

# Scarborough Borough Council



## Dog Public Space Protection Order 2018

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## Introduction

This report was generated on 16/10/18. Overall 1249 respondents completed this questionnaire.

## Methodology

The questionnaire was made available on the councils website, the questionnaire was also distributed to the following groups:

-  The councils residents panel
-  The councils business panel
-  Various stakeholders (including North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Police, local disability groups, schools, Parish Councils etc)
-  Local dog trainers, vets, dog groomers, dog kennels etc.
-  Hard copies of the questionnaire were made available at the following site (Customer First Centre, Scarborough Library, The Street in Scarborough, Whitby Town Council, Whitby TIC, Whitby Library, Filey Town Council and Filey Library)

Consultation notices were also put up in the locations effected by the consultation, where members of the public could either complete the survey via a smartphone, the councils website or request a hard copy via email or phone.

## Summary

### Whitby Area

69.5% of the respondents do not agree with the proposal to keep the area covered by the seasonal prohibition of dogs that was extended at Whitby beach in 2018. Of the respondents that did not agree with this 95.8% believe the prohibition area should be reduced, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 3 to page 50.

70.7% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the year round dogs on lead requirement at Kingfisher Drive in Whitby, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 51 to page 61.

70.6% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court amenity area in Whitby, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 62 to page 71.

77.5% of the respondents agree with the proposal to change the current year round dogs on lead requirement to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby with the exception of Battery Parade, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 72 to page 81.

## Scarborough Area

71.2% of the respondents agree with the proposal to change the current year round dogs on lead requirement on North Bay promenade in Scarborough to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 82 to page 91.

71.1% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the year round dogs on lead requirement on Merryweather Gardens, Northway in Scarborough, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 92 to page 100.

68.8% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 101 to page 110.

74.5% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the dog prohibition requirement on Granville Sqaure in Scarborough, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 111 to page 119.

79.9% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the dog prohibition on the Green, Burniston in Scarborough, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 120 to page 125.

80.9% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the dog prohibition on Quarry Mount Park in Scarborough, further details of the anaylsis and comments can be found from page 126 to page 131.

69.3% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 132 to page 141.

71.6% of the respondents agree with the proposal to remove the current dogs on lead restriction on St Martins Square in Scarborough, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 142 to page 149.

82.5% of the respondents agree with the proposal for Sea View Drive public open space in scarborough to remain an unrestricted area other than the requirement to still remove dog faeces, further details of the analysis and comments can be found from page 150 to page 155.

## All Areas

92.7% of the respondents agree with the proposal to require a dog to be on a lead in all pedestrianised zones, further details of the anaylsis and comments can eb found from page 156 to page 159.

72.0% of the respondents agree with the proposal that all public playing fields and bowling greens require that dogs must be on a lead, further details of the anlysis and comments cane be found from page 160 to page 172

## Whitby Area

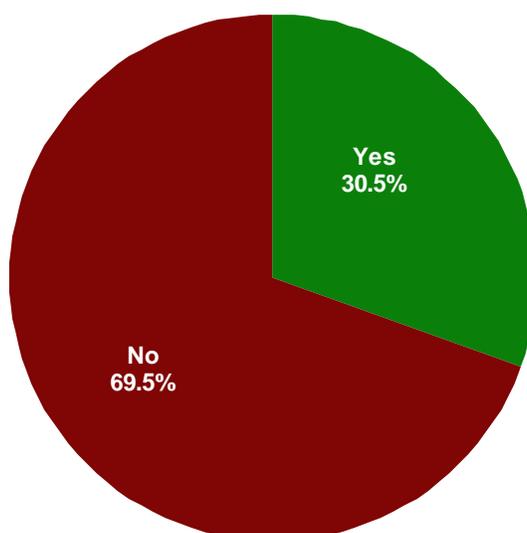
In 2018 the Seasonal Prohibition of dogs was extended at Whitby beach, to the steps at the end of the current run of beach chalets.

### Q1 - Do you agree with the area covered by this new seasonal prohibition?

A total of 1133 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 69.5% of responses do not agree with the area covered by the new seasonal prohibition, where as 30.5% of responses do agree with this.

		Total	1133
	Yes	346	30.5%
	No	787	69.5%



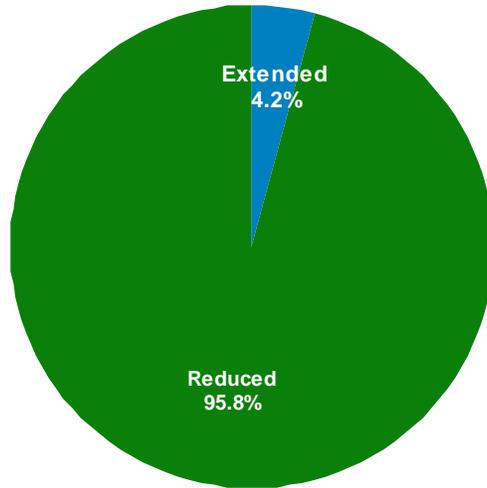
### Q2 - If No, should the prohibition be extended further or reduced?

Of the 787 responses that answered 'No' to not agreeing with the area covered by the new seasonal prohibition, 787 answered this question about extending or reducing the prohibition.

The table and graph below shows that 95.8% of responses believe that the seasonal prohibition of dogs at Whitby beach should be reduced, where as 4.2% of responses believe it should be extended.

<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>
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<b>Extended</b>	33	4.2%
<b>Reduced</b>	754	95.8%



## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Because it's a beach.

A lot of visitors to Whitby have dogs, personally I have chosen to not visit the coast to exercise my dogs due to restrictions.

The extension was probably put in place because of complaints about dog fouling. I pick up after my dog and feel that the restriction is unfair. I believe that there should be a web page that you can report dog fouling with photos if possible, so that the owners can be prosecuted.

Back to the safe steps or extended further to other safe beach access.

There are few enough places to walk dogs anyway

I have no issue with dogs

it should be returned back to the original safer steps, as the other ones are unsafe and dangerous, especially for less abled, disabled, older people and families with children and dogs. plus all the large rocks on that area.

The new area is unsafe. The steps are unsafe for people with disabilities families with young children older people who are unsteady on their legs. In addition the rocks also form a barrier. In addition this area also is useable for less time due to tides etc. This extension further along is also problematic because it is further from the lifts, toilets and facilities. This whole thing is discriminating against those with disabilities and older people

The area available to dog walkers should have safe access for all, including those with limited mobility, and people with pushchairs and wheelchairs. This could be achieved by moving the boundary of the dog friendly zone so that it starts at the ramp closer to the Pavilion. The steps that you need to use to access the beach at the new 2018 boundary are dangerous.

The first steps you get to that can be used by dog walkers, to access the beach, are slippy and seaweed covered, they appear to be traditional style steps used by fishermen to access their boats, unlike the double steps previously accessible by dog walkers which face forwards down to the sand, not parallel to the wall/promenade. Once you have managed to reach the bottom of the steps you then have to manoeuvre around rocks, rock pools, seaweed beds and large deep in places pools of still water - not passible if you are disabled, frail, with prom/toddlers etc Extending the ban has also now increased the number of dogs & their walkers on the promenade, which now gets very congested in the area where the latest huts have been added as it is quite narrow there. The extension has also confused many tourists and locals alike, as SBC informed some folk it was okay to use the years steps to access the beach but keeping the dogs on leads, however this was only passed on by word of mouth not an official notification, this resulted in a number of people being 'bellowed' at by chalet renters. Causing distress and alarm.

I see no reason why chalet owners or renters should have priority over dog walkers.

Access to beach from new steps very dangerous. Very difficult for anyone with a disability or families with children. The bottom of those steps also very dangerous with slippery rocks and uneven access. With the way the tide comes in there it means less beach available to dog walkers because the tide comes up higher at that point.

Problems with access to beach.

The steps are far too dangerous for both able bodied and disabled to get down. Then there are a huge amount of rocks to get over before you even get on the sand. It is also too far away from toilets and other amenities. Although I am not physically disabled, I have just under gone a major operation and will not use the steps in case I fall on the seaweed covered steps. I do however suffer from CFS/ME which causes joint pain and extreme tiredness and with this extension it can be too far to walk now. As a Whitby resident I would even go as far as requesting that dogs be allowed on the whole beach before and after certain times in the seasonal prohibition. I often go to the dog permitted area around 7pm or early morning and the rest of the beach is empty. Tourists with dogs and children also have much further to walk. Maybe there should be a beach warden as the 'humans' seem to leave more rubbish behind than the responsible dog owners.

You can't get safely on the beach at the steps or ramp further on and have to walk through chalets anyway. My dogs are on leads and well behaved. There is legislation for poorly controlled dogs regardless of location if there is nuisance.

Give safe access to beach especially for elderly & infirmed

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The extension has reduced accessibility for less able owners to access the beach, requiring them to travel even further before being able to safely access the beach with their pet. The first available steps are still unsafe even after the collapsed concrete was reinstated.

1 Because the current steps are unsafe. 2. Many of the people using the chalets are dog owners who also wish to use the beach. 3. Families with dogs holidaying in Whitby need use of the lavatories and cafe facilities situated near by. 4. There is more than ample space provided for people not wishing to mix with dogs closer to town.

The main reason is access to the beach via the dangerous side steps these are unsafe, slippery, handrail does not cover all the steps and access over the rocks to many to walk through. These cannot be removed as the tide may bring similar rocks back. I myself have slipped and find it difficult sometimes to use the steps due to a very bad knee. But worst of all through the process no thought has been given to the disabled access down onto the beach or when on the beach how do they access the toilet it is impossible to think that disabled people can access the side steps. If SBC had not added the extra beach huts there would have been no need to extend the no dog zone. The disabled access is the key area why the zone should be put back to the 2017 restrictions

There's far too much of the beach given over to non-dog lovers. They have all the best area of beach close to the towns facilities, whilst families wishing to bring their dogs on holiday with them are being discriminated against by being banned from any where within close proximity to lavatories or cafes. The new restrictions on west cliff beach mean using unsafe steps and having to clamber across rocks to get to the beach.

'Most' dog owners pick up their dogs litter. People litter the beach much more, yet granted perhaps with slightly cleaner litter!

Whitby was one of the places in North Yorkshire you could take dogs and now you've changed this!

Three reasons Where the new access spot is, the stairs are very difficult to navigate. They are dangerous at the bottom where the sand has been washed from the beach, leaving a big drop from the last step to the beach. It is unfair to those with chalets who also have a dog. There is no clear justification for why the dog area was changed to the new boundary

The steps to access this area are unsafe. Also when the tide is coming in, this area is unsafe.

The steps are unsafe for everybody as they are narrow and sloppy. At the bottom of the steps, the natural terrain is rocky and instead. For families with young children/ pushchairs this safety issue is further compounded. For anyone with a disability or the infirm, this safety issue is further compounded and therefore the ruling may be deemed discriminatory.

The steps are steep, narrow and in a poor state of repair. This makes it difficult for people walking dogs, holding a lead and using pushchairs, walkers, wheelchairs, or other walking aids.

Because many people who visit as a staycation, or just for the day will have their dogs with them and it's not a welcoming environment to have lots of areas banning dogs. Rather than banning, why not have more warden coverage to ensure that dog owners are being responsible (as the majority are!) When restrictions aren't in place, I regularly walk my dog along the beach and around the sea front, making use of shops and cafe's whilst out and about. In summer, I only go the Mere for walkies. The prohibition feels more like a punishment for dog owners!

There was nothing wrong with how it was previously, the access is now very hard to navigate even by able bodied people, people with children plus dogs are in a no win situation. The tides change the bottom of those steps twice a day so you never know how it's going to be.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in Whitby and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

The existing ban area was ok as there was safe access to the beach for dog owners during the seasonal ban

The step access is dangerous. There was no real reason for the reduced area in the first place. I'd suggest you look more at the impact humans e.g litter have on the area rather than the dogs!

the access proposed is unsuitable for wheelchair and disabled dog owners

To allow easier access for people with disabilities and for people with pushchairs at least allow use of the existing slope, as previously was the case. Surely the decision to extend was more for the benefit of seasonal visitors/residents and not permanent residents?

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Excessive discrimination of dog owners, the vast majority of which are responsible. It makes access to the beach more difficult for the elderly or those with disabilities or push chairs. If there is a problem with irresponsible dog owners then this should be addressed by dog warden patrols and fines to those individuals.

The new area is both dangerous and unusable. It discriminates against the disabled ( which my mother is and she can no longer enjoy the beach with myself and my dogs.), families with pushchairs all with their family pets. I, for one will definitely be taking legal action should an accident happen due to using the current steps. The discrimination against the parties noted is definitely breaking the law.

The steps that people are currently expected to use after the extension of the prohibition are hazardous and could easily result in injury of those using them, especially the elderly and young families or those with mobility issues. Not only is this undesirable in and of itself, but liability for injury would legally fall at the feet of the council and could result in litigation, a cost local government could well do without.

I have a caravan at Whitby and also a dog, the extension of the beach is ludicrous and the steps people are expected to go down are unsafe, the area below the steps is rocky and access is difficult. Whitby has always been known as a dog friendly town and I don't think dog owners should be penalised just because of a few more huts!

There was already sufficient beach for people without dogs before the change. The current situation effectively means that dogs are not allowed on the beach anywhere in town, because at the bottom of the steps are rocks. It is not safe for people or dogs to use those steps.

Dogs don't cause any trouble

Unsafe access provided onto a rocky surface not suitable for disabled or children or general public.

It should be moved back to the ramp opposite the Beach Management Office. This will still allow for a large area with no dogs but will also ensure that wheelchair users and parents with prams can get onto the beach with their dogs

There is no need to ban dogs on such a large area of beach. The new restrictions were ill conceived and done without consultation of the public. The nearest entry point to a beach where dogs can go has a very poor access to people with mobility issues and also places them directly onto weed covered rocks which can be treacherous.

Health & Safety - a serious, serious issue with access steps down to the beach - I can hardly believe you are not doing something about this hazard to public safety immediately. You are just asking to be sued by an innocent member of the public, who could suffer serious injury.

Dogs

Back to how it was as the steps are not good to ascend or descent especially for the elderly who use the beach to exercise their dog who is sometimes their only companion.

The new steps are dangerous and we should be able to use the ramp.

Was a good amount of beach available for non dog people already. No need to change it..as many if not more people with dogs now.

If dogs are kept under control and owners are responsible I don't see any problem

The expanse of beach for families that want to be away from dogs is vast and extends all the way to the pier, dog owners have not had problems for the last 13 years to my knowledge using the steps that were in place last year, I have rented the chalet at the top of the steps and have had dogs for the full 13 years of my rental, during that time the rent has gone up threefold, and I have not complained about the rental, and neither has any member of the public or chalet owners complained about the dogs. I now find it very restricting and even more disturbing to the chalet owners as I pass them and their families and seats with dogs simply to use the steps at the rocks.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

My main concern is that no risk assessment was undertaken of the potential impact of the change on members of the public. The steps that dog owners are now supposed to use are steep, slippery and lead onto rocks rather than level sand. No health and safety risk assessment was undertaken, and no consideration was made of the potential impact on members of the public with a disability covered by the Equality Act. This change reduces accessibility to the beach for dog owners and impacts those with mobility and health issues. It means that the area of beach that dog owners can now use is even further away from the toilet facilities. It is good to see that an additional step has been put in at the bottom, but this does not obviate the need to then clamber across the rocks. I think it is only a matter of time before someone is injured either going up or down the narrow steps or across the rocks. Extending the ban area also limits the amount of beach available for dog owners because of the shape of the beach and rocks. Why should dog owners have less beach time than people who do not have a dog? Whitby West beach is large and is never overcrowded, even in August. There was plenty of room for everyone with the previous arrangement. This change also portrays a very poor image of Whitby to visitors and tourists with dogs. Whitby has many dog friendly businesses - cafes, pubs, holiday home lets etc. This change will directly impact the Whitby economy as visitors with dogs will not feel as welcome and will take their holidays elsewhere. We had been promised that new signs would be put up explaining that if dog owners felt the new steps were unsafe, they could walk across the beach with dog on lead from the previous steps. This has already led to confusion, and some confrontation with some beach hut renters shouting at dog owners to get off the beach. So we now have a very confusing picture with dogs walking across the extended ban area. Tourists are unaware of this and will be disappointed and confused by the change. The onus should not be on members of the public to explain their disability in order to walk across the beach with their dog on a lead. In fact that would constitute direct discrimination under the Equality Act. I myself am blind in my left eye, which makes descending steps very difficult. The previous steps are wide and evenly spaced and lead onto flat sand. The new steps are narrow, uneven and covered in seaweed. I have discussed the situation with the beach management team who are very supportive of people using the previous steps if they feel the new steps are dangerous. They are no doubt having to deal with lots of questions about this issue. SBC need to reflect on the strength of feeling on this issue and revert back to the previous arrangement. Demonstrating that you are listening to public opinion and changing your minds will only enhance SBC's reputation as a fair minded Council.

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It's not safe this year. Families with dogs and older people with dogs should be able to use the slipway for safe access

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The access steps that are proposed are dangerous as is the rocky beach in front of these steps. For many years the dog restrictions have stood in place as were with local residents such as myself and visitors to the area have respected. This is a dog friendly town which brings in a large amount of revenue - I work in the tourist industry in the town and have seen this for my self as guests return with their dogs year after year. I have faced complaint after complaint from guests with the dog restrictions which have been in place this season.

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Inadequate and dangerous access to the new area. Being a disabled dog user it has seriously restricted my use of the local area. I now go to sandsend or Runswick rather than risk the steps

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The ban should be reduced to the old restrictions, I am a chalet user in the old area where dogs were allowed. We were not consulted and as a result I am unable to use it to its full potential. In reducing back to the original boundaries there is space for non dog owners and dog owners alike, a 50/50 split seems fair to me. I use the beach every day, there was no consultation notices and to be honest the last time I was on the beach without my dogs because I am unable to take them there was no one else on the beach they would have bothered. If the boundaries do not go back to the 2017 restrictions we may have to give our chalet up.

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For easier access to the beach for everyone, as per the Equalities Act which replaced the DDA.

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Access to the beach has been extremely dangerous following extending the dog ban to the end of the beach chalets. The first steps down are steep, slippy, uneven and general very dangerous. Even if undertaken access is then on to rocks. There are many including the Disabled, families and people with mobility problems who need to access the beach by the slope. This has been discriminatory against dog owners. I feel this decision has catered for the minority rather than the majority. On a recent hot day, end of July, middle of day in the school holidays I counted a total of 17 beach huts in use. Overall the extension has caused a major health and safety issue and having seen several people slip I think it is only a matter of time before someone takes legal action against the Local Authority, if they have not already done so.

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

As a chalet renter I see no need to have the area extended further. The original steps gave both dog and non dog users fair use of the beach. Moving this further makes it harder for me as a chalet renter to take my dogs and children on to the beach via safe and easy steps. With 3 children under 6 one of these under 2, and a dog the steps being used at present are far from adequate for me to safely get all us all on the beach together. This results in more than one trip up and down the current steps, leaving my children and dog unattended at some point, the old steps allowed access easily with all of us making the climb down together.

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The steps are too slippy and hanrails very rusty

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new steps are dangerous and lead onto slippery rocks and pools of deep water. Not safe for families with small children, can't get pram/pushchair down side steps as too narrow and too steep. We have had to park at Sandsend and pay meter charges so we can access beach with children and dogs even though we live on the West Cliff at Whitby! Also, the new restrictions make it too far for people/dogs that are less mobile as they have to walk to the next set of steps. Also, the start of this new dog friendly beach gets cut off first when the tide comes in and last when it is going out meaning less time for dogs on the beach.

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The new route now is very unsafe steep steps and just lots of rocks At bottom of steps

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Access to the area is not suitable for pushchairs and those with reduced mobility

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It is a public place where dogs should be able to be exercised. Plenty of holiday makers also have dogs.

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It has worked well in previous years, and has allowed everyone to access and enjoy the beach in their own way - please go back to that. Whitby is known as a dog-friendly town, it would be a great shame to give a different message for the beach areas. It could be enhanced by providing free bags and more bins to encourage responsible dog ownership.

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Reduced back to the previous northern boundary to permit older people with limited mobility to get easy access to the beach to walk towards Sandsend

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Extended to allow dog owners with proms safe access.

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I am a dog owner and also hire a chalet for the summer and the steps where you can start to access the beach are unsafe for someone my age (60) I can not understand why this was changed this current year with out consideration to the general public. If you use the beach regularly like I do anyone should know that a lot of the steps are unsafe for various reasons moss, boulders at the bottom of them, and rock pools even the ravine is now unsafe for the general public to access. I pay my rates and do expect not to be able to exercise my dog where I could the previous year and there is plenty of other beach that have the restriction on.

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The restriction should be taken back to the slipway which was originally used before the previous extension to this years, this gives easier, safer access for less able and elderly members of our community and also allows a much larger tidal window.

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The steps are not safe or suitable for people with limited mobility.

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it should be reduced to the previous set of steps which go down to the beach as the steps where the permitted area for dogs currently starts end in an area or rocks and pools that are not accessible to anyone with slight mobility issues.

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Unsuitable for elderly infirm and disabled persons due to steps and rocks on beach

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the previous dog friendly area was acceptable before these new chalets were introduced but the income from these seems to have driven a reduction in this area. Were all the incoming chalet residents questioned and did they all say they did not want dogs running on the beach in front of their chalets ? The question here is who has the right to decide where dogs can be exercised? I thought the beach was a public area. If dogs are deemed to be making the beach not enjoyable for some, then this is true for all public spaces. Rather than punish all for taking dogs on, why is the council not punishing those who allow dogs to do what they do naturally but not picking it up? This is the real problem and a blanket ban is like using a sledge hammer to crack a nut.

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The current (2018) area is not suitable for families or the disabled all of whom have a right to have a dog - the rocks are dangerous and slippy and are too far away from toilets etc. The access stairs are also dangerous for all but the very fit. The old limit was adequate for the needs of a supposedly dog, family and disabled friendly area.

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The ban was extended following a previous consultation. There has been a figure of 85% in favour repeatedly mentioned by SBC. This was 85% of a couple of 100 who were consulted or responded. Clearly a flawed consultation, a tiny figure compared to the number of dog walkers who frequent Whitby Beach as residents or tourists. Good People who were unaware of a consultation, who clean up after their pets and who have been thoroughly ignored because of a small number of people who probably did not realise, or were not made aware that the plan was to increase the number of beach chalets and subsequently the extension they supported was under a misguided belief of where the ban would start from.

The access is so dangerous, especially to older people. I am 86 and can't use them.

No consideration has been given to disabled, elderly, incapacitated dog walkers. No consideration has been given to families with young children, babies and prams who walk their dogs. No thought was given to looking at comparisons with other Blue Flag Beaches around the country who treat dog walkers, both locals and tourists, with a warm welcome. Scarborough chose instead to alienate Whitby dog walkers/owners and quite frankly treat them like 2nd class citizens.

Whitby is a dog friendly town. The new restriction means that guests in our holiday let have to walk further out to exercise their dogs and the access isn't safe. We have received several negative comments.

The access to the beach is unsafe and difficult. I have a family and my husband has mobility issues and therefore he cannot join us in accessing the beach

Poor access to the beach with the new restrictions

New area makes access dangerous and will have detrimental impact on local economy due to reduced welcome for dog owners in the town

The previous control area was more than sufficient and provided safe access for all dog walkers. The proportion of beach users objecting to dogs is small and does not justify the large area blocked off to dog walkers. It is also my view that a large proportion of visitors to Whitby come precisely because they are allowed to take their dogs on the beach.

There is no longer a step free route to the beach for people with dogs. This discriminates against dog walkers who cannot use the steps, including dog walkers who use wheelchairs, dog walkers with prams. Further more the steps to the beach are in poor condition and can be very slippery, it is not a safe or accessible way to get to the beach for dog walkers with mobility issues.

As a dog owner and council tax payer in Whitby I felt discriminated against by the extension of the prohibited area. It is unnecessary as the previous arrangements suited all parties. My husband has a prosthetic right leg and struggles with the steps and area of beach (full of boulders) now accessible to dog walkers. The area of beach now permitted for use by dog walkers is only accessible at very low tide. There was already plenty of prime beach where dogs were prohibited there was absolutely no reason to extend the prohibited area. Many elderly and less able people have dogs as a means of keeping active but were excluded from using the beach once the prohibited area was extended. Whitby has a national reputation for dog-friendliness which brings many visitors to Whitby and there has been consternation among visitors and locals alike about the ban extension. It took most people by surprise as the original consultation seems to have been very poorly publicised. Thousands of people signed a petition opposing the extension so I am glad that Scarborough Borough Council has listened to public opinion and re-opened the consultation. (I would also like to see access for dogs extended to include the area next to the west pier as far as the area of beach parallel with the pavilion. This would be more accessible from the town and would not affect people using the prime west beach areas).

The steps are dangerous and inaccessible to so many people. They should not be penalised from walking their dogs on the beach. The majority of dog owners are responsible people and those who aren't will still go on leaving their dog mess and letting their dogs run wild no matter where the ban starts and finishes.

As a minimum it should revert to 2017 levels but there is an issue with access via steps for people with prams, wheelchairs and/or infirmities which limit ability to use steps safely. If it was moved back to the slipway this would facilitate those people. When there is clear signage saying dogs not allowed it is difficult to use that route even if you feel this is the only safe access as others are judgemental of people flouting rules.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Under the current restrictions the steps down to the beach are dangerous; the immediate area at the step bottom is rock strewn and dangerous; there is no slipway access for disabled dog owners ( and old/ arthritic dogs). My view is that access on the slipway, close to the Beach Management area should be allowed, subject to dogs on lead UNTIL reaching the allowed area. The slipway would also facilitate use by the disabled, those with prams etc, and also old/infirm dogs that cannot negotiate steps of any type.

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There should be a slip way for dog walkers to use

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Humans are providing to leave much more mess than any dog owners could. Banning dogs does not help make the beach cleaner and thus is an unnecessary prohibition

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access onto the beach at that point is very difficult for a lot of people including older people and children

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New chalets being built - these should not be included in the exclusion zone as it makes the area for dog exercising less than now.

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The new steps are dangerous and access to the beach very difficult

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There is not a beach to get to unless near low tide at the new access, the steps are narrow and slippery, my mother in law cannot get down them, neither can people with prams, the steps access the beach at a point where you have to climb over slippery rocks. There is plenty of dog ban beach already without the recent extension.

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Existing restrictions mean that first steps available are unsafe and I am frightened to use them. I now have to walk to the next available steps. The area now available is subject to more tidal limitations reducing timeframe when I can get on the beach.

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Not necessary

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Steps are too dangerous to get down

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1) SBC admit it was a mistake on their behalf because it should have been the old size at the pre existing End of Beach huts! It also. means that anyone or families wanting to hire beach huts are banned from having their dog with them. 2) Access to this smaller beach area is unsafe and stops access for anyone with prams, buggies, small children and anyone with a walking restriction or disability. 3) The distance to get to the 2018 mistaken expansion of dog ban area is so great as to stop access for anyone with walking restrictions, indeed for all those with disabled Blue Badges. 4) Almost All SBC dog only beach areas do not take account of dog owners with young famines or anyone with a disability as the lack a combination of nearby Disabled parking spaces and or appropriate access ramps.

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There is no logical reason to extend the area of prohibition. The extension of the prohibition area has meant that the access point for people with dogs is now a dangerous set of steps which even fit and healthy people find trouble using, if you are slightly less mobile then the extension of the prohibition area is discriminatory.

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New access is dangerous and no good reason for extending it and if you are less abled the new access discriminates against these people and dogs. The best part of the beach is restricted with a dog ban and most of the time it is empty of people. Dog walkers have quite a restricted area of beach to exercise their dogs especially at high tide.

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It is one mile to the safe steps and only accessible one hour each side of low tide. There are families with children and dogs. They was no evidence it was an issue before the revised order. Tate Hill should not be covered by dogs on leads during the summer, I understand there is a need when it high tide and it is the only beach available but I suggest time restriction off leads before 10am and after 7pm. What evidence was there that they was an issue on Tate Hill beach.

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The proposed access steps are dangerous and slippery and lead directly to an extreme area of beach full of huge boulders and rocks . This is a ridiculous suggestion and not only highly dangerous but prohibitive to any person with a disability . I have no such disability but would not use these steps for fear of falling and slipping . If this should happen then I would immediately take the matter further to prosecution . These steps are a health and safety hazard .

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It leaves no space for dogs to run and the steps are unsafe

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The steps are hazardous and it is too far from town

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

steps at the start of the dog ban are very difficult to access from the beach and are in poor repair, an accident and claim waiting to happen.

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If dog is kept under control and on a lead I see no reason for the prohibition.

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The access to the beach is difficult for dogs and people who have mobility or visual difficulties. The first steps are steep, narrow and covered in slippery seaweed (which returns despite jet washing) and it is not safe because the rusty handrail stops short. Also the beach has numerous boulders to navigate before a small beach can be accessed. The other steps are also of poor quality and even further away from facilities. If you are a sole dog walker it does make you feel vulnerable especially if you live here and use the beach when there are few if any beach hut users. It is about right to access the beach and the 2017 limit enabled dog walkers to exercise safely without fear of being caught by tides to then have to scabble over boulders. It is only in the peak holiday period that the beach is fully used by people and most responsible dog owners will find other places to walk. It seems restrictive to impose 2018 limit for such a short period when dogs are walked all year round. In short the current limits do not reflect good health and safety as well as being discriminatory to the disabled and people who have buggies and other mobility aids.

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Restore the previous access for dogs and owners. There is plenty of beach for all to enjoy SAFELY. My husband has slipped twice on the new access steps.

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Access is unsuitable and dangerous. Also once down the dangerous steps the beach is covered with slippery unsuitable rocks.

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Current access to the perimeter of the permitted area is unsafe and unsuitable for many who would seek to access that area

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Too fat for me to walk with an old dog now. Steps are too dangerous for me to use as I am not a young fit person. Too many rocks to cross at the bottom makes it impossible to do anyway.

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To allow for proper access to all down a slope and not steps this is dangerous and discriminatory. In fact as a regular visitor to Whitby I now go elsewhere and spend my disposable income in a more dog friendly town with less restrictions. You have made Whitby a most unwelcoming place. Dogs do not leave litter or vandalise anything yet you discriminate them and their owners.

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We are trying to encourage more dogs to the area, Whitby has a good reputation with dog owners and the latest changes are detrimental to this. There is too little space with the new specifications. Access is difficult on the steps and older dog owners and dogs suffer for this!

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the original area, before it was extended this year was an appropriate balance, allowing sufficient space for dog free areas, which is appropriate for the summer season and also the requirements of the many dog owners - both locals and visitors. Push the dog free zone further away from the town make it too far to walk for many people with dogs.

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I have not dared to enter the beach by way the suggested steps as they would be too dangerous for me to attempt and especially with the access onto the rocks. I am not registered disabled but have mobility problems and I feel this extended ban has denied me safe access. The new limited area is also only available during low tide so even if I used the original access area and kept my dog on a lead I still would have to run the risk of negotiating the rocks quickly as the tide tends to come in quickly in the new dog allowed area

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Beautiful beach well used by dog lovers/walkers

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

I feel that the steps at the end of the chalets are in a very poor state and inaccessible and is a hazard waiting to happen. They are covered in seaweed, broken away, then you have to endure to climb over rocks like an obstacle course to actually get on to the beach. My issue is that the access should be more accessible to a decent stretch of beach to exercise my dogs, I currently have mobility problems so I find these steps impossible to access, let alone parents with young children, and pushchairs and their furry friends. I use the beach daily including lots of my friends, sometimes depending on the tidal structure you cannot get onto the beach at that point if you use the allocated steps, as the way the path lies it juts out meaning less beach for our dogs to exercise on, there is a large amount of rocks around the steps sometimes going on as far as the slip way at the ravine where again you have to scramble over rocks or mud. Most of the local dog walkers clean up after their dogs including myself, I know there are those who do not clean up, but I feel that if during the ban it was policed with a dog warden, instead of extending the ban even further, it would resolve some of the problem. As still now you see holiday makers walking on the beach with their dogs doing their business yet locals are penalised as they should know better, yet locals would get a warning as not knowing the area. I also think that the council should concentrate more on the amount of litter, dirty nappy, sanitary products, food left from BBQ, human excrement, vomit, empty cans and bottles all that I have come across walking my dogs on a morning and after the weekend from holiday makers as well as probably some young locals. I can not see a problem using the steps near the chalets as long as they are on a lead and off the 2017 banned area.

To take it back to the original provisions because of the poor access of the steps near the beach huts and the rocks at the bottom of those steps

go back to the original area. Steps are quite dangerous when wet. Remove Tate Hill restriction completely

Beach access for dog walkers is dangerous

The steps access to the dogs allowed beach is unsafe. Once on the beach there are large boulders and rocks which have to be scrambled over. I am fit for my age (67) but will not use that access after difficulty on my first attempt. It discriminates the disabled, elderly and families with young children, prams, beach paraphernalia as well as dogs.

The steps are dangerous and a safety hazard.

No access for disabled or people with prams. Steps are slippery and unsafe. Access is limited to tides

Because some people can't manage to get down to the far end of the beach

Dogs aren't the issue - tourists produce tonnes more litter

Being a Whitby resident I have always brought my dogs onto the beach via the safe steps that was the previous limit. The steps at new limit are clearly unsafe for the able bodied never mind anyone be they human or canine who are less able to walk properly. I see no reason for this extension to have been imposed in the first instance with so little consultation of the public and it vastly reduces the area available to walk on between high tides.

The steps are dangerous.

Dangerous and unfair

Worked well as it was before and was fair to all.

I am disabled and I couldn't go down onto beach as it's so very dangerous, so my poor dog couldn't have a run like she always has. It's a risk to our safety as rocks and stones at the bottom of the steps are sloppy and slime. Unsuitable for disabled, prams and children. In other words the most terrible decision ever made.

It is difficult to use the steps there and access to the beach is over rocks and tends to be slippery.

Safety.

it should be put back to what it was in 2017 the steps are safe there

Stupid narrow minded idea

Access is limited for disabled people and families

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The proposed extension will reduce visitor numbers, a single dogs usually has two or even three humans with it. Many of these will find alternative more welcoming resorts.

Access to this new area is potentially dangerous and almost impossible to navigate with small children and those with mobility issues.

Unsafe access

We visit Whitby regularly because it's dog friendly, that is our favourite dog walking area, so if the extension starts, many visitors will stay away, like we do from places like Cleethorpes that push dog walkers into the tiniest, worst bit of sand they can.

We should move to allow more dog friendly areas to encourage more visitors as the West country have done

Safe access to beach and dogs leave less mess than humans!

Only reduced to where the slope is by the Cafe for easier access this is certainly a health and safety issue with the state of the steps and the rocks/boulders that was washed up from the beach from the east storms that could be moved with a JCB to be honest to make easier access however when the tide goes out it leaves large pools which are not easy to walk round

I visit Whitby several times a year and spend a considerable amount of money in accommodation, food, visits to attractions. The restrictions this year have made me think twice about spending time there as dog restrictions limited our enjoyment. We will probably look elsewhere if the restrictions remain in place or extend. Whitby has a reputation of being dog friendly and attracts families and couples with well behaved dogs for this reason.

Very difficult access down the slippery broken steps to the beach ,they are too steep and the step too short.

Extension forces dog-owners, including families with pushchairs, and sometimes wheelchairs down a slippery, narrow set of steps and onto a rock-filled stretch of beach. The stones are treacherous when wet; as are the steps themselves. Could be a risk of serious injury or worse

The new proposed steps are shallow, steep and downright dangerous to use especially when wet. Some sort of pre health and safety should have flagged up the danger of expecting people to use these frankly unsuitable steps for anybody!

Dog owners are responsible and will pick up after their dogs whereas many humans leave copious amounts of litter dangerous to our marine and wildlife

Dog owners shouldn't be penalised.

The area of the new extended ban is limited to the tides and also access. The steps down onto the beach are steep, slippery and the handrail is rusted, sharp and dangerous to hold. Also the handrail does not go down to the bottom. The steps although improved recently by adding a further step down are often suspended above the level of the beach due to the shifting sands and the rocks on the beach are almost impassible to elderly to get over to the sandy area. This access is totally unsuitable to the elderly and disabled and blind and partially sighted people.

there is plenty of space still for non dog families

Because it is not safe to use the access from these steps.

Dog owners need to be able to enjoy the beach.

Dogs are a central part of lives for typical British families. Having a dog teaches children discipline and helps to keep them fit and healthy through exercising and playing with them. It is extremely shortsighted of authorities to increase dog bans. In areas such as Cornwall and Wales, dog bans are very rare as British people begin to see the UK as a key family holiday destination. Why are northern beaches so naive, it massively restricts tourism.

I have difficulty walking and can't walk that far.

Whitby is a very dog friendly place with lots of cafes allowing dogs in. However, the beaches are less dog friendly this year. We have a seasonal caravan in Whitby but we are finding our walks along the beach less enjoyable now due to the dog ban on more beaches.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Access on to the beach was very difficult - steep dangerous stairs and huge rocks to scramble over if you use the first access point after the huts I appreciate that some people prefer to visit a beach without dogs but owners need safe access to the beach where they ARE allowed. My small grandchild really struggled and I think accidents are quite likely with the access points now. One of the things I liked most about Whitby was it seems to be very dog friendly apart from the beach designation and as I holiday with my family including two dogs it would make me more likely to explore alternative areas . We always look for pubs, shops, cafes that accept dogs in which to spend our money.

Steps are far too steep and slippery to be safe.

Most dog owners are responsible people and would clean up after their pets

we struggle on these steps as have walking issues and small children. the ramp down was a much more suitable option

With a Pushchair and dog the entry is unsafe and I would be unable to get on the beach myself.

Access to beach, lots of visitors to your area have dogs and if you want to keep tourism high, you need to be inviting to dog owners.

You are effectively making Whitby a no go zone for families with dogs. The assumption that all dogs are uncontrolled, aggressive poo machines is offensive and inaccurate. The minority of people are just as likely to cause problems as the minority of dog owners.

A lot of people travel with their pets. And like to walk the, on the beach. Stop making the area smaller

Extension is unnecessary and overly restrictive to responsible dog owners

The recent extension to the area covered by well established seasonal dog ban seems excessive, illogical and even punitive. As a resident and responsible dog owner I was under the impression that the previous area was well adhered to and gave a balanced approach across all types of users with good and safe access for all. On any given day a trip into town will demonstrate how many of our visitors bring their family pet along with their children and this has clearly been welcomed by more and more businesses who have seen the importance of provisioning equal services for both dog and none dog owning customers. I haven't heard any sensible reasons as to why after so many years of what I thought was a fair and workable ban, why it would suddenly need to be extended. It further concerns me that the new first point of access is limiting as it's via steep mossy steps with big gaps in the minimalist rails. Didn't it occur to anyone that less able bodied people would struggle with this or that kids or dogs could fall off?. What about slipways or ramps. The tidal habit at this new access point means that the sand gets washed away making it rocky and exposing the deep footings of the steps. It worries me that this is an accident waiting to happen especially with the national press this week lamenting the high costs of council compensation claims for uneven pavements. The extension just doesn't seem logical when we already had safe access and fair provision for all before the ban was extended.

The steps to access the dog friendly part of the beach are steep and difficult to manage. The new section of the beach is quite rocky and often covered in seaweed, there is already a very large area of beach available to tourists and locals and extending the dog bad left quite a small area for local dog owners it should be returned to the 2017 area. This is still quite rocky and was never popular with beach users anyway.

For easy safe and chair access

Families need somewhere safe and easily accessible to exercise their dogs.

Whitby is already pretty bad at being dog friendly during peak season. Extending the dog ban won't help this. We already don't bother coming to Whitby during and instead head to the much more dog friendly Scarborough. I imagine a lot of people will start doing the same thing. This means Whitby won't make as much money during what are supposed to be it's busiest periods. I have never seen dog poo on the beach (at any time of the year) nor have i seen abandoned used dog poo bags. I have however seen plenty of used nappies, pop bottles, food wrappers & bbqs. I really don't think dogs are the issue you need to tackle.

I have holidayed in Whitby for the past 70 years- usually more than once. I bring two dogs and always clear up after them. However as I have become older and disabled I can only get to the beach by means of a ramp so Sandsend is impossible. I used to use the Cliff Lift, walk past the beach huts and manage the slippery slope to the beach where the dogs could run free. Where can I get to the beach now? An old-fashioned beach holiday was a great part of my year.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Putting such restrictions on people's dogs will reduce interest in visiting the beach for many families. People will simply travel to different locations to spend their holidays or some members of the family may have to wait behind with the dog, causing further stress to both the dog itself and the family

The area is dangerous for owners and dogs with the steps almost inaccessible. The previous rule and dog area was fine. Maybe not extending the chalets might of helped. I live and work in Whitby and found the whole change disappointing.

The majority of dogs cause no problem on the beach. Most owners clean up after their dogs. Can this be said if human only beaches? When I've been on them without my dog, I've regularly seen rubbish, bottles, nappies and wipes. I ask myself which ones are really causing a nuisance?

Dog owner do clean up after themselves and also clear litter from the beaches. Stop making things worse. Families cause more mess and litter on the beaches

Many people come to Whitby on holiday as a family. You can't be on the beach with the kids AND watching from the top with your dog who is part of your family. Yes, have stricter observations and fines for the people who don't pick up their dog poo, have more dog disposal bins to encourage proper disposal. But please let the whole family enjoy their beach holiday together.

People who leave rubbish are not penalised and prevented from using the beach yet dog owners who clean up after their dogs are

Too dangerous for families and those with elderly pets to exit safely

Access is dangerous

Plenty of room for those who want to enjoy the beach for those with and without dogs.

We come to Whitby frequently and of course bring our dog. As she is our child replacement. By limiting the time and areas you limit our ability to spend our money with you. She is a small dog and prefers the quietier area you have now closed off.

Your penalising dog owners, human create more mess in your borough than dogs.

Access is very precarious

Access is dangerous

The current steps are very slippery and the last step is too high and leads into a rocky area.

Access is unsafe and difficult with kids/elderly/disabled. As a family with a well behaved dog we are unable to access the facilities of the beach, toilets cafe etc easily. I am on the beach a minimum of 4 days a week, and always get kids an ice cream from the cafe but have not done so as cannot easily get to cafe anymore. I have an active dog and she gets very warm and starts to over heat and I cannot always get her onto the beach in a rock pool to cool down with the new restrictions. I have been seriously worried for her in this recent hot spell.

Inclusion for elderly, disabled and less mobile. Safety issues regarding access steps and subsequent rocks. Personally, this access is as fares our current dog is able to walk, so in the winter months we would access beach via ramp, walk to the access rocks then back. We didn't visit the beach during our stay in July.

Many people holiday with their dogs. This will only turn away tourists who spend money and as a result provide employment to those in the local area

The original area designated was fine, you've reduced that for no good reason and created a problem for access to all but the most able bodied. Putting owners aside, dogs could easily break a leg on the rocky areas provided. Poor job SBC.

some people want to use the beach chalets and have some space on the beach for their dogs. Access to the beach is now a bit dangerous for elderly or disabled people with a dog-these people deserve the same access to the beach as those without a dog ie safe steps and safe ramp (both steps and ramp re needed )

The beach access via the steps is dangerous, impractical for families with dogs AND children in buggies and dangerous for people with disabilities, poor mobility who rely on their dogs for support.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

We dog owners do not have a lot of beach as it is, I enjoy my walks every day on the beach and while I'm there I pick up rubbish and fish hooks, so as there are no street cleaners in that area myself and other dog owners are the one keeping it clean and free from rubbish.

As a local I exercise my dog on the beach regularly and with the extended ban have rarely been able to get on the sands due to rides etc, I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog and have extensive insurance in the event of a mishap I feel that the extended beach ban is unfair as the majority of locals look after the area better than the tourists do.

It is unreasonable.

The allocated steps and area beyond them are not safe, particularly for older people and those with disabilities. I also find the ban discriminatory for those that have dogs.

So that the beach can be safely accessed by dog owners

There is no access for those with impaired mobility, the disabled, the elderly and frail, people with pushchairs and/or accompanied by small children and a dog. Dogs who are elderly or disabled would also find the access impossible. This strikes me as discriminating against a significant proportion of the population, be they residents, visitors or potential tourists. From a purely business perspective, dog owners who are potential tourists would be put off not having an easily accessible stretch of beach for their dogs to run on, and would take their spending money elsewhere, as would I.

It's very difficult to get to the end of the beach huts especially if you are parked on top. At the end of the beach huts there is not much room for families with pets to enjoy the beach and sea.

Access to the beach is now dangerous for those with disabilities.

The dog ban worked perfectly well where it was before. The steps you now have to use as a dog walker are unsafe. You have to enter the beach in the rock pool area and navigate your way across/around the rocks before getting to the sandy part of beach.

Dangerous access to the beach and on the beach due to the rocks. People leave more mess than the dogs

dangerous access route

Please put the dog ban back to its original starting point as the steps at the end of the chalet run are dangerous & not adequate for people with limited mobility.

Different route to access. Very slippery when wet. Especially for the less mobile and families with dogs and children.

My family own a holiday home in Whitby and I am a frequent visitor. I am a dog owner and also a pensioner. The alternative steps used this year are hazardous. In addition, the layout of the beach is such that the revised dog accessible area can only be used for a much shorter period of time either side of low tide, than had been possible with the area that used to be available to dog owners. I believe that the previous demarcation line struck the right balance for both dog owners and other beach users.

As always the majority pay the price for an almost non-existent minority. The access to the beach is not safe. I have seen more rubbish in numerous forms left on the beach by humans, and can honestly say NEVER any from our canine friends.

As a visitor to Whitby you significantly reduce any pleasure that I may have with my dogs by providing only a postage stamp of space to be accessible via an unsafe route. For my preference it is unlikely I would use the beach during the major part of the day anyway when there may be a lot more people about. Why not allow dog users access of say up to 10am and after 6pm when from what I saw there were no families about with children only the teenagers having barbecues and people metal detecting in the evening. For me, when beaches are not available, I just vote with my feet and do not return so for you this means a decreased revenue for you from people like me.

Dogs and owners need exercise to stay healthy. Reducing accessible areas where you can exercise your dog is detrimental to both owners and pets.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The dog ban area should be put back to how it was not to include the new beach huts. Not only are there some beach but users that want to take their dog to the beach but members of the public including myself believe that the area should stay as it was. This is to allow all locals and visitors with dogs to use the area safely. Should the ban be lifted there needs to be clear signage around what is and what is not permitted in order that members of the public are clear around usage of the beach.

Steps on current route are difficult to navigate with mobility issues and an excitable dog. Dog owners are being discriminated against.

Access to the beach under this extension is dangerous. The area now available to dog walkers is severely limited unless the tide is out.

Wholly unsafe access point

the rocky beach and access steps are very difficult for less agile and elderly dog woners who run the risk of falling because the steps and rocks are very slippery. Also, why extend a ban on dogs on beaches? They are cleaner than most humans.

Dog walkers deserve the right to access the beach safely. Also, there was always plenty of good clean beach for families without dogs. It isn't fair to expect families with dogs not to be able to spend time on the beach. The way it is now the beach is covered by the tides for a large amount of the day.

There is no adequate access for disabled including wheelchair users or pushchairs.

The extension has made access to the beach dangerous for dog walkers and their families.

The steps and the beach are unsafe, I don't think the council would be too happy if people started to get injured and we put claims in because the steps are unsafe and dangerous. It looks to me as people on the council have made this decision without taking the time to come and look at how dangerous it is

Steps at end of beach chalets do not offer safe access to beach

The extended area makes it dangerous for dogs and owners to gain safe access to the beach. And why can't dogs be allowed on all areas of the beach as long as owners clean up after their dogs. Humans make far more mess with discarded plastic and other rubbish yet they're not banned from the beach.

Dangerous access to beach, limited beach for dogs to run freely especially during hot weather

Responsible dog owners should not be excluded like this, it would put me off visiting Whitby again, as I like to holiday with my whole family.

Dogs don't leave litter all over the beach, the seasonal ban is too long if you must have one have it during the school holidays only as after this time the majority of the people who use the beach are dog owners. Whitby itself is also really dog friendly and this could have an effect on this.

This provides a valuable place for dog walkers and their dogs to exercise and enjoy the beach. As a visitor to the area on a regular basis, this imposes a serious restriction on how I can enjoy the sea front. At least, dogs on leads should be allowed all year around with penalties to ensure owners clean up after their dogs.

The area currently available is inaccessible to less able people and those with buggies and wheelchairs, due to the very steep slippery steps at the nearest entry point. Other steps are further towards Sandsend and therefore a long way from the beach amenities, also the beach available currently to dog walkers is the first part of the beach to be covered at high tide and the last to be uncovered at low tide therefore further restricting use by dog walkers.

Very dangerous slippery steps with limited access to beach.

Tourism isn't restricted to people without dogs. My family and I are regulars to Whitby (along with our dog). Why should we be banned from the PUBLIC beach?

As a dog owner I don't feel it is fair to be excluded because of a minority of bad owners.

Unsafe access to the beach

Safer access

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

By extending the zone it is impossible to access the beach with my walking difficulties. The steps are uneven and lead onto a rocky area of the beach which is impossible to negotiate. It's disgusting that this has been extended with out due regard for disabled people. Ramped access is required compliment with the equality act 2010 and the Disability discrimination act.

Whitby beach and the surrounding areas are a magnet to dog owners who visit the location often out of the main holiday window bringing much needed income into the local community by spending money in shops, pubs, cafes, hotels etc etc. It is not a sensible move to potentially alienate this important revenue stream. Whitby is not the only destination that people can choose to visit and spend their hard earned cash. Not all people with dogs are young fit and healthy. Many dog owners who visit Whitby are at the other end of the spectrum and asking them to have to walk ever increasing distances before they and their dog can enjoy the beach environment, bearing in mind that the walk down and back up from the beach can present challenges in it's own right, it is not right to make this exercise more difficult. There is also the very important issue of Health and Safety as the newly prescribed access to the beach is particularly dangerous. If the council would like to make the beach environment more welcoming I suggest employing litter wardens who could make our beaches much cleaner and pleasant to use by penalizing some of the humans that leave their rubbish on the beach after they have discarded all of their unwanted cans, bottles and food containers rather than taking it home. I doubt if the council would find much opposition to such a scheme but would find that it would be much supported. It is very easy to jump on the anti-dog band wagon when far more damage and distress is caused by the litter louts who seem impervious to official sanctions. Please get your priorities right and stop alienating and persecuting people that keep your economy on track.

The access to the area allowed for exercising dogs on the beach is very dangerous, and not at all accessible to disabled/infirm people or young families with buggies/small children.

It worked well as it was previously and the steps down to the beach where the ban starts are hazardous. There was more than enough dog free beach prior to the change and it should be reinstated to the 2017 boundaries which have worked for a number of years.

Dogs are a part of the beach use and as such should be given reasonable access

Extension makes it unsafe for all and inaccessible for many

I agree that there should be dog free areas but the new extension forces dog owners and their pets to use an unsuitable route. There needs to be safe access for all

As long as dog owners are responsible and clean up they should be allowed. This spols fun of families locals and visitirs. This in turn affects budiness in the town

Dog owners in the main, are responsible for their dogs and bring a lot of income to Whitby. It's humans who leave the most waste on the beach.

People with dogs come to Whitby and the majority of these are responsible dog owners that remove their mess. Banning the dogs wil put people off coming to Whitby and spending there incone in local businesses. The majority of the mess on the beaches comes from people leaving litter.

Steps at the end of current run of beach chalets are unsafe. Unfair that dog owners are not allowed to walk into Whitby along the beach. A fairer system would be to allow dog owners to put dog on a lead from end of chalets to ramp into Whitby.

The beach is large enough to be shared by responsible for owners and general public.

Steps to provide access now are unsafe and it is further to walk before being able to go on the beach - the previous restriction was fine

As a local property owner and dog owner I was greatly saddened by the reduction in the beach area available for the exercise of dogs. The steps I am now expected to use are not in good condition and I am concerned that I could easily lose my footing. Added to this, the beach at the bottom of them is not particularly easy to cross and a ridiculously small area unless the tide is well out. I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Whitby is renound for being dog friendly however this extension goes against this idea and will make me reconsider coming to Whitby now. We visit around 6 times a year. Also this area where you have extended to is dangerous and very rocky and not just for my dog but I nearly broke my ankle slipping on these rocks this summer. Come on council keep your reputation for being one of the top dog friendly coastal towns and work with the dog owners.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

It is unreasonable to expect people and dogs to walk down dangerous steep steps and on to rocks. Dogs should be able to enjoy the main beach like everyone else. Humans leave more mess than dogs in any case.

The remaining access to this area is lethal and it extends to a very rocky area. There are plenty of families and older people with dogs who like to use the beach. This area would need to be made safe and more accessible if it were extended. It may be safer and cheaper not to extend this area xx

The steps where the extension are inadequate for prams, people with disabilities and young children. They are an accident waiting to happen, the steps are narrow and ill repair with seaweed growing on them the hand rail is rusty near the bottom, which could cause injuries to people's hands. Then once at the bottom of the steps it's a problem getting onto the beach, the rocks are covered in seaweed and no clear path to the beach, in my view it's a health and safety issue and who ever thought about changing the dog access to the beach did not look at the steps.

Beach closures to dogs are an obviously disproportionate response when other mitigations are available

The steps at the end of the beach chalets are too steep, wet/slippy and dangerous with large rocks to have to clamber over. The area in all other years prior to this year was perfectly adequate, using the steps at the bottom of the cliff path beside chalet 94. There is still plenty of beach area for those that don't want dogs to use. The ban from 2018 is completely over the top and ludicrous. Whitby has always been a dog friendly town, and it will be putting people off coming.

Dog owners are being given less beach to walk on and I pick up after my dogs. How much rubbish is being left by non dog owners on the rest of these beaches?

The steps where the prohibition boundary is are unsuitable. Although there are other steps, these become the natural ones to use because they are on the boundary. Also, there is now no beach below any beach chalet that is dog friendly. This has made it completely impractical for any family with a dog to use the chalets. There was already a lot of beach that was dog free, and not overly crowded, even at the busiest times.

The steps to access the beach are lethal and the reduced space is unfair on we the local people who live and work in Whitby

I could not access the beach where dogs are allowed due to my mobility issues

I am disable with arthritis and would not be able to get down those steps I will not be visiting with my dog !

The area for exercising dogs is too limited: both the extent of the area and the time it is accessible and usable to the tide is too little. Access to the beach near the pavilion end prohibits access. The steps are slippy and too steep. It is one of the poorest set of steps I have seen. Access via a ramp has to be near the golf course/Sandsend end. This means little beach accessible for much of the day. Winter time is much better with ease of access to the beach and more if it. Putting off dog owners in this way adversely affects the local economy. Because if the ban, we visit the beach less and therefore do not spend money on refreshments. In winter we frequently use the Whitby Pavilion café as do many others. Many visitors to Whitby bring dogs and they need a place to exercise them safely. Extending this ban has meant a severely and unacceptably high reduction in access and ability to utilise the beach with a consequent reduction of local spend. Surelywecwantv to encourage visitors to the area. Families have dogs as well as children! Don't push everyone into the rocks.

It seems quite a precarious area for the public to use, with the steps being wet and dangerous. Reducing dog areas will put visitors off and therefore affect the local economy. Also is it not inconvenient for beach chalet owners with dogs?

The reduced area has meant that there is no longer as many safe places for dog owners to get onto the beach. Not all people who own dogs are fully mobile, many are older, retired people, or are people with older dogs who also have mobility issues. If the prohibition is not changed, then the council needs to address the access issues to Whitby beach.

The steps at the point of access are far too dangerous to use

why discriminate against responsible dog owners because of a handful of irresponsible dog owners.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Dog lovers holiday in the uk so as to be with their dogs. Each time you exclude them, deprive them, spoil their holiday experience you lose them. We all pay towards keeping Whitby beautiful and economically viable but injustice turns people against society. Please acknowledge the amazing effects of dog ownership and interaction with dogs. Why create prejudice by implying that dogs are anti social? So many people are denied the love of dogs due to landlords, money, time, and all the responsibility of being a dog owner. The sheer joy when they fuss someone else's pet creates a forward flow of goodwill. Why would Whitby want to endanger that?

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Reasons of safety for dog owners who are unable to negotiate difficult terrain.

The steps are quite dangerous, and when reaching the bottom, sometimes the step is high and then you have to negotiate the stones all around, which have green algae and slime. It is especially dangerous for the older dog walker, who is not very nimble on their feet or carry sticks. Many older people in Whitby have dogs. Even further along the next steps are dangerous. The original steps which is not that much further back, were perfect for everyone. I really think that short distance is not a great deal to be asked for the dog walkers to use. It really concerns me that someone is going to have a bad accident. I find it difficult and I am more able than a lot of people. The steps are quite deep as well. I really do not see that by adding extra beach huts, it should make a difference to dog users using that small piece of beach. What about the dog users who have beach huts? For all the health and safety that is thrown at you these days, I really do not see how that managed to pass the scrutiny! It really is a very dangerous set of steps and area. It should definitely revert back to the original steps where it has been for many a long time.

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There is a trend to exclude dogs from various locations without any real explanation as to why it is necessary. Dogs need space to be able to run and play and be 'dogs'. Families and visitors come to enjoy Whitby because it is reputed to be 'dog friendly' and have good beach access. Reducing this is detrimental to both locals and businesses

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Local dog owners should be able to walk their dogs on an extended area of beach

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returned to the place it was in 2017

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One of the great joys of a trip to Whitby is being able to exercise your dog on a beach. It's a very dog-friendly town in so many ways, but it's hampered by the restrictions.

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Dogs do not leave litter on the beach ... nor dirty nappies cans and plastic ... so why ban them ... they are part of the family

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The narrow single steps are steep and represent a further safety risk with dogs on short leads. The wider steps are much less risky and allow people to pass safely. In my experience there were very few contraventions of the previous, seasonal ban. I have observed many more contraventions of the promenade dogs on leads requirement - mostly holiday makers, who are nevertheless Whitby's bread and butter. The small section of sandy beach on the Sandsend side of the wide steps of the previous access allowed dogs to be exercised safely and in particular to chase balls safely. The area on the town side is rarely congested so children and others could play safely under previous arrangements. Dogs are now forced into the rock pool area which concentrates them in a space which offers an alternative activity area to children. Dog walkers are generally very good about picking up and removing dog faeces and indeed plastic detritus. I have seen on several occasions human nappy bags left on the beach. The previous dog access area is usually washed by each tide.

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I found the steps dangerous. They were covered in seaweed and slippery. It was a nightmare trying to get around the rocks at the bottom of the steps. I have had a flat in Whitby for 10 years and have never had a problem with the dog ban before. There was always plenty of room for families at one end of the beach and dogs at the other. All in all very disappointing. I have put my flat on the market - I shall buy somewhere that dogs are welcome.

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The present access point to the beach is NOT user friendly due to the number of rocks on the beach. We responsible dog owners were not consulted about the change. put it back to the 2017 limits.

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All beach users require safe and easy to use access. proposed new access points are neither safe nor easy.

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Access steps to the beach are dangerous where the prohibition has been extended to. If these steps and the beach area at the bottom of them are made safer and user friendly I would agree to the extension.

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I am disabled and struggle using steps. I normally walk my dogs on the beach tides permitting by using the ramp by North beach cafe as the distance to the old access point was not far and therefore not causing too much inconvenience to other beach users.

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Access to the last section of beach is dangerous when the surfaces are wet and are not accessible at all for those with pushchairs and the disabled. Such a ban would be contrary to the Councils own equal opportunity & disability policies.

Dogs require exercise to keep them healthy and happy, and a safe and fun environment that is accessible to everyone, particularly those with mobility difficulties is vital.

go back to where it was

Families with dogs are finding it difficult to enjoy the beach with their dogs

The steps are slippery and hazardous and the beach would not be able to be accessed safely by people with buggies or disabled or those with poorer mobility skills.

Because I see no reason to change what was working ok.

The steps are death trap! It is only a matter of time until someone has a nasty accident trying to negotiate them.

There was no real reason to extend the ban. There has been no definitive explanation as to why this was imposed. It was extended to steps which are unsafe. My partially sighted husband slipped on the rocks at the bottom of the steps and was soaked through. Fortunately, he did not injure himself.

Dangerous access to the beach for those with dogs.

The steps down are dangerous and incomplete. There are slippery rocks that are dangerous and also it is the first bit of beach to disappear when the tide comes in and the last to reappear when it goes out again.

Because the access down to the beach is very slippery and incomplete and your straight onto slippery rocks.the other reason is because it's the last part of the beach for the tide to go out and the first part to disappear when the tide comes in.

The dog permitted area is the covered by the tide way before the rest of the beach, thus limiting the time it's usable, so we had to leave the beach and walk past lots of others who still had a vast amount of space to use before the tide came in. Also, when I took my children and dogs to the beach recently, the children had to swim in the sea a long way from the marked lifeguard area because of the dog restrictions, which is absurd to me. Does the council feel that dog owners and their families are not worthy of the same lifeguard care as others? The access is poor but didn't affect us on this occasion, however I can see how inadequate it would be when wet or for anyone with small children or disabilities.

It is my understanding that apart from private beaches the crown(the Queen) owns the rest and I have her permission to use them between the low water and high water mark so long as I don't cross any prohibited areas, therefore does SHE think they are a higher authority? I understand they can dictate where people go on their land.

dog walkers are in the majority of those who use Whitby beach, all year long. it is very frustrating to see an easily accessible but empty beach when I cannot access the beach either because the shape of he beach limits the time when tide is out or access is impeded by dangerous steps ad or rocks

Dangerous and treacherous steps. Elderly visitors to beach now struggle to walk their dogs on the beach

The previous limit for dogs was just fine. Noone asked for it to be moved. The new limit means that access by the less-than-able and elderly dog owners plus those families with dogs and small children is no longer safe. The new limit means that we have to use unsafe steps and cross rocks. I was never asked about the change in the limit even though I am a resident of North Cliff. The previous consultation was clearly flawed in that it made no reference to these changes. Only a very few people from Whitby responded to the original consultation and then even they didn't ask for the extension because it which wasn't even mentioned in the questionnaire.

It is now unsafe for me to access the beach with my dog.

Because the steps where it's extended to aren't safe for the public to use.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

There were no problems in the past. The new access is dangerous. The ground is dangerous to walk over. The area of the beach available under the current restriction is very limited space wise. It discriminates against the elderly and disabled. The public conveniences are too far away. It has created bad feeling which has never existed before. It has given Whitby a bad reputation around the country as not being dog friendly.

The shoreline( low tide to high tide) is an area designated from ancient law protected, and owned by The Crown, with public access enshrined within civil law for centuries. Erosion of this right, is not for a Borough council. This ancient right is an access for all, and whilst restricting the use to certain areas makes common sense of sharing the use of this land, it must be done fairly to all parties. The restriction to beyond the beach huts was discussed, and agreed prior to additional provision of beach huts; meaning the agreed access point then changed. If the question about access beyond a certain point is put, then surely this needs to be based on a physical point on the land, not around temporary structures ( as the beach huts). What if the council provides more or less huts next year, does the access area change again? The access steps that are currently sign posted are in poor state of repair, with a rusting hand rail, the bottom four steps crumbling and covered in weed and leading into a pond of run off rain water surrounded by rocks. This denies access to the less mobile and probably contravenes both H&S and ECHR legislation, were someone to pursue it. The previous access is down wider safer steps with access onto the beach not into a mound of rocks. The use of the beach shoreline is used everyday, rain or shine by dog walkers, whereas the use of the beach for other activities is much more limited to fine weather. It would seem therefore that the primary users of the shoreline are being given less equal share than the secondary users. I accept that provision has to be given because not all beach users want dogs around them, but surely this is a matter for our own lack of control of dogs rather than punishing all dog users, most of whom are responsible. ( we don't stop people driving cars because some people do it badly and are dangerous, we deal with those transgressors). It would seem that the manner in which the alteration of access was brought in was underhand, rushed and without due diligence with only a token effort to actually govern.

My partner is an above knee amputee, the steps down to the beach are not fit for purpose as she struggles to get down these very slimy slippery steps. This extension to the dog ban is discriminatory to disabled people with dogs. Once she is down with my help it is very difficult to negotiate the rocks on the beach. Whilst I am not registered disabled at 65 yrs old I suffer from osteo- arthritis.

To provide a safe route for leaving the beach where the steps are of a better standard

Because the steps that have to be used now are lethal, and it won't be long before there is someone seriously hurt and when this happens I hope they sue Scarborough council and win

There is already a prohibition in place which favours against anyone with dogs such as locals/visitors/families and if you keep reducing available space visitors including us will see point in coming to Whitby but instead will choose to go elsewhere and therefore people will not add to the economy of the town. You need to consider the bigger picture.

the new steps are far too hazardous for people. especially the disabled like myself, cancer, hernias, osteoporosis, as the tide comes in, this rock pool area is quickly immersed whilst there is still actual beach remaining at the old access point even in high season the previous zones were fair, with holidaymakers on the beach remaining closer to the harbour wall and blue beach hut

There was a balance of use before the extension, making the extension both unnecessary and disproportionate.

It looks unsafe to access near those boulders for humans and dogs

A high percentage of visitors have dogs and you are punishing the people that is bringing money into Whitby. There is no impact on the public and beaches to let's dogs and owners have more freedom on the beach. As dog owners we are responsible, what is the problem. I know much less responsible people with children and they are allowed on the beach.

The steps not save they are slippery and its rocky at the bottom.they are too narrow for parents with small children to get down

The current prohibition is unsafe, the steps are slimy, worn and the bottom of the steps is rocky, this means that the elderly, disabled and families with young children plus dog are unable to access the beach at this point. The prohibition should be reduced as to extend them would mean that people would be further away from the facilities which again would be difficult for the elderly, disabled and families.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The current prohibition means that access onto the beach is via some very dangerous steps so means that a lot of elderly people or those with restricted mobility cannot get onto the beach.. There is more than enough beach in the previous restricted area for children, families or the people who don't like dogs so to extend the restricted area was totally unnecessary and discriminatory to the many people, both residents and tourists, who walk their dogs on the beach.

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Dangerous steps to access beach - we saw no details of original consultation

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Steps are appalling plus area rocky and easily cut down by tide

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Not easy to access with my health issues now no where I can exercise my terrier

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Whitby has a national recognition of being dog friendly and this extension is not going to attract dog owning visitors. The access is too far away from town. The steps are slippery and covered in seaweed - I have been a victim of slippery steps a few years ago which led to a fractured ankle and six months' sickness leave from local authority employment. A bit of an own goal you could say. The available beach is narrow and time limited due to incoming tides. There are a plethora of rocks which need someone more athletic than I at 62 years to negotiate. The so called compromise solution isn't working due to a lack of signs recognising this and leads to confrontation with some visitors confused by signage seeming to indicate wrongdoing. I am aware of criticism that dogs relieve themselves on the beach - what about children who do the same thing? I am aware of criticism that irresponsible dog owners don't clean up - then police that, don't ban the more numerous responsible ones. My dog is a registered Pets as Therapy dog so is allowed on hospital wards and in nursing homes so it is ridiculous to think he's not allowed on a beach. Many people are like me, getting older and living alone but with a dog for companionship. Without a dog I probably wouldn't leave the house in my leisure time but taking the dog for a walk offers the benefits of social contact, exercise and is known to relieve the symptoms of depression. Local authorities now have a responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the population (Care Act 2014) so why restrict people from benefitting in this way?

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For the safe access for everyone and to allow the dogs more individual space...

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The steps to the beach are dangerous and very slippery taking you down to a very rocky part of the beach

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The Blue Flag status of Whitby's beach relies upon the dog ban, and any suggestion of it's removal or reduction is simply reckless. It is not simply the potential impact on Bathing Water quality, but the prospect of children playing on a beach covered in dog faeces. There is simply no credible argument for the re-introduction of this health hazard.

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Access to the beach is now down the side steps which are difficult to use. Also there are large rocks blocking the way to the beach.

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The extended beach prohibition has made the nearest access to the beach via steps further along the promenade. These are very slippery and not well maintained and are in my opinion only fit for use as an emergency exit to escape an incoming tide. Also the many rocks and pools at the bottom of the steps make it hazardous to reach the sea. Older and infirm dog walkers and dogs are now effectively banned from this beach during the season as they may be unable to walk further to find safe point to do so. I have also seen families with young children and their dogs struggling to leave the beach at this point. Whitby has always been inclusive and access to the North beach for all is only what a broad thinking council would consider right.

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People with dogs are a huge part of the tourists that visit Whitby every year because of its dog friendly beaches and cafes etc, to take away these things from the area could potentially stop people visiting Whitby.

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Due to the unstable steps and nothing but rocks at the bottom

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Access. And also should be no ban before 10am while the beach has no bathers on it.

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Completely unsafe where it is now. There was no need to move it from where it was.

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Would like the dog ban to go back to how it was in 2017

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It is unfair that a person who has a beach chalet and a dog cannot exercise them without walking to the other end of the beach and away from their chalet. It is already a long walk from town (with the necessity of climbing the slope/steps due to the unrestricted area being inaccessible from the pier) to the unrestricted areas of the beach that it should not have been extended further.

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

It has gone too far now. Families with dogs have to stay too far from facilities so not suitable for a day on the beach. The beach is narrow where you can get on now as rocks and the tide mean the beach is only available a couple of hours either side of low tide. There is much more beach for non-dog use, for many more hours.

1. The steps giving access to the beach at the west end of the ban are dangerous, cannot be used by disabled dog walkers, dogwalkers with pushchairs or prams and elderly people. 2. The slipway at the west end of the original ban is ideal for the people in no.1 to access the beach. 3. The original ban was perfectly adequate to cover the main part of the beach and didn't need to be changed.

Steps unusable and unsafe, they then descend directly onto slippery wet rocks and a part of beach which is often reduced greatly by the tide.

I think the ban should start at the slipway in front of the beach management hut. This would give safe access to people with wheelchairs, prams, people who are elderly or unsteady on their feet, also elderly dogs who can't get down steps. I think the Upgang access needs some work as that too is impossible for these people.

As a regular user of the beach chalets I understand the difficulties for dog owners. We do not have a dog but provided that dogs are under control I see no reason why dog owners cannot use the steps at Chalet 95 as in previous years. Whilst the rock pools are always full of children the majority of owners are mindful and watch what their dogs are doing. I agree that elderly and infirm dog walkers or mums with pushchairs and dogs should be allowed to use the ramp at the beach management centre. However dogs should be on leads in on the stretch between the ramp and the steps. The area in front of the cafe and beach management centre is now very popular with families and is consequently busy during the main season. I have spent everyday during the past 8 weeks at my chalet and have seen few problems caused by dogs on the beach. There have however been many problems caused by dogs off leads on the promenade or by dogs on extending leads which rap themselves round deckchairs or whose owners allow them to urinate on windbreaks and take food off plates. There is room for everyone to enjoy our beautiful beach and the prom.

Dangerous access currently down slippery slimy steps onto rocks, rock pools and stretches of slime covered rocks. Tide comes in sooner on area where dogs allowed, due that and more rocks, there is a very limited area to exercise your dog. Also at dusk, it is completely treacherous to pick your way over the rocks to exit the beach using those steps. This cannot possibly have been subject to a risk assessment. The previous access seemed ideal and to revert to that would overcome all of the problems just described.

because its too small

1.Safety of dog owners getting on the beach. 2.Dog owners use the beach All year so should be allowed ample space. 3. The new extended people zone means dog owners with walking issues have to go further to get on the beach. 4. Dog owners are now more of a problem to the beach huts. 5. Slippery and rocky access to beach means disabled or infirm people do not have access.

New access to beach is unsafe and inaccessible to people with mobility issues.

Should be a time period ban on the beach from 9.30m till 9.30pm may to September.

It should return to the previous location which provided safe access for everyone. The new location is unsuitable for anyone with mobility issues. Additionally I have noticed that dog owners wishing to sit on the beach with their families are struggling to access the beach and end up sitting among rocks.

The ban worked perfectly fine before, the current extension forces people to use unsafe steps for access .

The steps are unsafe, I slipped, rocks at bottom to climb over. I have a beach hut and children and now they can't play with the dog without us all walking a long way.

Reasons are that the steps at the extended ban are unsuitable and discriminatory against dog owners. Additionally when the tide is in, there is very little beach available without large rocks, again discriminating against dog owners and the disabled bodied dog owners

Poor access, steps are difficult and dangerous

Due to the access down to the beach being totally inappropriate.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Safe access must be a priority for those with disabilities, for the elderly and for young families. As a resident I am disappointed with the extension which occurred without any real publicity or reason to warrant it. As a business owner, the 2018 arrangements impact negatively on two target tourist markets: families and dog owners. It was a poor idea to amend the original situation and absolutely unnecessary given the minuscule number of issues or formal complaints registered.

The steps are unsafe and unless at low tide you cannot walk along without clambering over rocks which is awkward as my dog has arthritis in her front paws and I am partially sighted.

The steps at the end of the beach chalets are steep and at times depending on the sea conditions there is a large step at the bottom which is difficult for people with reduced mobility to navigate. Whilst not ideal, the original steps were better for access. I do appreciate part of the rationale behind this extension may be for public health and to avoid dogs fouling in the rock pools. However, if this area was restricted to dogs on leads it could help.

Proposed steps unsafe / dangerous if you have family dog child in pushchair etc

The 'new' steps are narrow and dangerous.

The steps are not safe. This is the first part of the beach to be under cover with the incoming tide further reducing beach access.

As a resident who does clean up after my dogs I can understand and support the previous dog ban exclusion zone but feel that it now being biased against residents and will be detrimental to tourism as well. There is little open space already and restrictions in Pannett Park all year round.

The access steps at the moment are not fit for use and the distance from the town to the access point is prohibitive for many dog owners residents and visitors.

Both tourists and residents alike need to have easy access to the beach with dogs. The previous exclusion from the pier to around the cafe struck the right balance, giving a mile of dog free beach for bathers.

the steps to use now are lethal

In all honesty, it feels like the town is being taken away little by little from people that live here. My dog is an older lady and can't go too far these days, as neither can I with a condition as I'm sure many others feel the same. I have friends that have push chairs, disabilities/conditions or even just old age that cannot access the beach safely without walking on even further, in account of those terrible steps. I even know of a lady who is taking time out of her day to get a bus all the way to Sandsend just to let her dog have a moment on the beach. I see countless people leave more mess on the beaches and promenade than I have ever seen irresponsible dog owners leaving mess.

I have been taking a dog for 20 years down the steps which are now banned & walking towards Sandsend, this always worked so why change something? I now have a disabled grandson so access down the new boundaries is absolutely impossible, it is a discrimination against us, which I know is breaking the law on your part.

The steps are narrow and dangerous, never mind when a sea has run and washed away the sand at the bottom leaving large rocks to clamber over. This ban was never properly thought out, there was never a problem using the wider steps before, SBC greed glands have activated again with the beach hut extension, I have never known a council to be so anti resident never mind forcing holiday makers away.

Reduced back down to what it was. Family's with dogs, fair access. Make the beach hut dog friendly ones to reduce complaints on those

I grew up near Scarborough and love the Yorkshire coastline but now live in Scotland with my wife and daughters. We like to holiday in England so that I can catch up with family and friends and we have a dog, which we enjoy having with us. It's one of the pleasures in life playing ball with your dog on the beach. Last year we holidayed in Whitby, before the extension to the dog ban area. We found the restrictions on where we could let the dog off the lead spoiled our enjoyment considerably. This applies to the parks as well as the beaches. In previous years we have holidayed in Northumberland where there are no restricted areas. This year we will go back. We spend a lot of money on accommodation, eating out and basic provisions when we are in the area so I feel your rules can be detrimental to the Yorkshire economy. It would be better to concentrate on fining the irresponsible dog owners than penalising us all.

elderly and infirm dog walkers cannot use the steps so lose the option of walking on the beach

I have no objection to the prohibited area, I object to the access, the stairs are lethal and need a serious upgrade before anyone should use them

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

slippery steps .

I am in my sixties, and it is a long walk from the cliff lift, which is the only way I can get down onto the beach now. I find the walk to the new slippery steps challenging.

The access to the beach at the point where the dog ban ends is totally inadequate. The steps are uneven, narrow and covered in slippy material. The area around the base of the steps is covered in uneven rocks which represent a significant trip and slip hazard. Not only is this access difficult for able bodied people, it is prohibitive for both the elderly and disabled.

Absolute disgrace that dogs are banned on a greater area of the beach just to allow humans who cause far more filth and rubbish being left on the beach dirty nappies plastic etc etc. As a resident dog owner and someone who is frequently a tourist in other areas of the country with my dogs I cannot understand why the council is so short sighted as to discourage dog owners to visit the area. The new access for dog owners is dangerous and all this just to panda to chalet owners. What is wrong with taking dogs on all areas of the beach on leads.

Steps and large rocks are dangerous for even the most able bodied walker. Tides extend early and reseed late from from this point. Cliff zig zag access means you still need to walk passed the beach huts with your dogs.

Not enough beach to walk dogs. Very difficult to access beach.

Responsible dog owners and their pets should not be banned from any area. The beach is a public space for people and their children and pets to use for leisure.

The new boundary is marked by a set of steps that are not safe!! The tide covers these steps at high tide as a result they are covered in seaweed and extremely dangerous. The base of the steps are surrounded by large boulders and rock pools - again unsuitable to clamber over even for a fit and healthy person. Where is the councils common sense ? Somebody will get seriously hurt and sue the council on this stupid ill thought out amendment.

Firstly I can not recall ever finding dog poo on the beach here in Whitby, i do not see that extending of the dog ban from previous years limits achieves anything other than to endanger the safety of responsible dog owners. It is us humans that cause noise and litter polution on the beach. ù

There is plenty of space for beach users in the original designated 'non dog zones' it does not need to be extended as far as it has been, also the access for dog walkers is not safe for everyone , difficult for old people, family's with young children, or physically handicapped so a proper safe access point to the beach from the Whitby town should be included in the dog zone.

The extended area now means that as the tide comes in there is no beach left for the dogs to be excercise on and it is very rocky. The area that is now restricted to dogs is very often empty of people so a vast area of beach is going unused by any body

Access to the beach via the steps at the end of the chalets is extremely poor. Also this part of the beach is cut off by the tide quicker than other parts. Up until 2018, the beach ban cover the area up to the cafe - why this year was it extended. There has never been an issue previously, so what changed? Also, why were Whitby people not informed of the previous consultation? I certainly wasn't aware of it. Surely the views of a minority of people cannot determine the outcome for the majority. When the majority have not been consulted. This is not democracy.

No safe access to the beach

The new access area is an accident waiting to happen.

As long as there is a remote possibility that dogs will be excreting faeces near humans, they should be removed from the beach altogether.

The steps are too dangerous and I can't get a pram, young children and my dogs down safely. Just go back to the way it was last year.

Dogs should be able to enjoy the beach all year and limiting that space in peak periods is detrimental to residents and tourists with dogs

dogs jave a right to be walked on our beaches, and there is enough prihibitionllll wintout making the town and thet dog owners feeling kike a non dog friendly place

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

When the tide is high there really is no beach area to walk your dog on. I don't want to let my dog run around the beach, I just want to sit on the beach with my kids and dog. The dog beach area has poor access to the beach. I have had to clamber over too many rocks at high tide. The non dog beach was so quiet 3rd week in August, I'm not sure why dogs are not able to be walked on a lead.

Responsible dog owners always pick up after their dogs restricting access to any beaches in summer is not a solution to those who do not pick up.

For safe access reasons

If kids and tourists are allowed on, dogs should be. I see plenty running around and having a great time It is a pain going all the way down to those mega steep steps by Upgang Ravine

The new seasonal prohibition denies Whitby dog owners from letting their Dogs run on any beaches, during high tide.

Thats the easier side of the beach to access for most people, it makes sense to allow people to go down those steps and turn to the left towards sandsend. The only other access is much further along and away from the town, meaning less abled dog walkers would have further to go before letting their dogs off the lead.

The old prohibition area worked.

As it is now the access to the sands is unsafe for the less mobile dog walkers

The second set of steps are not very safe or easy to use and at the bottom there are often a lot of rocks to negotiate which are not easy to climb over.

The beach should be free for all. You have donkeys on the beach making a mess.

The area which can now be accessed is down slippery and dangerous steps. Also the time this beach is available at low tide is limited.

There is already a good expanse of beach for people who don't want dogs around before the extension was imposed, (because of the beach hut extension?). Plus the stretch of beach now "dog friendly" isn't, very poor, dangerous access and rocky with limited space for dogs to have a good romp.

In extending the dog ban area , SBC placed disabled dog walkers at a significant disadvantage and reduced their access to the beach. It would appear that no risk assessment was undertaken on the steps which people were directed to use and no impact assessment on how the changes would impact on disabled people. The steps people were directed to, are not appropriate for anyone with mobility or sight issues or for wheelchair users. Clearly, SBC has a duty under the Equalities Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments and in this case, did not do so. Perhaps suggest SBC should set up a focus group with interested and relevant parties to work jointly on the overall access issues in order to enhance and improve the experience for residents and visitors .

this affects local residents to accommodate tourists i feel this is unfair these are our home towns as we should be able to enjoy them in the good weather also and not be restricted

The extension was introduced without consultation or thought and purely because SBC want to increase their income by supplying more chalets. In doing this they want to appease the few chalet users who don't like dogs. It is time the RESIDENTS in Whitby ,ie those of us who pay council tax are given some consideration.

Dangerous steps & rocks . Worked well before council interfered no problem for the majority .

Steps are unsafe. I am fit and very able bodied, I am also young, the reason I mention this is because even someone at my age and level of mobility struggles on the unsafe and dangerous steps, Heaven forbid an old person uses them, as they are an accident waiting to happen and a serious one at that!! It's unfair on the people who live in Whitby with dogs, we pay our taxes and respect the laws. To then be told we can't enjoy the beach... it's just unfair and I fell punished as I chose to have pets.

The area is a greater distance from services

It is too far from town now. The beach available is too narrow and covered by water most of the day.

Steps are unsafe as are rocks. the proper people weren't consulted before the new ban was put into force. Feels like the council were trying to hide this to get it through to appease the corrupt and elitist beach hut community.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The steps sate dangerous

Local residents still need to walk their dogs and as they pay the taxes that clean up the beaches after the holiday makers have left, why should they be penalised for responsible dog walking.

The additional beach for the 'public' is very rocky they gave a lovely stretch of clear sand. The streps that dog owners now have to go down are dangerous & at the bottom lots of rocks to negotiate. Lots of elderly walk there dogs on the beach they are now unable to go this.

1. The new entry/exit point is via a set of uneven steps that are frequently covered in slime. In addition, the beach immediately in front of and adjacent to the steps is extremely difficult to access, with boulders and rocks to negotiate. This makes access almost impossible for someone with any restricted mobility, whether that be indicative of their age or disability; I believe this is tantamount to discrimination on behalf of the council. 2. The 2018 entry/exit point has significantly reduced the availability of useable beach for dog walkers due to the way in which the tide flows at this point. On occasion this year, there has been little beach accessible for exercising dogs, even at low water, which results in overcrowding. 3. I understand the rationale behind a dog ban at the beach entry by Battery Parade at peak holiday times. Young children have a right to use the beach too. However, if the ban on dogs is due to concern regarding excrement left by a minority of irresponsible dog owners, then the ban should also apply to donkeys and other recreational horse riding. 4. My final point relates to the disregard of the ban by certain members of the public - both visitors and locals. I have personally witnessed people blithely exercising their dogs, totally ignoring the clear signage at all the steps. If there is no council presence and no clear reinforcement, then the ban is not working.

The extended route is not fare for dog walkers , we are getting pushed further and further away from any facilities ie cafe,toilets . This is not fare especially for the elderly. Regards to the steps at the end of the beach huts we are supposed to use now is not safe, yes the bottom step has been fixed but there are too many big rocks to contend with to get on the beach.

because the steps are unsafe and the rocks belied dangerous no thought has been given to the elderly or people with walking difficulties many of whom are whitby residents and second house owners and why after so many years are you all of a sudden changing the rules surely you have more pressing and important things to do and stop penalising your rate payers

most dog owners are responsible people. the mess left by humans ie dirty nappies is a aorse rime

When the tide is in this is often the only available sand

As a dog owner and Whitby resident since 2003, during the dog ban enforcement, I have been force to access the beach from my home which is less than 200 yards from the slip on Battery Parade. I consider that the dog ban should be abolished on the following grounds: 1. SBC claim to be able to enforce the ban and issue prosecutions for contravention of this by-law. I accept that prosecutions may be pending, but whilst walking my dog on the long extended route to the end of the chalets in order to access the beach, I have NEVER observed a SBC warden patrolling this area. I have witnessed on countless occasions other dog owners flouting this ban and using the excluded area with impunity. I complained to the council. SBC's reply was that they are understaffed and cannot patrol this area effectively. If SNC cannot adequately enforce this ban, then is should be abolished. 2. Other animal owner use this area of the beach. Donkey rides and casual horse riders appear to allow their animals to foul this area of the beach with impunity. As a dog owner, I religiously clear up after my pet. Can the same be said for horse and donkey owners? 3. The current access route down the algae strewn steps is extremely unsafe and requires a difficult exit to the boulder strewn beach. This route may be virtually impossible for dog owner with any form of mobility impairment. Surely SBC is fully aware of their obligations under the DDA. 4. Have SBC elected members taken note of the tides? The window is a maximum of three hours either side of high tide at the best and often more restricted than this. Have any representatives from SBC visited the site to evaluate the true impact of the ban ?

It is too far to walk from a large part of the town . The access steps are dangerous. High tide covers the designated area more quickly and for longer. There is no alternative space provided for dogs to be exercised off leash.

Unsafe access.

The steps are dangerous to go down, very steep and slippery with sometimes a very big drop off the bottom step

Access is very poor onto rocks meaning I can no longer access the area with my dog, I used to love coming with my dog now feel discriminated against because of my modality issues.

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The nearest steps are so decayed and the beach there is too rocky to be accessible to a lot of people.

Dog owners need safe access to the beach. Although I am not a dog owner, I recognise that people probably make more of a mess of the beach than dogs. I see discarded nappies, bottles and cans.

the rule should revert to the previous. setting all the mutual accusations aside, THE key consideration for SBC is the plain fact that you have directed your local taxpayers down steps which are demonstrably dangerous...made worse for you in that you came and did a derisory non-repair job (which hundreds of local angry local council taxpayers have on their phones) YOU WILL BE SUED. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

As the number of beach chalets has increased over the last few years the walk from the spa drive to where the dogs can access the beach is getting longer and the steps that are to be used for access to the beach in the dog friendly section are dangerous and at a point where the tide doesn't go out that far. If the beach chalets extend further will the access be moved further along?

Whitby has always been a welcoming dog friendly spot. By increasing restrictions you simply drive away responsible owners who bring money into the town. Whitby stands out because it is not like other seaside towns with mess from careless families and over the top dog rules, it must be kept this way.

Why stop dogs? Humans make more mess and kids more noise . Stop penalising minorities . Do this and we will no longer vision Scarborough and Whitby for our dog breaks

mkaes no difference, rules for the sake of having them

I don't see any issue with dogs on beach as long as owners pick up if the dogs gonto loo

responsible dog owners will always make sure their dogs are well behaved. Allowing them to use the beach is a nice thing to do

There is more rubbish left by visitors than mess by dogs. Most dog owners I have seen are responsible and pick up after here dogs. Perhaps you should ban alcohol and glass bottles instead

Ushers should be reasonable amount of space for dogs to,properly exercise of lead. It is good for their health.

Dogs are restricted from a large proportion of the beach at Whitby, extending this in season will prevent persons such as myself from taking my dog on the beach full stop as I could not walk the terrain to take him on further down it is much easier to walk him on a flat beach than to climb and descend via the paths.

Because most people are sensible & respect the area. Banning for gd will stop people visiting.

The previous restrictions suited everyone. The new restrictions discriminate against anyone who is less able as the steps to the new area are dangerous and the beach itself inaccessible.

The extended dog ban area requires dog-owners to access the beach via steps which are slippery and dangerous. The landscape at the bottom is rocky and treacherous. The rocks underneath are covered in seaweed, which is soaked twice a day by the tide, making it treacherous. It is dangerous for the able-bodied; let alone anyone with mobility difficulties or young children; and impossible for parents with pushchairs.It is literally impossible to traverse the area with a pushchair.

There was already a lot of beach where dogs were not permitted, more than enough for people who don't like dogs to stay away from them.

Dog wallers shouldenjoy the beach too

The new area is rapidly covered by the incoming tide, meaning that its usability is very limited. The steps are steep and narrow, representing a serious problem for young families, older people and the disabled. There is little sand, even when the beach is exposed and this means that people without dogs rarely use it anyway. We should return to the old area.

People come on holiday with their dogs bring money to the area, many pubs & shops welcome them, taking them onto the beach is one of the pleasures they come for, they might take their money elwhere if Witby is seen as being increasingly anti dog.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The current steps are dangerous with rocks at the bottom, the steps in 2017 were safe to access the beach. there is hardly any room to exercise your dog and yet the dog free zone is massive. You have to walk your dog by all the beach chalets now where as before you only had a few to walk by. But like I say the main point is safety!!! It seems like the council are not concerned for dog walkers safety and put them at risk to cater for the beach hut owners!

We need more space to exercise our dogs . As a resident who pays council tax I feel we should get some benefit from living at the coast like being able to run the dog on the beach or in the park. Most dog owners pick up after their dogs unlike people who leave dirty nappies empty food containers bottles cans and chip wrappers all over the sand causing a hazard for children and dogs alike.

As long as people are encouraged to clean up after dogs etc and enough bins provided

As a resident of Whitby who pays council tax I feel we should be allowed to exercise our dogs responsibly. Most local dog owners clean up after their dogs unlike people, who leave dirty nappies, food containers, bottles, cans and waste food all over the beach causing a hazard to children AND dogs!

I don't see a problem with dogs on this beach. You may see a drop In the tourist trade if you ban dogs on the beach.

The steps at this point in the promenade are often sloppy and lead onto a rocky area which is frequently scoured into pools and gulleys. This will make it hazardous to less mobile dog owners. Also there is a greater risk of being cut off by the tide. No matter how small that risk is, personal safety must come first.

As an elderly dog owner with restricted walking ability find that it is to far to walk my dog so I cant access the beach that I love with my beloved pet and faithful companion. I feel very strongly that after working ALL my life I'M now being very let down by these restrictions now that I have the free time but NOT the ability to go so far. Whitby and Scarbourough council seem to be made up of dog haters and in my opinion have been for a number of years.

The steps which dogs users now have to use are not well maintained. They are slippy, narrow and the hand rail is rusted

The old exclusion zone was fair to all and allowed safe access to the beach, without further inconvenience for dog owners with disabilities or mobility issues.

I objected to the original proposal some years ago. Safe access to the beach is needed.

Surely we wish to encourage tourism to Whitby? Tourists pay for parking, they shop, they eat, they drink. Dog-owners tend to holiday in the UK. Keswick, voted the most dog-friendly town in England, has benefited greatly from their council's attitude to dogs and their owners. The issue for me - I always clear up after my dog - is to enforce responsible dog-ownership rather than ban both the owners and their pet.

the main reason i holiday in scarborough and whitby is because its so dog friendly. if its not going to be in future ill go elsewhere

People who holiday in the UK often choose to take their dogs with them. Prohibiting dogs on the beach will cause those people to holiday elsewhere and therefore impact on local economy.

Kids like to play with their dog on the beech

The steps which have been used in previous years are safe and means my family can be on the beach (including my dog) The steps which SNC are now telling people to use are unsafe and I can't get over the rocks at the bottom of them..

Whitby attracts dog owners because of its dog friendly beaches and it is a joy to see the dogs enjoying themselves. The less active dog owners will find it difficult to access the beach and may stop visiting the area. As a local dog walker I would like the dog walking area restoring as it was in 2017

The access to the beach via the steps at the current ban position is unsafe. The rocky part of the beach covered by the extra ban area is much less used by families than the rock free area beyond the previous ban position.

Terrible access to the beach via slimy steep steps. This is impossible for anyone elderly or with toddlers. We have slipped on several occasions when trying to access the beach via these steps. When the tide is coming in access is hazardous with rocks and pools of eater.

Due to access via steep steps we are now unable to get onto the beach. This is unacceptable as discriminates against disability.

Steps down to the beach pose a health and safety risk. Space excluded for dog walking is excessive, Why change from previous years?

It's too large a restricted area, it's unnecessary. The town is popular with dog owners. The first steps are dangerous

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Reduced to previous year

Because the new steps to access the beach are dangerous especially for the elderly or disabled.

The steps are very dangerous and it restricts dog walkers from enjoying the beach .

The area previously protected was sufficiently large to allow space for visitors to enjoy the beach dog-free. The steps at the end of the beach chalets are steep, slippery and often require a leap down onto the beach. Additionally these steps come down at the narrowest section, which is only accessible at low tide.

The steps and beach are generally unsafe for access, egress, I have hip problems and feel very insecure crossing the rocks and condition of the steps. A good compromise would be to let people use the steps nearer the Cafe but keep dogs on a lead until out of the prohibited area.

Unable to comment - not familiar with area

2018 THE AREA ALLOWED WAS UNUSABLE MOST OF THE TIME BECAUSE IT'S ROCKS, HAS POOR ACCESS, DANGEROUS FOR ME, HAS MASSIVE SCOURS IN THE SMALL AMOUNT OF SAND AVAILABLE, PERMANENTLY FILLED WITH WATER. ALSO AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AREA TO GET TO AND TOO LONG A WALK FOR MANY ELDERLY PEOPLE. I HAD TO WALK OVER TWO MILES TO GET THERE, AT OVER 70 THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHERS IN THE SAME POSITION AND MEETING OTHER DOG WALKERS ESPECIALLY AT THE BEACH IS OFTEN THE ONLY CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHEN YOU LIVE ALONE AND ARE ELDERLY, SO MUCH FOR THE COUNCIL AND GOV'T SAYING YOU WANT TO COMBAT LONELINESS IN THE OLD. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WHOEVER THOUGHT UP THIS UNACCEPTABLE UNILATERALLY IMPOSED BANISHMENT OF DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS TO THE OUTER ROCKY, HARD TO ACCESS, PITIFUL AREA IS A DOG HATER. LONG PAST TIME TO SHOW SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THE ACTUAL RESIDENTS OF WHITBY.

It is excessive and the beach should return to the previous restriction area.

Put back to where it was or even better further reduced to the slope to allow better access! At the 2018 rules you have to walk past all the beach huts which have people sat outside thus creating havoc whereas if you could walk your dog on the beach at the huts then this area would be clear for people to relax outside there hut!

The step you ask us to use are dangerous.

We are recent visitors to Whitby to walk my dogs on the beach, I feel the reduction in the beach dog walking area could discourage me from visiting Whitby in the future.

Dogs should be allowed on from the previously permitted steps. The next steps are too far down the beach and at a narrow point that you can only get onto at low tide.

Allow freedom for all

too far from town now and i have really struggled to get up the steep and slippy steps

The current access point is hazardous and an accident waiting to happen. It is inaccessible for those with mobility problems, or families with small children and dogs due to the poor nature of the steps and the terrain at the bottom. The area available to dog walkers is also significantly reduced. To enable safe and ease of access, to say nothing of equal opportunities for wheelchair users to access the beach safely, the former access point should be re-introduced.

Better access to beach with previous arrangements.

I don't think they need to be prohibited at all. I don't see how this makes the beach better or safer.

Most dog owners pick up their mess from the beach, whilst lots of humans do not.?why can't dog owners enjoy the beach all year round x let's make it a dog friendly town which will actually have a positive effect.

Safety of access

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

To whom it may concern My wife and I have been regular visitors to Whitby for over 20 years, firstly as a couple, then with a dog for the last 17 years and with children and a dog for the last 13 years. During this time we have witnessed the alteration of the beach dog restriction area from the beach vehicle access ramp to the first set of steps to the west of the Beach Café. On our most recent weekly holiday (18/08/18 – 25/08/18) we were quite shocked to see that the dog restriction area had been extended further west to the next set of beach access steps. Having children, that when on holiday want to spend as much time as possible on the beach, we found this change detrimental to our time in Whitby. The area of beach that was available to us was predominantly rocks, was cut off earlier by the tide due to the profile of the sea wall and was a considerable distance from the toilet facilities and refreshments at the Beach Café. The beach at Whitby is so large enough to give dog owners and non-dog owners plenty of space by returning to the previous dog restriction boundaries. (Whilst we were on the holiday there must have only been a couple of hundred people on the beach at any one time). If the alteration has been made due to the concern regarding irresponsible owners not cleaning up after their dogs, we can honestly say that there were no signs of any dog mess on the dog beach area. This is more than can be said for the walk down to the beach, which in places (especially around the Spa Theatre) was dotted with several piles of mess. In conclusion we feel people are much more likely to tread in dog mess going to and from the beach than actually on it. One of the reasons we love Whitby so much for holidays is the way that families with dogs are welcomed, especially by local businesses with a high percentage of whom allow dog access. However we feel that Scarborough Borough Council is undoing a lot of this local good will by discriminating against responsible dog owners. If the new dog restriction boundary is set to remain, then we as a family would have to seriously reconsider if we would want to return to Whitby for our annual holiday. We therefore respectfully ask for the previous beach dog restriction boundaries to be re-instated & feel it would be much more beneficial if the Council were to concentrate on catching and prosecuting (where appropriate) the dog owners that make places unpleasant for everyone. Yours faithfully  
Mr & Mrs A Jones 23A Ivy Croft Road, Warton, Tamworth Staffs B79 0JJ.

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In 2017 I was able to descend the old steps without difficulty. Now I am unable to descend the new steps and therefore cannot exercise my dog on the beach. I have balance and mobility issues which meant the old steps were adequate for my descent and when I reached the sand there were no obstacles. However, the new steps are slimy due to an excess of seaweed, the handrail is rusty, there is a large drop at the bottom of the steps (about 2 feet) onto shingle, then rocks and pools have to be negotiated before the sand is reached. I am very unhappy with this change as my dog and I, who are residents of Whitby, really enjoyed our trips to the beach but are no longer able to go during the summer season.

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Dog owners are almost as numerous as non-dog owners, and more of them probably enjoy using the beach than non-dog owners. Dogs do very little harm on beaches, and the huge majority of owners pick up dog mess. Many beaches have both co-existing perfectly well.

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The new exclusion area means that dog walkers have to use some very steep and slippery steps at the bottom of which are rocks and pools. This is dangerous for less active walkers and elderly dogs.

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The restrictions should be from a safe place for all To access the beach. Not slippery steps onto rocks

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The bigotry of a minority of cynophobes — those with an irrational fear of dogs — has been placed above the liberty of Yorkshiremen and women to take their dogs for a decent walk. (Simmon Heffer - Mail Online). In my experience, more mess is left behind by beach-goers than any dog. On walks past the beach huts this summer I have seen everything from dirty disposable nappies to half eaten sandwiches (rat trap) lying on the pavement within feet of a waste bin. On the beach I've found drinks cans, food packaging I must admit that some dog walkers do seem to think that picking up after their dog is not for them. I tackled someone recently about not picking up and was told "it's alright, I'm local". Bit of reeducation needed there I think! On the whole, most dog owners are more responsible than holidaymakers when it comes to cleaning up. Why not employ "litter wardens" to patrol the beach area and issue instant fines to both people not binning their waste and dog walkers not picking up after their dogs. Much needed extra income for Scarborough Council.

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Access to the beach is difficult from the new steps for older people and dogs

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Area now allocated to dog walkers is much reduced as tide comes in and stays in far longer than on the part of the beach that was annexed in the latest ban. It is easy to get surrounded by the sea on the new allocated beach unless you are paying attention the sea creeps up behind you. When you look at beach usage it is clear that the majority of people prefer to be closer to the harbour wall and all the facilities. Access to the beach is difficult for people of limited mobility, those with young children and dogs. Access is also a considerable way from the slipway for many holiday makers, If a study of beach use had been carried out it would show that on most days the area annexed this year is sparsely populated, particularly during the week, and EVEN in PEAK holiday season. I was told that I could walk my dog across this area to the new extremely limited area, but have been subjected to abuse and v signs when doing this!!!

not aware of any problem dogs are causing. The beach often deserted when dogs could be using it. Does the council realise how limited dog facilities are in Whitby? At high tide where can dogs run free? Businesses are keen to promote the town as dog-friendly but the council pulls in the opposite direction.

The prohibition originally extended to the slipway opposite the beach huts and nearer to town, and was subsequently extended further to the next set of steps along. It has again been extended to what I and many others consider to be an extremely dangerous set of steps leading on to a rocky and uneven part of the beach, making life very difficult for elderly, infirm and visually impaired residents and visitors wishing to go onto or leave the beach with their dogs.

Extending the dog ban area to the end of the current run of beach chalets has meant that access to the shore is by means of a set of steps which is difficult to negotiate which lead on to an area of rocks. This is awkward for able bodied people and impossible for those with mobility issues. The reference to the "current run of beach huts" is of concern because if this point is to be used as a marker then there is always the possibility in the future of adding more beach huts to the run and thereby further extending the area of prohibition of dogs on the beach.

The extension of the ban serves no purpose. If it is to prevent dog mess which is not picked up by owners being on the main beach extending the ban does not stop this happening because the tide comes in and out and the dog mess will float to a new location. The new area of access is not fit for purpose as it is dangerous. The council claim that this was risk assessed and deemed safe when challenged on the implementation of the current ban area but have however since installed a further step

We are treated as second class citizens

As a visitor with young children and a dog I find the new restrictions mean getting on the beach is really hard.

The current exclusion zone takes dog owners to the rocky end of the beach where walking is limited and dangerous.

By extending the area further you have ensured many visitors to Whitby, who own dogs have nowhere to free run them. It is too far from the central parking area. Many people have already said they won't come again. The steps are horrible where we now have to get on the beach. They are dangerous and not maintained to a safe standard. There are many days when hardly anyone is on the beach and early morning and evening the beach is very quiet. Why not allow dogs on before 10:30 and after 6:00pm.

steps at present to access beach are dangerous and slippery and the beach rocky. The old area of dog ban gave plenty of dog free beach and also good access to the dog area.

So people with dogs can gain access to the beach without going to the far end

Elderly and disabled dog owners who are residents cannot travel the distance to the allocated beach spaces comfortably. They are actively being discriminated against by the Council.

All life deserves to enjoy the beach, dogs are cleaner and tidier than most kids.

Putting off tourists to town leading to huge potential issues around tourism reduction. Safety issues around the steps. Hard for elderly residents and disabled people to get to and access the area. Unfair initial consultation process. Too many restrictions for dog walkers already.

As a regular visitor and non dog owner I have never found my enjoyment of the beach impeded by dogs being present.

Access steps are dangerous. The extension of the ban is unfair to dog owners

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

A significant number of visitors to Whitby bring their dogs. By restricting them to a substantially reduced area of the beach the Council makes them feel unwanted. Also the steps down to the beach currently designated as the start of the dog exercise area are very dangerous being steep, green and slimey. There is a real danger of injury if this remains as the end of the exclusion zone. The former restricted area meant that a very significant part of the beach was dog free. The extension of the area adds very little to the position, serving only to disadvantage dog owners rather than to improve the facilities for the restricted area.

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### Safety

Scarborough Borough Council have steadily reduced the area of Whitby where people can exercise their dog. Whitby people and tourists who bring employment to Whitby and who are dog owners are having freedoms strangled by this death by thousands cuts with tourists no longer finding Whitby a dog friendly place to spend time and money. The extended prohibition is unsafe and unfair. Please remove it.

Access to the beach is in places down dangerous steps and so the ramp should be available as the limit of the ban.

The steps at the end of the beach huts are not fit for purpose and are a potential risk for anyone using them to access the beach to the point of being dangerous. We request a return to the 2017 limit.

People that wish to be in an area where there are no dogs already have a considerable length of beach. You will notice if you walk around Whitby that many many many people have dogs so for them to spend time on the beach they do need a reasonable amount of space, safe space. If you alienate dog owners from Whitby the town will certainly suffer financially !

The previous restrictions gave better access to the beach for residents, but the change has made it more difficult for those less able because the steps are less forgiving

Been a visitor for many years because hotels, shops, cafes and restaurant so dog friendly. Couldn't get on beach set aside for dog owners as tide was in. But farcically enough plenty of sand where we would normally have used before the ban was extended. Love Whitby but not sure we will be back if dog ban stays same.

I visit Northumberland regularly and it has beautiful blue award rated beaches and no dog restrictions apply. More focus should be applied to dog owners who do not clear up after there dogs everywhere and there is no dog bans in place on the streets and footpaths of our towns and actually more owners seem to clean up on beaches as more people are present.

Dose of reality needed, families come to the area, some have dogs. make sure there are enough waste bins and wardens.

It is difficult to access the beach from the first set of steps. The drop is too great.

There is already an ample amount of beach for tourists and children to enjoy and with the current situation, not only are the steps dangerous and hard to navigate but during certain times the beach can't be accessed at all due to the tide.

There was nothing wrong with existing limit, the steps we have to use now are unsafe ang should only be used in an emergency.

Firstly the extended ban serves no purpose, secondly the steps to access the beach are not fit for purpose and are dangerous, thirdly when you do eventually get down the steps you have to climb over slippery rocks to get to a part of the beach to walk on. This is ludicrous, how do you expect elderly and disabled people to negotiate this access? The signage has been completely unclear, and Council staff unhelpful.

We are regular visitors, mainly because we like to bring our dogs to the seaside. The new steps we would have to use are uneven, and mean we would have to scrabble over rocks at the bottom. As I have had a knee replacement, this would mean I would not be able to access the beach. We would therefore stop coming, and go to a more dog friendly resort, closer to home in Lincolnshire.

Dogs worry many children. Leave mess on the beach and can disrupt people's personal space in picnics etc.

Very difficult to walk dogs on beach due to tide, steps vey dangerous

The steps onto the beach are steep, often slippy and at times the beach is only accessible by walking over rocks

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The majority of visitors/residents who own dogs enjoy what little public places there are to exercise their dog and therefore to reduce even further places where dogs are allowed would appear to be very unfair. It is already a long distance from the Pavillion Car Park to the dog access area to the beach and anyone with disabilities would find it very difficult to negotiate the steps on to the beach, why can't access for dog to be given from Whitby Pier?

Dog walking is important for health and the economic survival of Whitby.

Because the whole point of me getting a beach hut 7/8 years ago was to have beach fun with my children and my dog!

The steps now available to dog owners are not accessible with a pushchair. They are narrow, steep, slimy and have rocks around the bottom. Previously a person walking on their own didn't have these problems preventing access to the beach if I want to take our dog and baby. Now I have to be accompanied so that one of us can go down the with the pushchair and meet the other at the dog 'friendly' access.

The majority of dog owners are very responsible and I see no reason to deny them and their pets access to all beaches. I understand people's concerns when it comes to any cleaning up that be required after a few irresponsible owners but surely the many should not suffer for the minority. I would rather see any violations of littering laws severely dealt with, and I do not limit this view just to dogs.

A dog is a valuable family member, whether they are visiting Whitby or actually live there. A good walk on the beach with ure dog is invaluable for mind and body. Restricting the areas to access and to walk ure dog is distressing and not necessary!

Staying at dog friendly hotel, eating in dog friendly cafe, dog friendly beach????????? No one on extended ban beach today so why can't we do what we did last year. Shame.

I use my Dog to help my rehabilitation (Mental Health Issues) Walking my Dog along the beach helps me to clear my head and meet other dog owners. My dog is part of our family and we love to spend time together with her on the beach.

A lot more dogs walking by the chalets urinating ,also on leads looking very unhappy ,usually happy dogs playing on the beach, if they urinate the tide washes it away. The rock pools are very slippery and a health hazard for children, an accident waiting to happen !

Who doesn't love a dog loving you and cuddling you on beach,

The steps are steep and slippy. Dangerous when it has rained and the tide coming in.

In 2017, everyone was happy with the seasonal rules and we all got along , then just because more chalets have been squeezed on to the end of the present chalets it was decided to move the sign from the double steps to a dangerous, slippery set of steps which is at the centre of why we all want the extention took back to where it was originaly, to the double steps where evryone could acess them. Also the next double set of steps along are totally eroding at the bottom 4 to the point of there being no steps at all. Maybe SBC should look at them as well, before assuming all the steps to the beach are acessable, pardon the spelling.

There is no need for such an extended area. You are penalising dog owners and it is un fair.

Dogs if well behaved and owned by responsible people should be free to be exercised in more not less places. With obesity at an all time high exercising of any variety should be encouraged not penalised. Punish the owners of misbehaved dogs rather than the entire canine population. All dogs can be trained to be well behaved. It is entirely up to the dog owner to ensure their 4 legged friend is suitably well behaved.

I was on the beach recently when it was overall quiet. The dog ban area was empty. Everyone was on the dog friendly part. We are a nation of dog lovers. Has the council not noticed?

Poor and dangerous access to beach at new point. Reduced area is rocky and inaccessible a lot of the time. Apart from July and August the majority of people on the b ach st all are dog walkers.

I have had operations on both knees and find the steps very difficult to use

These steps come down on the narrowest part of beach only accessible at low tide

There needs to be a balance - so many of Whitby's traders make dogs welcome, it seems the council is working against the town.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Many of Whitby's traders make dogs welcome. The council seems to be against the town with this ban. Could dog walkers at least be allowed to use beaches all year round before 09:00, as the beaches tend to be quiet at this time?

Dogs and their owners are the main users of Whitby beach throughout the year, the amount of beach we had before the ban was small with the extension it's a joke! Also due to the way the tide comes in we don't get as much beach for as long as it is. Many dog owning tourists who visit Whitby regularly do so because we are a reasonably dog friendly town I'm sure the lack of beach in the warmer months will send them off to more dog friendly seaside resorts. It will make it very difficult for young families who want to enjoy the beach with kids and dogs to do so if they have rented a beach hut. I'm not sure what's to be gained by this extension except to placate a few anti-dog beach hut owners I admit not all who walk dogs on the seafront do so responsibly and that is annoying to those of us who do but not all beach hut/beach users of the non dog type do either, litter is a major issue with barbecues left dirty nappies buckets and spades. Fishermen leave hooks lines and snack wrappers along the sea wall. When do we dog owners get to put a seasonal ban on these people so we can enjoy the beach! Or we could all try and be a bit more considerate and understanding so that everyone gets to enjoy our beautiful seafront.

Steps are poor and slippery. The incoming tide makes that part of the beach tricky to negotiate. An extension of the ban is unnecessary given the large amount of beach that is already dog free during the summer.

difficulty getting to beach via the suggested steps - the elderly particularly have problems going down these and a large number of elderly people have dogs for company. I personally never allow my dog to foul without picking up - why target all dog owners - take action against those owners who allow their dogs to foul and don't pick up

Whitby is a dog friendly town with businesses and accommodation catering for them but at the moment the beach is no longer dog friendly. I have a dog and a family and found the steps really dangerous to negotiate and struggled with a pram and a dog to get onto the sand. I find this is discriminatory towards the elderly, disabled and people with families who wouldn't be able to negotiate these stairs. Also, weather permitting, we like to rent deckchairs, windbreaks and use the café but didn't feel able to do this this year as the walk with the stuff was too far to the dog permitted part of the beach. Please just prosecute the few offenders who do not clear up after their dogs and not the whole dog owner community, and if the people in the chalets don't want dogs doing their business near the chalets then let the dogs on the beach even closer to the pavilion down the ramp which is accessible by all parties and the dogs would then be on the beach and away from the chalets.

So as those with prams or pushchairs, or wheelchair users may enjoy the beach with their dogs.

Dog owners bring a lot of money into the towns and by excluding them even more they won't come back.

Locals with dogs have just as much right to use the beach as visitors. Rather than a blanket ban it would be nice to have perhaps a time frame so that dogs are permitted on the beach before 8 am and after 7pm when the bulk of visitors are no longer there

Access is very difficult to the reduced area that dogs are allowed. Also more holiday makers bring their dogs with them so more space is needed for them.

The access steps where the restriction ends are unsafe. The previous restricted area is sufficient in size for people who want to avoid dogs.

To make a safer way to enter/leave the beach area, especially for elderly or disabled dog walkers.

There is more pollution left on the beaches by visitors than by dogs enjoying the beach.

Dog owners should be allowed to enjoy the beach as everyone else does and dog owners are usually a lot tidier than everyone else! Dog owners don't tend to litter yet everyone else seems to

I believe that it should be reduced back to the original area and the ban should only be in place during school holidays and not while children are at school. Local owners of dogs have as much right to access the beaches as anyone else.

The steps are dangerous (uneven and slippery) and access at the bottom is also dangerous, rocky, slippery, even more so following unusual winter storms over the past two years, the sand disappeared has not returned. The access point is not fit for purpose. The previous access point was far more suitable, especially for the old and disabled.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

I am a Whitby resident. In the summer months I exercise my dog early in the morning while it's cool. This year because of the extended beach ban and the poor condition of the steps to the beach I have not been able to go on the beach as often as I would have liked to. I have seen visitors with dogs using the steps and nothing seems to be done about it. Most local dog owners don't want to use the beach after 9.00 am in the summer. For the ban to work the dog warden should start work at 6.00am

The new access to the beach for dog walkers is appalling. The steps are dangerous and lead onto rocks, impossible for anyone with access issues or disabilities of any kind. The area that the dogs now have to run on is rocky, and the tide reduces the beach here more quickly than in other areas due to the curve of the cliff. There are already no parks in Whitby to walk/run dogs and this has reduced the one area dogs are able to exercise freely. This not only effect residents like myself, but is shortsighted in terms of tourists who often come to this part of the coast thinking it as a dog friendly place.

dogs are use to it most of the yr,and owners clean there mess up,and tourist dont

The larger prohibited area means those with disabilities or pushchairs can only the old slimy steep incomplete steps. This makes the beach inaccessible to those dog owners at this point and I feel is both dangerous and discriminatory

The steps used are dangerous and lead onto rocks making it tricky to negotiate. When the tide is coming in there is far less beach to exercise dogs on

Those with limited mobility would not be able to enjoy time with their dog

I have 2 dogs, and in 2017, we were able to walk in an area between Whitby and Sandsend. On trying to walk the dogs in 2018, I was amazed to find that the entire beach was out of bounds for dogs. The beach to the SE of the harbour entrance was OK, but the dogs had to remain on their leads. The only area apparently Ok to allow dogs off lead was a nasty green slimy area with dangerous rocks etc. As a tourist I was very disappointed in this

The previous arrangement was a better balance, the new area is too small especially with the affects of the tide reducing the period in which it can be used. Also further away from the North By facilities such a cafe and toilet. The main beach is under used, on August Bank Holiday Wednesday it was very quiet so if you move the zone back there would be room for everyone. As things stand we are unlikely to visit Whitby as much.

Whitby has always been a dog friendly place, the prohibition of dogs on the extended beach is deliberately excluding dog owners. The new area is rocky and not designed for families with dogs. In restricting dog owners to the rocky area you are also restricting families with dogs. Should this prohibition continue we would need to rethink Whitby as a all inclusive family destination. The beach is never crowded and it seems unreasonable to extend the dog restriction.

Insufficient access for disabled dog owners

Need easy access to beach swell as not too far from amenities

It should revert to the pre 2018 extension. I am not a dog owner but sympathise with dog owners exercising their dogs on the beach. The 2018 ban was poorly advertised and unnecessary. Dog owners now have to climb a very unsafe and poorly maintained set of stone steps. I am fortunate to be fit and able bodied but many dog owners (and some dogs) are not and this new ban discriminated against older and less able bodied persons. I used to be a dog owner and always took my dog off the beach when I reached the start of the van as do most dog owners. I always cleaned up after my dog as do most dog owners. Please revert to the pre 2018 limit and concentrate on penalising dog owners who knowingly breach this ban or fail to clean up after their pets.

The access is down slippery steps and is hazardous.

From the 6th September the beaches are deserted, however there is still some warmth for your local residents to enjoy the beaches, you know the ones who pay the local taxes and work in the town

The extension of the prohibited area discriminates against elderly or disabled dog owners who now have to walk much further and are forced to use steps which are steep, slippery, poorly maintained and dangerous. A significant proportion of visitors to the town and to the beach fall into this category. Further the extension of the area leaves the least attractive area of the beach for the use of dog walkers. The dog walking community are left to conclude that they are not welcome in Whitby.

Should be REDUCED, old infirm, disabilities here differnelty with steps also people with young families (pushchairs etc)

So that dog owners can access the beach safely

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Children are constantly in the area as families use the beach chalets. Dogs defecate and owners do not always clean up after their dogs. the prohibition should BE EXTENDED

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Because no little space provided for dog walking

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There was already plenty of beach set aside for people who don't want dogs. At many times of day dog owners are the main users of the beach; why should they be discriminated against? Tolerance is shown to those who fly kites in the dog-restricted area at considerable risk to the public. In the last twelve years I have been on the beach between Whitby and Sandsend a thousand times and have never yet seen dog mess on the sand. This ban extension is overbearing and officious.

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The current ban requires dog owners to leave the beach by a set of dangerous steps. They are dangerous because of the rocks at the bottom of them as well as being slimy and dangerous themselves. The hand rail is a disgrace. I also think that it is extremely unfair on disabled dog owners. The slip way would be far more suitable.

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Access very poor, holiday makers get all the beach from chalets right to the pier !

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I believe that this unwelcome change came about simply because of the addition of further, revenue making, beach huts & as a result dog lovers/walkers have been adversely affected - this is simply unfair. SBC, "The Nasty Council" have once again ignored the wishes of the people to chase money for the Council coffers. Wrong !!!

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THE PUBLIC HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH SPACE TO ENJOY THE BEACH. A LOT OF FAMILIES ENJOY TAKING THEIR DOGS FOR A WALK ON THE BEACH AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

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The beach was shared out fairly in previous years and everyone was happy. This extension takes it too far away from town and facilities and leaved only the narrow part which is not available for very long each day.

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Too dangerous and difficult for pensioners all of the beach should be used throughout the year

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The dog restrictions put in place for 2018 have meant that as a registered disabled person, also no longer in my youth, I have been unable to access the beach with my dog. I always pick up after my dog wherever I am, and indeed often collect dog waste that others have failed to pick up. As a local Council tax payer I should be able to access all public areas serviced by Scarborough Council. The ban is making anyone unable to access the areas that has been designated a 'dog friendly' area, second class citizens.

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It should be reduced to the previous area which is quite sufficient. The new area has inadequate access via narrow and uneven stairs and even at three hours either side of high tide has almost no beach for dog owners

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There are not enough areas where people can escape from dogs all year round.

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Excessively far out of town and narrowest part of the beach

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Restricted disabled access and dangerous steps

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Many people have dogs and there are precious few places where we can safely walk them, so I would resist any attempt to reduce these areas. Dogs need proper exercise off the lead to have a healthy life. With the danger of increased traffic on roads, restrictions on farm and moor land, and few woodland areas where we can walk dogs off the lead in the Whitby area, the beach walk has become very important for keeping our dogs - and their owners - healthy.

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The current access by narrow steep steps are a DANGEROUS for general public. NO access is possible without ramp use for disabled, young children in suitable buggies or the elderly and infirm People with dogs have as much right to the beach as those without. NO restraint has been placed on horses, messier and much more dangerous,

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Because the current steps are unsafe and as I live here and pay for the up keep of the beach through my taxes I believe I should be able to use the beach with my dogs when I want. Also when with my granddaughter I have a pram and access is impossible down the current set of extremely dangerous steps, this is also the case with the old and young. The steps are not fit for purpose because of the state of them and the drop at the bottom.

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## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Unless the dangerous steps down are replaced with new safe ones the order should revert to the previous one.

There is plenty of dog-free beach, both at Sandsend and Whitby. Many people visit Whitby because it is a dog-friendly location, and this makes them increasingly unwelcome. It is also having a negative impact on the ability of local residents to enjoy their local area and to get exercise, prioritising the opinions of a small number of seasonal beach hut renters over those of us who live in the borough year-round. I understand why a beach ban is necessary in some areas, but many local people have dogs, and reducing our ability to walk them on the beach even further is unfair. The initial consultation was not publicised adequately, otherwise it would never have been approved by such a percentage of people.

The access to the extended area of dog friendly beach is via the concrete steps which lead on to a rocky area .This area is not suitable for anyone with mobility issues.

It's excessively far from town now. This should revert to access from the steps before.

The steps are unsafe, it's unfair for those people who don't have good mobility and those with disabilities, it's unpopular with dog owning locals that live in Whitby, pay taxes and contribute to the local economy, the hut owners already have access to prime beach, many visitors have been dismayed with the new rule and feel ostracised some have said they won't return to Whitby, the previous steps were no problem- Scarborough council have caused an unnecessary rift and bad feeling between hut owners and dog walkers,

Steps at the end of the beach huts are unsafe, the majority of people using the beach during after the school holidays are dog walkers, the old restrictions should be in place during school summer holidays and at weekends up to the end of September.

I can see no reason why the prohibition was extended last year, I think it is totally unnecessary, there is plenty of dog free beach area with the old seasonal prohibition. The steps are not user friendly for many people or for a lot of dogs! The majority of businesses in Whitby are dog friendly, Scarborough Borough Council are not as dog friendly :(

Bad access to beach poor condition of beach caused by sea defences for area up to and past the slipway also large areas of water making it difficult to walk along the beach. In may and September during the week the beach is practically deserted and on an evening even in the main summer period no one is there after 6pm surely the beach could be opened up then to dogs. On cold rainy days some kind of sign or flag system could open the deserted beach up. Where dogs are allowed towards sandsend the sand is of poor quality and very rocky making it difficult to walk. Friends and relatives of mine don't come to Whitby in the summer preferring to take their dogs where they are welcome to skinningrove or saltburn

Not inclusive

With the extension in place access to the beach is very difficult. With the steps being very steep, slimy and incomplete. Myself and my dog are regular visitors to Whitby, because it is a pet friendly town. As I am a senior citizen I find very beach access very difficult.

Families with dogs should be able to go down the safe steps and enjoy their day!

I have a chalet which I've had 4 yrs ,I have no dog but have loved to watch them on the beach ,they never go in the rock pools that I've seen,this yr has been spoilt for me as a large no of dogs now have to go on the prom past all chalets , urinating etc ! Carnt eat my food without them coming over to it ,all on leads but should be free to go on beach ☐

The area of public beach is a much safer area for dogs to run and exercise on. The majority of us dog owners clean up after our dogs so why should the minority stop us exercising our dogs in a safe manor. The area of beach after the chalets is slippery rocky and not safe for dogs. Why can't the ban be time restricted for example after 6pm when families go home?

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The access steps lead onto a part of the beach that is very rocky and slippery with wet seaweed. The steps are dangerous and lead to a part of the beach that a lot of the time is covered because of high tide. Locals and visitors that have disabilities and children find these steps dangerous if not impossible to use. Also the facilities of the beach shop and beach management and the safety of the lifeguards are all at a distance for dog owners. I would like to ask that you return the ban to the 2017 limit which allowed plenty of dog free space and a safer area for dog owners, disabled and families alike to use the beach safely. Also can I just point out that in September the dog ban is still in use. September the beach is hardly used as children are back at school. I have been to the beach quite a few times in September and the dog ban part of the beach has almost been empty. Can I suggest as the children are back at school in September that the dog ban is lifted at the beginning of September. Thank you

There was already sufficient dog-free beach before this unnecessary extension. This extension creates significant access difficulties for dog owners -- many of whom are elderly and infirm. The only beach access currently available is down a dangerous, slippery, and broken stairway. The amount of beach available to dog-owners at medium-low tide is tiny being bounded by rocks, the point, the tide, and this unilaterally imposed new boundary limit. Dog owners should be allowed to use a fairer proportion of the beach to allow families to spend time on the beach with their dogs.

Access to the beach is via a very slippery steep set of narrow steps to where the beach is Rocky, something of a safety Hazard.

In season dog owners have limited access to our beautiful beaches. I am proud that we have a blue flag beach but with limited access to Tate Hill beach aswell I feel penalised for being a dog owner living in town.

Things have been fine until this year in Whitby. SBC decision to extend the dog ban has put public safety at risk because the nearest access now is down steps that are slippery and dangerous to an area of the beach limited by tides and rocks. This is quite an added distance for the less abled the elderly and families with children. Why the change this year ?

The prohibition should be returned to its former area, the area should be defined as a geographical point eg. so many metres from the steps located at ???

People using the chalets may have dogs. Difficult to access that end of the beach due to rocks etc causing potential injury to owners and animals

The steps allocated are dangerous and slippery. As an elderly resident with health issue I find the extra walk difficult.

Steps to be used currently are dangerous for everyone. People with poor mobility would find dangerous.

Previous arrangements were acceptable

The area cut off on beach from previous exit point is covered in rocks and of no use to anyone other than walking along. The new exit point is dangerous as in bad repair, covered in seaweed and wet most of the time.

Difficult access to beach except at West Pier

I feel the dog ban reduce the enjoyment of tourists and locals with dogs while irresponsible dog owners ignore the prohibition anyway. The prohibition is confusing to people who don't realise when visiting the area.

I would prefer a dogs on lead rather than a ban on beaches

The alternative steps are dangerous and a definite health and safety hazard. Also, the new Dog area is totally unsuitable with the rocks there is hardly any beach when tide is coming in.

So it can be safer

it's vital that safe access to the beach via the original steps

Dangerous steps, more and more huts will end up with no beach. Forcing dog walkers on to what comes a dangerous position on beach at high tide

Reduced to 2017 limits because of risk to public safety on the slippery side steps. The reduced area available this year discriminated against disadvantaged groups especially families with young children, the elderly and the disabled. Access for the less abled with dogs and for those with young children should be allowed from the slipway Access to the beach for the disabled under the terms of the act need to be reviewed as a whole and I would suggest that a working group is set up

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Reduced back to the 2017 steps line. The new 2018 zone led to dangerous slippery steps that were poorly maintained and onto rocks. Discriminated against less able dog owners for access. Reduced use of beach to approximately an hour each side of low tide due to the sea coming in faster in that area. To expect to move to the next set of 'safe' steps again discriminates against those less able and takes families further from facilities.

Reduced to allow for easier access.

The steps are unsafe.

Dangerous to access. Most walkers like to enter near the town/ pier and cannot

Due to the way the sea wall and rocks come out past this point, and therefore the faster the tide comes in, it means that there is very little beach for dog walkers at mid tide when coming down the ramp at the golf course. The beach outside the chalets is deserted even in peak summer and even in a summer like 2018. The chalet people put their chairs outside their chalet.

I don't see why there was any need to extend the ban other than the usual greed of Scarborough council wanting to make yet more money from the hire of more beach huts. There has always been plenty of the best part of the beach for those who visit once a year for a couple of weeks how about you think more of those who fund you all year around.

The steps are unsafe for older or physically challenged users, slippery, rocks to negotiate, large step at the bottom. The beach is rocky here and nobody sits on the beach at this point. The only users at this point are dog owners.

too restrictive for dog walkers, beach too narrow and access slippery

There is already a large dog ban area of the beach in summer months - an area which has been acceptable for years, until a beach hut occupier randomly complained. Many people with beach huts have dogs themselves. Dogs are an integral part of family life and dog owners should not be penalised. The steps to where the ban was extended to are dangerously unsafe. My partially sighted husband fell into the rocks at the bottom of those steps whilst walking our dog.

2018 restrictions discriminate against the less able due to unsafe access to the beach.

The area is too great already. Many residents and visitors to Whitby are dog owners, who bring a substantial boost to the local economy. There is already minimal open space within the town to exercise dogs - this should not be further reduced.

Give the dog owners and dogs the freedom to enjoy the it

The newly designated steps are steep, slippery and have an inadequate handrail. In addition, there is less beach for longer periods on this stretch of beach therefore penalising families and people who want to sit on the beach with their dogs. There has been an unpleasant atmosphere on the beach this summer with some beach hut owners heckling and abusing dog owners. This was a totally unnecessary change and has caused a lot of unrest. There was not a problem with access onto the beach prior to this summer although if we are considering access for the disabled, then the ramp near to the beach management centre must be considered.

The steps the new dog ban begins at are dangerous to get down and not accessible.

The extended area means that access to the beach for dog walkers is now down unsafe, narrow steps. There is also no disabled or push chair access for dog walkers (the former surely in breach of disability discrimination legislation). The nature of the tides on the beach also means that area available to dog walkers is very substantially reduced by the new order. There was no explanation or justification for the previous extension provided by the Council. The safest and fairest place for the dog ban to end, which would also provide both disabled and pushchair access, would be at the ramp onto the beach just before the Beach Management office. This still provides for a substantial dog free zone.

Dogs are very much part of a family & prohibiting them from beaches means that many families feel that they cannot enjoy a day out at the beach.

I come up on holiday and I will have to leave my dog in the car if I can't walk h'l'm. This is not allowed not that I would. So I will not be coming here if I can't take him with me. Thus the town will lose revenue.

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Local dog owners living in the center of Whitby have to travel out of town to exercise their dogs because they abide by the restrictions. Visitors to the town let their dogs run freely and never seem to be challenged or penalties enforced on them. This essentially is discriminating local people as they are the only ones who seem to get penalised if disregarding the restrictions

The more restrictions that are in place then the more difficult it is for visitors, ie holiday makers to comply. Just enforce the requirement to clean up after dogs.

It should be returned to the original area as the steps further along are dangerous.

The beach is a wide area which is perfect for dogs to run and owners to get a walk. Restrictions should be in place in the summer when people are using the beach to lie on but during the winter months it should be free for everyone including dogs to run and play. I assume Donkeys aren't banned.

Dog owners are allowed in more business in Whitby than most other resort towns in the uk and the reason for this is because they have moved with the time.

All dogs should be allowed on all the restricted beaches provided that are under close control and their faeces is picked up.

Changes should be evidenced based to be legally sound and avoid successful challenge. Please carefully consider what evidence you have of a problem. Public opinion alone does not meet the evidential threshold. In addition, dog walkers now struggle to access the beach at all. Walking your dog on the beach is a legitimate and much enjoyed activity which allows dogs space to exhibit their natural behaviour.

Everywhere is getting more limiting for dog owners. This is not London. Country folk need places to walk their dogs. Agree with a section but reducing this will cause holiday makers to choose other locations to holiday with their pets.

Needs to be reduced to allow safe access to the beach

The steps are dangerous. I see no reason for a ban.

The original area gave a fair balance of access for dog owners whilst leaving a very substantial area dog free. Apart from good weather in the school holidays the dog free area is never over busy or crowded so why does it need to be extended? The steps at the end of the beach huts are not in good condition and not easy for the elderly to get down to the beach if they are walking out with their dog.

As a regular visitor it is a very long walk to this area from most holiday cottages and the steps can be slippery

Dog owners are tax payers too. They should have the right to enjoy the parks, towns, beaches and countryside the same as everyone else. In my experience it is not dogs that cause the problems. Children and adults cause more littering and damage than dogs so why not ban anyone and everyone from using everywhere. The SBC is a very anti-animal authority and needs to educate itself on the value of animals in our society.

The steps we now have to use are unsafe and for a large percentage of time due to the tides there is no beach accessible to dogs at all

Access issues..often slippy and dangerous..discriminatory against those with disabilities, young children, pushchair, aged etc. Tide comes in very quickly at certain places, leaving only a very small area available.

The steps are not safe to walk down with dogs, children, or for those that have difficulty managing stairs, let alone ones that are wet.

Whitby is a dog friendly town, when I first came you had to stand outside with your dog. Now many businesses have recognised just how large a proportion of visitors bring their pets to town and have opened up premises to welcome both. This is a trend only set only to bring more visitors if the town remains truly accessible to dogs with their owners. From a pure commercial point, increasing the restriction is a retrograde step that represents a negative perspective to many visitors (and residents). The other key perspective is of course the access to the beach for all owners and their pets, Pushing people to a narrow slippery, unsafe, poorly maintained set of steps is nothing short of criminal. I have never even heard that anyone is actually asking for this extension, surely there is more than enough room for all users already. A totally pointless exercise and a waste of council time and tax payers money, especially at a time of austerity where there isn't enough to spend on truly needed activities

Whitby is well known for its love of dogs and therefore, it doesn't make sense to dissuade dog owners from visiting.

Dog owners add value to the town 365days a year. People who holiday in the UK normally do because the own a dog. No problem with a small area but everyone should have a right to enjoy the beach

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

The access to the beach by the current ban is insufficient, because it poses a health and safety risk due to the steepness and narrowness of the steps. It allows no access for those who use wheelchairs or have a pushchair and are with their dog. It greatly limits where you can walk your dog on the beach due to the tides leaving very little sand for the length of the dog ban.

The dog steps are too far down the beach and very steep/narrow.

Access totally inappropriate. Have a goal been misinterpreted, beach huts extended therefore length extended!

The steps at the new place are a real struggle when your disabled.

No disabled access where proposed extension as steps are not fit for purpose. Also have kids been banned from rock pools due to cuts and exposure to aids as some people have children born with this disease so that also spreads disease which is fatal! As a disabled beach hut user it is difficult enough accessing the beach as it is and this proposed extension will all divide families on a beach day

The beach accessible to dog walkers is now very limited and only lasts for a small time after low tide. Also, it is rare to see the majority of the rest of the prohibited beach in use. A time of day limit, or a further reduction allowing only dogs on leads limit, perhaps to the lifeguard unit would also be welcome

People walking dogs are generally more respectful of the beach and their surroundings than those with children for example. Families who visit during school holidays leave waste on the beaches which are dangerous for human health as well as wildlife and the environment but a child free zone would never be imposed so why should it be different for those whose family members have fur.

It's nice to be able to walk dogs on the beach

It doesn't leave enough beach especially at high tide

Unsafe

Because most dog owners are responsible enough not to let their dog bother other beach users

I believe it should stay as it is. Dogs should be kept under control but to extend and further deny them is unrealistic to dog owners who live on the coast and will discourage dog owning tourists from visiting.

The access further on is dangerous and some people with chalets in the area are dog owners, they choose this area as they can take the dog on the beach!

We have little enough beach space to exercise our dogs during summer ban

Dangerous for dogs and owners.

Now much further to walk to reach the allowed beach access point which makes it too difficult for many less abled dog walkers. The steps are too narrow and always slippery so are dangerous especially for the elderly and the disabled. This part of the beach is more rocky and therefore unsuitable for walking safely.

Dog owners are a large percentage of the population. We need access to the beach

The steps down to the beach are unsafe due to their steepness, slipperiness and general poor condition. The section of beach the move stops you walking on is rocky and no one without dogs go there anyway. The move is ill thought out, pointless and inconsiderate.

You are stopping responsible owners proper access to the beach, you're also buying into the fear that dogs create, to see parents pull children forcibly away from my elderly pug is in part brought about by segregation, which is what this extension is.

Reduced back to the original position and the steps. The current restriction is not safe. The steps are dangerous and I doubt anyone would choose to use this access to the beach.

There's more mess made by people leaving their rubbish on the beach than there ever is by dog mess.

The area should return to the original boundary

N/a

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Dog owners should be able to have save access to the beach to walk their dogs. The extension has put dog walkers at risk by forcing them to access the beach via unsafe steps onto Rocky. This is unacceptable. Especially for the disabled, elderly and parents with prams, for whom it is prohibiting tenjoying the beautiful stretch of beach which makes Whitby such an attractive place to visit and live.

tourists and people using the beach and this are leave far more rubbish behind than responsible dog walkers

To provide safe access to beach

No need for a reduced area

My dog can not get to the south bay and back and I can not drive just stick to the bann you got in place

To allow responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs on the beach as manybused tondo

Because why can't dogs enjoy the beach like humans?

The steps that are now used are too narrow and dangerously slippery.

Access to this beach is hazardous for me and my old dog.

As a dog walker myself I agree with some dog control, I think dogs on leads would be suffient when walked in the area of the chalets. The steps used at the end of the chalets are very slippery and narrow.

the steps in question are a hazzard to public safety

safe access is needed for dog owners and the steps in question are unsafe

Access to beach for dogs and dog owners

Having visited Whitby recently less than 10 people were on the dog free section of the beach. Hundreds of people with dogs on the remainder. If Whitby wishes to be dog friendly it should allow dogs, if not have the decency to say that it doesn't welcome dogs and allow people to choose another resort. It cannot be both

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

On behalf of 409 members of the group Whitby Beach Dog Owners Group (DOGs) and more than 3,150 signatories of a related petition. The signatures and related comments of the petition, which states: Whitby Beach Needs Safe Access for Dog Owners - limits need reverting to 2017 boundary. We request a return to the 2017 limit which allowed plenty of dog-free, prime beach for users and safe access to a small area for dog owners too are available online here. I would refer you to the comments on the petition for an understanding of people's feelings on this. My personal interest is as a dog owner who lives near the beach. I do not rent a seasonal beach hut, and I don't have a registered disability though my husband is an old age pensioner and I have difficulty using steps due to hip problems. I have tried through Facebook and personally speaking to beach users to collate and communicate the opinions of the dog-owning, beach-using community, many of whom are not in the demographic that are confident users of email and social media. From the letters that have been sent to Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) you will be aware of the distress caused by the extension of the dog ban area on Whitby West Beach. A PSPO is intended to solve a problem but people do not believe one existed and the order has now caused many new problems. There was already a huge dog-free area of beach for people to enjoy and dog owners understood the need for this. There was a balance that worked and it is extremely rare to see dog fouling on any of our beaches, summer or winter. Our members believe the ban extension to be unfair, unsafe and undemocratic; significant numbers of people have written to you already. We have spoken to countless disgruntled and confused visitors and residents in the West Beach area, witnessed tension and conflict around the promenade and have testimony from people injured as a result of having to use unsafe access to the beach. SBC stated that the proposal for the dog ban to be extended was 'put forward by the public'. An FOI request for details of these requests stated that there was no record of these requests. The council has not demonstrated either the number or the demographics of 'the public' making the request. This has led to speculation and assumptions being made, mainly that there were a few requests from some of the seasonal beach chalet renters in the area that was newly banned in 2018. This assumption seems reasonable given that there was already plenty of dog-free beach for those wanting to find a family area with no dogs around. It would be hard to imagine anyone being concerned other than those who rent chalets who do not like dogs. While chalet renters have the right to an opinion, it should be noted that they are already a privileged minority. They have the right to rent a chalet, renewable year on year when the waiting list for a chalet is closed. They can, and do, establish their families on the promenade outside their huts for beach days. There is a strong and widely held feeling that these people believe they 'own' the promenade and can dictate to the council. Now, it seems, they want to control the beach too. Ironically, the ban has meant that this area now sees more pedestrian-with-dog traffic as people have to walk further along the promenade to access the beach. There are many people who rent chalets who have dogs and would like to be in front of dog-friendly beach. This begs the question whether it would be possible to have both areas as before and arrange owners accordingly. SBC's CEO has stated that the request for this area to be made dog free 'was not deemed unreasonable.' We believe that it is unreasonable. To exercise a dog off the lead requires a greater area than to settle for a beach day with a family. And many families who visit have dogs too – families and dogs are not mutually exclusive, in fact statistics show that the most likely indicator of dog ownership is a family with school aged children. Families and individuals with dogs have been pushed further from the beach facilities and town. The area now available is much narrower than the dog-free area and so is unavailable for much longer due to the tide. In an age when car use is discouraged, the distance from town to a place where dogs can be exercised off the lead is now so far that people will use a car, either to park in an area where there is no official parking, or simply visit another area. Anyone visiting by train or coach will simply not bother. The first point where dog walkers can now legally access the beach is 1km from town. The first point where dog walkers can safely access the beach, occasionally, dependent on tide, is now in reality a further 400m, ~600m from the old access point. This is significant walk from town and a long way from the beach management centre's facilities. Many families also have dogs and need these facilities. It is difficult to find anywhere in Whitby to exercise a dog off the lead. This conflicts with the dog-friendly approach of a majority of Whitby traders who go the extra mile to welcome people with their dogs. It is a shame that these traders now hear that visitors consider Whitby to no longer be dog friendly. My own relatives from York now visit Cayton Bay instead of Whitby for this reason. Suggestions have been made that the additional area was made dog free in order to attain the Blue Flag status that was awarded this year. However, this would still be possible for the dog free area at 2017 limits. In fact, the confusion and practical issues presented by the 2018 ban have caused the conditions of Blue-Flag status to be regularly transgressed as workarounds to the unsafe steps were, variously, officially and unofficially found. There must be safe access to the beach (There must be management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents). Great Western Beach in Newquay has attained Blue Flag and Dog Friendly status in 2018. The two are not mutually exclusive. The main argument against allowing dogs anywhere is that dog fouling spoils people's enjoyment. Our group would appreciate greater policing of fouling bye-laws in all areas. As in most towns, pavements and verges are badly affected by irresponsible owners, spoiling the reputation of dog owners as a group. It needs to be noted that fouling is almost never seen on the dog-permitted beach and yet this the area where dogs are being excluded, with responsible owners and their pets the casualties. The steps that dog walkers are now forced to use when coming from the town direction are unsafe. The council has variously confirmed that it did not carry out a site visit or a risk assessment and that it did an assessment which confirmed the steps to be safe. An engineer's structural inspection does not constitute a health and safety risk assessment. Many will not use them, people have fallen, they are steep,

## Reasons why the new seasonal prohibition should not remain

Access to the 'new' area of dog friendly beach is very difficult for anyone with reduced mobility. The 'new' ban means more dogs are walked directly in front of the beach huts, I feel there is a far greater potential for problems by forcing dogs and people together in a more enclosed area. The 'new' ban means that due to tides the area of beach available for dogs is severely reduced, it is no longer possible to spend a day at the beach with your dog. I feel that educating dog owners would be far more beneficial than punitive measures such as bans.

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There is no where to walk your dog plus where is there when you want a family day on the beach and you can't because you have a dog due to the restrictions?

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Unsafe access to beach.

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It is difficult to access the beach via steps if you have a Pram or if you are disabled

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Now that it has been moved to where there are only steps it is difficult to leave the beach if you have prams/pushchairs. Or if you have difficulty with steps.

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Safe access to beach from original stairs

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Sound be in center like in Filey

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Responsible dog owners should be allowed to take their dogs on the beach. We have little grass areas left as building work is going on them all the time.

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All dogs should be prohibited from all public places where children and elderly people walk/play/walk bare footed

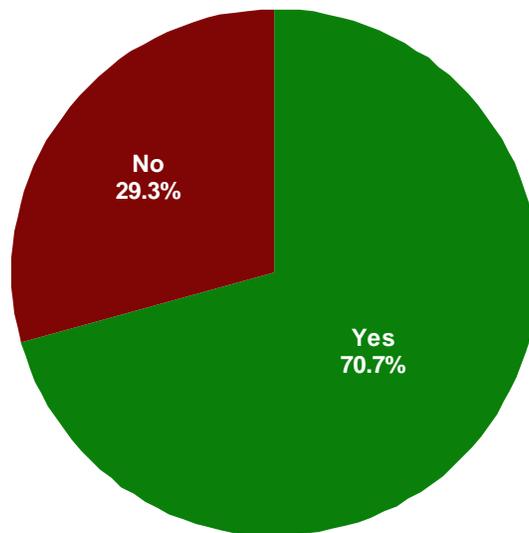
In Whitby Kingfisher Drive is covered by a year round dogs on lead requirement, we propose to remove this.

### Q3 - Do you agree?

A total of 983 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 70.7% of responses agree with the proposal to remove the year round dogs on lead requirement on Kingfidher Drive in Whitby, where as 29.3% of responses do not agree with this proposal.

		Total	983
	Yes	695	70.7%
	No	288	29.3%



Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

Dogs need to be on leads in public spaces

Dogs in public should always be on a lead

We still need to control the poo!

Because I would assume the residents do not want this change

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

In any area where there are large numbers of people dogs are best kept on leads.

For safety reasons

Dogs should be on leAd even best behaved dogs go off on one

when off lead the owners are less likely to pick up their droppings long leads now available allow a dog to roam. dogs off lead can be annoying to other people with dogs and can attack

they should be on a lead

Dogs should be kept under control in all public areas.

just prefer dogs to be on leads except in wide open areas

Dogs should be on a lead at all times some people can not control their dogs off the lead they think they can but in real terms they can't

I think dogs should be on leads in an area where there are houses and cars.

Dogs should remain under control not lose

Dogs should be on leads in a built up area

All dogs in public and residential areas should be kept on a leash to keep them under control and stop them bothering people and to keep them from wandering onto private property to do whatever they have to do

All dogs should be on leads, especially as "extended" leads are readily available.

Dogs off leads, only if controllable. Most dogs are not

I had to go to google maps to see where kingfisher drive is. It would be wrong to back a change on something I know nothing about.

Dogs in residential areas should be on leads.

Should be kept on lead

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

It has worked so far so why remove it

No should keep to this restriction, its a good idea to keep dogs under control in this area as dog owners remain aware that this area isn't not exclusive for animals ,there should be more areas of restriction

Dangerous area if the dog was to run off plus with kids in the area year round they shouldn't be allowed to run loose.

Dogs should be on leads in all urban public areas to protect young children.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in Whitby and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

Dogs should be kept on leads

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

Dogs should be on leads and under proper control on all public streets

It's reasonable to keep dogs on a lead on the street.

Kingfisher drive is near both a primary and secondary school. Dog mess will most likely increase due to lazy owners allowing their dogs out early morning to do their toileting. Are you going to police that?

I don't think dogs should be off the lead in built up areas

Dogs should be under control the owner for public protection

All dogs should be exercised on a lead in residential areas. Owners wanting to exercise their dogs off the lead should take them to an open space to do so.

I think dogs are only under full control in public places when on a lead - some dogs are very well behaved however I have encountered some that should never be off the lead beaches fine but no public places/pavements

All dogs should be under the control of owner/responsible person, in order to fulfill this requirement.

Dogs should be on leads on pavements and streets.

so children are safe

Dogs should be on leads where there is traffic especially buses going round all day

Dogs should be on leads

Dogs should be under control

There are children around and dogs are unpredictable

Protection of other users and accessible/hygenic waste disposal facilities

Dogs on public roads etc should always be on leads for their safety as well as others using the highway.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this.

if dogs are off the lead then the owner is not able to be fully responsible for the dog

Always best kept on a lead in a busy area.

I do agree as long as it replaced by 'dogs under control' and a requirement to remove dog faeces

No dog should run free outside it's own garden

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Public highway dogs should be on a lead.

Dogs should be kept under control at all times in public places.

Safer to exercise dogs on leads

All dogs should be on leads on public land

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

Dogs uncontrolled are a danger to young children and road users

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe.

Why is this a requirement?

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

All dog should be on leads.

Why would you remove a requirement to keep dogs on leads which keeps people safe and also stops dogs running away from their owners?

Dogs not on leads can defecate away from owners leading to non pick up of faeces

Nothing wrong with dog on leash

I think dogs should be kept on the lead.

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

My dog is much better behaved and controlled than many of our visitors children - running behind parked cars - throwing rubbish. I propose a ban on children.

Despite what owners insist, all dogs can turn aggressive and should be kept under control in public places

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess.

For the safety of dogs they should be on a lead.

Always on roads.

So dogs are safe

It's dangerous for dogs to be off their lead it only takes something to scare them and they might get run over. Or run away and get lost.

Dogs need to be supervised here, dangerous for them to be off lead with the amount of vehicles accessing Kingfisher Drive.

It is a residential area and used by children

Dogs should be kept under control near roads

Residential area and danger if dogs running into road

Residential area and danger from road users.

As previous comments, you promote dog friendly however these actions say a different story. You are penalizing the majority of considerate, responsible dog owners. To meet a minority who want these changes.

I think dogs should always be on a lead in public places.

Dogs should be kept under close control at all times in public areas. Otherwise fouling cannot be adequately controlled.

I believe dogs should be on leads in all residential areas, there is no reason why they need to be off lead as they would not be free to exercise in a residential area. I also think it is more difficult for owners to ignore fouling if the dog is on a lead.

In residential areas dogs should be on leads , children and elderly people get frightened by roaming dogs

For the safety of dogs and public they should be on lead.

It is a residential area. Dogs should not be off the lead along roads and around other peoples houses and gardens.

Dogs should be kept on a lead in built up areas

Dogs need to be on a lead permanently unless at their owners property.

The decision to allow even more housing in this area will only lead to more dogs being exercised. Dog fouling is a problem in Whitby and made worse by those who walk their dogs and allow the dogs to lag behind, with the owners oblivious to what the dog is doing. At least on a lead, the owner is inconvenienced by having to wait for the dog. I would like to know the reasoning behind wanting to remove this requirement.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

Because not all dogs are friendly, (mine in pitular)

No need safety first

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if the they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all to often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

In the absence of the reasons for which the Council proposes to remove existing rule, its difficult to give my reasons for my saying no.

Dogs should be kept on leads at all times on public roads.

Dogs should always be on a lead in all residential areas

All dogs should be kept on a lead

If dogs off the lead could cause hazards or dog dirt not picked up

Dogs and public are safer when dogs are on leads

All dogs should be kept on leads. Dog owners have little or no control of their pets off the lead

Dogs should always be on leads on roads and drives

Can't see a reason to want dogs roaming about without a lead. Normally, I would expect dogs to be on a lead in a residential area.

Not everybody can handle dogs running up to them when off the lead.

I have said NO simply because we have more than enough areas where dogs can be free to roam, no person has the kind of control of their dog off the lead that is really needed [ I am an owner ]

Too many owners will allow aggressive dogs to run free and frighten or attack children (and make messes). People seem to feel more obliged to clean up their dog mess when they are on leads.

Depends on behaviour of the dog. I had too may encounters with owners unable to control their dogs.

Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

Too many children in that area

Dogs should be on leads near roads and housing estates.

Dogs should always be under control

i believe animals should be under some form or restraint at all times in public areas

No Whitby is covered in dog mess from irresponsible LOCAL dog owners who let dogs run amok

Dogs off leads are a threat to road safety

dogs should be on leads always .

In this area dogs should be kept on

Dogs on leads in areas like that is safer for all including other dog owners

This is to do with the safety of the dogs near a road.

Dogs should be on leafs on built up areas

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

Why would they need to be off a lead in a residential area? There's plenty of open spaces around that area where children and families wouldn't be disturbed by dogs running around.

I believe dogs should be on a lead in a residential area.

Prefer dogs to be controlled and on a lead

Dogs should be on leads in public areas

Residential area near roads.

All dogs must be kept on a lead in outside spaces.

You can not control dogs off leads, leading to possible attacks and defecating with out clearing up afterwards, if it's on a lead you know what it's doing

Dogs should be kept on leads

Never heard of this requirement though I live on that estate. There are some people who've allow their dogs off the lead but people drive way too fast around there and I'd worry about the dog.

Dogs should always be on the lead in public places, for their safety as well as the public

Health and Safety for residents

The need for pets to run freely on areas used by pedestrians are adequately met by most owners who have long- long extended leads giving freedom but owner control

A dog in the street should be on a lead, at all times.

Because in any built up area all dogs should be on leads. This is for their safety and road user safety

Dogs should be on leads in public spaces/residential areas

Public space kids playing

Control over dogs

dogs should be kept on leads in public

Dogs are within sight of their owner who will hopefully pick up after them.

Should be on leads

Dogs should be kept on a lead in all residential areas of the town

People could get pulled over

Dogs should always be held on a lead in public areas to ensure safety for both public and dogs. All dogs are well behaved but they are animals and are therefore unpredictable.

If a Dog is in a public place it should be under proper control , on a lead and not able to be a threat to safety of children

Leads needed in shared public spaces

Dogs should be leads at all times owners who do not comply should be heavily fined

Unable to comment - not familiar with area

There has been a hugh increase in dog fouling in all areas of Whitby - As a dog lover I feel owners should be responsible for thier dogs and responsible owners appreciate there must be controls

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

Dogs should be on a lead on all pavements and public highways

Dogs running up to you and jumping up.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

Dogs should be on leads on all streets and roads. This gives other owners and drivers who prefer this for the protection of their dogs their safety.

Dog fouling and control of dogs should not be limited to a specific time period, illogical to suggest otherwise. Year-round lead requirement is a basic first step and requires owners to take responsibility instead of the wider community.

Dogs should never be off their leads on the streets. They have a unpredictable nature and if they are frightened and/or chase cats this could result in an accident involving people and the dog

Public amenity areas which are used for recreation by children and adults alike should be protected from potential fouling by animals owned by irresponsible people who do not pick up after their pets. In addition animals on the loose can be unpredictable. Exercising dogs on the lead is acceptable in such areas so that the owners can control their dogs and also notice what they are doing at all times.

Dogs should be kept under control everywhere.

Why do you propose to remove this ban, dogs should be on leads for the protection of public, property and for the safety of dogs.

It's safer that way.

Public nuisance

As a dog owner, there are many dogs in this area and I would prefer that they are kept on a lead to ensure that they are not able to attack the other dogs being walked. The extender leads available allow for freedom for dogs to roam without having to go off the lead altogether

Loose dogs potentially cause more problems than tethered. Why confuse people by changing rules?

Dogs should be on leads in towns

There may be children and there is cars about.

It is a residential area

Dogs should continue to remain on a lead

Dogs must be kept on a lead in housing areas for the protection of other dogs and children

If dogs are near a highway they should always be on lead

I live on Eskdale Road. When I walk across Kingfisher Drive with my dog on a lead I dont want to be approached by dogs running free. There are 3 entrances to this field so a dog could easily be on the road and cause an accident. It would be very unsafe for all the children who live on the surrounding estate if dogs were allowed of the lead.

Should stay as it is.

All urban areas should be dogs on lead on streets

Unleashed Dogs are not being controlled by their owners and can be a threat to public safety. Owners can fail to observe their pet fouling and as a consequence cause a threat to public health. The number of dogs to per head of population has over the past 3 years significantly increased and therefore the incidence of dog fouling is substantially greater than in the past and the public health is at greater risk.

owners should have full control of their dogs in public areas

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

Dogs need to be controlled

All dogs should be kept on a lead

This is a residential area with children playing so all dogs should stay on a lead. This will also encourage dog owners to clean up as they will be close to the dog

Dogs should be on leads. There are many large dogs. Owners do not always clear up after them which is dangerous and shows Whitby in a bad light

Dogs should be on a lead near the road

Dogs may be harmed by traffic, traffic might need to swerve to avoid dogs off leads.

All dogs should be under control in public places.

Keeping children and vulnerable people safe from unwanted attention from dogs. My family have had experience of being attacked by dogs.

Safe control of dogs is required

No everyone feels safe around dogs, and with Whitby being a family destination, lots of children are here, who would not be safe around dogs not on leads. Plus dog poo on the streets is a real and awful problem, especially on the zig zags.

As a residential area, with children playing and cars moving around, dogs should remain on the lead as a safety to measure.

Don't understand the question

The amount of people coming to Whitby with dogs means that there are many opportunities for dogs to get out of owners control. I have seen a number of instances where owners have little or no control over their dogs off leads, this is a danger both to dogs and the public. Also the amount of dog excrement on Whitby streets is an health and safety issue so when dogs are free to roam off leads the owners of the dogs do not always see where the dogs do their business.

I see no reason to change

I know there are people who don't like dogs and would be fearful if they could run freely and out of control. I have myself had dogs jump up me on the beach and the owners did not even see this as a problem!

I have no idea where / what this is. Google maps show it in a housing area. I guess it is a playpark of some type, restrained area by fencing. Leads are appropriate

Dogs should be kept on

Even when dogs are on a lead, owners can be irresponsible in permitting their dogs to foul the pavement or approach children. If they are not on a lead, this unwelcome behaviour is almost certainly going to be more pronounced. Not all dogs respond readily to their owners and may well run into the road, causing injury to themselves and potentially to motorists if they are not on a lead.

I think it's safer to have dogs on leads around homes and roads

It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threatening . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating

Don't agree with off lead dogs

dogs on lead are safer to the public

logical thought

Requirement for leads seems sensible

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

If a dog is off the lead it could run into the road, in front of a car - this may cause an accident. The area is busy with traffic as it is the main way in to a new housing estate. Dog fouling could go un-noticed by owners.

No need for dogs to be off lead where there is a danger of interaction with cars. Off lead dogs can also be annoying to on lead dogs and harder to control

Leads Needed

Dogs should be on lead when walking on roads

Some dog owners allow their dogs to frighten people. Also not all dogs are trained. I was jumped on by a huge dog recently the owner thought it was funny!!

Increased danger in the area

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

Dogs should be on lead on the streets

Dogs should be on leads near roads and residential areas, for there own safety and the safety of others.

Dogs should be on leads in urban areas to prevent accidents and allow owners to exercise greater control over their animals.

This is a residential area with a large number of families. I have also noted a number of 'status' dogs being walked in the area. Removing the on lead condition could increase the risk to young children of dog bites.

I think dogs should be on a lead in public places to protect people who are frightened of dogs or who simply don't like dogs or to avoid confrontations with other dogs.

It is a well frequented place and I hold with the assertion that dogs should be on leads in such locations

dogs should be on leads in public places

I keep my dogs on a lead as I know they are likely to wander off, but I have had dogs and know of dogs that are very reliable off lead.

In areas where there is traffic and pedestrians walking dogs should be kept on a lead. If the area is open with fields or is a beach then they should be allowed to run

Dogs should only be off lead in areas where they can run free in a safe environment without upsetting other area users.

All dogs should be on leads in residential areas and beside public roads.

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

Dogs should be kept on leads near roads

Dogs not on leads can foul walking areas without their owners noticing. To allow dogs off the lead risks dog excrement being carried on walkers shoes into the properties on King Fisher Drive.

Dogs should always be under cotrail or on a lead near roads

I believe all dogs should be under control in public places by their owners. So they can monitor where their dogs are doing their business and pick up. I am afraid a lot of dog owners don't do this which was published in the Whitby Gazette earlier in the year.

Should be kept on leads and under control should not have to worry about passing unfriedly dogs not on leads

loose dogs are a danger and a nuisance.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

too near residential area

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!!

All dogs must and need to be on a lease. Dogs not on a lease pose a potential threat to a person's safety should an unleashed dog attack an individual.

All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner.

Dogs should always be on leads when on the roadside

I feel safer round dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul.

Dogs could roam onto private property

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviours are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There many areas around the borough that has dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or disgarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Dogs should be on leads as they are unpredictable .

Dogs should always be kept under control on leads

Dogs should be kept under control for the safety of all.

There is a road there.

Dogs should always be on lead

It should be accessible.

Providing areas where dogs are on leads gives a clear message and an enforced reminder that dog owners should be following rules and respect the same as any other citizens have to in all walks of life

Dogs should be kept on leads unless theyre in a quiet open area.

Dogs should be always on leads , it is this no leads policy which contributes to dog fouling, dog attacks and damage

All dogs should be kept on a lead in public places

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

Dogs should be kept in check at all times

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

Dogs should always be on leads when in public places. They can chase people, frighten children, run into roads, foul the pavements etc. You should be in control of your dog on a lead.

dogs should be kept on a lead everywhere . Dogs need to be under the control of owners . Protect those that do not like dogs and if on lead they cannot defecate without their owner knowing about it and they become duty bound to pick it up.

Dogs should be kept under control

Dogs on lead and under control helps avoid problems

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of year round dogs on lead requirement in Kingfisher Drive, Whitby.

I think dog should always be on a lead in a public place

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Dogs do not always have responsible owners and should be on a lead in public places & especially near traffic children and elderly

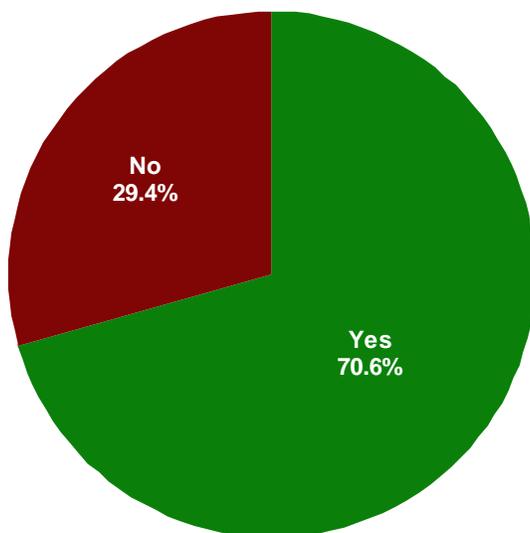
In Whitby Marton Court Amenity area is covered by a year round dogs on lead requirement, we propose to remove this.

#### Q4 - Do you agree?

A total of 963 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 70.6% of responses agree with the proposal to remove the year round dogs on lead requirement on Marton Court amenity area in Whitby, where as 29.4% of responses do not agree with this proposal.

		Total	963
	Yes	680	70.6%
	No	283	29.4%



Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

Dogs need to be on leads in public areas

Dogs in public should always be on a lead

Once again the owners need to be held responsible for the mess.

Because I would assume the residents do not want this change

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

This is an area where older people live so dogs should be monitored closely and not allowed to run around and potentially mess out of their owners eyesight.

amenity area should be dog free for safety and hygiene

In any area where there are large numbers of people dogs are best kept on leads.

Dogs should be on a lead in any amenity area

For safety reasons

Dogs should be under control in residential areas

Dogs should be on leAd even best behaved dogs go off on one

when off lead the owners are less likely to pick up their droppings long leads now available allow a dog to roam. dogs off lead can be annoying to other people with dogs and can attack

they should be on a lead

Dogs should be kept under control in all public areas.

Proximity to school

just prefer dogs to be on leads except in wide open areas

Dogs should be on a lead at all times some people can not control their dogs off the lead they think they can but in real terms they can't

Dogs should be on leads in a housing development and near roads.

Dogs should remain under control not lose

All dogs in public and residential areas should be kept on a leash to keep them under control and stop them bothering people and to keep them from wandering onto private property to do whatever they have to do

All dogs should be on leads, especially as "extended" leads are readily available.

Dogs off leads, only if controllable. Most dogs are not

Many elderly use this area

Again, I had to google maps Marton Court - but this was easier to answer because it's close to a primary school. Dog owners who are obliged to keep their dogs on a lead are less likely to ignore the results when their animals defecate.

Dogs in residential areas should be on leads.

mainly for the safety of older residents who may be vulnerable to falling over a "off lead" dog.

Should be kept on lead

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

Why change

same reason as above and should have tighter enforcement

Dogs should be on leads in all urban public areas to protect young children.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in Whitby and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

Dogs should be kept on leads

As above, lots of dog walkers walk ahead of their pooches and don't bother to check if they have pooped hence the foul stuff is left

Dogs should be under control the owner for public protection

The area is used by more members of the public who don't have dogs than those who do. Dogs should be kept on a lead when around other people.

I think dogs are only under full control in public places when on a lead - some dogs are very well behaved however I have encountered some that should never be off the lead beaches fine but no public places/pavements

All dogs should be under the control of owner/responsible person, in order to fulfill this requirement. This is even more important where elderly people live such as Marton Court.

so elderly people are safe and reassured

Too near the road and lots of elderly people there they could get knocked over

This is a small area that is a home for the elderly, putting a dog on a lead on a street should be a requirement

Dogs should be on leads

Dogs should be under control and people not placed in vulnerable positions by loose dogs.

safety of elderly residents

There are children around and dogs are unpredictable. Older people are not as sure footed and dogs can be a danger running around.

Protection of other users and accessible/hygenic waste disposal facilities

Dogs on public roads etc should always be on leads for their safety as well as others using the highway.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this as if the dog is off the lead the owner is not able to be responsible for it

Always best if dogs are kept on a lead in a busy area.

I do agree as long as it replaced by 'dogs under control' and a requirement to remove dog faeces

No dog should run free outside it's own garden

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Public highway dogs should be on a lead.

Dogs should be kept under control at all times in public places.

Safer to exercise dogs on leads

All dogs should be on leads in a public place

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

Dogs uncontrolled are a danger to young children and road users

In the low season I think dogs should be allowed off lead.

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe.

This is stupid

As above

Removing it would run the risk of boisterous dogs running at or jumping at the elderly residents

Why would you remove a requirement to keep dogs on leads which keeps people safe and also stops dogs running away from their owners?

Increase in dog mess will occur

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

Protect children

Its totally crazy - and will reduce my ability to visit.

Despite what owners insist, all dogs can turn aggressive and should be kept under control in public places

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess.

Dogs should be kept on a lead for safety reasons & so as not to be a nuisance to residents.

To keep dogs safe

It's dangerous for dogs to be off their lead it only takes something to scare them and they might get run over. Or run away and get lost. I have dogs and I would be devastated if one was hurt or lost. Plus you know how your dog reacts but you don't know how others might if they encounter your dog on a walk.

Kids come first

It is a residential area and used by children

It's close to a School and roads.

I think dogs should always be on a lead in public places.

The surrounding area is already badly affected by fouling removal of the requirement to have dogs on leads will simply make it worse.

I believe dogs should be on leads in residential areas for the reasons given above, in addition there are elderly residents who may be unsteady on their feet and/ or partially sighted

For safety of dogs and public they should be on lead.

regardless of their being grassy areas here, it is still on a road and near houses. Residents should not have to worry about dog mess from dog walkers.

Dogs should be kept on a lead in built up areas

Dogs need to be on a lead permanently unless at their owners property.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

The decision to allow even more housing in this area will only lead to more dogs being exercised. Dog fouling is a problem in Whitby and made worse by those who walk their dogs and allow the dogs to lag behind, with the owners oblivious to what the dog is doing. At least on a lead, the owner is inconvenienced by having to wait for the dog. I would like to know the reasoning behind wanting to remove this requirement.. At least when on a lead the owner can't claim to not see what his or her dog is doing

Not all dogs are friendly, and it is easier to clean up after your dog should it be needed

No need safety first

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all too often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

This is a facility for elderly people, with a lovely residents seating area and garden. They do not need dogs running off their leads in amongst older people. Also the grass surrounding facility should be closely monitored as I live near this area and it is a regular occurrence whereby people let their dogs off leads to do their business and sometimes not picking up their mess.

Same as above

In the absence of the reasons for which the Council proposes to remove existing rule, it's difficult to give my reasons for my saying no.

Dogs should be kept on leads at all times on public roads.

Dogs should always be on a lead in all residential areas. Here also elderly residents safety

All dogs should be kept on a lead

Dogs and public are safer when dogs are on leads

dogs should be under control at all times

All dogs should be kept on leads. Dog owners have little or no control over their pets when off the lead

Dogs should only be off lead in woodland or open spaces

Can't see a reason to want dogs roaming about without a lead. Normally, I would expect dogs to be on a lead in a residential area.

Not everybody can handle dogs running up to them when off the lead.

I have said NO simply because we have more than enough areas where dogs can be free to roam, no person has the kind of control of their dog off the lead that is really needed [ I am an owner ]

Too many owners will allow aggressive dogs to run free and frighten or attack children (and make messes). People seem to feel more obliged to clean up their dog mess when they are on leads.

Depends on behaviour of the dog. I had too many encounters with owners unable to control their dogs.

Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

Again and especially near elderly dogs should be kept in control on leads.

Dogs should always be under control

No Whitby is covered in dog mess from irresponsible LOCAL dog owners who let dogs run amok

Some dogs are in to everything and not everyone likes dogs and they should be on a lead where there is a range of people and amenities.

If children are playing in this area think dogs should be kept on a lead.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

Dogs off leads are a threat to road safety

leads always

This area is an amenities area, dogs should be kept on a lead at all times.

If I am think of the right place, isn't this where older members of the community live. If so I would be concerned that a dog could be a trip hazard to an elderly person.<sup>9</sup>

Dogs could be hazardous to the elderly and infirm. Dogs should be under control in built up areas.

Proximity to a busy road

Why would they need to be off a lead in a residential area? There's plenty of open spaces around that area where children and families wouldn't be disturbed by dogs running around.

I believe dogs should be on a lead in a residential area.

As above

All dogs must be kept on a lead in outside spaces.

You can not control dogs off leads, leading to possible attacks and defecating with out clearing up afterwards, if it's on a lead you know what it's doing

Dogs should be kept on leads

This area isn't one I know, but same reason as above, I'd worry for the dogs

Dogs should always be on the lead in public places, for their safety as well as the public

Health and Safety for residents

Dogs on extended leads and off leads are often not seen toileting by owners- even if vigilant- better dogs are under control and more easily seen  
old people may not want dogs roaming free

dog should always be kept on leads.

Busy main road

With dogs on leads we have control

dogs should be on a lead lots of people are scared of dogs

It is not appropriate for dogs to roam where elderly and disabled people live. Owners have no idea where they have messed and others are left with the mess.

Should be on leads

Dogs should be kept on a lead in all residential areas of the town

As above

Dogs should always be held on a lead in public areas to ensure safety for both public and dogs. All dogs are well behaved but they are animals and are therefore unpredictable.

If a Dog is in a public place it should be under proper control , on a lead and not able to be a threat to safety of children

Leads needed

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

Dogs should be leads at all times owners who do not comply should be heavily fined

Unable to comment - not familiar with area

Although most dog owners are responsible some are not and some dogs can be quite frightening if off the lead to both people and other dogs.

Dogs should be on a lead on all pavements and public highways. The area is visited and used by elderly people who will be distressed with loose dogs and poo in the area

Dogs should be on a lead.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

A lot of people have no control of their dogs off the lead

Dogs should be on leads on all streets and roads. This gives other owners and drivers who prefer this for the protection of their dogs their safety.

Dog fouling and control of dogs should not be limited to a specific time period, illogical to suggest otherwise. Year-round lead requirement is a basic first step and requires owners to take responsibility instead of the wider community.

Public amenity areas which are used for recreation by children and adults alike should be protected from potential fouling by animals owned by irresponsible people who do not pick up after their pets. In addition animals on the loose can be unpredictable. Exercising dogs on the lead is acceptable in such areas so that the owners can control their dogs and also notice what they are doing at all times.

Dogs should be kept under control everywhere.

It's safer that way.

Public nuisance

For the same reason as previously given, As a dog owner, there are many dogs in this area and I would prefer that they are kept on a lead to ensure that they are not able to attack the other dogs being walked. The extender leads available allow for freedom for dogs to roam without having to go off the lead altogether

Amenity areas are designed for general use of people. Dogs should be controlled i.e on a lead

Dogs on leads is a much more controllable situation

I own a dog. |In public spaces, I prefer her to be on a lead, and the same for other dogs.

Elderly live their and could be knocked over or slip in dog muck. children go to school across this area

Children walk to school here and elderly are vulnerable to be knocked over

Too many people

It should not be changed

Dogs must be kept on a lead in housing areas for the protection of other dogs and children

Unsafe for children Unsafe for traffic Unsafe for dog owners whi have their dog on a lead

Should stay as it is.

The same reasons as given in the previous answer above

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

owners should have full control of their dogs in public places

Dogs need to be controlled

All dogs should be kept on a lead

Its is an amenity area for different groups of people so dogs should not be roaming free. A dog on the end of a lead are likely to be cleaned up after

Dogs should be on leads. There are many large dogs, owners do not always clean up after them which is dangerous and shows Whitby in a bad light

Dogs may be harmed by traffic, traffic might need to swerve to avoid dogs off leads.

All dogs should be under control in public places.

Keeping children and vulnerable people safe from unwanted attention from dogs. My family have had experience of being attacked by dogs.

Safety of all users

No everyone feels safe around dogs, and with Whitby being a family destination, lots of children are here, who would not be safe around dogs not on leads. Plus dog poo on the streets is a real and awful problem, especially on the zig zags.

Again, it is a residential area with vehicles moving around and in close proximity to a school, so dogs should remain on a lead.

Again, don't understand the wording

The amount of people coming to Whitby with dogs means that their are many opportunities for dogs to get out of owners control. I have seen a number of instances where owners have little or no control over their dogs off leadsthis is a danger both to dogs and the public. Also the amount of dog excrement on Whitby streets is an health and safety issue so when dogs are free to roam off leads the owners of the dogs do not always see where the dogs do their business.

I see no reason to change

As above

I have no idea where / what this is. Google maps show it in a housing area. I guess it is a playpark of some type, restrained area by fencing. Leads are appropriate

Marton court area has lots of older people who would feel safer if dogs were on leads

Dogs off the lead are more likely to pose a nuisance to the general public through fouling or simply behaving like dogs eg. jumping up at people who do not want to be jumped-up at, licking the faces of small children etc. When on the lead, the owners can exert a greater degree of control over their animals and this unwanted behaviour is less likely to occur.

I think it's safer to have dogs on leads around homes and roads

It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threating . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating

Don't agree with off lead dogs

It may lead to dogs being allowed to disturb residents if they are allowed off lead.

dogs on lead are safer to the public

logical thought

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

Safety

Requirement for leads seems sensible

Dog fouling could go un-noticed. Dogs could be very close to people's homes without any supervision. There is also traffic parking - risk of accident.

There is no particular need to be off lead in this area. Off lead dogs are more likely to foul without it being picked up and can be annoying to on lead dogs.

Should be an amenity area for everyone and not for dogs running around and causing problems

Some dog owners allow their dogs to frighten people. Also not all dogs are trained

Increased danger in the area

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

I don't know the area

Dogs should be on leads near roads and residential areas, for there own safety and the safety of others.

See above

This is a residential area with a large number of families. I have also noted a number of 'status' dogs being walked in the area. Removing the on lead condition could increase the risk to young children of dog bites. This is also adjacent to a school pupil 'escape route'.

I think dogs should be on a lead in public places to protect people who are frightened of dogs or who simply don't like dogs or to avoid confrontations with other dogs

At the expense of young children- don't agree

dogs should be on leads in public places

Dogs should only be off lead in areas where they can run free in a safe environment without upsetting other area users.

All dogs should be on leads in residential areas and beside public roads.

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

Dogs not on leads can foul walking areas without their owners noticing. To allow dogs off the lead risks dog excrement being carried on walkers shoes into the properties around Marton Court.

All dogs should be under control by their owners, some people, as well as children are afraid of loose dogs, never mind the dog fouling which I have mention above.

Should be kept on leads and under control should not have to worry about passing unfriedly dogs not on leads

loose dogs are a danger and a nuisance.

consider the elderly residents rather than dog owners.

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

All dogs must and need to be on a lease. Dogs not on a lease pose a potential threat to a person's safety should an unleashed dog attack an individual.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the year round dogs on lead requirement at Marton Court Amenity in Whitby.

All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner.

I don't know the area so I cannot clearly comment.

I feel safer round dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul

Dogs are not always well behaved it is up to the owner to control & clean up after their dog.

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviours are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There many areas around the borough that has dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or discarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Dogs should be on leads as they are unpredictable .

Again, dogs should always be kept under control on leads

Dogs should always be on lead

Providing areas where dogs are on leads gives a clear message and an enforced reminder that dog owners should be following rules and respect the same as any other citizens have to in all walks of life

Dogs should be kept on leads unless theyre in a quiet open area.

Dogs should always be on leads, it is this no leads policy and enforcement that encourages dog fouling, attacks and damage

All dogs should be kept on a lead in public places

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs are a nuisance anywhere

Dogs should be kept in check at all times

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

Dogs should always be on leads when in public places. They can chase people, frighten children, run into roads, foul the pavements etc. You should be in control of your dog on a lead.

dogs should be kept on a lead everywhere . Dogs need to be under the control of owners . Protect those that do not like dogs and if on lead they cannot defecate without their owner knowing about it and they become duty bound to pick it up.

Dogs should be kept under contr

Dogs on lead and under control helps avoid problems

Dogs do not always have responsible owners and should be on a lead in public places & especially near traffic children and elderly

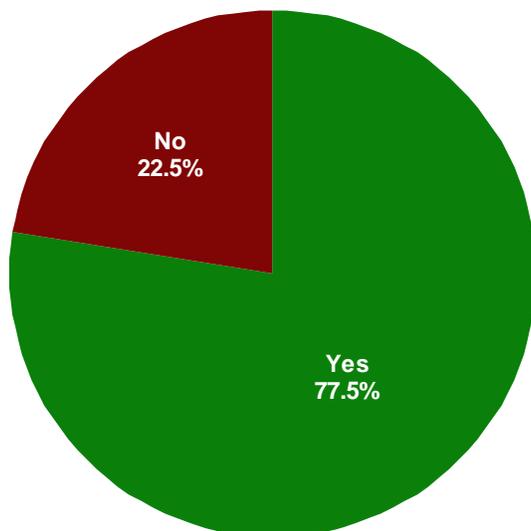
In Whitby on The Promenade (including the whole of Battery Parade) between Whitby Pavilion (formerly the Spa) and the western end of the beach chalets, is covered by a year round dogs on lead requirement. We propose to alter this to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement, with the exception of Battery Parade which would remain an all year round dogs on lead zone as a pedestrianised area.

**Q5 - Do you agree?**

A total of 1050 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 77.5% of responses agree with the proposal to alter the current year round dogs on lead requirement to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on The Promenade in Whitby with the exception of Battery Parade, where as 22.5% of responses do not agree with this proposal.

		Total	1050
	Yes	814	77.5%
	No	236	22.5%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

Dogs in public should always be on a lead

Leave as is

Because I would assume the residents do not want this change

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public. Also it is easier to pick up after your dog and it is more obvious who the trouble causers are if the dogs are on a lead.

Too many dogs whose owners have not trained them properly run around out of season and approach people who are not dog lovers. Please keep them on a lead.

amenity area should be dog free for safety and hygiene

In any area where there are large numbers of people dogs are best kept on leads.

Risk of out of control dogs running rampant, with children in push chairs etc.

when off lead the owners are less likely to pick up their droppings long leads now available allow a dog to roam. dogs off lead can be annoying to other people with dogs and can attack

they should be on a lead

Again, dogs should be kept on leads in all these areas. I am particually concerned with the beach and spa area, an area where there are alot of children. If the dogs are off leads there is more potential for fouling, that the owner might not observe and also dog attacks.

Dogs on leads should be removed altogether

Dogs should be on a lead at all times some people can not control their dogs off the lead they think they can but in real terms they can't

Dogs should be on leads

All dogs in public and residential areas should be kept on a leash to keep them under control and stop them bothering people and to keep them from wandering onto private property to do whatever they have to do

ALL dogs should be on leads, with "extendable" leads used..

Dogs off leads, only if controllable. Most dogs are not

This is a busy are all year round. Dogs should be on leads

It is not the dogs on lead or off is the fact that beach chalets owners / renters block the promenade up with their paraphernalia from there chalets including cooking / barbecuing no wonder dogs get out off control the dogs would not be a nuisance. Cooking should be restricted inside the chalets or on the dogs banned area of the beach 2017 restrictions

Lot of people use the promenade to walk, run and cycle all year round, including families with young children. Dogs that are not under control can upset and frighten children. Their faeces also can cause a health hazard. Dogs also should be on leads on the promenade and near chalets for their own safety. If this is seasonal people may forget to put them on leads in summer.

Should be kept on lead

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

Why change. All is well now. There is no advantage in changing

Responsible dog owners will not object to this requirement, as the beach is used by multiple different groups including children and walkers

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

It should remain dogs on leads for the simple reason if the dog was to get out of site of the owner and soil somewhere the owner(s) are less likely to find and remove the waste

Dogs should be on leads in all urban public areas to protect young children.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in Whitby and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

Again, there has been so much dog mess been left, dog walkers not checking what the dogs are doing. I have also had random dogs jumping up at me whilst walking on the promenade, I like dogs but don't want to be pestered by them

Actually in this case, on the Promenade, having a seasonal dogs on lead requirement will only serve to confuse people. As with Battery Parade, it should be all year round, then people in wheelchairs or mobility scooters are not inconvenienced.

Dogs should be under control the owner for public protection

as above

Dogs off the lead are not under the control of their owner. Dogs cannot be responsible for themselves - owners must remain in control.

being safe does not depend on the seasons

The area is busy all year round including children and so dogs need to be controlled.

Dogs should be on leads

If you can control your dog you shouldn't need to have it on a leaf at all when it is wuiet

Dogs should be under control and on leads in this area. If I visit I do not wish to be confronted by dogs even though dog owners may say they're friendly I think this puts people in vulnerable positions.

to avoid the dogs being a public nuisance

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

to enable owners to be in control of their dog and responsible for it

I do agree as long as it replaced by 'dogs under control' and a requirement to remove dog faeces

I would prefer a year round requirement for dogs on leads - the number of dogs owned is increasing and many owners now have more than one dog so in my view the restriction should remain unchanged.

No dog should run free outside it's own garden

Owners will loose sight of their dogs. The consequence being they will not be in a position to collect dog faeces. I have witnessed this and been met with abusive language when pointing out dog excrement to an owner

Dogs should be kept under control at all times in public places.

All dogs should be on leads in a public place

There are lots of owners who don't clear up after their dogs around the Pavillion area, so keeping dogs on leads will not give them the excuse that they didn't know the dogs were defecating.

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe.

Seems daft

As a frequent beach visitor, I am astounded by how many people let there dogs run towards children and their families and although often in an excited, inquisitive way, sometimes they approach other dogs and are aggressive. Dogs are able to run on the beach out of high season, they do not need to run freely on the sea wall where it is often busy with people walking who are not necessarily dog lovers.

I believe dogs should be on a lead in the zone

Why would you remove a requirement to keep dogs on leads which keeps people safe and also stops dogs running away from their owners?

Dogs will defecate away from owners supervision

On the pavement leads always but on the beach let them exercise

Dogs should be kept on the lead

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

There is no need for this - are children forced to be on leads?? No, they run amok and get in the way much more than dogs do

I object due to all the reasons previously mentioned - feel alienated by this as a careful and respectful dog parent

Despite what owners insist, all dogs can turn aggressive and should be kept under control in public places

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess.

Dog owners do not clean their dog's mess up. Whitby is covered in sh\*t!

As long as dogs are kept on leads, why should owners be denied access to enjoy this part of the area? This is penalising dog owners.

Dog fouling is particularly bad in this area winter and summer alike. Walkers with dogs kept on leads are more aware of what their dogs are doing.

if a dog is off the lead who is responsible for it? who has control of it? dogs cannot be responsible for themselves.

Too many people let their dogs off the lead and turn s blind eye when they defecate. I see it frequently especially on the cliff

Dogs need to be on a lead permanently unless at their owners property.

Not dogs are friendly. And not all people love dogs

It is becoming increasingly hard to find areas where members of the public can relax and enjoy the surroundings without having dogs running and jumping up. Also recent beach cleans have shown that not all dog owners dispose of their doggy poo bags sensibly.

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if the they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all to often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

At the moment there are far too many tourists coming to Whitby not just with one dog but with two or three. Where possible dogs should be kept on leads. As the tourist industry in Whitby is not just seasonal now, there should be no amendments.

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

No need

Should remain I am not in favour of dogs roaming freely

All dogs should be kept on a lead at all times

should be all year round

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

dogs should not be off the lead on public places owners cannot remain in control if dog is off lead sometimes owner cannot see what dog is doing when it's off a lead

All dogs should be kept on leads Dog owners have little or no control over their pets when off the lead

Dogs should only be off lead in woodland or open spaces

I have a dog and walk this route daily. People let their dogs roam about all year round and its both annoying and dangerous. If the dogs are away from the owner at anytime, the owner cannot see if the dog is fouling or not.

Not everybody can handle dogs running up to them when off the lead.

It is far simpler to enforce a year-round requirement. People get confused by seasonal changes in regulations.

Depends on the dogs behaviour.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion).

When the chalets are not in use there is no need to keep a well behaved dog on a lead

i believe animals should be under some form or restraint at all times in public areas. animals in public should be restrained, preferably on short leads, not those extendable ones

Have seen dogs 'attack' playing children and other dogs, causing a nuisance

Leads always .

Due to the year-round traffic in this area, dogs should always be kept on a lead.

Again, dog safety an issue on spa drive as used by cars all year round.

Once again dogs should be under control on a lead in public areas of the town

Dogs need to be on leads and under control where people and other dogs are. Whitby, North Yorkshire and it's surrounding area are famous for green and open spaces where dogs can be exercised freely.

All dogs must be kept on a lead in outside spaces.

Dogs in public places should be under control on a lead at all times

Dogs should be kept on leads

Too busy

Should be all lead free areas

Dogs should always be on the lead in public places, for their safety as well as the public

Dogs should be on a lead in this kind of public place, only let off somewhere like a park or the actual beach.

dog should always be kept on leads.

as stated above and also perhaps you should target human litter louts who unlike dogs can pick up their mess but choose not too which in some cases is more dangerous to the environment ie plastic and cans

there are too many regulations as it is

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

Dogs should be on leads in public spaces and particularly in busy public spaces in towns. Dog ownership is on the increase, many dog owners often now have 2 or more dogs, so restrictions are more necessary than ever. Dogs should be kept on leads for safety and hygiene reasons.

In the winter people automatically take dogs off their leads. They have been ignorant to the rules. I have never seen a dog warden to implement these rules on the Battery Parade.

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Those areas are not suitable for dogs to be off leads. Consideration should also be given to non dog owners who are walking there and who should not have to be bothered by the numerous dogs running around not under control.

Dogs should be on leads

Dogs should be kept on a lead in all public areas

As above. Dogs should remain on a lead ALL year within public areas.

Dogs should be under supervision and on a lead at all times in the areas frequented by the non dog owning public. It is far too easy for a dog not on a lead to go off and foul the pavements "unbeknown" to its owner. As a regular walker I have witnessed this countless times at the Promenade.

Leads needed in public shared spaces

Unable to comment - not familiar with area

Although most dog owners are responsible some are not and some dogs can be quite frightening if off the lead to both people and other dogs.

Keep year round, some mess all year and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Dogs need space

Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

As above. There has got to be safety for dogs who cannot defend themselves against others that are not trained. It could also be an issue for drivers and could cause accidents.

The suggestion totally disregards the wider community and meets the needs of specific groups. The wider community are the silent majority and the amount of dog attacks and dog fouling and the lack of consideration by dog owners for the wider community is a local if not national disgrace.

As a dog owner I don't believe it unreasonable to keep my dog on a lead where people are using chalets and the area is generally busy. My view is that it would be better to have a seasonal dog on lead policy allowing this to be relaxed in the winter months

Dogs need to under control

There are many times when dogs are not on leads even at present. Dogs should be on leads in these areas to minimise deposition of faecal material, intrusion by free roaming dogs in other people's personal spaces. It is not enforced or complied with in any case, at least by having this ban there is limitation of the annoyance which dogs cause.

This area of town is busy all year round with a lot of young children, and I believe they should remain on a lead in this area.

Keep the dogs on lead requirement in these spaces all year round because it's safer!!

The area from the Spa

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

Why cause confusion? Dogs on lead is a sensible rule. On/off just daft

Dogs on leads on a promenade where pushchairs and bicycles may also be present is a much safer situation

Mainly Dog mess is never cleaned up from dogs that is off a lead away from it's owner.

I have already replied to this question earlier

All pets are different. I should be a responsible owner that makes the decision not micromanage by the governing bodies

Year round is much better for dog walkers

It should not be changed

For the safety of dogs, they should be on leads, they don't know where boundaries are for roads and cliff sides.

All areas pedestrian or pavement abutting highways should be dogs on lead

In public places dogs should be kept on a lead

Dogs are allowed to be free(off lead) on the whole of the cliffside. My observations conclude that dog owners fail to respect the seasonal changes when they consider that the rules don't apply to them because they don't like them. More signs with more information would lead to greater confusion as less compliance.

owners should have full control of their dogs in public places

Leave as is

All dogs should be kept on a lead at all times, in areas where other members of the public walk. Too many untrained/ unresponsive dogs already running around in some areas

For the reasons before but also not all visitors to Whitby want dogs running free and some people are frightened by them. It is not family friendly

Dogs should be always on a lead for safety of people and vehicles

Dogs under control at all times.

There are too many dogs amongst children and they often go past the western end as demarcation is not clear on the beach

Keeping children and vulnerable people safe from unwanted attention from dogs. My family have had experience of being attacked by dogs.

Safety of other users

No everyone feels safe around dogs, and with Whitby being a family destination, lots of children are here, who would not be safe around dogs not on leads. Plus dog poo on the streets is a real and awful problem, especially on the zig zags.

As a recreational area that is getting increasing popular with all age groups, dogs should remain on leads to protect the dog as much as the other users. With regard to the Sea Wall: dogs should remain on a lead because, as a regular chalet user, it is really upsetting having dogs steal your food and piss on your belongings! as well as frightening the children.

The amount of people coming to Whitby with dogs means that there are many opportunities for dogs to get out of owners control. I have seen a number of instances where owners have little or no control over their dogs off leads, this is a danger both to dogs and the public. Also the amount of dog excrement on Whitby streets is a health and safety issue so when dogs are free to roam off leads the owners of the dogs do not always see where the dogs do their business. This area is busy all year round with families with children, and dogs can be a real danger if they are off the lead.

I see no reason to change

As above

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

Dogs off the lead are more likely to pose a nuisance to the general public through fouling or simply behaving like dogs eg. jumping up at people who do not want to be jumped-up at, licking the faces of small children etc. When on the lead, the owners can exert a greater degree of control over their animals and this unwanted behaviour is less likely to occur. The Promenade should be a space that all people can enjoy. This should not be compromised by allowing dog owners to permit their dogs to run about without close supervision.

It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threatening . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating . I absolutely cannot fathom why dogs should be allowed to roam at will in these areas and make life unpleasant for residents and tourists alike . I very strongly object to these measures . It needs to be understood that not everyone loves dogs . I believe you are putting children and older peoples lives at risk .

The promenade area forms part of a public right of way. The regulations on a right of way allow for dogs to be off lead as long as they are under close control. You will find that if you challenge a dog owner for not having a dog on a lead, you will be wasting tax payers money as the courts are likely to find in favour of the dog owner with costs awarded. I suggest you check with the legal department and fully review this. You are likely to be in a much better position \*requesting\* that dogs are kept on leads in these areas rather than try to enforce it contrary to national law.

Don't agree with off lead dogs Lots of irresponsible dog owners ignore this anyway and there's no penalty. These owners typically are the ones who don't pick up thief dog mess. Especially on the zig zag paths above the promenade and on the bank.

Risk of animals impeding others and injury to the animal jumping off to the beach.

dogs on lead are safer to the public

logical thought

If dogs are off the lead then owners cannot supervise their behaviour or fouling - or control it. Also dogs can run up to other people - who may not welcome this.

Leads Needed

people, children and other dogs on leads should be able to have a relaxing walk without the worry of off- lead dogs harrassing them or worse

Keep the year round requirement to protect other people from out of control dogs

Seasonal requirement are confusing. It is better to lift the dogs on lead requirement all together

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

It would be hazardous and people who walk on this route do not want dogs at any time jumping and running around them. Also this could increase Dog fouling.

Dogs should be on leads near roads and residential areas, for there own safety and the safety of others.

Dogs left to run free are less subject to the control of their owners. The potential for nuisance from fouling or unwanted behaviour eg jumping up at children and people etc is increased.

There is far too much pedestrian usage and for the above reasons this would be an error of judgement.

I think dogs should be on a lead in public places to protect people who are frightened of dogs or who simply don't like dogs or to avoid confrontations with other dogs

Again I won't visit thus loose in revenue. I'm sure others with be the same.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

dogs should be on leads in public places

Dogs should only be off lead in areas where they can run free in a safe environment without upsetting other area users.

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

All of this area should be seasonal. Not part. Leaves visitors unsure of what policy is when and where.

Dogs should always be under cotrail or on a lead near roads

The current seasonal ban on Whitby beach should be extended a further 100 yards which are identical to the steps they had been using for years, this gives dog owners plenty of use of Whitby beach all the way to Sandsend. And keeps the rock pools clean from dogs for young children to enjoy without strange dogs running into them and fouling them. There seems to be a lot of discussion of access to Whitby beach, there are no signs telling people to use unsafe access

Should be kept on leads all year round

loose dogs are a danger and a nuisance.

to save confusion keep it as it is.

Again I think dogs should be on leads all year round along the promenade where people are walking and children. Some dogs can be intimidating and again they should not be let off their lead to foul in these public places.

I think pedestrians should be allowed to walk on this area without unwelcome attention from dogs. Many people are wary of dogs approaching them

The promenade should be an area where families can walk safely without the worry that free running dogs will be an issue. Many owners seem to think that it is acceptable for their dog (baby!) to jump up and pester pedestrians. This can be frightening when there are younger children in the party. As Whitby becomes ever busier all year round so does the promenade and for this reason the ban should remain year round.

All dogs must and need to be on a lease. Dogs not on a lease pose a potential threat to a person's safety should an unleashed dog attack an individual.

All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner.

I feel safer round dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul

It is up to the owner to be responsible for their dog and have them under control this does not mean being on a lead - the leads can be extended to allow dogs to roam freely any way - some dogs are more well behaved off the lead than on the lead. Why are dogs getting the flack instead of the owners?!

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviour are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There many areas around the borough that has dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or discarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Again, dogs should always be kept under control on leads

Dogs should always be on lead

Providing a public space that can be enjoyed by all dogs still enjoy walks on leads often the elderly and the young are often startled and sometimes afraid of dogs free running

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs. Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the Promenade in Whitby

All dogs should be on leads, especially in more populated areas, no leads encourages dog fouling , dog attacks, accidents and damage

Some dog owners do not keep their dogs under proper control off lead and allow them to foul the pavement and do not clear it up .This is a health hazard especially for small children.

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs should be restricted

Children are often scared by dogs running loose and it would spoil it for families, due to the dog dirt which inevitably would ensue

To remove the dogs on lead requirement, even out of season (which is what I assume is meant by the above phrasing), would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

Dogs should always be on leads when in public places. They can chase people, frighten children, run into roads etc. You should be in control of your dog on a lead. People often let their dogs roam without taking charge of them. We use a chalet and dogs have wandered in and tainted food etc.

Dogs should be allowed to be exercised anywhere as long as they are friendly un aggressive dogs. As long as pedestrians understand that not all dogs need to be touched etc. Leave the dogs alone and the dogs won't bother you. All they will do is come over then walk away if no attention is given. Dogs deserve the right to have nice walks. Don't you think?

dog owners need to be responsible for their dog . Dogs should be on a lead at all times so they know their whereabouts .

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Dogs on lead and under control helps avoid problems, dogs on lead is the best compromise for dog owners and safety

On quiet days when the weather is bad is it necessary to have dogs on a lead. If it's busy we always put the dogs on their leads but if no one is there and all of the huts closed is it necessary.

It is a high public area so looking at safety all year around would be best

It should remain a full year dog ban.

Because dogs run off and defecate wherever they want

Keep dogs on leads all year round so public are safe from dogs running around & fouling places & accidents

## Scarborough Area

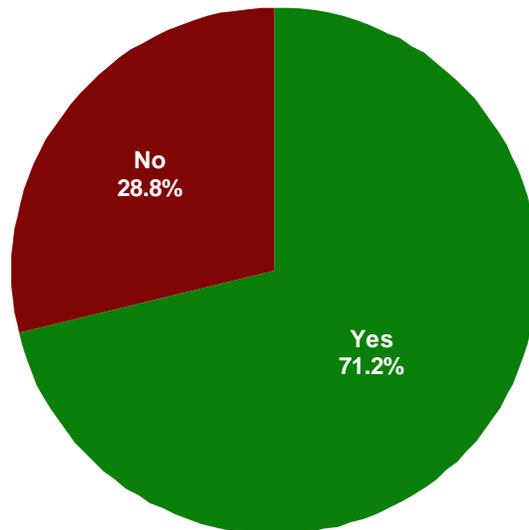
Scarborough's North Bay promenade – Scalby Mills Road to the Sands - is currently a year round dogs on lead area,

### Q6 - Should this be changed to a seasonal dogs on lead area?

A total of 951 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 71.2% of responses agree with the proposal to change the current year round dogs on lead on the North Bay promenade in Scarborough to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement, where as 28.8% of responses do not agree with this proposal.

		Total	951
	Yes	677	71.2%
	No	274	28.8%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the change to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the North Bay Promenade in Scarborough

Dogs in public should always be on a lead

Works well currently.

All dogs should be on leads

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

In any area where there are large numbers of people dogs are best kept on leads.

Risk of out of control dogs running rampant, with children in push chairs etc.

The promenade is shared by users and is not suitable for free running dogs. This is understandably a popular area for dog walkers and also other users but the presence of large numbers of dogs running free will impact on other users such as families, runners, exercise groups who also use this area. Dog fouling is also likely to increase, particularly after dark. Dogs can run freely on the beach here (out of season), it seems proportionate that there should be some space where pedestrians and other users can walk freely and enjoy the space without free running dogs, which some people, including young children can find intimidating.

Dogs need to be on lead year round as at present.

they should be on a lead they are long to long

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

No because there are so many dogs and they seem to have priority on the beach. It is very annoying when you want a quiet walk with your family or you are out with the grandchildren and the dogs are dashing everywhere, interrupting games and sandcastle building, skidding in to them or knocking down the handiwork or urinating on the sculptures. Dogs are taking over the world!!!

Dogs are often not under proper supervision when not on a lead therefore a nuisance to other members of the public.

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

To keep them under proper control then at least the owners would know what their dogs are doing instead of walking off not knowing what they have left behind

There are visitors all year round, making this totally unacceptable.

Dogs off leads, only if controllable. Most dogs are not, should be on leads at all times in such a populated area

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

This is a busy area all year round. Dogs should be on leads

Keep on lead

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

Why change

no dogs running wild are a grave nuisance all year round, a town is not the place for dogs to run a muck

Dogs should be under control in tourist season around children.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the change to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the North Bay Promenade in Scarborough

to many irresponsible dog owners.

Dogs should be on leads in all urban public areas to protect young children.

If dogs are not on leads they will then be free to jump onto people for food. Also if they are used to chasing balls and other animals, it could lead to children and other animals getting hurt. Walking a dog on a lead should be made compulsory in all areas where children play and people live and shop.

Actually in this case, on the Promenade, having a seasonal dogs on lead requirement will only serve to confuse people. As with Battery Parade, it should be all year round, then people in wheelchairs or mobility scooters are not inconvenienced, if it's tarmaced dogs on lead basically

Dogs should be under control the owner for public protection

A promenade is a place for members of the public to walk on. They should be allowed to do this without having unleashed dogs bounding up to them, particularly when parents are often walking along the promenade with their young children.

People with families wish to walk on this promenade all year round. Dogs should be under the control of their owner.

Dogs should be on leads

Dogs should be on leads all the time as a lot of owners do not seem to have any control

Dogs should be on leads for road safety.

If I'm walking in this area out of season I would not like to be confronted by a dog off lead, although there are responsible dog owners there are many irresponsible ones who deem their dogs to be friendly and not taking into consideration the person who the dog approaches.

to avoid a public nuisance

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

This road is used frequently by vehicles including large wagons. I worry this would be dangerous. The rule is not currently enforced and we've seen a lot of near misses.

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Part public highway therefore dogs should be on a lead. Assume a similar problem would arise as mentioned in my previous answer relating to Whitby.

Dogs should be kept under control at all times in public places.

The area in question is a multi-user space, including pedestrians, walkers, children, runners, and it is important that all users feel comfortable utilizing this space. Dogs off leads could meander and cause incidents, and also make other users, that may not be comfortable around dogs, nervous when using the area. Dog owners always say that their dog will not hurt anyone, but for small children and those uncomfortable with dogs may have different views. There are plenty of other areas that dog walkers can utilize.

ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD Owners then now when their dogs foul the beach and can pick it up and take it home

All dogs should be on leads in a public place

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the change to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the North Bay Promenade in Scarborough

its a busy traffic and pedestrian area and not all dogs will be road safety trained

Dogs should be on leads in general

Very popular area for families with small children, dogs running loose could in theory knock a child off the edge of the footpath onto the beach - sometimes due to tides, this could be quite a drop

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere

Keep dogs n led in residential/

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe. Also, there is no barrier for most of that area, so dogs going in/falling in the sea are more likely to cause death by reckless owners jumping in after them.

I have no issues with dogs on leads

Why do dogs need to be on a lead all year round or seasonally?

Dogs should be on leads for their own safety

Dogs need to be kept under control at all times.

Owners need to keep dogs in sight and control

To continue to allow dog owners to walk their dogs unrestricted

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

If it's the area I'm thinking of then it's right next to a busy road So would be unsafe to walk your dog off lead.

Protect children

We do not wish to be approached by unknown dogs.

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess.

Greater freedom and access for dog owners and most families use the south beach

Too much dog sh\*t!

As long as dogs are kept on leads, why should owners be denied access to enjoy this part of the area? This is penalising dog owners.

Dogs should always be on leads in public places.

Dogs should be kept under close control at all times in public areas. Otherwise fouling cannot be adequately controlled. The surrounding area is already badly affected by fouling removal of the requirement to have dogs on leads will simply make it worse. Dog fouling is particularly bad in this area winter and summer alike. Walkers with dogs kept on leads are more aware of what their dogs are doing.

Dogs need to be on a lead permanently unless at their owners property.

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all too often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

Any dog within places where members of public visit, is always a danger to the people's safety.

As the old saying goes if it is working leave it alone

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the change to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the North Bay Promenade in Scarborough

All dogs should be kept on a lead at all times

Dogs can use the beach

Public area. There are lots of people who do not like dogs. When dogs are off leads owners walk ahead and don't pick up after them

I have a dog and walk this route daily. People let their dogs roam about all year round and its both annoying and dangerous. If the dogs are away from the owner at anytime, the owner cannot see if the dog is fouling or not. Can't see a reason to want dogs roaming about without a lead. Normally, I would expect dogs to be on a lead in a residential area.

should be on lead at road sides

Scarborough has a major problem with dog mess. Removing these restrictions will make it worse. Too many owners will allow aggressive dogs to run free and frighten or attack children (and make messes). People seem to feel more obliged to clean up their dog mess when they are on leads. It is far simpler to enforce a year-round requirement. People get confused by seasonal changes in regulations.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

I feel dogs should be allowed off leads in quieter months. I understand when the beach is busy this can make the area too busy, however when holiday makers go home and the beach is often empty (September through to April) I feel dogs should be allowed full run of the beach

i believe animals should be under some form or restraint at all times in public areas. animals in public should be restrained, preferably on short leads, not those extendable ones

Dogs on lead are safer for all

As previously stated dogs can be safely exercised on leads

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

Not everyone wants to be bothered by dogs when they go for a walk

This is busy all yer round and I think dogs should be kept on a lead on all the public paths.

No-one sits at that end at anytime of the year

leads always

The beach and walkway between Scalby Mills Road and the sands is regularly used by children including school parties and dog owners need to control their dogs and collect excrement the dog leave.

Again, dogs need to be under control around people and other dogs.

Dogs enjoy the freedom of this beach and when South Bay is largely seasonally not dog friendly it is nice to have

All dogs must be kept on a lead in outside spaces.

Dogs in public places should be under control on a lead at all times attacks defecating etc

Dogs can be exercised on leads. I have been attacked walking on the beach

Should be lead free all year round

The area around Scalby Mills Pub, Sealife Centre to The Sands is popular all year round for walkers, parents and children for rock pooling, beach play, paddling etc

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the change to a seasonal dogs on lead requirement on the North Bay Promenade in Scarborough

Dogs in the street should be on a lead.

dog should always be kept on leads.

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

For the safety of pedestrians and motorists

As above. Dogs should remain on a lead ALL year within public areas.

Leads needed to protect kids

Again dog fouling is an extreme problem

Tourism continues throughout the year therefore dogs should be kept on leads in public areas

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

As a limited sight person loose dogs are a bin problem

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

I've seen to many out of control dogs down there

Safety first. The promenade should remain dogs on leads all year. but not the beach.

No where better to exercise a dog , open space and water to cool off

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As above

Leave it as it is. It is safer.

we need somewhere to enjoy the beach with our dogs

Dogs on leads was brought in for a reason. To protect people and make owners accountable. Why change it?

Dogs on leads on a promenade where pushchairs and bicycles may also be present is a much safer situation

As a responsible dog owner I believe that in some areas dogs need to be kept on a lead.

Year round is much better

I just feel dogs should be on a lead all year round because people and children still use these areas all year round not just seasonal

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This is a busy family area all year round and it only takes one irresponsible dog owner who is not exercising control of their dog to spoil the area for non-dog walkers. Dogs that are not under the total control of their owners and making unwanted approaches to other walkers can be extremely frightening.

It should continue to be year round

I think dogs should be on leads on public paths

Should stay as it is.

Although there are owners who have complete control over their dogs, there are others who do not, many dog fights start due to this problem, and expensive vet bills and trauma due to puppies/dogs being killed by others dogs because owners do not know what to do, at least the leads give some control

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We need more dog friendly areas.

Dogs are often an essential part of a family exclude them & you are excluding many families

Because Scarborough residents are already restricted to areas my personal opinion is we should be allowed on all beach with time restriction not season

What is the benefit of changing?

People need to be able to walk their own dogs safely AT ALL TIMES not be pestered by off lead dogs

Many families use this area out of season and have children who would be frightened and upset by close proximity to dogs not on leads. Older people use it too. Surely dog owners could walk their dogs on leads

I didnt even know this was in place as there are often dogs off leads running along, the beach is full of children and familys and dogs should be on leads as no dog can be trusted 100%

No leads are fine on the beach itself but the promenade (pedestrian area) has people in mobility scooters and others pushing prams. A loose dog is dangerous to those people

For safety of people and children

Dogs may be harmed by traffic, traffic might need to swerve to avoid dogs off leads.

Dogs on leads at all times, all dogs should be under control in public places.

This area is popular with visitors in winter. Young people do not want to be walking, biking around dog muck, nor fishermen want to step in it in the dark

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Plainly for health and safety for the people of Scarborough.

There are not enough areas where people can escape from dogs. Dogs on long leads are still a nuisance. Also, people still let their dogs off the lead in this area because the signs are worn/missing as well as signs that are deliberately ignored. There is no enforcement of the rules.

Dogs should not be allowed to roam free in the town.

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It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threatening . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating . I absolutely cannot fathom why dogs should be allowed to roam at will in these areas and make life unpleasant for residents and tourists alike . I very strongly object to these measures . It needs to be understood that not everyone loves dogs . I believe you are putting children and older peoples lives at risk .

This area is subject to the same problem described previously. The promenade forms part of public right of way (and a National Trail) and therefore attempting to enforce a dogs on lead policy rather than a \*request\* to keep dogs on lead is contrary to national law. Therefore you should be removing the attempt to enforce dogs on leads and replace it with a polite request.

this area is used by runners, cyclists, walkers and joggers. With the height of the sea wall and no fence, dogs are a danger to others and themselves. Also dog mess from dogs not on leads is less likely to be cleaned up

Don't agree with off lead dogs

dogs on lead are safer to the public

logical thought

Gives excuse for dog poo offences going unnoticed. Safety of pedestrians, dogs and traffic risks

Dogs not on a lead can be a nuisance to the general public. For example by barking if they cannot see their owner. Also there is less chance of faeces being picked up by the owner if the dog is not in sight when doing its business.

Control of dogs important for public safety and poo collection

Dogs should be on lead and not running around in this area

Dogs should always be on a lead in public places

Keep the year round requirement to protect other people from out of control dogs. Safety of other people is key

I feel seasonal restrictions are confusing and the dogs on lead restriction should be lifted all year round

The area is used by children and locals

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

too near busy roads for dogs to be off lead

Dogs should be on leads near roads and residential areas, for there own safety and the safety of others.

Have you ever walked this area? Too many children and too many lively and 'status dogs' to make removal a good decision. I would not be happy for my grandchildren to loose their love of dogs following an unfortunate avoidable incident as happened to my children in past years.

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Young children frequent this area, it is a playground for them, not dogs

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

The difference in level of the sand between the promenade and beach is such that dogs may jump off the promenade to get to the beach and injure themselves.

Again

loose dogs are a danger and a nuisance.

keep things as they are now, I do not think that the seasonal ban would be enforced.

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

All East coast resorts are attracting more visitors year round-so the ban should reflect the changing conditions.Seasonal is a misleading term

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Not an appropriate place to have dogs off lead

I feel safer round dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul

Dogs are family members just like unruly children - some children should be kept on seasonal leads too!!!

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviours are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There many areas around the borough that has dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or disgarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Families with small children use this area all year round. Having dogs running loose is scary. Plus personally i think dogs should always be on a lead in any busy public place.

Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

Dogs should always be kept under control on leads

The majority of dog owners pick up after their dogs.

It is an area used by dog owners and others do it's more safe and harmonious to stay controlled

There is already a complete ban on the south bay. We need somewhere to take our dogs.

No we need some were to take our dog for a run

Its funny, im down there most days and i see plenty of dogs off the lead , dog dirt all on grass areas around the seas life centre.

Dogs love beach walks all year round

So the area can be enjoyed by all and free of some of the dog dirt that owners often choose not to pick up when the dog is running off a lead this is a residential area dog dirt can cause illness and in some cases life altering ones

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Dogs shouldn't be roaming around without a lead. They can be intimidating for a lot of people and dog owners are less likely to pick up their dogs mess.

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs .Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year

Dogs should always be on leads, no leads encourage dog fouling, dog attacks on other dogs or humans and accidents with road vehicles

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Because tourists don't sit on the beach in winter, it's quiet and unused

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance and menace to all

Dogs need to be controlled where there are people and especially children

To remove the dogs on lead requirement, even out of season (which is what I assume is meant by the above phrasing), would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

I don't live in Scarborough but my previous reasons apply

Should be all year round on leads and summertime off lead

It's not hurting anyone I just don't understand why they can't be free, especially if they aren't harming anyone

At some point in the year dogs shire be able to do what they do

dogs should be kept on a lead everywhere . Dogs need to be under the control of owners . Protect those that do not like dogs and if on lead they cannot defecate without their owner knowing about it and they become duty bound to pick it up. dog owners need to be responsible for their dog . Dogs should be on a lead at all times so they know their whereabouts .

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Dogs on lead and under control helps avoid problems, dogs on lead is the best compromise for dog owners and safety

All that area should allow dogs to be let off the lead and run free under the control of the owner.

Is ok as it is.

I think dogs should not be allowed on beaches due to irresponsible owners.

needs a lot of thought

Lota of dogs and families around

Beach only

Children playing in this area

Perfectly adequate provisions now

I cannot see justification

I feel that in a busy tourist resort, all dogs should be kept on lead in places that are very popular. There are plenty of places away from the town where dogs can run off lead, nut not everyone is a dog lover & a dog bounding up can be very intimidating

Keep dogs on leads all year round so public are safe from dogs running around & fouling places & accidents

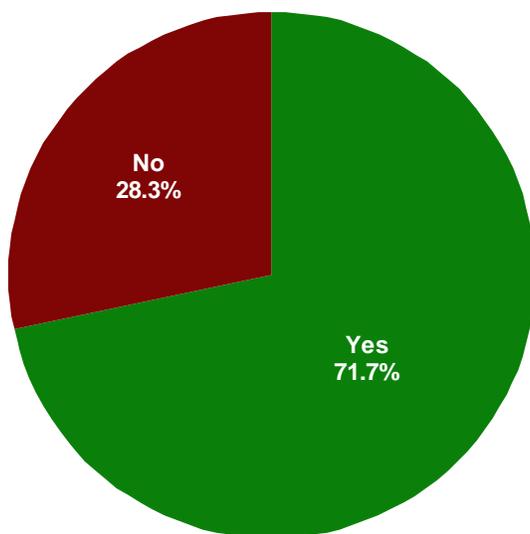
Merryweather Gardens, Northway in Scarborough is a year round dogs on lead area.

**Q7 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 903 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 71.7% of responses agree that the year round dogs on lead restriction should be removed from Merryweather Gardens in Scarborough, where as 28.3% do not agree.

		Total	903
	Yes	647	71.7%
	No	256	28.3%



Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the year round dogs on lead on Merryweather Gardens, Northway in Scarborough.

Too close to the road, I think we'll end up with accidental fatalities on Northway

Cannot find the location named. Northway is too busy with traffic to have dogs off leads

Dogs in public should always be on a lead

Why change something that is working?

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

amenity area

This is a small area, close to traffic

too easy for a dog to jump the small wall and run into the road, potential accident scenario

Leave as at present

leads are long

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

This has had its bin removed and is also used by children for playing on - seating would be nice.

prefer dogs on leads in parks

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

Dogs should be on a lead in busy areas.

Dogs should remain under control not lose

To keep them under proper control then at least the owners would know what their dogs are doing instead of walking off not knowing what they have left behind

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

This is a busy area all year round. Dogs should be on leads

Keep on lead

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

Why change

same as above the number of irresponsible is just increasing

gardens for children, not dogs toilet.

Dogs should be on a lead especially when there is a chance of them meeting other dogs.

I presume this is the green area opposite the old Northway Pub.....its a "dog bog" and should be restricted completely for dogs on the grounds of Health and Safety

Dogs should be on leads in all urban public areas to protect young children.

As regarding Whitby, Kingfisher drive reply.

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Danger of dogs running on to the road

Dogs should be under control the owner for public protection

I don't know where these gardens are in Northway, however I do not feel it is appropriate to have dogs without leads in residential areas.

Too much of a public area children/other dogs

Don't know where it is so keep them on leads

So that owners are in control of their dog.

Don't know the area so that's my comment

Dogs should be on leads all the time as a lot of owners do not seem to have any control

Dogs should be on leads for road safety.

I just feel that this move would be inappropriate. It will encourage dog owners to use the area for one purpose only.

Dog owners need to be in control of their dogs at all times in this area.

In public spaces dogs should be kept on leads. It avoids conflict with other dogs and their owners. Disposal facilities???

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up. Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

Too small an area for dogs to be allowed to run free.

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

I don't agree with it.

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Public Highway dogs should be on a lead.

Dogs should be kept under control at all times in public places.

ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD Owners then now when their dogs foul the beach and can pick it up and take it home

All dogs should be on leads in a public place

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Dogs should be on leads in general

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe. keep dogs safe & the public too.

Dogs need to be kept under control at all times.

Will lead to increase in dog mess

Punished for actions of a minority

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the year round dogs on lead on Merryweather Gardens, Northway in Scarborough.

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

Protect children

We wish to be able to enjoy walking without being nervous of dogs which are not under control

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess.

Dogs are in danger of being run over or lost if they decide to run off.

Don't clean up their mess!

Dogs should always be on leads in public places.

Dogs should be kept under close control at all times in public areas. Otherwise fouling cannot be adequately controlled. The surrounding area is already badly affected by fouling removal of the requirement to have dogs on leads will simply make it worse. Dog fouling is particularly bad in this area winter and summer alike. Walkers with dogs kept on leads are more aware of what their dogs are doing.

Dogs need to be on a lead permanently unless at their owners property.

Dogs need to be kept on leads to help owners identify when they need to clean up after their dogs.

Because all dogs are not friendly

No need safety first

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all too often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

Any dog is a danger to people when found in pedestrian's zone.

As the old saying goes if it is working leave it alone

All dogs should be kept on a lead at all times

Could become a hazard

All dogs should be kept on leads in public places

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of being bitten or standing in excrement.

All dogs should be on leads in public areas. As dogs stop to foul owner walk on and you get more mess

I have a dog and walk this route daily. People let their dogs roam about all year round and it's both annoying and dangerous. If the dogs are away from the owner at anytime, the owner cannot see if the dog is fouling or not. Can't see a reason to want dogs roaming about without a lead. Normally, I would expect dogs to be on a lead in a residential area.

Scarborough has a major problem with dog mess. Removing these restrictions will make it worse. Too many owners will allow aggressive dogs to run free and frighten or attack children (and make messes). People seem to feel more obliged to clean up their dog mess when they are on leads. It is far simpler to enforce a year-round requirement. People get confused by seasonal changes in regulations.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the year round dogs on lead on Merryweather Gardens, Northway in Scarborough.

i believe animals should be under some form or restraint at all times in public areas. animals in public should be restrained, preferably on short leads, not those extendable ones

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

Not everyone wants to be bothered by dogs when they go for a walk.

I cannot find these gardens on my map. North way is very busy and dogs should be under control.

What other purpose die the area serve?

dogs off leads are a traffic hazard

leads always

Dogs should be kept on leads in public gardens

Again, dogs need to be under control around people and other dogs.

All dogs must be kept on a lead in outside spaces.

Dogs in public places should be under control on a lead at all times attacks defecating etc

Dogs can be exercised on leads. I have been attacked walking on the beach

Should be lead free

Health and Safety for residents

Dogs in the street should be on a lead.

dog should always be kept on leads.

It is safer when all dogs on lead

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

For the safety of pedestrians and motorists

I regard keeping a dog on its lead in residential or busy areas an essential aspect of good dog ownership. Dogs of the lead can be total pests - to people, children, traffic and other dogs.

As above. Dogs should remain on a lead ALL year within public areas.

This small area could be a very nice oasis of green (and flower beds / benches if it could be arranged/afforded) and as such could be a restricted area.

If this is the patch of grass on Northway by Benny's chinese there is no gate and should remain dogs on lead.

Keep leads for public safety

All dogs should be kept on leads where there are busy roads

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

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Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

I've seen to many out of control dogs down there

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If this area is not secure then dogs may get out onto the busy main road.

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No need for dogs off lead on such a small area

No safe boundaries for people to let their dogs off.

Leave it as it is. It is safer.

So many dogs about now it is a must to keep on lead rule

Safer to have dogs on leads and less chance of fouling

Not if its a no dogs at all proposal

It should remain as it is

Unsafe because there is traffic on all three sides.

I think dogs should be on leads on public paths

This is a small area and I believe if owners have to keep their dogs on leads they are more likely to pick up after them.

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I cant see a problem, as long as dogs are on leads

Unleashed dogs are dangerous on this road

Control is needed

Dogs should be on a lead all year round in these gardens

This is a regularly used area. Pedestrians walk here- owners dont always clean up after their dogs on leads it would be worse if they were roaming free for safety of people and children

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Retain the dogs on lead areas. Too many dogs are not trained and are unsafe around children and disabled people

Lots of traffic in area

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It invites dogs to roam and mess where children frequent!

Dogs should only be off lead in areas where they can run free in a safe environment without upsetting other area users.

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Dogs not on leads can foul walking areas without their owners noticing. To allow dogs off the lead risks dog excrement being carried on walkers shoes into the properties on King Fisher Drive.Marton

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Too close to a main road.

It should be kept as a year round dogs on lead area. People who live in the area still use it with their dogs.

No year round dogs on leads to near the road

Dogs should always be on lead

Hugh amounts of children use this and should use it. It will become a dogs toilet

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Assuming Merryweather gardens is th triangle of land opposite The BT exchange, although I fully back the right to excercise well behaved dogs, this piece of land is too close to busy roads to allow dogs the freedom to roam.

Dogs off leads encourages dog fouling, dog attacks on other dogs and humans and accidents with road vehicles

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the year round dogs on lead on Merryweather Gardens, Northway in Scarborough.

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

While I'm not 100% sure where this is Northway traffic seems to heavy for dogs not to be on a lead.

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

I don't live in Scarborough but my previous reasons apply

If dogs are on lead they should be allowed to go where ever

dogs should be kept on a lead everywhere . Dogs need to be under the control of owners . Protect those that do not like dogs and if on lead they cannot defecate without their owner knowing about it and they become duty bound to pick it up. dog owners need to be responsible for their dog . Dogs should be on a lead at all times so they know their whereabouts .

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Dogs on lead and under control helps avoid problems, dogs on lead is the best compromise for dog owners and safety

Is ok as it is.

I think it should be kept in place.

Again this is an area open to children also, risk of contamination

Keep dogs on leads all year round so public are safe from dogs running around & fouling places & accidents

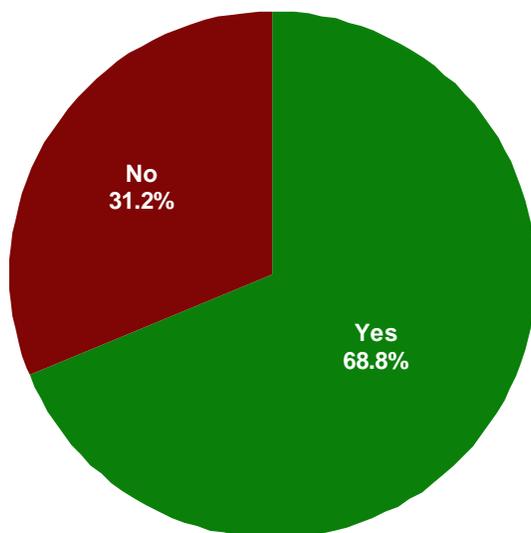
Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough the area leading into and out of the Open Air Theatre is currently a dogs on lead area.

**Q8 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 925 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 68.8% of responses agree that the year round dogs on lead restriction should be removed from Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough the area leading into and out of the Open Air Theatre, where as 31.2% do not agree.

		Total	925
	Yes	636	68.8%
	No	289	31.2%



Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

Dogs in public should always be on a lead

Don't go backwards.

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

amenity area

This is a small area, close to traffic

This is predominantly a public used open area and dogs should be kept on a lead

The park should remain a dogs on lead area, to enable the space to be shared with other users without loose/free running dogs, which some people, including young children can find intimidating. There are plenty of places (including the beach) where dogs can be off their leads but there needs to be a balance between the needs of different users and It is important that some public space/parks is retained where other users can access the space without free running dogs. Dog fouling is also likely to increase particularly after dark if dogs do not have to be on leads.

Relaxing this sends the wrong message to dog owners as they enter an area of high pedestrian activity including the approaches to the beach where stronger restrictions apply.

Leave as at present

they should be under control at all times and every where

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

Always busy with pedestrians who do not need loose dogs running about, plenty of space elsewhere.

prefer dogs on leads in parks

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

Dogs should be on leads in a busy area.

Dogs should remain under control not lose

To keep them under proper control then at least the owners would know what their dogs are doing instead of walking off not knowing what they have left behind

Another area visited at all times of the year. This removal would put people off visiting the town.

Busy public area

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

This is a busy are all year round. Dogs should be on leads

Keep on lead

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

It can be a very busy area with tourists and people using the theatre

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

Why change

too many dogs too much dog mess from owners who don't watch where their dogs go

Dogs should be under control in tourist season around children.

to many irresponsible dog owners, i have a dog .

Dogs should be on a lead especially when there is a chance of them meeting other dogs.

Dogs should be on leads in all urban public areas to protect young children.

This is a major tourism route and whilst the majority of dog owner will respect this and keep dogs close to them, many let their dogs run wild and run upto children and vulnerable adults.

What is your reason for removing this requirement? If you do you are not taking the safety of the dogs, its owners or the general public into account. It would be a very irresponsible move to make. The area us also close to a very busy road, which could lead to accidents if an uncontrolled dog becomes distracted.

Very important for tourism and used extensively now. Only takes one thoughtless owner to leave a bad impression. Too important to risk.

If it's tarmaced - dogs on lead

Dogs should be under control the owner for public protection

Again, this is a well used walkway by members of the public of all ages and I believe dogs should be kept on a lead.

Too much of a public area children/other dogs

Owners should be in control of dogs in places where families, children etc wish to walk.

Dogs should be on leads all the time as a lot of owners do not seem to have any control

Dogs should be on leads for road safety.

This is a busy area both in and out of season. Dogs off leads in this area would put many people (and especially children) in a very vulnerable position.

In public spaces dogs should be kept on leads.It avoids conflict with other dogs and their owners. Disposal facilities???

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

Too busy for loose dogs also the traffic in that area, it could be dangerous.

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

No. It is a busy area with a lot of attractions. Obedient dogs are of course fine but many are not. I worry children and those with disabilities could be knocked over. It's a busy pathway not to mention the trains and noise which pose a danger to the dogs and could spook dogs into running off.

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Public Highway dogs should be on a lead.

Dogs should be kept under control at all times in public places.

The area in question is a multi-user space, including pedestrians, walkers, children, runners, and it is important that all users feel comfortable utilizing this space. Dogs off leads could meander and cause incidents, and also make other users, that may not be comfortable around dogs, nervous when using the area. Dog owners always say that their dog will not hurt anyone, but for small children and those uncomfortable with dogs may have different views.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD Owners then now when their dogs foul the beach and can pick it up and take it home Nothing worse than visitors seeing dog mess and or walking it back to their car esp when daylight wanes

It's a busy area ...so dogs should be kept on a lead

All dogs should be on leads in a public place

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Dogs need to be controlled in a busy pedestrian area

Dogs should be on leads in general

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe. keep dogs safe & the public too.

Too busy with children and families as detailed earlier regarding the sea wall in whitby

Dogs need to be kept under control at all times.

Not all owners are responsible in keeping an eye on their dogs

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

Protect children

Dog owners cannot pick up pooh if dogs run loose

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess. also needs policing

Dogs are in danger of being run over or lost if they decide to run off. dogs could be hurt if they run off.

They don't clean up their mess

Dogs should be kept under close control at all times in public areas. Otherwise fouling cannot be adequately controlled. The surrounding area is already badly affected by fouling removal of the requirement to have dogs on leads will simply make it worse. Dog fouling is particularly bad in this area winter and summer alike. Walkers with dogs kept on leads are more aware of what their dogs are doing.

it is a high footfall area and not a dog walking area. seasonal yes

Dogs need to be on a lead permanently unless at their owners property.

Dogs need to be kept on leads to help owners identify when they need to clean up after their dogs. If dogs are allowed off leads then they run off and foul wherever they like letting the owners off clearing up.

Not all dogs are friendly

No need safety first

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all too often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

As long as the Council is quiet about the reasons for their decision, my answer is no.

people going/leaving theatre shouldn't have to contend with free roaming dogs

As the old saying goes if it is working leave it alone

All dogs should be kept on a lead at all times

Enough areas for dogs off the lead

Busy enclosed area with many children.

all dogs should be on leads in public places

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of been bitten or standing in excrement.

This is a public area and not everyone likes dogs. Will increase dog mess. It is bad enough when the dog is on the lead but off owners just walk on.

It's not safe to do this here

I have a dog and walk this route daily. People let their dogs roam about all year round and its both annoying and dangerous. If the dogs are away from the owner at anytime, the owner cannot see if the dog is fouling or not. Can't see a reason to want dogs roaming about without a lead. Normally, I would expect dogs to be on a lead in a residential area.

Scarborough has a major problem with dog mess. Removing these restrictions will make it worse. Too many owners will allow aggressive dogs to run free and frighten or attack children (and make messes). People seem to feel more obliged to clean up their dog mess when they are on leads. It is far simpler to enforce a year-round requirement. People get confused by seasonal changes in regulations.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

i believe animals should be under some form or restraint at all times in public areas. animals in public should be restrained, preferably on short leads, not those extendable ones

A multiple use access often busy with children.

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

There are a lot of children in Northstead manor gardens and I have seen children be very scared of dogs running free.

leads always

Dogs should be kept on leads in public gardens

Dogs should be on a lead in this busy public area.

Same reason outlined above in relation to Scalby Mills Road/Sands

Again, dogs need to be under control around people and other dogs.

All dogs must be kept on a lead in outside spaces.

Dogs in public places should be under control on a lead at all times attacks defecating etc

area Of wildlife

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

seasonal ban is a possibility. Heavily populated when the theatre and train are running

This area is close to parking and toilets and is always busy with parents and children and prams and wheelchairs etc. Dog droppings are evident now even on leads

Dogs in the street should be on a lead.

I think the entrance to the theatre dogs need to be kept in control

It is safer when all dogs are on leads in public places

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

I can imagine spooked dogs running onto the road and causing an accident.

keep on lead in public

For the safety of pedestrians

As above

i do think dogs should be on a lead in that area

As above. Dogs should remain on a lead ALL year within public areas.

Probably if usage monitored

Leads needed here

Another busy public area near a very busy road, safer to keep dogs on leads.

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

I've seen to many out of control dogs down there

Too many dogs being attacked by others not on leads. Maybe it will be a child next time.

The suggestion totally disregards the wider community and meets the needs of specific groups. The wider community are the silent majority and the amount of dog attacks and dog fouling and the lack of consideration by dog owners for the wider community is a local if not national disgrace. In other European countries the dogs are restricted to restricted dog park areas so that children and other members of the community can pursue their lives without the fear of dog attacks or dog fouling. Your recommendations are putting the dog before people first, you have got your priorities totally wrong.

I don't think it unreasonable to have a dog on a lead in a busy area. Out of season may be a better way of relaxing the restriction

Too busy with people year round

Might be difficult to monitor own dogs due to bushes etc, also ducks/etc could be at risk.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

Leave it as it is. It is safer.

Some dogs are a nuisance because of lack of control by owners. Some children are nervous around uncontrolled dogs and dogs jumping up can be a nuisance to unstable young and elderly people.

Some places do need to have restrictions - not beaches where they can be exercised and have fun with their owners

Joke? loose dogs among thousands of excited people= DOH!!!

Many people walk with their dogs in this area, it would be unfair to stop this

Dogs should be on a lead in public areas for safety reasons

This is a busy family area all year round and it only takes one irresponsible dog owner who is not exercising control of their dog to spoil the area for non-dog walkers.

The amount of footfall in this area can be high and this is not favourable for dog owners to allow dogs to roam freely.

I think dogs should be on leads on public paths

This area can be quite busy at times and dogs off leash could be a hazard, especially where the footpath meets the main road and the railway.

Should stay as it is.

Because of the people nowadays who do not fully understand the type of dogs they have, and others who have no choice but to keep their own dog on leads because of some sort of nervousness, then this is how fights start, also when dogs are off lead, a lot of owners do not even notice if their dog has even pooped and walk away from their responsibilities, until people can take responsibility for their animals properly there should be areas where there is control by leads

continuity without seasonal change has a greater possibility of compliance. as in earlier statements, the significantly higher risk to public health and public safety due to increased numbers of dogs per head of population. The Council could face significant numbers of legal challenges by the public regarding "failure to protect public health" and or "failure to protect safety of its citizens"

This is a busy thoroughfare with lots of young children using the North Bay Railway, climbing attraction, etc so feel dogs on leads is appropriate all year round.

I can't see a problem as long as dogs are on leads

Unleashed dogs in this area are dangerous to young children

People need to be able to walk their dogs safely AT ALL TIMES, not be pestered with off lead dogs

Control is needed

Dogs should be kept on a lead all year round in these gardens

This is a busy thoroughfare and the open air theatre is promoted as an asset to the town. dogs roaming free would not be in the best interests of visitors or residents!

People don't pick their dog poo up as it is and if dogs are off leads more people are not likely to be aware that their dog has messed so there will be an increase in dog poo

for safety of people and children

Extra busy- thoroughfare

Dogs should be on a lead when approaching a road

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

Dogs may be harmed by traffic, traffic might need to swerve to avoid dogs off leads.

Dogs on leads at all times, all dogs should be under control in public places.

THIS IS A VERY BUSY AREA AND I THINK DOGS ON LEADS SHOULD BE KEPT

Same as Q8- this area is a part of a lovely circular walk. At this point you dont want dogs running on to the road

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Plainly fo health and safety for the people of Scarborough.

There are not enough areas where people can escape from dogs. Dogs on long leads are still a nuisance.

There are enough areas for dogs to walk in Scarborough, there needs to be areas where dogs are more under control.

Dogs off the lead are more likely to pose a nuisance to the general public through fouling or simply behaving like dogs eg. jumping up at people who do not want to be jumped-up at, licking the faces of small children etc. When on the lead, the owners can exert a greater degree of control over their animals and this unwanted behaviour is less likely to occur.

It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threating . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating . I absolutely cannot fathom why dogs should be allowed to roam at will in these areas and make life unpleasant for residents and tourists alike . I very strongly object to these measures . It needs to be understood that not everyone loves dogs . I believe you are putting children and older peoples lives at risk .

again this is a well used path for non-dog walkers - for the same reasons as above - albeit without the Sea Wall comment,

dogs on lead are safer to the public and potential reduction in dog faeces on a public space.

logical thought

Gives excuse for dog poo offences going unnoticed. Safety of pedestrians, dogs and traffic risks

Dogs not on a lead can be a nuisance to the general public. For example by barking if they cannot see their owner. Also there is less chance of faeces being picked up by the owner if the dog is not in sight when doing its business.

Contol od dogs important for public safety and poo collection

This is a very pleasant area for a stroll. The public sjhould be able to do this without being on alert for off- lead dogs causing problems

Dogs should always be on a lead in public places

Retain the dogs on lead areas. Too many dogs are not trained and are unsafe around children and disabled people

Area used by children

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

People safety and health reasons

Too near a main road

A very busy area - responsible dog owners already walk their dogs on leads as there are too many dogs not in control. Dogs should be on a lead.

Dogs should be on leads near roads and residential areas, for their own safety and the safety of others.

Have you ever walked this area? Too many children and too many lively and 'status dogs' to make removal a good decision. I would not be happy for my grandchildren to lose their love of dogs following an unfortunate avoidable incident as happened to my children in past years

I think dogs should be on a lead in public places to protect people who are frightened of dogs or who simply don't like dogs or to avoid confrontations with other dogs

It is an amenity to be enjoyed without dogs running off leads away from their walkers and possibly defecating out of site with the consequence of their mess being left.

Dogs should only be off lead in areas where they can run free in a safe environment without upsetting other area users.

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

Dogs not on leads can foul walking areas without their owners noticing. To allow dogs off lead risks dog excrement being carried on walkers shoes into the open air theatre area.

Dogs should always be under control or on a lead near roads

loose dogs are a danger and a nuisance.

loose dogs are a danger to both children and adults.

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

All East coast resorts are attracting more visitors year round-so the ban should reflect the changing conditions. Seasonal is a misleading term

All dogs must and need to be on a lead. Dogs not on a lead pose a potential threat to a person's safety should an unleashed dog attack an individual.

All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner.

I feel safer around dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviour are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There are many areas around the borough that have dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or discarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Another busy area where dogs should be on a lead

Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

Dogs should always be kept under control on leads

It is an area used by dog owners and others so it's more safe and harmonious to stay controlled

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

As I have said above these need to be kept as dog walking areas. We are responsible people and do pick up after our dogs. If you keep banning dogs from everywhere the people will stop coming to the town.

Sorry do not agree With this like I have said we need to take our dog some were for a walk

Dogs should always be on lead, i still see plenty of dogs roaming around

Hugh amounts of children use this and should use it. It will become a dogs toilet also a business area especially food sales

Dogs shouldn't be roaming around without a lead. They can be intimidating for a lot of people and dog owners are less likely to pick up their dogs mess.

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs .Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year

Dogs off leads encourages dog fouling, dog attacks on other dogs and accidents with cars etc

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

For reasons same as above,as a seaside town we don't want dogs running amok everywhere leaving behind their deposits which can I add they don't want to pick up if they don't have to and can get away with it

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

I don't live in Scarborough but my previous reasons apply

If dogs Are on leads they should be allowed anywhere

dogs should be kept on a lead everywhere . Dogs need to be under the control of owners . Protect those that do not like dogs and if on lead they cannot defecate without their owner knowing about it and they become duty bound to pick it up. dog owners need to be responsible for their dog . Dogs should be on a lead at all times so they know their whereabouts .

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Dogs on lead and under control helps avoid problems, dogs on lead is the best compromise for dog owners and safety

Quite alot of people around and too close to a busy road. However if dogs are well trained I.e. recall trained then I can't see a problem

I think existing rules are correct.

This area is too busy in the summer times

It is a very busy thoroughfare

A lot of people like myself are afraid of dogs

No one will benefit from this

Madness! too busy here

Not safe

I feel that in a busy tourist resort, all dogs should be kept on lead in places that are very popular. There are plenty of places away from the town where dogs can run off lead, nut not everyone is a dog lover & a dog bounding up can be very intimidating

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead requirement on Northstead Manor Gardens in Scarborough.

Keep dogs on leads all year round so public are safe from dogs running around & fouling places & accidents

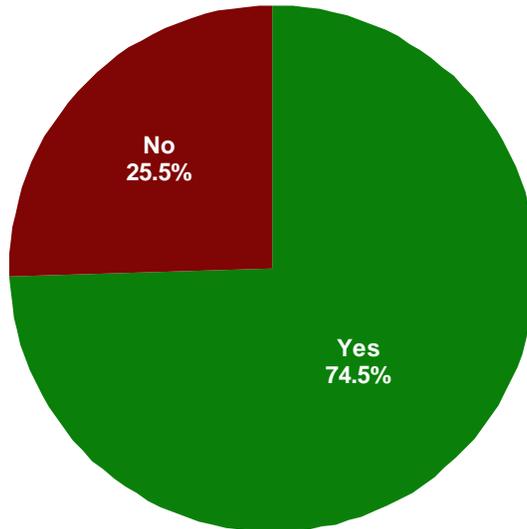
Granville Square in Scarborough is currently a dog prohibition area.

**Q9 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 938 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 74.5% of responses agree that the current dog prohibition area in Granville Square in Scarborough should be removed, where as 25.5% do not agree.

		Total	938
	Yes	699	74.5%
	No	239	25.5%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

Have you seen the mess currently?

There will be more dogs running riot around the town

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well. Lots of other places to walk your dog.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

amenity area

This is a small area, close to traffic

Dogs can turn and it needs responsible owners

Why are the current restrictions being withdrawn?

they will not be under control

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

Built up area does not need a procession of dogs arriving to do a defaecate..

some areas need to be dog free for peace and quiet

Dogs should remain under control not lose

To keep them under proper control then at least the owners would know what their dogs are doing instead of walking off not knowing what they have left behind

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

This is a busy area all year round. Dogs should be on leads

Keep as it was

Why

keep up this a stronger view needed this is not an area to make a saving it will in the end cause the council no end of grief and increased expense when all this eventually gets out of hand and the whole quality of the public spaces spirals down even more

should not be turned into dogs toilet

Dog fouling is a recurrent problem in Scarborough. Fines clearly are not working. The only solution is prohibition areas.

The reason for it being a dog prohibition area must have been made in wisdom, so why would you want to change it?

We need more public spaces dog free.

It would end up as a dog toileting area for local residents who own dogs.

No reason to remove it.

Need some spaces which are dog free

I just feel that this move would be inappropriate. It will encourage dog owners to use the area for one purpose only. - would be used for allowing dogs to leave mess.

There was obviously a reason in the past to put a dog prohibition in this area. What has changed for this proposal to come about?

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

In the absence of any convenient or hygienic disposal facilities.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

This area is too small for dogs to be allowed to run free.

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

Public Highway dogs should be on a lead.

This small area of public green open space is enhanced by the prohibition of dogs, as I assume that the incidence of dog fouling is much reduced because of that current prohibition.

All dogs should be on leads in a public place

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Dogs should be on leads in general

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

when out dogs should be under control- not banned entirely- but kept safe. keep dogs safe & the public too.

People cannot be trusted to keep their dogs under control and clean their mess. This has been demonstrated repeatedly.

Supervision of dogs always needed

You're stopping people visiting that area of the town and reducing trade for not being boy that area but surrounding ones

Protect children

We value a dog prohibition area to enjoy at our leisure.

Too many loose dogs running around. Owners not watching where they mess. also needs policing

They don't clean their mess!

It works well as it is.

Dogs should be kept under close control at all times in public areas. Otherwise fouling cannot be adequately controlled. The surrounding area is already badly affected by fouling removal of the requirement to have dogs on leads will simply make it worse. Dog fouling is particularly bad in this area winter and summer alike. Walkers with dogs kept on leads are more aware of what their dogs are doing.

just because there is a little area of grass doesn't make it acceptable to let dogs mess there.

The less dogs the better. There's enough stinking urine stained posts, signs, doorways, shop blackboards etc etc as it is. Why add to the filth that abounds in your lovely town.

Dogs on lead.

There are few dogs prohibited areas and these need to be maintained. There are still some people and children who either are afraid of dogs or are allergic to them.

No make it that dogs are on a lead then every one can enjoy the area

No need safety first

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

Many of the people who live in properties around Granville Square, are dog owners, most responsible, and take their pets for out for a walk. Most clear up the faeces, if their animals perform on public land. However not all of the owners are responsible!!! If the signs prohibiting dogs from using the square are removed, my fear is, that it might temp some owners to let their dogs in, off their leads and the area could become a convenient exercise area and dogs toilet, especially it the late evening. Please leave the signs. thanku.

The consultation exercise is somewhat hampered by the lack of information provided regarding the reasons for the current prohibition. The public health implications of dog faeces is a powerful argument for the prohibition of dogs in many areas, but it is difficult to lend support to this without facts. Dog owners looking to further their own interests will no doubt be pleased by this 'post truth' approach to public consultation.

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

People's safety is and should always be paramount throughout the year.

The square is used by families with young children which is encouraged if dogs are allowed in this could put them in danger also people will either not pick up dog faeces or if they do the residue is left behind which when children are playing they stand or sit in it.as a local resident I speak from personal experience when irresponsible dog owners have let dogs in. So we don't want dogs in Granville square.i say this as a dog owner

This amineity area is special and used by families with small children and dog some owners have proved to show no responsibility for allowing their dogs to foul this area in fact they often use it for that very purpose.

Dogs should not be allowed in public places unless on a lead

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of been bitten or standing in excrement.

We have to have some areas where you can walk with your head up and not worry about stepping into mess. Scarborough is dirty enough.

I presume historically there has been a problem there.

Scarborough has a major problem with dog mess. Removing these restrictions will make it worse. Too many owners will allow aggressive dogs to run free and frighten or attack children (and make messes). People seem to feel more obliged to clean up their dog mess when they are on leads. It is far simpler to enforce a year-round requirement. People get confused by seasonal changes in regulations.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

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Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

No idea where this is

It is better that dogs are prohibited from this area.

Why remove it and create problems of previous explanations

It would be a retrograde step

The prohibition must be seen to be enforced otherwise remove this. What action is taken on miscreants?

Or could be yes, sorry I don't know Granville Sq.

dog should always be kept on leads.

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

I live on the square, have a chalet on the South Cliff, and use the paths and gardens for exercise and for getting to town. Granville Square is the only area on the South Cliff which is guaranteed to be free from dog faeces. Currently, the South Cliff continues to be an area where people like to exercise their dogs, and many people still do not pick up after their dogs. I know of a woman who picks up litter and other people's dog's waste every day. She has never had a day where she hasn't picked up after other people. There is a man who lives on the square who doesn't pick up after his dog. (He once shouted an expletive at me when I asked him to pick up.) Dog walkers can go practically everywhere in Scarborough, and some of them do not consider cleaning up after their dog. I think a dog free space in this area is necessary for people to go and spend time confident in the knowledge that their children will stay clean, their picnics are safe and peace can be had.

Dogs should be on leads in all residential areas

I cannot understand why dog owners and therefore, presumably dog lovers insist on taking dogs everywhere with them. Surely it must be cruel to subject a dog to areas of dense population within a seaside resort where they can be stepped-on or kicked by accident. How can it be safe to surround dogs by human legs ??? It must be stressful for them as well as people having to dodge out of the way all the time. No there should continue to be areas which are dog free.

Residents in and around Granville Square might wish for more control of the situation - perhaps dogs on leads if properly monitored and enforced?

Not sure where this is

Keep leads

Except guide dogs

Problems with dog fouling! sadly not all dog owners are responsible owners!

Should be kept free of dogs as it is a play area for kids and this could be ruined by things like dog muck.

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing2

Impossible to control those who do not respect decent behaviour, unfortunately some people with dogs will spend all day in there acting in an antisocial manner.

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

I've seen to many out of control dogs down there

The suggestion totally disregards the wider community and meets the needs of specific groups. The wider community are the silent majority and the amount of dog attacks and dog fouling and the lack of consideration by dog owners for the wider community is a local if not national disgrace. In other European countries the dogs are restricted to restricted dog park areas so that children and other members of the community can pursue their lives without the fear of dog attacks or dog fouling. Your recommendations are putting the dog before people first, you have got your priorities totally wrong.

Leave it as it is. It is safer.

Enough pigeon and gull crap. Dogs as well?

Square is already visited by owners breaching the law.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

Being a resident for a number of years we have observed various members of the public who flaunt the current restrictions. There have been times in the past dog owners have brought their animals in cars to specifically use this area for toileting of their pets. This has made the green an area covered in dog excrement making it an undesirable and unsafe area for people and their children to enjoy this beautiful square. I object strongly.

Granville Square is a tiny green space that is a stone's throw from other, bigger green areas where dogs can be walked.

It should stay as it is a residents comment.

I don't agree with this proposal. The Square is well maintained by sbc and used by local residents including children. I would be disappointed to put this in jeopardy and for dogs to be able to potentially use this as their toilet. I don't understand why sbc would even consider lifting the dog prohibition order in this area!

As a resident of Granville Square my wish is for the garden to remain prohibited to dogs

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4 Delverne Court 11a Granville Road children and residents gather on this square to socialise...this area shouldn't become a toilet for dogs

As long as dogs are on leads, it shouldn't be a problem. The dog fouling is, but that's the owners fault

Why change it?

Control is needed

I think this should stay as it is an area safe for children. No dog fouling

There are very few green spaces in South Cliff that are dog free. People need to have a choice so they can go where there are not any dogs for safety of people and children

Dogs may be harmed by traffic, traffic might need to swerve to avoid dogs off leads.

There must be a good reason for the prohibition, what has changed?.

### WE NEED TO KEEP A TRACK ON DOG FOULING

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Plainly for health and safety for the people of Scarborough.

There are not enough areas where people can escape from dogs. Dogs on long leads are still a nuisance.

It will suffer with dog fouling

Dogs off the lead are more likely to pose a nuisance to the general public through fouling or simply behaving like dogs eg. jumping up at people who do not want to be jumped-up at, licking the faces of small children etc. When on the lead, the owners can exert a greater degree of control over their animals and this unwanted behaviour is less likely to occur.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threatening . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating . I absolutely cannot fathom why dogs should be allowed to roam at will in these areas and make life unpleasant for residents and tourists alike . I very strongly object to these measures . It needs to be understood that not everyone loves dogs . I believe you are putting children and older peoples lives at risk .

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dogs on lead are safer to the public and potential reduction in dog faeces on a public space.

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logical thought

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Gives excuse for dog poo offences going unnoticed. Safety of pedestrians, dogs and traffic risks

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There are no litter bins in the garden or the streets which surround it for dog owners to place bags of dog faeces.

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Control of dogs important for public safety and poo collection

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There are plenty of other areas that dogs can freely go into

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Reatin the prohibition to avoid dog fouling and other problems in this quieter, residential area

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The square is used by children and local residents

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Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

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Health reasons, not all people like dogs off lead

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Plenty of the areas to exercise dogs.

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Have you ever walked this area? Too many children and too many lively and 'status dogs' to make removal a good decision. I would not be happy for my grandchildren to loose their love of dogs following an unfortunate avoidable incident as happened to my children in past years

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Absolutely not. The square is for the benefit of residents and children who use it as a play area. There are people who blatantly flout the law, exercise their dogs there regardless and do not pick up after their dogs. Removing the law would I believe make things even worse.

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This is one of the few green areas for young children to frequent in that area, to do otherwise would lend it to be a dogs toilet. I also understand that their are certain controls on the land which I beleive may question the legality to act in is way without consent of adjoining property owners?

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Dogs should be under owner control at all times

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I am filling this online survey in under protest, as Mr Harry Briggs will be aware, as I have been in contact with him by email several times lately, contesting the validity of the inclusion of Granville Square in this survey without prior discussions with rights-holders connected with the property. ....Just for the record, many of us remember the days before the current dog restrictions were put in place. The green was then nothing but a dogs toilet and we don't want this situation returned to haunt us. It is regularly used by families with young children and as we all know, children coming in contact with dog faeces can easily pick up diseases associated as a result. Please also see my comments in the box on the penultimate page of this survey.

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Suburban residential areas are not the best place to exercise a dog. Unfortunately a small number of dog owners abuse this privilege and do not clean up after their pets.

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Dogs should always be under cotrail or on a lead near roads

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areas where dogs are prohibited are a good thing, you can lift your gaze from the pavement without fear of stepping in something nasty.

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lets enjoy one of the few dog free areas left.

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## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

All East coast resorts are attracting more visitors year round-so the ban should reflect the changing conditions.Seasonal is a misleading term

All dogs must and need to be on a lease. Dogs not on a lease pose a potential threat to a person's safety should an unleashed dog attack an individual.

I object to the re-introduction of dogs to this green space in our square. It would be a travesty to do this and it would be absolute hell again. Please do not do this. Nobody would benefit from this action. Quite the opposite, it would place the young children playing on the green in danger from disease transmitted by dog faeces. And the elderly, sometimes frail care home residents who often walk around this quiet space would have this pleasure taken from them, come their first contact with dog muck in the grass! Please also see my notes within the box on the last page but one in this survey. Why on earth are you even thinking about taking these backward facing measures?

All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner.

It is rare to have a completely dog free zone and for those who are wary/afraid of dogs this is a sanctuary.

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviour are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There many areas around the borough that has dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or disgarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

any dog exclusion area is good as it means no dog dirt to affect children in the area

Hugh amounts of children use this and should use it. It will become a dogs toilet also a business area especially food sales

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs .Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

In my experience, dog owners cannot be relied upon to clear up their dogs' excrement, which poses a significant public health risk especially for young children.

I don't live in Scarborough but my previous reasons apply

it was prohibited for a reason

It should remain a prohibited area.

Becasue children play on there so still want it for children and not dogs

There are plenty of facilities for dog walkers on the South Cliff without spoiling the few lovely gardens we have scattered around.

Respect the original order - it will be there for a reason

May grandchildren play on Granville I don't want dog muck where they play.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

This is a family area that needs to remain a dog free area in order for families to enjoy it.

I like to go to the garden and have a walk on the grounds or sit in a chair. It would be a shame to ruin these times by having dogs doing their toilets.

as anything wants to be changed, not dogs on grassy places is best. Why change things - not for me!

I really do hope that you change your mind about altering the no dogs allowed situation, now for Granville Square green, otherwise it will do nothing but harm, what good will come from changing it? Is what I say, No I don't want it to change.

Please keep this area dog free

This is a residential and family area dog owners should respect this.

There are many dog owners in this area, dog dirt is everywhere as it is rules are broken as it is. Why would this be considered for dogs? This is an area where families congregate and children play.

Families with children use the square and dog mess puts their health in danger

The rules for this square are exactly right do NOT alter this situation. Can't think why you should want to change it.

As children play in this area keep as it is.

Do not want dog fouling in our square

Families use this green and children play. Do not let it become a dogs toilet

How on earth could this be of any benefit to anybody? It just sounds like something out of "CLOCHMERLE"

Dogs are gander to children health no dogs please

We do not want the present dog restrictions to be replaced

With no prohibition the area will cease to be a peaceful area for all to enjoy.

This green really works with the protection that "no dogs" gives don't change it.

Its a play area just for children apart from this older people use it, keep dogs off

Children also play in this area, again risk of contamination

I strongly feel that Granville Square should remain a dog free area - children play on the lawn on a daily basis and because many people, do not clean after their dogs, it would become a health hazard for the many families spending time on the lawn playing and picning during the summer/warmer days. So I strongly disagree in removing the listed ban

This is a residential area with lots of children

I always say that this is such a lovely square - please don't spoil it this way

Not wanted, keep childrens playing free from dog - related disease

I don't want dog fouling in Granville Square, as I'm a mother and I'm very concerned the well being of my children

It is a play area for children

Children and families use this area to play and picnic. Dogs would make this unhygeinic

Why - and again - who will benefit? - No!

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Granville Square in Scarborough

The residents who live around the square and adjacent areas are/or many of them are - dog owners - some owning more than one dog) most responsible - offers not - I believe the notice is taken down - the square could be used by a few!! - as an area where dogs could be let loose - to do what dogs do! - are irresponsible owners not clearing up the mess. Children use this square and many families - dog excreta carries risks. If sign (which is already there goes - this will be licence to some)

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More madenss - just who would it be advantageous to.

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"No dogs" is the ideal - it works fine in Granville Square - no change please

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I know several people who enjoy this square simply because a dog prohibition area. There are plenty of places where dogs can be taken

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This is a clean enclosed place and should not be contaminated by dog poo & urine. It is also a quiet relaxing square where people can relax in peace

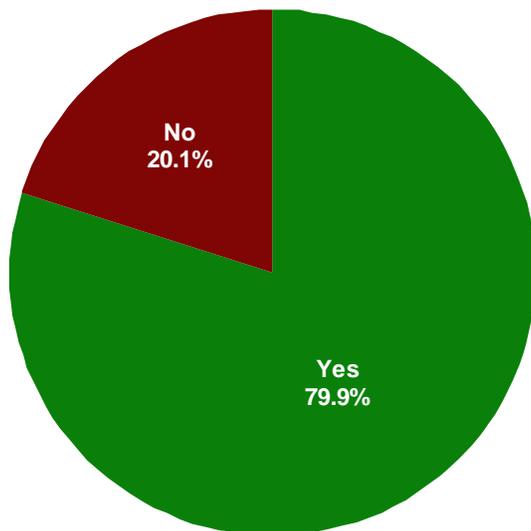
The Green, Burniston in Scarborough is currently a dog prohibition area.

**Q10 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 869 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 79.9% of responses agree that the current dog prohibition area in The Green, Burniston in Scarborough should be removed, where as 20.1% do not agree.

		Total	869
	Yes	694	79.9%
	No	175	20.1%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the dog prohibition on the Green, Burniston in Scarborough

Said it already

Cause the owners of the dogs wont pick up the mess after their dogs. Its for children to play in

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well. Lots of other places to walk your dog.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

children need places that are guaranteed free of excreta

Not fair on the non dog owning local residents who have become accustomed to the current restrictions

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Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

There must have been a reason for it in the first place - this 'yes' 'no' choice with no 'don't know' for people unfamiliar with the area is not very satisfactory.

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

Why

keep up this a stronger vidual needed this is not an area to make a saving it will in the end cause the council no end of grief and in creased expense when all this eventually gets out of hand and the whole quality of the public spaces spiral's down even more

Scarborough has a recurrng dog fouling problem. Fines clearly aren't working. The only solution is dog prohibition areas.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in this area and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

There should be some areas where families can go without having to dodge dog poo. Even with restrictions in place, people ignore them. You should go around the borough and renew all the signs so they can be clearly seen. Black writing on yellow background. While doing so, include no motorized vehicles to be used in the area as well.

We need more dog free public areas

Children play here.

There should be places children can play without dog mess or dogs out of control.

This is an area where children play freely, there are plenty of other areas for dogs to go for walks in the nearby countryside. Not all dog owners clear up after themselves and this creates a health hazard for children (and adults).

To avoid public nuisance

Absence of disposal facilities and control in by other users.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

Public Highway plus fouling of the green area inevitable

Because the removal of the prohibition is likely to lead to more dog fouling.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the dog prohibition on the Green, Burniston in Scarborough

Unfortunately a small minority of owners do not clean up after their dogs and as a parent this concerns me in areas that are naturally highly frequented by children.

Dogs could be on leads in a public place

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. There are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Not familiar with the area

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

It should be kept for people to use safely & the expectation of clean space.

Protect children

keep dogs under control

Too many dirty dog owners

Dog fouling on areas such as this leaves traces of dangerous substances. Dogs should be kept off them

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Dogs should not be exercised in public places

No no no more areas of fouling.

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Lots of children play on there.

area for children to play

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It is better that dogs are prohibited from this area.

Why remove it and create problems of previous explanations

If no law enforcement or action taken then no point in keeping this

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This a childrens playground

Dog mess and inappropriate adults

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Surely you don't want green covered in dead patches from dog pee and crap?

Keep as is

Children's play area, dogs do not need to be on this area.

It should stay as it is.

To remain prohibited, if it's the wish of residents

It's a children's play area.

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All dogs should be on a lead in a public area

Open space for children needed

Control is needed

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the dog prohibition on the Green, Burniston in Scarborough

It should stay a dog prohibition area as there are older people and children

There are very few green spaces in Burniston that are dog free. People need to have a choice so they can go where there are not any dogs

Again children playing in this area

for safety of people and children

Prohibitions have been placed for a good reason unless the majority of residents want it removed?

DOG FOULING AND A BUSY AREA

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Children use and play in this area, dog fouling will start as owners exercise their dogs

It should be possible for people to enjoy dog-free areas.

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dogs on a public route are often not supervised and presence of dog faeces require removal.

logical thought

Control of dogs important for public safety and poo collection

There are plenty of other areas that dogs can freely go into

Retain the prohibition to avoid dog fouling and other problems in this quieter, residential area

Yes if people are looking after their dogs

Children play here. People don't pick up poo.

Plenty of other areas to exercise dogs.

This is a public green space used by children, removing the ban would increase risk to them.

Same reasons as Granville Square - Absolutely not. The square is for the benefit of residents and children who use it as a play area. There are people who blatantly flout the law, exercise their dogs there regardless and do not pick up after their dogs. Removing the law would I believe make things even worse. Without proper policing the situation would become worse than it currently is.

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the dog prohibition on the Green, Burniston in Scarborough

Suburban residential areas are not the best place to exercise a dog. Unfortunately a small number of dog owners abuse this privilege and do not clean up after their pets.

Dogs should always be under cotrail or on a lead near roads unless it is possible stop going to the toilet.

areas where dogs are prohibited are a good thing, you can lift your gaze from the pavement without fear of stepping in something nasty.

dog fouling will always be a problem, no dogs, - no problem

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

Some areas need to remain a sanctuary whereby people who are worried about dogs, either tethered or not, can escape from dogs and the threats they pose.

It is rare to have a completely dog free zone and for those who are wary/afraid of dogs this is a sanctuary

Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead as a matter of public safety. I refuse to take my family on ANY beach or other public space if there are dogs running loose. Dogs' behaviours are unpredictable and a usually placid, well behaved dog can become aggressive. There are always irresponsible owners who have no care or consideration for other people using the same area. There many areas around the borough that has dog dirt on footpaths/public areas or disgarded (filled) poo bags lying around. This is just unacceptable. At least keeping dogs on leads ensures that their owners know where they are doing their business!! Small grassed areas should be free from dogs i.e. squares/small grassed areas should be kept dog free so that members of the public can visit without the risk of dog dirt/attacks.

Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

Dogs need to be out of areas in villages

Public use area for all dog dirt a problem

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs .Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance, this area is effectively the garden for the houses behind

Children use this area are we to have no clean spaces left for them

In my experience, dog owners cannot be relied upon to clear up their dogs' excrement, which poses a significant public health risk especially for young children.

it was prohibited for a reason

I think it should stay as it is.

This is a residential and family area dog owners should respect this.

why?

This is a residential area with lots of children

No dogs should be allowed to roam around without being on a lead

The rules work - things do not need to be changed for the mere sake of change what is going on?

Please provide reasons for not agreeing with the removal of the dog prohibition on the Green, Burniston in Scarborough

It should be kept free of dogs and uncontaminated

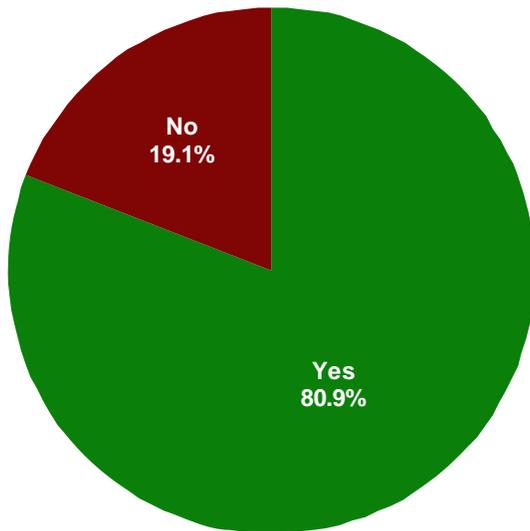
Quarry Mount Park in Scarborough is currently a dog prohibition area.

**Q11 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 873 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 80.9% of responses agree that the current dog prohibition area in Quarry Mount Park should be removed, where as 19.1% do not agree.

		Total	873
	Yes	706	80.9%
	No	167	19.1%



Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Quarry Mount Park in Scarborough.

Just stay as we are

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well. Lots of other places to walk your dog.

children need places that are guaranteed free of excreta

not req

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

Parks are play areas not dog toilets

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

Why

Scarborough has a recurring dog fouling problem. Fines clearly aren't working. The only solution is dog prohibition areas.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in this area and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

Reasons for it being a dog free area need to be considered before you do this. If one of the reasons was to control dog barking, messing, fighting or endangering others, then you should keep the restriction if the reason you want to now change it is because there are no complaints. That means the restriction is working.

We need more dog free public areas

Again, the park is for public enjoyment not to exercise and toilet dogs.

Children need places to play. They cannot play where dogs have defecated.

Not familiar with this area but think it is a children's amenity therefore the above point also applies to this.

Absence of disposal facilities and control in by other users.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

Too near a built up area and too small a space.

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

Public Highway plus fouling of the green area inevitable

Because the removal of the prohibition is likely to lead to more dog fouling.

Unfortunately a small minority of owners do not clean up after their dogs and as a parent this concerns me in areas that a naturally highly frequented by children.

Dogs could be on leads in a public place

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Dogs should be on leads in parks

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Quarry Mount Park in Scarborough.

It should be kept for people to use safely & the expectation of clean space.

Protect children

keep dogs under control so children can play unafraid

Too many dirty dog owners

Keep children safe

Dog fouling on areas such as this leaves traces of dangerous substances. Dogs should be kept off them

The less dogs the better. There's enough stinking urine stained posts, signs, doorways, shop blackboards etc etc as it is. Why add to the filth that abounds in your lovely town.

Would you like to cut grass with the problem of flying dog excretia. This is a health risk or would you be happy that the grass was kept uncut in these areas. I do pity the poor council employees when I have seen piles of dog poo just left behind in areas where they have to use the strimmer to cut grass

No need safety first

The consultation exercise is somewhat hampered by the lack of information provided regarding the reasons for the current prohibition. The public health implications of dog faeces is a powerful argument for the prohibition of dogs in many areas, but it is difficult to lend support to this without facts. Dog owners looking to further their own interests will no doubt be pleased by this 'post truth' approach to public consultation.

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

People's safety is and should always be paramount throughout the year. As long as the Council is quiet about the reasons for their decision, my answer is no. Any dog is a danger to people when found in pedestrian's zone. Any dog within places where members of public visit, is always a danger to the people's safety.

Dogs should not be exercised in public places

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of being bitten or standing in excrement.

No dog mess and people who don't like dogs lose another area. The world is not universally dog loving.

I presume historically there has been a problem there.

Scarborough has a major problem with dog mess. Removing these restrictions will make it worse.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

I believe animals should be under some form of restraint at all times in public areas. Animals in public should be restrained, preferably on short leads, not those extendable ones. Exercise them on land not used by people, ie. farmland

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted. This is not the case.

The local special school will visit this area from time to time and some of those children are scared of dogs. That whole area needs sorting out to be honest!

It is in the public interest to maintain a dog free area here.

It is better that dogs are prohibited from this area.

Why remove it and create problems of previous explanations

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Quarry Mount Park in Scarborough.

If no law enforcement or action taken then no point in keeping this- what is the definition of a "park"- for human use and socialization or for pet owners with 2/3 dogs each??

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

Dog mess and inappropriate adults

I cannot understand why dog owners and therefore, presumably dog lovers insist on taking dogs everywhere with them. Surely it must be cruel to subject a dog to areas of dense population within a seaside resort where they can be stepped-on or kicked by accident. How can it be safe to surround dogs by human legs ??? It must be stressful for them as well as people having to dodge out of the way all the time. No there should continue to be areas which are dog free.

Similarity for Q9 & Q10, "dogs on leads" etc might be preferred

Lots of kids play round there

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess. Off lead owners cannot control defecate or urinate.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

The suggestion totally disregards the wider community and meets the needs of specific groups. The wider community are the silent majority and the amount of dog attacks and dog fouling and the lack of consideration by dog owners for the wider community is a local if not national disgrace. In other European countries the dogs are restricted to restricted dog park areas so that children and other members of the community can pursue their lives without the fear of dog attacks or dog fouling. Your recommendations are putting the dog before people first, you have got your priorities totally wrong.

Prohibition area was a good idea when first initiated. More dogs now so still good plan

Not all areas are suitable for this 'no restrictions'

No, this area has been a dog prohibition area since the park was created. We have only recently had a notice erected to tell people that no dogs are allowed in the park. This is the only green space children's play area in the neighbourhood and it has been a battle to get through to people not to take their dogs in there to use it as a toilet. Dog owners have not been cleaning up behind their pets, so I would say the opposite of allowing them in and do more to confront the persistent offenders who have turned this beautiful park/play area into a dog toilet. People are walking past the new sign to take their dogs to use it, why is nothing being done about it? I have a dog and live opposite the park, but do not take mine there. We have issues with dog waste in the nearby streets and back lanes too.

Should stay as it is.

To remain prohibited, if it's the wish of residents

continuity without seasonal change has a greater possibility of compliance. as in earlier statements, the significantly higher risk to public health and public safety due to increased numbers of dogs per head of population. The Council could face significant numbers of legal challenges by the public regarding "failure to protect public health" and or "failure to protect safety of its citizens"

All dogs should be on a lead in a public area

Control is needed

It should stay a dog prohibition area as there are older people and children

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dog prohibition on Quarry Mount Park in Scarborough.

for safety of people and children

Prohibitions have been placed for a good reason unless the majority of residents want it removed?

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Plainly fo health and safety for the people of Scarborough.

There are not enough areas where people can escape from dogs. Dogs on long leads are still a nuisance.

Dog fouling will result and affect children who play

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Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

This is an area where children play.

You need areas in society were there is no dog dirt

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Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

Children use this area are we to have no clean spaces left for them

In my experience, dog owners cannot be relied upon to clear up their dogs' excrement, which poses a significant public health risk especially for young children.

it was prohibited for a reason

The existing law is adequate.

Dog owners should respect those who do not have dogs and familys & drivers etc.

I am against all unleashed dogs, based on the assumption that no one will pick up the faeces

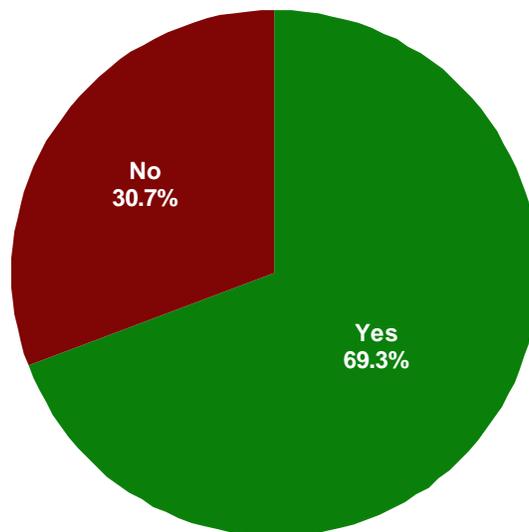
Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough currently has a dogs on lead all year restriction.

**Q12 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 906 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 69.3% of responses agree that the current dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough should be removed, where as 30.7% do not agree.

		Total	906
	Yes	628	69.3%
	No	278	30.7%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

Too close to the road, potential for accidental fatalities

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

Do not go backwards

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well. Lots of other places to walk your dog.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

Busy, close to traffic

That area of Promenade is also used by vehicles and dogs should be on a lead

Busy public area and risk of out of control dogs.

This area should remain a dogs on lead area, to enable the space to be shared with other users without loose/free running dogs, which some people, including young children can find intimidating. There are plenty of places (including the beach) where dogs can be off their leads but there needs to be a balance between the needs of different users and It is important that some public space is retained where other users can access and enjoy the space without free running dogs. Dog fouling is also likely to increase particularly after dark if dogs do not have to be on leads.

This is a popular dog walking area and pedestrian walkway thus the current restrictions should be retained.

Dogs need to be under owners control in this important area. Please leave as at present.

not req

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

Plenty of beach before the Spa - nowadays there are visitors visitors all real round and this is a beauty spot they should be able to visit without loose dogs.

Dogs are often not under proper supervision when not on a lead therefore a nuisance to other members of the public.

safer for all on leads

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

Dogs should remain under control not lose

This would put visitors off the town altogether. Extendable leads are available and should be used.

Busy public area

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

Why

dogs need to be under control at all times and sadly people do not train their animals to come heel ,we need some dog training insentives before dogs roam any of these areas ,it has all be come to much of the norm all ready

Dogs should be under control where children are about.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

keep beach family friendly.

Dogs should be on leads in public areas

Dogs need to be on leads in pedestrian areas to protect young children. Badly behaved dogs are an increasing problem on and around the seafront.

This is a high traffic route for tourists and while many dog owners will respect this, many will allow their dogs to run wild and disturb people, including running and jumping at children and vulnerable adults. With the restoration of Southcliff Gardens and the involvement of disability groups to make it more accessible keeping dogs on a lead would be in line with this aim to enable more people with a disability to use the area. Cross unit working would be very much welcomed.

Reasons for it being a dog free area need to be considered before you do this. If one of the reasons was to control dog barking, messing, fighting or endangering others, then you should keep the restriction if the reason you want to now change it is because there are no complaints. That means the restriction is working.

If it's tarmaced - dogs on lead

Owners need to keep dogs under control, for public safety

I see no reason why dogs should be allowed off the lead in this location. It is a high volume walkway.

Too much of a public area children/other dogs

Dog owners should have control of their pets in public areas.

Dogs should be on leads for safety

This is a very busy area in and out of season and dogs need to be under strict control due to pedestrians, vehicles, Spa entrances. Farrah's bar has tables outside and doors open and customers are able to take dogs and enjoy the facility but if the dogs were off lead there would be little control and especially dangerous with the vehicles in front of the Spa and car park areas.

To avoid public nuisance

The area is used by vehicles and therefore if dogs are free to roam there's a possibility of accidents occurring. Also not all users of this area may like dogs close to them eg. some Asian adults, children etc

Absence of disposal facilities and control in by other users.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up. Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

The spa area is an area more likely to be used by persons in smart clothing and loose dogs are more likely to cause annoyance when damage to clothing is a perceived issue

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

Absolutely not! It's a car park and it's already dangerous as it is with people walking around you when trying to manoeuvre. If dogs were running around without leads there is a significant risk of them getting run over.

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Busy area therefore dogs need to be under control to prevent accidents

There are already plenty of dog owners who do not obey the dogs on leads signs. There is already too much dog fouling on the Spa promenade. Do the dog wardens ever visit this area?

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

This location is used by numerous people, not just dog walkers, and the restriction should remain

ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD Owners then now when their dogs foul and can pick it up and take it home Again walking in the dark picking it up on your shoes Its a grand advert to Scarb .....The dog path fouling capital of Yorkshire

This is a high traffic area for pedestrians (day and night) and will not be patrolled effectively enough for those who don't pick up after their dogs so that at night when light is low, unpleasantness will occur!!

If this relates to the road in front of the Spa ....then dogs should be kept on lead .....

Dogs should be on leads in a public place

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

dogs should be controlled in this busy pedestrian area

Dogs should be on leads in parks

Very popular area for families with small children, dogs running loose could in theory knock a child off the edge of the footpath onto the beach - sometimes due to tides, this could be quite a drop

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

Dog & owner safety

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

Protect children

We wish to enjoy the promenade without dodging unruly dogs

Too many dirty dog owners

My opinion is dogs should be kept on leads wherever there are or could be many people

Keep children safe

Dogs should be on leads in public places.

Dogs should be kept under close control on leads in all public areas

The less dogs the better. Theres enough stinking urine stained posts, signs, doorways, shop blackboards etc etc as it is. Why add to the filth that abounds in your lovely town.

This is an area with a large footfall and also traffic.

No need safety first

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if the they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all too often and too readily accepted by some dog owners). It is particularly critical, in this high profile area where children and families play, that we must uphold the highest public health standards.

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

People's safety is and should always be paramount throughout the year. As long as the Council is quiet about the reasons for their decision, my answer is no. Any dog is a danger to people when found in pedestrian's zone. Any dog within places where members of public visit, is always a danger to the people's safety.

All dogs should be kept on a lead at all times

Because of the number of people using this space uncontrolled dogs could be a problem

Dog should be on leads in public places

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of been bitten or standing in excrement.

All dogs should be on leads on paths and walkways. It will result in more dog fouling

Lots of children running around here, it's not safe as not all dogs behave( especially if your sat there having a picnic!

I presume historically there has been a problem there.. There is nothing more annoying than walking along and a dog walks up to you.

This is a very popular area with tourists and Scarborough residents who prefer quieter parts of the seafront away from the amusements. Letting dogs run free will cause more noise and spoil this generally calm environment. In addition, see comments above about the abundant dog mess on the town's streets already.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

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A multiple use access often busy with children

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

That is a busy area with visitors and holiday makers, dogs should be on a lead during the day maybe lift the restrictions on an evening!

There are too many people about most of the time and dog owners are not always responsible.

leads always

The promenade should remain a dogs on lead zone. There is a beach for dogs to run off leads

It is in the public interest to maintain a dogs on lead area here.

It is better that dogs are prohibited from this area.

Why remove it and create problems of previous explanations, is not control of leads nor is defecating

lots of people around and increased traffic flow at times when parking. Increase health and safety of people and dogs

It is a delight to meet dog walkers and owners but not always a delight to dodge dog faeces especially when distracted by lovely ocean vistas. But can this be policed? By Whom?

Dogs in the street should be on a lead.

the promenade is a potential trip hazard if dogs not on leads and need to be accessed by disabled vehicles

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

Dogs under control on leads

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

Too much traffic passing through, dangerous for dogs and drivers who may have to avoid dogs poorly controlled

Potential for traffic accidents. Dogs should be free on the beach but not the road

Its a dangerous part of scarborough for big waves anyone sensible would keep their dog on a lead here anyway

For the cleanliness of the area and public safety. If you are not a dog owner why should you be intimidated by dogs overly excited or out of control or irresponsible owners

As above

Dogs should always remain on a lead in public areas. It only takes one accident when a dog runs off and/or bites someone or fights with another dog then insurance/compensation claims are made against the Council. Do you have a financial budget for such claims materialising?

The restriction was there for a purpose; part of the overall purpose probably involved safety issues.

Leads needed, busy pedestrian and car area, plus joggers

Safer to keep them on leads - lots of children play here.

Traffic

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess. Off lead owners cannot control defecate or urinate.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

Most dogs do not walk to heel and are not properly controlled. Dogs should be on a lead where other people, especially children, are present. People are more likely to remove dog faeces if dog are on a lead.

It has to many children about

Too many dogs being attacked by others not on leads. Maybe it will be a child next time.

This is a busy pedestrian area in summer. Also cars use this section. Dogs ought to be on a lead at least in summer.

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The area in front of the spa is very busy with parked cars and dogs would be better on their leads in this area

As a dog owner I think it would be better to have dogs on leads during the summer months and relax out of season

Too busy

It's safer.

Same reasons as Northstead Manor Gardens.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

Again a family area. Surely a lead dog is safer than loose?

Safer to have dogs on leads and less chance of fouling

Many people need to walk their dogs round this area including myself

Dogs should be on a lead in public places for safety reasons

This is a busy family area all year round and it only takes one irresponsible dog owner who is not exercising control of their dog to spoil the area for non-dog walkers. Dogs running up to walkers and barking can be extremely frightening especially when their owners do not call them back and only offer advice such as "he won't hurt you, he is only being friendly".

This is a walkway used by many dogs not on leads would have a negative impact.

Cars go along this promenade and it's too narrow too.

No hazard to both dogs and traffic.

It's so close to the road it would be dangerous for both dogs and vehicles

For the safety of dogs and people, I think the restriction should remain.

Should stay as it is.

Again, many dog owners do have good control, but many do not, as a lead is a control for the safety of the dog and other people, in public places all dogs should be keep on a lead, unless it the beach or a safe place to have a dog off lead for both dog and other people.

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All dogs should be on a lead in a public area

Not suitable area for unleashed dogs

People need to be able to walk their dogs safely without being pestered by off lead dogs

Dogs should be on lead- lots of people walking here

Control is needed

Dogs should stay on a lead in front of the spa. Too many people walking etc

It is essential thats visitors and residents have access to the spa facilities. The clock cafe and the beach area without dogs off leads. Dogs off lead cause difficulties to children and apprehensive folk

Dogs should always be on leads in public places. How about making dog friendly places where children dont plat abd us just ofr dogs to roam around in

Same reasons as Q6 No leads are fine on the beach itself but the promenade (pedestrian area) has people in mobility scooters and others pushing prams. A loose dog is dangerous to those people. Plus there is also traffic near the spa itself

for safety of people and children

Busy with pedestrians and vehicles

Dogs should be on a lead as it is next to the road

Dogs should be under control at all times.

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In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

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There are not enough areas where people can escape from dogs. Dogs on long leads are still a nuisance.

It should be possible for people to enjoy dog-free areas.

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again this is a well used path for non-dog walkers - for the same reasons as above - albeit without the Sea Wall comment, - lots of other people use the area, high sea wall, risk of dog mess from unleashed dogs

Dogs should run free on the beach instead

no - dogs on a public route are often not supervised and presence of dog faeces require removal.

logical thought

Gives excuse for dog poo offences going unnoticed. Safety of pedestrians, dogs and traffic risks

Dogs not on a lead can be a nuisance to the general public. For example by barking if they cannot see their owner. Also there is less chance of faeces being picked up by the owner if the dog is not in sight when doing its business.

Busy area. Public needs protection and gets poo cleared

**MOST EMPHATICALLY NO.** Dogs off lead in this area would be incidents and accidents waiting to happen. Far too busy and not suitable for off- lead dogs at all

Dogs should always be on a lead in public places

Certainly NOT. I was appalled to even read this suggestion! This needs to be enforced rigorously

I would never let my dog off the lead in this area. Too many people, vehicles and other dogs

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

On the promenade dogs need to be on leads

Too many children in this area. Some control needed.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

Too easy for dogs to run off onto nearby roads. There are already too many out of control dogs off leads on paved areas. The beach is the safest area for dogs off lead.

Dogs should be on leads near roads and residential areas, for their own safety and the safety of others.

Absolutely not. The square is for the benefit of residents and children who use it as a play area. There are people who blatantly flout the law, exercise their dogs there regardless and do not pick up after their dogs. Removing the law would I believe make things even worse. Without proper policing the situation would become worse than it currently is.

Hi public access, dogs need to be controlled on leads.

I don't feel that it is unreasonable to have areas where dogs should be on lead and under control. It is necessary for everyone's comfort and safety, including the dogs. There should not be areas where dogs are completely prohibited except fenced children's play areas, that is unnecessary especially when the region wishes to attract tourists and hope that they will spend money.

All dogs should be on leads in residential areas and beside public roads.

Dogs should be under owner control at all times

Dogs should always be under control or on a lead near roads unless it is possible to stop going to the toilet.

Areas where dogs are prohibited are a good thing, you can lift your gaze from the pavement without fear of stepping in something nasty.

Loose dogs are a danger.

I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner.

I feel safer around dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul

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A busy area dogs should be on a lead. Surely the restriction was put in place for a reason.

Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

Dogs should always be under control on leads

Not where cars are

It's a public area and dogs should be on a lead

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You need areas where dogs are kept controlled

A tourist area allegedly the jewel in the crown already covered in dog dirt are Scarborough residents obliged to provide dog areas would it be allowed in other towns and cities what about it front of Buckingham palace

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of dogs on lead all year restriction on the Promenade in front of the Spa in Scarborough

Dogs shouldn't be roaming free without leads. They can be very intimidating for kids and the elderly, their owners are less likely to pick up their mess and during the summer months the traffic there is terrible--adding free dogs running around it's a disaster waiting to happen!

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs .Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year

Safety for dogs, humans and it encourages dog fouling

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

As above not everyone is a dog lover

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

If dogs are on leads they should be allowed to go where ever

dogs should always be on a lead and under control

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Too many cars and buses, too much of a risk of an accident

No I think it should be kept as it is.

Safety for children - busy area. Dog owners should respect those who prefer not to have dogs

Dog owners should respect those who do not have dogs and familys & drivers etc.

No no no

Dogs like on the North Bay can be off the lead on the beach, I think it is best to continue as is as some people are fearful of dogs and many avoid Spa area as a result.

I am against all unleashed dogs, based on the assumption that no one will pick up the faeces

This is a busy area and should not have dogs off leads

This area is very busy with traffic to the Spa, bar and shops including a bus turn round area and so dogs on leads would be safer for dogs and the public. From where the cars stop and it becomes predestrian dogs off leads would be fine.

No one wants to be met by a dog of a lead, it is frightening

What is going on with the one way direction of these questions?

Why? Why?

I feel that in a busy tourist resort, all dogs should be kept on lead in places that are very popular. There are plenty of places away from the town where dogs can run off lead, nut not everyone is a dog lover & a dog bounding up con be very intimidating. T strongly feel dogs should be on a lead in any area that a lost of the public use.

Dogs are not always safe to the public and not all dog owners can keep their dogs under control. Lots on children and elderly people should be able to walk/play safely

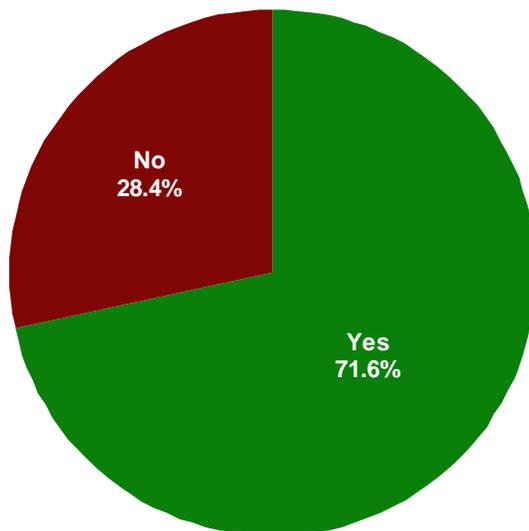
St Martins square in Scarborough is currently a dogs on lead area.

**Q13 - We propose to remove this, do you agree?**

A total of 885 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 71.6% of responses agree that the current dogs on lead restriction is St Martins Square should be removed, where as 28.4% do not agree.

		Total	885
	Yes	634	71.6%
	No	251	28.4%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead restriction on St Martins Square in Scarborough

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

As above

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well. Lots of other places to walk your dog. The dog mess in St Martins square last time I was there was disgusting. Dogs should be banned entirely.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public.

Busy, close to traffic

This a public space used in the summer by residents and visitors for play and picnics etc and is renowned already as an area used by irresponsible dog owners. Dogs should be restricted to being on leads

Too much traffic and potential accidents

they will not be under control

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

A quiet area unsuitable for dogs off the lead.

I am unsure on this as I am not sure where this is, dogs should be on a lead if in some crowded public places and only off lead on a beach or park area as long as they are well behaved and under control.

Used by many nearby residents. Dogs on leads are under control

safer for all on leads

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

Dogs should remain under control not lose

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough.

All dogs should be on leads in public places where there is traffic.

Why

many of the green spaces intown are all ready becoming dogs toilets this will only increase the problems

Dogs should be on leads in publice areas

Dogs need to be on leads in pedestrian areas to protect young children. Badly behaved dogs are an increasing problem as is fouling of public places.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in this area and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

Reasons for it being a dog free area need to be considered before you do this. If one of the reasons was to control dog barking, messing, fighting or endangering others, then you should keep the restriction if the reason you want to now change it is because there are no complaints. That means the restriction is working.

Owners need to keep dogs under control, for public safety

As before, dogs should not be unleashed in residential areas

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Too much of a public area children/other dogs

Dogs cannot be responsible for themselves.

Dogs should be on leads for road safety.

People who are not dog friendly for whatever reason are able to enjoy this space if dogs are controlled and on leads and therefore not placed in vulnerable positions.

To avoid public nuisance

Absence of disposal facilities and control in by other users.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

To small and near to road traffic for dogs to be allowed to run free.

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

dogs should always be on a lead outside their own gardens

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

Public highway dogs on lead

There are already plenty of dog owners who do not obey the dogs on leads signs. There is already too much dog fouling in this square. I think that some of the entrances to this green area do not have dogs on leads signs. Generally throughout Scarborough the signs concerning dogs are often faded, too small or too few. Do the dog wardens ever visit this square?

ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON A LEAD Owners then now when their dogs foul and can pick it up and take it home

Surely there are enough areas where dogs can be off their leads - what about those of us who don't want dogs running about all over the place?!

Not big enough to run round in so should be kept on leads

Dogs should be on leads in a public place

When dogs are off the lead there is more fouling as owners not always watching them closely

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Dogs should be on leads in parks

YOUNG CHILDREN PLAY IN THIS PARK!!!! Dog faeces is already a menace.

It should be kept for people to use safely & the expectation of clean space.

People have better control over their dogs if on a lead and are more likely to clean up after them

Protect children

We wish to relax and enjoy this area without being worried by dogs and excrement

in this space dogs could easily get out of control and get onto the road

Too many dirty dog owners

Danger to the dogs of injury of loss if the run away.

My opinion is dogs should be kept on leads wherever there are or could be many people

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead restriction on St Martins Square in Scarborough

Keep children safe

Dogs should be on leads in public places.

Dogs should be kept under close control on leads in all public areas

The less dogs the better. There's enough stinking urine stained posts, signs, doorways, shop blackboards etc etc as it is. Why add to the filth that abounds in your lovely town.

This is an area with a large footfall and also traffic., lack of control, lack of clearing up after dogs

No need safety first

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all too often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public places. It could help to stop the dog poo not picked up by the owners.

People's safety is and should always be paramount throughout the year. As long as the Council is quiet about the reasons for their decision, my answer is no. Any dog is a danger to people when found in pedestrian's zone. Any dog within places where members of the public visit, is always a danger to the people's safety.

This is a quiet space in a conservation area- leave it this way

Dogs should be on leads in public places at all times

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of being bitten or standing in excrement.

More dog fouling and as a public space it should be open to everyone not just dog lovers

I presume historically there has been a problem there.

This is a very popular area with tourists and Scarborough residents who prefer quieter parts of the seafront away from the amusements. Letting dogs run free will cause more noise and spoil this generally calm environment. In addition, see comments above about the abundant dog mess on the town's streets already.

As a dog owner who walks this section daily out of season, I am appalled at the amount of fouling that occurs in this area. A significant factor is that owners who do not have their dogs on leads don't keep a close eye on what their dogs are doing. I also don't wish to be assaulted by somebody else's dog that they are unable to control (which has happened on more than one occasion). Dogs ought to be on a lead in residential areas.

I believe animals should be under some form of restraint at all times in public areas. Animals in public should be restrained, preferably on short leads, not those extendable ones. Exercise them on land not used by people, i.e. farmland

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

leads always

This is a small public garden with roads on all sides and dogs should remain on leads to reduce traffic dangers.

It is in the public interest to maintain a dogs on lead area here.

It is better that dogs are prohibited from this area.

Why remove it and create problems of previous explanations, is not control of leads nor is defecating

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead restriction on St Martins Square in Scarborough

Potential for traffic accidents

Irresponsible owners

As above

Dogs should always remain on a lead in public areas. It only takes one accident when a dog runs off and/or bites someone or fights with another dog then insurance/compensation claims are made against the Council. Do you have a financial budget for such claims materialising?

The alternative being no restriction at all if so, "dogs on leads" must be considered a fair restriction

Too many unruly dogs in the area already off lead.

Control needed particularly for faeces collection

Lots of traffic here - safer to keep dogs on leads

Kids area

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It's safer.

People, kids, old folk, disabled, loose dogs? NAH!

Safer to have dogs on leads and less chance of fouling

Many people including myself walk my dog there it would be very unfair and unreasonable to not allow dogs to be walked there. (I always pick up the poo) including the times i walk him in granville square next to where I live it is easier to walk him in the square as I have a chronic illness and can't always get him to other places

Dogs should be on a lead in public places

It is abu-sed now it would be horrendous with no 1ectrictions

Unless it's securely fenced and gated - for the safety of the dogs and passing vehicles.

Should stay as it is.

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Too near the road to be off lead

Control is needed

Stay on leads

This square is used frequently by dog owners. In fact dog walkers with 4 even 5 dogs use it as a dog toilet. People would just leave dogs run free in children play field. They could be bitten or hurt

for safety of people and children

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logical thought

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Control of dogs important for public safety and poo collection

This is not a play area for dogs

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People allow their dogs to run wild and harrass other people's dogs and pedestrian crossing through the square

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Ditto to Granville Square re becoming a dogs toilet.

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Suburban residential areas are not the best place to exercise a dog. Unfortunately a small number of dog owners abuse this privilege and do not clean up after their pets.

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Hugh amounts of children use this and should use it. It will become a dogs toilet also a business area especially food sales

Dogs off the lead in any area pose a threat to small children who are afraid of dogs .Dog owners who cannot or will not control their dogs and do not pick up after them as can be witnessed by the amount of dog excrement on the footpaths sea wall and beach at any time of the year

Safety for dogs , humans and encourages dog fouling

All dogs should be on a lead in public places as they are often not under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in built up areas.

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

If dogs are on leads they should be allowed to go where ever

dogs should always be on a lead and under control

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Leave it as it is.

This works ok for the area

Again residential area, Dog owners should respect those who do not have dogs and familys & drivers etc.

In the last few years so much work has been done to improve this area that it would be a backward step here. This square was amazing when the Friends Group completed, have photographs

Perfectly adequate rules apply

This is ok as it is

Children play area

This is a residential area with children playing

St Martins works fine with dog rules in place

Dogs with leads is great very happy with this.

This would make this unhygeinic. Lots of people are afraid of dogs off the lead. Children like to play on the grass.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the removal of the dogs on lead restriction on St Martins Square in Scarborough

Absolutely ludicrous getting annoyed now

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It seems fine as it is

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No - this works fine too!

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I feel that in a busy tourist resort, all dogs should be kept on lead in places that are very popular. There are plenty of places away from the town where dogs can run off lead, but not everyone is a dog lover & a dog bounding up can be very intimidating. I strongly feel dogs should be on a lead in any area that a lot of the public use.

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I have seen dogs fighting each other here - also nesting birds are no longer here because of dogs disturbing them also many dog owners do not keep dogs on leads here and a lovely square is contaminated by dog poo & urine

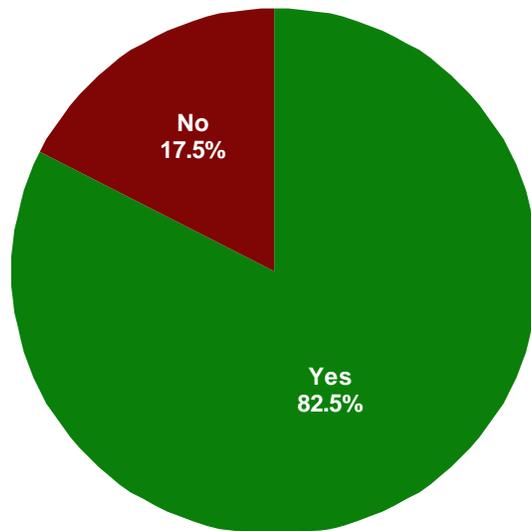
Sea View Drive Public open space had the dog on lead restriction removed in 2018.

**Q14 - Should this remain an unrestricted area, other than the requirement still to remove dog faeces?**

A total of 887 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 82.5% of responses agree that the dog on lead restriction on Sea View Drive public open space that was removed in 2018 should remain, where as 17.5% do not agree.

		Total	887
	Yes	732	82.5%
	No	155	17.5%



Please provide reasons for not agreeing to Sea View Drive public open space in Scarborough not remaining an unrestricted area.

The area where the play equipment is should be governed by dogs on lead restriction

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

We need to control the owners.

Lots of children, children on bikes, older people, people who are scared of dogs walk the promenade all year round as well. What is wrong with popping a lead on your dog for this stretch all year round? Many dog owners simply ignore the bye laws anyway, even on the beach. What is the point of removing the current arrangements? Non dog owners should be allowed to enjoy these public and attractive areas as well. Not everyone likes dogs. Non dog owners are second class citizens in Scarborough.

No, it will be chaos with inconsiderate dog owners allowing animals to roam

I believe that dogs need to be on the lead, so that the general public feel safer and are more accepting of dogs out in public. It is easier to pick up after your dog when they are on a lead.

not under control

Again dogs should be under control in all public areas

Dogs should always be on a lead in a public place

Dogs should remain under control not lose

ALL dogs should be on leads, using extendable leads if necessary.

Back on leads

It would be wrong to agree to a change when I do not know the area. I don't spend time in Scarborough. I'm surprised that it needs to be specified that dog faeces should be removed. That should be a borough-wide requirement with a huge fixed penalty if contravened.

Keep dogs on lead they don't always pick farces up and some dogs scare you off lead

the country side is the place to exercise dogs

Dogs should be on leads in publice areas

Th lead restriction should be returned as this area has had increased dog fouling.

You have not given me the option to not answer or give a neutral position (this questionnaire is not very balanced). I do not live in this area and have not visited recently so I don't feel able to answer either way.

Owners need to keep dogs under control, for public safety

Dog faeces are often not collected by owners if their dog is not on the end of a lead!

All members of the public cannot use the area equally if dogs are not on leads.

Dogs should be on leads for road safety.

Not sure where this area is, more details on the areas in this survey would have been helpful. If the area is the grassed area from Holbeck car park leading to the residential roadway. Dogs need to be under control in this area by way of a lead. However, disregard if not this area.

To avoid public nuisance

Absence of disposal facilities and control in by other users.

Irresponsible dog owners may unleash their dogs to defecate, then fail to pick it up . Non dog owners, who are in the majority should not be subjected to this

People should be able to walk safely without the danger of being attacked by out of control dogs

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to Sea View Drive public open space in Scarborough not remaining an unrestricted area.

dogs running freely suggest irresponsible owners

Dogs should always be on a lead near roads

not all owners collect dog faeces so dogs need to be on a lead so that culprits can be identified. The few are spoiling it for responsible owners

Has dog fouling decreased or increased since the removal of the dog on lead restriction?

Surely there are enough areas where dogs can be off their leads - what about those of us who don't want dogs running about all over the place?!

When dogs are let off leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Totally against dogs off lead anywhere plus dog fouling is a menace throughout the borough

It should be kept for people to use safely & the expectation of clean space.- it should be kept clean & this is the best way

They will not remove faders if the dogs are not controlled

Protect children

Dirty dog owners

No, you can not see your dog all the time to see if it is fouling to pick it up - not all dog owners are prepared to walk a few 100 metres to where the dog fouled to pick it up. when its on a lead you know exactly when it goes and who's dog it is.

Dogs should be on a lead in public places.

Dogs should be kept under close control on leads in all public areas

The less dogs the better. Theres enough stinking urine stained posts, signs, doorways, shop blackboards etc etc as it is. Why add to the filth that abounds in your lovely town.

The likelihood of owners failing to clear up when dogs foul pavements and private gardens rises substantially if the they are not on a lead (the opportunity for the owner 'not to notice' or dissociate themselves is presented, and all to often and too readily accepted by some dog owners).

Dog owners do not pick up after their dogs on Sea View Drive

Not everyone owns or likes dogs. It's not unreasonable to allow the majority who haven't got a dog to enjoy public spaces without the threat of been bitten or standing in excrement.

No it is a pubic recreation area and when dogs are off leads you get more fouling.

I don't have a specific view on this and this particular area ought to be subject to consultation with local residents as there may be specific issues in this area for both residents and tourists.

all animals in public places should be retracted

Dogs off leads is fine assuming all dogs and indeed dog owners can be trusted This is not the case.

Again this area is used by different people and not everyone likes dogs!

dogs must remain on leads in public areas and owners must be obliged to remove all faeces wherever their dog defecates ...

All dogs should be controlled by leads preventing attacks and unseen defication

Must be all year round, dogs must always be on lead to avoid accidents

Dogs should be on leads in all public places

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to Sea View Drive public open space in Scarborough not remaining an unrestricted area.

Dogs should always remain on a lead in public areas. It only takes one accident when a dog runs off and/or bites someone or fights with another dog then insurance/compensation claims are made against the Council. Do you have a financial budget for such claims materialising?

Jogging area, leads needed

Traffic and kids

Must have been "year round dogs on leads" for a reason, no doubt public interest (intimidation) and children need protecting

Keep year round, some mess all years and owners pretend not to see what dog is doing

Dogs running up to you and jumping up. Dogs should be on a lead. Loose dogs run towards people and owners have poor control over their dogs. Off lead dogs can also run out of sight of owner and leave their mess. Off lead owners cannot control defecate or urinate.

Dogs off lead defecate and urinate out of sight of the owners.

If dog owners controlled their animals properly and picked up after them then you could agree with the proposals

PUBLIC open space 'nuf said?

Safer to have dogs on leads and less chance of fouling

Dogs should not be allowed off leads and resulting in charging about frightening children and risking knocking people over.

Again, many dog owners do have good control, but many do not, as a lead is a control for the safety of the dog and other people, in public places all dogs should be keep on a lead, unless it the beach or a safe place to have a dog off lead for both dog and other people.

continuity without seasonal change has a greater possibility of compliance. as in earlier statements, the significantly higher risk to public health and public safety due to increased numbers of dogs per head of population. The Council could face significant numbers of legal challenges by the public regarding "failure to protect public health" and or "failure to protect safety of its citizens"

All areas should be- dog faeces removed if owners cant be bothered to do this, they shouldnt have a dog

Should be on a lead, people do not clear up after their dogs

but if all the residents are happy yes

Dogs should be under control at all times.

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Plainly fo health and safety for the people of Scarborough.

I fear that the 'rights' of dog owners are being prioritised over non-dog owners. Why, in a rural area, is it necessary to allow dogs to run unchecked? It is incumbent on people to take into consideration how and where they will exercise their dogs before they acquire them.

Please provide reasons for not agreeing to Sea View Drive public open space in Scarborough not remaining an unrestricted area.

It appears that dogs are taking priority over humans in every area of our lives . I object to the fact that we are expected to be happy to have dogs run up to us and jump up at us . I find it threatening . If a person did this it would be classed as assault . Also if a dog is not on a lead an owner is not necessarily aware of when it is deprecating . I absolutely cannot fathom why dogs should be allowed to roam at will in these areas and make life unpleasant for residents and tourists alike . I very strongly object to these measures . It needs to be understood that not everyone loves dogs . I believe you are putting children and older peoples lives at risk. I cannot fathom how dogs can be taking over from the health of children ?! There needs to be areas where children can still play safely without dog faeces etc . Also where people who don't like dogs can have some space. I find these proposals completely over the top . Are you in fact proposing changing ALL these laws so that dogs can roam freely around all these areas without leads . How fair is this to the general public . This in my opinion will be detrimental to families with small children , older people and the public in general plus I believe it detrimental to the tourist trade also . It beggars belief . Dog owners are obviously shouting very loudly to get your attention . Or perhaps these decisions are being taken by councillors or council officers with dogs .

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no - dogs on a public route are often not supervised and presence of dog faeces require removal.

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logical thought, why an need to remove faeces? all dog owners have responsibility for their dogs restriction continues

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Control of dogs important for public safety and poo collection

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Dogs should be on a lead as much as possible

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Many people allow their dogs to run wild, jump on people and frighten children

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Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

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Absolutely not. The square is for the benefit of residents and children who use it as a play area. There are people who blatantly flout the law, exercise their dogs there regardless and do not pick up after their dogs. Removing the law would I believe make things even worse. Without proper policing the situation would become worse than it currently is.

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It is a green open space in a residential area and would lead to likelihood of the product of dog fouling being left behind

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All dogs should be on leads in residential areas and beside public roads.

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Dogs should be under owner control at all times

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Dogs should always be under control or on a lead near roads unless it is possible stop going to the toilet.

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re instate the dogs on lead restriction.

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I believe all dogs should be on leads so that they can't run off and do their business as some dog owners like to turn a blind eye and not pick up!! - dogs should be on a lead near residential areas.

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All dogs are potentially dangerous and small children at play are exposed to greater risk of injury as well as other members of the general public. Dog fouling is also at greater risk of being ignored when beyond line of sight distance is placed between the dog and its owner. One wonders if there has been an increase in dog faeces being left in the area?

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I feel safer round dogs when they are on a lead and it also ensures that owners are aware when their dogs foul

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Dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead in public spaces.

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A place like this should have the restriction in place.

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Dogs are unpredictable and should be under control .

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Please provide reasons for not agreeing to Sea View Drive public open space in Scarborough not remaining an unrestricted area.

Dogs should always be under control on leads

put lead restriction back on

Residential area the dog owners should use there own gardens for dog defication

No public space should have free roaming dogs it's unsafe, why , if you allow it in one public space do you ban it in another, the beaches ?

Dogs should be on leads in public places

Dogs should be on leads in public open spaces

dogs off lead are a nuisance to all

dogs should always be on a lead

Dogs need to be kept under control & not allowed to wander freely

Didn't this used to be a childrens playground when I lived there? Please do the right thing for the children.

Playground for children

There are always children playing in the area

Dogs are not safe to public as a lot of dog owners are irresponsable and cannot control them - even which dogs are on a lead

## All Areas

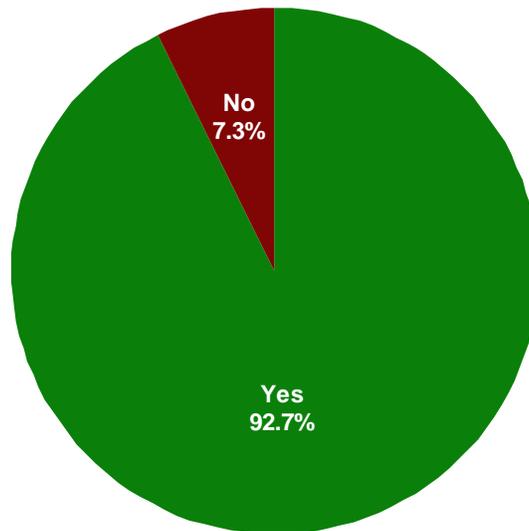
We propose to continue to require a dog to be on a lead in the following highway areas;  
All pedestrianised zones only.

### Q15 - Do you agree?

A total of 1119 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 92.7% of responses agree that for all pedestrianised zones dogs should be kept on a lead, where as 7.3% do not agree.

		Total	1119
	Yes	1037	92.7%
	No	82	7.3%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the dogs to be on a lead restriction in all pedestrianised zones remaining

It should be a requirement on ALL Highways

you need to asses each pedestrianised zone. Very busy areas, yes, but seasonal variations could be applied in others.

Dogs should remain under control not lose

I actually agree with this one, but I needed to put "No" so I could comment. I think that the dog warden should be empowered to be able to issue a fixed penalty for dogs such as mine that would be a nuisance if allowed off the lead in a pedestrianised area that's full of pedestrians. For well behaved dogs that are walking at heel, or during the off-season or when there are few pedestrians so wandering dogs like mine would not be a nuisance, the requirement to have dogs on a lead should be relaxed.

My dog often walks to heel without a lead. There should be more dog wardens ensuring that dogs are always under the control of their handler

This should be extended to public open spaces including the Dell in Eastfield due to current killings of cats by dogs thinking they are rabbits. I have lost 3 cats killed by dogs being free to chase them and kill them on their own property. Something has to be done to stop this. Two of my cats have been killed this year - one in April and the other one on 7 August 2018. Please help prevent this by promoting responsible dog ownership to respect other peoples property and pets.

I agree in principle but not if this includes the extension to Whitby Beach, I think the extension should be removed.

Dogs should be under control

Dogs should be on a lead at all times in public places.

Dogs should be under control, this does mean a lead.

This is madness as dogs should be kept under control by a lead on all highways especially ones where there are vehicles

If a dog runs out in the road it can cause harm to dog, owner & driver

Why do you want this?

Not all dogs need them. Some dogs do actually walk without a lead.

My dog walks behind me off the lead - it should be down to common sense

Can it not be left to common sense. As long as the dog is under control on or off leads, does it matter!!

Some dogs are well behaved, disciplined controlled and obedient and do not require to be on a lead at all times.

If the pedestrian zones are a beach, park, grass then I feel that we should allow dogs to be off lead otherwise I agree.

Why?

No they should be on a lead

maybe timed off lead walking needs be considered, ie early morning/winter

dogs must remain on leads in public areas and owners must be obliged to remove all faeces wherever their dog defecates ...

depenfing if thos is areas are open or small. as if owners show responsibility forvtheir dogs and ensure other peoples safty, why woild tjis reule need to be in olace.

If an area is pedestrian only, then dogs being off a lead has less risk to them

Not interested in Scarborough but will say compared to Whitby Scarborough is a disgrace this from a person who spent many happy times in my youth there when it was clean tidy and a joy to be there please do let Whitby go down the same route

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the dogs to be on a lead restriction in all pedestrianised zones remaining

Some well behaved dogs will walk with the owner not on a lead just as well as of not better than some dogs on leads! Should say dogs under control at all times.

Many open spaces in housing areas are used as dog toilets by dogs not on leads and the owners have no idea where they have messed as they just open the door and let them out. Runswick Court in Whitby is an example.

Dogs should be on a lead in all public areas and owners should take responsibility for this

Dogs should be on leads at all times in places where the public are about their day to day business. Smoking is prohibited in public places .Dog waste is as hazardous as passive smoking and I cannot see a distinction in the way that the matter is viewed

Leads needed next to all roads

Whenever a dog is out it should be kept on a lead

The restriction should remain in all highway zones not just pedestrianised.

I prefer to see dogs off leads and exercising naturally.

These should be dogs on leads areas but we need extra dogs on leads restrictions in the alleyways between the traditional terraced houses. I was attacked by a huge German shepherd in one. The dog was off its lead and the owner refused to accept responsibility for what happened.

This should be only for badly behaved dogs.

Some dogs do not need leads.

Most dogs are better behaved than some members of the community

It should be up to the owners whether their dogs require a lead.

Most dogs are unpredictable, if something attracts their attention. On a road or street that is not pedestrians only there is the potential for a dog to run into the road and cause a traffic accident. All dogs on leads stops this happening where cars and bikes are allowed.

Dogs need to be on a lead in all public areas for all the aforesaid reasons. Please note even dogs on leads are not necessarily under control.

i would not be happy with all pedestrian zones ONLY

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Unsure what constitutes all pedestrianised zones. If it means the promenade in Whitby then yes when huts are up but only to where the huts end. Dogs should be able to run free thereafter. The prom is a pedestrian area between 10am and 5 pm. Yet cars and vans openly and regularly abuse this and drive very fast. Usually to go to their hut or pick up/drop off or just park free for the day. Speed can maim and kill humans and dogs. Most dogs do neither of these yet the council appear ignore the problem and focus on controlling dogs. Why is this? Perhaps cars are more of a problem than dogs.?

Responsible owners with well behaved dogs do not need to have their dogs tied up deal with the irresponsible ones not just invoking the lazy option

As the owner of an extremely well-behaved and well-trained dog, I believe it is more conducive to achieving the aims of keeping dogs under control by polite and friendly education and encouragement rather than by potentially arrogant and authoritarian enforcement.

dogs should be on leads on all roadside pavements and pedestrian areas within the borough

No traffic

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing to the dogs to be on a lead restriction in all pedestrianised zones remaining

Dogs should be on a lead for their own safety and the safety of others in all highway areas

I think all pavements should be 'dog on lead' only. We have many senior citizens and i have witnessed too many incidents when dogs are off leads

I feel dogs should be under their owners control but it is not necessary for all dogs to be on leads

Dogs should be on leads in all highways areas, not only pedestrianised zones

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas

Dogs should be on leads not only in pedestrianised areas but on pavement areas at the side of roads. Dogs are often off lead for example,Church Street in Whitby run free next to a busy road and many pedestrians.

Please include area known as Johno's Field. One pedestrian entrance is off Redcliffe Road and is used a lot by local dog walkers and nuisance moped riders. My dog has been attacked by a dog off lead here and I know of 2 other dogs which have been attacked by dogs off lead. A lot of us responsible dog owners always walk with our dogs on lead but there are an increasing number of out of control dogs being allowed ro run all over and are not under their owner's control.

This is ambiguous. Dogs should be on a lead in all urban areas, whether pedestrianised or not.

all areas

Again, sweeping and unilateral controls are not evidence based. Please carefully consider your evidence and implement controls where they are found to be necessary. This will ensure compliance with legal requirements and avoid successful challenge.

would like them to be on a lead at all times

Why should they be. There is no reason that I can see other than SBC enjoys implementing unnecessary control on just about everything we do.

Because the term Pedestrian zones are areas reserved for pedestrian-only use and in which most or all automobile traffic may be prohibited. Therefore this term is so generic it could lead to bans in places where it would not have been considered by the general public. If yuo have specific places in mind these should be listed as you have done so previously in this questionnaire.

I am not 100% clear on what this question is asking. Why should dogs be off lead in any highway areas?

Dogs should be on a lead at all times, under full control and all dowg owners must have a visible bag to collect dog dirt.

This should only apply to pedestrianised zones in the town centre.

Dogs should be kept on leads in all public places

My dogs walk better off the lead And do as instructed

To remove the dogs on lead requirement would create a serious risk to motor vehicles and would therefore increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents.

If Dog is completely under control no reason for lead

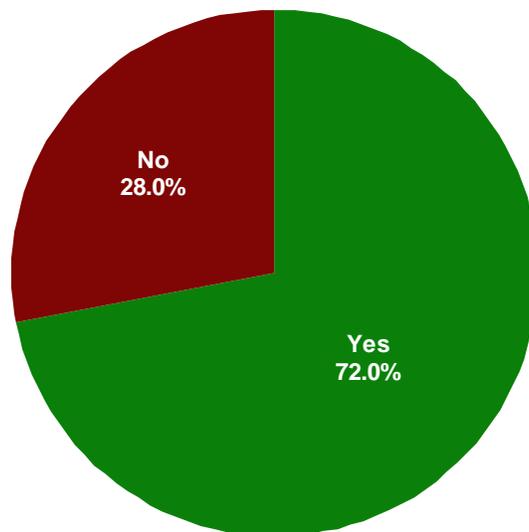
We propose to standardise all public playing fields and bowling greens with the same requirement, that dogs must be on a lead.

### Q16 - Do you agree?

A total of 1116 responses completed this question.

The table and graph below shows that 72.0% of responses agree that the requirement that dogs must be on a lead for all public playing fields and bowling greens, where as 28.0% do not agree.

		Total	1116
	Yes	803	72.0%
	No	313	28.0%



## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

You cannot generalize as each public playing fields has its own unique features and different geography. So each area should be judges individually

Dogs should be allowed to run.

A shame when well-behaved dogs are having to be kept on a lead, people will most likely not listen to this

There are some areas of playing fields where children do not play - e.g the hill side of Linden Road playing field - there are no swings or football goals and is rarely used by children but is ideal for dog play

This should be a requirement to pick up poop, but not a requirement to be on a lead

areas where children play and bowling greens, yes, but beyond that no. Scarborough have a very high ratio of dog owners, as has been proved in the graveyard- encouraging responsible dog owners to use these areas helps keep them safer for everyone.

Can understand it for a bowling green but not all public playing fields. On that theory then dogs would have to be on a lead on the fields at the top of Oliver's Mount - totally unnecessary on days when matches aren't being played.

Not sure but should be at owners discesion

Surely playing fields should be for all to play on, including dog owners with their dog.

Dogs shouldn't be allowed off lead on bowling greens, but they should be allowed off lead on public playing fields.

Some playing fields are safe

Whitby and Scarborough have plenty of parks and beaches for walking dogs. Allow on-lead or off-lead exercise depending on the park, and ban dogs (except for assitance dogs) on playing fields and greens.

People should be more heavily fined for not picking up their dog mess though.

It would depend how open areas are classified. If a dog is well trained, there is no issue with them being off a lead. There needs to be more of a focus on poorly trained dogs and inconsiderate owners

There are playing fields in Whitby ( eg West Cliff) which are almost ininses l'm the early part of the day during the winter season. Some of these areas are far enough away from the road to provide a decent dog run and I believe The decision to be on or off lead should lie with the dog wonder. Of course , the removal of dog faeces should always be mandatory and punishable by serious fines.

Given the beach ban (which I do not agree with) public playing fields are often the only spaces available to exercise dogs off the lead. This requirement would significantly reduce the areas that dogs can be exercised.

Boling Greens yes. Playing fields needs to be on a case by case basis, however all dog poo should be removed.

Dogs should not be allowed on playing fields at all

Many public playing fields have low footfall and would be very suited to have this restriction removed to the benefit of local residents. You may wish to consider exemptions, particularly, where the local parish council agrees.

As long as owners are responsible this shouldn't been needed.

Bowling greens obviously, dogs must be on leads, any sports fields. Dogs not allowed into children's play areas at all. However, why can areas not be set aside for dogs to run free?

Bowling greens yes. Regarding all public playing fields, there are many areas that are never used by the public and this can be the only place for people to let their dog off the lead for proper exercise. Apart from areas where there is a children's play park and is not closed off, I believe public playing fields are the perfect place for families and individuals ( especially the elderly and disabled ) to enjoy quality time with their dogs. More dog bins or general waste bins would help tackle any dog mess problems.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

If owner are respectful of others and have their dogs under control then I think they should be allowed off the lead.

Dogs need somewhere to be able to run. It is not fair to have all places lead only.

NO - dogs should be banned from these areas

Dogs under control off leads should be acceptable

Dogs need to be exercised by running around, therefore their has to be somewhere to do this. Not everyone drives or has a car available in order to take dogs out of Scarborough or Whitby. A lot of these people are elderly so cannot walk a long way, and their dog is their only companion.

These spaces are a good area for dogs to have a run off the lead. As long as dog mess is picked up there is no problem

Some fields should allow dogs so long is the owner picks up any poo.

These are areas usually away from the road used where there are few other areas in which to exercise dogs.

I do not believe this is necessary or appropriate. I can understand in respect of bowling green but not playing fields. Playing fields are for the use of the community as a whole. Good sense indicates that you would not let your dog of the lead for example if a football match was underway however the majority of the time there is nothing formal happening on the playing fields. Obviously dog owners should, as normal, be responsible for clearing dog faeces.

I don't feel that all fields would need this requirement and that each area should be view individual.

public playing fields are ideal for dogs to run freely off leads with family and play ball games etc.. Dog owners need to be responsible for picking up after their dog and ensuring their dog is under control or face fines

On a public playing feel a dog should be able to run and be exercised probiding they remain under the control of the owner

Under control yes. On a lead not necessarily. I do understand if it's been an issue and there are children and people being irresponsible

I believe that dog owners should definitely be in control of their dogs and in doing so remove all dog dirt but when the public filed is not holding a match I belive dog owners should have use of the fields with the exception of when matches or functions are taking place.

There some public areas which are large enough to accommodate the exercising of dogs as well as children playing eg the former sidings @ Barrowcliffe, land near the castle and therefore I am of the opinion a blanket cover is not the way forward.

I would like to exercise my dog on the public playing fields from cemetery to Endcliff crescent.

Bowling greens should be dogs on leads, playing fields not - as these are often the only areas where dogs can run freely off lead. There has to be give and take e.g. if a football game is happening, dog walkers should keep their dogs off the pitch (obviously), but if the field isn't in use say early mornings then it should be fine to exercise a dog there off lead.

It depends on the type of field. A dog off the lead should be acceptable subject to it being under the owner's control; not interfering with any sport being played; the owner "cleaning up poo, and disposing in bins provided. While Council resources are stretched, I would back the fining of any dog owners not removing poo.

As far as public playing fields are concerned dog owners should clean up after their dogs but, as long as the fields are safely enclosed, dogs should be permitted to exercise off the lead. Bowling greens are a separate issue as the maintenance requirements seem to be different. I advocate keeping dogs on the lead in this area.

I thought that playing fields were dog ban areas because of the risk of dog fouling or dog owners not controlling their dogs and therefore causing interference or injury to the players. I think it would be sensible for playing fields to be dog ban areas.

Bowling greens- yes. Dogs shouldn't be allowed on them at all. Public playing fields, as long as they are kept under control there should be the option to let them off.

Public playing fields with a children's area should be dogs on lead zones, but those without children's play areas should remain accessible to dogs off lead

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

There should be NO dogs on playing fields! Even when dogs are on leads some owners do not clean up after they foul. there are still children using this area and they are in danger of diseases caused by dog dirt.

Where do we exercise our dogs and give them freedom to run around if you implement this proposal ? Not every dog owner has a garden for the dog to run around so there need to be green areas for dogs to enjoy some off lead exercise .

In playing fields it is an area for dogs to be exercised off lead. Common sense means when matches and sport activities are underway dogs should not be off lead. This is where co existence needs to be valued. There are very few activities during a morning or evening dog walk. If it was felt there needed to be an on lead policy perhaps through consultation between groups a time for on lead and off lead could be agreed. Bowling greens should only have bowls players on them playing bowls

In certain areas playing fields are the only area for dogs to be exercised.

Dogs need some freedom, I agree with keeping dogs under control but this is not necessarily on a lead. Responsible owners are again being tarnished by irresponsible owners. There is no need for dogs on bowling greens but playing fields should be allowed.

On public playing fields, not used for other activity such as sports I would expect a dog to run freely

This is daft!

Dogs require free running. As long as dog mess is cleared up and dogs are walked responsibly they should have some freedom.

Without adequate signage it will be difficult for tourists to identify the zones.

Responsible dog owners need somewhere to let their dogs be offlead.

Public playing fields should be accessible to all, with the exception of areas where childrens play equipment is present, for obvious reasons of health and safety. Owners should be forced to pick up after their dogs wherever they are, not just public playing fields but dogs should be allowed off lead in public playing fields, or sections of

Dogs need some green space to run

Responsible dog owners understand that dogs need exercise. They need to be able to socialise with other dogs, play with balls etc. If we restrict dogs to being on a lead, we will have a nation of obese dogs in the same way that we have a nation of obese children. It is essential that the public has open spaces where families, including their dogs, can use and enjoy our open green spaces.

As long as the dogs can be controlled by their owners without the need for a lead, there shouldn't be a restriction.

Public playing fields are open spaces of a field and my children love being able to play with their dog.

Bowling greens yes. Fields no. Dogs need to be able to run

Obviously bowling greens dogs shouldn't be on there but playing field off lead is fine

Dogs need to run and exercise so a public playing field is one of a few places that this can be done.

Bowling greens maybe but not public playing fields. You should be able to take your dog for a game of fetch in a public playing field.

Playing fields provide perfect training areas for young dogs and their families. Both on and off lead, both of which are vital forms of training to produce a responsive dog

Some areas are not widely used other than by dog walkers. Those areas need to be found out and they shouldn't change

That would be untenable and unenforcable

Not all playing fields require this.

Public playing fields are only used for a few hours a week whereas dogs are exercised every day at various hours

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

Public playing fields?

When they are not in use as playing fields as in when nobody is playing football/bowling etc people should be allowed to use them to freely exercise their dogs off lead provided they clear up after themselves. In my experience dog walkers are often the mostly likely to be picking up litter left by other people. These spaces could be shared more sensibly than having an outright requirement for all dogs to be on lead at all times.

Not if they are dog walking areas

Responsible owners appreciate being able to run their dogs in open spaces, and will pick up after their dogs

Some playing fields are rarely used by sports teams.

Dogs need off lead exercise to remain fit and active. Removing accessible places and restricting to on lead walking is detrimental to their health and social well being.

I don't think dogs should be allowed on bowling greens but I think as long as owners clean up after their dogs that it is fine to allow them on playing fields.

Dogs should be allowed a space to be let off the lead for exercise.

This depends on the definition of public playing field.

Some dogs are well behaved, disciplined controlled and obedient and do not require to be on a lead at all times.

I do not agree that dogs should be on a lead on a public playing field if it is not a sports playing field. Bowling areas should be dog free, common sense Scarborough council, is required

Not public playing fields.

Public playing fields should have dogs off leads when not in use. Irresponsible owners will not pick up poo if on a lead or off it. Responsible dog owners are penalised for the minority.

For playing field I think this is not fair, where do people expect our dogs to have a run about etc. Most owners are responsible and this to me is to meet minority needs. Bowling greens I totally agree with.

Dogs need to be able to run off lead in large areas in order to burn off energy. If they are to be kept on lead then more large dog exercise areas need to be built, and they need to be adequately fenced to contain large and tiny dogs alike. In order to prevent social problems it is essential that dogs are given the opportunity to exercise freely and expend their energy.

Public playing fields and bowling greens are completely different - playing fields are a great place to exercise dogs when not used by sports etc. Surely cleaning up after dogs is enough in what are underutilized areas anyway?

Dogs need areas to run off lead. I agree with bowling greens but standard playing fields NO

Bowling greens and sports courts yes. Use your initiative. Dogs chase balls and spoil games.

Must not destroy proper sports areas and owners must not allow dogs to foul these areas. Suggest amend to say must not go on bowling green and for sports area, ensure dog does not foul but an be off lead but under control.

Bowling greens, yes of course. If by a public playing field you mean a football pitch or tennis court, then yes, dogs should be in control. But a general playing field is also a playing field for a dog and it's owners and their children.

Why?

Playing fields are important areas for families to access and exercise their dogs

Having dogs on lead (even banned completely from) all bowling greens makes perfect sense, but playing fields are a different matter. Unless there is an officiated sports match there is no reason why a dog should not be exercised there - subject to the requirement to pick up after the dog.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

Dogs should not have access to bowling greens. It is reasonable to restrict free access to playing fields when areas are being used for sports access such as football matches. Most dog owners are considerate of these potential interactions and steer clear anyway and are considerate of other users. The requirement to pick up and faeces should be reinforced. As should picking up general litter.

I agree that leads should be required on all bowling greens, however the term "all public playing fields" covers a significant number of new areas where currently there are no such requirements, one area in particular being Olivers Mounts where regular dog events are held, i.e. Flyball competitions, which seems at odds with a dog lead requirement. If, on the other hand, Scarborough council were to invest, maintain and provide a designated grass, enclosed area where dogs can be properly exercised, trained and allowed to play safety off lead, at all times of the year, then there may be justification for such a measure,.

I agree for bowling greens but open playing fields dogs should be allowed to be let off the lead. If the playing field is a designated foot ball pitch and people are playing then yes your dog should be on a lead.

sport fields such as the rugby pitch in whitby should be dog free. sport cannot be safely played o areas where poo has been - even if "cleaned up "

It is a requirement of dog owners to allow dogs to have the opportunity to run free. I agree that children's playing areas should be dog free

I agree with bowling greens, dogs on leads but let them free on playing fields.

Let dogs run. Penalise bad dog owners not all dog owners

Dogs should'nt be allowed anywhere near these areas. Ban them from being within half a mile of parks etc.

Some also need to maintain their current dog bans. Once allowed in, dog owners then see fit to allow dogs to foul and with the best will in the world, cleaning up faeces is never completely done and I would not want my child to fall in such an area.

Bowling greens obviously need dogs on leads but playing fields not so as dogs need to be exercised as do humans.

difficult one this because it depends on how controlled individual dogs are my 3 wouldn't be a problem so for me its no

Dogs need to be under control but that doesn't mean on leads

Bowling greens fine. Children's play areas fine. But playing fields - when they are not in use for e.g. football games - should allow dogs off lead with the common sense restriction to remove dog mess. I am often confused and dismayed by the "no dogs" restriction at Pannett Park, Whitby. What is the reason for this? It seems to me that the responsible dog owners in the majority are being penalised for a few who don't clean up. More policing perhaps rather than excluding many responsible members of the community from enjoying these facilities.

Dog owners should be allowed to exercise their dogs off lead so long as their dog is under control and they clean up after them.

In winter and early in the morning these areas are empty and dogs don't need to be on a lead. Maybe you need to consider timed off lead exercise

Dogs off leads on playing fields can be acceptable, if controlled/ any poos removed. Re bowling greens, I can't see it acceptable that a dog should be on the actual green.

Increasingly difficult in Whitby to find open spaces large enough for ball games or free running with your dog other than at low tide on the beach. Using the outskirts of a playing field when there is nobody using the pitches I feel should be allowed. I agree, however with the proposal for dogs on a lead for bowling greens.

Dogs need proper exercise. They are out everyday. Kids are only out when the sun shines. Dogs should be allowed off leads on all parks.

Given the high profile and costly policing of dogs and their owners by SNC I would question how you would monitor this. Moreover, open spaces are ideal places for locals to exercise their dogs. Should the areas be misused and impact on play areas, school fields where families and children frequent I would concur however I am pretty confident that the LA has more pressing issues to resolve which have greater importance to council tax paying locals with dogs!

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

I currently use Oriel cricket field to give my dogs off lead time, as do many other dog owners. This is the only area within walking distance to my home where my dogs can run free all year round. I rarely see dog faeces in that area...the provided dog bin is well used. I understand that dogs should be leashed whilst there is a sporting event in progress, but not at other times. We cannot use the beach during the summer, even though as responsible dog owners we always pick up after our dogs, which is more than can be said about many visitors to Scarborough beach. I drive along foreshore road early every morning, before the beach is cleaned and after a hot day, the mess left by the previous days visitors is appalling. I cannot take my dogs on the beach, but visitors to the beach get away with leaving dirty nappies, used food trays, drinks cups etc. Most dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control and pick up after them.

Dogs need somewhere to run free. Whitby depends on tourism, which will suffer if we introduce overly restrictive rules not seen in other towns.

no... the animals shouldn't be on these areas

Bowling greens yes - public playing fields no, as long as a dog is picked up after, exercise shouldn't be an issue

Some playing fields are wide open spaces. Dogs are not detrimental to the enjoyment of these. Dogs should be on a lead in some areas but it should be considered on a case by case basis.

Public playing fields should allow dogs off leads as long as pick up faeces in place

There is limited open space where a dog can be exercised so public playing fields should allow dogs to be off the lead but dog fouling needs to be removed by owners.

Dogs do need off lead areas to run and exercise and as long as any faeces is collected and disposed of appropriately and only non dangerous dogs let off there should not be a problem with dogs off lead

public playing fields and bowling greens must ban dogs - children, in particular are at risk of disease from faecal matter remaining, after owners pick up the bulk ...

where will people walk their dogs off a lead

Jonno's field in Barrowcliffe is an excellent dog exercise area especially for those who cannot take their dogs further afield due to mobility problems. It would be very disappointing indeed to find that this area would be included in the prohibition.

They're good walking areas, for well behaved dogs (not mine :( ) Unless fenced off dog parks are provided (which would be great!)

Some Dog owners can only get to their local Public playing area. It will discriminate against them and their Dogs.

Dogs on public green areas e.g. playing fields, cricket grounds, bowling greens etc drop faeces and even when cleaned up- the next dog sniffs and adds till the next child stands in it!

again any residents who are unable to access dog friendly areas are restricted when walking their dogs, some are unable to travel far and these areas are right on their doorstep

It should be with consent between all parties. Only people bowling should be on the bowl lawn

Playing fields are often a safe enclosed space to exercise dogs when the fields are not in use. Dogs should be allowed here as long as owners clean up after their pet.

Dogs should be allowed on playing fields to exercise if they aren't in use as long as they are cleared up after

Dogs and their owners already have too few public places to use

Out of season, some areas may be suitable for dogs to have off lead exercise, or owners be allowed to use longer "training lines" rather than standard leads eg the recreation area on West Cliff in Whitby.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

Olivers Mount. Most of the time, the pitches aren't in use. It's generally quiet and a good place to train and exercise dogs. Good dog owners will always clean up any mess.

Some dogs are well behaved and like to have a little run on a playing field, as long as owners are responsible.

By requiring dogs to be on lead, responsible owners will simply go elsewhere as they have worked hard training their dogs therefore should be able to exercise them properly and enjoy a day without restrictions. More people will not bother to train dogs properly, as they cannot give the animal the freedom and stimulation they need with such restrictions in place. This is common sense to any responsible owner. I am sick of myself and my very well behaved dog suffering because of the incompetence of others, and having our favorite walks taken from us in Whitby.

Some well behaved dogs will walk with the owner not on a lead just as well as of not better than some dogs on leads! Should say dogs under control at all times.

Each open space should be treated separately, according to different needs of the residents and the other facilities nearby.

What is a 'public playing field?' If it is a field which is accessible to the public, the ban is too sweeping. Of course dogs should be on a lead around bowling greens and children's play parks, but not necessarily in all public open space.

public playing fields are one of the few spaces where dogs can be exercised off-lead safely. This requirement should extend only to when sports matches or training sessions are actively taking place.

Bowling greens obviously but public playing fields no as long as strict enforcement of picking up after your dog

Some fields are not in use all hours. Dogs could run free outside these hours. Although I do not feel this is true for bowling greens

the rest of the country don't do that. dogs need to be exercised off the lead at times.

Children might wander out of the area to play with their dog

It is unnecessarily constrictive.

Public areas, such as that adjacent to Whitby leisure centre ARE public property. I fully endorse dog mess be picked up by the owner and enforced appropriately, however prohibiting dogs being allowed reasonable exercise seems unjust (we do pay a license). Given the beach restriction and this move where do the council propose dog walking?

Dogs should be banned from Public Playing fields where children are likely to be, and as far as bowling greens are concerned I was under the impression that animals wouldn't be allowed on the greens under any circumstances

Many residents and visitors have dogs and the town welcomes them with numerous cafe's, pubs and guesthouses catering for dogs. There should be open spaces available in town, for dogs to be exercised with freedom off the lead (under supervision).

I agree with bowling greens but not all spaces or dogs have nowhere to exercise freely.

Dogs should be allowed off the lead to run on playing fields.

Not necessary

Some areas dogs could be allowed off lead

No fields like Oliver's mount are. Great place to exercise dogs off the lead, bowling greens I would agree with

Olivers mount is a good safe place to allow dogs off lead for a play.

Playing fields are useful places for dog owners to exercise their dogs.

Dogs should be free to exercise off the lead on fields with A responsible owner

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

For some dog owners public playing fields are the only areas where they can exercise their dogs. Insistence on removal of faeces and restricting dogs off lead from the actual playing surfaces would be preferable,

Young active dogs can only gain sufficient exercise, particularly when owned by more mature adults, when they can chase balls and run free. Leave us the playing fields and we will avoid bowling greens.

I think there needs to be areas where a dog can be exercised off the lead

Should be allied to run free

Not all are used the same

This just be at the judgement of the dog owner at the time. It makes not sense to not allow someone to exercise thier dog on an empty playing field.

Each area should be looked at individually.

Dogs do need some off lead time to run and play. For many people playing fields are the only local space for this, especially elderly people. Please do not take away our opportunities for some off lead time. You are really discriminating against all dog owners by taking all our free run opportunities away.

Dogs should be allowed to run and play freely in open public green land.

Not all dogs need to be on a lead to be under proper control.

Many public playing fields have large areas that are not played upon and on which dogs could be safely exercised. The ban should vary for each area to reflect how much actual playing field or bowling green requires such a ban.

Keep dogs off playing areas but allow them to chase balls around edge

Well controlled dogs should be able to run on playing fields. Poor;y exercised dogs can be badly behaved dogs. They need to run. There is no such thing as a bad dog. Bad owners yes, not a bad dog.

Dogs need to be able to run around freely in some areas.

Well behaved dogs do not need to be on a lead.

It would be good to permit dogs off the lead on some playing fields.

As long as people clear up after their dogs - if no one using these public areas for matches etc then dogs can be off a lead

I have already answered this question

Dogs should be allowed on PUBLIC fields, NOT bowling greens.

Answers against specific areas given.

I agree that bowling greens should have a dogs on lead requirment but public playing fields should not these spaces should be available for all to enjoying and are ideal areas for a game of ball with your dog. Those who use it irresponsibly whoever or however should be fined/restricted accordingly.

Dogs require proper exercise including ball chasing, there are limited areas available for this. The only restriction on these areas should be the requirement to clean up after your dog.

When beach restrictions in place dog owners need a space where dogs can free run

Yes to bowling greens but no to playing fields provided owners clean up after their dogs.

Public playing fields are some people's only way of exercising their dog, as long as the dog is controlled, this should not be a problem

Gallows close playing area should not be a dogs on lead area, it is used by hundreds of local dog walkers as one of the few places you can safely run dogs off lead

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

There should be a time restriction before 8am and after 5pm

I think playing fields should allow dogs to play off lead, while all public paths, pedestrianised zones or beside traffic should have dogs on lead.

There are some playing fields such as those in barrowcliff that are ideal for exercising dogs particularly in the summer when the beaches are not allowed to be used. How about doing something to support local people with dogs who perhaps are unable to drive to locations to allow their dogs to exercise off lead

Playing fields are not used all the time for sport and make an excellent exercise area for dogs off lead.

Should be exceptions playing fields depending on the location.

There are very few areas that are large enough to allow dogs to exercise off leash and with enough space that they are not interfering with each other's space. Public playing fields, such as the ones at the monument end of Oliver's Mount, are under used for sport and are only used for camping in the summer months. Therefore, to allow dogs to run free on them is providing a much needed space, even though it is not easily accessed by all.

I agree with the bowling green element, however not the public playing fields, as these areas are frequently deserted other than by dog walkers. A responsible dog walker will use a lead when requires.

Playing fields are used year round as a place for people to exercise their dogs and if you keep taking places away they will have nowhere to go. Kids cause more chaos and nuisance than dogs ever do.

The fields are for some the only place that they can exercise their dog and to train them in many commands. If you make them on leads only how can people with assistance dogs give the dog a place to be free and have time off from work to be just a dog. I have seen many people with guide dogs use these areas for just that reason as the risk to themselves is minimised as away from traffic and kerbs etc.

It should be up to the owners whether their dogs require a lead. I can understand bowling greens requiring a dog on a lead but not public playing fields, dogs need space to be let off and run etc.

As there are no parks and playing fields in Whitby that dogs are allowed, access to some (or even one) where dogs can be off lead would be great.

As a responsible dog owner, I will always remove faeces putting them in bags and into provided bins (of which there are plenty). I do not feel that my dogs should be restricted to a lead on areas described above. I would not allow my dogs to run on a marked football field anyway (My own council has bans from allowing dogs on marked football pitches)

We have very few green spaces to allow dogs to run off lead and playing fields (not bowling greens) are often not used by the public on a regular basis. Manor Park Playing field is an example of this, and is mostly used by dog walkers.

playing fields should be no dogs. there have been many problems at the rugby field with people trying to play where there is dog poo. even when owners pick up , some poo remains on the grass. people cannot play sport and exercise on this.

Dogs need an area to run around in and if appropriate conditions exist in the public playing field they should be allowed to do so.

Dogs need exercise, they need to be able to run around which cannot be achieved on a lead. I agree that they should be on leads whilst games or sports are in play, but at other times they should be allowed to run free provided their owners retain control over them.

Not in regards to public playing fields- animals should be able to run free, animals have as much right to play

Dogs must be allowed some areas to exercise, please implement fines for fouling.

Particularly in urban areas, dog owners struggle to find open spaces where dogs can be exercised, all spaces are valuable & should be available to dog walkers. The important item is that dog owners must be responsible too, collecting dog litter & disposing in the correct bins - bins that should be provided by the Council. The increase in the number of Dog Wardens is also necessary in order to "police" these areas.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Some dogs need to be able to exercise freely near where they live not everyone can take their dogs in cars to do this

Dogs and their owners need places that the dogs can run freely, so rather than require that all dogs be on a lead, make sure that there is a waste bin handy to encourage owners to collect their dog waste. Dog owners themselves will police the area whenever they can.

Should be shared spaces for all to enjoy... except bowling greens

Bowling green YES because of specific specialist use. Everywhere else is very much in public ownership

If the playing field/bowling green isn't in use and the dog owner is responsible for cleaning up, this is a valuable area for dogs to be allowed to exercise off the lead.

Responsible dog owners should be permitted to exercise dogs off the lead on playing fields.

In Whitby the public playing fields, near the bowling green (Ufgang Lane) should allow dogs to run free. Obviously owners are required to pick up poo. The playing fields double up as a car park so are only playing fields when it suits the council. Sometimes Mobil homes park overnight and many day trippers leave rubbish i.e food debris, nappies, tab ends etc. The council appear to ignore this. The grass is left in a terrible condition due to tyre marks. So why can't dogs run free and play on grass that's already unfit for playing on. Dogs that play do not leave household rubbish or churn up vast areas of grass. They play. Dog owners seem more responsible than visitors. The golf course and bowling green are the exception and dogs should never go on the latter. The golf course is seasonal so dogs should be allowed to run free out of season but banned when the flags are out.

As above

Grass lands are the most ideal place to let dogs run free, practise training and have proper exercise. If dogs have no freedom to run they can't exercise properly. My dog requires lots of exercise that currently seems to be restricted to walking only

If the fields are not in use they should be able to be used by all

I agree that any specially prepared surface such as cricket wickets, bowling greens, golf greens, should have dogs banned from being on that surface at all. The corollary to this is that dogs and dog owners should be able to enjoy normal public open spaces just like everybody else. There needs to be a balance between protecting specially designated spaces, encouraging dog owners to keep dogs under control in areas where significant numbers of children or other similarly vulnerable groups play and a fair degree of freedom for dog owners to exercise their dogs properly to keep them healthy.

i think playing fields were dogs are properly supervised is OK

Ban from bowling greens put on lead by direction if not under control on others

dogs ought not to be permitted to defecate on an area accessed by the public, the health risk to human infection is too high.

logical thought, all dog owners have responsibility for their dogs , dogs on grass + human infections = NHS ??? restriction continues

Dogs need owners present not leads

Dogs need to run free somewhere!

Yes to bowling greens, No to playing fields. Some playing fields would be fine for off lead play and training for dogs

I accept dogs should not be allowed on the bowling greens but open spaces like playing fields are fine for allowing dogs to play as long as they are under control of their owner and faeces are picked up

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

Yes to bowling greens. No to playing fields as some playing fields are very large

Bowling greens dogs on leads but use of discretion if the fields are fairly empty and dogs stuck to the perimeters.

Some parks are fine for dogs to be off the lead. an assessment of each park is required, not carte blanche

too restrictive for dog walkers, stupid laws will be ignored

It's a necessary part of dog ownership to allow running free time and playing fields are ideal for this, with a strict bag-it-and-bin-it policy. I agree with the lead requirement on bowling greens.

Stricter enforcement of dog fouling should be considered prior to an outright ban.

Public playing fields are for all public recreation and that includes dog walking. Dogs need room to run free and exercise with their owners and as long as they are responsible, should be allowed freedom to use public parks

sports fields should be no dogs. even if people pick up after their dog some remains on the grass making sports like rugby impossible

Public playing fields should be available for dogs to run off lead and be trained when not in use for sports activities. The requirement to clean up should be enforced as should the requirement for all users to remove all litter.

Dogs should be allowed off the lead in public parks. All dogs should be on leads in residential areas and beside public roads.

See above.

I agree for Bowling Greens but not for Public Playing Fields which are a different category. The standard of maintenance and use is very different. Some public playing fields are well maintained and regularly used for organised sport whilst others are no more than rough grassed areas. A case can be made for some areas but not for others. Also in such a blanket coverage no account is taken of alternative areas which can be used by dog owners without restriction. The legislation is their to balance the needs of dog owners and other users of public spaces.

Bowling greens yes. On playing fields this restricts local residents especially the elderly with limited mobility being able to exercise their dogs properly.

As above. Give people credit for acting responsibly.

No dogs should be allowed on any playing field or bowling greens. Health hazards and safety concerns.

Access to open areas protected from roads for dogs to run in must be considered. Council has a duty to the needs of all residents. Bowling greens are an obvious exception, nobody should have dogs off lead in a specialized area.

This is public land, where else do you propose dogs to be walked, especially if you don't drive?

I don't live near the beach so it is good to be able to let the dog off at the playing field.

For some dogs this is the only place their owners can take them for off-lead time. As a dog owner I can understand that you want to see dogs under control so their mess is cleaned-up. I manage to achieve this but some people will not bother regardless of whether their dog is on a lead and it is a shame to penalise the majority for the acts of a few. You would be better doing some targeted surveillance if dog mess on some public fields is a nuisance.

I don't see why a dog off a lead is a problem as long as any mess is picked up

It often these are safe controlled areas to allow dogs exercise off lead

Playing fields no restrictions. Bowling greens lead required

As long as bowling or sports are not been played and as long as owners clean up dog mess then it should not be a problem for them to be able to be off the lead.

This area needs some off lead spaces otherwise it is cruel to dogs owned by people without easy access to transport.

## Please provide reasons for not agreeing that dogs must be on a lead on all public playing fields and bowling greens

Playing fields are good for dog exercisr

So long as a dog is under control, he should be allowed the freedom to play and run. Some people are unable to get to the beach to excercise their dogs, and without proper excercise in large open areas dogs will become destructive.

I agree with bowling greens but there is no reason why dogs cannot be exercised on playing fields if they are not being used. It is difficult to find open areas where dogs can run when beach rstrictions are in place.

If the area is being used at that time then dogs absolutely should be on a lead but at places such as Oliver's mount where there is No one on a day time during the week then dogs should be allowed off the lead

My dog likes to run how can it possibly exercise when it's on a lead They are cocker spaniels which require many hours of exercise I always pick my feces up and place in bins that are provided,

Is there is a open field with nobody else on there the why shouldn't we be aloud to let our dogs off lead to have a run around and Chase a ball?

No i believe if the dog is well behaved and has recall training in playing fields it should not be a requirement for a lead. Obviously if it poses any danger to humans or other dogs it should be on a lead everywhere anyway. However i think some areas such as Newby fields are where dogs and owners meet and play and socialise and this should not be taken away.

On Open fields dogs should be allowed off leads if they are well trained and have good recall and also if they are friendly to other dogs. Any dog that dislikes others should be kept on lead

If a dog dog is well trained and with a responsible owner they should be able to be off lead in these areas providing the public aren't using these areas for sports at the time. Signage should be made clear that if a dog is off lead and shows any aggression or disrupts a sports game or event being carried out by members of the public using the space, a fine may be given.

dogs need spaces to be exercised. if dog owners are responsible I see no issue. they pay council tax to use these services just like the rest of us

Agree with bowling greens but playing fields aren't all used in the same way and some required for dogs to have off lead exercise except in areas where children play eg play areas

Where can dogs run about

If owner is in complete control of dog and cleans up after them they should be able to go wherever without lead

Sometimes the only space available for dogs to run and be off lead is on playing fields. I agree that bowling greens should have dogs on leads but football pitches etc.

I have no objections to dogs on leads in play areas, but would appreciate dogs off leads in nearby open spaces that are not enclosed. For example: playparks have fences around them and dogs should remain on their leads. Outside of those fences dogs should be permitted to exercise

Same parks are needed

If no one is on the playing fields then why shouldn't dogs be allowed to run on the fields .

On bowling greens yes, but other public parks such as Falsgrave Park, Oliver's Mount etc should be unrestricted.

Dogs need to run free

Greater clarity needed on what a public playig field is, is this only green space as, if so I disagree

**Q17 - Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal below.**

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Linden Road Playing field is governed by dogs on lead. There are no sports areas just the childrens playground which is enclosed and is a dog ban. The dogs on lead restriction for Linden Road should be removed

There need to be more facilities for the deposit/disposal of dog waste

I am sick and tired of dog poo and owners getting away with it and by the way, why have you forgotten FILEY, you know that town to the south?

The large minority of irresponsible dog owners in Scarborough and Whitby continue to do as they will. Please do not make it easier for them to disrespect the wishes of other people. I have no problem with dogs on leads in public areas and, for example, half of North Bay beach for the use of dog owners and half for non dog owners etc. The beach ban should be all year round. I no longer take my children to the beach in winter and spring, as there have been so many incidents of dogs scaring my children, ruining toys they are playing with, knocking them off their bikes etc. The owners simply don't care. How is this fair? Do not make it easier for these irresponsible people.

Dogs should be on a lead when in public, it is easier to pick up after them and until the owners that currently do not pick up change their ways dogs on a lead should continue. There are also members of the public that are nervous of dogs and they should not have to feel threatened by a loose dog, however friendly it is. I as a dog owner keep mine on the lead when out, I pick up after her and try to swill and Number 1ns away with water that I carry for that purpose. I do not find this to be a hardship and feel that I am responsible for my dog in that manner. I would not leave my babies nappies just anywhere so why treat my dog any differently. Dog owners must be made to be responsible for there dog and the mess that is left behind. I would add that the majority of us are, however as with all things there are a few that spoil the enjoyment for all the rest and it is those few that must change their ways. Having a web page that you can report these incidences would be usefu I and perhaps stop the problem.

Responsible dog owners will keep their dogs on leads on public highways and other areas where the public are, except for the seasonal relaxation on beach areas. Irresponsible dog owners will not comply and will not pick up dog faeces. They are the ones who will object to dogs on leads regulations, but are the very ones who need to have control boundaries imposed.

It is important that balance is maintained between dog walkers and other users of public/open space. Dogs, of course, need space where they can be off the lead and run freely but large numbers of free running dogs can impede the enjoyment of the space for other users, particularly those for whom large, excitable dogs can be intimidating. As dogs are allowed on the beach (although restricted in season to parts only) it seems fair that the promenade area in particular should be retained as a dogs on lead areas to enable the space to be enjoyed by all users.

For heavens sake put dogs on a lead sooner or later spmeone will get bitten

The impacts of Climate Change will need to be monitored in order to keep any seasonal restrictions under review.

please start to fine them if they break the law on the sands and in grave yards and the rest

I am a Whitby resident and beach hut renter and was happy with the dog ban extention that was imposed earlier this year, but many dog owners are ignoring the ban and there is still dogs fouling in the area where lots of children are playing. The Whitby beach area needs properly policing if these restrictions are put in place. Over the years, i have had dogs run into my beach hut, cock their legs in my childrens play pen and the most common one is, dogs fouling on the beach directly in front on the beach huts. We all pay alot of money to rent our beach huts and would like a more professional set up with regards to running / policing of the beach and sea wall. I understand that many residents aren't happy with the new access steps on to the beach, but if they walked another hundred yards towards Sandsend, there is a set of perfectly good stairs. I propose moving the ban on even further to the next set of safer / newer stairs.

More prosecution of offenders - it would go towards paying for all the extra waste and cleaning up the council has to do because there are now so many dogs. Is there a local limit to how many dogs can be walked by one person and if not why not?

Very pleased to see a general increase in dog access.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

You must give more consideration to those with disabilities a lot of older people have pets as their sole companion. Do not marginalise them further than they are already

Tate Hill beach in Whitby should have been covered in this survey. Dogs need somewhere close to town where they can exercise off lead. Tate Hill beach was perfect for this until the dogs on lead policy was introduced last year. Please consider removing this.

decrease the dog ban on the beach to cover only june, july and august as the beaches are empty in may and september, save for dog walkers. Provide more bins for dog waste! Especially on southbay.

Tate Hill Pier beach to have a seasonal ban only for dogs on leads.

Restrictions in Scarborough and Filey are causing dog owners to flood to Hunmanby Gap Beach. Therefore this area should have seasonal control.j

Letting dogs run free of a lead will lead to more dogs fouling areas where people have access while their owners walk away ignoring what their dogs leave behind, this could also lead to more complaints to council about dog fouling. So why would the council want to remove a system that seem to work or is it a matter of saving money by letting dogs run about not controlled and where no dog warden would be required ,so is this all down to reducing dog wardens thus saving money

Dogs should be on leads virtually all the time, especially as extendable leads can be used and which gives them some running space. Further, dogs should not be allowed on beaches at all from March 1 to October 31 at any time. Too many do not pick up, and the seas are polluted enough without dog excrement.

Dogs are seldom under control. Proposing to allow dogs to run free, when other pedestrians maybe scared of loose dogs is unfair.

It is not possible to please everyone. Seasonal and resident users of the facilities whether dog owners or not will each have their own views that will conflict with the views of others. Have a consistent approach, but be mindful of those with mobility issues. Remember that the reason many people have UK holidays is because they want to bring their pets (who are part of the family) or they are not able to travel abroad because of their health. Pandering to a vocal minority that want it their way spoils the accessibility of the towns of the northeast for the quiet majority. Holidaying in the UK has taken a battering over the decades. If seaside towns lose a large portion of their seasonal trade, it will ultimately spoil it for everyone as the businesses and facilities close down. For the sake of a few people who have a problem with North East resorts being dog-friendly, there's the potential to lose the holiday industry in an area.

That people with disabilities or children in pushchairs requiring access with their dogs to the beach below west cliff should be allowed to use the ramp rather than the steps so long as the dog is kept on a lead until in the dog friendly zone.

Dogs should be on a lead on all footpaths

Before this new consultation process was introduced to cover the flawed process that the 2018 restrictions now cover. I hope that this process will not become into force and that the present restrictions revert back to the 2017 area. The dog zone needs to go back to the 2017 area for the disabled access which this new zone has not taken into account. The side steps are highly dangerous and if you had carried out a full risk assessment this ban would have not have taken place. Getting a surveyors report after the event is like closing the door when the horse has bolted. If you require help in carrying out a full risk assessment please let me know.

As a beach chalet tenant at Whitby we are delighted that dogs are banned from the beach up to the end of the beach huts. Our beach hut is at the far end (western). We have young children who like to play in the rock pools. The rock pools start slightly east of our hut. In previous years before the dog ban was extended we had lots of problems with loose dogs running into the rock pools, also urinating and defecating in them. Loose dogs ran up to our children and knocked them down on several occasions and I have been subject to verbal abuse by several local dog owners when I complained. One of my children picked up a fungal skin condition from the Rockpool and the doctor said it had probably come from a dog. It is also dangerous for children to be playing where dogs have defecated due to worms causing blindness. Since the dog ban was extended at Whitby we now have some safe rock pools for all the children who use the beach to play in. We were very, very pleased about the extension of the dog ban as were the other chalet tenants with young children. We would like the dog ban to remain as it is this year in order to provide a safe play area for our children to enjoy the rock pools. The dog owners who are campaigning to revert the dog ban back to it's original position are not parents of young children and only use the beach a few times a day to exercise their dogs - our children spend hours on the beach and have every right to do so safely.

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Dogs should always be on leads in public places

Why change anything Why spend money making these changes

dog training schemes awareness of the threat to public health dog mess is and more awareness how anti social dogs are in public

I think dogs should be banned from the Holbeck beach in the summer between 9am and 4pm.

On Whitby West Cliff, North Beach sea wall it takes only 4 to 5 minutes to walk from the original dog exclusion steps to the next safe and perfectly adequate wide steps to access the beach. These steps are also conveniently placed to access when coming down the paths the North Promenade, Whitby. We feel it is not unreasonable for dog walkers to cover this distance on the sea wall when they have over two miles of open beach then available to exercise their dogs. Finally the health and safety of children playing on the beach below the beach chalets is of far more important than this slight "inconvenience" of an extra small distance to the further steps. It is our experience that dogs naturally want to relieve themselves as soon as they reach the sand and the rock pools where children are playing.

The seasonal dog beach ban should be amended. Dogs should be allowed on the beach in the summer before 9 am and after 6 pm.

You will not do anything about dogs being let off leads in restricted areas, eg.. Dean road Cemetary, just as you do nothing about people who do not pick up their dogs faeces.

As Above.

Given the times from which the North Bay beach area is frequented by tourists in the season I would suggest that consideration is given to having a time restricted ban only in the area between the Sands and the end of the Chalets, potentially from 8am to 8pm only. The area is extremely popular for dog walkers and it does seem unfair to have the ban in place in times when there are hardly any people using that area.

flexibility required between seasons. dogs on leads where appropriate but should have dog friendly areas where dogs can run without leads - rules should apply.

There needs to be some plan put in place to stop dogs from being allowed into restaurants. Or at least keep them in the outside area. I am a dog owner but I would never think so little of someone else to take my dog after running on the beach, swimming, etc. into a place full of people trying to enjoy a meal where the dog is begging for food and smelling. This is become a problem as most places aren't very large and when you allow dogs inside it just adds to the issue. And also people leaving there dogs waste on the paths around Whitby is becoming a problem there is no one watching or cutting the grass in these areas mostly and people don't seem to care about leaving dog waste behind when its on or near a public walking path for example the one near the Whitby Vet and the one near Lidl

The dog fouling problem needs to be addressed. It has a direct impact on quality of life and visitor perception of Scarborough, Whitby and Filey.

All these requirements are ignored anyway by some so it seems sensible to remove them and concentrate on faeces removal

Not all dog owners are responsible and use their dogs for hunting cats to kill them. The police say it is civil matter if a dog wounds another dog who requires vet treatment. There is no protection for responsible dog owners, pet owners or children. Their rights should be protected, too.

What is most important is that dog wardens are visible and seen to take action. Non dog owners and good dog owners would all agree with this. Warning and fines should be implemented and the fines reported so that local know that there is a proactive response to irresponsible dog owners who leave dog mess lying around or cannot control their dogs because they are off the lead.

I rent a beach hut above where the rocks are and this year it has been great, no yapping dogs, not sat watching dogs urinating and worse where children are sat in the pools, no urinating on children's sand castles or their possessions. But there has been some misuse, dog walkers who think is OK to walk across the dog free zone without dogs on a lead. There are no safety issues regarding steps as there is more than one set which directly leads on to soft sand, also the sand shifts with the tides so it's impossible to be rock free all the time

Easily accessible Council run areas for free running of dogs, removing the need for people to venture into highly populated public spaces?

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I think the way the extension to Whitby beach has been done is completely the wrong way and has caused a lot of ill feeling and upset unnecessarily.

Please consider that dogs and their owners cause less mess and hassle than a lot of family that visit the beach and parks. I even think dogs should be allowed in Pannett Park again. It would mean more people there in the evenings which would discourage vandals and people who use it for drinking and drugs.

Maybe let dogs be allowed on Beaches in all area after 6pm or 7Pm in height of summer

Signage needs to be put up at previous access point to Whitby beach to let all people know they can still access beach with dogs on leads to stop people being verbally abused and people taking photos ect

Remove the restriction on Whitby beach immediately, the access is dangerous

There should be designated areas for dog walkers

Peasholm Park dogs on lead restriction should be amended to seasonally, with dogs allowed off lead from 01 October to 31 March

Fully support every proposal that has been made. D Trafford, North York Moors NPA

Responsible dog owners would happily leash their animals in public areas and ensure they clean up after their pet. Unfortunately, in my experience many dog owners are not so responsible and have little or no control over their animals behaviour.

With regard to Whitby West beach, it is not clear to me why the dog ban area was extended in the first place. The beach is large enough for dog owners and those without dogs to make use of the beach without causing any concerns for the other group. This is a very short sighted change and we should be welcoming everyone to use the beach - with a dog or without. Better access facilities for the disabled are needed in any case. And the extension of the ban area has simply made the situation even worse. To access the beach with a wheel chair, or pushchair/pram the slip way surface needs re-surfacing and the incline made less steep. Pannett Park - currently dogs are not allowed in the park at all. I do not understand the reasoning for this. It means that dog owners are denied the opportunity to enjoy the park whilst walking their dogs. I propose that the restriction should be changed to allow dogs in Pannett Park as long as they remain on leads and dog mess is picked up.

I can't comment re Scarborough as I only know about Whitby. Why isn't the on-lead policy on Tate Hill beach covered here? we should be able to exercise dogs here.

If the council wish to make changes to a public area which affects so many people you should put signs up. There was no signage in the Whitby beach area and therefore no one knew of the changes until it was too late. Although the council has said that the notification was on their website unless you were actively looking for said consultation you would never have known it was there. So therefore I believe the original consultation was biased and unrealistic and should be revoked immediately. Not to mention the steps that you are now expected to use are unsafe and unfit for purpose - come on SBC you can do better.

I don't feel I could answer question on Scarborough area as do not know the areas in question. I live in Whitby so I have answered questions relating to this area only.

In front of the chalets in Whitby - if the steps at the boundary of the unrestricted area are not fully usable I would suggest dog walkers go on to the following steps (2 minutes further on in the direction of Sandsend). There is a wide, safe set of steps in the current 2018 unrestricted area. For a dog walker, the difference between the "2017" steps and the new ones takes 4 minutes. This is not a long time during a dog walk. For chalet and beach users the difference between dogs being loose on the beach - or having a usable beach - affects the whole day, almost every day for some beach chalet users. Every single dog which comes onto the beach urinates almost instantly. Often on sandcastles, buckets and spades, and in the rock pools where children play. Owners often do not see their dog defecate as they have walked ahead without the dog. The dog warden has been aware of the many issues over the past few years - many people have spoken to him and expressed concerns. He has said many times that he recommended moving the ban to the end of the chalets. All chalet users pay the same rent and should be able to have the same quality of beach for their children to play on.

the whole of whitby beach should be safe and clean for all children - locals and visitors alike whitby is a tourist holiday destination - children should be safe from dogs urinating and defecating where they play

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Dogs should be controlled at all times near roads

Please remove the dog ban in Pannet Park, Whitby. Instead it should be dogs on leads. Many people who want to visit the park will have dogs with them and, sigh the current ban, can't go in. It's unnecessary and 'over the top'.

The new signage installed on the revetment steps at Sandsend does not reflect the order which is currently in force. It does not clearly define the area of the seasonal restrictions at Sandsend, as the old signage used to, I therefore believe the current order is unenforceable.

In the south cliff area particularly Esplanade Gardens we have a large problem with dog feces

We pay our council taxes at a very high rate for pretty limited services in this area and a lot if people have dogs as companions. I think it is acceptable that dogs should not be running around the beach uncontrolled when it is busy in summer but I think in the evening/early morning we should be able to access the whole beach in whitby and Sandsend. There are limited places you can take them for a good walk in town and for older people or those with some limited mobility being able to get into the beach easily is really important. I understand about clean beaches but I'm sure more could be done - e.g. bins for dog waste and also that other things like pollution, sewage and plastic waste are far more long term issues for the environment and beaches than the odd person who doesn't clear up. Those people are probably the ones who will still access the beach despite bans and leave rubbish etc too as it's an attitude issue

I feel strongly about the Whitby seasonal restriction being brought back to the slipway which was used before the previous extension to this one. This not only provides safer access but also helps bring yourselves inline with the Equality Act 2010 and provides a much larger tidal window for dog owners to access the beach.

Although I understand dogs do need areas to exercise off the lead, I feel the position of vulnerable people should be taken into consideration in public places where people visit to exercise and enjoy the environment. By way of vulnerable people I mean children/adults who are not comfortable in the presence of dogs whether it is by way of past experiences, allergies or who just do not wish to be approached by dogs that are over friendly.

We have grandchildren who come to stay and love the beach. It is disheartening to be worried by dogs as they try to play or enjoy a picnic. Dog mess is not always picked up on the beach which is a hazard to young children playing. My husband is not happy around dogs as he was bitten by one as a child. How many others feel this way when confronted by a dog hurtling towards you. Whitby is a nightmare with dogs both in town and on the beach. We can't enjoy either in the summer months or the winter.

As land belonging the Council, would the Cinder Track become an area where dogs would be required to be on the lead, were a blanket coverage be imposed on public open spaces or does the track come under the highway legislation

There are inadequate disposal facilities in the Borough resulting in plastic bag containing waste being disposed of gratuitously. The cost of emptying and cleaning is also another cost to be considered by non dog owning CT payers.

Many dog owners are irresponsible and a good many of those are residents of the Borough. One can see piles of dog excrement in public places and it is not good enough. My simplistic response to all of the questions requiring a response is brought about by my view that when ALL dog owners behave in a responsible and socially acceptable manner we could consider easing some of the restrictions.

there has been a good reason to extend the dog restriction to the end of Whitby beach chalets. over recent years there have been many issues with dogs - always those off the lead- often unseen by owners who are out of sight. many dogs have urinated where children are playing and many have also defecated - sometimes unseen by the owner. for chalet renters this stretch of the beach is their children's playground for around 3 months - for school age children many spend almost every day of the 6 week holiday there. all chalet renters and tourists alike should be entitled to the clean , safe beach to play on. there are a lot of dog walkers and most have walked on to the next steps without any fuss. the dog warden has personally witnessed many issues with dogs on this part of the beach over recent years.

There should be access via a ramp for people with dogs

Greater publication of where the consultation is taking place and how those without web access can take part.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

As well as reversing the prohibition extension on Whitby West Beach there is a case for making the previous seasonal ban apply only during certain times e.g. 9am till 6pm. Often early morning and later in the evening there is nobody on this stretch of beach. I welcome the fact that Scarborough Borough Council has reopened this consultation in response to calls from the public and I look forward to seeing the prohibition extension on Whitby West Beach reversed to 2017 arrangements.

I've seen loose dogs in The Sainsbury play park even with the notice in place. More notices should be up and clearer.

The restrictions for dog owners on North Side Beach start too early and finish too late. During May and September before and after school holidays beaches are deserted and an unused resource. It would be better if dog wardens could issue warnings rather than just issuing FPN, dog owners could be credited with making decisions on when their dogs could be off lead for example if early morning when areas are deserted. Not all dog owners are bad dog owners and are very often the people who use the local areas to their full potential and who can ring in to highlight any problems in the area.

The restrictions for access to the beach between May and September is clearly designed to provide for family access in a dog free environment. That is appreciated but, when I am walking on the beach regularly (tides permitting) early morning and late evening the beach is often empty, with the exception of a few walkers. It is not clear why the restrictions should not be time limited as well. - e.g. May - Sept no dogs between 10am and 7pm. This will facilitate those dog owners who find the additional walk of over 1/2 mile, to get to the beach, too much taking into account any age or infirmity issues. This would also demonstrate compliance with legislation designed to protect equality for all including age and disability.

My main interest is in the unreasonable restrictions newly applied on Whitby beach. Reverting to the old boundary is not the answer. Some access is needed by way of a slipway (see earlier comments). Slipway entrance will allow use by disabled persons; families with prams and old/infirm dogs who can't negotiate steps. Dogs can remain on leads and quickly exit the restricted area without causing inconvenience to none dog owners. The Council have done some repair works to the current steps. Totally inadequate in my view. They remain dangerous as does the immediate beach area. A comprehensive repair, rock clearance is needed. I

Why allow dog owners to practice lazy and irresponsible habits? Dog behaviour s only as good as the behaviour and attitude of it's owner. I am a dog lover and have had dogs in the past.

The biggest issue with dogs around Scarborough is the excessive amount of dog poo. It really is getting out of control. In my experience having a dog on or off the lead has no bearing as to the amount of dog poop left on the ground. Where we live walking along the street is almost like a game of hopscotch trying to avoid the numerous piles of dog poo. It's dangerous for our children and is absolutely disgusting and something urgently needs to be done to both prevent this and clean it up swiftly when it does happen.

Dogs should be on leads at all times close to roads and in areas that the public would not expect dogs running without leads,like near roads and shops.

Please consider allowing dog owners to exercise their dogs from 1st September to 30th June on both North and South Bay beaches. The only really busy times on the beach are school holidays and the restricted zones should be kept for then. Cleaning up after dogs should be really highlighted.

The Dog ban extension in Whitby is an excellent idea. As I see it, SBC are not saying that dog owners should use the "unsafe" steps as they have been described by some. The steps merely are where the ban starts and there are two other sets of steps plus the ravine ramp that give access to the beach further on. If you are out for the purpose of exercise, then surely walking a bit further is not a problem. I like dogs but am disgusted by the dog faeces left by owners. Dog faeces are always present along the path that runs by the side of the pavilion and down to the beach. Plus various piles left on pavements and the path that runs along the cliff top behind the golf course. Anything therefore that provides a dog free zone for adults and children to enjoy without having to scrape disgusting matter off shoes or clothing has to take priority. I have been subjected to foul language on more than one occasion when I have asked dog owners to collect their dogs faeces. Some dog o wners do take responsibility but the minority that don't, spoil it for everyone and restrictions must therefore be maintained for the wider public.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Inconsiderate dog owners cause a lot of unpleasantness in our society. Some dog owners do not seem to realize that floral displays are damaged when dogs "play" in them. Some dog owners do pick up their dogs faeces and put them in a bag but leave the bag on the pavement or hanging on railings or throw them into a bush. Those dog owners seem to think that other people have nothing better to do than clear up after their pets. Volunteers and council staff should not have to do this distasteful work. Some dog owners do not realize that other people do not appreciate having muddy dogs jumping up at them, dirtying their clothes. Some people are nervous around dogs, especially if they have previously been bitten. Dog owners always say that their dog is friendly. Some dogs attack other dogs which is another worry. In conclusion, some dog owners are considerate and cause no trouble, but there are too many who do not care about the consequences of their carelessness.

I am not a dog lover but would not cause harm to them. We each have our own likes etc. I have come to the conclusion that dogs are companions, substitutes, assistants what ever. BUT we are civilised society, dogs can be unpredictable, due to their instincts. They can carry diseases without our knowing they can become violent, defensive whatever. If humans fouled paths( as do dogs (whether on a lead or not), what would society then have to say. A child on the beach in Scarb digging in the sand and a dog has fouled the sand, or the mess has not been picked up by the irresponsible owner, and an excited child walks through it..... what an advert for Scarb, "come to Scarb and walk through dog do do" I know owners come to the beach to allow their dogs free run etc BUT..... Its not the poor dogs.....its their owners

The Whitby beach dog ban should be reduced to the previous limit, ie. the wide ,safe, not too steep steps to the beach.

Dogs should not be running loose in any area where there are likely to children and indeed any pedestrians. I would like to see the dog free zone extended on the south beach as far as the old outdoor swimming pool. Also the period of exclusion extended from the beginning of April to the end of October. Dogs are a menace on the beach running loose with their owners having no control over them at all. There are people with four or five dogs running loose on the beach at children's corner terrifying young children. At the very least all dogs on the beach at all times of year should be on a lead.

All dog owners should be in full control of their dogs when in public areas. Dog fouling is a constant problem.

Consider restricted access to be time dependent as well as dates so dogs can use each when family use is limited on an evening

Many visitors come to Scarborough with dogs. Responsible ownership needs to be encouraged but dog owners need to feel welcome

Whether on leads or not, dogs continue to foul pavements during unsociable hours and therefore never caught and fined. Perhaps a visit during hours when people take their dogs for a walk - early mornings and evenings?! Otherwise, rather than a Dog Warden, you need a Dog Poo Collector.....

I More dedicated POO BINS always appreciated and/or signage to encourage owners to dispose of dog poo appropriately.

Timing is as important as season for dog bans. Dogs should be able to access areas before 9am and after 6pm through the year

I would like too see the dog ban back to where it was originally before the new ruling in 2018

When dogs are on leads it is much more likely that owners will pick up dog poo. Even when it is dark Owners are clearly linked with their dog and cannot so easily turn a blind eye. They can also be seen by others if they do not

As a Blue Badge holder and driver I would like SBC to review all their beach access to. improve disabled access to all beaches, and to provide Blue Badge parking bays at dog allowed access points, such as Northern end of Sandsend, Sandsend beach as a whole, where there are No disabled parking bays anywhere as far as I have found. At Sandsend Norther end dog allowed areas it might require discussions with the present owner of the car park area which has no disabled parking if any sort and or provision at several places along the whole beach.

Regarding the prohibition area in Whitby I believe it would be more sensible to have a seasonal time based dog ban on the beach. For example: dogs are prohibited from the beach beach between 10:00hrs and 18:00hrs May - September. This would mean that the beach would be dog free while the majority of families are using it for recreation (most people don't get out until 10:00hrs and return to their accommodation by 18:00hrs) and still allow dog walkers to enjoy the beach as well when it is quieter. I cannot see why this would not be a very equitable solution for all parties - after all that is how SBC controls vehicles using the promenade.

The regulations need to be enforced,currently they are being ignored by a large number of owners

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Tate Hill beach, Whitby was not under control previously this is not included in your consultation and needs to be. Please provide evidence to the issues and problems raised prior to the pspo on Tate hill beach Whitby. Please advise how you intend to enforce/police the restrictions in today cost cutting local government environment. Please consider altering of the dog ban in Pannett Park to dogs on leads. The animal welfare act requires owners to allow dogs to express natural behaviour how can owners do this if the restrictions for dogs on leads or banned from beaches is so restrictive in the borough. Families have pets as well.

This to me sounds like a cost cutting exercise by the council who want to cut enforcement staff down. Shame on you. Dogs should be controlled. How many more children need to suffer!

Please return dog walking access on Whitby beach to previous arrangements . Dog owners have rights as well . There is a huge portion of the beach where dogs are banned and people respect this . This area certainly does not need to be extended by another 200 metres. As Whitby town centre is becoming increasingly more dog friendly , the beach, the natural place for dogs , less so.

Requirement to keep dogs on lead in South Cliff Gardens should be removed

Dogs are very much part of people's lives whether you are a family, single, young, old, disabled or able bodied. To make restrictions as a blanket may be easier to enforce but is not what is the best for the communities. I believe that consultations with groups would be a positive way forward. I know we have interest groups such as Whitby DAG and regular local dog walkers do meet up though the idea of people who organize dog walks ( Charlotte Agnus) which mean lonely dog walkers can make friends and share experiences which we do not want to be negative. Also many dog walkers, myself included do collect rubbish from our walks wether it be the beach or cinderpath local to Whitby. It is horrific what I have found. In the holiday periods the number of nappies increases as well as discarded crisps packets and othe food waste. The other bug bear in summer is the number of discarded crabbing lines. Signage is something I dismay at because there is not enough reminding people to TAKE their rubbish HOME. As dog owners we know to bag and bin it. On a positive note the Refuge Operators in Whitby are wonderful. At all times you see them happily collecting rubbish and often they have a team with litter pickers picking up fag ends. A big well done to them.

I can't speak for Scarborough as I don't go there. I'm a regular visitor to Whitby. I've had to keep my dog on a lead even when there is no-one but us on the beach. We like to go early morning and last thing at night. Could dogs not be allowed off leads say before 10am and after 6pm in the area beyond the safe access steps year round? I could not manage the new suggested steps. I have an auto-immune condition which means steps are very difficult for me. If I could use the ramp or the first steps then this would be acceptable. Surely fair access for everyone is what Whitby should be promoting.

There has to be retained a sizeable area where dogs can run and where others using that space accept and understand that free running dogs will be at play. My concern is with Whitby. As I grow older I have increasing mobility issues and increasing numbers of young grandchildren. The permitted area must be safely accessible by all those who wish to use it

Whitby is known for being dog friendly and this ban really has stopped that. Because there are so many huts there now its difficult to walk dogs along the top anyway as chairs and other belongings are all over the promenade.

Please see my previous comments on discriminating against dog owners. You risk , as a council, alienating a huge amount of visitors who will come to spend their money in pubs, hotels, restaurants, car parks etc etc by bringing in these draconian bans - I for one go elsewhere where beaches are less restricted. Dogs are not a nuisance or menace, properly trained they are family members who bring joy and wel being to many of your residents and visitors. thank you

I would like to see a reversal of the dog bans in Whitby and also for dogs to be allowed into Pannett Park

All these proposals are USELESS UNLESS the regulations are enforced - especially the one about faeces and fouling. At the moment, lack of enforcement is a joke.

I am not familiar with the Scarborough area. I frequently stop in Whitby and use the Tate Hill Beach. During the school holidays and when the beach is busy I do not take my dog of the lead as I consider it unfair on the families using the beach as my dog likes to swim and go for the ball. The present restriction is unfair on the dogs and owners. I am usually picking the litter / bottles up of the beach while my dog is playing. I can easily say that all the years I have been using the beach I have never considered dog muck a problem. It is more the litter. I would prefer not to have any restriction.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I'm sorry that I can't fill in the whole questionnaire as I am not familiar with all the areas stated, so cannot truthfully comment. As to the access to the dogs allowed beach in Whitby I understand that Whitby DAG are involved, quite rightly, as disabled people with dogs can no longer access the allowed area. Surely this must be against the law together with not allowing elderly and infirm people onto the beach. Many families cannot negotiate the slippery steps or the obstacle course of rocks before reaching the beach. The beach itself is restricted to a much smaller area due to the way the tides ebb and flow.

You seem not to like dogs. More should be done about actually fining people who allow their dogs to foul in areas - I've reported several to no avail.

I would suggest that the current extended ban at Whitby be removed forthwith.

Whitby's Pannett Park doesn't allow dogs, cannot understand that. Why not make it a 'dogs on leads' area too, and provide bins of course.

Dogs should be on a lead in heavily populated areas. They are animals and as such, however lovey they are with their owners, they can be unpredictable. It makes sense to keep them and others safe by being in a lead to reduce unnecessary stress on the dogs and families alike.

We visit Scarborough, Whitby, Runswick bay etc because it's more dog friendly than many places, including a week stay at one of the locations every year, please don't spoil the area for dog owners by taking away all the good beaches.

Mentioned all my main comments above but to see elderly people walk down them steps after a high tide is nothing short of dangerous How would you feel if that was one of your family members that fell? Come on SBC common sense is ahead of health and safety Even if it's until next Easter using the slope it gives you plenty of time to sort the steps and boulders out and gives people no excuse to go down the slope by the cafe without any arguments which I've seen too often but the dog owners have a point it's just too dangerous under foot Please take my survey seriously Kind regards I Vitty

Signage and reminders to pick up dog faeces should be high priority. Responsible dog owners do not object to keeping dogs on lead or picking up after them. The proposal seems to be pushing dog owners and their cash into Scarborough !

More dog wardens. I've said this before. Dog wardens pay their own wages via the fines they hand out.

Whitby town suffers greatly from dog faeces and streams of dried urine Street cleaning needs to be increased an dog owners fined

In pedestrian areas all dogs must be on leads. Please ensure that retailers are aware of the laws about assistance dogs, far too many still don't follow them.

We visit Whitby every year with two children and out two dogs. we find that Norfolk anx Skipton and many other places are becoming more dog friendly, why would you alienate people!

Banning dogs is bad for people's health and enjoyment and bad for tourism. As can be seen in the restaurant/cafe trade where dogs are increasingly being welcomed, allowing dogs in increases trade. It's time that all of the UK switched on to the more modern approach that the more progressive authorities in Cornwall, Wales, (Anglesey in particular), rather than sticking by these outdated, old-fashioned bans.

There needs to be a good balance which , with the exception of the beach, you seem to have right.

Get someone that has a dogs interests at heart to deal with this not people that dont care about anything but themselves.

My main concern is the dog extension ban on Whitby Beach, there are many evenings between May-Sept where the beach is completely deserted after 6pm and it feels very unfair that dog owners have a small rocky part of the beach for 5 months of the year when often the whole beach is deserted. However I would support higher fines for antisocial dog owners allowing their dogs to run through picnics or disrupt families. I am seeking the return to the 2017 beach area. I rent a seasonal chalet and the new stairs dog owners are expected to use are just unsafe.

Once someone has been court leaving dog mess they should be given a dogs on lead at all times restricting order

Dogs need safe exercise areas where they can run off energy, this is important for their welfare. More than 40% of households now own a dog and a high proportion take their dogs on holiday with them, they are a big part of their family. If we want visitors then we have to make it easy for them to come with their dog. We don't want people leaving their dogs in their hot cars so it's important to be able to walk in all areas with their dogs but under control.

As Police have PCSOs to support them, maybe the Council could have Community Dog wardens. Regulation and enforcement may seem to be the way to go but educating bad dog owners may be just effective.

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

To be honest I'm not familiar with most of the named places in the survey. I think common sense should come into play here, dogs on leads where it is dangerous to have them off leads (such as right next to a road) but off lead where there are safe areas for them to play such as beaches & playing fields. A lot of families consist of kids & dogs they should be able to play together & enjoy summer in Whitby & Scarborough. A clamp down on littering would be more effective than a clamp down on dogs.

An access pathway from East Beck, Sandsend by the cafe along the edge of the beach where dogs will have to be on a lead until the dog area where they can be exercised. Also make the seasonal ban shorter- I have been in both May and September squashed with dog owners on a small patch of beach which is disappearing quickly as the tide comes in, and there is a vast expanse of beautiful sand from beach huts to battery with no-one on it.

Treat dog owners fairly

We would like to ask that dogs be kept on leads on Johnnos field.(the area covered from Redcliffe Road to Gildercliffe.) This is because of the number of irresponsible dog owners that use this area and have little or no control of their animals. We have been verbally attacked on numerous occasions when asking people to put their animals on a lead. One such incident happened recently when a young dog ran towards us and the owner made no attempt to keep it under control. stating "it's only a puppy and it wont hurt you". Maybe it was only a pup but it should not have anywhere near us or our dog who was on its lead, and no dog owner can ever categorically state that a dog would never hurt. It was so out of control that it would have knocked over a child quite easily. The area that needs a dogs on lead area is a large grassy area with goalposts and picnic tables and is used by children for playing, these irresponsible dog owners never clean up after their dogs and the amount of mess is indescribable. My neighbours dog was attacked last year on the field and had its lower lobe bitten off. The response of the attacking dog was that she knew the dog was vicious, but did not have it on a lead. Please take the opportunity to view the area and make this a bylaw for the area I describe.

More people should be on patrol ensuring dog poo is picked up, stricter penalties for those who dont. The majority of responsible dog owners do pick up mess it is the select few who give everyone else a bad name. More dog waste bins should be in place to encourage the lazy owners. In heavy pedestrian areas all dogs should be on lead, for their safety as well as others.

Concerned that all these restrictions make it difficult for residents to find a quiet area to exercise our pets - who support the local economy with their needs such as vet practices / food etc. They should be respected as well - i would appreciate a crack down on irresponsible owners with bans and fines for not following the lead and cleaning up laws - but we should not all be punished. Would consider leaving the vicinity if it proved too difficult to be a dog owner here.

Banning dogs from beaches and other areas is not a solution to the perceived problem of dogs. Dogs create no where the mess and destruction humans do, be it visiting humans or residential humans. The popular argument for banning dogs is disease I'd suggest the seagulls present more of a risk to humans than dogs. Those who argue dogs may bite or chase, the seagulls are far more of a risk to humans and do nip and attack. Because of Scarborough councils existing dog bans I don't visit the area very often now. All your doing by having this discriminatory ban is reducing visitor numbers. For the record here's an example of something I experienced in your borough last year. I was sat having a coffee on a seafront, and was approached by a lady with a clipboard, basically wanting me to sign a petition to ban dogs, I asked her why, she quoted mess, fear for safety, so children can enjoy the beach,among others, so I asked around the people sat close by if they agreed with her - not one did. She was clearly exasperated by my response, she was attempting to gather her petition through fear. Another example of why dog bans a silly, I had cause to be in Filey in June 2018, with my dog which you ban from the beach in the "season" on the beach 2pm was a lifeguard vehicle, some flags and I counted 23 people in the area dogs are banned from, there were upward of 80 beyond cobbles landing many with dogs where no ban applied.

Move access onto Whitby beach to what we had last year

Thank you for proposing to monitor dogs and their owners to install respect and responsibility towards other members of the public

lots of signage to make rules clear to visitors. signs to encourage people to pick up dog poo

Just think that good dog owners get a bad deal.

More policing needed....Duirty dog owners everywhere.leaving mess.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I think that Scarborough council should email this to whitby beach chalet owners and gain their opinion too.

Not everyone likes dogs (I DO!) But by having a designated area for dog lovers, and another for the 'not too keen' dog lovers pleases both sides with a happy compromise.

Dogs make for a happy town.

Make sure every compulsory dog walking area has correct disabled ramp access & plenty of dog waste bins.

I think that responsible dog owners should be allowed freely on beaches.

How in the world does the council think that anybody who is travelling with a dog from overseas comes to stay in your area, when there are so many restrictions?! This is very harmful for your tourist business! Change your dog restrictions quickly.

Common sense needs to prevail - kids and cleanliness come first!

Responsible owners are generally careful where they allow their dog off their leads. In the winter for example or when it's pouring with rain and the only people wanting to use the park are dog owners, they should be allowed to un-leash their dogs. So a blanket ban is not sensible. If a dog or dogs are being a nuisance, an official has every right and duty to ensure that their behavior is curtailed and I would support fining unruly owners, and possibly banning individuals. If you have dog bans, they have to be enforced or the ban is ridiculous so use the officials in a sensible way.

People should be named and shamed for not picking up after their dog. I am a dog owner and I am fed up with dog owners that are giving responsible owners a bad name. If caught more than 3 times should be made to do community service - picking up dog poo. More fines should be issued to deter offenders.

Encouragement and or fines for dog fouling. But allow dogs some freedom on beaches out of season. Part of beach to allow dogs on leads especially Whitby. Dogs are not an enemy they are important parts of peoples lives. Visitors will be dissuaded from the area and affect business and car park payments. It is unfair and shortsighted banning dogs from too many areas

Beach dog bans are imposed too early in the season and for too large an area. The majority of dog owners who take their dogs on holiday are responsible and are penalised due to the minority of irresponsible owners. Our perception of the dog friendliness of an area is a major factor when we plan our breaks, beach bans and public space restrictions in particular. The general public make more mess, leave more litter and cause more danger with broken glass and discarded food than the occasional unpicked up poo. Let's put things into perspective, stop blaming all dog owners and target the irresponsible ones.

As a beach chalet owner and daily beach walker I would strongly suggest reverting back to the original dog restrictions in Whitby I would also suggest that in evenings and early mornings there should be no restrictions even during the season

I think consideration needs to take account that majority of dog owners are responsible and that we are penalised for the minority. It is leading to victimisation of dog owners for a minority view. The north Yorkshire coastline is popular with dog owners and having all these restrictions will result in people not visiting or relocating to this area.

See previous comments

The extension should be put back to what it was, it worked so why change it.

Please continue to wind back the anti dog stance of the council. It deters visitors and locals alike and sends them elsewhere, where dogs are more welcome. Dogs are not a problem - it is the owners that need to be policed.

Just need to revert back to 2017 conditions, as a season chalet renter I would need to reconsider if the current ban remains in place

In the more popular dog walking areas it might be good to have more bins. Dog mess on pavements is a problem and as a dog owner it's very annoying to see. I know it's hard to stop happening, but more bins would give less excuse not to pick up.

Dogs should be allowed in all public places including the beach, but should always be on leads.

Return Whitby dog ban to the time when access was allowed down the ramp at the management centre across to Sandsend. This allows safe entry and exit and ensures both owners and their dogs, either of which may have mobility issues but can still enjoy a walk on the beach, access safely. Thank you.

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I frequently visit Scarborough, not so much Whitby. I now have a dog and am looking forward to bringing her with me next time, I find that organising a trip with a dog is made so much easier where there are less access restrictions, obviously. If it is made difficult for me to bring my dog and access the beach or park, then I will visit the Lake District instead which is practically completely dog friendly. Being as dog friendly as possible is a huge selling point for a holiday destination.

Dog ownership levels appears to be increasing and this is resulting in greater nuisance and unhealthy mess. The closer the control that owners are required to exercise the more likely they are to be aware of what their animals are doing. I was recently aware of just how big a problem dogs are becoming. It occurred in a privately owned tea garden but what happened occurs equally frequently in public spaces. There were six tables between which there were nine dogs. All appeared to be responsible owners. Four of the dogs on entering the garden urinated on the grass around the tables, one actually on a table leg. Prior to the dogs arriving children were playing on the grass. Insofar as Whitby Beach is concerned the extended ban area covers rock pools that are very popular and educational for children dogs regularly urinate and worse in these pools. Would removing the dog ban from this area threaten the Blue Flag status of this area? Furthermore, if people are concerned about using the flight of steps in the area the additional distance they are required to walk is minimal for someone exercising their dog. They then have access to miles of beach.

Dogs are for many people the only "family" they have. Most dog owners are responsible and considerate towards others. Why impose restrictions that stop people and dogs enjoying the great outdoors?

Liaison with other public interest groups such as Whitby Disabled Access Group (DAG), Whitby Dog Walks, Whitby Veterinary practices and Whitby Beach Sweep etc is important.

I do hope that the seasonal ban on Whitby beach reverts back to the 2017 arrangement. I was in Whitby last weekend and it really was very difficult getting down onto the beach. Most of the cafes and shops in the town are dog friendly. What a shame that SBC have ruined beach access for everyone.

Any changes must be put before all responsible dog owners in all areas.

I believe as a life long dog owner that all dogs should be on a lead unless the owner has complete control over their dog or dogs.

The overall majority of Dog owners are considerate of others, and abide by the rules, therefore it is good to note that the council wish to relax some of the restrictions. Dogs require proper and regular exercise, and also be given the freedom off lead to be able to socialise with other dogs as this builds trust and good behaviour in dogs. I believe the Council needs to specify exactly which areas of Public Playing Fields will be affected, rather than simply a blanket dog lead requirement so that each area can be consulted on individually, without such details, then extending such a dog lead requirement to all public playing fields would appear to be both punitive and specifically designed to drive every dog owner, and the significant investment that dog owners bring to the town, out of the borough of Scarborough. I only wish that Scarborough Council would adopt the same kind of restrictive and discriminatory measures they take towards dogs, to all other animals and motorcycles, as horses, donkeys, cats, and large powerful motorbikes are allowed to tear up gardens, beaches and playing fields with no restrictions whatsoever.

Traffic wardens and community police should be giving out on the spot fines to dog owners who are seen not cleaning up after their pet. In fact, shop owners and residents should have the same powers if it is outside their property. Naming and shaming repeat offenders in local papers and facebook etc would help.

I feel this will improve the options for dog owners and their family who want to enjoy a walk with the family dog. Encourage exercise and healthy activity.

None

the area in front of the beach huts should be safe for children. all beach hut and beach users should have access to the same clean safe beach. parents should not have to "watch out " for dogs running up to them - to inevitably urinate where their children are playing. children sit and lie on sand and play with it using their hands. dog walkers have plenty of space further along the beach.

Please don't penalise the dog owning community. Dogs provide much comfort and companionship to many people and families. Whilst a dog ban on parts of the beach from May to September is appropriate, there was never a good reason to extend the Whitby beach dog ban. The decision would seem to have been taken on the whim of a couple of complaining people who had rented beach huts. Many people in the beach huts have dogs. The majority of dog owners are responsible caring people.

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Should target dig owners that do not clean up after their dogs and also the visitors that leave dirty nappies buried in the sand.

As a responsible dog owner I feel aggrieved at how many restricted areas there are to walk with dogs.its the people who don't clean up after there pets that you should be targeting and getting tougher with.i live in Whitby and having to walk my dogs on the part of the beach where the cliffs are so unsafe just so they can have some freedom to run is totally unfair not too say dangerous having what happened to the young girl in Staithes.why should we risk our lives because of these restrictions.i pay my council tax to Scarborough council like everyone else and would like the freedom to go where I would like with my dogs within reason why should it be all for the visitors and nothing for the locals.

could the restrictions on accessibility to Whitby beach be changed from May to October to just main school summer holidays

I have spoken with dozens of dog owners over the past few months, many of them locals and all unanimously astonished and dismayed at the recent increase in the dog ban zone on Whitby West Beach. None of them had known anything about it until its introduction. Since then a petition to have the dog area returned to its 2017 limits has attracted 3,000 signatures (many locals but also many from people all over the country, tourists and visitors to Whitby who have been affected by the change). There is also an active Facebook community of 320 individuals all very upset about the changes. Many elderly and less-than-able dog owners, and those with children, complain that they are now unable to access the beach. Some serious injuries have already occurred. The changes were as a result of last year's consultation by Scarborough Borough Council where the increase in the dog ban area on Whitby West Beach was never even mentioned. The Borough Council has clearly dug itself in to a hole with this matter. They can't even tell us who originally asked for the change or why. This was an unsound and unsafe change which was introduced for no obvious purpose, and without proper consideration nor any risk assessment whatsoever.

I am a visiting tourist to the UK. Whilst I understand the love of dogs, thngs seem to be getting out of hand. They are almost treated better than humans. Dogs in restaurants, is a joke. You allow them in food places, but want to keep them on leads, or allow them to run free on beaches. Wheres the logic in that. Your streets are filthy with urine, and in quite a number of cases, excrement. To be fair, Whitby does not have the problem on its own. Whilst my comments may seem harsh, I believe you are just inviting health issues to surface due to an obvious increasing dog ownership situation. Now, should we discuss seagulls..... Kind regards.

Please provide areas of public use where children are not allowed to play, but dogs are. Not everyone liked dogs, but not everyone likes children playing either.

I live in Whitby and have no idea about the Scarborough area, this survey seems to be cleverly set up to get biased views on the Scarborough area.

I do volunteer gardening in Pannett Park, an area with a dog ban. It is lovely to see people and children able to picnic and roll on the grass, safe in the knowledge that they aren't about to find themselves lying in left behind dog faeces, even after clearing up. People also welcome an area away from the noise of barking dogs and also aggressive dogs. Not all visitors and reaidentsvare dog owners.

Safety of the public should be the only priority

I did not respond to the earlier consultation because I did not know it existed, nor of the proposal to extend the seasonal dog ban at Whitby. Dogs manage to co-exist in Whitby town without causing any trouble in shops and cafes, and dog friendly cafes are thankfully becoming more popular in Scarborough. Malton was recently the subject of very positive TV coverage because of its dog friendly policies so perhaps Scarborough Borough Council is missing a trick in not being more proactive and encouraging dog friendly tourism. As a result of the beach extension ban there has been a lot of negative media and social networking publicity for the area which isn't helpful to local business. I agree with the suggestion that the seasonal dog ban extension should revert to the 2017 limits. There is still plenty of beach available to people who don't have dogs within those limits. I hope this happens sooner rather than later. Many local people will be grateful that they can res ume their social contact and meetings with dogs and other owners on the beach and enjoy the health benefits from the exercise this brings without having to negotiate what is a very dangerous and hazardous path via the 'new' and very slippery access steps and rocks on the beach. There has been no mention of the dog ban in Whitby's Pannett Park in this consultation but I believe this should be lifted too. Perhaps Scarborough Council could consider this. It seems ridiculous to me that they are not even allowed when kept on a lead.

I am a dog lover but feel that owners require legislation in order that all of them act responsibly.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

In assessing responses to this consultation, I sincerely hope that officers and elected officials take due regard of the facts and scientific evidence of the public health and environmental harm from dog faeces, and are not unduly swayed by a populist campaign from militant dog owners who will no doubt swamp this consultation with unsupported arguments in favour of removing restrictions. I would also hope that the costs associated with enforcement do not unduly influence any decisions to relax or remove restrictions. Indeed, efforts to enforce the current rules and restrictions should be significantly stepped up.

With regard to Whitby, I applaud the fact that people with children can now enjoy a dog free zone where they can enjoy the beach without the worry of dogs wondering up to them. I have witnessed myself dogs doing their business on the beach and the owners not even bothering to pick it up. The amount of dogs on the beach is alarming, not just one owner with one dog but two or three. I myself, would go for a complete ban on dogs on the beach. There are plenty of other places where dog owners can take their dogs for a nice walk.

I feel that the dogs on leads at Tate Hill beach Whitby should be seasonal only.

I own 5 dogs , they don't actually go off lead that much, but restricting access to us as far as I'm concerned is unnecessary, as long as the dogs are under control and all faeces is cleaned up.

The friends of South Cliff gardens call me the poo fairy. I walk my 2 dogs 3 times a day & it takes about 10 days to cover the area between Avenue Victoria & Wheatcroft Avenue. Today was a good day as on my first walk from the Shuttleworth Clock tower, the Holbeck slip , the Italian gardens & the Esplanade I only picked up 9 loads ! I did the same walk yesterday morning, probably the same amount of dog poo, I don't remember ! I hate dog poo !! This survey is a total waste of time & money unless the dog wardens know where to go & there are more of them. The problem is between 7.30 & 9am & 5 & 6pm. Some dog owners don't bother to get out of the car they just let the dog out, I have seen this on The Esplanade, Holbeck car park & the entrance on Holbeck Hill. Evening dog walkers around the old South Bay Pool & along the beach towards Holbeck leave a lot of poo ! These areas are bad & so is the path opposite Avenue Victoria. Hacked off nobody listens !!

It is time to stop picking on dogs and sort the people out who leave there rubbish, ie...picnic left overs, used nappies, fishing tackle ect.

There isn't much beach to go on with my dog since the new Whitby Beach Dog Ban proposal came in to place 2018. It would be much better if the rules could revert back to the 2017 access. Many other dog owning residents in Whitby also agree.

I don't feel that increasing restricted areas is a fair or appropriate solution to dealing with dog mess and irresponsible owners. The majority of dog owners should not be penalised for the ones who are irresponsible. More effort should be put into catching and penalising irresponsible owners instead of just restricting everyone

Return Whitby's seasonal beach dog ban to how it was. The next time you do a consultation on this issue advertise it on Whitby's sea wall so that the dog walkers concerned can have their say.

I think COMPROMISE AND CONSULTATION should be employed by SBC on these matters. Timed restrictions should be applied. I only want to walk my dog at very quiet times in the height of the summer so timed restrictions on ALL areas especially beaches should be introduced as a compromise to all, showing consideration to locals/rate payers, it should not all be geared to the holidaymakers.

If dogs were allowed onto the beach by the slipway at the beach management hut at Whitby, but kept on a lead until reaching ' the dog free area' I would find this acceptable.

One suggestion- get more Dog Wardens to combat the filth left during the holiday season (seasonal increase might do the job)

I would like you to include Hall Garth Lane, West Ayton within your 'Keep Dogs On Lead' requirement please. Its a popular kids play/ walking area

Scarborough has a big enough problem with dog fowling with owners not cleaning up after their dogs and if these proposals are carried out the problem will only get worse.

Considering the dangers of the current access/egress onto the Whitby beach, I am shocked that the current arrangements will remain until the end of the season. Health and Safety is taken to the 'N'th' degree in all other situations except this one! Surely, it should have been changed immediately the dangers were highlighted, families with children, elderly, disabled, buggies etc etc., and if necessary a special meeting called to bring it about or simply ratified at the next scheduled meeting.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I do believe whichever area of the beach in Whitby dogs are to be allowed on, the access must be made safe for all users. I don't see why dogs can't be on all areas of the beach as long as they are on a lead for part of the beach.

the beach huts are rented out to families. this is not marketed as a dog exercising area. it is labelled a blue flag beach. all chalet renters should be entitled to the same clean safe beach. children should be able to play without the worry of unwanted dogs running over or touching dog waste which has been left there - including urine. many dog owners think it's acceptable to allow their dog to run over to people and then shout "it's ok - it won't hurt you". people should have a choice about whether or not they wish to "meet " someone's dog. this problem would not be so bad if the dogs were on leads. the area in front of the beach huts should be a family area. dogs have 2 miles if wide open space after that. for a family at the huts the dogs affect the whole day- all summer. for a dog walker it's a few minutes to different access. health and safety of children and families should come first.

Dogs should be on a lead when in public places. It is too easy for the owner to pretend they have not seen their pet defecate when it is away from them, if the dog is on a lead they should have no excuse but to clean up after their pet immediately. Loose dogs frighten young children and the elderly

The beach is generally only used during the daytime by people. It is washed twice a day. Could dogs have access to ALL the beach after 7pm every evening in the summer months where restrictions apply.

There should be more public areas that dogs are barred from. The majority of people don't have a dog. So why should dog owners have more rights than non owners. The possibility of been bitten is hardly desirable or your children going blind.

When a dog is off the lead the hang behind the owners and the fouling is just ignored. There are not enough bins Not everyone likes dogs on or off lead but at least on lead they are under control More off lead dogs makes more areas no go areas for people scared of dogs. I am sure this is another cost cutting idea so the less areas need monitoring

Where there's children playing, dogs should always be on a lead ( my husband got hit by one of the lead near swings years ago!) Also on the beach, we've experienced dogs coming up to us when having a picnic and on one occasion the dog wee'd on our picnic basket! I like dogs but not all owners know how to control them!

Better enforcement of dog fouling. I live in Whitby and this is a constant problem.

All areas should have correct signs marking all areas in the town and now you intend making these changes before you have correct signs in all the present areas you should get this in place first

I think it should be recognised that Scarborough has a major problem with dogs. There are many of them and too many irresponsible owners who allow them to run free, intimidating or occasionally attacking children and cyclists and fouling the pavements. I think the focus should be on enforcing the present restrictions rather than easing them.

Dog fouling in the whitby area is a huge problem. Could we see an increase dog warden patrols and stiffer penalties for the offenders such as street cleaning and picking up other mess and a hefty fine especially on public parks and fields.

The biggest blight in tourist areas of both Whitby and Scarborough is dog fouling. Despite the numerous signs, this still occurs regularly. For example, out of season sees a significant increase in fouling from the Whitby lower Pavilion car park and down the promenade under the pavilion to the beach steps. This happens every year. The only way to stop this is by regular active enforcement. Even out of season both resorts still attract tourists, including children, who should not have to put up with this. Is it possible to use CCTV in hot spots to catch these offenders? My experience of walking my dog in these areas would suggest that most fouling occurs late at night or early morning, presumably under the cover of darkness and when there are few people about. I have never seen the culprits.

The Whitby beach hut moving was and is ridiculous. We have a beach hut and our experience has been ruined because of this change. My son has autism and is too scared to use the dangerous steps which I slipped on. We are responsible dog owners. As paying beach hut owners we were not consulted last year!

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I would strongly suggest that our local councillors offer well publicised regular meetings to inform residents about proposals prior to consultations. My greater concern is the lack of overall clarity on the strategic direction and marketing of the Yorkshire Coast. SBC must improve its communication with residents. I for one would like to see an electronic newsletter, paper copies less frequently informing the tax payer about progress against targets, lines of responsibility, initiatives, best practice, success stories and a section 'you said, we did'

I understand the seasonal dog ban by why can it be timed ? So say dogs can use all parts of the beach up until 9am. Most dog walkers go out early in the morning and this proposal would keep every body happy

Allow dog owners to take responsibility! Do not assume that all dog owners are going to let their dogs attack people and/or leave mess everywhere. I have never seen a dog warden patrolling my area, perhaps if they were more prevalent, the more irresponsible dog owners would sit up and take notice. To remove more open spaces where dogs are permitted to run free I think is unfair to those dog owners who do not have the option of driving further afield to exercise their dog.....I am fortunate, I have access to a car and can take my dogs further afield to exercise them. If there were more permitted spaces for free running dogs, that were monitored more closely for "breaches" we would be a happier, more dog friendly borough.

Why is Filey not mentioned?

Allow dogs off lead but provide more bins for waste

please give back the original steps to walk with the dogs on w hitby beach

dogs in publis should not be allowed to roam free, which in my opinion means on a lead no longer than the arms length of the controller

Dogs on leads tend to have faeces removed more than dogs off leads therefore, if the proposals go ahead, more incentives are required to ensure responsible control.

clear signage for seasonal only requirements.

I think the dog ban on the beach in front of the chalets on the North Beach should be changed as the areas of the beach where dogs are allowed are inaccessible at times due to the tide and the beach where they are banned is completely empty. Maybe put a time restriction in place that dogs can't access that area between 9am/10am-4pm/5pm. This would make it easier for dog walkers to exercise their dogs.

Please remember that many elderly and infirm dog owners cannot manage to access stepped areas

The state of the pavements is a disgrace to the area and all good dog owners, there is adequate places where dogs can run free and you must not be swayed by the vocal militant dog lobby for the sake of the health and safety of all your residents

Dogs should be prevented from causing a nuisance to the public, especially children, in these areas.

Dogs make far less mess than humans and should be allowed to be exercised off their leads in as many spaces as possible.

although this extension has caused some inconvenience to a few dog walkers this season the previous arrangement caused inconvenience to many over the past few years. chalet users and beach goers have spoken to the dog warden both in person and via email many times about the problems that dog owners have allowed their pets to cause. I have personally witnessed dogs wee on sandcastles, buckets, spades and people's bags. I have personally witnessed dogs running up to children on the beach - sometimes alarming the child which also worries the parents as they can only assume "it won't hurt them " - but have no way of knowing this. people on the beach are often sitting in the sand. children are playing. people should not have to have dogs running up to them; jumping up and sometimes weeing where they play. all chalet users should have the right to the same quality of beach. it's only a few minutes to the next steps- even if you go past the "slippery ' ones. indeed the dog permitted area is more easily accessible from the cliff top as the cliff path is shorter and not as steep near the ravine and parking is free in that area.

Please allow dogs on leads in Pannett Park in Whitby.

Strict enforcement must be carried out at all times. Without enforcement the restrictions and prohibitions are useless. Irresponsible dog owners needs to be penalised without fear or favour.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Why all these restrictions being removed in Scarborough but increased restrictions on Whitby beach ?. Double standards and discrimination

Restricting dogs on the beach even further will discourage visitors with dogs from Whitby, reducing income to local businesses and the pleasure of holiday makers and residents alike. A great many local business allow dogs in their properties, cafes, accommodation, pubs, restaurants and shops this will impact them all, in the worse case scenario businesses may even close. Do you want this on your heads.

If it's not broken, don't try and fix it.

Clearer signage where restrictions are in place for instance when walking long distance along a beach from say Sandsend to Whitby it is not visible from the beach where the no dog restriction starts, some standard flag indicator could be used like the system for safe/unsafe swimming areas. Also use Public websites which can easily be found where visitors to the area could check what restrictions are in place for dogs.

The steps where the public have been directed to on the sea wall at Whitby are dangerous and in need of repair and continual daily maintenance during the dog ban months.is needed.

Too many areas are being proposed to be changed. This will lead to areas for families and children to feel unsafe from dogs running around unsupervised and not controlled.

Dog owners, however much they protest their responsibility, are neglectful in their ownership. Dogs are animals. They do not belong around children, in public places, on farm land and most definitely not inside eating establishments. The current trend for indulging multiple ownership of animals is, in my opinion, foolhardy, infantile and dangerous ...

Dogs should be on leads in public areas all the time to prevent attacks, unseen defecation without removal if its on a lead you know exactly what your dog is doing

there are many open green areas that dogs and their owners could use to exercise off lead safely if certain bans did not hinder this. Apologies for all spelling mistakes, but typing this on phone and your site does not allow to delete.

I suggest that Whitby be promoted as being dog friendly and as such remove the dog restrictions from all beaches.

Please consider removing all seasonal bans for dogs on all beaches. Or have a dog ban for the school summer holidays? But remember that when the weather is hot and beaches busy with tourists, the beach is left with rubbish on it, dog owners are a cleaner option!!

The new Prohibition that came into force this year is a complete joke. All of the local Dog owners know of this new legislation and abide by it. However everyday without fail I see Holiday makers and visitors allowing their Dogs off the lead, in these areas. If the Council brings in new legislation, this should be enforced.

I have not registered my opinion on areas I have no knowledge of, just that of Whitby Beach. It seems that a Health and Safety for all consideration has not been implemented in this case. Please, if dog restriction areas are to be made, police them, otherwise owners who would flout the law and get away with it will continue to both annoy those who abide by it and drag them into disrepute in the eyes of the none dog owning public.

Please keep the area on the sands between Scalby Mills and the bulge available to dogs off lead when the tide is out. So many people and animals have benefitted from this.

If dogs are kept on a lead in public areas it gives security to the public and the dogs. Also owners will not be able to deny knowledge of dog faeces being from their dogs

The area in which I reside is a popular dog walking area with grass verges. The number of dogs owned by a single person is often 2 even 3, and most are valiant. The problem in the future is that the number of dogs are and will increase. Just observe the large pet areas in supermarkets. For the increasing older generation a dog is company hence the more dog owners. Eventually walking to permitted areas is difficult then what happens?

If you want holiday makers, as well as locals, to visit Whitby you have to be responsible as a council and allow dogs on beaches all year round. Access at the moment to dog friendly beaches in Whitby is treacherous.

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Dog owners living and holidaying in Whitby are being discriminated against with this extended ban, they should have safe access to a decent stretch of beach for they dogs, just like people without dogs want and have been given, all of it! This ban will have a knock on effect to Whitbys tourism, people with dogs flock here because we are well know for being dog friendly, this ban isn't!

Let common sense prevail

Dog beach ban should be completely lifted after 19.00hrs I often walk on beaches in evening & no body around yet I can't keep walking because of seasonal ban.

I note that many questions ask for reasons if you vote for greater dog control but the pro-dog answers do not require any such justification, a very biased survey you should be ashamed.

I hope you hear the pleas of the people who live here, have pets and want to still be able to enjoy the beach and areas of Whitby.

I am responding in relation to Whitby/Sandsend beaches. The bans should remain place, covering the areas listed above as a minimum. As a visitor to Whitby I wish to be able to enjoy the beach in peace and safety with my children - dogs should be banned from the beach and on leads in other areas. Dog foul is a health hazard and dogs cannot be trusted around children. I am impressed by the Whitby beach blue flag status and this can only be achieved without dogs on the beach.

Dog owners & dogs are welcomed into businesses in Whitby. They support these businesses all year round in all weathers yet in the summer they are penalised, this is unfair.

Please see comments regarding Whitby; I would hope that the council takes our opinion into consideration and reverts to 2017 restrictions. I have been unable to comment on proposals for Scarborough area as I am unfamiliar with this location.

I note that the majority of your questions refer to Scarborough (and not Whitby) and I am unable to reply to these questions.

Dog ownership is increasing and whilst many dog owners are responsible and make sensible choices about when and where it is safe and appropriate to allow a dog off the lead, many do not. It is not safe to allow dogs to roam freely in public areas due to child safety, hygiene and nuisance. Dog owners also seem increasingly to be bringing dogs into urban areas. Regulation is therefore important to ensure that problems do not arise. The beach must be kept free of dog foul if the town is to maintain its reputation as a family destination with a safe and clean beach.

In respect of Whitby, it's reputation as a dog friendly destination needs to be maintained. As the owner of a dog friendly holiday cottage, we have high occupancy throughout the year and the vast majority of guests bring a dog and would enjoy the minimum restrictions. It is important for the well being of many dogs to have off lead exercise, and any restrictions around he beach should be balanced by provision of facilities elsewhere. I agree that there should be dog free sections of the beach, and if the current area cannot be reduced, then maybe restrictions early and late in the day could be lifted.

Dogs off leads on Battery Parade all year round not policed at all.

I think dogs should be allowed on the beach during the prohibition seasonal period as long as it is say before 8:30/9:00, most people do not visit the beach before then. If it is the case of dog mess, there are signs and fines if caught. However people are allowed to leave rubbish picnic waste with no threat of fines.

Agree with all your suggestions

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I am writing to you to put my views over about the dog ban on the West Cliff area as stated in this weeks Gazette. Personally I am absolutley sick of hearing about these damned dogs. Its not the dogs who are worried about the access to the beach area, its their selfish owners. My view on dogs being allowed on our nicely kept beach is I think it should be banned totally, no dogs should ever be allowed at all on the beach. Its dirty and totally unhealthy and for everyone but especially for children, children can even go blind through contact with dog mess and don't tell me every owen cleans up after them this is not true, we have evrn had dog mess on out dorrstep which has been trodden on our carpets and we have bags of it of it hanging up in our garden on trees etc. I have also been chased once on the beach, a dog ran after me ankle and I fell in the deep sand and strained my ankle and found I could not walk for a week. I have also seen owners let their dogs do their poor in the sea, they have actually taken the dog into the sea especially to do this. So this is why I think that dogs should never be allowed on the beach. While I am on the subject of dogs I wonder if we could sit and eat our food without their company and stop then entering all cafes. Its very unhealthy. A lot of the owners take them into the cafes when its raining outside and the smell of them is appalling. people who have problems with breathing like myself who suffers from asthma can not tolerate them, cafes even invite dogs more than people, they even feed them free sausages etc. , we have seen this, biscuits and also drinks provided. So please please could you do something about this?

Although I don't live in scarborough if that picture of the deep steps and boulder strewn bit of beach is all that you are thinking of allowing for disabled people, including people who could be blind, mobility scooter or wheelchair bound that is a total discrimination of their rights. You will loose not only your disabled holiday makers but their families and friends also. Then your hotels, b&b's etc will be loosing trade and you will loose business rates from your coffers. Do come up with a much more suitable idea as disabled people have rights that you seem willing to blatantly ignore. A disabled person, a holiday maker, a mobility scooter user and dog owner.

I am a regular visitor to Scarborough and Whitby but some of these areas are unfamiliar to me. Therefore I cannot comment on the proposals.

you fatuously assert that you have previously consulted. and in a personal email reply from one of you directors' you vigorously list all the organisations you have consulted with. whilst, in the same moment, gloriously missing the irony that you AVOIDED consulting with the local council taxpayers who, IN FACT, RESPONSIBLY walk their dogs there daily. in plain English, you DID NOT ask the people most affected by your prejudicial ,artibary decision. ..they are the people that pay your wage.

In return for rule relaxations, need to take a tougher stance on dog fouling which is not cleaned up by owners.

Provide more pooh bins in these areas

A well thought out proposal to include dog owners. As previously stated most are responsible and should not be punished for the actions of a few

Allow dogs on all beaches all year round

We need to consider dog walkers as well as people who choose not to have dogs. There are very few open spaces in Scarborough which are dog free.

I write specifically with regard to the extension of the Whitby ban. \* The limits should revert to those prevailing in 2017, with a concession for wheelchair and pushchair users to have access to the ramp by the beach cafe, provided they keep dogs on a lead until the area where dogs are allowed is reached. \* The current arrangements are unsafe and unsatisfactory. The steps dog-owners are required to use are slippery and the beach landscape at their foot is rocky, slippery and treacherous. It is difficult for a person of good mobility to negotiate; for the less able bodied, it is impossible. \* Parents with prams cannot safely use the steps. Parents with prams and small children would find it impossible. Access should be via a ramp. Currently, the nearest one is at Upgang, which is an unacceptable distance away. In any case, this has also been accessible for a large part of this year due to an extended period of prevailing easterly winds taking sand away. \* People who do n ot want to mix with dogs have (the best) 1.2km of beach exclusively available to them. If they strongly object to mixing with dogs and their owners, the beach huts closest to the piers should be allocated to them. \* The commercial benefit to the town of being known as dog friendly should not be under-estimated. Visitors are now deserting us for other towns where they feel more welcome. \* The original 'consultation' was not properly advertised and was deeply flawed. Councillors seeking to defend it refer to '85 per cent of those who took part' agreeing with the extended ban. Just 314 people across the borough took part; 0.3 per cent of the population (2016: 108,200). Of those, just 266 people agreed with the extended ban(s). That is 0.24 per cent of the population. If it was properly advertised, why was the response so pitifully low?

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

For Whitby... Tate Hill Beach is known by many locals as the "dog beach" yet there is a year round requirement to have dogs on leads at all times. This should change to a seasonal ban as it's pretty much only dog owners who use this beach "off-season" We are constantly encouraged in the media to visit our parks yet we cannot do so in SBC controlled parks. We should be able to walk through the park with our dog on a lead. Faeces should obviously be removed at all times and this should be enforced rigorously.

I will state again that in Whitby the access to the beach has been made dangerous and no thought given to the safety of dog walkers! The current 2018 access is an accident waiting to happen! The access should be moved back to the 2017 steps

Assumptions are made that dogs off leads are under control and well behaved, but unfortunately that is not always the case. Dogs are distracted for many reasons and can run into roads and run at people. The public should also have the right not to be pestered by dogs off leads. Children should also be able to play without being affected by dogs. I do not own a dog but I help to look after my daughter's dog, so I can look at it from both viewpoints.

Dogs should be allowed to run free on Tate Hill beach in Whitby out of season and in the evenings during the season.

Dogs should be allowed to run free on Tate Hill Beach in Whitby off season and in the evenings during the season. Dogs should be allowed on the lead in all parks and playgrounds.

Just keep it simple and CHEAP to manage.....

As a responsible dog owner in Whitby I understand the need for dogs to be restricted in the summer when families with children are enjoying the beach. However, Whitby being a dog friendly beach does attract tourist, on a wet bank holiday around lunch time today around 60% of people using the beach had dogs and we were all trying to access/leave the beach via the same narrow, slippery and ill maintained stair case. I am fit and healthy and am cautious but elderly/infirm must really struggle The other point is that families with dogs want an area near an entrance to the beach to sit, the extension means that they now are restricted to a rocky area which the tide quickly covers whitby has a lovely beach which is big enough to be enjoyed by all whilst the ban extension only covered a small area the access stair case is a real issue and is dangerous

I am curious to understand why Scarborough Council would even consider removing restrictions regarding dogs on leads. There are a lot of very irresponsible dog owners out there and dogs are "animals" and are therefore unpredictable in their behaviour. Allowing dogs to be off leads in public areas is risky because of the fact that they are animals. I cannot understand why you would even consider removing restrictions in any public area.

I feel the Whitby seasonal beach ban could be ammended to allow dogs before 10 am and after 5pm. As the beach population is very small in these hours , even at the height of season

Last year, we took our motorhome and our dog to the Lizard (we live in Fylingthorpe). The extent of the dog bans, some all year round, some seasonal, restricted our pleasure walking and sitting on the beach to such an extent that we cut short our holiday plans and went to a less restricted area. We have no plans to return there, and pass this on to dog-owning friends. There has built up over the last few years among the dog-walking community a strong level of grievance as regards dog bans. Please consider the point I made earlier. I would like the council to spend its limited resources on enforcing dog control and responsible ownership. At present, those who do not offend are being penalised with the rest.

My family have a beach hut and a dog.. it's impossible to have both with the 2018 restrictions because we all can't be on the beach together

We propose Pannett Park in Whitby be considered to be accessible for owners with dogs on leads. This park is empty with very few visitors currently.

I am not alone in the view that Whitby in particular is becoming known as "Crufts by the sea" due its lax attitudes to dogs, their waste products and their frequently irresponsible owners. If this area of the coast wishes to enhance its tourist offer to the uk and beyond, it needs to balance its approach to "dog-friendly" environments and a CLEAN environment which unfortunately don't mix. I work as a volunteer in two locally based tourist organisations and can say without fear of contradiction that many visitors from abroad are frankly amazed at the "soft" attitudes shown here towards dog nuisance. Of course people are free to own pets of whatever sort and that will continue as far as I can see, however this should never be to the detriment of other peoples health and their ability to take their children on the beach, to a play area, or anywhere else without fear of molestation by dogs or contact with their waste products.

The restrictions should be a balance between protecting public spaces, whilst welcoming responsible dog owners and allowing reasonable access to share/enjoy these spaces.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I am a Whitby resident and dog owner and have been so for the past 60 years, I agree with the seasonal dog ban on Whitby Beach however I think it should only coincide with school holidays but am ok as it is. The only problem is access and egress to the beach, the safest set of steps in all weathers and beach sand levels are the steps immediately Sandsend side of the Cafe we should be allowed to use these year round with the proviso that dogs are kept on a lead in the prohibited area during the ban months.

Leads needed to reduce serious scale dog fouling in urban areas without leads worse safety and less faeces collection

Do something serious about Hunmanby, its over run with dogs, it as alotments, childrens play areas etc. which are all seriously troubled by serious dog fouling, it needs a dog warden with a shotgun.

Dog fouling is a big problem in Scarborough - A real blitz is needed to make the town more attractive to visitors and residents.

Cannot really comment on the scarborough area questions although I think same restrictions as Whitby should be applied. Feel that dog fouling fines should be strictly enforced. Responsible dog owners are annoyed at the mess left behind in the streets and paths of Whitby by those dogs with couldn't care less irresponsible owners. long leads are also a dangerous trip hazard in pedestrian areas. Extending leads are for walks in more open areas not crowded shopping streets.

Think people who do not have dogs and children and older citizens especially

Responsible owners clean up irresponsible owners with free running animals pretnd not to see what dog is doing. This will never change!!

Please add short fixed leads only, extendable leads are bad as no lead with sight in one eye (or any poor eye sight) see anything moving into ones path is impossible, small dogs are a big problem

IT SHOULD BE MADE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO OBTAIN A DOG, MICRO CHIPPING IS A START BUT AS A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER I WOULD WELCOME THE EMPLOYMENT OF MORE DOG WARDENS.

Dog owners need access to public spaces where dogs can be exercised off the lead.

As a Whitby resident it feels like the council is against dog walkers! Do they realise that most residents and visitors to Whitby have dogs with them! Making less beach and worse access too it will only drive people away! Thus affecting the Whitby economy.

There is far too much dog mess and dog urinating in all public places which clearly shows that dog owners are irresponsible.

If dogs are not on leads the owners may not be aware of them doing their mess and therefore will not be able to clean up the mess. I have been to Whitby many times for many years and have seen a dramatic increase in dogs and the mess they leave and restrictions need to be imposed as owners are irresponsible and need policing.

Dogs are not a problem. Let them share the public spaces with people.

Not enough places you can let your dog off the lead

Are you trying to get more dogs in Whitby? I had to leave a cafe as there were too many dogs, some sitting on people's laps and licking the table and plate.

If more dog poo bins were provided then full pop bags won't be found just dumped anywhere, causing an eyesore and stink.

let's make it a dog friendly town which will actually have a positive effect.

There are dogs on lead restrictions on the South Cliff area around on the paths below the Italian Gardens etc. This ought to be removed, except for inside the Garden areas ( rose garden etc)

Dog ban on Scarborough beaches should be shortened as once schools go back beaches are empty for approximately a month. No need for this surely.

Please allow us access to Whitby beach via the old steps from the 2017 seasonal dog prohibition. If the 2018 seasonal dog prohibition continues I shall have to consider moving out of the area as I am unable to access the beach.

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

The question format you set in your questions have an in-built bias that favours dog owners and the promotion of changing the restrictions. This will be the subject of a legal challenge. You should put people first and not the needs of dog owners. The district is a toilet and this applies to too many areas of the country. All sections of society are impacted by the lack of regard by too many dog owners that they feel they are accountable to no one. Dog attacks are a disgrace in the twenty first century. Far too many people will not report incidents and if they do no action is often taken. The consultation reflects your priorities and your willingness to listen to a minority. Common sense, an understanding of community needs and standards should tell you what is needed as in most European countries the restrictions are placed on dogs and not people to go freely about their lives. A review of extending protection orders to all parts of the district should be implemented, including Filey - see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV5PReV9y48> And this is supposed to be an advanced Western democracy. I have seen cleaner streets in third world countries.

It's all very well to introduce new regulations, but who will be policing them? For instance, I have been on this planet a long time and have never, ever, heard of anyone being fined for littering/dog fouling. The public needs to be reassured that monitoring of these regulations takes place otherwise, what's the point?

I have answered questions relating to Whitby as I am a Whitby resident. Scarborough residents can speak from experience about areas in Scarborough. Considerate dog owners will always respect the needs of other people and pick up after their pets and control the behaviour of their dogs wherever they are. It is reasonable to restrict the areas where dogs can run free. However, the extension of the dog ban area on Whitby beach this year has caused a lot of upset locally, partly because the previous consultation was not widely known about and many feel that the extension of the dog ban area was introduced below the radar and without adequate consideration about access to the unrestricted area of the shore for people with mobility issues. The permission for dog owners to access the unrestricted area by crossing the dog ban area with their dogs on the lead was not adequately or widely explained and there was no official signage to publicise the access points to the beach and to explain the conditions of access with a dog. This whole issue could and should have been handled much more sensitively and I hope future changes and policies will be introduced with more care.

Tate hill beach in Whitby is used by a lot of people. Irresponsible owners let dogs foul the beach without clearing it up and let them off the leads. Not everyone likes dogs. Small children and babies need to be protected from dog dirt.

It is important that dog owners comply with these restrictions, I know from my own experience in Whitby that there are those who simply ignore the restrictions. I would extend the ban further if only to reduce the amount of not only canine faecal material left on paths but also the number of black faecal waste sacks dropped, either with out without the intended faecal content. Many dog owners act responsibly, but a small but significant minority arrogantly believe that their dog "wouldn't do that sort of thing", it is pretty plain that despite the protestation of dog owners, that their dogs present a continual source of annoyance and intrusion into other people's enjoyment of the beach and promenade. The only way such bans can be made effective is with some form of enforcement and penalty charge, I wonder how often such enforcements and charges are made in comparison with parking enforcement for example.

As a council you must be aware that masses of litter is left on the beach by those who visit it for recreation. It is unfair to target dog owners and reduce their access and ability to enjoy the beach whilst allowing the wholesale littering with plastic, nappies, bottles: in fact all manner of rubbish and no restrictions at all for them. Please rethink. A small minority of irresponsible dog owners are being allowed to spoil it for all of us. Please do not allow this to happen.

Why can dogs not be walked in Pannet Park Whitby on leads?

I feel there should be more resources enforcing these rules and issuing fines to people who don't clean up their dogs excrement, especially around schools, parks and children's play areas.

Please please ban dog owners from exercising or letting their dogs out for comfort breaks without leads on in the alleyways used to house bins in between the many rows of terraced houses in Whitby and Scarborough. Signs would help a bit. People are exposed to unprovoked attacks from dogs when emptying their bins. This is totally unacceptable and a tragedy could happen any day as things stand.

Don't punish all dog owners because some dog owners aren't picking up dog waste or have dogs which aren't trained well, they are the minority and should be dealt with individually.

It is a great shame that dogs are prohibited completely from Pannett Park, Whitby. I can understand a dogs on lead restriction but it seems to be excessive to exclude them altogether. I have never come across another park in any other town where dogs are excluded completely.

Number of Councils provide dog walking areas within their public space - SBC should do the same

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

access to the beach for dog owners with disabilities allowed via the slope located near the beach cafe and toilets.

i have been coming to Whitby my whole life with my dogs and finally the town shops and cafes are more dog friendly than they have ever been. It is crazy to go backwards regarding the dog friendly beach access now that has happened, it will Im sure put people off and send even more to the Lakes where dogs are welcome with open arms. As a person who works with dogs and has taken my own 2 all over the country I can without a doubt say more mess is caused by humans.

Visitors come with their dogs from every part of the UK. Almost all local authorities have rules about safety of public and dogs on leads. People are used to these rules, why confuse the issue here? Also your Council is always bleating on that there is no spare cash, so who is paying for all the signs to be changed? Employ credible dog wardens if you have the dosh to spare!!!! Remember Filey? We're part of your Borough too. Aren't We?

I don't really know Scarborough well. We come from Halifax and holiday in Whitby twice a year. The dog ban is putting us off. We are thinking now about a week in Whitby after the end of September and go somewhere else in season. It was fabulous when you could walk all the way along the beach to the pier. I don't mind keeping the dog on a lead if that helps.

Return the beach areas to last years limits the new one is awful

I suggest that the Whitby beach dog ban is reverted back to how it was.

A lot of dog Owners do not clean up after their dogs and dog mess is already a problem.

It would be beneficial to provide additional dog waste bins.

The decision to extend the the dog ban in Whitby is disgraceful. The access which would be the only option left discriminates against anybody who is not totally able bodied. It will leave the council open to legal action as soon as anybody is injured using it. It will also deter visitors who would spend money in the town.

I can not comment on the restrictions in Scarborough as I live in Whitby

More dog waste bins could be provided, also, biodegradable poo bags could be provided, so if the general public has forgotten to bring theirs along they wont be caught out if their dog needs to relieve themselves

Leave the Whitby beach and it's dog restrictions alone. They are restricted already . Who doesn't love a dog in the beach....

Whitby beach is only used by dog walkers if the weather is inclement. Ban should just be in place for July and august

Responsible dog owners always pay the price for the irresponsible, I think as well as dog owners being advised to keep dogs on leads in certain areas, there should be signs up telling children not to run up to dogs and touch or grab them, as a dog owner I have had many children literally jump onto my dog because they think cute, my dog is small and shakes, thank goodness never snapped.

This could have all been avoided if SBC would have stopped thinking about how many chalets and how much more income they would bring, and considered the dog walkers who use the beach all year round, in all weathers, pick up their dogs poo along with rubbish and nappies that have been discarded. Whitby beach has been awarded the Best beach award and we both know that it was not the fair weather chalet renters who have helped to keep this beach as clean as it is. I suggest that SBC stop thinking of us dog owners as nothing but something to be walked in, we are humans and as such have rights and feelings and I suggest you try and have a bit of understanding and compassion when deciding what restrictions to bring in.

I find this survey almost impossible to complete without prejudice...I live in one of the locations mentioned, but I have no knowledge of any of the other areas; how can I comment on any of those? This survey needs redesigning with a third tick box to accommodate those of us who have no comment on other areas, for example...  YES  NO  NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLACE

I do not have a dog but am baffled by the hysteria around them. Spend the money on making the owners pick up. The owners are the problem, not the dogs. When friends not from here visit we are embarrassed when we can't walk right along the beach into Whitby. Let's promote our coast as a totally dog friendly place.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I suggest reducing the length of the seasonal dog ban at whitby beach to just July and August and perhaps also weekends June and September. The area should be put back to where it was last year so allowing more room and easier access.

Walking dogs helps keep people healthy. The Council should support dog owners rather than being overly punitive towards them.

In regards the Whitby beach dog ban I don't see why dogs are not allowed full use of the beach throughout the year at certain times. For example we are for the most part the only people down there until maybe 8:30am. Surely it would be reasonable for us to use the full beach until that time during the seasonal ban?

I suggest the areas up the top of south cliff, the clock tower area, Italian gardens etc be a unrestricted (well behaved) dog area, (as long as poo is picked up of course) as there's not enough places to walk ones dog freely and dogs need to run about. Thank you

I love Whitby and would love for it to have a dog friendly beach again. Would it be out of the question for the dog ban on the beach to stop at 6pm so dogs can go on any part of the beach after that, especially as it is often deserted at this time? It would make sense for dogs to be able to get on the beach at the ramp in front of the wardens office as then people with all abilities would be able to get on the beach with no hassle.

I believe that the seasonal restriction on the beaches should be in place only between 8.30am and 6/7pm. The access to the north bay has been terrible this year, a large puddle at the bottom of one slip way and the other closed off has made getting onto the beach extremely difficult.

Stop penalising dog owners. We bring alot of money onto the area

It is very important to ensure there are enough 'dog poo' bins in and around Scarborough. I have a dog and I always make sure all mess is picked up. I often challenge other dog walkers that just leave mess on the paths around the town. This minority make all dog owners look bad. Support from the council with additional wardens would be great. I am a member of a dog owners group on line and we all appreciate the importance of keeping a dog on the lead at the correct times. We also appreciate that not everyone likes dogs.

As with my suggestion for Whitby I believe a time restriction rather than a blanket ban on beaches would be much better for local residents. I appreciate a busy beach is no place for dogs to be running around but when it's early morning or late evening and the beaches are quiet it is a shame that local people miss out on it's use

Can you consider changing the dates for the dog ban on the beach to a shorter season more in tune with visitor numbers please.

There are very few large green areas that dogs are able to run off leash to exercise or be trained in the Scarborough area. There are no public dog parks, and no securely fenced areas where dogs can be taken to be trained or just to run free, safely. There is a Scarborough Dog Owners and Friends Facebook group, and when asked over 80 people said they would be interested in using a securely fenced and gated area. Their reasons for interest in this were for training, for their dogs who do not mix well with others through fear or aggression, for safety of dogs that do not have a good recall, but still need to exercise etc. For all of these reasons I would still allow dogs to run loose on public playing fields ( with clean up of faeces essential) and possibly the provision of a fenced area in two parts of the town so that they can be accessed by more people. Thank you.

Removing the dog ban on South beach and reducing the ban on dogs on North beach.

I feel that all beaches in the area should only have restrictions in place when children are off school and not for the length of blanket time as is currently in place. As i am sure that you are aware that people leave more litter and rubbish on the beaches than dogs even with all the available bins in place. Also could i request that there are more bins put in place on public country walk ways at the start of then and at areas where they meet road ways as i am sure that more people would pick up after their dogs knowing that there is bins near by. Also have you ever thought about having a container holding poo bags fasten to bins or fence posts in areas that dog waste is not been picked up that dog walkers can use and that we can put bags into as well so that if its the case that miss judge the amount of poo bags you needed on your walk then you havesome on a bin near by that u xan get and clean up after your dog. Its happen to me before now when i have walked my dog and i have had to walk all the way home to get a bag to go out clean it up which i am sure that not everyone would go back to be fair.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I am a dog owner ,but it's a two -way street. The proposed relaxation of rules (which i welcome) should be accompanied by a requirement for responsible dog ownership in public places at all times . Picking up your dogs faeces although compulsory is not followed by all owners, also the leaving of bags full of dog faeces ( sometimes only 20yards from a litter bin) should carry a substantial fine .( No excuses)

It would be nice for the beach ban in Whitby to go back to how it used to be for locals and visitors alike. Most locals only want to exercise their dogs early in the summer months.

Public Playing Fields should EXCLUDE dogs

Not enough poo bins on south side between spa and holbeck track to car park from beach

The access to green areas, places for dogs to go in Whitby was already limited, and with the introduction of new prohibited areas has become dreadful. This is a town with many dog friendly businesses and an abundance of dog owners. There are no parks and now only a rocky section of beach with bad access which is only available during a short period of the day dependent of tides. Whitby needs tourism to thrive and, no matter how hard businesses try, it is increasing becoming a non dog-friendly town, purely because of these restrictions enforced by the council. Like many residents I find it frustrating and inconvenient that the areas in which I walk my dog responsibly and increasingly reduced.

there could be more dog bins in certain areas,especially at the back of oasis cafe up on the green off albert rd.

More dog waste bins around or bins that take dog waste. Apart from playing fields & children's play areas dogs should be allowed in all areas on a lead.

In urban areas be that village/town all streets, pedestrian areas should be dogs on lead. Additionally public beaches where adjacent urban area ie Whitby, Robin Hoods Bay, Staithes, Runswick Bay, Scarborough, Filey etc should all be dogs on lead. Too often owners cannot control their dogs this is irresponsible in areas where there are high volumes of people, and especially vulnerable children.

I have only completed those question in relation to Whitby, which is the are of my concern The Tate Hill sands beach is by far the most suitable beach for small children to play on. In season it is the equivalent of a giant children's sand pit. Above the high water mark it does not get washed by the tides for long periods. Presently, dogs are permitted while on a lead. In the summer of 2018 I have twice seen dogs defecating on the beach. One person picked it up only after being challenged. I urge the council to bar dogs off this beach during the summer season as a public health matter

I have two dogs and walk them every day around Scarborough, however, I respect the fact that not all people like dogs running free in public places, although the beach is a great place for them to stretch their legs, I have one very, very friendly dog who loves everybody and every other dog, however I also have on dog due to circumstances of her earlier life that requires me to always keep her on lead everywhere, but because I consider myself a responsible dog owner, and like to see them play on the beach when allowed, I have to wait until there are no dogs near, she wears a harness which states she is nervous, so that children do not run up to her, at the end of the day, its down to people and not dogs to be responsible, and from what I have seen the last couple of years there is not much responsibility from a few people only.

All responsible dog owners remove dog faeces. While I have been here this week 08.09.18 to 15.09.2018, I have not seen any reason why dogs should be restricted from Whitby beach areas. I am OK with a restriction in an area such as in front of the beach huts, in an area patrolled by life guards, but maybe reduce from 30th September to 1st September in these areas, but an area such as between Whitby and Sandsend should allow dogs all year round.

Beaches - eg North Bay. For quite a few months in the year, dogs are not allowed on the beach in front of the chalets. During children's school holidays I think this is reasonable, and for a week either side of the holiday also, to allow for difference in term times with other areas. However, in May, June, September I often see the beach deserted, with dog walkers having to work around the tide times to be able to walk their dogs. If work times do not coincide it is frustrating not to be able to use this facility which local people do use.

That where there are "dog ban" areas employees eg: on the beaches,( beach staff) should be given powers to stop offenders and or impose fines. ( I suggest this as there have been significant numerous offences committed on the Whitby beach this summer due to residents who have not liked the new order ) I wish to state that the extension to the dog ban zone on Whitby beach has been fantastic, it has meant that hundreds of visitors to the beach have been able to explore the rock pools without having to navigate naturally excited animals (dogs) urinating on and around the rocks and rock pools.This in itself must have had a significantly positive impact on the wildlife in and around the rocks.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Whitby beach restriction needs to be moved back to the original zones ASAP, the balance is totally wrong and the area left of the steps was a good area less affected by the tide giving more time to stay and enjoy the beach. Now further to the left the steps are dangerous and area too narrow resulting in the tide covering the beach for more of the day resulting in people not visiting Whitby and going elsewhere to have family day out, taking their spending elsewhere too.

We don't have enough dog friendly areas in Scarborough. We should be able to use the North and South Side beaches early mornings and late in the evening.

I understand that a monolith of dog owners fail to control their dogs or to clean up after them. However it would be a pity if the majority of well behaved dogs and owners have to be penalised because of the minority. Better to enforce regulations requiring dogs to be under control at all times and for owners to clean up after their dogs.

At least common sense is being applied by the Council to dog's. Please don't penalise the sensible dog owners for the actions of the mindless uncaring minority in this town. Thank You

Publicity says Filey is dog friendly- who says so? Extending leads are not strong enough and do not amount to "being in control" especially with 2 or more dogs. 2 or more dogs constitutes a pack. Most non-dog owners would oppose your proposals if they were aware. Which group wants this and which constitutes a majority?

Councils should not be able to restrict dog walking anywhere other than children's play areas. The dog fouling is the problem, therefore the owners responsibility should be more monitoring of that problem. It's not fair on non dog owners or visitors

In general I agree with all the proposals in this consultation with the proviso that there must be a requirement on dog owners to collect their animals faeces. It is also important that this requirement is enforced by regular Dog Warden Patrols

Season should start April 1st End- 31st August

I am a dog lover but there are too many dogs running loose, not under the control of their owners, too much dog fouling. I don't mind dogs on the beach out of season as long as they are under control. All green areas where children play dogs should be on a lead

Many Whitby streets that are pedestrianised are already too busy with people. Dogs not on a lead would make it chaotic- how can an owner control their dog effectively in a crowd?

As long as children are around it is wise to have dogs on leads. Unfortunately when dogs are allowed free from leads the dog mess problem is worse. We really need some prosecutions to deter dog fouling

Scarborough depends on tourists so the town needs to be seen to be considerate of people who don't like or are apprehensive of dogs off leads. There are many places for dogs to be free in the area. The town areas are not suitable. Dogs can cause accidents, injure people of all ages and if not on their leads there is no incentive for owners to pick up excrement

Could green areas that are unused (near Aldi and Police Station, Belgrave Crescent) be designated dogs off lead places then people have the option to be around dogs off leads rather than not been able to avoid them as I have lost count of how many times my daughter has been intimidated by dogs pounding towards her so now has a fear of dogs

Shuttleworth Gardens currently has no dogs allowed at all. I would like it to be "dogs on a lead only"

All dogs should be on leads in public areas, otherwise it is accidents waiting to happen. Not all dog owners are responsible you know, look around the town at the dog faeces in many areas

Many 'no dog' areas do not have this monitored. For example, the playing field at Olivers Mount. More should be done to enforce this

More 'dog poo' bins should be provided around the town and stricter enforcement of people who do not clean up after their dogs

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

From a bathing water quality perspective any controls to reduce the potential for contamination of our beaches is to be welcomed during the bathing season (beginning of May to 30 Sept). Both to give us every opportunity to obtain Quality Beach and Blue Flag awards and to ensure that public health is best served by the prevention of contamination of our sea and beaches by dog mess during the bathing season. Hence I would support existing and encourage additional dog bans on all our beaches and surrounds during the bathing season.

Nothing further, thanks ! Woof !!!

Recruiting more dog wardens and environment officials would help prosecute offenders, we already have the legislation.

CCTV to prosecute owners leaving dog poo or bags of dog poo anywhere

If dog owners can stay off certain areas of the beach in Summer they can do all year allowing children to run free, chasing kites etc without dogs running up to them and keeping the beach clean all year round

In my opinion there need to be more dog restrictions, not less. It is good to see so many people in Scarborough enjoying their dogs. However there are also many people who are not so keen on dogs for whatever reason. Would it really be so bad to have areas like certain beaches, parks and pavements that are dog free zones where children can play without being confronted by dogs or the mess they leave behind? If dogs can be trained as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, surely they can be taught to poop on one side of the pavement that could be marked as such. Also in a time where we all have to be more responsible for our waste, it does not seem right that all that poop gets bagged up and goes to landfill or worse left in public places like verges etc.

Suggest you partner an oap or disabled dog owner and see how difficult having a loyal pet and giving it the exercise it needs. Employ a dog warden with power to give an immediate fine to owners who do not pick up their dog's faeces

All of the grassed area opposite Peasholm drive should be off the lead

Please can we have enforcement of any new restrictions. In Whitby the summer council workers by the lift and beach chalets should have the powers to enforce any restriction and give penalty notices. I wish also to say that Scarborough Council have done a great job over the last few years in improving the environment in Whitby. Thank you.

Please provide plenty of waste bins around areas that dogs are exercised. Also if dogs and owners are made welcome in our towns and facilities, they will come and visit and spend money. Our coastal area is a great draw for visitors all year round, let's make them welcome.

Dog owners provide a vital source of income to Whitby many businesses welcome dog owners and their dogs into their premises. The reduction of beach area for dog owners on the West Beach at Whitby if it were made permanent would make me review my visits. There are many places where I, as a dog owner, am made welcome in Whitby. If SBC does not wish me to spend leisure time and disposable income in the car parks, shops, pubs and restaurants of Whitby then I shall take my dog and my spending power elsewhere.

In the places where dogs are required to be on a lead such as Sandybed Nature Area, the signs are missing or worn out. Despite asking the dog warden (via Customer First) to replace the missing signs, nothing happens. This allows people to pretend that they don't know the by-laws. Also, in Falsgrave Park, the zones regarding dogs are neither observed nor enforced. So, people who do not want to be confronted by dogs stay away from the park and some dog owners think that no one minds where their dogs go. In general, there are not enough places where people can walk without dogs being a nuisance, particularly those on long leads. Whatever rules are made regarding dogs, they must be enforced or some dog owners will allow their dogs everywhere.

Please put the Whitby dog permissible beach area back to where it was.

Could you please put some resource into preventing dogs defecating in the street and owners not cleaning it up? It is particularly bad in Whitby!

Please aim to create more woodland / country walks in the Whitby area where we can exercise our dogs responsibly.

SCARBOROUGH There was NO consultation about the beach changes in the Whitby area. This dog ban has cost loss to tourism in Whitby. This "consultation" is a smokescreen to push through the unconsulted measures on Whitby, WHY are the majority of questions about Scarborough?

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I can't really comment to much on the Scarborough areas as I live in Whitby and hardly travel to Scarborough, but as long as people clean up after their dogs and look after them responsibly then I don't have any issues with this. As regards to the dog ban in Whitby, it's unfair and unpopular. It was introduced backhandedly and it punishes dog owners because they have a companion. If there is an issue with dogs it's the irresponsible owners that need to be punished and not the decent ones, as the old saying goes "you can't tar them all with the same brush"

Increase fines for not picking up faeces or leaving dog bags in situ and publicise miscreants.

I'm not really qualified to comment on the proposals regarding Scarborough, as I'm a Whitby resident. Extending the total (seasonal) beach ban is also quite a distinct issue from keeping dogs on leads in other public spaces. Parking charges already make it difficult and expensive for Whitby residents to walk their dogs on the beach - I don't think it's really the job of a council to be making life worse for local people.

Many visitors and residents have dogs and they need space for exercise.

Please put some signs up on the Promenade in Whitby at the Sandsend Rd. All summer people have frequently ignored the current times. The only restriction sign appears at the huts. This is too late and doesn't make any sense. There are no speed restrictions on the prom. Driving at 20/30 mph on the prom is dangerous as children and dogs often run off the beach onto the pedestrian area. Dogs cannot run them over but speeding cars can. Please focus your money, efforts and time on addressing this before any child/adult/ blind/ deaf person / dog is hurt or killed. Would you act then? I like to think that you would so why not put clear speed restriction and time signs up now?

The seasonal Beach ban in the borough should only cover the hours of say 0800hrs -1800hrs. The beach is usually empty of tourists outside those hours, and would allow locals to exercise their dogs on the beach.

Whitby has for many years been popular with responsible dog owners who are now feeling less and less welcome, most of these spend money in town and tend to be responsible people who Whitby should be encouraging rather than the unchastised drunks who seem to take over town on a Saturday

Dog fouling is increasing. The old railway line to Ravenscar I see people failing to pick up. I have noticed when parents ask their kids to walk dogs on the sea cut they often don't pick up.

Although it is claimed that the majority of dog owners are responsible, sadly it only takes a few irresponsible dog owners to make the environment an unattractive and unhealthy place for all. I have seen a dog owner stand watching fondly as his black Labrador urinates copiously on a bench, making it unusable. I have seen a man wheeling his dog around a supermarket in a shopping trolley. I have seen a woman place her dog on a cafe table so she could feed it tidbits. Whitby certainly has acquired a reputation for being dog friendly. This has resulted, especially in the season, in the pavements being swamped by people with dogs. Many people have two dogs or more. No doubt in a bid to increase trade, dogs are welcomed into premises where food is sold or served. Dogs carry parasites, and this practice is not hygienic. I do not believe it is reasonable to prioritise attracting dog owners above the rights of all to enjoy a healthy environment. The more that local business, and now Scarborough Borough Council, attempt to placate dog owners and encourage them by watering down environmental protections, the more the antisocial behaviour detailed above will be normalised. Whitby may have the image of being dog-friendly, but the unthinking behaviour of some owners is acting as a deterrent to those who are not besotted by canines. Few dog owners, attracted by Whitby's welcoming image, seem to have children. Scarborough Council need to ensure that they create a welcoming environment for all.

The ban on beaches seriously needs to be looked at. Dogs on beaches to be honest should be the least of your problems. Look at the bus stations where there is frequently drunk people during the day which is intimidating to the general public especially children

Only as said before that September the part of the beach banned to dogs is hardly used. I suggest that the dog ban could be lifted at the beginning of September as children are back at school and the beaches are empty

Despite having current laws on dogs being on lead or prohibited from certain areas they seem to be constantly abused. I would like to see much stronger enforcement and fines.

Try hard not to react just to complaints -- which tend to come from those who are averse to or even completely anti dogs -- and take a fairer more balanced approach which takes account of the typically silent majority. Also remember that any research that does not have a statistically viable representative response, is not viable and should not be used as the basis for policy and decision making.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Can a fixed penalty notice be given for dog fouling, or failing to comply with on-lead by-laws. It may become lucrative, despite the costs to enforce.

Tate Hill beach would benefit from having lead restrictions at certain times of the day. Most dog owners wish to exercise their dogs early morning and evening. Whilst I can understand the need to keep dogs on a lead during peak times during the day when families are enjoying the beach surely before 9am and after 7pm would be possible for us to exercise our dogs off lead? As a responsible dog owner & inhabitants of town, I have adhered to all restrictions but have been infuriated by the lack of policing of the restrictions where visitors who have no knowledge of the restrictions have enjoyed flouting the restrictions!

This year there has been a lot of unpleasantness by some people on the Whitby promenade by the beach huts. I personally was verbally abused and my dogs were frightened for no reason. My 2 greyhounds were on short leads and we were coming up from the beach using the correct access steps, yet we were surrounded by a group of mature looking adults and verbally abused. The lack of clarity around the issue has clearly led to people feeling entitled to attack dog owners. As a direct consequence of this and not wishing to have a repeat attack, we have avoided going to the beach and into Whitby at all. We are residents of Sleights. All of this could have been avoided if SBC had done the original groundwork and the original consultation correctly.

When referring to any area there needs to be more clarity for example the question regarding Kingfisher Drive, Whitby should identify that it is the open area adjacent to Kingfisher Drive not the Drive itself. A way to provide better clarity would be to have fixed geographical point or grid reference in the same way that traffic regulation orders are worded. There needs to be clarity in respect of pedestrianised zones, there are a number of streets in particular, in Whitby, which are only closed to vehicles at certain times eg. Church Street, Market Place and Baxtergate. These should be included in the same order as fully pedestrianised zones. Dog Public Space Protection Orders are breached with impunity due to a lack of enforcement, whilst appreciating the limitations on the number of Dog Wardens available throughout the Borough. We would suggest that the Civil Enforcement Officers who deliver fixed penalty notices for parking offences should be given similar powers in respect of dogs and litter.

Provide dog drinking fountains especially in hot weather and check cars for dogs being left in vehicles (put up warning notices). A lot of people visit the area and to encourage tourism you need to be dog friendly as you cannot leave your dogs alone in holiday rental accommodation do need to take them out with you. Dogs require off lead exercise and the beach is an ideal environment for this.

All dogs require supervision, many open plan housing estates are open to dogs wondering at large and faeces can be seen on paths, roads and gardens, open grass hedges are covered in faeces - persons who own more than one dog are a cause of concern if not demonstrating responsibility for their pet.

logical thought, SBC remove faeces? all dog owners have responsibility for their dogs Dogs in control! Dogs in large numbers unsupervised producing faeces on public spaces, Dog wardens with limited intervention is not the answer

I feel that dog owners who are residents like myself are penalised enough during the summer months. I have also rented a beach hut at Whitby for 4 years over the summer and this has impacted on my enjoyment this summer. We all look forward to the beach ban being lifted after the season is over.

At Whitby beach - on the steps where the dog ban ended in 2018 - there could be signage pointing out the wider, newer steps - towards the west - which are close by (approx 200 yards / 3 minutes away) - which are in the dog-allowed area.

There needs to be better signage as to where litter bins are -for the benefit of visitors in particular. And, ideally, more litter bins. Also how about providing a supply of small plastic bags for dog owners who did not bring one out with them?

Needs more wardens to improve the state of parks and pavements heavily fouled around here (South Cliff)

Dogs (if the owners wish) should only be off lead on areas suitable for off lead play- such as the beach and large areas of grass. Otherwise they should be on lead

I was almost knocked over by an enormous on south bay beach today. The owner did not call the dog back and i was petrified. She refused to put it on a lead! I am a dog lover. I have been around dogs all my life. However too many dogs owners are irresponsible. So 'dogs on leads' in ALL public walking areas, including beaches and gardens please. This should include SOUTH CLIFF GARDENS

I feel the restrictions on dogs are adhered to by responsible owners but discourage tourists with dogs while irresponsible owners who dont control their dogs or pick up faeces will ignore the restrictions regardless. The restrictions seem to confuse people

Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Unfortunately the vast majority of dogs are not trained to walk to heel or to come back when called in urban areas an all year round 'dogs on lead' regulation minimises the risk of dogs causing problems to the general public and to other dogs. I have witnessed numerous incidents of off lead dogs harrassing and frightening adults, children and other dogs. I have also seen several vicious attacks by off lead dogs resulting in serious injuries to dogs (and once to a donkey). I feel very strongly that all dogs should be on leads all year round in all urban areas.

Were there are Dog area conditions imposed, these should be enforced. So many people 'risk' not obeying signs and regulations because they know there is no one to enforce these. I would like to see a dedicated Dog Warden for Whitby only. Or, sub contract out to a company the likes of Kingdom, to enforce the regulations. Also to fine people not only for breach of Dog rules but also littering (cigarettes ends) etc. Perhaps Traffuc Wardens could be empowered to issues on spit fines for Dog fouling and littering?

Could the dog ban on the beach during the season it is in place be stopped after say 7pm when the beaches are generally quieter until 6am the following morning so people aren't as restricted.

Dogs need time off lead but in areas that are used every day by public for relaxation dogs need to be on leads to protect the non-dog users of such areas. Johnno's field however, should not become an on lead area as it is not used by the public enough for relaxation purposes!

As above, please please include Johnno's Field in the "dogs on lead" areas to try to stop the number of dog attacks happening.

It is important to consider the welfare of families with children and dogs, the elderly and the less abled. Specific attention needs to be paid to the disabled under the terms of the act who have dogs. The benefits of responsible dog ownership should be promoted in Whitby with an event equivalent to Paws and Paddles in Scarborough

Closer working partnership with groups for disabled access. Eg Whitby DAG. Actually visit the site before making changes and taking full risk assessments as well as any other necessary work before making changes. Publicise wider consultations that effect large numbers of people. Do not hide significant changes in the wording off consultations.

Regarding the extension of the seasonal dog ban in Whitby. Prior to the ban I witnessed children being knocked over and frightened by dogs running down the steps and onto the beach. I frequently witnessed dogs urinating on sandcastles and into rock pools where children were playing. This summer it has been a joy to see so many children playing on the beach, rock pooling and building sandcastles without any of the above been an issue. If these new restrictions were to be overturned I would be very surprised and disappointed as there are still 2-3 miles of beach to exercise dogs away from children and families are enjoying a day at the beach. Why risk a child been bit by an excited dog, or picking up an infection from dog urine or faeces when there is plenty of other space for dogs to enjoy the beach too!

Why is the Pannet park in Whitby no dogs allowed? There is nothing this side of town for dog walkers. We have found Whitby to be generally NOT dog friendly, with the beach restrictions and lead demands. Many of the pubs refused us entry with the dog, and we were even refused service when sat in the front beer garden in the Wetherspools. We found Staithes to be directly opposite so chose to spend our time and money there. If Whitby council are so short sighted they should go and take a look at the number of dog owners walking along the harbourside today, must have been more than 50% of the population.

There is already a big problem with dogs fouling the streets of Whitby. Weakening the requirement to have dogs on leads will only make this worse. Dogs off their lead are not as easily controlled. Even the best-trained dog is still a dog, and dogs' behaviour is unpredictable. The creeping tendency to make more places dog friendly has sadly led to an increase in antisocial behaviour by owners, eg seating them on cafe tables and inside supermarket trolleys - a health hazard - and urinating freely. I do not want to walk through dogs' urine and find the pavements stained by dog urine very offensive. Despite dog owners protesting that most are responsible about collecting their dogs' faeces, too many are not and the evidence still marris our pavements. Surely the steps that the dog owners object to using to access the beach are unsafe for all users, and therefore the council should make them safe. It is not a reason to extend the seasonal zone. Dog owners choose to have a dog. They should accept that there will be restrictions on where they can take their animals. Unfortunately the trend towards making more and more places dog friendly is impinging on the rights, enjoyment and health of non-dog owners. Your proposals to weaken restrictions on dog owners and their animals will make this worse.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

This region is renowned for being pet friendly...restricting pet areas will affect year round visitors and businesses. Most dog owners clean up after their pets but enforcing fines on those who do not would be welcome. Also enforcing fines on litter leaving by humans should happen too.

I am a dog owner and as a responsible dog owner I wouldn't wish to impose my dog's behaviour onto other people or other people's dogs therefore the laws should remain in place.

Everyone is happy with a dog ban on part of the beach in the summer months, but the extension to the dog ban was unnecessary and has caused a great deal of upset. I do so hope the extended dog ban will not happen again.

The current ban on Tate hill sands and long sands Whitby of dogs on leads between May 1st - October 1st to be changed to a timed ban of 10am - 5pm. This would enable the local community the use of the beach areas to exercise their dogs without imposing on the busy day times for visitors. If the restrictions remain, then they need to be policed and enforced as it is predominantly visitors who ignore the restrictions currently in place (personal observation) and residents abiding by the rules. It would seem that residents are the ones unable to use the beaches in their home town, in which they pay into the economy and are being penalised for visitors behaviour.

The balance between 'dogs on leads', total dog bans and access for recreation is closely aligned and care has to be taken not to damage the recreation facility's

Local councils frequently state that the majority of dog owners comply with the laws. It is therefore very unfair to penalise this majority of council tax payers who should also be able to use the public open spaces, exercise and benefit from the physical and mental well being that we all know are so important to all age groups. Families also sometimes leave litter, children and young people are the biggest cause of vandalism, only the minority I'm sure but why not ban them too wherever there's a problem. Just enforce all of the laws, cameras are cheap. You will need wardens to enforce any of the regulations.

I think it is unfortunate that there is no dog walking area in Pannet Park in Whitby. It is a lovely park and it would be nice to be able to walk through it with the dog, even if they had to be on a lead. I do understand that not all owners are keen to clear up after their dogs or to control their dogs, however they are in a minority and give the rest of us a bad name. It would be great to be able to stroll through the park with the dog. The increased limit on the beach access in Whitby has made it very difficult to access the beach even if you are fit and active, it is virtually impossible if you are not as the steps are extremely difficult to navigate. Dog owners are, on the whole, responsible, caring people and often they are the only ones to be seen on the beach, especially in bad weather, it is a shame that we are punished for what the minority do. We are also tax payers who contribute to the economy and should have some say in the issue.

The dog ban in Pannett Park, Whitby should be changed to a dog-on-lead policy as currently it makes it impossible to supervise children in the playground.

Please review the controls on Tate Hill beach also. I cannot see any evidence for their being other than public opinion alone. In law this is not sufficient to implement a control. You need to consider facts rather than opinion. What is the problem that can actually be demonstrated?

The Council needs to address consistently the question of signage. The signage of many areas is showing its age and needs replacing. In other areas the signage is inappropriate or missing which makes enforcement action problematic.

Further to my comments in the box ref Granville Square, I have been distributing forms acquired at Customer First to neighbours around the square and on its periphery. Mostly I left forms to be filled in by the neighbours, with them agreeing to come to my address to drop them in through my letterbox. For the last week I have been calling in at Customer First to drop returned forms into the dog survey collection box as they have been returned to me. Some people have said that they would return them to the Town Hall themselves, but I am still waiting for some to be returned as arranged (tomorrow 12 October is the last day that they can be dropped in at the Town Hall) and some have said that they will comment on-line. Whether they mentioned it or not in writing, many people noted that the proposals all seemed to be pointing down a one-way street, that of a general disposal of dog controls or restrictions. Many commented that it looked like what SBC wants is a situation with no dog restrictions, or at least with so few that dog wardens had so little in choices of action that they might as well be made redundant! .....Adrian Gatie 11th October 2018

Regarding Whitby. Enforcing more area restriction of dog areas will have an affect on tourist trade. I being one of them and have been holidays on East Cliff for over 15 years with our dogs using Tate sands and Battery Parade. If you can't walk what dogs freely on the beaches then what would be the point of holidaying here.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I refer to the discussion over the steps to the beach at the western end of the beach chalets in Whitby. It has been suggested by dog owners that the steps are unsafe for dog walkers: if this is the case then the steps are not safe for other walkers e.g. people with small children and elderly people, in which case the steps need to be rebuilt, removed or cordoned off to prevent accident and claims for damages from Scarborough Borough Council.

Dogs should always be under control or on a lead near roads unless it is possible stop going to the toilet. Why is not possible to have "doggie bags that are not one use plastic.

It should not be about how many signatures people get, it's about health and safety of keeping our beaches, paths clean from dog fouling, by dog owners taking responsibility and keeping control of their dogs which some dog owners don't do. I believe some families want to choose to use part of the beach with out dogs running about loose on it. I think regarding Whitby beach for 5 months of the year there is still plenty of beach for dog owners to enjoy, for the other 7 months they have all of it to themselves. I think dog owners grasping at straws about poor access to the beach there are no signs by Scarborough Borough council telling people to use unsafe access never mind dog owners to Whitby beach. There are plenty of safe steps all along the sea wall for safe access to the beach by everyone dog owners or not. I do believe there should be a dog warden more visible on Whitby beach to enforce the bans. Some beaches around the country have a total dog ban, holiday maker informed me that were she lived in Cornwall you could not get near a beach with a dog and was delighted that Whitby had a area for dogs on the beach. We have a beautiful beach let's keep it a dog toilet free area in the summer so we can keep our blue flag.

I believe the Whitby beach current dog ban is fair for all people which should be enforced by the regular visible presence of a dog warden it's not much to ask that for five months of the summer that children be allowed to play in the rock pool area below the chalets and not share them with dogs urinating and worse in them to which I have witnessed on many occasion in the summer months let's keep this part of the beach dog toilet free

My reasons for filling in this form comes from my concerns over dogs on the Whitby beach (where the dog ban is) should be kept. I have children that love the beach but have seen dogs wearing in the rock pools whilst my children have been playing in them. I also don't agree with owners allowing their dogs to run up to children when playing on the beach as it can scare them and sometimes isn't safe. Some dog owners don't respect the fact that not everyone welcomes a dog running up to them!! For health and safety reasons there should be a time when children can play on the beach without the worry of dogs and in particular dogs doing their business in the rock pools.

We are regular visitors to Whitby staying in accommodation and spending money in the local economy often three times a year. We choose Whitby as it is so dog friendly. If we have to walk too far out of town to access the beach we will go elsewhere

Dogs, unnecessarily, are being allowed less and less space in which to exercise freely. This is not acceptable and because of this many owners, especially if incapacitated for some reason, are being put under a great deal of stress and hardship trying to do what is right by their pets and give them time off the lead to run about and just be dogs. I would not visit any town which was so hostile to animals whether it be gulls or pets. I want full access to everywhere for my dogs without some authority restricting me unnecessarily and without due regard to either the needs of the dog or their owner. Yes, there are irresponsible pet owners but there are also irresponsible parents, however, the latter are not all grouped together with totalitarian restrictions being placed upon all of them and their offspring, regardless of guilt or innocence, as is done to pets and owners. You cannot blame the many for the few.

No dogs should be allowed on any beaches due health and safety concerns. The issue in Whitby where access to the beach has, in some individuals mind, created a safety issue. Building a access to the beach would not please everyone, creates an ongoing maintenance concern of said construction and with council monies tight and will continue to do so, ban all dogs from the beaches and this will not be s issue

Per my response to the Granville Square proposal, I repeat my protest over what has been the continuation of the inclusion of this proposal in this survey without initially informing or consulting rights-holders/stakeholders, which has been justly contested with Mr Harry Briggs over the last 2 months or so on behalf of the rights-owning neighbours on Granville Square, which is a private square, as has previously been made clear, and over which we neighbours have historic rights, documentary proof of which was offered to be shown to Mr Briggs at a meeting proposed by one of us, Adrian Gatie. Mr Briggs did not take up this offer. We believe that this was discourteous and wrong in principle and practice.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

On occasion, running the gauntlet of untethered dogs is worrying, no matter the age of the member of the public. Dog ownership carries responsibility for the protection of others and the council can assist (not take responsibility for) in providing protection for its rate-payers by putting in place or keeping in place the protective measures of restricting dogs from public areas and designating a few well-signed dog exercise areas where dogs can be released from leads for this purpose. These areas are not to ban non-dog owners but allows them to choose where they might encounter dogs and be at peace of mind around the rest of the area in which they live.

On Whitby beach, the dog ban should be reduced back to the slope at the beach cafe, as this is the only place that allows access to the beach for all - wheelchair users, the elderly, those with limited mobility and those with pushchairs and young children. This still allows for a long stretch of the beach that is dog-free throughout the summer months and also allows a long stretch for those with dogs. Individuals walking their dogs are more likely to be using the beach all year round, including during the month of September where the seasonal dog ban is still in place but there are no longer summer tourists using the beach. This leaves a relatively empty beach but dog owners are still only allowed to walk on a small proportion.

Let dogs on Whitby beach from the previous steps

Dogs are as much a part of a family and these restrictions will cause family divide when taking vacations with restricted accessibility to areas thereby, preventing enjoyment of family time. Instead dog wardens should be on the look out and fining people with hefty fines for dog fouling and for not taking their family debris home or placing it in a relevant refuse bin. Also single parents with a dog as part of the family hiring a beach hut would struggle to keep eye on the ball from one end of beach to the other let alone the limited disabled access to the beach for families with wheelchair users who have a dog with them!!

Better monitoring of dog fouling. Better education for dog owners regarding dog behaviours and how to manage the dog's behaviour in certain situations. I find many dog owners to be arrogant thinking that they should be able to let their animals roam free in areas where there are children and families, putting such people at risk of attacks. My family have had dogs my entire life (over 40yrs) and we have NEVER allowed our animals off their leads - we have a garden for that. If people do not have their own, safe outdoor space to exercise their dogs then they should be prevented from keeping such an animal.

Rather than just the pedestrian zones dogs should have to be on a lead throughout the town centres.

More bins for dog faeces need to be provided in more prominent areas - there are too many bags left on grass verges where there is no litter bin of any kind in the area.

I think the seasonal ban on the beaches should be reduced to the summer season only. Not May until end of September. Should be over June- early September when most tourists have left

Seasonal dog ban on Scarborough beaches should only be between certain times say 9am to 7pm. The beaches are usually empty at these times.

the amount of dog mess in our borough is a disgrace, and only further restrictions and aggressive prosecution will stop this

I am in favor of Dogs on lead on communal/multi-use areas with beaches and parks being seasonally managed, including year round areas that are dog friendly and dog free.

In the Isle of Man the requirement on the dog ban in summer is that dogs are banned between the hours of 9am to 6pm. This seems like a sensible idea as there are very few people on the beach between 6pm and 9am.

Think more beach space for dogs should be allowed. Humans leave more rubbish. eg plastic bottles, soiled nappies, waste paper etc.

This town requires more bins to put dog waste and rubbish in. Also the amount of rubbish left by tourists on the south bay in particular is a disgrace. As a responsible dog owner we always pick up and despise of properly. The times that we have gone down to the beach after the tourists have gone and seen the amount of mess that has been left is a disgrace. Banning dogs is not the answer. Banning repeat offenders of littering is. This town requires litter wardens as they have in other areas. The money generated from fines would pay for them. Also the length of time that the dog ban is on for the beach's is too long. I agree that during school term breaks it should be implemented, but not the length of time that it is now.

Yes you keep saying we have to pick up well what about more bins so we can get rid of poo bags and get more people out checking that people are picking up and if not fine them on the spot and the seafront have a area were we can take our dogs the ban is to long we need people to come here but this putting people off

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I am a local resident that has been greatly affected by the amount of dog dirt around in this town. You cant go anywhere at the moment where there isnt dog muck. Playing outside with my nephew is a no go. I have to take him to Dalby first for a kick about nearly 8 miles away. I also feel very intimidated seeing all those people on the beach with 3 or 5 dogs or more. How can one person control all of them. I think the area needs a dog license. £ 150 per dog per year. DNA of the dog taken in the license process. DNA in dog dirt found not picked up could be analyzed and the owner fined and prosecuted. All dogs banned from green spaces. All dogs banned from school areas. Loads of dog dirt around Northstead school All dogs banned from playing fields All dogs banned from beaches, Inpose a ban on more than one dog per adult. Thank you

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Dogs should be allowed to use the beach all year round they leave a lot less mess than sunbathers do.

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SBC must not seek to designate all public spaces as no dogs or dogs on leads only.as this is animal cruelty. Whitby beach is a large area with room for all users, there needs to be provision for dog friendly spaces to be more easily and safely accessible rather than less so,

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Sentimentality should not play a role in allowing relaxation of the rules towards dogs and owners. It should be based on a health and safety decision. Dog dirt, intimidating dogs the needs of people frightened of dogs and allergic to them. Also a lack of monitoring of selfish dog owners who allow their animals to mess and do not clean it up and what about the residue anyway many times owners hurl abuse if asked to clean up after their dogs Are dogs rights now on an equal footing with humans lets hope we are not going to cave in to a mentality that exists around people who have dogs and look at this from a health and safety decision Let Scarborough lead the way in providing clean safe areas for our children

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I think a much easier strategy would be to have a dog ban between the hours of 8am and 8pm, because when the dog ban starts when I go down to the beach before 8am no one is even on the beach so I have to walk straight past.

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Many dog owners flout the 'No dogs on beach' rule as there is insufficient signage and no enforcement by dog warden . I support the decision to extend the dog ban to beyond the chalets on Whitby's sea wall in the summer to allow children to play in the rock pools without dogs urinating and worse close by which must be a health and safety issue.Surely there is enough beach from beyond there and almost Sandsend for people to exccercise their dogs.

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The borough would benefit from more dog wardens in the area. I have owned a dog for over 8 years and in that time, I have seen a dog warden on foot only twice, and possibly passing by in vans a maximum of 10 times. Unfortunately although most dog owners are responsible, there does appear to be a sector of dog owners who are not picking up, and it would be hoped that the visibility of more dog wardens would help to reduce this problem. The current restrictions on dogs in leads in grave yards could also be more strongly protected if wardens were around more. With regard to my views in the current beach bans, I am very much behind this restriction over summer. Although I do feel that being unable to take a dog onto the main area of the beaches during holiday season may prevent some families from visiting. I would, therefore, suggest a dogs on lead policy throughout this time. The possibility of increasing a fine for offenders may also act as a deterrent for anyone wishing to flout the rules.

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It would be useful to have clarification as to how these regulations affect assistance dogs. Please remember that they need exercise, including off lead exercise but wheelchair users cannot access fields, beaches, etc as easily as regular dog owners.

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The safety of everyone is first and foremost, dogs and humans, banning dogs on beaches is not a way forward, it damages tourism for one, I have several friends who used to bring dogs to Whitby, Scarborough and Filey but no longer do as it's too much hassle and bother to find somewhere to park in areas where dogs are allowed , the ban forces dog owners into small areas where parking is difficult, especially in season. Boost tourism further by making our borough dog friendly , many cafes , pubs and shops are realising how beneficial it is to business to be dog friendly, why not the whole borough, I'm a dog owner and expect the same rights to visit public space as a non dog owner, but it has to be done safely for everyone. Who knows , one day we might have crufts at the Spa ☐

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In my experience in the summer by the sea wall on whitby beach dog owners do not obey the dog ban .Dogs off lead run along the sea wall in and out of open chalet doors fouling the footway and urinating against the chalets this is a health hazard . Young children play in this area. As regards the beach people use the steps midway and let the dogs off free to use the rocks pools as a toilet ,this is a place where young children can paddle and play safely but not if dogs are fouling it. There is plenty of beach beyond towards Uppang and Sandsend for dogs. PLEASE LET MY GRANDCHILDREN PLAY ON THE BEACH WITHOUT FEAR OF STEPPING IN DOG POO.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I agree beach restrictions should be in place in the summer but the council still has a duty of care to dog walkers and needs to provide SAFE alternative access to the beach. It will cost the council more money in the long run if the public are injured due to the state of the steps.

Apart from the problem with Whitby I cannot understand why it is necessary to change the conditions for those areas of Scarborough. Making the changes will just lead to confusion. Why not just leave well alone.

Hunmanby sport field is currently no dogs allowed. There is no where local unless you get in your car that your dogs can be off lead and have a good run. If you have ever walking down the Scarborough seafront in front of the chalets when the children have gone back to school the beach in between the chalets is empty and everyone with dogs are squeezed onto the area the dogs are allowed. Or even worse then it's not low tide and there is no beach in the dogs allowed area but there is in front of the chalets. Everyone is on the path and the beach is empty. In summer the rubbish that was left on the beach by humans is shocking but we are the ones not allowed on the beach and don't make any mess.

Bring back the dog licence this will stop people breeding dogs to sell and dog cruelty. This will separate responsible dog owners from the ones that are not responsible

Make people keep their dogs on leads at all times in public places and be responsible for them.

I think on the north bay, the current scheme should stay. I'm a dog owner but I feel there should be times on the beach where you don't have to worry about dogs running over to you.

There are a large number of well trained and behaved dogs in these areas that would not cause disruption to the public. Fines should still be given for not cleaning up after your dog in these areas, however dogs and their owners should be given the opportunity to prove that these public areas can be used responsibly even if only on a trail basis.

do more about people leaving rubbish on the beach instead of harassing responsible dog owners

If a ban on parks is considered could there also not be more specific dog walking areas including fenced in areas to. Provide new owners and puppy's with a safe place to learn how to be off lead.

Nothing to add

Removal of dogs on leads only in Dean road and Manor Road graveyards. Also consider making the the dogs on leads in Peasholm park seasonal rather than all year round

I would welcome clear signage top middle and bottom of dog ban areas and also where they must remain on leads. This would enable me to be aware of restricted areas and adhere to rules.

Dogs should always be on a lead and under control. Owners need to clean up after their animals and put in a bin not throw it anywhere. When we had a beach hut in Whitby dogs regularly came into the chalet sniffing in food bags etcetera which their owners seemed to think this was acceptable behaviour. Twice dogs defecated outside our chalet and just left it there for us to clean up. The number of dogs coming into Whitby is now outrageous. Sometimes you see 4/5 dogs with one person. Councillors should walk the streets of Whitby and cliff paths which are full of dog feces. The old argument it is only a minority of owners is untrue and when you ask them to clean up they become abusive. Fines are the only way forward. If we had a permanent dog warden he/she would recover their wages in fines and in a small town like Whitby it would be known very quickly about the fines and it would be a huge deterrent. When walking around the town you have to constantly look down to avoid treading in dog poo. It has become apparent how bad the situation has become. Many councils now are taking a much more proactive role in deterring this anti social behaviour of some dog owners. Go and speak to the people who play sport on parks and playing fields where they have to check the playing fields before they start. The steps down to the beach in Whitby should be upgraded to be safe for all but the ban should remain. Sadly it's not the dogs fault it is the irresponsible behaviour on behalf of the owners and it is time to take a much tougher stance. We have seen one man in the national press that lost his leg to dog feces and the health dangers to children are severe. There is no point putting up signs on dog bans if there is no enforcement to back it up.

The summer restrictions on Whitby beaches are regularly ignored by dog owners. There needs to be a warden patrolling the beach to enforce the rules. Also, the signs need to be better placed & more plentiful.

## Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

Comments from Whitby Beach Dog Owners' Group I have only once tried going down those steps i slipped on my bottom and couldnt get up so had to go down on my bottom ending up very wet i am 75 and not very good on my feet so could of been very nasty The reason I joined the group is plain and simple. I have a little dog who has kept me going through a really tough time in my life . A couple of years ago I ran a successful business in town and enjoyed life. I was then diagnosed with a horrible cancer and ended up having chemotherapy which has left me disabled for the first time in my life my muscles are weak and energy is limited. My therapy has been to walk my dog to the beach to give her a run and I would then meet people and have half an hour of socializing. I truly believed it saved me from going into a deep depression. Then on 1st May the boundaries changed which then over challenged me. That extra 200 yards and tide times restrictions have stopped me going. I understand that some people are not dog lovers and after speaking to beach hut owners that do not have dogs they say people have not had issue for years. The council did not carry out a proper legal survey and steps assessment which makes me sad as I hate unfairness. This morning we walked along the promenade trying to get on the beach. Walking along the promenade by the beach huts it was clear that most of the promenade was out of reach to us. With the beach hut renters putting wind breakers across with chairs, tables and other paraphernalia it was like a slalom weaving in and out with some dirty looks from the renters. Obviously not happy with the dog walking me past them. So it is obvious where a lot of the dog haters are, not very pleasant walking along. Last Sunday I had some man waving his arms at me from above the beach by the chalets and telling me I was not allowed on the beach and should not come down the double steps. So, for what feels like the 100th time I found myself telling him that we were allowed to use the double steps We used the safer steps with dogs on leads and were hollared and shouted at about not being allowed! It was intimidating, humiliating and so embarrassing we came off the beach. These people are not prepared to let you explain or listen that you are allowed to use them if need be. My family own a holiday property in Whitby and we are very regular visitors. The access to the beach via the steps and rocks are dangerous and slippery. I am pregnant and take both my dog and toddler to the beach. I fell on the rocks on our latest visit trying to get on to the dog friendly part of the beach. Fortunately I walked away stiff and bruised with no damage to the baby. This could have been a lot worse! Whitby has a national reputation for its dog-friendliness which is the reason why many tourists come here. It has been cited in various national dog-related media and travel websites for this very reason. There could be a serious knock-on effect on tourism once word gets out that this is no longer the case which in turn will impact on the town's reputation and its prosperity.' The ramp at Uppgang made the restricted beach accessible to the disabled, however the changing beachscape means that it is completely unusable now! So we need safe access elsewhere on the beach and that means use of the other slipways which are all within the prohibited area. This highlights the total lack of consideration by SBC for safety of the disabled and those with pushchairs wheelchairs etc. These were the issues which should have been consulted on - fair and safe access for all! I'm so mad about this whole thing. We love Whitby but this tells me we are no longer welcome...A couple from Lancashire were chatting to me and said they wouldn't have bothered coming to Whitby if they'd known about the beach they had 2 elderly dogs. Well done SBC you're scaring off the tourists! I have been bringing my dogs to Whitby at least twice a year for their seven years. We are very responsible dog owners. We've never left a bit of litter and cleaned up every inch of dog poo they have ever done. We must spend thousands of pounds a year in Whitby. I have an auto-immune condition and cannot manage the unsafe steps. Please restore the previous access. I had already booked my cottage and beach hut this year before I found out the access was moving. It seemed very covert. Sorry but I still would find these steps too difficult to use , I'm not disabled but do have some mobility issues ,I wouldn't feel safe By making you use these steps the council are actually guiding you into a dangerous slip trip and fall area without having any safety signs to warn you, could the council be liable if someone got hurt, I'm able bodied but have arthritis so I'm careful. No way would I risk those steps are a slip on those dangerous rocks My goodness - the chances of negotiating that with a pushchair are, erm, nil. Even with the new step it's still very steep and with no rail to hold onto my arthritic knee could not cope with it.

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Please do not extend or completely ban dogs from our beaches. The tourism will suffer if this happens. So many people who come to the coast bring their dog with them. I suggest more waste patrols on and around the beach, not only for dog waste but for people who leave nappies, disposable BBQ's, bags of rubbish. I urge you to consider returning to previous dog walking (beaches) restrictions.

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Increase number of dog bins, some smaller parks currently have no bin, for example the river meadows park in Burniston.

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I am run Barkingmad Dog Training and would be more than happy to come in and happy you get this right some every can be happy,

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Oliver's Mount - allow dogs on the Rugby Field during summer as the main field is used by campers and not suitable to take dogs on during peak tourist times.

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Lack of enforcement does not mean dog restrictions should be lifted.

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Please provide any further suggestions regarding this proposal.

I believe dogs should be on leads in all public areas particularly busy area - where there are facilities and busy traffic. The streets of Scarborough are filthy with dog foul, if dogs run free its an excuse for owners not to be aware of where a dog has fouled

Too many things done for sakes of it these days! Why is Shittleworth gardens on on list?

We should have more dog eardens keeping the streets of Scarborough clean out town is a disgrace compared to many other towns. The dog foul on pavements is a disgrace.

What about places in Filey?

I believe it should stay as it is and I have mo reasons for things to change.

The majority of this survey is devoted to the authorisation of dog restrictions why is this?

Don't know why you want to change all these things

Dogs are a big responsibility not to be taken lightly. Unleashed animals can defocate, fight (other dogs) and be a continual threat to the well being of children. Who benefits from the changing of these rules, only the dog owners

I don't disagree with dogs being allowed to run around on the beach and promenarde as long as the owners are responsbile (cleaning up the mess) and the dogs obedient. But I feel that Granville square (privatley & locally) vut allow public where children are likely to play on the grass (like Granville Square) should have a dog ban - to keep the area clean and respectable.

I suggest that some proper thinking about fairness and reasons consequences is done.

If some small open spaces e.g. St Martines Square have dogs on leads restrictions removed its important that owners pick up dog poo as many children play in the various squares - dog owners need to know that any wasing up of restrictions is contingent upon areas remaining poo free and transgressions fined heavily

It seems to me that having a mandatory explanation box should be for the "yes" tick not the "no tick" - think about it!. And why when the council is closing all the public toilets for human in the parks, are the council proposing almost unilaterally to open all these parks for dogs to despoil? This of the risk increase to small children

All I have to say is where boxes

Why have these proposals not been more widley circulated? Can we have public meeting on the issue?

ASBO dogs in Filey NO warden ever

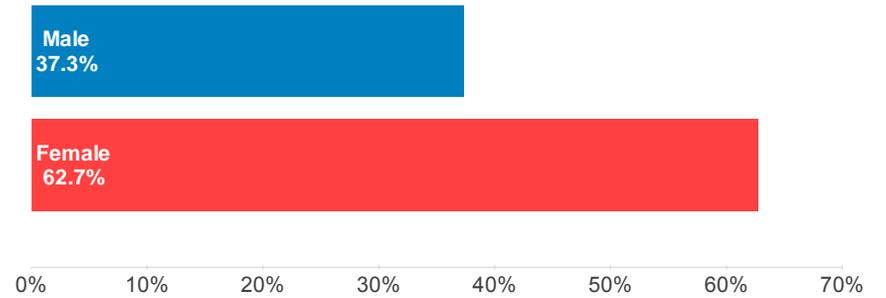
Q11 - Yes but only is gogs are to be kept on lead in the park. Q14 I cannot neally answer this it all depends on what has been noted since the lifting on the restriction. If there have not been any problem, then I feel it should remain unrestricted - but the restrictions should be re-imposed if probelms have been reported.

All dogs should be trained to police standards & those of dogs for the blind. Dogs should not be allowed on public transport or sit on passenger seats.

## Equalities Monitoring

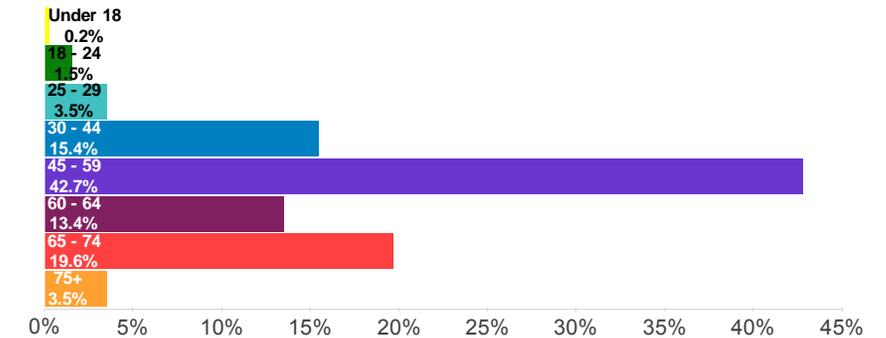
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	<b>Female</b>	745	62.7%



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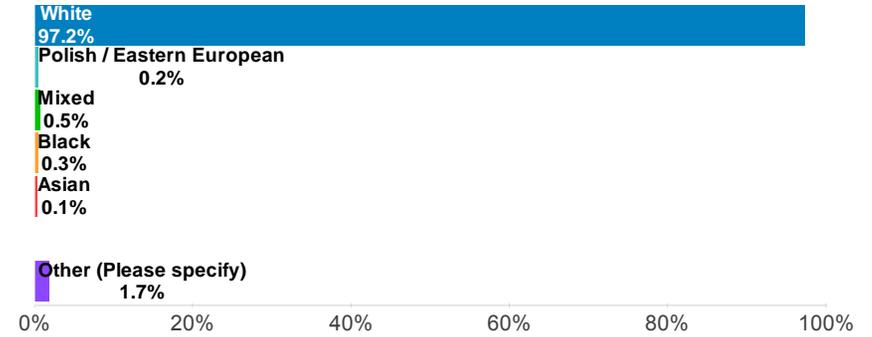
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	<b>25 - 29</b>	42	3.5%
	<b>30 - 44</b>	184	15.4%
	<b>45 - 59</b>	509	42.7%
	<b>60 - 64</b>	160	13.4%
	<b>65 - 74</b>	234	19.6%
	<b>75+</b>	42	3.5%



To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?

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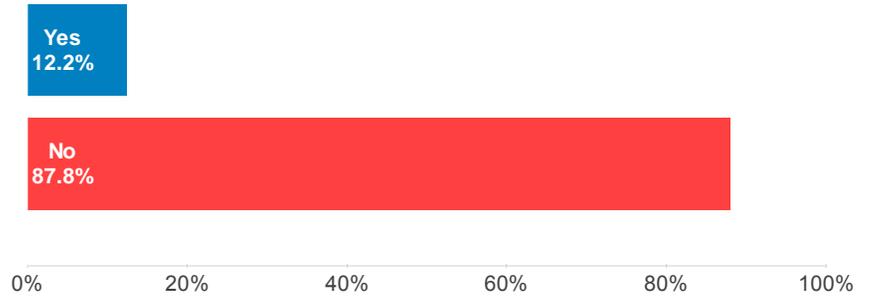
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Polish / Eastern European	2	0.2%
Mixed	6	0.5%
Black	4	0.3%
Asian	1	0.1%
Chinese	-	-
Other (Please specify)	20	1.7%



Do you consider you have a disability in terms of the above definition?

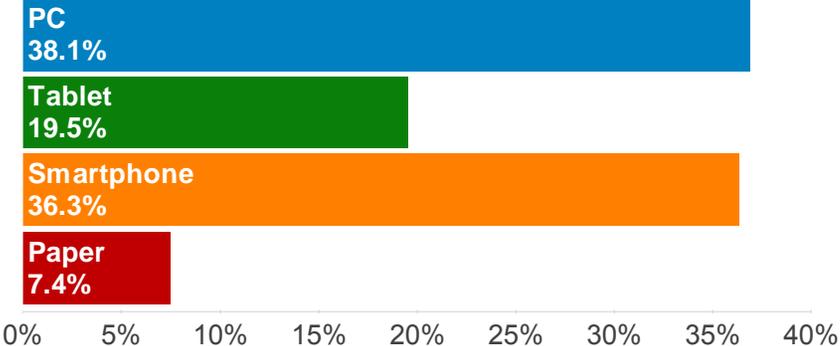
**Total 1147**

Yes	140	12.2%
No	1007	87.8%



Method of completing the questionnaire.

<b>Total</b>		<b>1249</b>
<b>PC</b>	460	36.8%
<b>Tablet</b>	244	19.5%
<b>Smartphone</b>	453	36.3%
<b>Paper</b>	92	7.4%



Appendix a.

## Additional Information

Photo evidence of Whitby Beach



## Dogs Trust Response

Dogs Trust has been made aware that Scarborough Borough Council is planning to introduce a series of Public Space Protection Orders. As the UK's largest dog welfare charity, we would like to make some comments for consideration.

### Dogs Trust's Comments

#### 1. Re; Fouling of Land by Dogs Order:

- 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.
- 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.

#### 2. Re; Dog Exclusion Order:

- Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
- Dogs Trust would highlight the need to provide plenty of signage to direct owners to alternative areas nearby in which to exercise dogs.

#### 3. Re; Dog Exclusion Order and beaches:

- With phone calls often being made to the RSPCA and Police alerting to dogs being left in hot cars in coastal areas, we would urge you to consider the danger animals may be put in, and the difficult decisions owners have to make, by not being allowed to take their dogs onto the beach.
- If the Council does choose to implement this order, Dogs Trust would encourage looking into a compromise between beach goers and dog owners, e.g. allowing dogs onto the beach in the evenings or early mornings, or having dog friendly sections on the beaches.
- Strict dog exclusion restrictions can also lead to a decrease in dog friendly tourism for businesses along the coast, which in turn could have a negative impact on the local economy.

#### 4. Re; Dog Exclusion and sport pitches

- Excluding dogs from areas that are not enclosed could pose enforcement problems - we would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
- We feel that exclusion zones should be kept to a minimum, and that excluding dogs from all sports pitches for long stretches of the year is unnecessary. In some cases sports pitches may account for a large part of the open space available in a public park, and therefore excluding dogs could significantly reduce available dog walking space for owners.
- We would urge the council to consider focusing its efforts on reducing dog fouling in these areas, rather than excluding dogs entirely, with adequate provision of bins and provision of free disposal bags

#### 5. Re; Dogs on Leads Order:

- Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead.
- Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns – this includes the need for sufficient exercise including the need to run off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act.
- The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety of, well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead.

#### 6. Re; Dogs on Lead by Direction Order:

- Dogs Trust enthusiastically support Dogs on Leads by Direction orders (for dogs that are considered to be out of control or causing alarm or distress to members of the public to be put on and kept on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised official).
- We consider that this order is by far the most useful, other than the fouling order, because it allows enforcement officers to target the owners of dogs that are allowing them to cause a nuisance without restricting the responsible owner and their dog. As none of the other orders, less fouling, are likely to be effective without proper enforcement we would be content if the others were dropped in favour of this order.

The PDSA's "<https://www.pdsa.org.uk/media/4371/paw-2018-full-web-ready.pdf>" 'Paw Report 2018' found that 89% of veterinary professionals believe that the welfare of dogs will suffer if owners are banned from walking their dogs in public spaces such as parks and beaches, or if dogs are required to be kept on leads in these spaces. Their report also states that 78% of owners rely on these types of spaces to walk their dog.

I would also like to bring your attention to the similar recommendations stated in the Government's "[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/679712/2017-12-13\\_ASB\\_Revised\\_Statutory\\_Guidance\\_V2.1\\_Final.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/679712/2017-12-13_ASB_Revised_Statutory_Guidance_V2.1_Final.pdf)" 'Anti-social behaviour powers -Statutory guidance for frontline professionals' document, pages 52/53.

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.