

# PSPO Consultation 2019

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## Do you live or work in the North East Derbyshire District Council area? (Please choose one answer only)



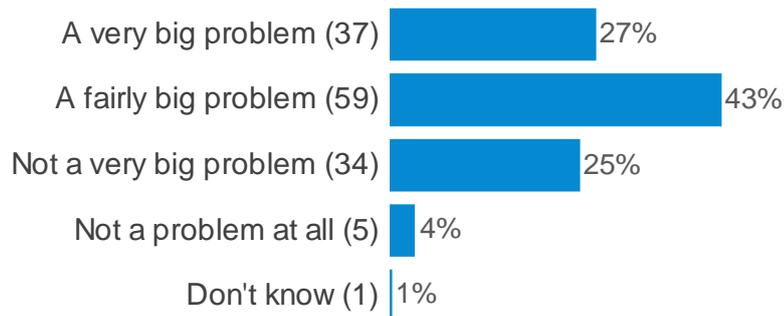
## Are you a dog owner? (Please choose one answer only)



## Are you a dog walker? (Please choose one answer only)

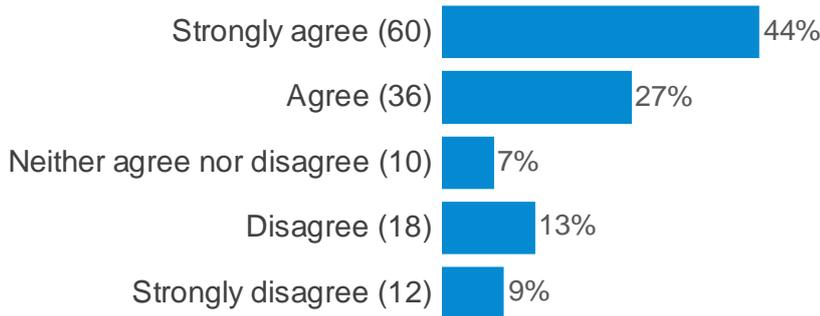


## How big a problem do you think dog fouling is in North East Derbyshire? (Please choose one answer only)

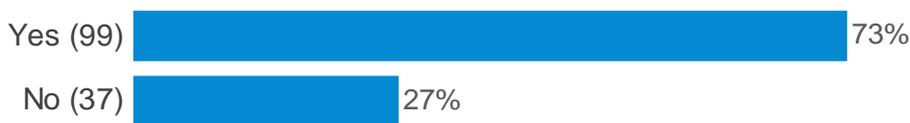


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**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed PSPO for dogs?**  
*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support the proposed PSPO for dogs applying across the whole of the North East Derbyshire District Council area?**  
*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support the part of the PSPO that requires any person in charge of a dog to remove any of the dog's faeces from public areas immediately?**  
*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support the part of the PSPO that requires any person in charge of a dog in public areas to show they have suitable means in their possession for cleaning up dog faeces e.g. a suitable bag?** *(Please choose one answer only)*



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**Do you support the part of the PSPO that requires any person in charge of a dog to keep the dog on a lead on pavements, footways and verges, pedestrianised areas and cemeteries and churchyards?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support the part of the PSPO that requires any person in charge of a dog to prevent it from entering or remaining in children's play areas within parks and open spaces?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support the part of the PSPO that requires any person in charge of a dog to put the dog(s) on a lead if directed to do so by a police constable or an authorised person?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support the part of the PSPO that requires no person to be in charge of more than six dogs on land covered by the Order?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



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**Do you support the council's recognition that for those who use an assistance dog, the PSPO requirements are not reasonable and therefore shall not apply to these persons?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support those not complying with the requirements being issued with a fixed penalty notice?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you support those who are persistent offenders being prosecuted?**

*(Please choose one answer only)*



**Do you have any comments about the proposed requirements of the PSPO?**

The only issue I have is the having means to pick up the dog poo... It would be unfair if someone had used their last bag to bag and bin the poo and then fined for using it. Sometimes our dogs do more poo than expected and in these cases I nip home and grab a bag or use a Dock leaf. It happens, we are humans and sometimes things don't go to plan. I am fed up of dog poo and out of control dogs especially the two rottweilers on Sharley Park, who were in kids play area the other day, and are a pain and out of control.

No as I feel these actions are long overdue.

I am a responsible dog owner who cleans up after my dog. Please do not tarnish me with the same brush of dog owners who are not responsible. I feel my dog should have the freedom to run about as she pleases as long as she is not a nuisance to others.

How will it be enforced across the entire District - I understand there is only 1 dog warden and we can't expect the police to deal with such matters.

I believe there should be some controls but please dont ban dogs from parks. They do have the rights to be off lead but under control ie trained or in training to be able to exercise. They are allowed to display normal behaviour by law, so dont completely discriminate us owners who are responsible.

Sometimes people run out of bags and go back to clear up the mess. Each case should be looked at individually and a warning should be given. You cannot give a fixed penalty to a child as they may be intimidated or scared

Dogs fouling of land act adequate, no need to replace with pspo.

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed requirements of the PSPO?**

I agree with keeping dogs out of children's play areas but when the area is part of a larger field and the equipment is not fenced off what would be covered by the order?

Dog fouling in my area of Killamarsh is regularly reported to the council. The warden however, if attending at all, comes during working hours - too late to catch offenders who do so before and after their own work.

The PSPO draft would not load and showed an error, so I answered the questions based common sense and awareness that dog fouling is an issue, but I strongly advocate educating the abusers and changing behaviour, this is key, not legislation and unenforceable laws to drain needed resources.

Target the offenders not all dog owners, also delete dog and incert councillor and you may me on to something.

How do you propose to enforce this late into the evening? For instance the area around the leisure centre at Killamarsh is used as a dog toilet at all times of the day.

One of the main places where dog fouling occurs are grass verges beside pavements. I would like to see some of the restrictions applied to public spaces applied to grass verges as well. My other concern is whether the NEDC will provide the means to enforce the PSPO. Otherwise, it will be a meaningless piece of legislation.

I am a professional dog walker and as such can have in excess of 6 dogs under my control. However I always have the means available to clean after them. Would this PSPO affect me as such?

This needs to be reassessed due to sever local professional dog walkers such as my self that rely on being able to walk multiple dogs to ensure being able to make a living and pay bills for example council tax to pay for all of this.

This will only work if it can be policed and consistent action taken to deter.

As a nation we are already over regulated in everything we do. A simple general code of conduct advertised on public media has seen a great improvement in the problems caused by irresponsible dog owners. I am concerned that the "authorised person" indicated as being responsible for enforcing the legislation will be an employee of a private company and will be more concerned about being seen to enforcing the legislation than resolving the issues.

I think these requirements will make the dog owners be more responsible or suffer the consequences. I'm saying this as a responsible dog owner myself that hates dog fouling being left on pavements and footpaths.

Sometimes you run out of poo bags and may have to return later to pick up the mess. This hasn't happened to me but is a scenario that could happen, and I've seen it happen. Some parents and grandparents take youngsters to the playground and take their dogs along for a walk too. As long as the dog is kept on a short lead and the person cleans up after them, I don't see a problem with dogs being in playgrounds. I have to walk through a play area with my dog to reach the walk that I want to do. If I had to go around a different way, I wouldn't be able to walk in the woods that I like due to disability and only being out for so long before in pain. I do agree that there are people with dogs that just don't care about anyone else. They let their dogs run wild and mess everywhere, but I feel that this proposal is punishing the masses for the irresponsible actions of a few.

How would you prosecute a child who was walking their dog.....?

from your initial statement this read to me that you limiting the amount of dogs a walker can have, reading through the questions this is then limited to 6 . I agree that 6 dogs is probably the correct amount for a trained handler taking into account that dogs respond better in packs. I don't agree as an owner that dogs should be in play areas unless controlled at all times and even school gates as there is a risk of over excitement and especially the small dogs they nip. dog fouling is disgusting and a health hazard, owners are challenged by us that pick up and we do get abused. the point I would make is there are not enough bins and they need emptying more.

Dogs fouling of land act in place so why reinvent the wheel. This is a dog loving District.

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed requirements of the PSPO?**

I feel this proposal is discriminatory to responsible dog owners when cats are just as likely to enter said areas and will remain unchecked. Although I agree with the idea that dog fouling should be dealt with, the proposals are not clear enough and more should be done to promote information as to why these types of measurements should be put in place. A responsible dog owner will endeavour to pick up after their dog at all times, the irresponsible ones may pick up their mess only to throw it in a hedge further along out of sight. There aren't enough police to deal with burglaries, car crime, theft, assault or arson, so how will they have the manpower to police dog fouling incidents, and how can an authorised person be identified, what evidence will they need to issue fines, how will they determine whose dog has made the mess and what measures will be taken to prevent abuse of authority?

I think all dogs other than assistant dogs should be muzzled when out in public for the safety of young children and other dogs then hopefully there would not be any accidents to children and other dogs

What about public footpaths that cross private land such as fields? I have 2 crossing my land and have problems with people not picking up poo on horse grazing and hay fields. Do I have any rights as a landowner.

The same should also apply to cat owners who let their cats stray in other people's private gardens

I walk my dog around the Hallows area every day and every day see that dogs have fouled on paths and grassy areas. It seems to be worse during school holidays when perhaps children are walking dogs at that time. It is rare to see white faeces these days but there must be a dog locally who excretes this as there are now 2 or 3 piles

There is a particular problem on Gosforth Playing Fields. These are football and rugby pitches used extensively by children and young adults. Dog walkers use the fields to exercise their dogs off lead, and as a result there is a lot of dog mess that is not cleared up. I would like to see the PSPO extended to cover areas dedicated to sports use, such as the Gosforth Playing Fields. I would also want to see strict enforcement of the order.

I would not want to see dogs banned from parks only enclosed play areas within parks. Some areas need bins and more bins in general would I think be a good thing eg Stubble lane play area. Apart from the above point I wholeheartedly support your proposal.

How will it be enforced and will small villages be included as that is where most issues seem to occur

Regular patrols in the problem areas

Need to enforce dog fouling rules and keep play areas from being used as dog toilets.

I live in Dronfield and I live adjacent to a playing field owned by the local school, Dronfield Junior school. The children are unable to use this field because of the amount of faeces in the grass. It is such a waste.

I agree with the proposals but do not think they can be enforced adequately. There are already rules in place which are not enforced and so are ignored. The rules about having enough poo bags with you could be unfair if you have used up all your poo bags already on a walk and your dog is not likely to do another poo.

I love to walk in the countryside and around my village but because dog owners don't have, especially, big or powerful dogs on the lead I can walk only with my husband who can protect me. It happened several times in the past that I was approached by powerful dogs when walking and I literally cried because of the fear. It's not only myself but many people feel like that, when they say something about why the dog is not on the lead the dog owners always say "my dog will do nothing to you". But how many cases were published when dogs did damage to people? Dog owners simply don't care. So when my husband works I cannot go out.

Sooner the better

There are many obedient dogs and responsible owners in the District. This draft appears to be prejudgmental in focussing on dealing with a minority.

Suggest promoting the use by dog walkers of a small shoulder bag to put used poo bags in to take home - no-one likes walking while carrying a used poo bag in their hand.

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As with any PSPO the main question is How are you going to enforce it?? If there are no plans/resources for that element then there is little point in it. Dog fouling is disgusting but unless you prosecute and publicise it there will be no improvement. Also one of the dog exclusion zones- Crofters Close Killamarsh has a footpath through the middle of it. How can you stop people walking through it with a dog when en route to somewhere else??

I have dogs which are totally under control off the lead and do not support the lead issues

If the council propose to ban dogs from children's play areas in parks and other such areas then the parks should be fenced in which provides somewhere for users to tie their dogs should they be visiting as a family. The fencing also serves to prevent off lead dogs from running in. Fencing does not exclude any entitled users when constructed appropriately. More recently councils (Chesterfield Borough being an example) have stopped fencing play areas but still want PSPOs to apply. In Somersall Park for example they have failed to appropriately transfer the PSPO for a start but they have also placed the play area in the middle of a large field used by many to exercise dogs. Many do comply with keeping their dogs away but given that it is in a popular location with no fencing and no 'on-lead' requirements from a PSPO many still let their dogs in. The council have failed to provide anywhere for people visiting as a family with dogs to tie their dogs and keep them from the play area. Please consider not only the wording of the PSPO but also how the wording affects users when policy decisions are made around such areas as children play areas. The current Chesterfield approach is incompatible and excludes/overly restricts residents who wish to own and responsibly exercise their dogs. In respect of dog fouling the PSPO wording will need further consideration and is open to interpretation as to what 'removal' means. Their unfortunately seems to be a trend developing whereby users pick up their dog's waste but then do not dispose of it in a bin (most often because one is not provided within a reasonable distance) and then proceed to hang it from a tree. My personal belief is that all waste should be picked up and disposed of in waste bins or removed to the owner's home. It is often not the waste on the floor per se that is the problem but the plastic bags used to collect it.

In my years as a professional dog trainer and dog walker I have found not the number of dogs per person to be an issue but individual owners with individual dogs, mainly pet people, who are the problem. I often have to challenge them to pick up. Many with children and a dog take their dog into then children's play areas. Please do not think that a group of dogs causes the problems that we currently have.

Unless people are seen not picking up after their dog, how are they going to be made accountable?

Display notices in all relevant places, so people understand what is expected of them when walking their dogs.

Sooner the better

No, all makes sense.

Regard should be given to an education programme being the initial part of any development. Runners with dogs tend to keep to public footpaths but either have their dogs on a (very) long lead or let them generally roam about. Locally we have recently had sheep die of shock when dogs have appeared in their midst at night time....

The requirements must exclude working dogs such as hound belonging to a legal trail hunt

I think that the majority of dog owners are responsible, I walk my dogs daily and always pick up, to be honest I thought it was the law to pick up after your dog. There is a very small minority of offenders who spoil it for the rest of us responsible and respectful dog owners. I agree a stop and ask policy on dog poop bags should be implemented, I don't want my dogs not to be able to be off the lead, but agree all dogs should only be off the lead in open areas and owners should be confident they have the ability to recall on demand.

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Having worked with the Dog Warden in the past and provided 12 metal dog fouling signs for the area around Danesmoor School, I agree with most of the PSPO but I would like to make the following points: 1. Banning Dogs from certain areas penalises the dog owners who do clean up. 2. The dog owners will only find somewhere else to let their walk. 3. Some dogs are an essential companion for some people. 4. More enforcement with more Wardens would help & naming and shaming, after prosecution in NEDDC Magazines would also help. I do not think there is sufficient Wardens in the area to cope with the problem and any proposed Dog Free areas will still need to be policed, by whom. 5. Many dog owners are responsible, but only takes ONE to foul an area and ALL dog owners get a bad name. 6. Dogs can not read.

I hope that people with good manners do not need telling! I understand there is only a few dog wardens, is it 2? The Police have more to do! I think it is a way forward! "More than 6 dogs what about the hounds of the hunt? Sorry just me being silly! Please leave space to sign voluntary! Thanks for being able to give views.

I do not agree with the proposal to include Milken Lane within the list of areas where there is a complete ban proposed.

The number of dogs that someone should be responsible for should be reduced further - 3 is enough for anyone and a maximum of 4 dogs for any two people walking together. There is no way they could control any more. This should also include hunt hounds and those who are professional dog walkers etc. People have far too many dogs and most treat them like babies/children.

The maximum of six dogs in one persons control does seem to be a lot to me. I would have thought a lesser amount would be more appropriate. This would also depend on the size of the dogs. The dogs need to be in the control of responsible handlers also. The advantages of spaying and neutering dogs to prevent unwanted litters and reduce behavioural problems (in males) could also be incorporated into this legislation to improve dog welfare.

The general terms of the PSPO seem reasonable & most responsible owners would follow them my fear would be Draconian dog bans or mandatory lead use in favourite dog parks because children may be there rather than a child specific place like a skate park. Such as the re reserves on former coal site

Great initiative. I Hope it succeeds as dog fouling on our local sports field is rife.

I presume this is currently only a draft as it is riddled with errors. Please ensure it is properly proof read before it is made as I'd hate for anyone to be able to avoid prosecution based on a technicality.

I am told that an order has been requested by the lease holders of Dronfield Gosforth Sports Fields to prevent dogs from going onto the grounds other than the public footpath(s) that cross the fields. There is a problem of dog fouling caused by a minority of dog owners/walkers and I, together with many of our friends, are fed up of having to pick up other dog owners mess. A blanket ban on dogs entering the fields will take just as much enforcing as does the present law concerning fouling as well as alienating a large number of residents who have enjoyed walking on the fields for many years. Whilst I support the general principal of the proposed PSPO I am concerned that some fields may be included at the request of their leaseholders.

In relation to Q12 6 dogs is too many should limit it to 2.

There should also be a requirement to deal with bagged faeces properly. I pick up full bags which are just thrown into hedgerows etc. This is, in my view, worse than just leaving dog faeces which at least are wasted away in time. There should be no dog mess of any kind anywhere.

Dog faeces and control of dogs in public areas has been an issue for many years and I fully support implication of this order.

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I fully support what the PSPO hopes to achieve. My son plays football and each week dog faeces has to be got off the pitch. I've seen dog owners let their dogs off the lead to roam about on the pitch where adults and youngsters play football. They do not pick up the faeces and then others pick it up if you are watching and then throw it to the edge of the pitch if they think you are not still watching even though there is a faeces bin at the bottom of the park. I am wondering how you are going to enforce your proposals as some dog owners blatantly ignore signs or faeces bins. I genuinely hope that you achieve in introducing new powers. It is also a major issue on the footpaths in our village and I welcome anything that can be done to make our place a better place to live in for all ages. Health and safety!!

Football fields / sports fields should also be protected as a priority, Gosforth Fields in Dronfield has a large area of sports fields which is a regular and popular destination for dog walkers. The problem of dog mess on the pitches is getting worse every week.

The irresponsible few should not be spoiling it for the responsible majority

I feel banning dogs from certain areas isn't necessary. Some play areas are in recreational fields where families, four legged and two legged can enjoy spending time together.

Football pitches are a major concern to monitor as its sometimes only used at weekends. Dogs are on every day. How will we enforce the issue of dog fouling? Unfortunately I had a player who lost his eyesight through heading a ball with faeces on it.

Entirely in agreement with all that you propose and hope that your requirements of the PSPO meet with approval. Residents and particularly children could suffer from a severe infection if coming into contact with dog fouling whilst playing on home gardens or playing fields. Irresponsible dog owners should respect this and make north east derbyshire a safe environment. Thanks.

Excellent hope this gets passed and legislation goes ahead

Kids have the right to play in clean areas without fear. Controlled dogs have the right to run free and play. These needs needn't conflict - I'd support a ban on dogs in recreational parks, either the whole park or large sections - but in return, dog owners need spaces where we can enjoy our leisure time - woods and nature reserve (out of nesting season) and tracks...

There are those that pick up their dog's faeces and those that don't. I'm not convinced a PSPO will have any effect on those that don't - if they're that sort of person anyway, that's happy to leave muck around for other people to tread in etc, I don't think the PSPO will have a huge affect because there won't be the officials around to enforce it. As a professional dog walker, picking up of faeces is such a key part of my job and I end up picking up other people's dog's deposits all of the time as a) I don't want to be walking in it, b) I don't want the dogs I'm walking to be walking in it (& then getting in my vehicle) and c) we feel as professional dogs walkers that we have the finger pointed at us unfairly with regards to leaving dog waste lying around when, on the whole, it's not in fact us. I would not be happy about the PSPO aspect of limiting dogs being walked to 6 - I know some dog owners that have more than that themselves and, whilst I am insured to walk 8 and I rarely walk more than 5 or 6, there is the very odd occasion that I walk 7. I understand this is not appropriate in some areas such as recreational grounds or parks, but in areas of woodland or open countryside I do not see why we should be restricted to 6.

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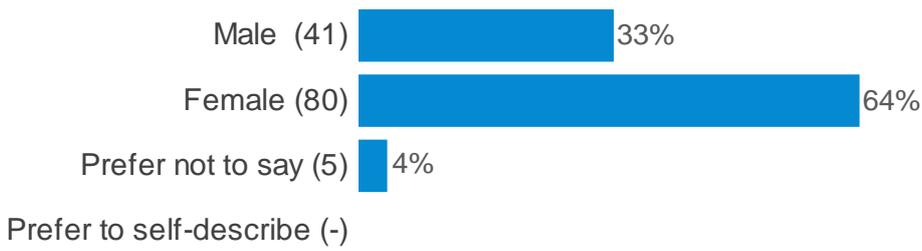
As a dog professional, I am well known in our local area, and regularly commended for picking up the dog mess that other people have left behind, as well as any mess that my dog/dogs make. The people (who are usually owners and not dog walkers) who persistently leave their dog mess behind, will still flout the rules and still continue to disrespect our beautiful open spaces. It is totally unfair on the responsibly behaved majority to not be able to exercise their dogs with controlled free running, when it is the irresponsible minority that ruin it for everyone else. I constantly point out to owners that their dog has made a mess if they have 'failed' to notice, for which I am often answered with a torrent of abuse, and it is these people whose general disregard for their surroundings and other people's Enjoyment of these spaces, that will continue to fail to pick up their dog mess. Certain parts of the PSPO are perfectly reasonable, such as always having the means to pick up the mess, and ALWAYS doing so, but to deny decent people the use of facilities to let the dogs run free and have fun (whilst under control) will be awful. Please don't let the minority ruin it for everyone else. Surely CCTV could be installed in public areas, with an incentive for people to report irresponsible behaviour, which could then be followed up and proven by the CCTV? I know a lot of these issues are down to lack of funding for such facilities or for employing officers to monitor these spaces, but it will be decent people (and their dogs) who suffer as a result of these proposals, while the people responsible for the problem will not comply anyway, so the problem will not be solved this way.

In general totally agree but very concerned about definitions related to children's play areas which could mean very few areas available to dog walkers.. Clearly there are fenced areas and dogs should never be allowed inside these but how does it apply when there is one piece of children's equipment in a large field or park - what is actually meant by children's play area. Even as a regular dog walker with three dogs I would still support restricting numbers as even with one large and two small dogs it can be tricky at times. Frankly no-one can manage six dogs effectively unless they are something like miniature poodles - six irish wolf hounds would be uncontrollable. I also cannot believe that anyone with six dogs can pick up all faeces. Would support lowering number to four.

If someone reads this proposal quickly it appears it relates to dog fouling only, it doesn't stress that it is about perfectly behaved dogs and perfectly responsible dog owners being made to have dogs on leads for the vast majority of the time while not on their own property. The questions in this questionnaire do not allow a person to expand on their answers until the end. It asks do you agree that dog owners should be issued with a fixed penalty or prosecuted for not complying but it doesn't allow one to agree that this should or shouldn't be the case with only one part of the pspo it seems you have to agree with all of it or none of it. Why do NEDDC want to make all dog owners feel they can't allow their dogs to play and have good exercise, isn't this what responsible dog owners are supposed to do for their dogs? Why do NEDDC want to punish all dogs and their owners because of a small percentage of people that do not comply with current laws ? You can already issue Fixed Penalties for dog fouling offences and as far as I am aware that is the main problem or are you responding to a major problem with out of control dogs around the district? If so, if so why has this not been reported in the local press or indeed the councils own publications? I found out about this ludicrous 'consultation' by sheer chance. I would like to know why, when I asked the North East Derbyshire Dog Wardens if this, what I hoped was just an out of control rumour, was really true they both said they knew nothing about it and assured me that if it were true they would be one of the first to know? NEDDC is a shambles and I can only assume they think this will be a quick money making scheme. They don't seem to care about the people that live and work in the area and they definitely don't seem to care about the opinions of those, including me, people. Time will tell. I still want to know WHY this PSPO has been proposed when there are already perfectly good laws to deal with minority of bad dog owners. Get your act together NEDDC !! Open your eyes, you have more important things to do.

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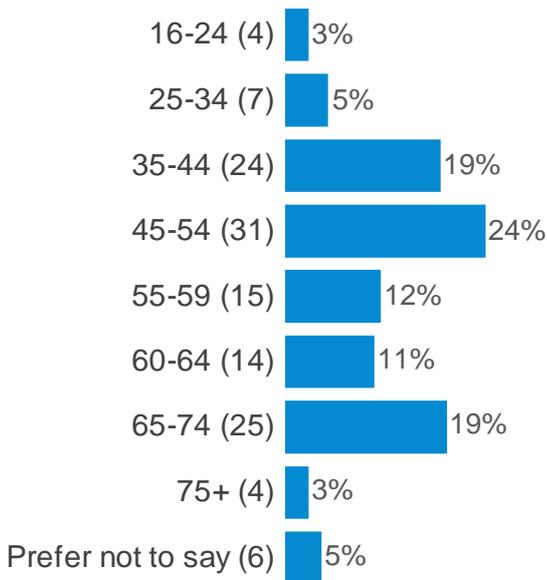
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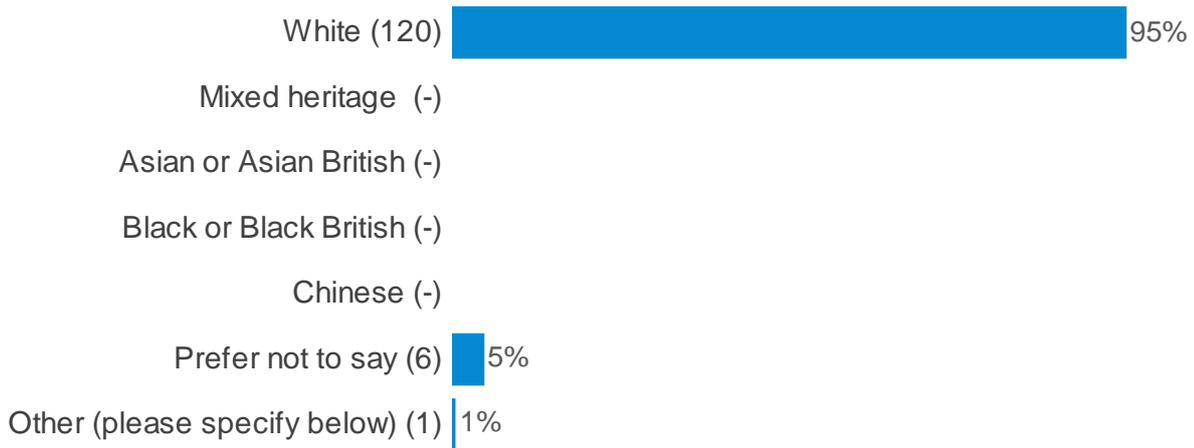
**Q17a**

- Female
- Female
- Female
- Not of any use to the above

**What is your age?**



### What is your ethnic background?



### Q19a

- Scots
- Not of any use

### Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

