

# Wandsworth Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation 2023

## Feedback Report

### 1. Introduction

This report sets out the key findings from the Wandsworth Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation, which ran from 13 June 2023 to 23 July 2023.

### 2. Executive summary

This report summarises the 695 responses to the consultation. There were additional responses received by email. 85% of respondents stated that they live in Wandsworth borough.

The headline results of the consultation include:

#### **Anti-social behaviour caused by drinking alcohol in a public space**

- Half of respondents (50%) say they have come across behaviours caused by drinking alcohol in a Wandsworth borough public space
- 90% of these agree that this has had a detrimental effect on themselves or others in the local area
- 79% of respondents agree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address problematic alcohol use in all public open spaces within the borough

#### **Use of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) in a public space**

- Two-thirds of respondents (67%) say they have come across behaviours caused by the use of novel psychoactive substances in a Wandsworth borough public space
- 83% of these agree that this has had a detrimental effect on themselves or others in the local area
- 79% agree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address the use of novel psychoactive substances in all public open spaces within the borough

#### **Dogs in parks and open spaces**

- Nearly all respondents (99%) agree that dog walkers in parks and open spaces should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s
- 72% agree that dogs being walked in parks and open spaces should be kept on a lead in certain areas

- Three-quarters of respondents (74%) agree that an authorised person should be able to direct a dog owner to place their dog/s on a lead
- Over half of respondents (51%) agree with the proposed measure to limit the maximum number of dogs an individual can walk in parks and open spaces to four dogs. This rises to 68% of non-dog owners. However, over half of dog owners (54%) disagree with this measure and this increases to 67% for professional dog walkers
- Half of respondents (50%) agree that dogs should be excluded from very small parks and open spaces. This rises to two-thirds of non-dog owners (68%). However, half of dog owners (50%) disagree with this measure, as do 51% of professional dog walkers

### **Dogs on the public highway and pavements**

- Nearly all respondents (99%) agree that dog walkers on the public highway or pavements should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s
- 83% agree that that dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be kept on a lead
- Over half of respondents (55%) agree that the number of dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be limited to a maximum of four dogs. This rises to 71% for non-dog owners. However, 45% of dog owners disagree with this measure, as do 51% of professional dog walkers

### **Walking multiple dogs**

- Almost half of respondents (47%) disagree with the measure to introduce an annual fee for professional dog walkers. Non-dog owners were most likely to agree with this measure (51% agree), however disagreement was higher amongst dog owners (65% disagree) than among professional dog walkers (59% disagree)
- Over half of respondents (56%) agree with the measure that the maximum number of dogs to be walked by Council licence should be six, while a third (32%) disagree. The strongest support for this measure comes from professional dog walkers (63% agree)
- Overall, respondents were split on the measure to review the total number of professional dog walker licences – 39% agreed and 40% disagreed. Over half of non-dog owners (52%) agree with this measure and again disagreement was higher amongst dog owners (57% disagree) than among professional dog walkers (51% disagree)
- Nearly half of respondents (48%) disagree with the measure for new designated areas within parks and open spaces where professional dog walkers will not be permitted. 71% of dog owners and 65% of professional dog walkers disagree with this measure, while 63% of non-dog owners agree with the proposal
- 62% of respondents agree with the proposal to require dog owners to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs

### 3. Background

In 2020, Wandsworth Council implemented a borough wide PSPO allowing council authorised persons as well as the police, to take action against people found drinking alcohol or consuming Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS / Nitrous Oxide), causing anti-social behaviour in a public space, as well as various dog controls in public places. This PSPO is due to expire in October 2023, and it is proposed that a new two-year borough-wide PSPO is introduced. This new PSPO aims to address:

1. Alcohol related anti-social behaviour
2. Possession and consumption of Novel Psychoactive Substances in a public space
3. Lack of dog control across the borough and in our parks and open spaces

The new proposed PSPO largely includes the same prohibitions and restrictions that were applied under the 2020 Order, but the opportunity has been taken to refresh the PSPO.

### 4. Methodology

Data was gathered using an online survey hosted on the Wandsworth Council website. To ensure the consultation gave equal opportunity to all those who might want to submit responses in different ways and different formats, the online survey was also made available as a paper copy and telephone number and email provided.

The consultation materials and questionnaire are included in Appendices A and B of this report.

To ensure the consultation was widely publicised, the Council promoted the consultation in a variety of ways prior to and during the consultation, including:

- A press release and online version on the Council's homepage
- An article in Brightside Online, the Council's e-newsletter
- An associated social media campaign including posts throughout the consultation period
- E-mails sent to key stakeholders including:
  - Metropolitan Police Service
  - Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
  - Transport for London
  - Local Landlords and Resident Associations
  - Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement District members
  - Wandsworth Business Action on Crime
  - Neighbourhood Watch Groups
  - Battersea Society
  - Putney Society
  - Wandsworth Society.
  - Dover House Play Space Group (The Pleasance)
  - Roehampton Playing Fields Community Trust
  - Forever Fishponds
  - Transition Town Wandsworth (Bramford Gardens)
  - The Woodfield Project
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- With regards to the dog controls included in the proposed PSPO, the following organisations were also consulted as part of the wider engagement:
  - Enable Leisure & Culture (who manage Wandsworth Parks)
  - Parks Friends Groups and Management Advisory Committees
  - Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators
  - Battersea Cats and Dogs Home
  - Dogs Trust
  - Royal Kennel Club
  - RSPCA
  - Blue Cross
  - Professional dog walkers, licensed doggy day carers, and home dog boarders
  - Local community groups and societies
  
- Posters on the entrance gates to the following sites:
  - Battersea Park
  - Falcon Park
  - Garratt Green
  - Garratt Park
  - Heathbrook park
  - King George's Park
  - Petergate Green
  - Shillington Park
  - Tooting Commons
  - Wandsworth Common
  - Wandsworth Park
  - Latchmere Recreation Ground
  - Coronation Gardens

The consultation was open to everyone, and respondents were asked for their full postcode and the capacity in which they were responding to help the Council understand any impact on people in the local area.

The consultation responses were analysed and reported by the Council's Consultation Team on an anonymous basis under the guidelines of the Data Protection Act. The Consultation Team are qualified researchers and certified members of the Market Research Society, bound by the MRS Code of Conduct when conducting research. The team are also members of The Consultation Institute, a consultation best practice institute, which promotes high-quality public and stakeholder consultation.

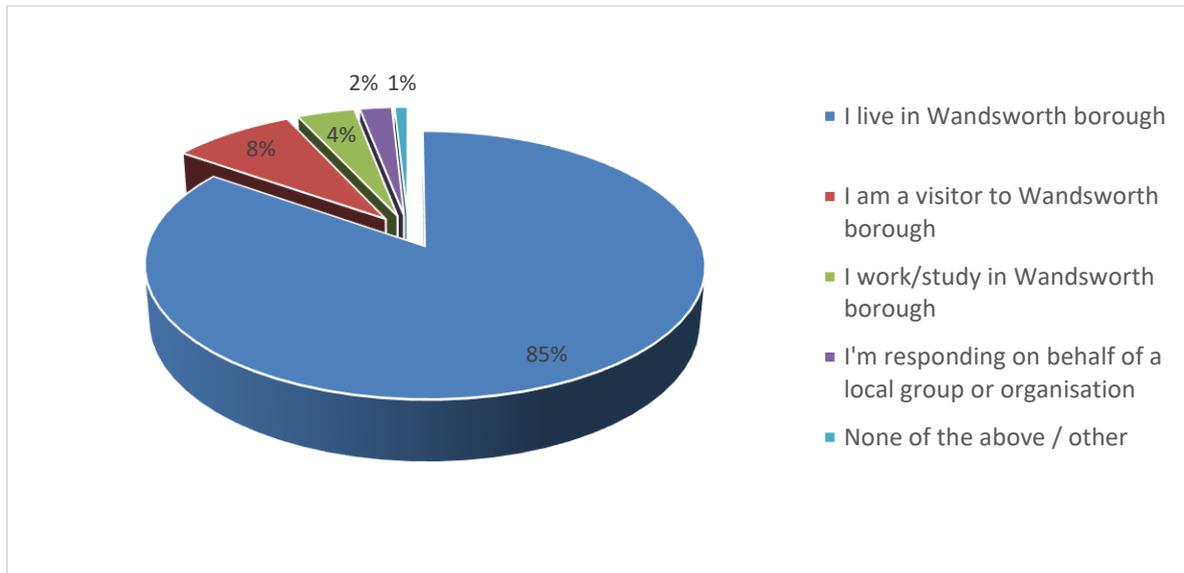
## 5. Response

In total, the Council received 695 responses to this consultation. A demographic profile of respondents can be found in Section 7 of this report.

The Council also received a number of other responses via email or letter.

## 6. Results

**Question 1: What is the main capacity in which you are responding to this consultation?**



There were 695 responses to this question.

Over eight in ten respondents (85%) describe themselves as living in Wandsworth borough. Nearly a tenth (8%) of people indicated that they are responding to the consultation as a visitor.

Those who selected 'I'm responding on behalf of a local group or organisation' or 'None of the above / other' in response to this question were provided with a free-text box to specify. 21 people responded, and their answers fall mainly into the following categories:

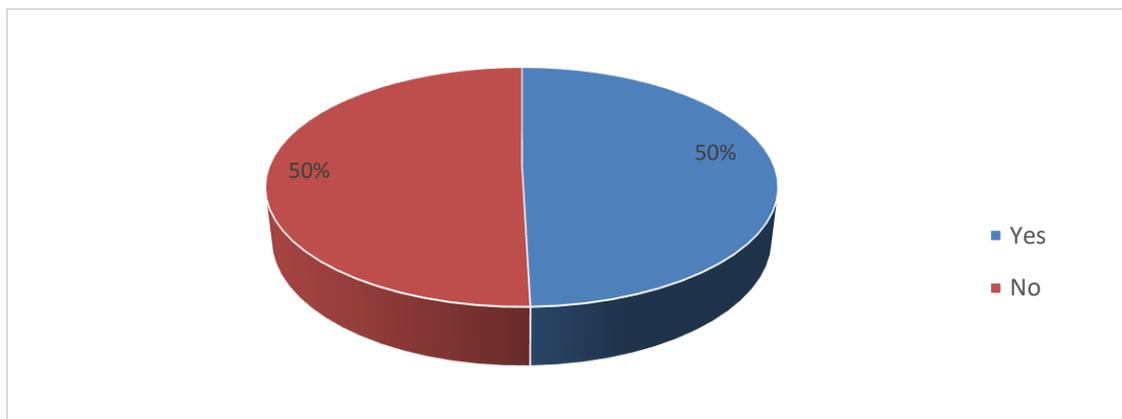
- Members of residents' associations
- Local charitable organisations
- Members of local societies
- Dog walkers or owners



## Anti-social behaviour caused by drinking alcohol in a public space

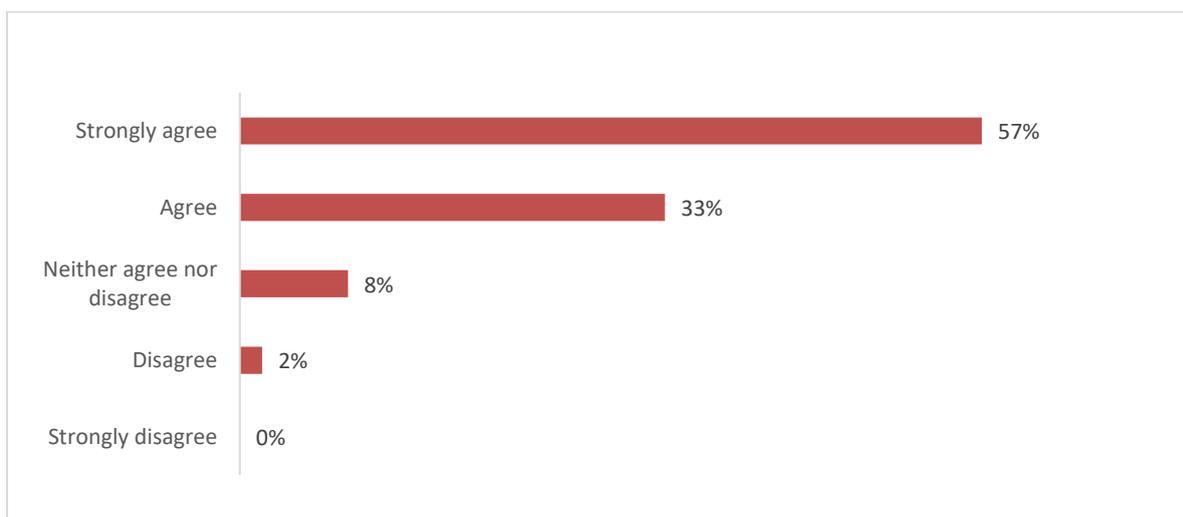
**Question 3: Have you come across any of the following behaviours (caused by drinking alcohol) in a London Borough of Wandsworth public space?**

- **Drunken and disorderly behaviour**
- **Threats**
- **Verbal abuse**
- **Harassment / intimidation**



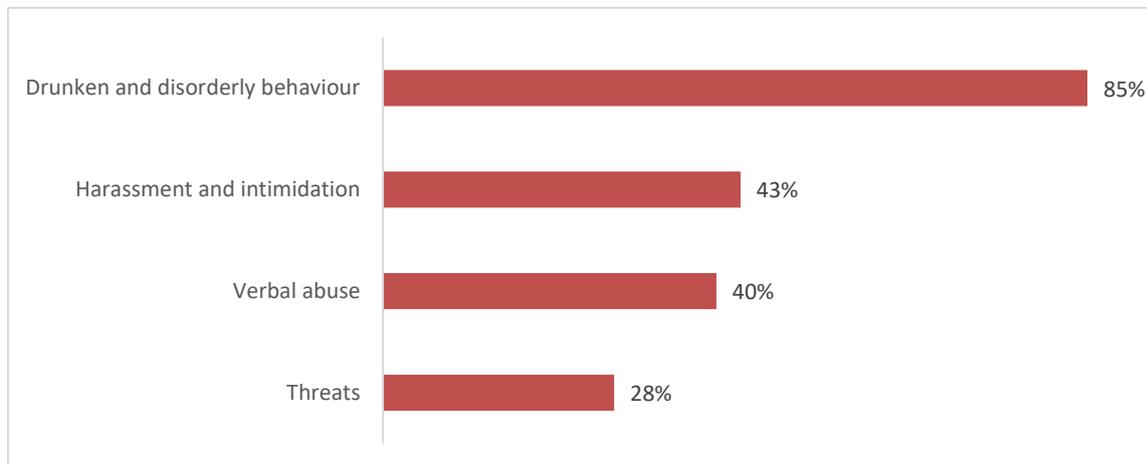
There were 692 responses to this question and the opinion was evenly split. Half of respondents (50%) said that they had experienced drunk and disorderly behaviour, threats, verbal abuse, harassment/ intimidation, while the other half said they had not experienced it.

**Question 4: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the alcohol-related behaviours you have come across have had a detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?**



There were 348 responses to this question. 90% of respondents either strongly agree or agree that alcohol-related behaviours have a detrimental effect on either themselves or the local area.

**Question 5: If you answered ‘Strongly agree’ or ‘Agree’ to Question 4, which of the following behaviours do you consider have had the most detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?**



There were 309 respondents who agreed at Question 4 and gave a response to Question 5. Of these, over four-fifths (85%) felt that drunken and disorderly behaviour has had the most detrimental effect.

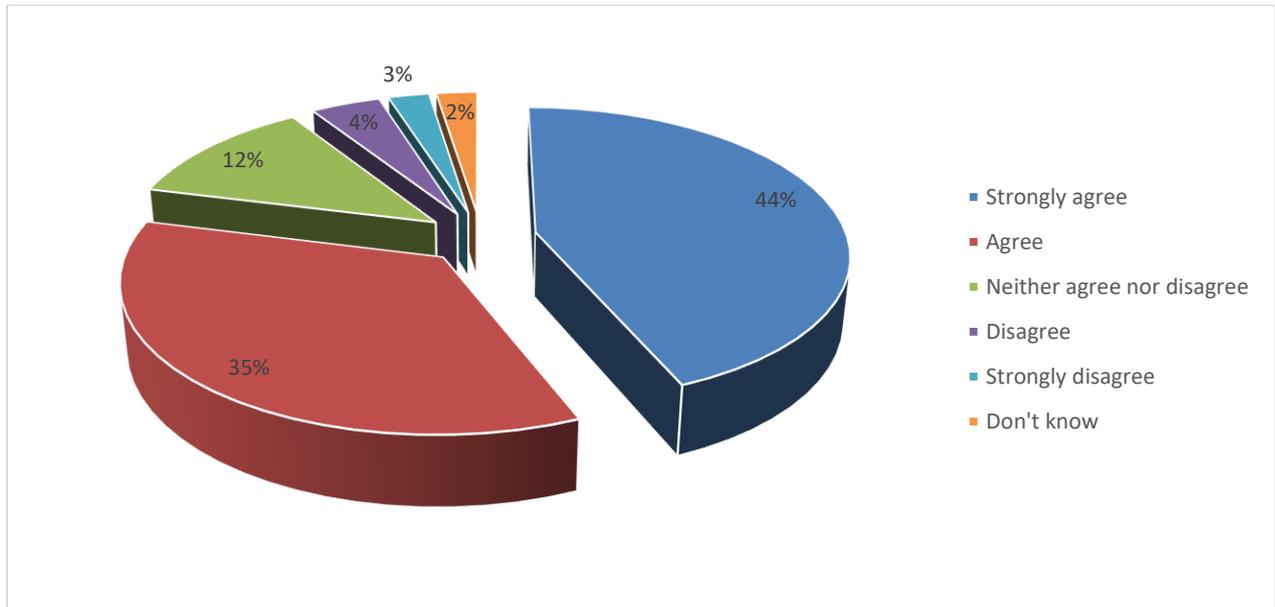
**Question 5b: Please use the space below to tell us more information about how these behaviours have affected you or others:**

175 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 13 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Drunk behaviour/ groups of drinkers	93
Personal safety concerns (don't feel safe/feel intimidated or scared)	54
Urinating/ defecating in public/ vomiting	49
Littering (bottles/ cans/ nitrous oxide cylinders/ general rubbish)	43
Noise (noisy gatherings/ loud music/ late night noise/ shouting)	34
Riverlight residents have reported issues of ASB (drinking, litter, noise, etc.) near the Sainsbury's (incl. if respondent mentioned issues near 'Sainsbury's' and has a SW11 8EB postcode)	30
Avoid areas/ don't go out at certain times/ scared when walking alone	29
Verbal abuse/ threats/ intimidation	24
Intoxication through drug use/ recreational drug use	18
Children exposed to ASB	14
Mentioned physical assault and/ or theft	9
Issues with people begging	6
Other	10

*NB respondents may make comments under more than one theme, so numbers of comments will not add up to number of respondents*

**Question 6: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address problematic alcohol use in all public open spaces within the London Borough of Wandsworth?**



There were 693 responses to this question.

Of these, nearly eight in ten (79%) agree or strongly agree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address problematic alcohol use in all public open spaces within the borough.

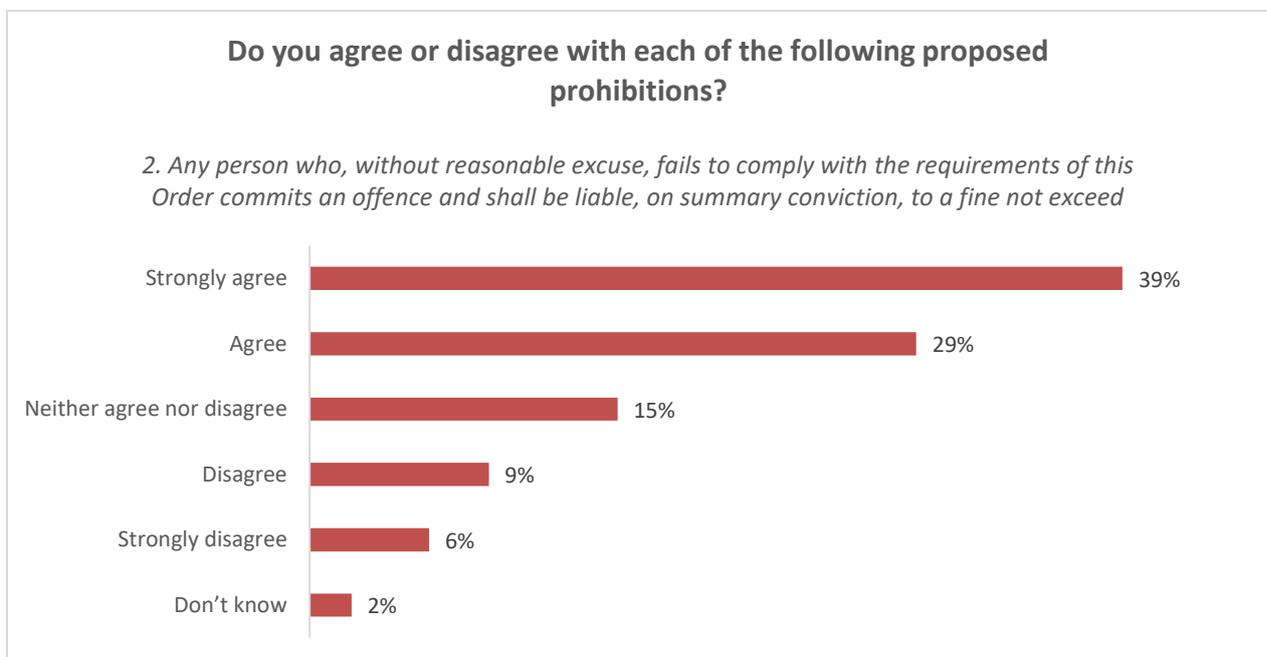
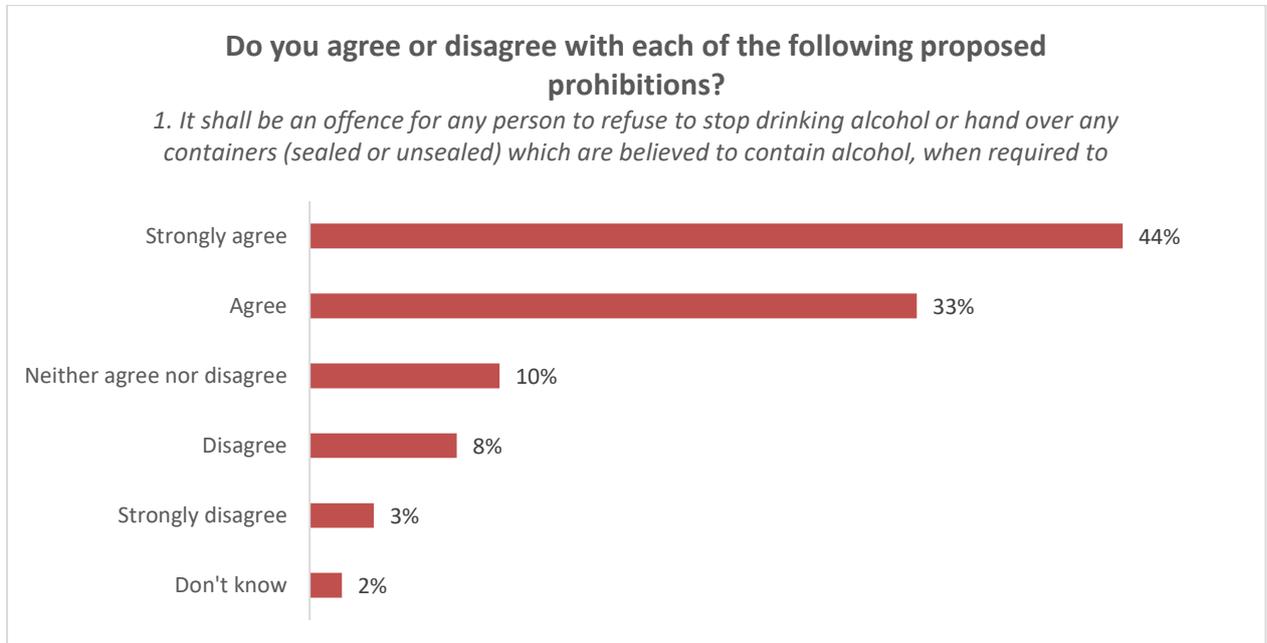
**Question 7: Please tell us why you disagree with the proposal:**

36 respondents who disagreed at Question 6 made a comment. When these comments were analysed, 7 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Think that the proposals are unnecessary/ it isn't an issue/ haven't seen the behaviour	17
Mentioned giving extra power to Council Officers or the police/ it is controlling/ potential for abuse of power	10
The majority of people are responsible/ people should be trusted to act responsibly	6
Issues are already addressed or controlled through existing legislation/ keep things as it is	3
Currently a lack of enforcement/ people will just ignore it	3
Public land/ open spaces are there for everyone to use and enjoy (incl. some people don't have outdoor space)	3
Other	5

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**Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed prohibitions?**

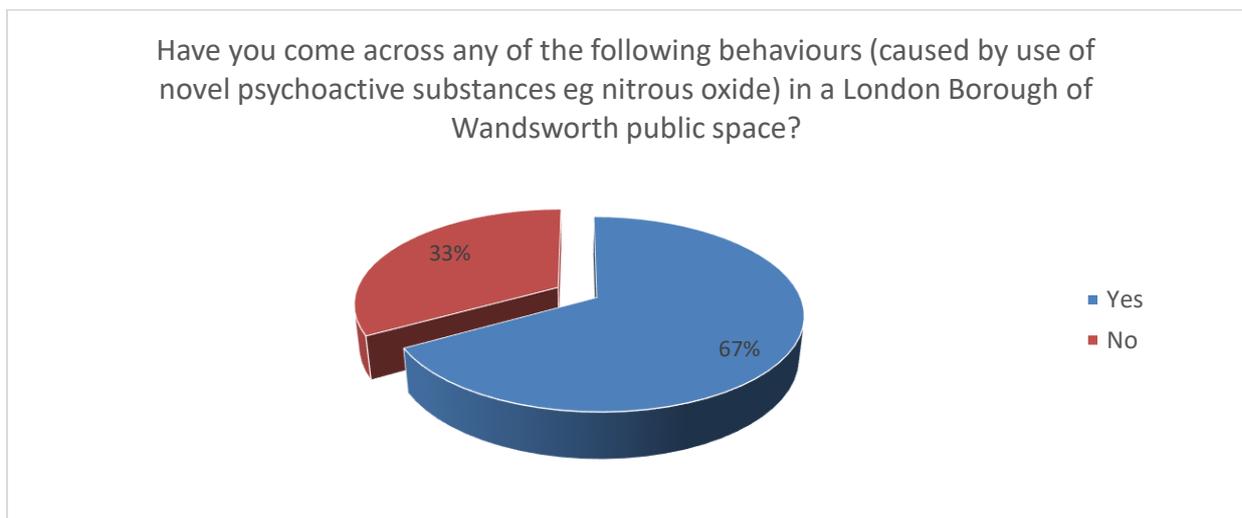


Over three-quarters of respondents (77%) agree or strongly agree with the first proposed prohibition and nearly seven in ten (69%) agreed with the second.

## Use of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) in a public space

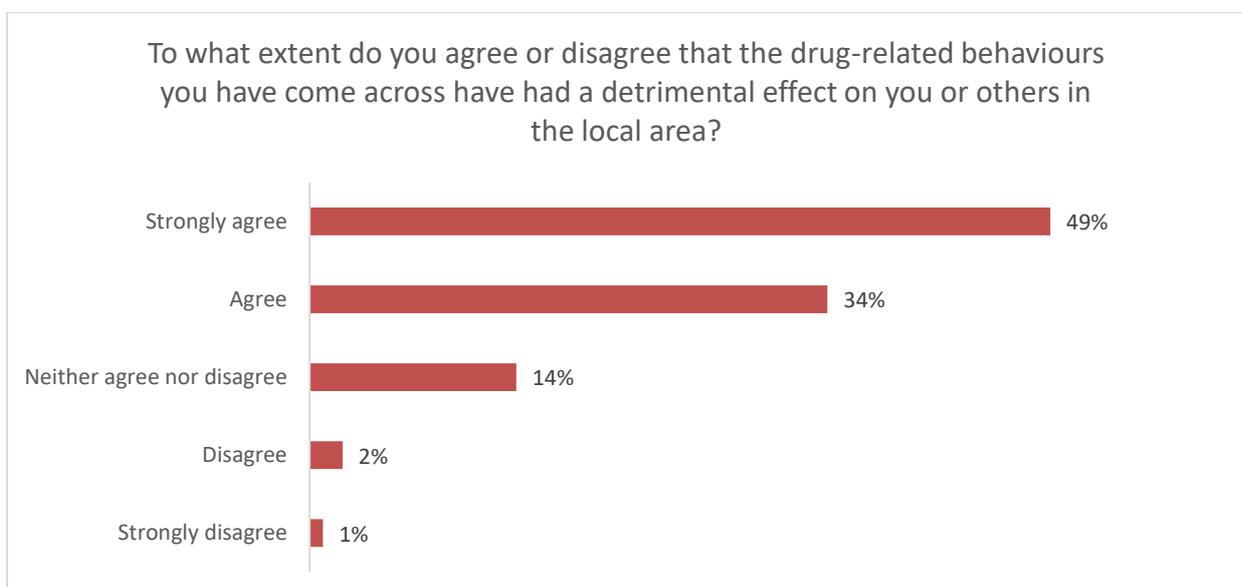
**Question 9: Have you come across any of the following behaviours (caused by use of novel psychoactive substances eg nitrous oxide) in a London Borough of Wandsworth public space?**

- **Gathering for the purpose of using drugs**
- **Littering of drug-related paraphernalia eg small plastic bags or silver cylinders**
- **Verbal abuse**
- **Harassment / intimidation**



Over two-thirds of respondents (67%) have come across behaviours (caused by use of novel psychoactive substances) in Wandsworth borough, while a third have not.

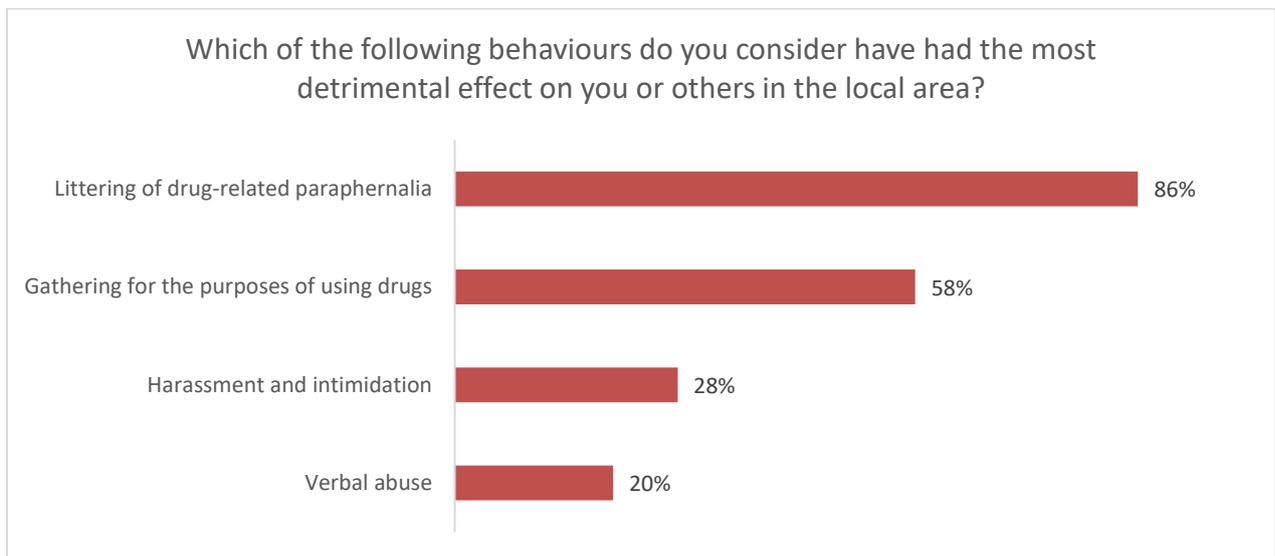
**Question 10: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the drug-related behaviours you have come across have had a detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?**



There were 461 responses to this question.

Of these, over eight in ten (83%) agree or strongly agree that these behaviours have had a detrimental effect on themselves or others in the local area.

**Question 11: If you answered ‘Strongly agree’ or ‘Agree’ to Question 10, which of the following behaviours do you consider have had the most detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?**



There were 380 respondents who agreed at Question 10 and gave a response to Question 11.

Of these, 86% felt that the littering of drug-related paraphernalia has had the most detrimental effect, followed by gathering for the purposes of using drugs, selected by nearly six in ten respondents (58%).

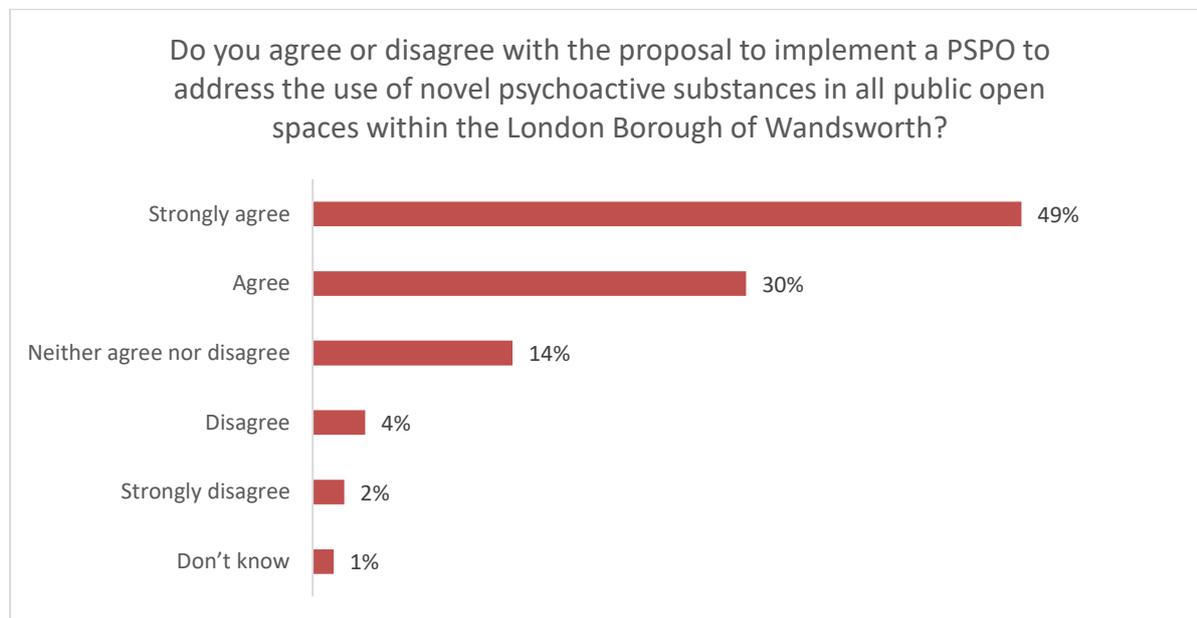
**Question 11b: Please use the space below to tell us more information about how these behaviours have affected you or others:**

155 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 13 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Specifically mentioned the use or littering of Nitrous oxide cannisters/ capsules	38
Mentioned the impact of litter in general	32
People openly taking drugs in public	26
Need to keep children safe/ children are exposed to dangerous behaviours (incl. dangerous litter and drug taking near children's play areas)	26
Mentioned that they find it frightening/ dangerous	16
Mentioned that it's dangerous for dogs (incl. dogs have become ill and needed treatment from eating human faeces, litter or drugs)	15
Mentioned drug-related litter	14
Regular drug dealing in their area	11
Issues relating to noise or noise pollution	8
Mentioned that they avoid certain areas because of the issues	7
Mentioned finding human waste (e.g. faeces, urine, vomit)	6
Need for enforcement/ lack of current enforcement	6
Other	23

*NB respondents may make comments under more than one theme, so numbers of comments will not add up to number of respondents*

**Question 12: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address the use of novel psychoactive substances in all public open spaces within the London Borough of Wandsworth?**



There were 688 responses to this question.

Of these, nearly eight in ten (79%) agree or strongly agree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address the use of novel psychoactive substances in all public open spaces within the borough.

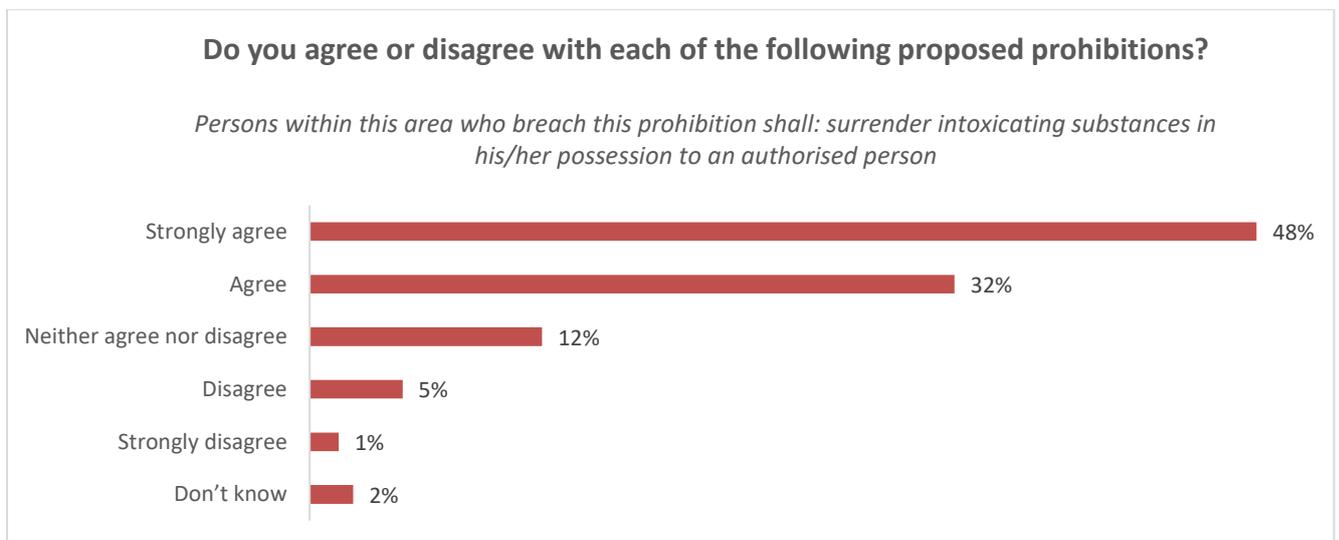
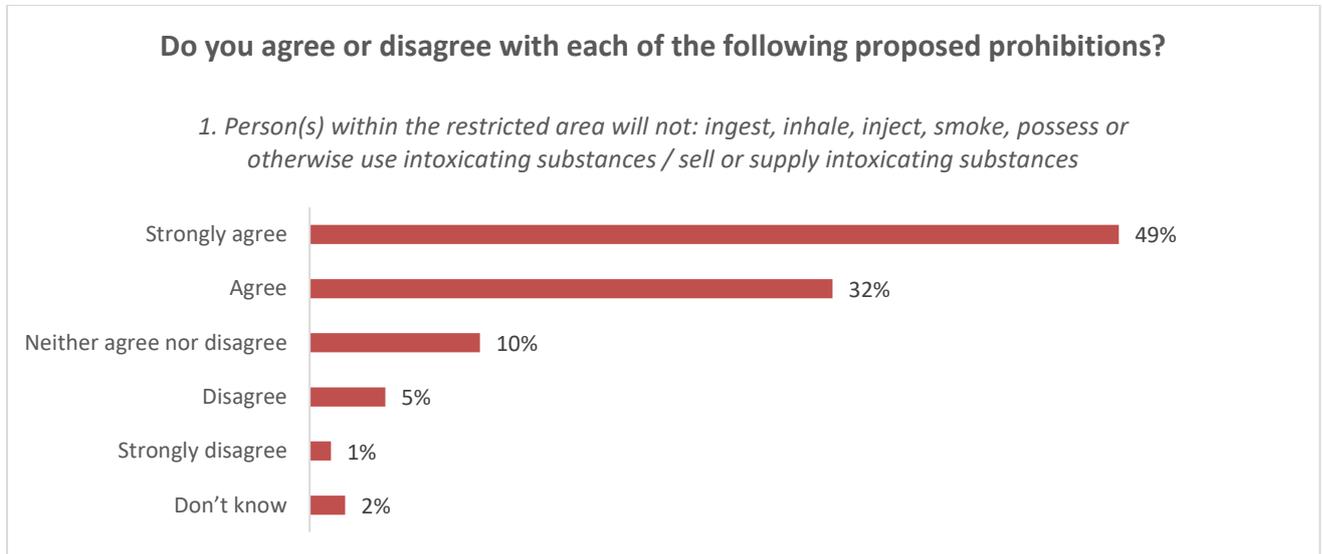
**Question 12b: Please tell us why you disagree with the proposal:**

30 respondents who disagreed at Question 12 made a comment. When these comments were analysed, 8 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Have not seen this as a problem/ not necessary/ the proposals won't solve the problems	14
Proposals seem heavy handed/ controlling/ not proportionate	4
Worried that Council officers or the police will be heavy handed/ do not trust the authorities	4
Worried about discrimination/ violation of human rights/ targeting certain demographics (and not others)	3
It's just litter/ should be treated as litter	3
The power to stop illegal behaviour already exists	3
People should be free to make their own choices/ decisions	3
Other	4

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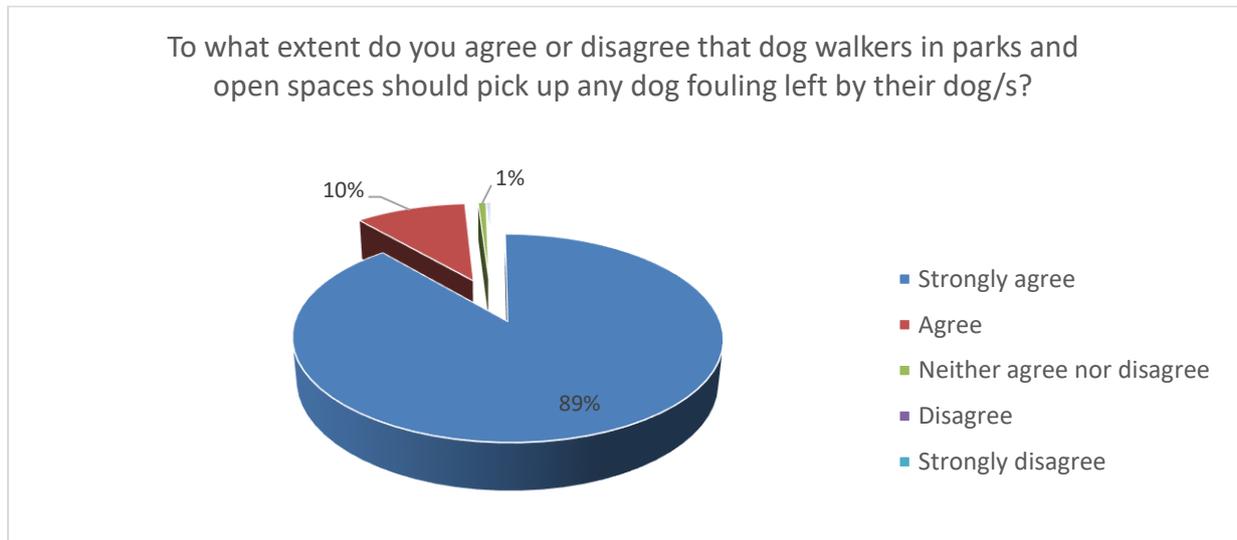
**Question 13: Do you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed prohibitions?**



At least eight in ten respondents agree or strongly agree with both proposed prohibitions.

## Dogs in parks and open spaces

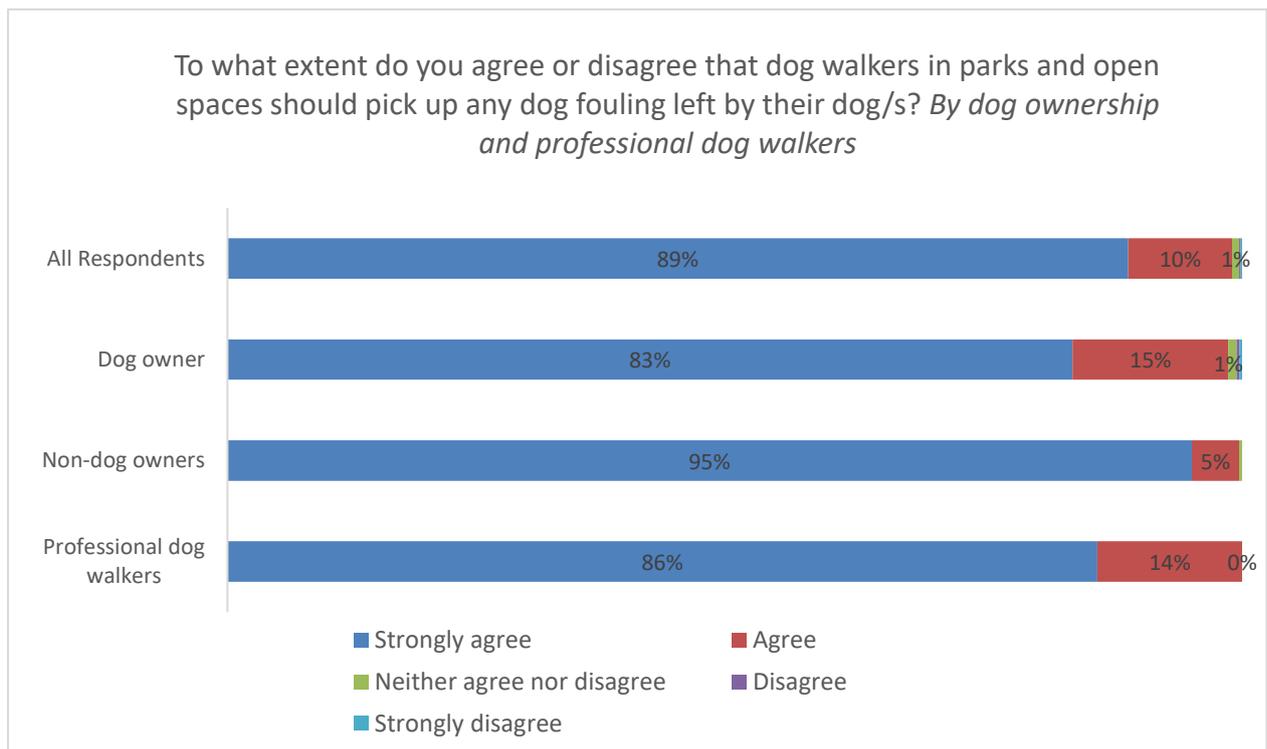
**Question 14: To what extent do you agree or disagree that dog walkers in parks and open spaces should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s?**



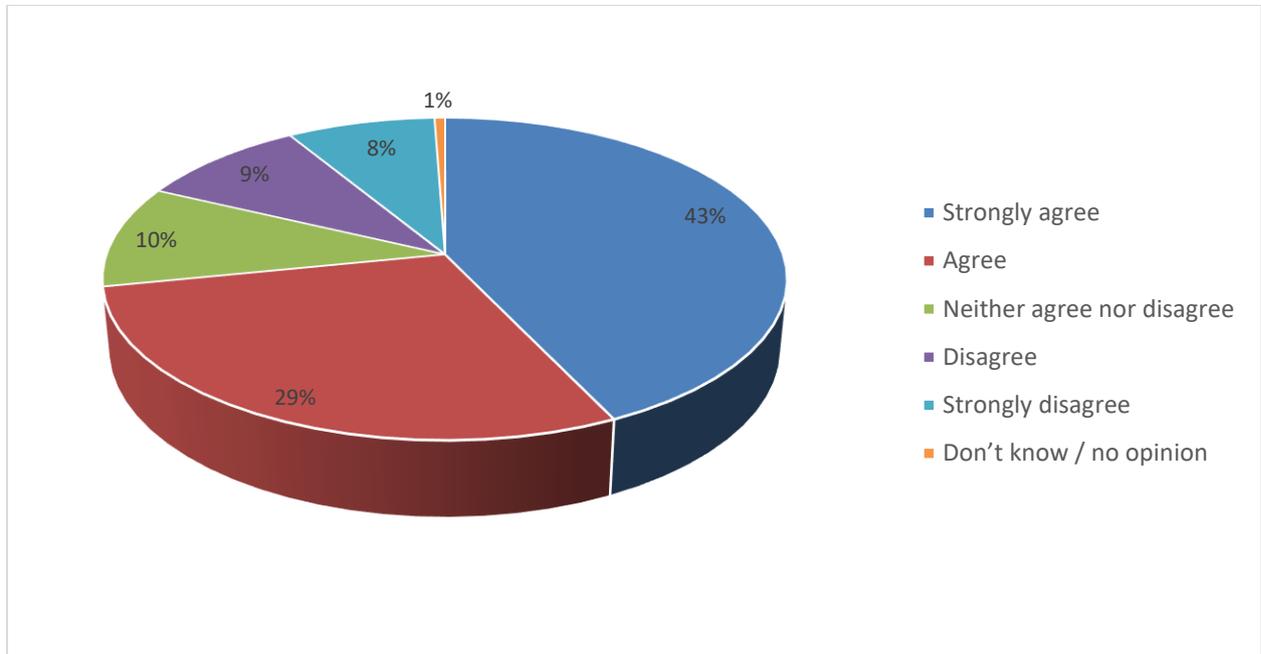
There were 694 responses to this question.

Nearly all respondents (99%) agree that dog walkers in parks and open spaces should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s.

When the results were filtered by whether the respondent is a dog owner or not, as well as whether they are a professional dog walker, it is evident that there is still strong support for dog walkers in parks and open spaces to pick up any dog fouling left by their dogs. This is illustrated in the graph below.

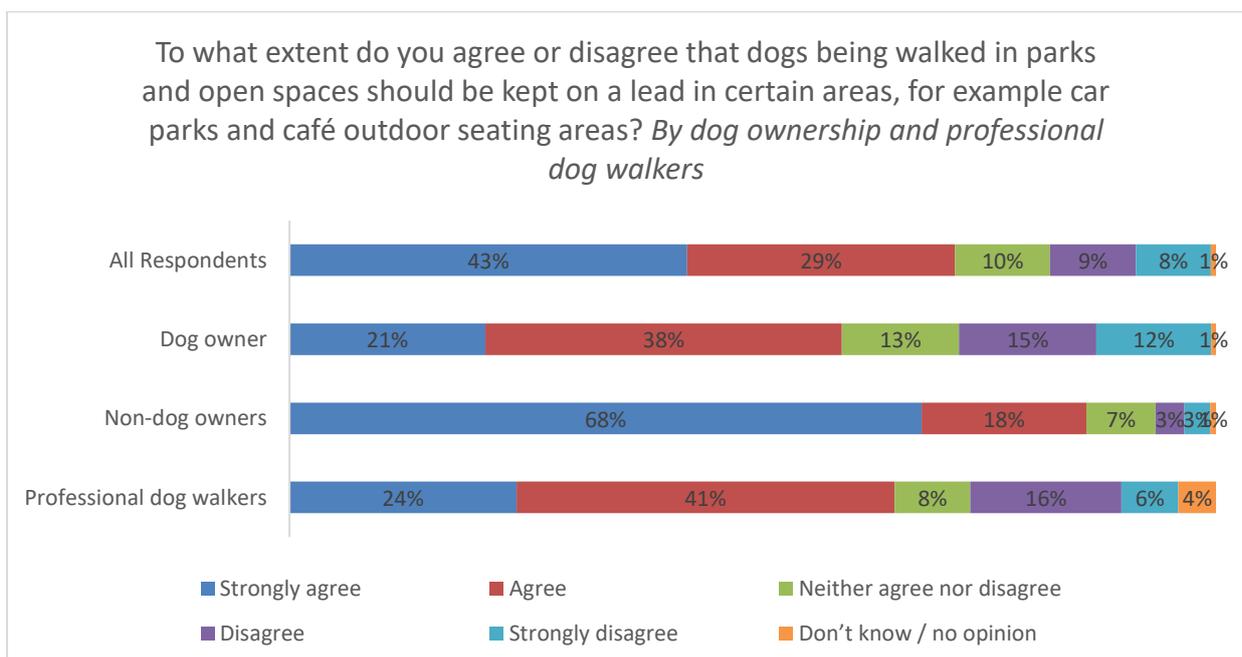


**Question 15: To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs being walked in parks and open spaces should be kept on a lead in certain areas, for example car parks and café outdoor seating areas?**

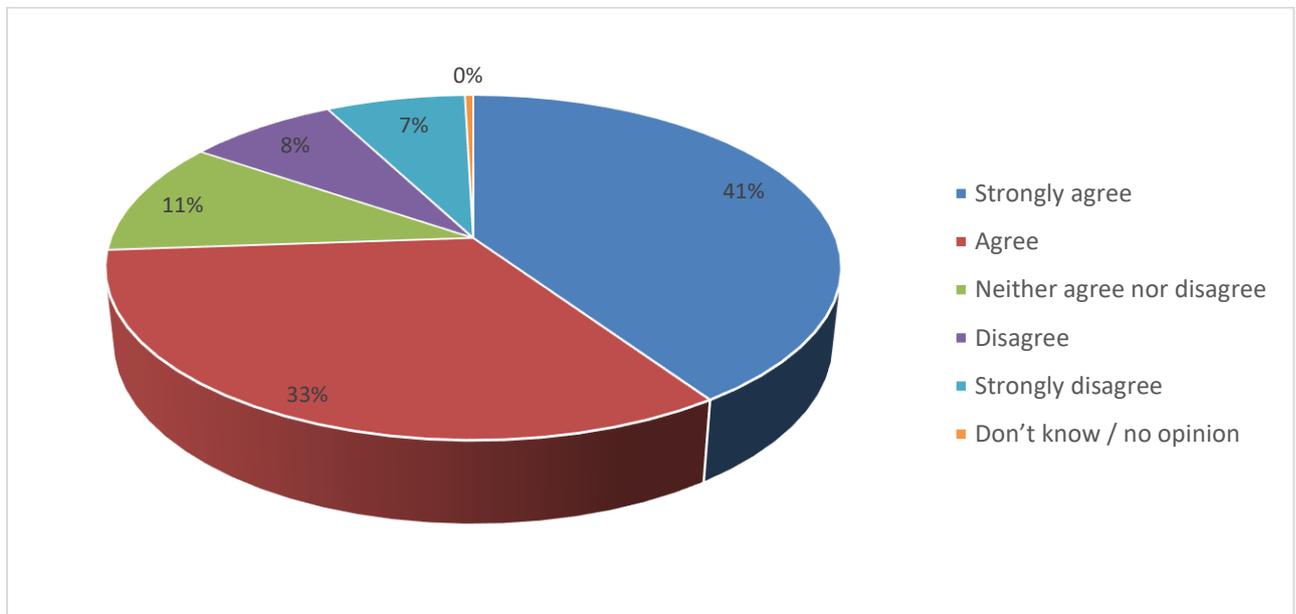


There were 692 responses to this question. Of these, seven in ten respondents (72%) agree or strongly agree that dogs being walked in parks and open spaces should be kept on a lead in certain areas.

Looking at the graph below, it is evident that just under three in five respondents (59%) who identified themselves as a dog owner agree with this measure. This increases to over four in five respondents (86%) when the data is filtered to only look at the views of those who indicated that they do not own a dog.

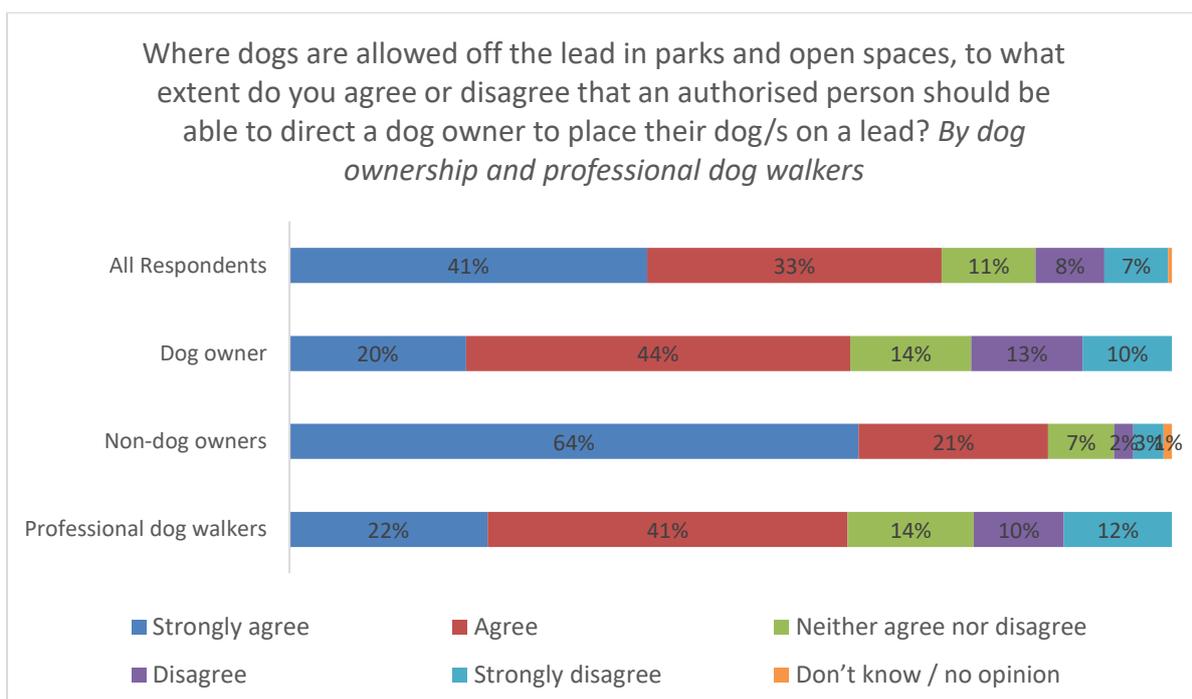


**Question 16: Where dogs are allowed off the lead in parks and open spaces, to what extent do you agree or disagree that an authorised person should be able to direct a dog owner to place their dog/s on a lead?**

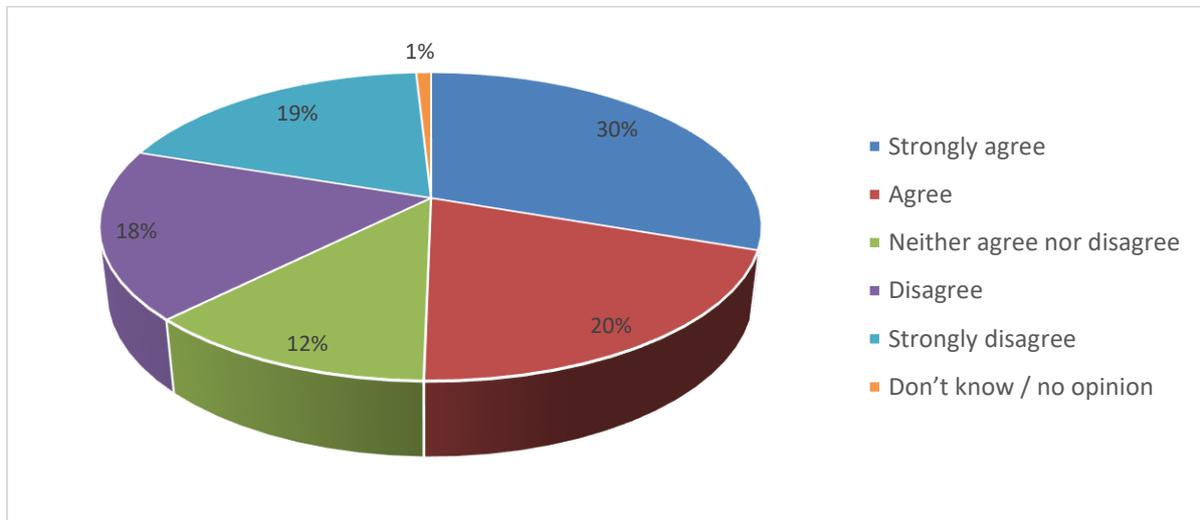


There were 693 responses to this question. Of these, three-quarters (74%) agree or strongly agree that an authorised person should be able to direct a dog owner to place their dog/s on a lead.

Looking at the graph below, it is evident that just under two-thirds of respondents (64%) who identified themselves as a dog owner agree with this measure. This increases to over four in five respondents (85%) when the data is filtered to only look at the views of those who indicated that they do not own a dog.



**Question 17: To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should be excluded from very small parks and open spaces, or in specific areas, for example fenced playgrounds and sports areas / courts?**

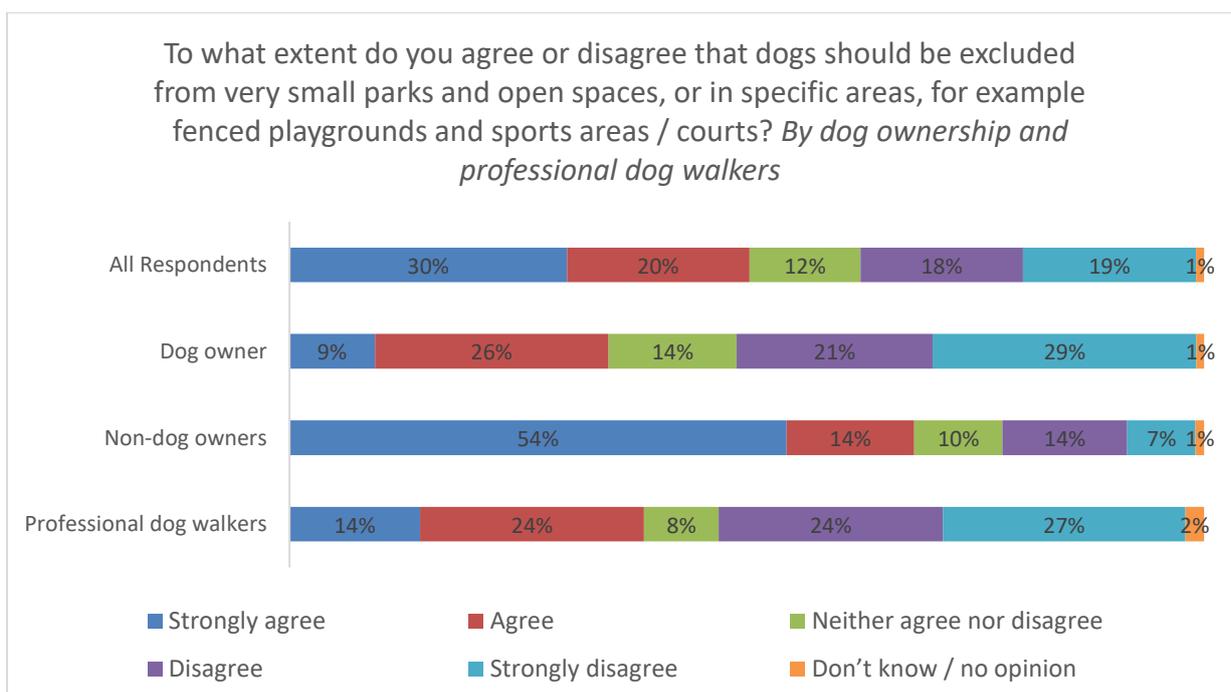


There were 692 responses to this question.

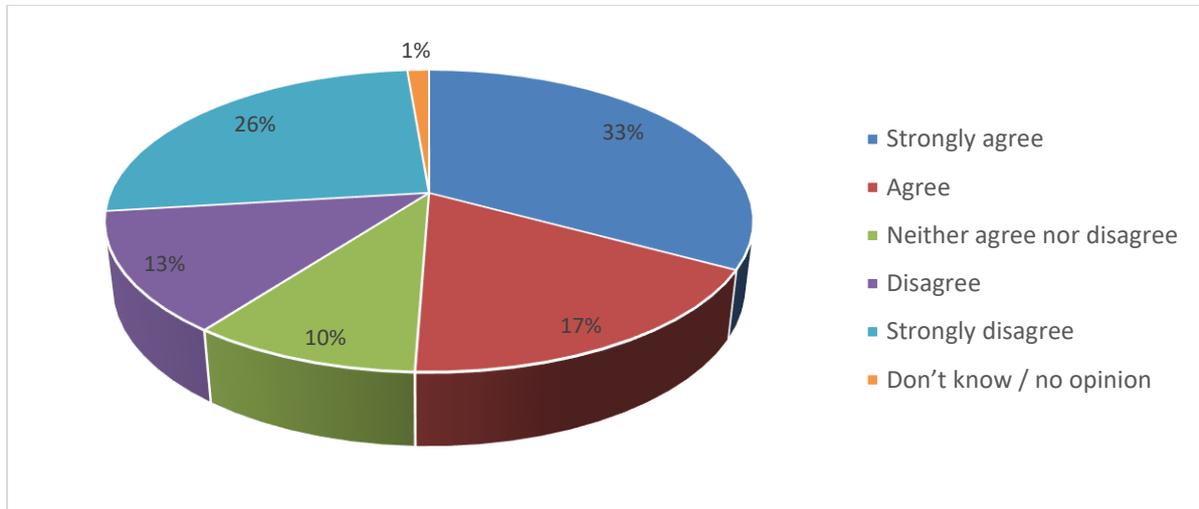
As evident in the graph above, half of respondents (50%) agree or strongly agree that dogs should be excluded from very small parks and open spaces, or in specific areas.

Looking at the graph below, it becomes apparent that half of respondents (50%) who identified themselves as a dog owner disagree with this measure. Additionally, over half of respondents (51%) who identified themselves as a professional dog walker also disagree with the measure.

Conversely, over two-thirds (68%) of those that indicated that they do not own a dog agree with the measure – with over half (54%) strongly agreeing.



**Question 18: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the number of dogs being walked in parks or open spaces by an individual should be limited to a maximum of four dogs?**

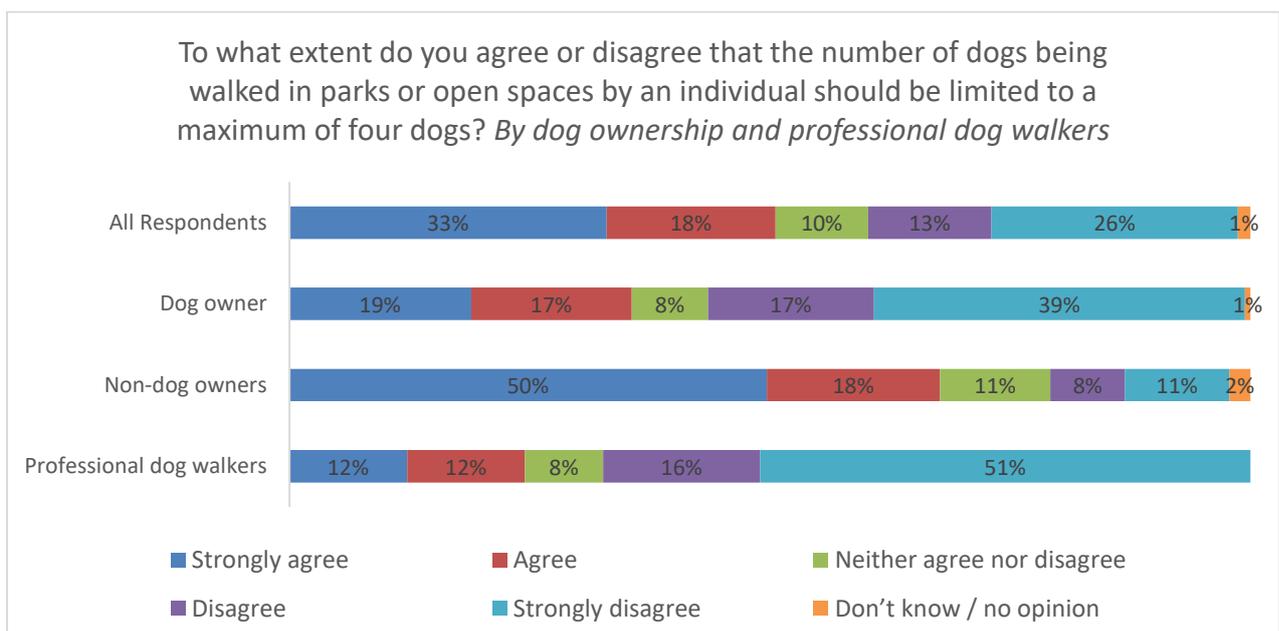


There were 694 responses to this question.

Of these, slightly more than half (51%) agree or strongly agree that that the number of dogs being walked in parks or open spaces should be limited to a maximum of four dogs.

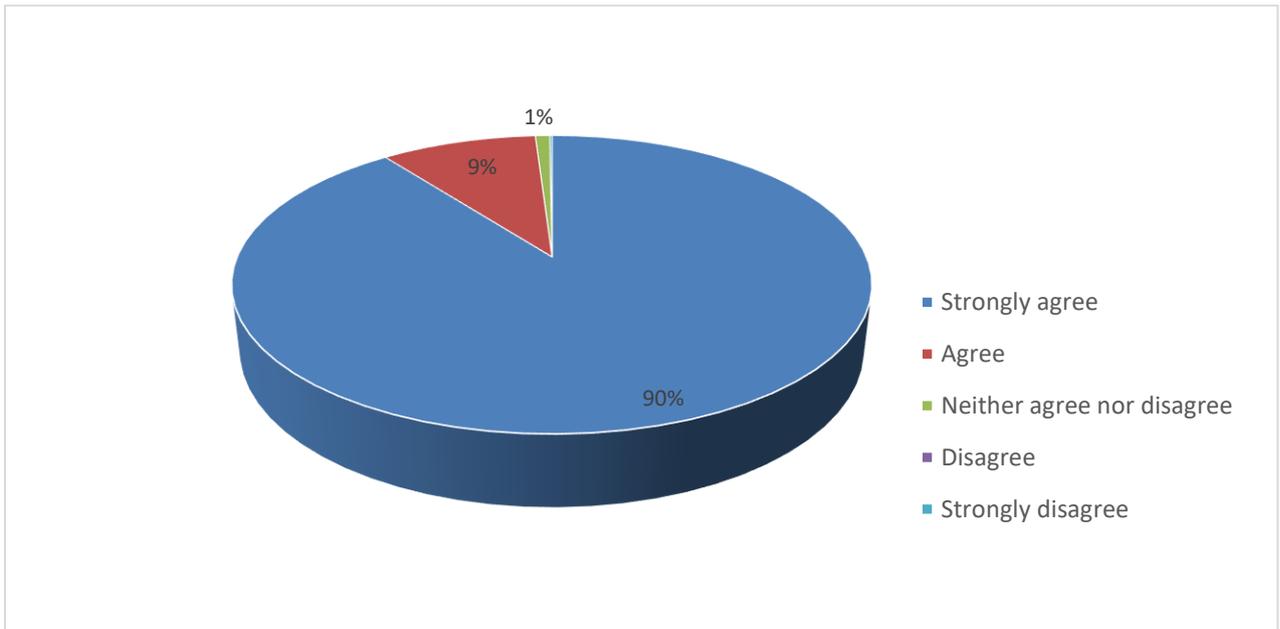
Looking at the graph below, over half of respondents (56%) who identified themselves as a dog owner disagree with this measure. Additionally, two-thirds of respondents (67%) who identified themselves as a professional dog walker also disagree with this measure – with over half (51%) strongly disagreeing.

Conversely, over two-thirds (68%) of those that indicated that they do not own a dog agree with the measure – with half (50%) strongly agreeing.



## Dogs on the public highway and pavements

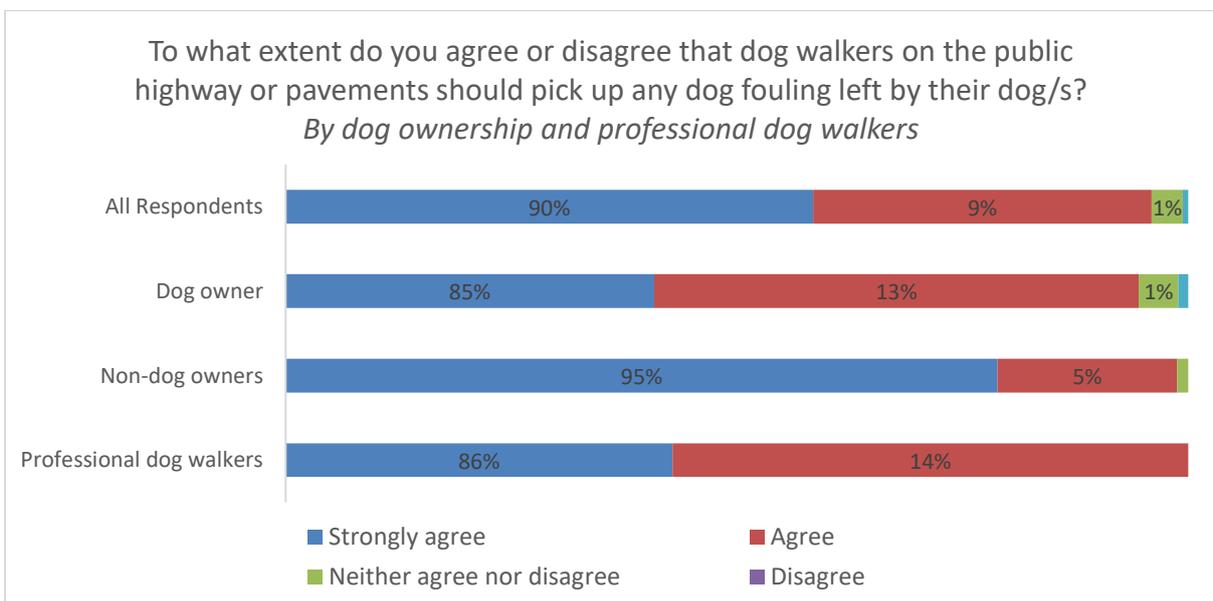
**Question 19: To what extent do you agree or disagree that dog walkers on the public highway or pavements should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s?**



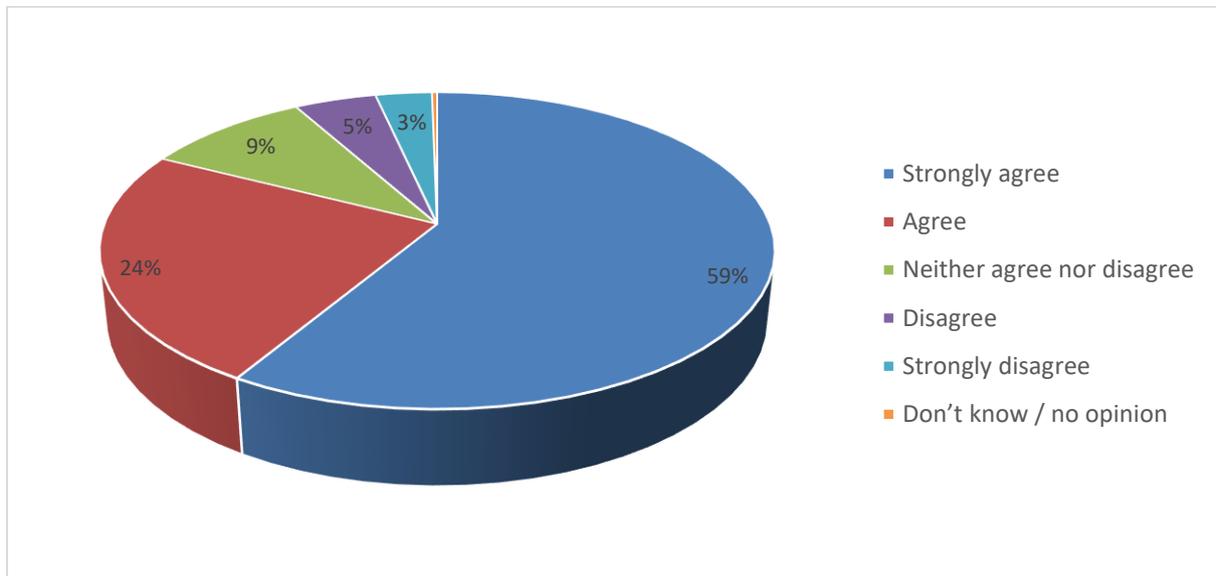
There were 693 responses to this question.

Nearly all respondents (99%) agree that dog walkers on the public highway should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s.

Looking at the graph below, it is evident that dog owners, non-dog owners, and professional dog walkers all agree that dog walkers on the public highway should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s.



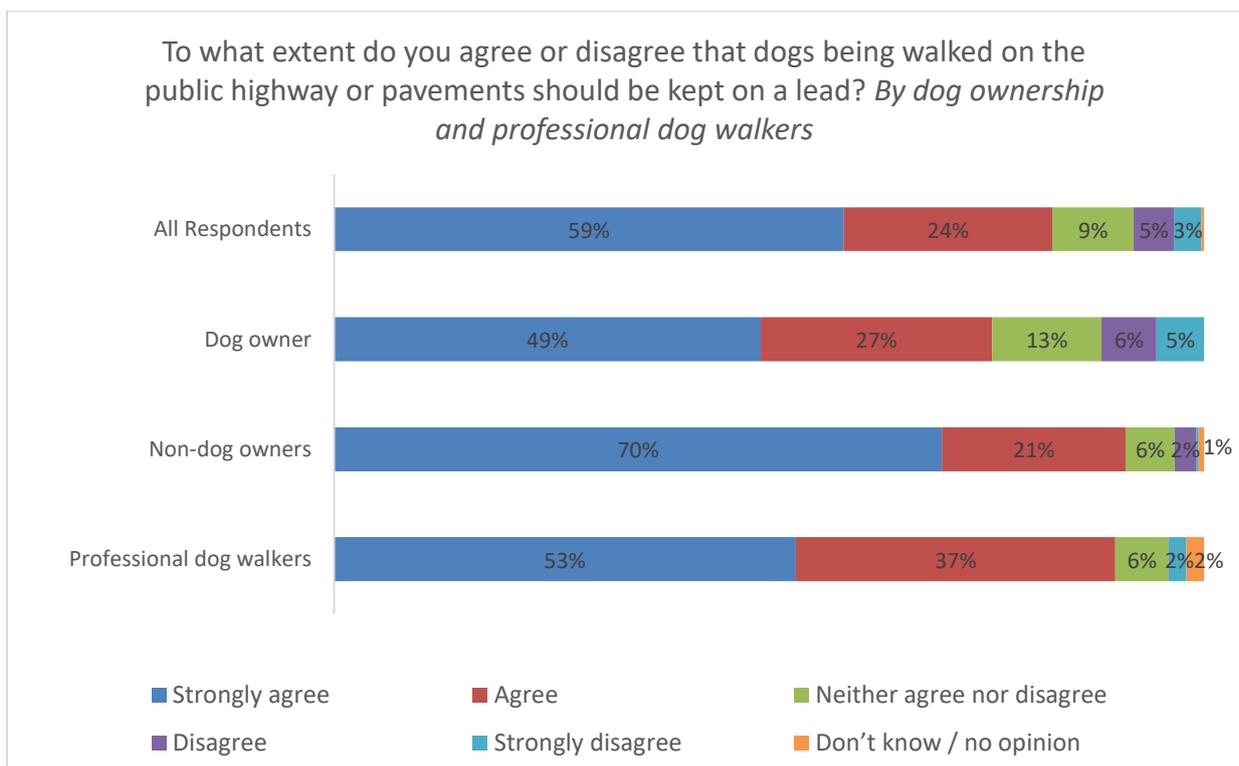
**Question 20: To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be kept on a lead?**



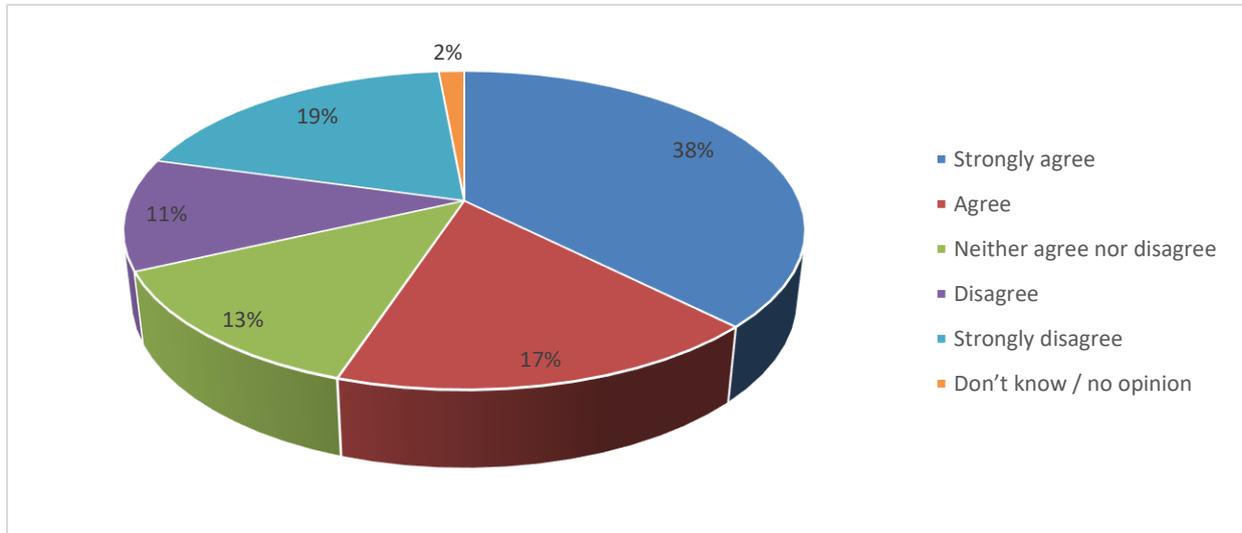
There were 693 responses to this question.

Of these, over four in five respondents (83%) agree or strongly agree that that dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be kept on a lead.

Looking at the graph below, it is evident that dog owners, non-dog owners, and professional dog walkers all agree that dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be kept on a lead – although support is strongest amongst non-dog owners at 91%.



**Question 21: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the number of dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements by an individual should be limited to a maximum of four dogs?**

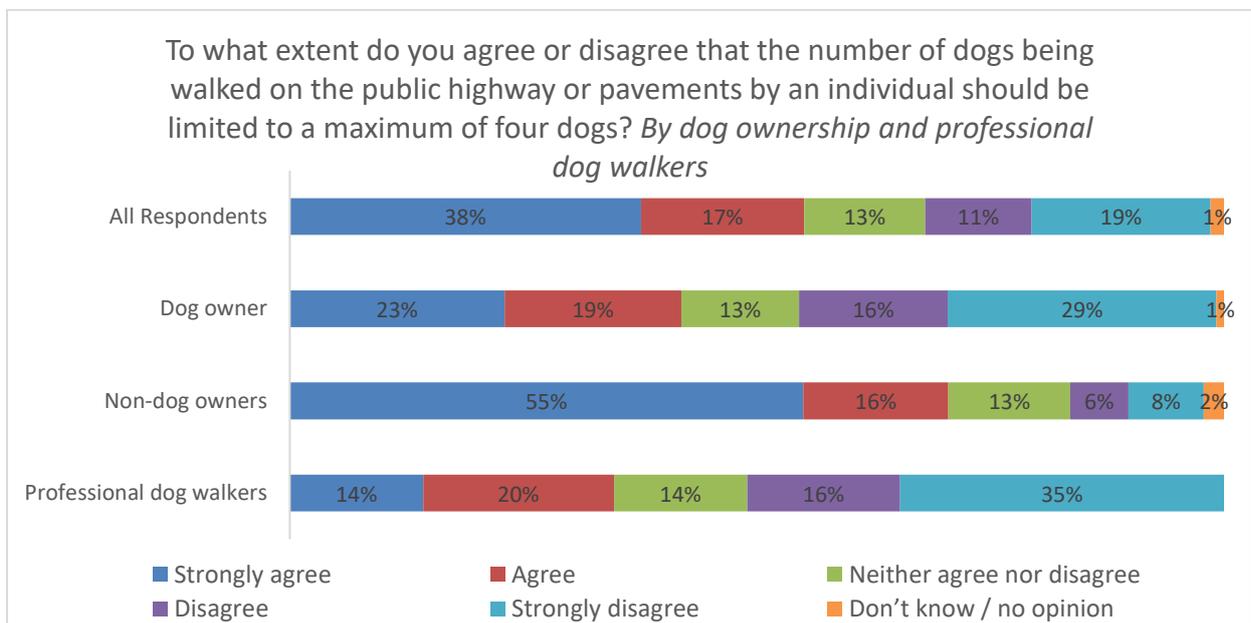


There were 694 responses to this question.

Observing the graph above, over half of respondents (55%) agree or strongly agree that the number of dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be limited to a maximum of four dogs.

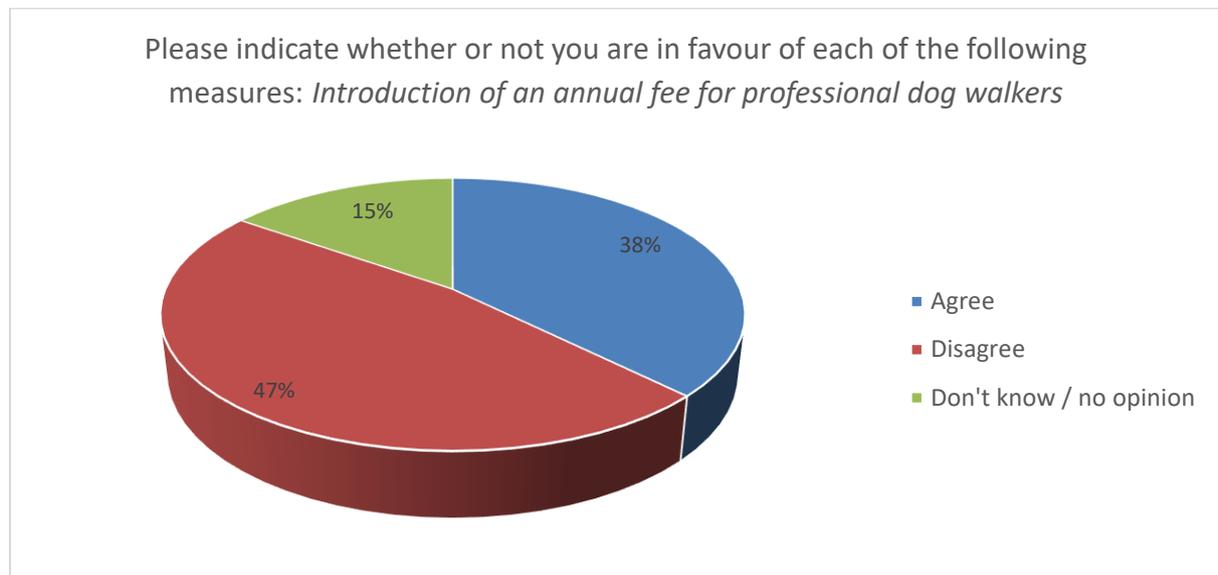
However, looking at the graph below, under half of respondents (45%) who identified themselves as a dog owner disagree with this measure, while over half of respondents (51%) who identified themselves as a professional dog walker also disagree.

Conversely, over seven in ten respondents (71%) who indicated that they do not own a dog agree with the proposal – with over half (55%) strongly agreeing.



## Walking multiple dogs

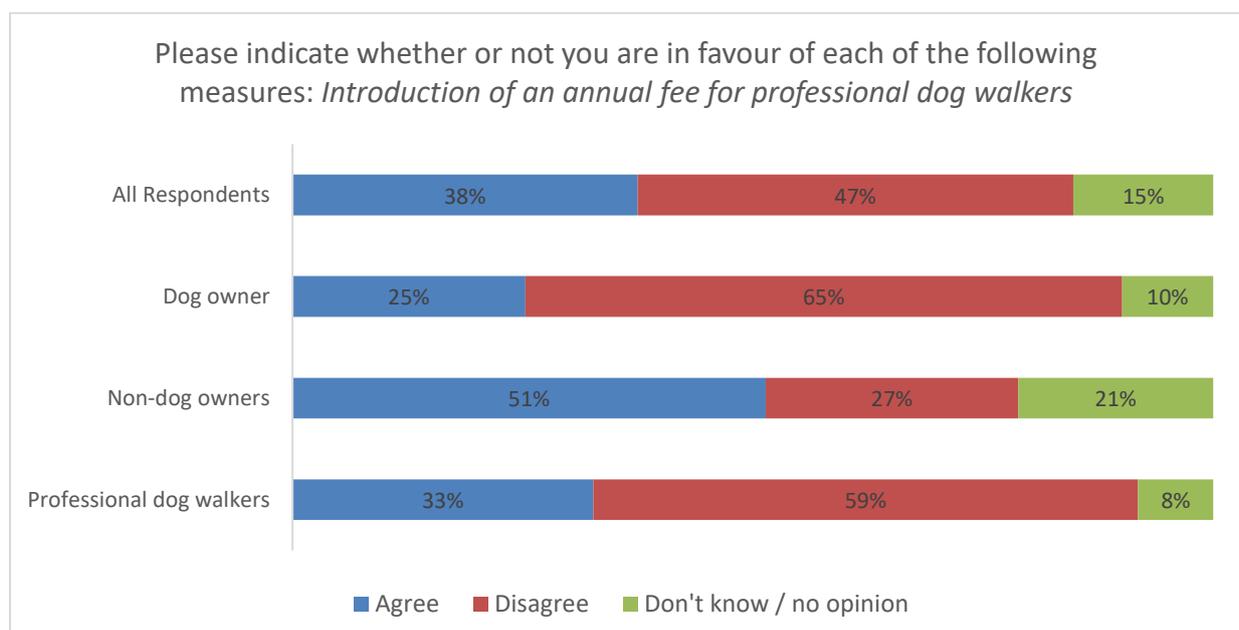
**Question 22a: Please indicate whether or not you are in favour of each of the following measures – *Introduction of an annual fee for professional dog walkers***



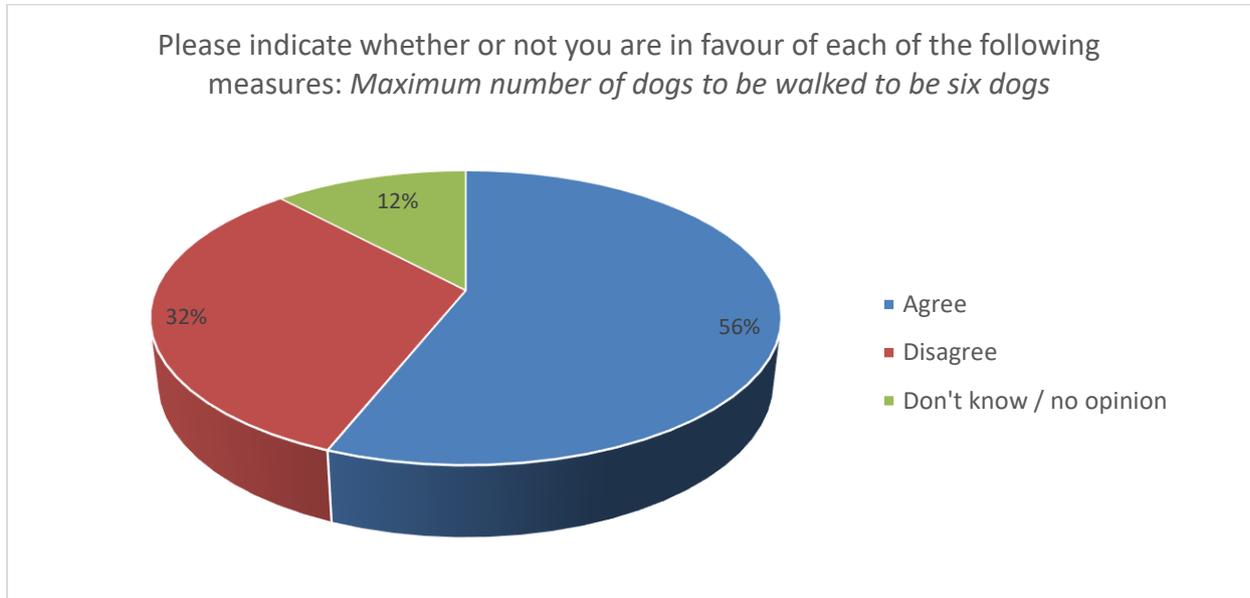
There were 691 responses to this question.

Looking at the graph above, nearly half of respondents (47%) disagree with the measure to introduce an annual fee for professional dog walkers.

However, observing the graph below, it is apparent that two-thirds of respondents (65%) who indicated that they own a dog disagree with the proposal, while three in five professional dog walkers (59%) also disagree. Conversely, over half of respondents (51%) who do not own a dog agree with the measures.



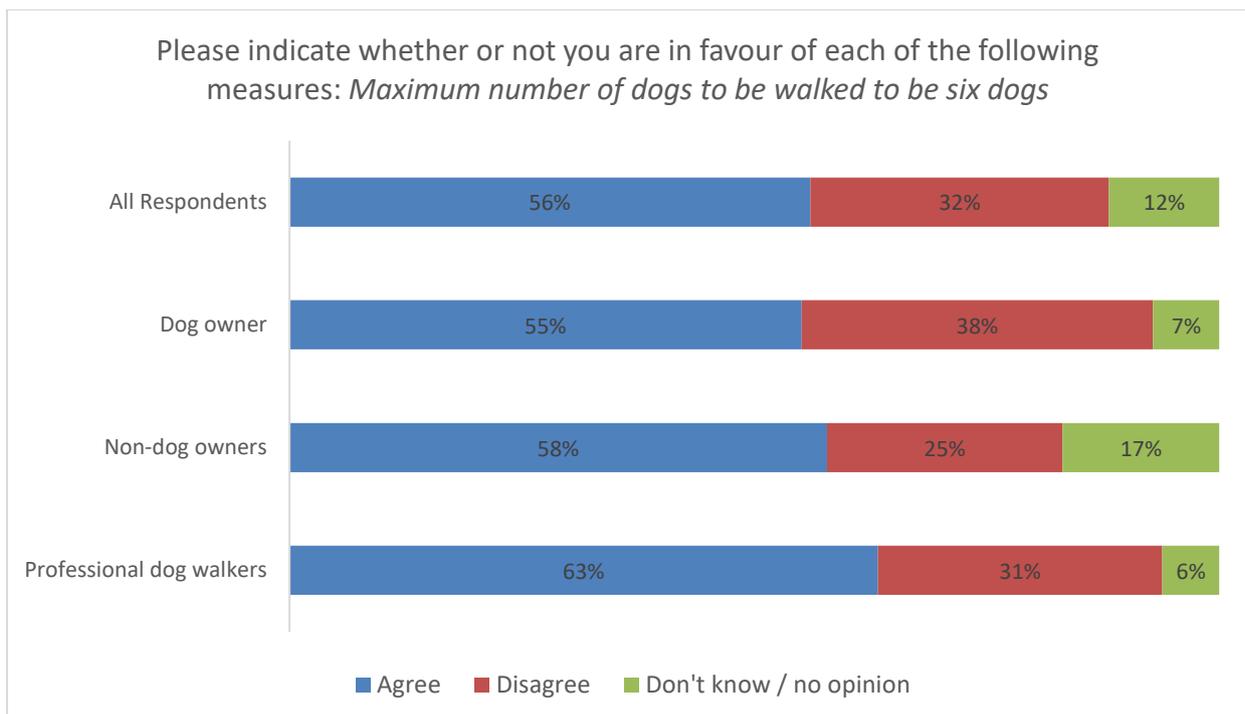
**Question 22b: Please indicate whether or not you are in favour of each of the following measures – *Maximum number of dogs to be walked to be six dogs***



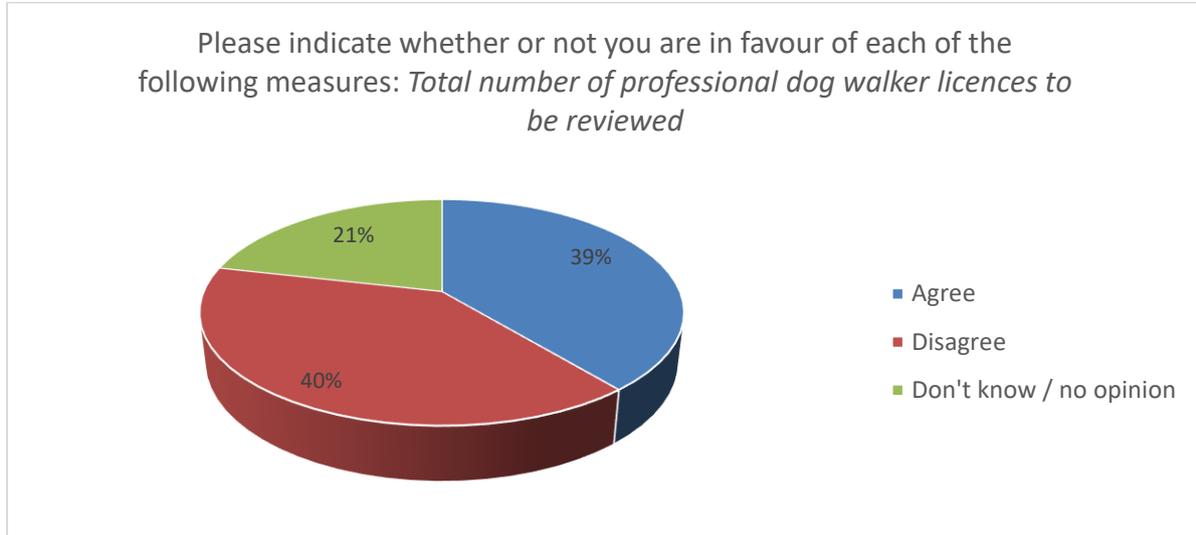
There were 691 responses to this question.

As evident in the graph above, over half of respondents (56%) agree with the measure to set the maximum number of dogs to be walked to be six, while under a third (32%) disagreed.

By looking at the graph below, it is apparent that dog owners, those that do not own dogs, and professional dog walkers all agree with the proposed measure – with the strongest support coming from professional dog walkers (63%)



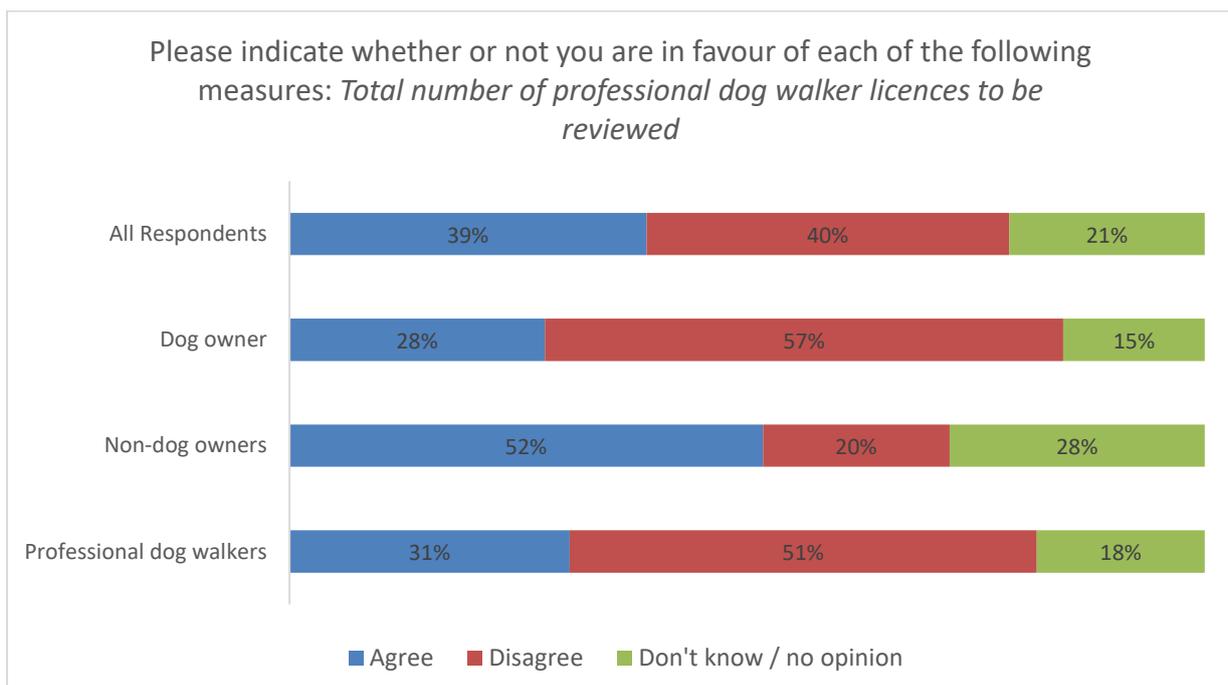
**Question 22c: Please indicate whether or not you are in favour of each of the following measures – Total number of professional dog walker licences to be reviewed**



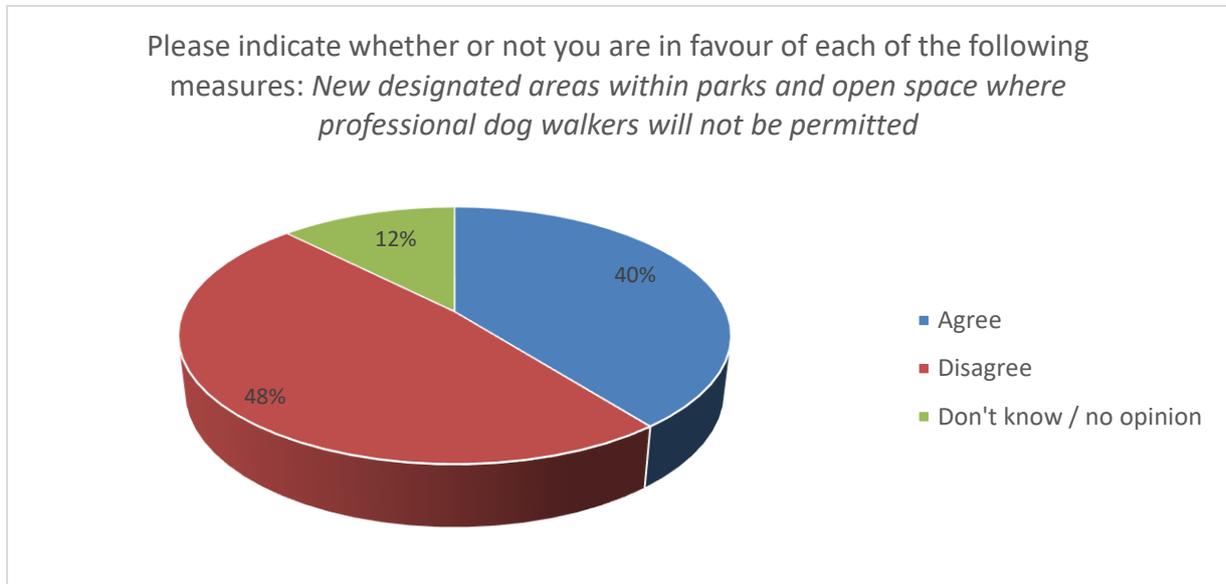
There were 687 responses to this question.

Looking at the graph above, the overall results show that opinion was fairly split, with exactly two in five respondents (40%) saying they disagree, while 39% agree with the measure to review the total number of professional dog walker licences.

However, observing the graph below, it is apparent that over half of respondents (57%) who indicated that they either own a dog or said they were a professional dog walker disagree with the measure. Conversely, over half of respondents (52%) who do not own a dog agree with the measure.



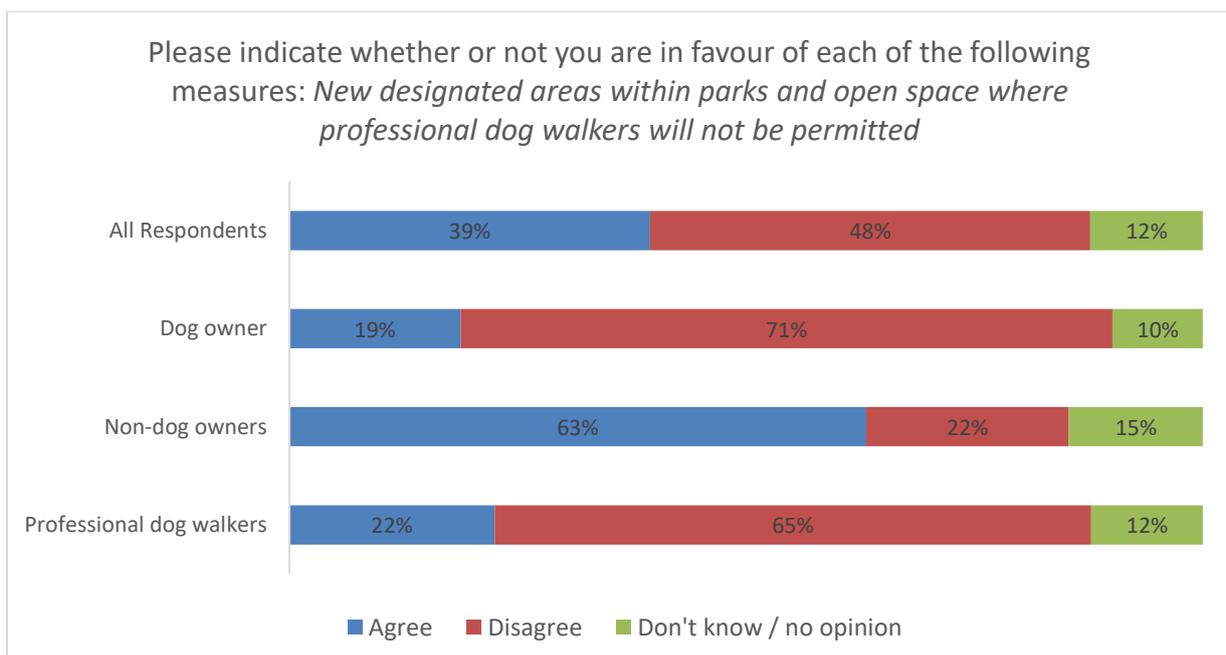
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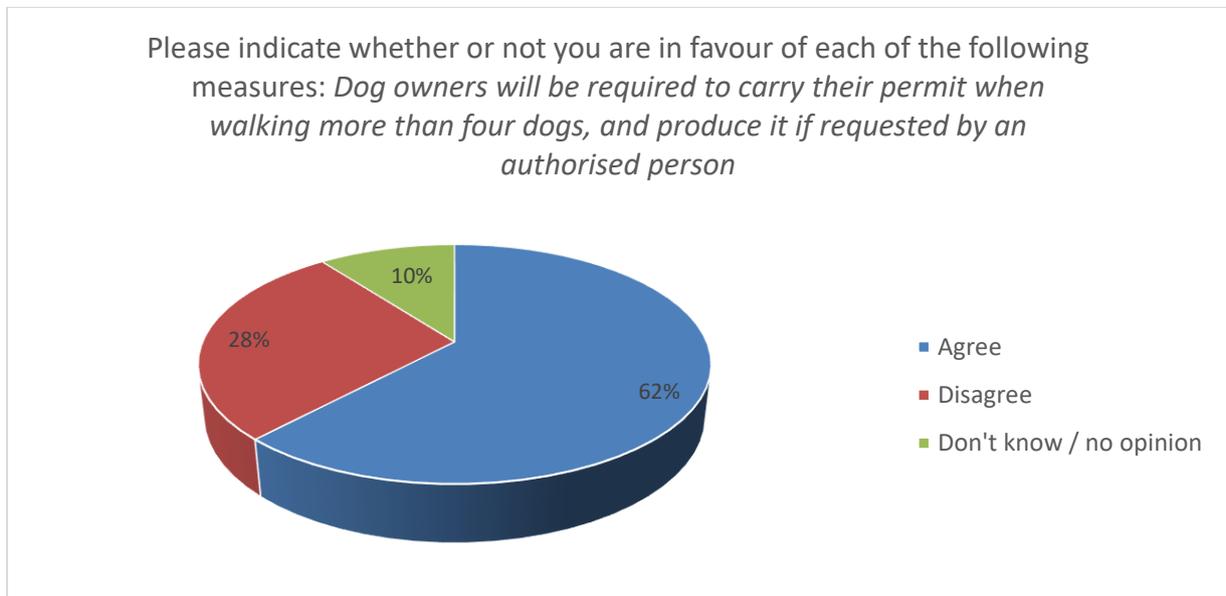
There were 689 responses to this question.

As evident in the graph above, nearly half of respondents (48%) disagree with the measure for new designated areas within parks and open spaces where professional dog walkers will not be permitted.

However, when the data is filtered by group, as demonstrated in the graph below, the results are more nuanced. Seven in ten dog owners (71%) and two-thirds of professional dog walkers (65%) indicated that they disagree with the proposed measures. Alternatively, just under two-thirds of people (63%) who do not own a dog agree with the proposal.



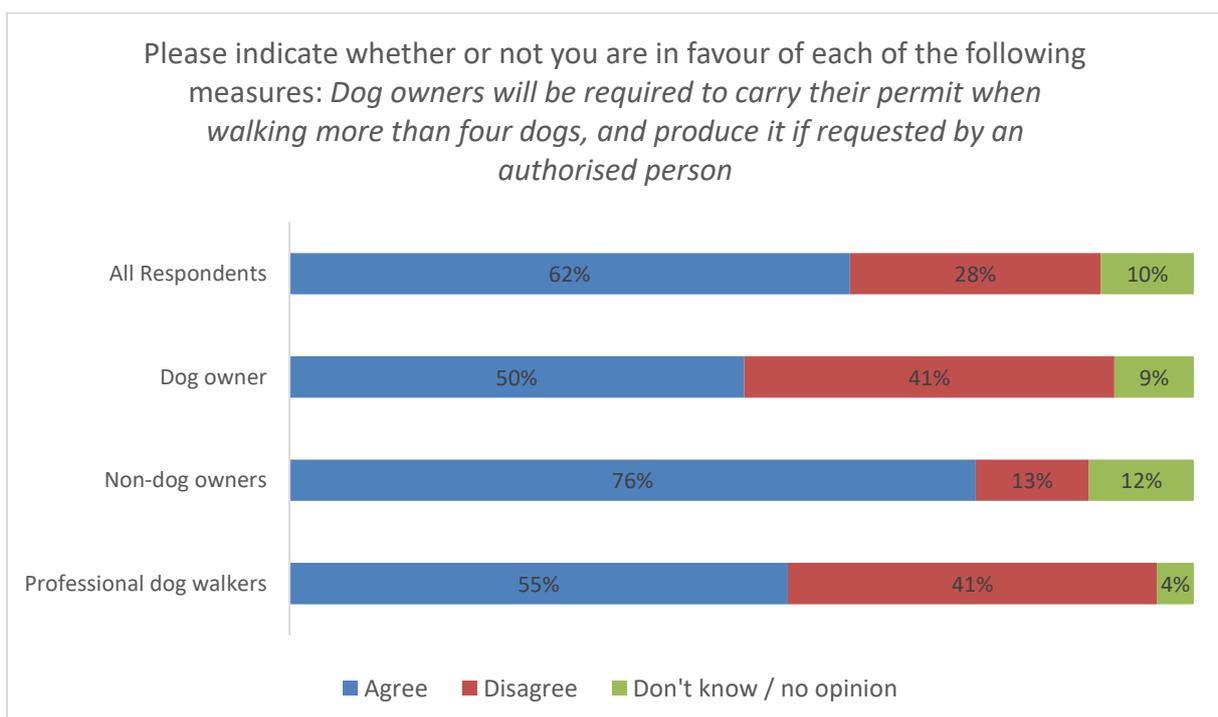
**Question 22e: Please indicate whether or not you are in favour of each of the following measures – *Dog owners will be required to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs, and produce it if requested by an authorised person***



There were 689 responses to this question.

Observing the graph above, over three in five respondents (62%) agree with the proposal to require dog owners to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs.

By looking at the graph below, it is apparent that at least half of dog owners, those that do not own dogs, and professional dog walkers all agree with the proposed measure – with the strongest support coming from non-dog owners (76%)



**Question 23a: Please give us any comments about the following proposals –  
Introduction of an annual fee for professional dog walkers**

356 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 16 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Disagree with the introduction of a fee	110
Agree with the introduction of a fee	70
View the fee as a council money making scheme or tax grab (incl. already pay council tax which goes towards public spaces)	51
Dog walkers do not earn a lot/ a fee will negatively impact on their livelihood	46
Mentioned that the fee will be passed down to dog owners/ dog walkers will increase their fees	38
The fee should cover administrative costs and/or park maintenance, but should not generate revenue (incl. fee needs to be justified and minimal)	30
Sceptical about how enforcement will work/ mentioned the need for enforcement	12
Feel a fee will negatively impact smaller/ independent dog walkers	9
The introduction of a fee will result in a reduction in the number of dog walkers/ put dog walkers out of business	9
Want to know what the fee will be used for/ how will it be justified	9
There should be limits on the number of dogs people can walk (e.g. no more than four or six)	8
No opinion/ Don't know	8
Mentioned dogs being out of control and/or dangerous incidents	7
Mentioned that the fee should be the same as professional trainers	5
Mentioned issue is aggressive dogs/ aggressive breeds	4
Other	38

*NB respondents may make comments under more than one theme, so numbers of comments will not add up to number of respondents*

**Question 23b: Please give us any comments about the following proposals – *Maximum number of dogs to be walked to be six dogs***

364 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 10 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Mentioned that the maximum should be four or less (incl. six is too many)	108
Agree with the proposal	66
Depends on whether they can control the number of dogs they have in their care (incl. their experience and they know their dogs)	46
Mentioned that six dogs seems reasonable	41
Mentioned that the maximum should be eight dogs/ some professional dog walkers already have a license for eight dogs and they should not be negatively impacted	37
Depends on the size of the dog/ breed	28
Disagree with the proposal	27
Mentioned that one poorly trained dog can be worse than numerous well trained dogs being walked together	8
Depends on whether the dogs are on a lead or not	4
Other	51

**Question 23c: Please give us any comments about the following proposals – *Total number of professional dog walker licences to be reviewed***

326 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 11 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Disagree with the proposal about reviewing the number of licences	78
Agree with the proposal about reviewing the number of licences	55
Questioned the purpose of the license review/ the number of licenses issued	51
Could result in too few dog walkers (incl. demand does not meet supply, need more dog walkers, already a shortage of dog walkers)	27
Insufficient information or data has been made available to make an informed decision (e.g. how many permits currently issued, how quotas were determined, etc.)	21
Limiting the number of licenses will have a negative impact on families with dogs as well as dog welfare	20
Priority should be given to those that already have a license/ an established dog walking business	14
No opinion/ Not sure	13
The number of proposed licenses is too small (incl. council underestimates number of dog walkers)	8
Currently there are too many dog walkers/ too many dogs	5
Other	58

**Question 23d: Please give us any comments about the following proposals – *New designated areas within parks and open space where professional dog walkers will not be permitted***

357 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 12 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Disagree with the proposal to have new designated areas	103
Agree with the proposal to have new designated areas	77
Dog walkers should be permitted in the same areas as everyone else (incl. they pay their taxes/ the license fee, parks should be available to everyone)	50
Questioned the proposal and/or the specific details/ do not have enough information	48
Mentioned dogs should not be allowed in or near playgrounds/ schools/ sports pitches (incl. children need to be protected)	48
There are already dog free areas in parks and open spaces (incl. these are sufficient)	17
Proposal could cause 'congestion' in areas where dogs are allowed	16
Mentioned the need for dogs to be under control	15
Mentioned the need for enforcement/ current enforcement insufficient	14
Mentioned that some people are frightened or intimidated by dogs (incl. need to provide a safe environment)	9
Mentioned dogs being on leads	7
Other	43

**Question 23e: Please give us any comments about the following proposals – *Dog owners will be required to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs, and produce it if requested by an authorised person***

318 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 10 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Agree with the proposal that dog owners will be required to carry a permit when walking more than four dogs	164
Disagree with the proposal that dog owners will be required to carry a permit when walking more than four dogs	50
Questioned the proposal and or the specifics of the proposal	24
View the proposed measure as an intrusion (incl. comments about being a police state or authoritarian)	24
Mentioned the need for enforcement or the current lack of enforcement	17
Mentioned having a grace period to produce a license (incl. might forget to carry licence)	12
Mentioned that they do not agree with having to wear an armband/ lanyard (incl. shouldn't be required to display license at all times)	7
Mentioned the need for a digital solution (e.g. proof via an app on their mobile phone)	6
Don't know/ No opinion	4
Other	44

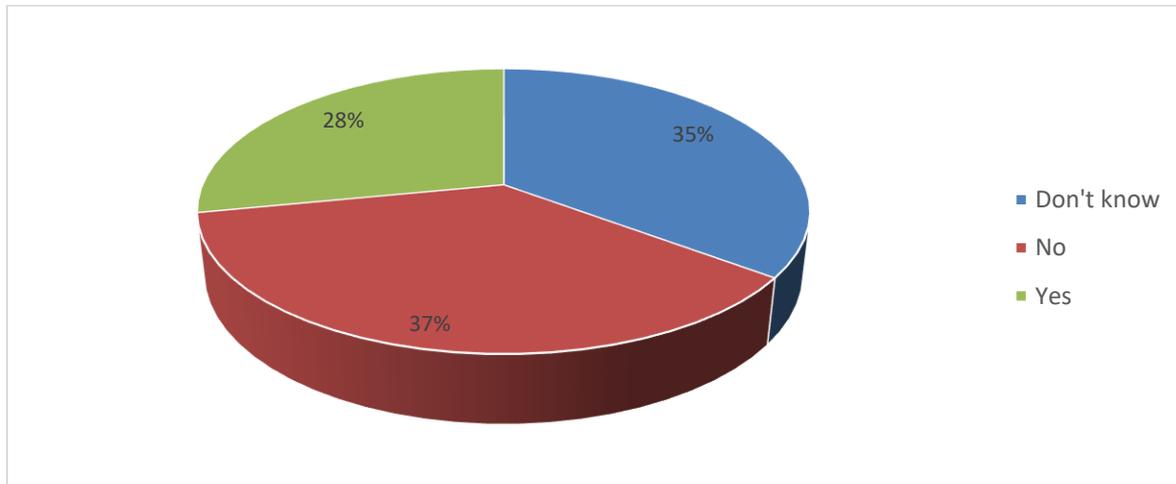
## Other considerations

### **Question 24: Please tell us if you have any other comments or suggestions about the proposed PSPOs you would like us to consider:**

306 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 23 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
General comment about enforcement and policing (incl. keeping children safe, fines for breaking rules and ability to report issues)	50
Mentioned they disagree with some or all of the proposed dog walking restrictions	36
Mentioned the need for more signage about the rules	29
No objections to responsible drinking in open spaces (e.g. family picnic, friends sharing bottle of wine)	24
Mentioned dog fouling as an issue (incl. making sure people clean up their dog mess)	20
In relation to dogs, there's a need for enforcement (incl. current lack of enforcement, ability to report issues)	19
Mentioned that the dog walking proposals will impact on the livelihoods of professional dog walkers and/or how they work (incl. their business need to be protected, those who have a license to walk 8 dogs should be allowed to continue)	18
In relation to cyclists, scooters and eBikes, there's a need for enforcement (incl. current lack of enforcement, the speed cyclists travel at)	12
Mentioned cyclists, bikes or scooters exhibiting anti-social behaviour (incl. not following the rules, driving on the pavement speeding)	12
No further comment or opinion	12
Mentioned issues in relation to rubbish and litter (incl. provide more bins)	11
Disagree with dog walking being associated or 'lumped' with other anti-social behaviours	9
Mentioned issues relating to human waste (e.g. human faeces, condoms, urine, vomit, wet wipes, etc.)	9
Mentioned that dog walkers are good for the community and for dogs themselves	9
Stated that they think the proposals are too heavy handed or authoritarian (incl. comments requesting that the Council does not become overzealous)	9
Mentioned a need to tackle people drinking and/or drunken behaviour	8
Mentioned that noise pollution was an issue (incl. people playing loud music in parks)	7
Everyone has a right to enjoy parks and open space (incl. people need to use their own judgement)	7
Disagree with the proposals (non-specific)	6
Mentioned the need for dogs to be under control	6
Highlighted issues with smoking or mentioned that smoking cigarettes should be banned	5
Agree with the proposals (non-specific)	3
Other	62

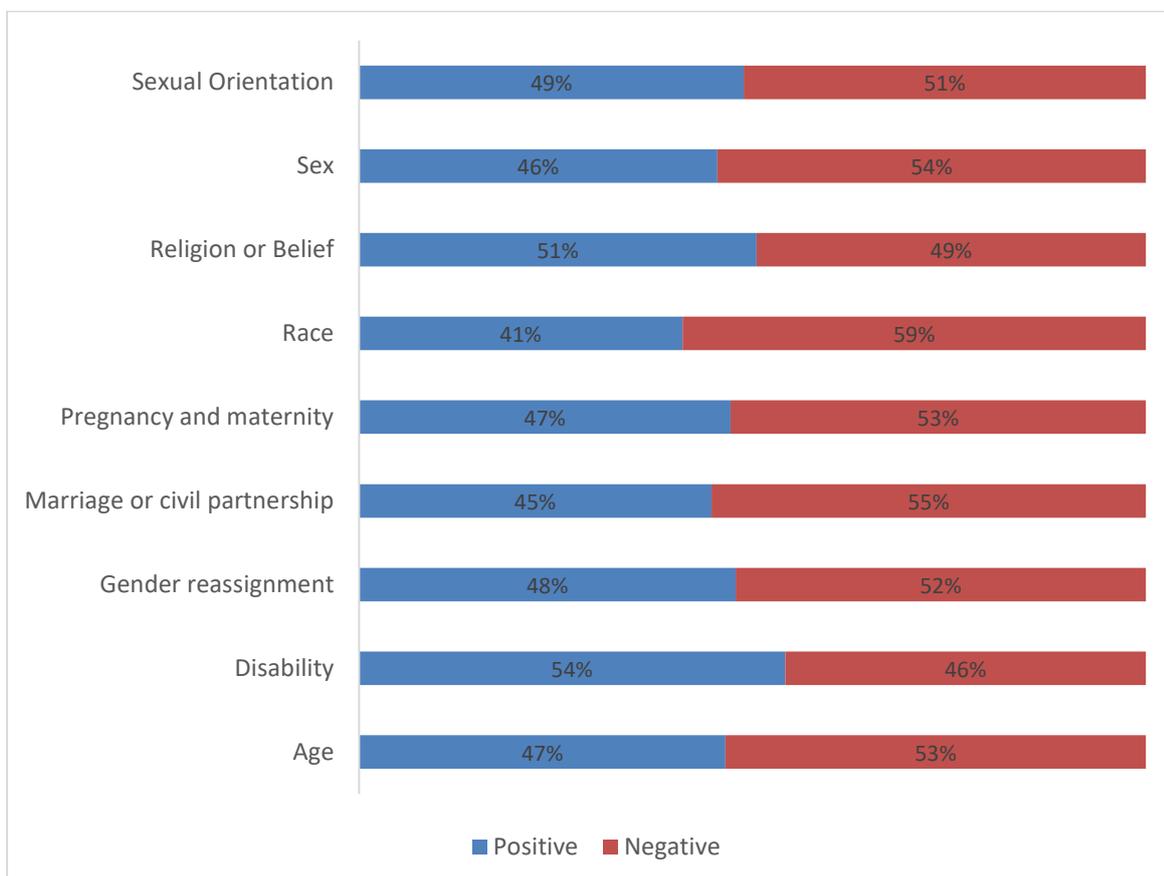
**Question 25: Do you think the proposed prohibitions may have an impact, either positive or negative, on any group of people with a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010?**



There were 672 responses to this question.

Over seven in ten respondents (72%) either don't know or don't think that the proposed prohibitions may have an impact on any group with a protected characteristic.

**Question 26a: Please tell us whether you think the proposed prohibitions will have a positive or negative impact on groups with the following protected characteristics:**



**Question 26b: Please tell us whether you think the proposed prohibitions will have a positive or negative impact on groups with the following protected characteristics – *If you wish to expand on your answer please do so here:***

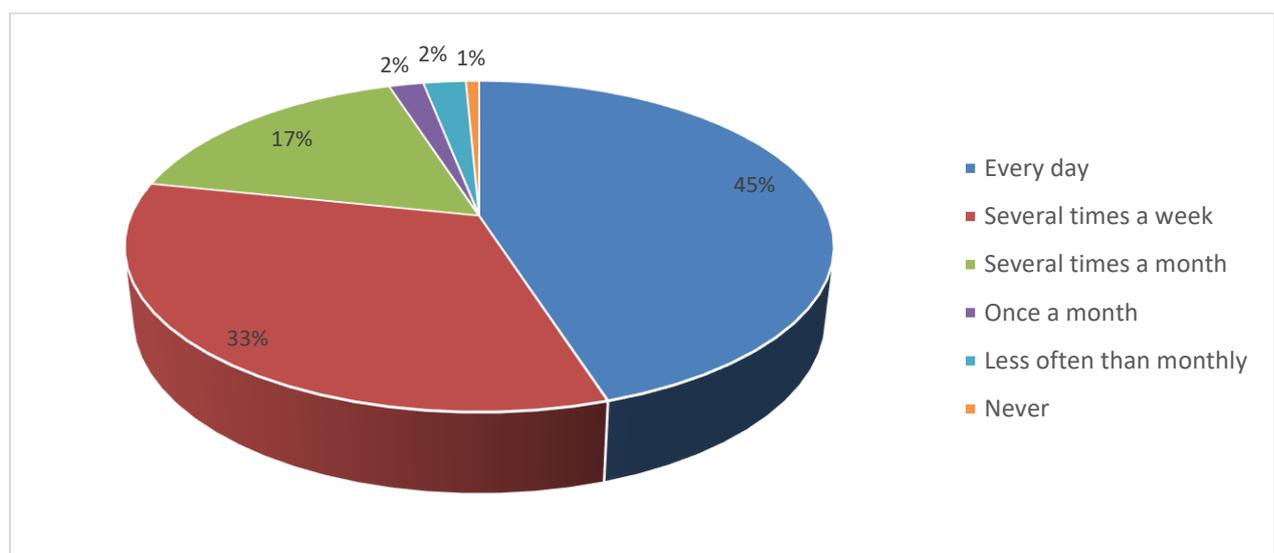
52 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 5 main themes were identified. These are illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
Proposals negatively impact dog walkers who have a protected characteristic	15
People with protected characteristics are more likely to need a dog walker/ proposals will make it difficult	9
These proposals will impact other vulnerable groups such as veterans, homeless, people, minority group, people with disabilities, young people, etc.	6
People who are vulnerable are more susceptible to substance misuse	3
Other	21

*NB respondents may make comments under more than one theme, so numbers of comments will not add up to number of respondents*

## Your experience

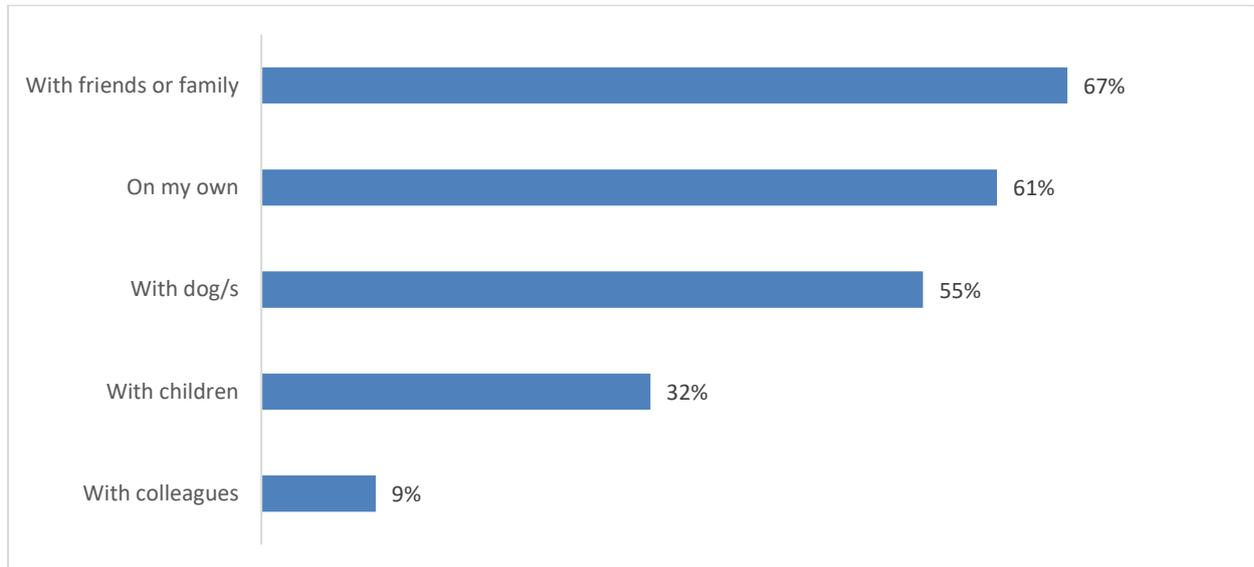
**Question 27: How often do you visit parks in the London Borough of Wandsworth?**



There were 692 responses to this question.

Of these, over two-fifths of respondents (45%) visit parks every day and a further third (33%) say they visit several times a week.

**Question 28: If you visit parks in the borough, who do you visit with?**



There were 686 responses to this question.

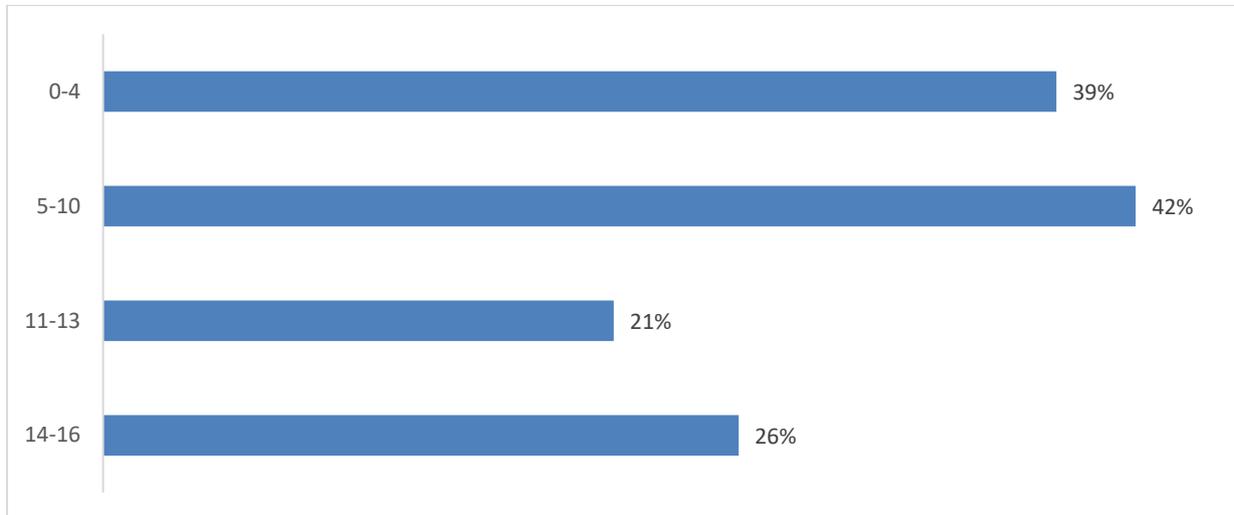
Of these, respondents are most likely to visit parks with friends or family (67%), on their own (61%) or with dog/s (55%). A third also visit with children (32%).

In the 'other' box beneath this question 15 respondents gave a comment. When these comments were analysed, 4 main themes were identified. This is illustrated in the table below.

Theme	Number of comments
With dog(s) (incl. dog walker visits)	6
With a local group or club (incl. fitness/ sports/ charity/ volunteering)	5
With family members	3
Other	1

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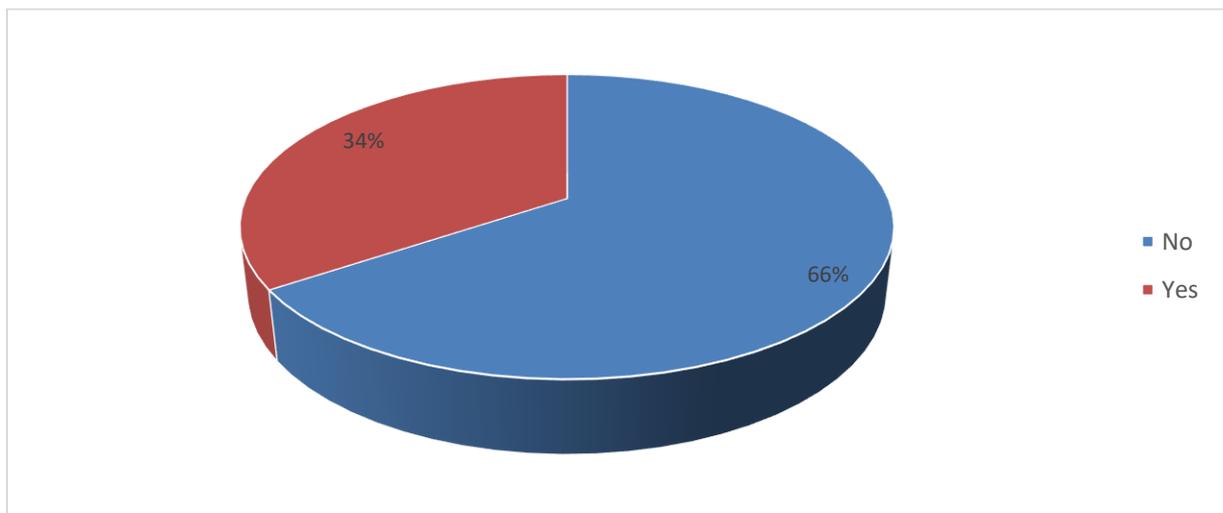
**Question 29: If you have children aged 16 or under, please tell us their ages:**



There were 216 responses to this question.

The ages of respondents' children are fairly evenly spread, although there is a slightly higher proportion of ages 0-10.

**Question 30: Do you ride a bicycle in Wandsworth borough parks?**

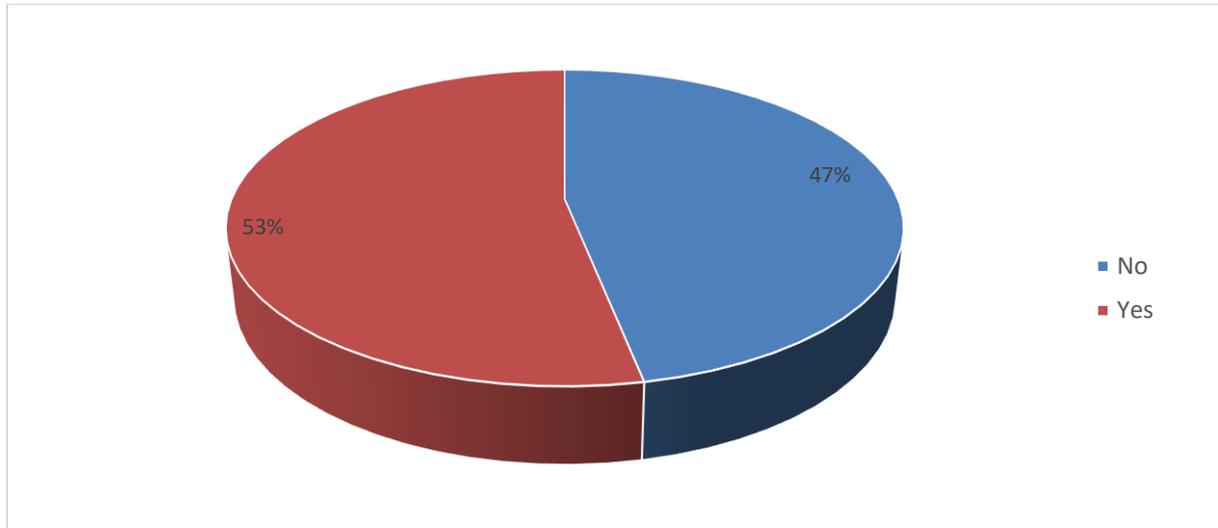


There were 671 responses to this question.

Of these, two-thirds of respondents (66%) do not ride bicycles in Wandsworth borough parks.

## Dog ownership

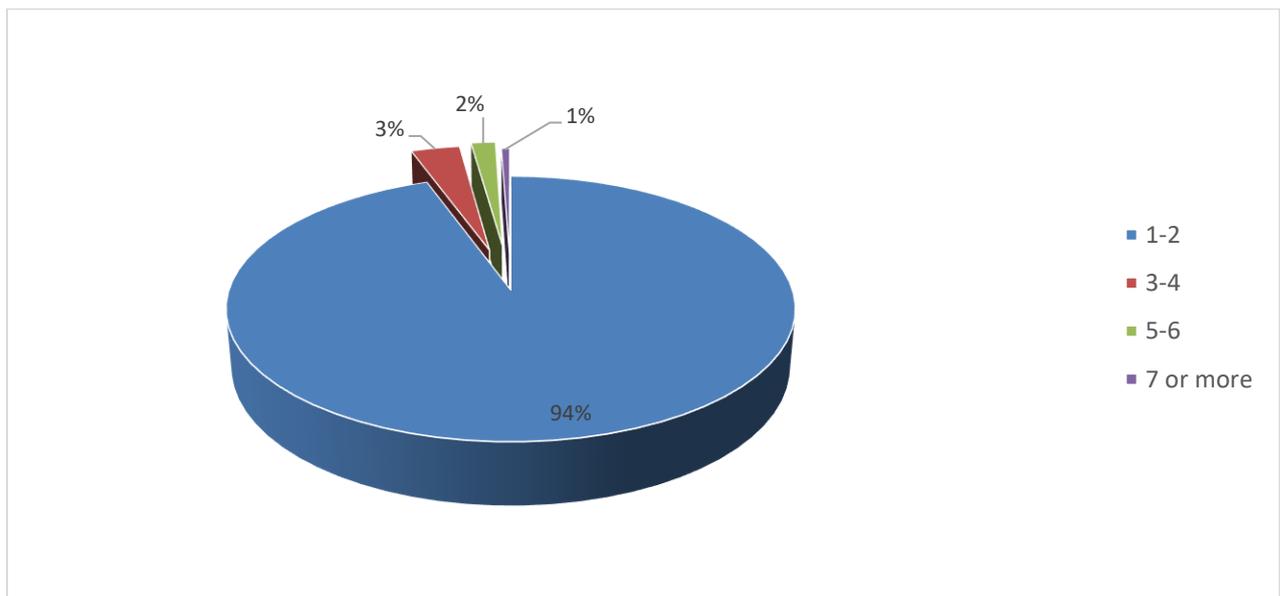
### Question 31: Are you a dog owner?



There were 687 responses to this question.

Of these, slightly over half of respondents (53%) say they are dog owners.

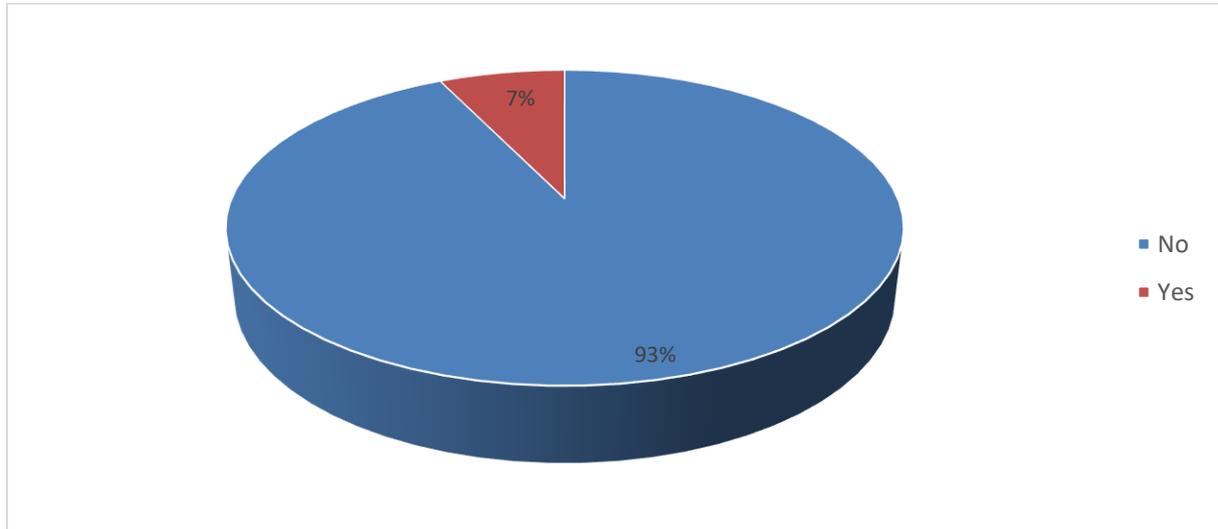
### Question 32: If yes, how many dogs do you own?



There were 365 responses to this question.

Of these, over nine in ten respondents (94%) say they have one or two dogs.

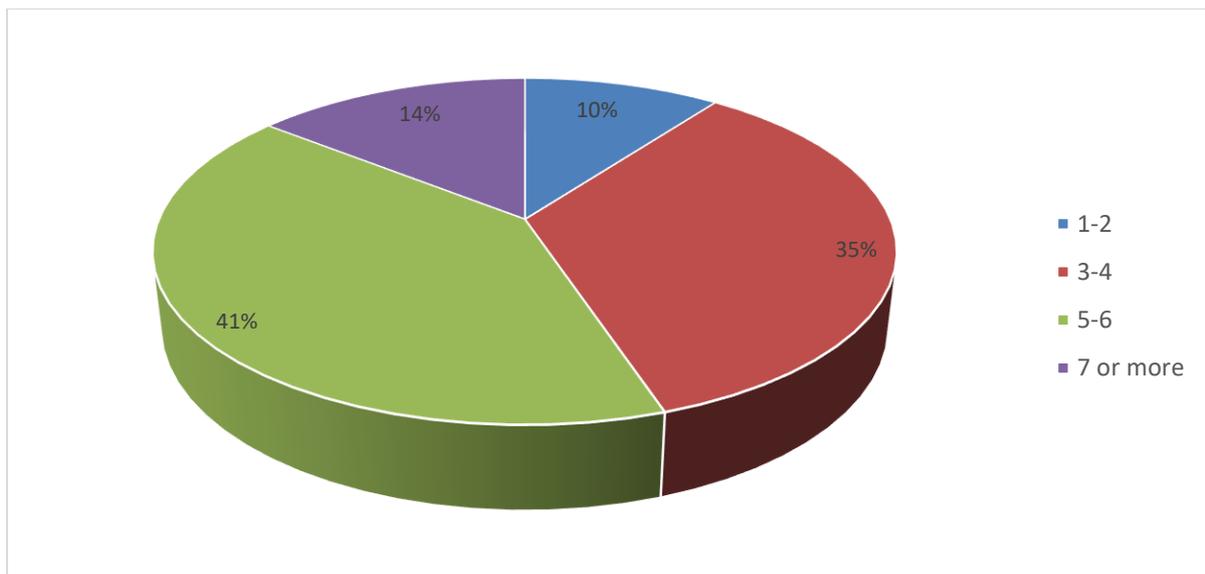
**Question 33: Are you a professional dog walker?**



There were 683 responses to this question.

Of these, less than one in ten respondents (7%) say they are a professional dog walker.

**Question 34: If yes, what is the maximum number of dogs you walk at a time?**



There were 49 responses to this question.

Of these, 45% say they walk between one and four dogs, while 86% walk between one and six dogs.

## 7. Demographic Profile

The table below shows the composition of the consultation sample.

Demographic	Sample base (Unweighted)	Proportion (Unweighted %)
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	226	33%
Female	410	60%
Prefer not to say	43	6%
Prefer to self-describe	2	0%
<i>Base: 681 respondents</i>		
<b>What was your age last birthday?</b>		
19 and under	1	0%
20 – 24	2	0%
25 – 34	94	14%
35 – 44	163	24%
45 – 54	148	22%
55 – 64	126	19%
65 – 74	69	10%
75+	29	4%
Prefer not to say	48	7%
<i>Base: 680 respondents</i>		
<b>Do you consider yourself to have a disability?</b>		
Yes	52	8%
No	573	84%
Prefer not to say	54	8%
<i>Base: 679 respondents</i>		
<b>How would you describe your ethnic group?</b>		
White	516	76%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	34	5%
Asian or Asian British	17	2%
Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British	7	1%
Prefer not to say	95	14%
Any other ethnic group	12	2%
<i>Base: 681 respondents</i>		

<b>Please indicate your sexual orientation:</b>		
Heterosexual / straight	470	70%
Gay man	40	6%
Gay woman / lesbian	11	2%
Bisexual	13	2%
Prefer not to say	123	18%
Prefer to self-describe:	13	2%
<i>Base: 670 respondents</i>		
<b>Do you belong to a religion or faith group?</b>		
No	368	55%
Yes, Christian	176	26%
Yes, Buddhist	5	1%
Yes, Hindu	0	0%
Yes, Jewish	7	1%
Yes, Muslim	10	1%
Yes, Sikh	0	0%
Prefer not to say	103	15%
Yes, other (please specify):	4	1%
<i>Base: 673 respondents</i>		

## Appendix 1: Consultation material



### What are PSPOs?

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are an element of legislation introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the 2014 Act) to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in a flexible and responsive way.

A PSPO prohibits specific activities within a defined area and/or requires specified things to be done by persons carrying on specified activities in that area. It is intended to deal with particular nuisances or problems that are detrimental to the local community's quality of life and ensure that people can use and enjoy public spaces safe from ASB.

Under Section 67 of the 2014 Act, it is a criminal offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a PSPO; or fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a PSPO. A person convicted of such an offence faces a maximum fine of up to £1,000.

It is not however an offence to consume alcohol in breach of a PSPO but under Section 63(6) it is an offence, without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with a requirement imposed on a person e.g. to cease drinking or to surrender alcohol. A person convicted of such an offence faces a maximum fine of up to £500.

Alternatively, breaches of PSPOs are commonly dealt with through the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Where a FPN is issued, provided the fixed penalty is paid within 14 days, a person is no longer liable to prosecution. The fixed penalty under the existing PSPO is, set at £100, reduced to £75 if paid within 10 days.

## **Background**

In 2020 Wandsworth Council implemented a borough wide PSPO allowing council authorised persons as well as the police, to take action against people found drinking alcohol or consuming Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) (Nitrous Oxide) and causing anti-social behaviour in a public space. The Order also covered various dog controls in public places across the Borough, including parks and open spaces. This PSPO will expire in October 2023.



## **What's being proposed and why?**

It is proposed that the 2020 Order is not extended but instead a new two-year borough-wide PSPO is introduced to address:

1. Alcohol related anti-social behaviour
2. Possession and consumption of Novel Psychoactive Substances (Nitrous Oxide) in a public space
3. Lack of dog control across the borough and in our parks and open spaces

The proposed PSPO will largely include the same prohibitions and restrictions which applied under the 2020 Order, but the opportunity has been taken to refresh the PSPO.

### **1 Anti-social behaviour caused by drinking alcohol in a public space**

Alcohol related ASB can quickly escalate and have a significant and lasting impact upon communities. Whilst most residents, visitors or people living and working in the borough drink socially and behave responsibly, their right to enjoyment of our public spaces can be threatened by those who behave in an anti-social manner.

The proposed PSPO would not prohibit responsible drinking in public spaces, only problematic ASB drinking causing a nuisance to others.

If a person consumes alcohol in a public space and causes, or is likely to cause nuisance or annoyance to any other person, s/he will breach the PSPO. Whilst this, in itself, will not be an offence, s/he can be required by an authorised person to stop drinking and surrender the alcohol or the container for alcohol. It will be a criminal offence to fail to comply with such a requirement.

## **2 Use of Novel Psychoactive Substances in a public space**

Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) have become commonly known as 'legal highs', and they contain one or more chemical substances which produce similar effects to illegal drugs, for example Nitrous Oxide, better known as 'laughing gas'.

In May 2016, the Psychoactive Substances Act became law, however the Act does not make it an offence to be in possession of or to misuse NPS, unless a PSPO is in place to prohibit such activity.

The misuse of NPS in the UK is growing and more people are purchasing these drugs online than ever before, with associated negative effects on the physical and mental health of users.

The proposed PSPO will prohibit the consumption and/or possession of NPS in a public space. It will be a criminal offence to consume or be in possession of NPS. An authorised person may require a person to stop consuming NPS or to surrender it. It will be a criminal offence to fail to comply with such a requirement.

## **3 Dog Control in parks and open spaces**

In September 2009, the Council made Dog Control Orders (DCOs) in respect of all parks and open spaces across the borough. The 2014 Act abolished DCOs but existing DCOs were converted, after 3 years to PSPOs.

The 2020 PSPO imposed the following dog controls in relation to parks and open spaces:

- **Fouling of land by dogs** – an offence is committed when the person in charge of a dog fails to remove faeces deposited by the dog
- **Areas where dogs are required to be on leads** – an offence is committed when the person in charge of a dog fails to keep the dog on a lead (for example car parks and café outdoor seating areas)
- **Areas where an authorised person can require a person in charge of a dog to put and keep the dog on a lead** – it is an offence to fail to comply with such a requirement
- **The exclusion of dogs from specified areas** – an offence for the person in charge of a dog to take it onto a dog exclusion area, or permit it to enter or remain in an such an area (eg formal / fenced playgrounds and lakes and ponds)
- **The maximum number of dogs that an individual may take onto specified areas** – an offence is committed when the person in charge of the dogs takes more than the permitted number into such an area

Each public space in the Borough, including parks and open spaces, is different and as such, the dog controls imposed was determined having regard to the size and nature of each.

A review of each open space has been carried out to consider any changes that may be necessary since the DCOs were made in 2009.

For the purposes of Dog Control in parks and open spaces within this new PSPO sites also include Leisure Centre outdoor spaces and the Town Hall car park and gardens - please see full list of open spaces [here](#).



***PLEASE NOTE: A review of the current licensing scheme for multiple dog walkers (professional and owners) has been carried out and we are consulting on proposed amendments to the scheme which was introduced in 2005. Please see the 'Walking Multiple Dogs' section of the survey to give us your views on this.***

#### **4 Dog Control on public highways and pavements**

The new Order imposes certain restrictions on walking of dogs on-streets etc borough-wide. These apply to all public highways and associated gutters, public footpaths and pavements, tree bases, grass verges and grass amenity areas adjacent to highways.

For these areas, the following restrictions would apply:

- **Fouling of land by dogs** – an offence is committed when the person in charge of a dog fails to remove faeces deposited by the dog
- **Areas where dogs are required to be on leads** – an offence is committed when the person in charge of a dog fails to keep the dog on a lead
- **The maximum number of dogs that an individual may take onto specified areas** – an offence is committed when the person in charge of the dogs takes more than the permitted number into such an area

*Please note: The dog controls in the proposed PSPO will not apply to Council Housing land, as separate Dog Byelaws are in place regulating dogs in those areas.*



### **Why are we consulting?**

The 2014 Act requires the Council to carry out the necessary consultation and necessary publicity before making a PSPO and to consider the potential impact of any proposals.

The Equality Impact Needs Assessment (EINA) [here](#) explains the potential impacts the proposed PSPO would have on groups with protected characteristics. The proposal however largely mirrors those included in the 2020 PSPO which will remain in force until October 2023.

We would like to hear the views of residents and businesses in the Borough, as well as others who visit the Borough for work or leisure but who live outside it, so we can take all views into account before making any decisions.

We will also consult with the following organisations about the proposed PSPOS:

- Metropolitan Police Service
- Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
- Transport for London
- Local Landlords and Resident Associations
- Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement District members
- Wandsworth Business Action on Crime
- Neighbourhood Watch Groups

With regards to the dog controls included in the proposed PSPO the following organisations will also be consulted as part of the wider engagement:

- Enable Leisure & Culture (who manage Wandsworth Parks)
- Parks Friends Groups and Management Advisory Committees
- Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators
- Battersea Cats and Dogs Home
- Dogs Trust
- Kennel Club
- Local community groups and societies

### **Have your say**

We would like to hear your views on any aspect of the proposed PSPO.

Please read the [EINA](#) and the [proposed Order](#) before giving us your views using the online survey below.

If you need the questionnaire in paper or any other format, please contact us at [consultationwandsworthpspo@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:consultationwandsworthpspo@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk) or 0208 871 8266.

### **What happens next?**

All responses to the consultation will be analysed and carefully considered before being reported to Full Council later in the year.

If implemented, the PSPO would be introduced for two years but reviewed on a regular basis and could be extended for up to three years.

## **Privacy**

All the information you provide will be treated in strict confidence and will only be used for the purposes of this consultation. The Council will do all we can to respect your privacy and to protect the personal information we acquire through responses to our consultations. You can read the Council's Privacy Notice here:

[Wandsworth Council's Privacy Notice](#)

## Your response

**1** What is the main capacity in which you are responding to this consultation?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- I live in Wandsworth borough
- I work/study in Wandsworth borough
- I am a visitor to Wandsworth borough
- I'm responding on behalf of a local group or organisation
- None of the above / other

**2** What is your postcode?

*(Required)*

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## Local group or organisation

**3** Which group or organisation are you responding on behalf of?

## Your response continued

**4** In what other capacity are you responding to this consultation?

## Anti-social behaviour caused by drinking alcohol in a public space

**5** Have you come across any of the following behaviours (caused by drinking alcohol) in a London Borough of Wandsworth public space?

- Drunken and disorderly behaviour
  - Threats
  - Verbal abuse
  - Harrassment / intimidation
- Yes
  - No

## Impacts

**6** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the alcohol-related behaviours you have come across have had a detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## Behaviours

**7** Which of the following behaviours do you consider have had the most detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?

*Please select all that apply*

- Drunken and disorderly behaviour
- Threats
- Verbal abuse
- Harassment and intimidation
- 

Please use the space below to tell us more information about how these behaviours have affected you or others:

## Problematic alcohol use

**8** Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address problematic alcohol use in all public open spaces within the London Borough of Wandsworth?

*Please note: The proposed PSPO would not prohibit responsible drinking in public spaces, only problematic drinking causing a nuisance to others.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

## Disagree

**9** Please tell us why you disagree with the proposal:

## Prohibitions

**10** Do you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed prohibitions?

*1 It shall be an offence for any person to refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by a police officer or authorised officer in order to prevent public nuisance or disorder, unless he/she has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

*2 Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the requirements of this Order commits an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale. (Currently up to £1,000)*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

## Use of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) in a public space

**11** Have you come across any of the following behaviours (caused by use of novel psychoactive substances eg nitrous oxide) in a London Borough of Wandsworth public space?

- Gathering for the purpose of using drugs
  - Littering of drug-related paraphernalia eg small plastic bags or silver cylinders
  - Verbal abuse
  - Harrassment / intimidation
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- Yes
  - No

## Impacts

**12** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the drug-related behaviours you have come across have had a detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## Behaviours

**13** Which of the following behaviours do you consider have had the most detrimental effect on you or others in the local area?

*Please select all that apply*

- Gathering for the purposes of using drugs
- Littering of drug-related paraphernalia
- Verbal abuse
- Harassment and intimidation

Please use the space below to tell us more information about how these behaviours have affected you or others:

## Problematic NPS use

**14** Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to implement a PSPO to address the use of novel psychoactive substances in all public open spaces within the London Borough of Wandsworth?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

## Disagree

**15** Please tell us why you disagree with the proposal:

## Prohibitions

**16** Do you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed prohibitions?

*Person(s) within the restricted area will not: ingest, inhale, inject, smoke, possess or otherwise use intoxicating substances / sell or supply intoxicating substances*

### What are intoxicating substances?

*Intoxicating Substances is given the following definition (does not include alcohol):  
Substances with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system.*

*Exemptions shall apply in cases where the substances are used for a valid and demonstrable medicinal use, given to an animal as a medicinal remedy, are cigarettes (tobacco) or vaporisers or are food stuffs regulated by food health and safety legislation.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

*Persons within this area who breach this prohibition shall: surrender intoxicating substances in his/her possession to an authorised person*

### Who is an authorised person?

*An authorised person could be a Police Constable, Police Community Support Officer or Council Officer, and must be able to present their authority upon request.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

## Dogs in parks and open spaces

The maps for individual parks and open spaces are contained [here](#). Each map is colour-coded to explain which type/s of Public Space Protection Order would apply to each open space.

**17** To what extent do you agree or disagree that dog walkers in parks and open spaces should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/no opinion

**18** To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs being walked in parks and open spaces should be kept on a lead in certain areas, for example car parks and café outdoor seating areas?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

**19** Where dogs are allowed off the lead in parks and open spaces, to what extent do you agree or disagree that an authorised person should be able to direct a dog owner to place their dog/s on a lead?

*For example if the dog/s are creating a nuisance to other park and open space users*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

**20** To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs should be excluded from very small parks and open spaces, or in specific areas, for example fenced playgrounds and sports areas / courts?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

**21** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the number of dogs being walked in parks or open spaces by an individual should be limited to a maximum of four dogs?

*Please note: If the proposed Dog Control PSPO on maximum number of dogs is approved, there will be a review of the current licensing scheme for a limited number of multiple dog walkers (professional and owners), who wish to walk more than four dogs.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

## Dogs on the public highway and pavements

**22** To what extent do you agree or disagree that dog walkers on the public highway or pavements should pick up any dog fouling left by their dog/s?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

**23** To what extent do you agree or disagree that dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements should be kept on a lead?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

**24** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the number of dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements by an individual should be limited to a maximum of four dogs?

*Please note: The licensing scheme for a limited number of multiple dog walkers (professional and owners) only applies in specific parks and open spaces and does not apply to dogs being walked on the public highway or pavements.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

## Walking multiple dogs

Currently, professional dog walkers and a number of residents who own more than four dogs are provided with a Council licence to walk more than four dogs in the Council's parks and open spaces.

The Council has reviewed the current licencing scheme which was introduced in 2005, and is proposing amendments for professional dog walkers as follows:

- Introduction of an annual fee for professional dog walkers
- Maximum number of dogs allowed to be walked by Council licence will be six dogs
- Total number of professional dog walker licences will be reviewed
- New designated areas within parks and open space where professional dog walkers will not be permitted

The Council will continue to allow borough residents who own more than four dogs to apply for a free of charge permit to walk their dogs in the areas defined by the PSPO. It is proposed that dog owners will be required to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs, and produce it if requested by an authorised person.

## More information

Proposed professional dog walkers terms and conditions can be found [here](#)

Proposed professional dog walkers code of conduct can be found [here](#)

Proposed new designated areas within parks and open space where professional dog walkers will not be permitted can be found [here](#)

Proposed Professional Dogs Licence Permits Application Form can be found [here](#)

Proposed resident permit application for 5-6 dogs can be found [here](#)

Proposed resident permit code of conduct for 5-6 dogs can be found [here](#)

Proposed resident permit terms and conditions can be found [here](#)

**What is an authorised person?** An authorised person could be a Police Constable, Police Community Support Officer or Council Officer, and must be able to present their authority upon request

**25** Please indicate whether or not you are in favour of each of the following measures:

Agree                      Disagree                      Don't know / no opinion

Introduction of an annual fee for professional dog walkers

Maximum number of dogs to be walked to be six dogs

Total number of professional dog walker licences to be reviewed

New designated areas within parks and open space where professional dog walkers will not be permitted

Dog owners will be required to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs, and produce it if requested by an authorised person

**26** Please give us any comments about the following proposals:

Introduction of an annual fee for professional dog walkers

Maximum number of dogs to be walked to be six dogs

Total number of professional dog walker licences to be reviewed

New designated areas within parks and open space where professional dog walkers will not be permitted

Dog owners will be required to carry their permit when walking more than four dogs, and produce it if requested by an authorised person

## Other considerations

**27** Please tell us if you have any other comments or suggestions about the proposed PSPOs you would like us to consider:

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**28** Do you think the proposed prohibitions may have an impact, either positive or negative, on any group of people with a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010?

### What are the protected characteristics?

It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of any of the following *protected characteristics*:

Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## Impact on protected groups

**29** Please tell us whether you think the proposed prohibitions will have a positive or negative impact on groups with the following protected characteristics:

Positive impact      Negative impact

Age

Disability

Gender reassignment

Marriage or civil partnership

Pregnancy and maternity

Race

Religion and belief

Sex

Sexual orientation

If you wish to expand on your answer please do so here:

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## Your experience

**30** How often do you visit parks in the London Borough of Wandsworth?

- Every day
- Several times a week
- Several times a month
- Once a month
- Less often than monthly
- Never

**31** If you visit parks in the borough, who do you visit with?

*Please select all that apply*

- On my own
- With children
- With friends or family
- With colleagues
- With dog/s

Other, please specify:

**32** If you have children aged 16 or under please tell us their ages:

*Please select all that apply*

- 0-4
- 5-10
- 11-13
- 14-16

**33** Do you ride a bicycle in Wandsworth borough parks?

- Yes
- No

**34** Are you a dog owner?

- Yes
- No

## Dog owners

**35** How many dogs do you own?

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7 or more

## Dog walkers

**36** Are you a professional dog walker?

- Yes
- No

## Professional dog walkers

**37** What is the maximum number of dogs you walk at a time?

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7 or more

## About you

The following questions will help the Council to improve its services and be fair to everyone who lives in Wandsworth borough. The information you provide will be used for statistical and research purposes only and will be stored securely. If there are any questions you do not wish to answer, please move on to the next question.

**38**Are you:

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self describe:

**39**What was your age last birthday?

- 19 and under
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say

**40**Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**41** How would you describe your ethnic group?

- White
- Mixed/multiple ethnic groups
- Asian or Asian British
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- Prefer not to say
- Other ethnic group, please specify:

**42** Please indicate your sexual orientation:

- Heterosexual / straight
- Gay man
- Gay woman / lesbian
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe:

**43** Do you belong to a religion or faith group?

- No
- Yes, Christian
- Yes, Buddhist
- Yes, Hindu
- Yes, Jewish
- Yes, Muslim
- Yes, Sikh
- Prefer not to say
- Yes, other (please specify):