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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	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

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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	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
	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
	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

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	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	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
	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
	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
	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 obvous serious risk to childrens' health from dog fouling, particularly from the parasites in faeces affecting eyesight.	Noted	No further response required

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	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 area 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	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
	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	Noted	No further response required
	very necessary	Noted	No further response required
	Zero tollerance	Noted	No further response required

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	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?	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 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.

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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.
	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.

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	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 <u>trespass issue</u> .
	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.
	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.

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	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.
	I WOULD HOPE THIS INCLUDES THE BEACH, WHERE I HAVE CONSISTANTLY WITNESSED FAECES IN SEAWEED (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
	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. <u>The dog fouling provisions in the Order will apply</u>
	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
	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 <u>permission to breach it on their land.</u>
	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 <u>exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons.</u>
	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 <u>fencing additional play areas, subject to available</u>
	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 <u>not feasible to provide fenced dog</u>

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	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 children's 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.
	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 their children from outside 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
	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 is 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 dog 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.

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	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
	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.
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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.

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	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 afet 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
	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.
	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
	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.

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	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
	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)	Noted	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.
	Specific exclusion from this order for guide dogs should be made explicit on any signage.	Noted	Exemptions will be displayed on the signs

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	There should be no exceptions.	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 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. <u>We have therefore excluded working dogs.</u>
	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 <u>bottom area of the park is used for an exclusive area for dogs.</u>	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 <u>Enclosed children Play areas and will not apply to</u>
	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>

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	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.
	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
	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.

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	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.
	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
	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 reporting incidents on-line.
	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.
	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

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	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
	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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