magistrates court their details are published in the press.
	This survey could be available to dog owners for comment. Also the council should consider distributing information with doggie bags to those who live in town re the fouling. I walk to work daily and the town is full of fouling.	Noted	This public consultation was open to all stakeholders including dog owners. Information on the law on dog fouling and irresponsible dog ownership is available on the authority's web page. Due to resource implications the authority is unable to provide doggie bags.
	With specific reference to Furnace ponds then signage must be prominently displayed on the three public approaches to this area (note the road to Craig Gwyn is a council adopted road - many dog owners let their dog foul this area assuming it is "countryside")	Noted	A review on the signage will be undertaken. We will take the information about Craig Gwyn into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	As a dog owner I always clean up after my dog but I also feel strongly that the council have a part to play by emptying the bins regularly. I live near the Green in Ann Street Llanelli and the bins are disgraceful, not only are they not emptied enough people are dumping their household waste in the bins. I am sick and tired of confronting people to be faced with a load of abuse. The Council is aware of the problem and only a few days ago one of the three bins was blown up by a firework so we are now one bin down. This is an area where many people walk their dogs and it should be kept clean because the bins are on a public footpath, when the bins are full which is most of the time, the poop bags are just thrown on the floor and left. The Council are quick enough to issue fines for dog fouling but not quick enough to empty the bins on a regular basis for members of the public to dispose of their poop bags safely.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county, this will also include the frequency of emptying.
	Carmarthenshire county council have removed some bins along the Millennium coastal path, having cleaned up after my dog I have had to carry the bag along my circular route until at the end of the walk a bin was available at the car park. I strongly disagree with them removing a bin half way along the route. The bin was regularly used. Also bins are overflowing on Fridays and are often not emptied until Monday.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county, this will also include the frequency of emptying.
	I do feel more bins are required especially in Sandy Water park as there are hardly any and the Riverside walk from Brynamman to Garnant and Swiss Valley water park. I have been informed by a colleague in work that some people while picking up their dog mess actually resort to hanging the bags from a tree!!	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county, this will also include the frequency of emptying. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	Need dog bins in Llandybie, Ammanford. especially by the school, as there are always dog mess on the path going up to the school on school hill, plus path between school and the horse's field and also on the public footpaths by the school!!!	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county, this will also include the frequency of emptying.

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	Need more dog bins on coastal path	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county.
	Please please can you ensure more waste disposal bins are provided? I visited Llyn Llech Owain over the weekend with my dog and failed to find one bin for my dogs waste bag on the entire walk, until my return to the main pay and display car park. Now i do not have a problem with carrying the filled bag until I find a bin, there are many walks we go on with the pup and carry the poop home in the boot and then dispose of it in a suitable manner, however in a place such as Llyn Llech Owain, I would expect there to be more bins available. I saw a few instances of poop filled bags thrown into the hedges and woods. People who are making the effort to 'scoop the poop' obviously do not want to carry the full bag all the way back to the car park. There is also a lack of bins in Penlan Park, Llandeilo.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	You ask dog owners to clean up, which i agree, unfortunatly there are insufficient bins for the bags to be disposed of. I have seen people who will then throw these bags into bushes etc, which defeats the object and will take longer to decompose.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county. Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	You expect people to pick up after their dogs but there are not enough bins everywhere and the ones that are there are definitely not emptied enough. I see so many bins full to overflowing and not emptied for weeks. This is a health hazard and needs to be sorted out.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the number of bins within the county, this will also include the frequency of emptying.
	A few people spoil things for others and still may not comply If this applies to roads and verges - should horseriders also comply	Noted	We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.
	All dog owns have the resposibility to clean up after thier dogs, if they don't do this then they should not own a dog.	Noted	No further response required
	An authorized officer of the council ? It is a big responsibility to give to one person making a judgement in the street. I would be unhappy if my dogs were running free on the beach to be told to put them on a lead if they were doing nothing wrong. This is treating people and their family pets unjustly for the few bad owners who have not trained their animals and do not show good regard for others.	Noted	A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the Council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	I always clean up after my dogs and feel that responsible owners would do the same. I hope this encourages others to clean up and be more responsible dog owners.	Agreed	No further response required
	I am all for the new orders you are proposing to introduce, I get extremely irrate when dog walkers do not clean up after their dogs mess. I also get frustrated that the dogs can mess in areas where my child plays, granted a repsonsible dog owner will clean up the mess but my remains will always be left. This is not acceptable when young children play in these areas.	Agreed	No further response required
	I am grateful to officers for encouraging this to be finally sorted out. As a dog owner it is necessary for all to understand and comply.	Agreed	No further response required

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	I fear that it is responsible dog owner that will be penalised and the pleasure that families have by going to parks with the family dog will be destroyed	Noted	The Purpose of the PSPO is to address the issue of irresponsible dog ownership and not for those who comply with the law. The order does not prevent families from taking their dog to their local park.
	I feel that the council should have better things to do with their time,effort and energy than chase after, humiliate, and persecute dog owners. Just because a person owns a dog doesn't mean he/she is a chav causing trouble.	Noted	The Council does not accept that it is persecuting or humiliating dog owners. The purpose of the PSPO is to promote responsible dog ownership and to enable the authority to deal with dog owners who do not behave responsibly
	I feel very strongly about this.Please dont tare us all with the same brush thank you	Noted	The purpose of the PSPO is to promote responsible dog ownership and to enable the authority to deal with dog owners who do not behave responsibly.
	I understand that we like in a nation full of dog lovers but many people aren't being responsible owners. We live in a beautiful part of Wales and we are unable to appreciate it fully due to these irresponsible dog owners. The cycle paths, the beach in pembrey, sandy water park are but a few places that are being spoilt due to dog fouling	Noted	No further response required
	Many families and individual dervie great pleasure out of sharing their lives with dogs, and enjoy taking them out for the day or on holiday. Too many obstacles should not be placed therefore on dog owners, but at the same time, there is a duty on owners to behave responsibly. Unfortunately, the behaviour of a minority has a detrimental effect on most people who are responsible owners. It is a pleasure to visit counties like Devon or areas such as the Peak District, where dogs are welcome in pubs, shops etc. P.S The translation in some [arts of this questionnaire needs to be corrected!	Noted	The purpose of the PSPO is to promote responsible dog ownership and to enable the authority to deal with dog owners who do not behave responsibly. We believe that this order strikes a fair balance and is reasonable and proprtionate.
	It's about time the dog owners start behaving more responsibly; I hope that hese measures will be implemented.	Agreed	No further response required
	My dog is always kept on a lead and we would clean up after him if he was to do his business outside of our garden. Unfortunately other dog owners let their dogs off their leads in the park area and on many occasions a loose dog has run over to our dog barking and snapping at our dog. We now have to muzzle our dog so that our dog does not get the chance to snap back. When my husband tells the loose dog owners that they need to control their dogs he is verbally abused and told that we have the dangerous dog (as we have a staffordshire bull terrier and we obviously have to muzzle him!!!!) not them (even though it is their dog that is doing the growling and snapping). These irresponsible dog owners need to be targeted, not just owners of specific breeds.	Noted	The purpose of the PSPO is to promote responsible dog ownership and to enable the authority to deal with dog owners who do not behave responsibly. The order applies to all breeds of dog.
	My neighbors cat was recently killed by 2 husky dogs who had escaped from their owners, and I have been threatened 3 times by dogs jumping up on me. The last time was when I picked up the mentioned cat to comfort it and was subsequently attacked by one of the dogs. Another neighbour managed to kick it away before it bit me. This incident was made worse by the fact there were 3 children playing in the street and there were 4 adults close by. The dogs were not afraid!! The humans were. Dog licenses and chipping should be compulsory. Owners should also prove they have a secure space to keep dogs safely and healthily. Too many dogs are cruelly kept locked up all day in cages and then let out into someone's garden for 5 mins. before being locked up again.	Noted	Incidents such as these should be reported to the Council and the Police. We are not aware of any plans to reintroduce the dog licence, however the government is introducing mandatory Micro chipping of all dogs in 2016. Being a responsible dog includes ensuring that the dogs welfare is given priority, if members of the public have any welfare concerns they should be reported immediately to the RSPCA.

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	Not all dog owners should be punished because of a minority of irresponsible owners	Noted	The purpose of the PSPO is to promote responsible dog ownership and to enable the authority to deal with dog owners who do not behave responsibly. We believe that this order strikes a fair balance.
	Owners must be aware of their dogs if they are aggressive and they should be kept on a lead when there are other people or animals around.	Agreed	The Purpose of the PSPO is to address the issue of irresponsible dog ownership in particular with those that cannot control their dogs correctly.
	Please don't take away the freedom that our beloved pets have. The majority of us are responsible owners	Noted	We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The Purpose of the PSPO is to address the issue of irresponsible dog ownership in particular with those that cannot control their dogs correctly. People who behave responsibly have nothing to fear from these orders.
	The County Council should be applauded for taking this action, for the benefit of all, including dogs, who are subject to the care of inconsiderate and ill-educated human beings. Da lawn.	Agreed	No further response required
	There are issues in Parc Stephens, Kidwelly, where some dogs are left to roam freely without supervision from owners. Consideration should be given to extend control orders to cover such instances. There are also issues where dogs attack other dogs. Again, the control orders should be extended to deal with this issue.	Noted	The Environmental Protection Act 1990 already enables us to deal with stray dogs. The provisions in this order will enable us to deal with dogs that cause nuisance or annoyance to others, and attack other dogs on public land. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	Unfortunately, there are far too many irresponsible dog owners in the county and unless patrols are increased, I doubt whether legislation will protect public health in any way.	Noted	The Authority will look at utilising other resources within the Authority to enforce the orders.
	We as responsible dog owners feel we would be victimised by non dog owners if these restrictions are imposed, many of whom never use the open spaces we do. It would also be detrimental to the tourists and holiday makers who come to beautiful Wales because they can bring their dogs. Without the freedom of off lead walking many dogs and indeed their owners would not get the exercise they require as walking on lead is indeed a very different for those dogs who have bounds of energy.	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The Order does not require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the Council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.

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	<p>Whatever steps are taken, the 5 rights for animals must also be considered. One of these is the right to behave and exercise normally. When dogs have to remain on lead all the time it prevents normal behaviour. In parts USA dogs are only allowed off lead in dog parks but these are hot spots for both disease transmission and behavioural problems. It is a difficult balance to make and unfortunately irresponsible owners will always be irresponsible owners no matter what laws are brought in. It is vital that responsible owners are not penalised for the poor behaviour of others.</p>	Noted	<p>We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The Order does not require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times on public land. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the Council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.</p>
	<p>Any dogs that show signs of aggression to any person or creature should be muzzled and kept on short leads.</p>	Agreed	<p>The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing aggressive / nuisance dogs in all publicly accessible land. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.</p>
	<p>By being off the lead my dog gets far more exercise than he would if he was on lead. Vets would also agree with this as being off lead is a vital form of exercise for all dogs. If anyone saw a dog fouling and owners did not clean it up they should take a photo and upload it to a council website where if they can be identified and are publicly shamed and fined. You could always offer a small reward (the dog owner should pay) for every successful prosecution which would give the public an incentive to report irresponsible dog owners.</p>	Noted	<p>The authority recognises that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare. If an individual fails to keep their dog under control and continues to cause problems, we may consider the use of other powers (such as Community Protection Notices) to address their behaviour. The authority does not encourage members of the public to confront or photograph irresponsible dog owners for health and safety reasons. Incidents should be reported to the Council.</p>
	<p>Carms Council is supposed to be a dog friendly county. I would insist that this is respected. Dogs require exercise off-lead in some public open spaces. It is not acceptable to force dogs to be on leads at all times in all public areas.</p>	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	<p>People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The order does not require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times. A request to put a dog on a lead will only be made where an authorised officer of the Council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.</p>
	<p>I agree to a fine for picking up dog foul and a requirement for people to put dogs on leads if they are out of control but I think a sensible approach needs to be taken in play areas. I don't want my children to be put in danger but I think an Order is too restrictive. Many people with children also have dogs and generally the dogs that live with a family will be good with children. There is more danger with dogs in a street or on a walk who may not be used to being around children.</p>	Noted	<p>There has been overwhelming support for dogs to be excluded from enclosed children's play areas and we believe that the order is reasonable and proportionate.</p>

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	I feel strongly that ALL dogs should be on a tight lead, so that the owner has full control of the animal at all times, in all public areas and that people should always clean up any dog fouling, for obvious reasons.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make an order requiring people to keep their dogs on a lead at all times in all public areas. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate
	I have been chased, harassed and on a few occasions threatened (a dog snarling and snapping at me) by off lead dogs. Sometimes the owners make an attempt at recalling the dog but the majority of the time the dog ignores the owner and continues chasing. Some of these dogs have been dangerous (and reported to the police) but any off lead dog has the potential to cause injury directly or indirectly - if an offlead dog ran in front of a car etc	Noted	The proposed orders will enhance the enforcement powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership within the county, in particular to enforcing aggressive / nuisance dogs in all publicly accessible land. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I submitted a FOI request to Dyfed Powys Police on the number of dog incidents reported to the DLO (Dog Legislation Officer). They were unhelpful (in fact that's how I found the DLO in a meeting recently). However they give me the following figures:- It has been established that there are a minimum of 25 tagged dog related storm incident records recorded each month, which equates to a minimum of 300 records per annum". There are also a very many unreported incidents - including attacks on other dogs resulting in their needing veterinary attention. All dogs on leads all the time unless they have earned their exemption would dramatically reduce dog fouling and dog threats and attacks. It would be very welcome amongst those responsible owners as well - as they could walk their dogs without fear of attack from other dogs, and with a reduced likelihood of trampling in other dogs' mess.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. If specific dog owners continually fail to control their dogs properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.
	I would like to see an order making dogs on leads compulsory on the cycle path.	Noted	<p>People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. In some locations, cycle paths are the only places where people can exercise their dog off-lead. Some cycle paths also run through large open spaces where dogs are allowed off lead.</p> <p>However we will keep the situation with dogs on the cycle paths under review and may consider additional PSPO's to address this in future if necessary. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue.</p>
	im a dog owner and have never once left my dog off the lead when taking her for a walk.	Noted	No further response required
	Loose dogs that are not strictly obedient with immediate recall to its owner should not be allowed to spoil the enjoyment of others. One is met with cheek and aggression when requesting nicely for their dog to be put on a lead and these are the people who let the side down. Roll on the new law. Hope you will be able to police it.	Noted	The authority will be reviewing the resources available to enforce the new orders.

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	My personal belief is that all dogs outside a residence should be muzzled.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to muzzle their dogs at all times in all public places. If an individual fails to keep their dog under control and continues to cause problems, we may consider the use of other powers (such as Community Protection Notices) to address their behaviour. In appropriate circumstances, a Community Protection Notice could require an individual to keep their dog on a muzzle in public areas.
	No mention has been made of whether dogs need to have a muzzle on	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to muzzle their dogs at all times in all public places. If an individual fails to keep their dog under control and continues to cause problems, we may consider the use of other powers (such as Community Protection Notices) to address their behaviour. In appropriate circumstances, a Community Protection Notice could require an individual to keep their dog on a muzzle in public areas.
	Put out advice for dog owners that an easy way to avoid random fouling by their dog, is to WALK THE DOG ON THE LEASH UNTIL IT HAS DONE IT'S BUSINESS BEFORE LETTING IT OF FOR A RUN.	Noted	It would be inappropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dogs on a lead before it does it's business for welfare reasons. The authority has various advice i.e. being a responsible dog owner on their web page.
	Restricting exercise for dogs will lead to less socialised animals, who will become frustrated and will suffer from behavioural problems, which will cause more problems within society in general	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. The order does not require dogs to kept on a lead at all times
	As a dog owner I would ask that (other than play areas, parks and Football/Rugby areas) dogs be allowed access subject to 15/17/18 above	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO to exclude dogs from the parks for animal welfare reasons. Our order only excludes dogs from enclosed outdoor children's play areas, including the enclosed play areas within parks.
	Dog shouldnt be in shops or less working or assistunce dog learning job or Qualified Or finish work . Shouldnt tye dogs bear doors as assistunce dogs get bark at	Noted	We do not believe that such an order is necessary. Generally the only dogs permitted into shops are assistance dogs.
	Dogs should also be prohibited from sports areas.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas for animal welfare reasons. Orders to exclude dogs from parks, sports pitches or cemeteries needs to considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. We will keep the need for further site-specific PSPO's under review.

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	Dogs should always be on a lead on the coastal path! I have witnessed several near misses of cyclists having to avoid stray dogs. On one occasion, a cyclist on a racing bike swerved to avoid a small dog and then narrowly avoided running down a toddler. It's only a matter of time before somebody is seriously injured or killed on the path. Who then is responsible? The cyclist, dog owner or council for not enforcing regulations?	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in these areas. If a dog owner persistently fails to control their dog properly, the authority may use additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue. The order will be enforced by Authorised officers of CCC.
	I agree in so much that this means actual dedicated children's playgrounds and not areas where children may play as this could lead to exclusions on many green spaces, which are becoming few and far between	Noted	Our exclusion order only applies to enclosed children's play areas and does not exclude dogs from other green spaces.
	I agree that dogs should not be where children are playing.	Agreed	No further response required
	I am a keen runner and cyclist - dogs are often allowed off their leads at Pembrey Country Park and the Millennium Coastal Path. These areas are used by families with young children. All such recreational areas and not simply children's play areas should prohibit dogs. Allocate specific 'Dog Areas' on land not normally used for recreational purposes.	Noted	We will keep the situation with dogs on millennium coastal paths under review and will consider further PSPO to address this in future if necessary. We will also consider using additional powers such as Community Protection Notices to deal with the issue. The Authority may also look at introducing dedicated dog walking areas this would be subject to available budgets to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the area.
	I am part of a volunteer group that garden in the Carmarthen Museum and we encounter dogs being allowed to run riot all over the grounds and flower borders without supervision. There is a lot of dog fouling there as well. Unfortunately Guide dogs that are not supervised.	Noted	The onus is on the person in charge of the dog to watch their dog at all times and ensure they clean up after their dog. Any order excluding dogs from the museum or requiring them to be on a lead at all times, would need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis.

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	I believe all playing fields within parks should be included also.	Noted	It is not appropriate to exclude dogs from all park areas, for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches, is difficult. The locations of the pitches can change, and pitch markings are often not maintained all year round. Most pitches are also not fenced off from the rest of the site, and fencing them off would have resource implications. Therefore, dog owner may not know which areas their dogs are excluded from at different times of the year. They may feel that the only way to avoid breaching the order is to avoid park areas or to keep their dog on a lead at all times, which could have welfare implications. Any order to exclude dogs from parks or sports pitches need to be considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN to deal with offending dog owners. We will also review the need for further site-specific PSPO's.
	i hoe you do not ban dogs from beaches parks and other open spaces	Noted	We do not have any plans to exclude dogs from beaches or other open spaces at this time but will keep the need for further orders under review. Any further order to exclude dogs from beaches or open space would need to be considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead.
	I hope that this will not affect beaches being closed to dogs. But happy that these rules apply to all beaches where dogs are allowed	Noted	The order does not exclude dogs from beaches, although the existing seasonal dog exclusions will remain in place at Cefn Sidan and Llansteffan beach. In early 2015 the authority conducted a consultation with the general public to ascertain if there was support for a seasonal beach exclusion at a number of amenity beaches in the County. 70% of the respondents indicated that they did not want a further beach exclusion order.

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	I would also like dogs to be banned from recreational grounds and school playing areas	Noted	It's not appropriate to make a PSPO to exclude dogs from the parks for animal welfare reasons. Our order only excludes dogs from enclosed outdoor children's play areas. School sites are not public land for the purposes of the PSPO. The authority is happy to work closely with the schools in tackling these issues which may include the use of Community Protection Notices to deal with problems.
	It would be a shame if the beaches became unwelcoming to dogs/ dog owners. Many people come in holiday to this area specifically because it is so dog friendly.	Noted	The order does not exclude dogs from beaches, although the existing seasonal dog exclusions will remain in place at Cefn Sidan and Llansteffan beach.
	it would be beneficial for a directory of where dog walking is permitted.	Noted	The is no requirement for a directory and it would be difficult to draw up and maintain comprehensive maps showing every area in the County where dog walking is permitted. Many areas are also outside our ownership and control. However, any areas where the <u>County Council</u> excludes dogs will be adequately signposted informing dog owners of any restrictions.
Llangunnor Community Council	Llangunnor Community Council believe that it would be advantageous to ban dogs from all public parks, if this is not possible the order should include that all dogs be kept on leads when in public parks.	Noted	It is not appropriate to make a broad order excluding dogs from all park areas or requiring them to be kept on a lead at all times in these locations, for animal welfare reasons. Any such exclusions need to be evidence based and considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead.
Furnace United RFC	Please add that no dogs should be allowed on private leased sporting venue used by adults and children.	Noted	As land owners it is up to you to decide who can access your land. If the existing proposals do not address the problems at these sites, we will consider using Community Protection Notices to deal with persistent offenders. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
	There are not enough areas in Carmarthenshire to permit off-lead exercising of dogs. Banning dogs from parks and beaches is an infringement of the rights of dog owners in addition to being an animal welfare issue as dogs require off-lead exercise daily. In addition many footpaths are unusable for dog owners as they run through fields containing cattle, which pose a danger to dog walkers.	The respondent may have misunderstood the Order.	Our order does not exclude dogs from parks or beaches. Our order only excludes dogs from enclosed outdoor children's play areas, including the enclosed play areas within parks. Where there is an enclosed children's play area within a park, the exclusion will not apply to the remainder of the park.

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	<p>we do not believe dogs should be banned from the beaches there should be areas beaches that dogs can go with easy access Carmarthenshire has very long beaches tourists bring their dogs here and like to us the beaches as us locals do if you ban them it's sending a message out you are not welcome with your dog. Pembrey Park campsite has dogs on it that run freely in this area the campers should be made to keep dogs on lead as everyones close together. Broken glass around is a bigger issue than dogs Pembrey canal path has had broken glass there for six weeks places need to be cleaned up properly not now and again people on bikes need to be told to slow their speed down where people are walking as you can't hear them behind you especially me as I am profoundly deaf my dog turns around and slows down when they come near which makes me turn around people with good hearing say they don't always hear them coming are there going to be enough enforcement officers anyway? lots of things aren't enforced like parking on pavements walking along Dan Y Bryn pavements Pembrey is impossible some days one council tennant drives along the pavement the wrong way up on my crossover to get to her house three doors down so she doesn't have to bump her tyres on the kerb she told me she knows the law and will carry on doing so lets have more enforcements for the things that matter not just dogs.</p>	Noted	<p>The order does not exclude dogs from beaches, although the existing seasonal dog exclusions will remain in place at Cefn Sidan and Llansteffan beach. Many of the issues raised by the respondent do not relate to the proposed PSPO. We will use CPN to deal with offending dog owners. We will also review the need for further site-specific PSPO's.</p>
	<p>Why not add sports fields?</p>	Noted	<p>It is not appropriate to exclude dogs from all park areas, for animal welfare reasons. Excluding dogs from all marked-up sports pitches, is difficult. The locations of the pitches can change, and pitch markings are often not maintained all year round. Most pitches are also not fenced off from the rest of the site, and fencing them off would have resource implications. Therefore, dog owner may not know which areas their dogs are excluded from at different times of the year. They may feel that the only way to avoid breaching the order is to avoid park areas or to keep their dog on a lead at all times, which could have welfare implications. Any order to exclude dogs from parks or sports pitches need to be considered on a site-by-site basis and alternative land made available in the vicinity where dogs can be exercised off lead. Rather than excluding all dogs from sports pitches, we will use CPN to deal with offending dog owners. We will also review the need for further site-specific PSPO's.</p>
	<p>Areas could be assigned for dog exercise - fenced if considered necessary to separate from children's areas if close. Dogs need to exercise off lead. Owners still need to control them even if off lead.</p>	Noted	<p>We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. In a large rural county like Carmarthenshire it is not feasible to provide fenced dog walking areas in every community. Setting aside and fencing off these areas would have resource implications. We may consider setting up some dog walking areas in the future if this will prevent problems on other neighbouring land .</p>

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	Dog owners and dogs should have a separate area(s) to exercise the dogs and themselves. Not in a main Council Park where many children and families play safely with no dogs present and no dog faeces.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all parks. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate. The Authority may also look at introducing dedicated dog walking areas this would be subject to available budgets to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the area.
	Dog owners pay rates too and contribute to the economy, but should be made aware of acceptable behaviour. It is not acceptable to cause distress to others or to deposit faeces in a public place. It would be a good idea where possible to provide dog toileting areas, complete with bags and bins, in parks and adjacent to car parks. We need more bins and more warning notices put up.	Noted	In a large rural county like Carmarthenshire it is not feasible to provide dog toileting areas in every community. Setting aside and fencing off these areas would have resource implications. The Authority may also look at introducing dog toileting areas in some locations, subject to available budgets. The authority will be reviewing the number of litter bins within the county.
	although of course children and communities' safety is crucial, as well as keeping areas clean - it is necessary to provide suitable places and visible dispensers' bags too	Noted	The authority has previously supplied bag dispensers in key areas around the county, however these facilities have been abused and subsequently withdrawn. Due to resource implications the authority is unable to provide bag dispensers for dog owners.
	I have been a dog owner until earlier this year and can say that living in town, there is little choice of where you can walk a dog. You are left with walking the streets with them. All dogs need exercise to fit, healthy and happy. Perhaps the local authority could give some thought to providing a designated area for dog walkers? Just a thought.	Noted	In a large rural county like Carmarthenshire it is not feasible to provide fenced dog walking areas in every community. In appropriate circumstances we may look at introducing a dedicated dog walking area at a location where there is evidence to justify it, subject to available budgets to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the area.
	I would emphasise that dogs need to run and be free to socialise in order to allow them to become socially acceptable within the dog community, and all irresponsible dog owners should be penalised.	Noted	We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons.
	It is essential for dogs to have exercise and there should be defined off lead perhaps enclosed areas where owners can relax and let their dogs have a big run to expend their energy and possibly play with other dogs. It is physically impossible for a human to fully exercise a dog by walking it on a lead. They have four legs after all. Twice the speed. Pendine beach out of season is fantastic but my dog can run at 30 or 40 mph I cannot keep up. Exercise makes them happy and easier to train.	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. In a large rural county like Carmarthenshire it is not feasible to provide fenced dog walking areas in every community. In appropriate circumstances we may look at introducing a dedicated dog walking area at a location where there is evidence to justify it, subject to available budgets to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the area.

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	it is true that persons owning dogs need to be responsible, however dog owners do need places to exercise their dogs.	Noted	We accept that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons.
great dane care charitable trust	the council should provide area for responsible people to free run dogs especially in holiday area as this is a vital boost to the county's economy. You should have regular meeting with pet dog owner.	Noted	We do not believe that dog run areas are necessary, as the Council does not exclude dogs from its parks and other open spaces. The new order will only exclude dogs from enclosed children's play areas. We do engage with dog owners.
	There must be public areas where people can exercise their dogs off lead. Dog owners pay enough in taxes etc for vets food and dog items. They deserve rights to. Spilt a beach make half dog friendly and half dog free	Noted	There are plenty of area where people will be able to exercise their dogs off-lead. The Council's orders do not stop people from exercise their dogs off lead. A request to put a dog on a lead can only be made where an authorised officer of the Council believes that such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
	As a dog owner myself I agree with certain orders regarding dogs, however I think the grandfather who took his 2 grandchildren down the beach and complained about dogs has over reacted. He didnt state that these dogs showed any aggression. The dog urinating on the sandcastle is a natural process for the dog. They are not humans and not taught to use toilets. If the children were that frightened then maybe they should interact more with animals(maybe trip to folly farm for example to reduce their anxiety towards animals and to educate	Noted	No further response required
	As an example re 21 above, my children go to Ysgol y Dderwen, and they often use the gate located at the far end of the school field (near Siswrn Hairdressers). In fairness to the school, during the day, the gate is locked, but in the morning and afternoon, it is open to allow for pedestrian access. I have witnessed an individual once 'hanging around' outside the gate, but I noticed that there was a dog on school land. I addressed the individual regarding the dog and he said he'd been 'unable' to stop the dog from running in... I wouldn't be surprised if it was a regular occurrence that that individual was doing this daily, as it was easier to leave the dog run around and defecate freely, rather than actively having to take the dog for a walk and picking up after it.	Noted	School sites are not Public Land and for these purposes of the PSPO. The Authority is happy to work closely with the school in tackling these issues which may include the use of Community Protection Notices.
	Beware of the Dogs Facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/1681264938824950/?hc_location=ufi	Noted	Information passed on to the Public Protection Unit.
	Cat mess is equally offensive and dangerous and often less apparent than dog mess. This matter needs serious consideration.	Noted	Cat's are essentially a straying animal and we cannot expect their owner to follow their cat at all times and clear up after it.
	COUNCIL NEED TO WATCH LOCAL PARKS ESPECIALLY - OUR VILLAGE CEFNEITHIN AND DREFACH HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM WITH DOG FOULING	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities

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	Dog fouling in public areas isn't the only problem. The Aman Valley River path is very popular with cyclists and runners. Human excrement can often be seen on the riverbank where other people walk and children play. Dogs will also roll in it. We know it's not dog poo as they have not evolved enough to wipe their own bottoms and leave a neat pile of dirty tissue beside it. Runners that have been challenged about their behaviour complain they have to go somewhere. How about at home before they set off before fouling the river walk? If you're going to fine dog walkers for not clearing up, fine runners that drop their shorts as well. This is a serious public health issue which the council needs to do something about.	Noted	Other statutory powers will be used to deal with Human Defecation. Dyfed Powys Police also have powers to deal with human defecation.
	Dylech wirio'r Gymraeg yn yr holiadur hwn 'gryf' nid 'grif' ac mae'r frawddeg olaf o ddiolch bron yn anealladwy. (Translation : You should check the Welsh in this questionnaire 'strong' not 'grif' and the last sentence of thanks).	Noted	Translation unit to re-check the Welsh language translation
Betws Community Council	For your information - Children's Playground at Heol y Felin, Betws is owned by the Community Council. Also children's playground at Maesquarre Road, Betws is in the process of being handed over from the developer to the County Council. (Grounds Maintenance unit is aware of the situation)	Noted	No further response required.
	Has anyone even thought about these proposals?? It seems like a pointless exercise at the cost of the tax payers to get counsellors in the paper, without really addressing the problems that people face and causing many more!	Noted	We disagree that the order is pointless. The purpose of the PSPO orders is to tackle various issues concerning irresponsible dog ownership.
	How does this order deal with dog owners who are walking more than 3 dogs. In Pembrey Country Park in particular, gangs of dogs can be very intimidating.	Noted	The authority currently has no plans to introduce restriction on the number of dogs a person can take out. In appropriate circumstances we will consider using Community Protection Notices to restrict the number of dogs that a person may walk at any one time, if there is evidence to show that they cannot control their dogs. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
Jonathan Tudor, Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council	I am a County Council Employee making my submission in a professional capacity as Countryside Access Manager dealing with public rights of way and other access land where dog fouling and out of control dogs are major issues. These proposed Orders appear sensible and proportionate.	Noted	No further response required
	I am currently not a dog owner but I kept and trained dogs for over thirty years - and enjoyed it in a responsible and considerate manner. The dog fouling problem is in urgent need of addressing! I have heard several visitors complaining about the Country Park, Llanstephan and more than one area in Kidwelly - including streets not far from the Castle. We are doing ourselves no favours by not taking major steps to control the problem.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.

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	I believe that the definition of working dogs should not include dogs being used for hunting as this cannot be defined as work. It is not lawful to hunt animals with packs of dogs, those taking packs of dogs out on hunts claim to be following scent trails and define this as a sport. I therefore believe that all aspects of these regulations should apply to dogs being used for hunting.	Noted	DEFRA guidance on this is as follows : PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.
	I believe there should be a limit on the amount of dogs a person can exercise at one time....I often encounter dog owners of 4 or more dogs, mostly off their leads, and it is intimidating to my dog, myself and my child.	Noted	The authority currently has no plans to introduce restriction on the number of dogs a person can take out. In appropriate circumstances we will consider using Community Protection Notices to restrict the number of dogs that a person may walk at any one time, if there is evidence to show that they cannot control their dogs. We may also consider further site specific PSPO's to address the problem.
	I did have a dog and hope to have again .I ALWAYS cleaned up after her never let her into children's play areas and was on a short lead at all times . Pass all your rules ASAP good work CCC	Noted	No further response required
	I don't think Carmarthenshire as a whole is a dog friendly council!	Noted	No further response required
	I feel that the current draft proposals are very limiting and cannot see these orders making a lot of difference. We don't even have a may to september beach ban here in Llanelli, so even that would be a start or at least to make one section of the beach dog free during the summer.	Noted	We believe that the proposed orders will make a difference. We will keep them under review and may consider further orders in the future if necessary. review In early 2015 the authority conducted a consultation with the general public to ascertain if there was support for a seasonal beach exclusion at a number of amenity beaches in the County. 70% of the respondents indicated that they did not want a beach exclusion order. We are not therefore pursuing any beach exclusions orders at this time. If there are future problem on beaches, we may consider seasonal site specific orders in future.
	I have spent my life avoiding pests and that includes dogs. In public places they should be strictly controlled.	Noted	No further response required
	I would like the opportunity to speak with someone on these matters. I am pretty well read up on legislation (and have my own copy of DEFRA's Dangerous Dogs Law Guidance for Enforcers 2009), and have met with the DLO (Dog Legislation Officer) of Dyfed Powys Police, co-writer of DPP's own policy on Dangerous Dogs. I can explain how and why the policy isn't working. I have today set up a Facebook group "Beware of the Dogs" to assist regarding dog on dog attacks. I have spoken with the Carmarthen Journal.	Noted	Dangerous Dogs legislation falls under the remit of the Police. Dog wardens can deal with stray dogs and dogs which are causing problems under the new Anti social behaviour legislation, but if someone fears their pet or themselves will be bitten / injured by someone else's dog, the Police should be informed and take the lead.
	I would like to see Carmarthen in particular become a more dog friendly place. It's good for tourism for a start!	Noted	No further response required

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Farmers Union of Wales (FUW)	It was noted that a breach of these orders would result in a criminal conviction being imposed on the recipient. Members did not think that this was a sufficiently serious offence to warrant a criminal conviction with its associated adverse effects.	Noted	Breach of an order will only result in a criminal record if the offender is successfully prosecuted through the courts. In most cases, the Council will issue the offender with a Fixed Penalty Notice. If they pay the fixed penalty they will not be prosecuted and will not get a criminal record.
	It would be fantastic if Carmarthenshire strove to become the most dog friendly area of the UK. This could be done by ensuring that there are plenty of dog playing areas (I have to say, there are indeed plenty around my area), by ensuring that there are plenty of dog bins and dog poo bag supplies available, and by promoting doggie friendliness. Doggies are the key to a healthy community, in many ways. Certainly, you will rarely find a very overweight dog owner, unless he or she does not walk their doggies. Promoting doggie friendliness will be good for health, community spirit, as well as tourism.	Noted	We would like to think that Carmarthenshire is dog friendly county. We believe that this order strikes a fair and sensible balance. It allows people to walk their dogs off lead in public areas, but requires people to clean up after their dog and gives us the power to deal with any problems as and when they occur, by requiring people to place their dog on a lead. The authority has previously supplied bag dispensers in key areas around the county, however these facilities have been abused and subsequently withdrawn. Due to resource implications the authority is unable to provide bag dispensers for dog owners. The authority will be reviewing the number of Litter bins within the county.
	Major problem at Cwmamman Park Garnant.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.
	Our world isn't only for human beings :) Interaction with animals is healthy and makes our communities a happier place.	Noted	No further response required
	pleased that the issue is on the agenda	Noted	No further response required
	Same should apply to farmers responsible for horses and cows that deposit their poop on our roads. They should be made to clean up, areas like llyn llech owain for e.g. often pass horse shit, it's unacceptable.	Noted	We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses and cows are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time.
	Some owners do pick up dog mess but don't deposit it in a bin or take it home but appear to leave the bag at the road side or just drop it when nobody around.	Noted	Litter fixed penalty notices are issued to those who deposit / drop or throw down bags of faeces.
	The amount of dog fouling in the areas of Kidwelly, Pembrey (inc. the Country Park), Burry Port and parts of the coastal path, is really excessive. This can only have a detrimental effect on the perception of the whole area as a holiday destination.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning our enforcement activities.

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	The exemption for hunting dogs should be removed. Why are you pandering to the local hunts when the Hunting Act 2004 makes hunting with more than two dogs illegal? If necessary, why don't you specify the two dog rule in the proposed order. For example, you could say in the exception clause something like... 'this exemption applies only when two hunting dogs are used and this order applies in full for a pack of three dogs or more notwithstanding them being used for hunting.'	Noted	DEFRA guidance on this is as follows : PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO.. We believe this includes packs of hounds used for hunting. We will monitor and work with Hunt groups if issues arise.
Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum	The introduction section of the proposed order doesn't seem to make a lot of sense and not all points seem relevant to what is actually being proposed. The Local Access Forum would like officers to re visit this text before drafting the order.	Noted	We have reviewed the introduction of the order and are satisfied with the wording.
	there are too many loose dogs in vehicles, even though they should be contained or in a harness to restrain in rear of vehicles. Nobody seems to be checking.	Noted	We do not believe that it is necessary to impose such a restriction, but will keep this issue under review.
	Think about introducing cat fouling controls to urban areas, especially giving rights to property owners who don't have a cat but have neighbours many cats fouling in their gardens and drives. Introduce limits to the amount of cats a person can have, especially if they have mental health problems as you can't discuss anything with them regarding litter trays etc and controlling where their cat foul.	Noted	Cat's are essentially a straying animal and we cannot expect their owner to follow their cat at all times and clear up after it.
	What proposals are being enforced for :horses , and smokers wether electric or not .	Noted	We receive fewer complaints about horse muck than dogs mess. As horses are herbivores, their faeces is less harmful than dog faeces. It also may not be safe for a horse rider to dismount and clear up after their horse immediately. For these reasons, we do not feel that it is necessary or appropriate to extend these control to horses at this time. The authority issues FPN's for littering offences.
	When asked recently by tourists in Carmarthen town, why the area was so dog unfriendly and dogs not allowed in the park. I had to agree and suggested they visited Swansea as all the parks there are accessible to dogs, as are most other towns in the UK. Bute Park in Cardiff is a very family dog friendly park and is a joy to see families with children and well behaved dogs all playing and interacting together. I sometimes think the way dogs are segregated from and not encouraged to be part of the family leads to many of our antisocial dog problems. Carmarthenshire is already known as the Puppy Farming capital of the UK. Our dog comes with us on holiday and it is interesting how many towns have special dog designated parks in the middle of built up areas. This all helps puppies to grow up being socialised correctly from a young age.	Noted	This Council does not exclude dogs from its parks and open spaces (other than enclosed play areas). However, not all parks are managed by the local authority. Some of the parks are managed by Town & Community Councils or Sport Associations, who may be imposing their own restrictions.
	Why are only dog owners being subject to this?	Noted	It is not clear which other groups of people the respondent is alluding to.

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	wish you were half as keen on ridding us of illegal puppy farms in the area. If you got rid of these farms there would be a lot less dogs needing homes. But of course you cannot do that as it brings a good income for you. Never mind lives are being ruined by you	Noted	Recent new legislation, and more stringent licensing conditions, will mean more establishments that breed dogs will fall into the licensing regime. Carmarthenshire County Council is committed to raising the standards of welfare at all licensed premises. The local authority has no power to stop licensed dog breeding as it is a legitimate business.
The Kennel Club	Working dogs - We strongly welcome the proposed exemptions for working dogs. The guidance document prepared by Defra and the Welsh Government to accompany the legislation introducing Public Space Protection Orders is clear - "PSPOs are not intended to restrict the normal activities of working dogs and these activities are not envisaged to meet the threshold for the making of a PSPO". Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to invite Carmarthenshire County Council to sign up to KC Dog. There are no entry requirements, but consulting with KC Dog, or keeping KC Dog up to date with what your council is doing is a good way to keep in touch with our dog-owning members.	Noted	We will continue to engage with the kennel club. No further response required.
	See above Question 16	Noted	No further response required