

Good afternoon,

As you may be aware three years ago Wealden District Council extended the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which makes it an offence for anyone in control of a dog to not clear up the animal's faeces on designated land. The existing PSPO is attached for information.

A PSPO is valid for up to three years and we are therefore seeking to extend the Order for a further three years upon expiration on 21st November 2026. We do not expect to be making any amendments to the order as the current Order, along with the work carried out by the Council's Street Scene Team, has been very effective in targeting the issue.

A comparison of pre and post PSPO dog fouling can be made using the National Indicator NI195 score, which measures dog fouling to the Code of Practice for Litter and Refuse standards. Pre-PSPO, 0.8% of transects inspected failed due to dog fouling. Over the course of the PSPO and subsequent extensions this has decreased to 0.4% in 2022/23 and 0.0% in 2025/2026.

We are not complacent however, reports of dog fouling are still received and to not have legislation in place to tackle the issue would be detrimental to the enjoyment of the area for Wealden residents and visitors. To maintain the good progress in reducing dog fouling and to ensure appropriate education and enforcement action is taken where dog fouling remains an issue, the PSPO should be extended for a further 3 years.

If you have any comments in relation to the proposal to extend the PSPO for a further three years please advise by return email before 12th June 2026.

Kind regards,

Tess

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