

25th February 2021

Rendle Ferry Park.

Dear Town Clerk,

I am aware of the hours and hours of improvement to this park by the Mayor and other members of the town council. I say well done and thank you. It is, indeed, a beautiful park for rest and peace.

In recent months I have taken to running again (not as good as I was but I do enjoy it)

My easiest route is to run to the ferry from Maker road and turn around within the park whilst enjoying the views for my return to Maker road. Out of the last 9 visits to the park I have been forced on every occasion to stop and stand still whilst loose dogs snap at my ankles. On one occasion I counted 7 dogs in there chasing around, what I consider to be a small patch of grass and not suitable for numerous dog activity.

The park is fast becoming a "NO GO AREA "for those persons in the community who do not own a dog/s. I dread to think what older and vulnerable persons feel like when snapped at by loose dogs?

I have no problem with dog owners as long their dogs are kept under control – these are not controlled sadly.

May I suggest an outcome that enables the park to be enjoyed by ALL in our community. A compromise could be achieved by asking dog owners to enter the park with their dogs on a lead and to be kept on a lead whilst in the park. There are no such notices at present to be fair to dog owners.

But I for one am reluctant to enter the park now during my run!

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Goodman.