

**Appendix 2 – Consultation Responses on the Proposed Extension of the PSPO for Dog Fouling for a further three years, and the proposed increase in FPN amount from £75 to £100.**

Capacity of Consultee	Do you support the PSPO extension?	Do you support the FPN increase?	Comments
Local resident	Yes	Yes	As Higham Parish Council supply free “poo bags” on collection from the library I see no excuse for failing to pick up, I therefore fully support the latest initiatives.
Councillor	Yes	Yes	-
Local resident	Don't know	Yes	I understand that there is no-one to enforce this. Who patrols as it would be a pointless exercise without enforcement.
Local resident	Yes	Yes	Today on the way to work from where live in Whitehill to Town centre, as I walk, I passed several dog fouling concerns. No enforcement present. The out-of-town centre roads are just a disgrace to the town as a lot of dog poo is lying around every day. My child attends local nursery on Wellington Street. There is not a day since he started 2 years ago that there is a dog's poo somewhere there. We go on walk around our area regularly - a walk without seeing an exhibit of a dog poo, is a walk wasted. Seriously - how you can teach people without enforcing the fines? And what is the point of increasing the fine if there is no enforcement? Get enforcement sorted asap instead of creating a PSPO document that it's not worth the paper it's written on it.
Dogs Trust	Yes	Don't know	<p>Thank you for making us aware that Gravesham Borough Council is consulting on the extension of their Public Space Protection Orders. On behalf of Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, we would like to make some comments for consideration.</p> <p>Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs Trust consider ‘scooping the poop’ to be an integral element of responsible dog ownership and would fully support a well-implemented order on fouling. We urge the Council to enforce any such order rigorously. In order to maximise compliance, we urge the Council to consider whether an adequate number of disposal points have been provided for responsible owners to use, to consider providing free disposal bags and to ensure that there is sufficient signage in place.</li> <li>• We question the effectiveness of issuing on-the-spot fines for not being in possession of a poo bag and whether this is practical to enforce.</li> </ul>

			<p>We believe that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and that the majority of dogs are well behaved. In recognition of this, we would encourage local authorities to exercise its power to issue Community Protection Notices, targeting irresponsible owners and proactively addressing anti-social behaviours.</p> <p>Dogs Trust works with local authorities across the UK to help promote responsible dog ownership. Please do not hesitate to contact should you wish to discuss this matter.</p> <p>We would be very grateful if you could inform us of the consultation outcome and subsequent decisions made in relation to the Public Space Protection Order.</p> <p>A hard copy of this response will also be submitted via email.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Community Engagement Dogs Trust</p>
On behalf of a community or voluntary group	Yes	No	-
Kent Police & Crime Commissioner	Yes	Yes	<p>Thank you for your email concerning the review of the current Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Fouling in Gravesham. I have noted your request to extend the order for a further 3 years and increase the penalty fee from £75 to £100. I have asked my office to make contact with the Gravesham District Commander regarding their views and potential involvement. The update has been positive. I trust that the order will have a minimal impact on front line policing and predominately be supported through Gravesham Borough Council. The public consultation is due to finish on 2nd October 2023, and I am happy to provide my provisional support to the proposed order. I look forward to hearing an update in due course.</p>