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County Councillor Trimsaran	they need to have more enforcement	Noted	We will take this into account when making arrangements to publicise and enforce the order. The order will be published on the council's web site and publicised by way of media campaign. Signage will be erected through out the county. People will be encouraged to report breaches of the order. The authority will review the resources available to enforce the new orders. The use of Police & PCSO's to enforce the orders will be discussed with Dyfed Powys Police.
County Councillor	County Council owned playgrounds albeit leased to town and community councils should also fall under this order and be given appropriate signage. Fencing should not be a factor assuming dogs are under control. There should be designated fenced areas for dogs to exercise freely and off lead. They are easier to train if they are tired. People pay for these areas £10 per hour.	Noted	The dog fouling and 'dogs on leads by direction' provisions in the current order apply to all public land in the County, including County Council owned parks and playgrounds. This includes parks and playgrounds that are leased to town and community councils. The exclusion in the order applies to all enclosed children's play areas in the county. We will keep the situation with dogs on playgrounds / playing fields under review. We are in the process of undertaking an engagement survey with local stakeholders to identify ongoing issues and establish whether they would like us to consider introducing additional dog controls.
Elli Ward Llanelli Town Council	I would like to see more enforcement of the dog fouling order. Dog ownership has grown dramatically particularly during the pandemic. Given the current state of public spaces with regard to dog fouling, the number of recorded complaints, fixed penalty notices issued and prosecutions brought over the last six years is lamentable and does not reflect the scale of the problem.	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning enforcement activities.

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Llandeilo Town Council	I believe this needs to be extended as there is still a problem with dog fouling in town, especially recently in the football area in Parc Le Conquet. Dogs off leads in areas where there is livestock is also a continued problem with a serious incident occurring in Dinefwr not long ago. I had raised the question in a recent council meeting about increasing patrols and issuing fines to get on top of the problems so am keen to support this proposal	Noted	Will take this into account when making arrangements to publicise and enforce the order. The order will be published on the council's web site and publicised by way of media campaign. Signage will be erected through out the county. People will be encouraged to report breaches of the order. The authority will review the resources available to enforce the new orders. The use of Police & PCSO's to enforce the orders will be discussed with Dyfed Powys Police.
Betws Community Council	Under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and CCC (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 with regards to Part 2 - Dogs on leads by direction at point 8 does the authorised officer include members of the police service such as PCSO's? An enquiry was made earlier this year and the local PCSO's had not received training on this, therefore they were unable to implement the order and issue fines/FPN's for enforcing Part 1 - Dog fouling and Part 2 as issues were being reported in Betws Park. Under the orders would the Community Council be allowed to put up signage informing the public that dogs must be kept on a lead in a designated area? Either in the whole park or in a certain area within or exclude them from entering a certain area within the park?	Noted	Police constables and PCSO's can be authorised by the council to issues 'dogs on leads' direction. The County Council's PSPO does not require dogs to be kept on leads in public parks. It does not exclude dogs from parks either, but it does exclude dogs from any enclosed children's play areas within them. We are currently in the process of undertaking a separate engagement exercise with key stakeholders, to identify whether there is a need for additional dog controls within the County. If the Community Council would like us to introduce additional controls at Betws Park, we would invite them to raise this in response to the ongoing engagement exercise.

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The Kennel Club	<p>We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing orders in this respect. These proactive measures may include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog poo may be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog.</p> <p>Assistance dogs</p> <p>The Kennel Club welcomes the exemptions proposed in this Order for assistance dogs. We urge the Council to review the Equality and Human Rights Commission's guidance for businesses and service providers when providing any exemptions for those who rely on assistance dogs. The guidance can be viewed here: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses.pdf</p> <p>However, we would suggest further consideration of the wording contained within the Order, specifically with reference to 'registered charity'. While a proportion of assistance dogs relied upon by disabled people are trained or registered by charities, many are not. A number of reputable assistance dog providers are members of Assistance Dogs UK. This umbrella group currently has eight member organisations, which can be viewed here: http://www.assistancedogs.org.uk/. It is important to note that the membership of Assistance Dogs UK is not a definitive list of all UK assistance dog organisations and may change during the currency of the PSPO. It also does not provide for owner trained assistance dogs.</p>	Noted	<p>We will take this into account when publicising the order. The authority engages with dog owners and undertakes press releases and media events in promoting responsible dog ownership.</p> <p>We will review the number of bins within the County. The order makes it clear that dog mess can be placed in normal litter bins. Our website will also make this clear. The authority currently places signs on bins to inform dog owners of this.</p> <p>The Kennel Club do not appear to object to extension of the current order, but they have asked us to consider amending paragraph 13 of the order (which states that the dog exclusion provisions in the order don't apply to assistance dogs which have been trained by a "registered charity").</p> <p>We have previously considered this issue in some detail. Our concern here is that paragraph 13 could be open to potential abuse if the reference to "registered charities" is removed. People could try to argue that the provision excluding dogs from children's play areas does not apply to their pet on the basis that they have trained it themselves to provide them with some level of assistance.</p> <p>We accept that not all assistance dogs are trained by registered charities, and will endeavour to adopt a fair and sensible approach in these other cases, when making our enforcement decisions. If we are satisfied that a dog has been properly trained (by somebody</p>
Llanelli Rural Council	<p>While there is information on the county council website about dog controls, it would be very beneficial if the county council could develop a proactive community engagement strategy to better educate the public about the powers contained in the dog control order and how the public can play its part in actively reporting the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners. This would be very welcome to better inform the public. Thank you</p>	Noted	<p>Will take this into account when making arrangements to publicise and enforce the order. The order will be published on the council's web site and publicised by way of media campaign. Signage will be erected through out the county. People will be encouraged to report breaches of the order. The authority will review the resources available to enforce the new orders</p>
Llanboidy Community Council	<p>We think the Order covers all relevant topics relating to dog ownership, management and control.</p>	Noted	<p>No further response required</p>

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Eglwys Cummin Community Council	I suspect they'll all say to maintain the order as it is for another 3 years, but there's always the possibility, I suppose, of a Member making a specific comment that might be noteworthy. [There IS a play area, nowadays, at Red Roses, but I think measures are indeed in place to prevent dog issues occurring there].	Noted	No further response required
Cynwyl Gaeo Community Council	are there any signs available	Noted	Signs are available for "No dog fouling" and the "No Dogs Allowed in the enclosed Children's Play area".
Trimsaran Community Council	Dog Fouling Checks are a must in areas	Noted	This will be taken into account when planning enforcement activities.
Carmarthen Town council	Members have been encouraged to reply to your on-line survey individually.	Noted	No further response required
Llandybie Community Council	At last evening's Full Council meeting of Llandybie Community Council it was agreed that full support be given to the renewal of the current Public Spaces Protection Order, but that additionally, an extra criteria be added for the further protection of individuals, namely that - all dogs be banned from playing fields which are set out for sporting activity ie sports pitches	Noted	We are currently in the process of undertaking a separate engagement exercise with key stakeholders, to identify whether there is a need for additional dog controls within the County. If the Community Council would like us to introduce additional controls, we would invite them to raise this issue in response to the ongoing engagement exercise.
Gorslas Community Council	That the Community Council would wish to see, and be involved in, further consultation regarding the introduction of measures requiring owners to keep their dogs on a lead whilst in its public parks.	Noted	We are currently in the process of undertaking a separate engagement exercise with key stakeholders, to identify whether there is a need for additional dog controls within the County. If the Community Council would like us to introduce additional controls, we would invite them to raise this issue in response to the ongoing engagement exercise. We think that it is important to recognise that people need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead for animal welfare reasons. There need to be areas of public land available where people can safely do so. Any further restrictions will need to be evidence based, and a proportionate response to the current problems.

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Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action	Dog fouling is particularly obnoxious for wheelchair users as their hands are their feet when it comes to self-propulsion. Were it possible we would advocate harsher penalties for those who allow their dogs to foul public areas and that offenders should have to attend 'awareness' sessions as part of the penalty for offending?	Noted	No further response required
Dogs Trust	The PDSA's '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. 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. Dogs Trust works with local authorities across the UK to help promote responsible dog ownership. Please do not hesitate to contact should you wish to discuss this matter. We would be very grateful if you could inform us of the consultation outcome and subsequent decisions made in relation to the Public Space Protection Order.	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. The "dog on lead" provisions in this order do not prevent dogs from running freely off-lead, unless the person in charge of the dog is ordered to place it on a lead.
Member of public	You need to educate people not start a dog hate campaign.	Noted	No further response required
Dog walker	I see no reason to change, the order covers sensible points	Noted	No further response required
Whitland Memorial Hall	All county council owned play areas, play grounds, playing fields, even if leased, should be subject to the order.	Noted	The dog fouling and 'dogs on leads by direction' provisions in the current order apply to all public land in the County, including County Council owned parks and playgrounds. This includes parks and playgrounds that are leased to town and community councils. The exclusion in the order applies to all enclosed children's play areas in the county.
myself and other dog owners	some people can be disgusting and not clean up after their dogs	Noted	No further response required

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Rate payer in Carmarthenshire	However this is an ongoing issue where I live where people leave their dogs run off lead in the local park and do not pick up their mess despite notices saying that they should always be on lead and to pick up their mess. There are numerous signs saying no smoking but only 2 saying all dogs on lead. I am a responsible dog owner that does not leave my dog off lead in public spaces and always pick up their mess and on several occasions my dog has been attacked by aggressive dogs off lead however unless something is done to the perpetrators of such acts there is no point in having the order. It needs to be monitored and enforced.	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The current order does not require dogs to be kept on leads in parks.
Whitland Dog Walking group	I am a responsible dog owner who picks up my dog's faeces and there are many others in Whitland who do the same. It's very sad when those people who do pick up are penalised by those that don't.	Noted	No further response required
anonymous	I think all dogs should be kept on leads, to many accidents happen because of loose dogs and as a horse rider have been chased on many occasions by loose dogs, plus my small dog was attacked by a loose dog	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate.

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anonymous	Brechfa Forest has been designated as a tourist attraction. It is very popular with dog owners. There are no livestock present in the forest, but it is open access land so in theory the restriction that dogs have to be on a lead applies. but being able to allow their dogs to run off the lead is important to tourists. - In practice, it would be very difficult to enforce the legislation. The other issue with the legislation is the practicality of people enjoying the outdoor activities that do not involve walking. - For cyclists and horse riders, a requirement that our dogs have to be on a lead is impractical and dangerous. For these reasons, I think the dog control protection order needs to be revised making it impractical to extend the existing order.	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The respondent appears to have misunderstood the order. The current order does not require members of the public (including cyclists and horse owners) to keep their dogs on leads at all times. Under the order, an authorised officer can issue a direction requiring somebody to place a dog on a lead. However, these powers can only be used in the limited circumstances set out in the order. The purpose of this provision is to deal with specific situations where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
anonymous	Dogs should remain under control by their owners - this does not necessarily mean on a lead	Noted	The current order does not require members of the public to keep their dogs on leads at all times. Under the order, an authorised officer can issue a direction requiring somebody to place a dog on a lead. However, these powers can only be used in the limited circumstances set out in the order. The purpose of this provision is to deal with specific situations where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
Red kite treck group	Ensuring safety of all members of the public is paramount loose dogs are a threat to nervous humans, nervous dogs, cyclists and horse riders	Noted	People need to be able to exercise their dogs off-lead, for animal welfare reasons. It is not appropriate to make a PSPO requiring people to keep their dog on a lead at all times in all public places. We believe that an order in these terms would be disproportionate

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Cymru Carriage Club	<p>After my driving pony being chased down by 4 collies for just walking by on a newly opened multi user track, I fully support dogs on leads in the circumstances. My self & my groom were thrown out as my pony panicked, 4 dogs by his heels.</p>	<p>The respondent may have misunderstood the order.</p>	<p>The purpose of these orders is to deal with specific incidents where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal. We do not think that it is feasible to limit it to designated areas, as problems with out of control dogs could occur anywhere. The "dog on lead" provisions in this order do not prevent dogs from running freely off-lead, unless the person in charge of the dog is ordered to place it on a lead.</p>

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Drefach Dog Owners Club	Dogs should not be kept on a lead in public places at all times	The respondent may have misunderstood the order.	The current order does not require members of the public to keep their dogs on leads at all times. Under the order, an authorised officer can issue a direction requiring somebody to place a dog on a lead. However, these powers can only be used in the limited circumstances set out in the order. The purpose of this provision is to deal with specific situations where a dog needs to be placed on a lead to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.