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Hello all

Please see attached the dogs on beaches consultation that is being led by public protection colleagues, as they are keen that T&PC's respond.

Kind regards
Catherine

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Cornish Beach Owners / Stakeholders

Your ref:

My ref: PSPOSept

Date: September 2022

Dear Beach Owners / Stakeholders,

Public Spaces Protection Order, Renewal of existing dog bans on beaches

You may be aware that the current Public Spaces Protection Order creating seasonal restrictions for dogs on beaches in Cornwall will expire in April 2023. All PSPO's are valid for a period of 3 years at which point they must be reviewed and where appropriate consulted upon.

The current restrictions can be found online

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/animal-welfare-and-enforcement/dogs-on-beaches/>

We are now seeking views as part of the formal consultation process regarding the existing restrictions. Any changes will be introduced by 1 April 2023 and will have considered the consultation responses received.

We are keen to hear from residents, groups and local communities about what they think about our proposals. We have a public consultation online at

<https://letstalk.gov.uk/dogsonbeaches2022> due to close 22 November 2022

However as a key stakeholder in this matter we would appreciate a response directly to us so we can ensure it gets appropriate consideration. I have attached a digital copy of the survey and would appreciate it if you could return direct to me. Please return by 28th November 2022

Of course if you have anyone within your organisation who want to make their individual views know please do ask them to complete the online survey.

If you would like further information or would like to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Consultation Questionnaire Dogs on Beaches 2022

Key Stakeholders only

Seasonal restrictions for dogs on beaches can be an emotive issue. On the one hand there are people who want to enjoy quality time exercising their dog on any beach all year round - on the other hand there are people who want to be able to enjoy selected popular beaches during the busy summer months without the presence of dogs. Getting the balance right is the challenge.

Most of the year there is plenty of space for everyone to enjoy the beach. Some privately owned beaches have their own arrangements in place, but during the busy summer season the Council has restrictions on only 43 out of the hundreds of beaches in Cornwall. Even during the season when these restrictions are in place, dog owners can still exercise their dogs on these beaches before 10am and after 6pm.

PS - The seasonal restrictions for dogs on beaches are not specifically intended to deal with dog fouling. Dog fouling is an offence in all public places across Cornwall - so dog owners and dog walkers are required to pick up after their dogs at all times!

Q1(business or organisation) Which of the following applies to you?

- I represent a beach owner
- I represent a parish or town council
- I represent an interested stakeholder

Q2a) Please provide the following details:

Name of organisation :

Your role within the organisation :

Your name:

Q2b) Is your response the formal response of your organisation? If no please fill in online survey at <https://letstalk.gov.uk/dogsonbeaches2022>

- Yes
- No

Q3) How easy do you find it to access information about restrictions on beaches in Cornwall?

- Very easy
- Fairly easy
- Not that easy
- Not at all easy
- I haven't tried to look for information

Q4 Where do you go to access information about restrictions on beaches in Cornwall?

- CC website (address)
- Notice boards on the beach
- Other, namely

Q4a Do you have any suggestions for how we can make it easier to access information about restrictions for dogs on beaches in Cornwall?

Q5) Over the past 3 summers, have you/your business or organisation encountered issues with dogs being present on beaches during times at which restrictions applied?

- Yes, very frequently
- Yes, every now and again
- Yes, once or twice
- No

Q5a) Please use the space below to tell us more about this, ie where and when this happened.

Q6) Do you have any suggestions for how we can improve enforcement of restrictions for dogs on beaches in Cornwall?

Q7) To what extent do you agree or disagree in principle that restricting access to dogs on beaches at certain times of the year and day is a good thing?

- Agree Strongly
- Agree somewhat

- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Don't know

Q8) To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current restrictions provide the right balance to enable both dog owners and non-dog owners to enjoy the beach [exact wording to be agreed]?

- Agree Strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Don't know
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Q9) If you would prefer some changes to be made to the current restrictions, would you like those changes to apply

- To all beaches in Cornwall
- To specific beaches in Cornwall
- I'm happy with the current restrictions

[if not selected 'I'm happy with the current restrictions']

Q9a) What changes would you prefer to be made? (tick all that apply)

- Seasonal restrictions to be extended
- Seasonal restrictions to be shortened
- Hours of restrictions to be extended
- Hours of restrictions to be shortened
- Restrictions to be lifted altogether
- 24/7 restrictions in place all year round

[if selected 'to specific beaches in Cornwall']

Q9b) To which beaches would you prefer those changes to apply?

Q10) any other comments

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We will use the information you provide to inform the Public Space Protection (Dogs on Beaches) Order for 2023 - 2025.

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Please return to

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Or by post

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