8. Please feel free to use this space to give additional comments and feedback about the proposed Dog Control Orders in Kirklees.

Optional - please provide your contact details if you want to receive feedback about this consultation.

Please return completed forms to:
Dog Control Orders, Kirklees Council,
FREEPOST HF 328, Huddersfield HD1 6DQ
You don’t need a stamp.

Where can I get more information?

We have created maps showing which Dog Control Order affects different areas in Kirklees. You can view them on the Council's website at www.kirklees.gov/dogs
You can also view the information at Kirklees Library and Information Centres.

If you would like to talk to someone about these proposals and how they would affect you, please contact:
The Environmental Protection Team,
01484 223109
Dog Control Orders in Kirklees

Kirklees Council is consulting residents and visitors to the area about plans to introduce Dog Control Orders.

Dog Control Orders were introduced by the government in 2005 and are part of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, designed to help local authorities clean up their towns and cities. Dog Control Orders would apply to the four issues below:

1. failing to remove dog dirt
2. not keeping a dog on a lead
3. not putting, and keeping a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
4. permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded

Why introduce Dog Control Orders?
These orders will make it clear what dog owners’ responsibilities are and where those responsibilities apply, and allow the council to more effectively deal with irresponsible owners.

Information about fines
Dog owners who neglect these duties could be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75.00 (with a discount to £50.00 if paid within 7 days). Failure to pay the fixed penalty notice may lead to prosecution. Each of the four dog control orders carries a maximum penalty of £1000 within the Magistrates Court.

What are the proposed Orders?

Order One – Failing to remove dog dirt
This would require people in control of a dog to immediately remove faeces deposited by their dog on all land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access. The only exceptions would be marshland, woodland moorland and agricultural land.

Order Two – Keeping Dogs on Leads
This would require people in control of a dog to keep it on a lead no longer than 2 metres in the following Kirklees Council maintained areas:
- Car parks
- Roads and pavements
- Sports grounds where sports activities are taking place
- Bowling greens
- Allotments
- Cemeteries and Crematoria

Order Three – Keeping Dogs on Leads when Directed
This would require people in control of a dog to put and keep it on a lead no longer than 2m when told to do so by an authorised officer. This would apply to:
- Greenhead Park
- Beaumont Park
- Ravensknowle Park
- Wilton Park
- Crow Nest Park

Order Four – Excluding Dogs from Land
This would require people in control of a dog to make sure that it doesn’t enter any of the following Kirklees Council maintained areas:
- Children’s play areas
- Paddling pools
- Multi-use games areas (MUGAs)
- Skate Parks
- School grounds
- Tennis Courts
- Ball Courts

What happens next?
The consultation period will end on 30th March 2012. We welcome your feedback on the proposals.

Your views on new Dog Laws for Kirklees

1. Do you support the introduction of Order 1 relating to the removal of dog faeces in Kirklees?
   - Yes
   - No
   - No opinion

2. Do you support the introduction of Order 2 relating to keeping dogs on a lead within specified areas?
   - Yes
   - No
   - No opinion

3. Do you support the introduction of Order 3 relating to keeping dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer?
   - Yes
   - No
   - No opinion

4. Do you support the introduction of Order 4 which excludes dogs from certain areas?
   - Yes
   - No
   - No opinion

5. Are there any areas in Kirklees where you think a particular Dog Control Order should be applied to or excluded from and why?

6. Do you own or regularly walk a dog?
   - Yes
   - No

7. Please tell us your postcode