Agenda Item No:	6	Fenland
Committee:	Cabinet	CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Report Title:	Renewal of Public Space Protection Order - Dog Control	

#### 1 Purpose / Summary

To seek approval for renewal of an existing Public Space Protection Order which provides intervention and enforcement powers for the control of nuisance dogs and dog fouling.

#### 2 Key Issues

- Cabinet approved the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control in 2020. A PSPO, once declared, lasts for 3 years. If these powers are to remain in place, renewal is required.
- A PSPO only applies to land in the open air and to which the council has control and the public have access.
- Our existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) sets out the following controls to protect the environment, our open spaces and the public's health:
  - A requirement to clean up after dogs, removing dog faeces immediately in all streets and open spaces across the district.
  - A requirement to keep dogs on a lead in specified areas, such as open spaces with children's play areas and closed cemeteries.
  - A requirement to put dogs on a lead when directed to by an authorised officer.
  - A requirement not to take dogs into specified exclusion areas, such as children's gated play areas and open cemeteries.
  - Breaching a PSPO is an offence for which a fixed penalty notice may be served or a referral for prosecution made. This fine level is set at its maximum, £100.
  - Consultation was undertaken during June 2023 with the public and key stakeholders and support was shown for these powers to remain in place.

#### 3 Recommendations

- Note the consultation responses in paragraph 4 and Appendix 1;
- Approve the renewal to the Public Spaces Protection Order (attached at Appendix 3 and accompanying maps at Appendix 4) for a further period of 3 years.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	
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#### Report:

#### 1 BACKGROUND AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

- 1.1 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) came into effect on 20th October 2014.
- 1.2 The Act enables Local Authorities to create Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) if they are satisfied that activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Dog control and dog fouling are issues which may be controlled by the Act and by introducing a PSPO covering a certain geographical area. There are no other enforcement powers available to the council to control dog fouling and nuisance dogs.
- 1.3 In late 2020 Cabinet approved a PSPO which introduced the following controls to protect the environment, our open spaces and the public's health:
  - A requirement to clean up after dogs, removing dog faeces immediately in all streets and open spaces across the district.

- A requirement to keep dogs on a lead in specified areas, such as open spaces with children's play areas and closed cemeteries.
- A requirement to put dogs on a lead when directed to by an authorised officer.
- A requirement not to take dogs into specified exclusion areas, such as children's gated play areas and open cemeteries.
- 1.4 A PSPO can remain in place for 3 years after which it must be renewed, amended, or removed. Enforcement may only be used if an approved PSPO is in place.
- 1.5 Dog fouling and issues created by irresponsible dog ownership are priority issues which impact on local environmental quality. In 2022/23 there were more than 311 issues relating to dog fouling and dog behaviour reported to the Council (not including stray dogs). Many of these reported issues relate to areas with high footfall and within our parks and green spaces.
- 1.6 Extending the current order with its existing provisions will maintain the current framework for enforcement.
- 1.7 A Dog Control PSPO helps manage the way our public open spaces are used by dog owners and to ensure that they are safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone, including those with dogs. They address irresponsible behaviour from a small minority of dog owners, whose actions have a detrimental impact on peoples' ability to enjoy outdoor spaces.
- 1.8 Streetscene officers have delegated powers to take enforcement interventions and serve fixed penalty notices for breaches of the order. Since the orders were refreshed in 2017 and 2020, 13 fixed penalty notices have been served. 12 for dog fouling and 1 for a dog being in a specified area off a lead.
- 1.9 In addition to the provision of an enforcement approach, a PSPO will also increase community engagement and support those responsible dog owners who take pride in their local environment and look after their community assets.

#### 2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The provision of a PSPO provides a robust framework for the implementation of the council's enforcement policy in relation to these community priorities.

#### 3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 During June 2023 a public and key stakeholder consultation was undertaken. The following organisations were consulted;
  - Town and Parish Councils
  - Environment Agency
  - Housing associations within Fenland
  - Police and crime commissioner / Senior Fenland Inspector / Rural crime team
  - Diocese of Elv

- Cambs County Council Highways/Rights of way
- Wildlife Trust
- National Farmers Union and Countryside Alliance
- 3.2 Consultation responses are included in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 226 replies were received, and the results summarised below.
  - **1.** Do you agree that we should continue to make failing to pick up your dog faeces an offence?

Yes 98%

2. Do you agree that it should continue to be an offence where you fail to put your dog on a lead when asked by an Authorised Officer? This would be when the officer decides it is not being sufficiently supervised or they believe the owner does not have it under control.

Yes 98%

**3.** Do you agree that dogs should be banned from being inside gated children's play areas?

Yes 92%

**4.** Do you agree that dogs should be banned from cemeteries and churchyards where people are still being laid to rest?

Yes 63%

**5.** Do you agree that a person who is seen to not pick up a dogs fouling should receive the maximum fixed penalty notice of £100?

Yes 97%

**6.** Do you agree that a person who is seen to not have their dog on a lead in a cemetery where people are no longer being buried or around open children's play areas shall receive the maximum fixed penalty notice of £100? (Ignoring signs advising dogs to be on leads)

Yes 87%

7. Do you agree that a person who refuses to put their dog on a lead by an authorised officer, who feels it is not under control, shall receive the maximum fixed penalty notice of £100?

Yes 95%

**8.** Do you agree that the Council should take to court for a prosecution the person who has been issued a fine that they have not paid?

Yes 94%

**9.** Are you able to find a suitable area within your community to walk and exercise your dog?

Yes 82%

#### 4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There are no other provisions in law that would provide enforcement options for controlling dog fouling and nuisance dogs.
- 4.2 The period of consultation gave opportunity for alternative views to be offered. The following comments were received and have been given consideration:
  - The Manor Field in Whittlesey should be defined as a 'dogs on leads' area under the PSPO, currently dogs may be exercised off the lead in this public space, if they are not a nuisance to park users.
- 4.3 The PSPO guidance requires a balance to be struck between relevant provisions and controls for nuisance dogs and the right for responsible owners to exercise their dogs freely. Having reviewed these comments and carried out local observations and patrols in Whittlesey the proposal to extend this area as a designated 'dogs on leads area' is not being proposed.
- 4.4 Further community work will be undertaken to raise awareness of the impact of exercising dogs in this area and the powers within the PSPO to request nuisance loose dogs are put on the lead.
  - Comments were received regarding the issue of defined dangerous dogs.
- 4.5 This is a matter for the police and officers work closely with the police by referring concerns relating to dangerous or banned breeds. The Council's stray dog contractor is also able to offer support and advice in relation to these issues.
  - Feedback raised the concerns relating to dogs worrying livestock when being walked on or off a lead on, or near to, agricultural land.
- 4.6 Any instances of dogs worrying or attacking livestock should be reported to Cambridgeshire Police. As is usual practice public information regarding this topic, or any other, relating to animal behaviour and crime will be shared using usual council communication and media routes.
  - The issue of dogs being excluded from cemeteries was raised by Chatteris town council and approximately 30% of those surveyed disagreed with dogs being excluded from these public spaces.
- 4.7 As the proposal to maintain the exclusion within the proposed order was supported overall it is not proposed to change this currently.

#### 5 IMPLICATIONS

#### **Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Council is the responsible authority for implementing these controls and taking enforcement action. There are no other powers for addressing dog fouling and nuisance dogs within our open spaces.
- 5.2 The current PSPO expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2023. Unless the PSPO is renewed, after this time the Council would not be able to act in relation to these community priorities detailed within the report.

#### **Financial Implications**

- 5.3 There is no significant cost to implementing the PSPO and it is enforced as part of daily patrols by street scene officers and following reports by residents.
- 5.4 Fines are set at the maximum level of £100.
- 5.5 Income received from fines is used to support street cleansing costs overall.

#### **Equality Implications**

5.6 There are provisions within the existing order which provides an exemption for those who are unable to comply with the rules set out by the order due to a recognised disability. A full equalities impact assessment is available in Appendix 2.

#### 6 Appendices

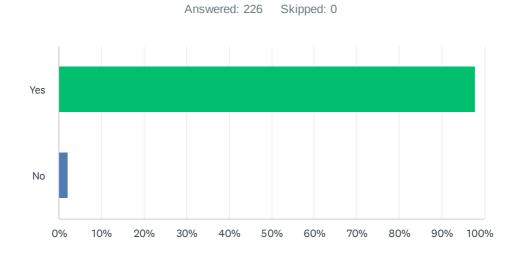
Appendix 1 – Consultation survey responses

Appendix 2 – Equality impact Assessment

Appendix 3 - Public Space Protection Order – dog control

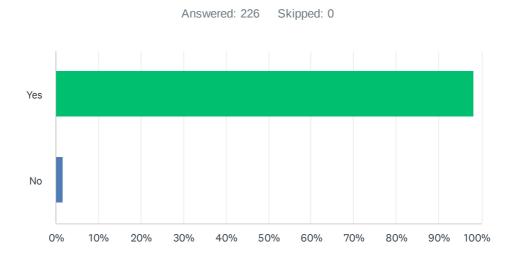
Appendix 4 – Accompanying maps

## Q1 Do you agree that we should continue to make failing to pick up your dog faeces an offence?



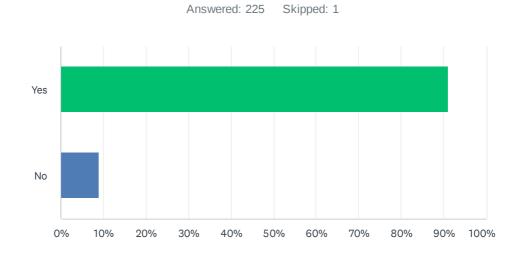
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.79%	221
No	2.21%	5
TOTAL		226

Q2 Do you agree that it should continue to be an offence where you fail to put your dog on a lead when asked by an Authorised Officer? This would be when the officer decides it is not being sufficiently supervised or they believe the owner does not have it under control.



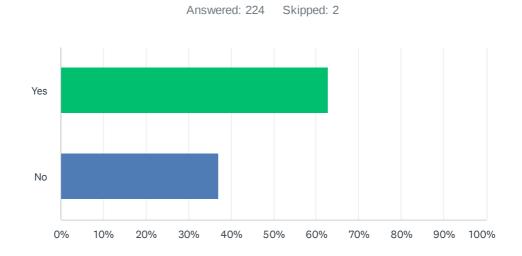
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.23%	222
No	1.77%	4
TOTAL		226

## Q3 Do you agree that dogs should be banned from being inside gated children's play areas?



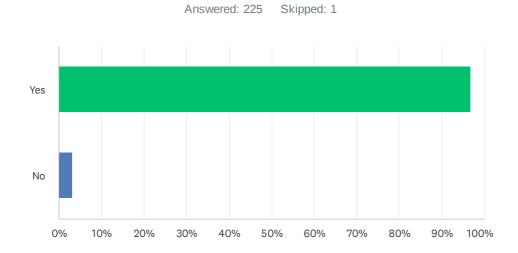
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.11%	205
No	8.89%	20
TOTAL		225

### Q4 Do you agree that dogs should be banned from cemeteries and churchyards where people are still being laid to rest?



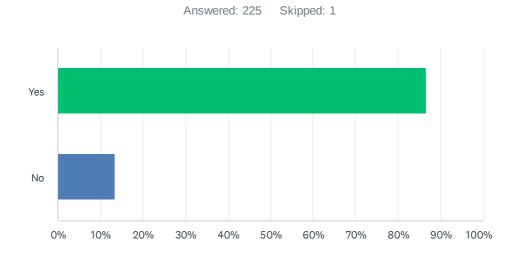
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.95%	141
No	37.05%	83
TOTAL		224

### Q5 Do you agree that a person who is seen to not pick up a dog's fouling shall receive the maximum Fixed Penalty Notice of £100?



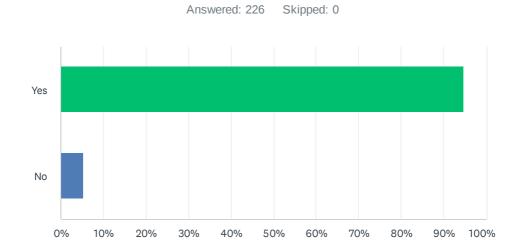
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.89%	218
No	3.11%	7
TOTAL		225

Q6 Do you agree that a person who is seen to not have their dog on a lead in a cemetery where people are no longer being buried or around open children's play areas shall receive the maximum Fixed Penalty Notice of £100? (Ignoring signs advising dogs to be on a lead)



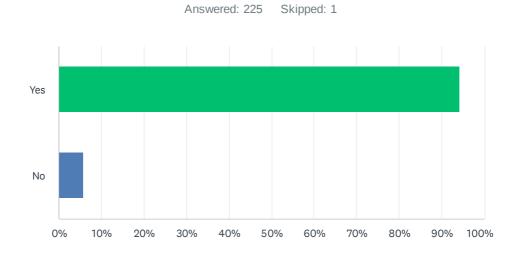
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	86.67% 195
No	13.33% 30
TOTAL	225

Q7 Do you agree that a person who refuses to put their dog on a lead by an Authorised Officer, who feels it is not under control, shall receive the maximum Fixed Penalty Notice of £100?



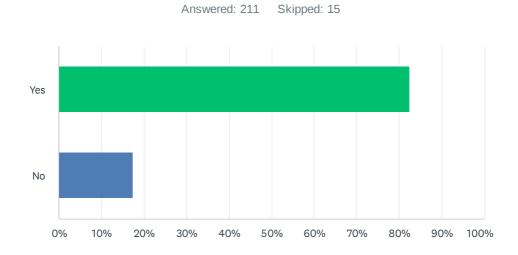
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.69%	214
No	5.31%	12
TOTAL		226

### Q8 Do you agree that the Council should take to Court for a prosecution, the person who has been issued a fine that they have not paid?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.22% 21	2
No	5.78%	.3
TOTAL	22	5

## Q9 Are you able to find a suitable area within your community to walk and exercise your dog?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.46%	174
No	17.54%	37
TOTAL		211

# Q10 Please provide any other feedback you wish to be considered in relation to the Council seeking to extend its current Dog Public Space Protection Order

Answered: 108 Skipped: 118

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's good to see from the start of Covid councils made it easier to have dogs accepted in eateries. Don't understand why we can't eat on the market place at Wetherspoons in Whittlesey as the outside space is public	6/28/2023 1:37 PM
2	Total bans for known dangerous/nuisance dogs and their owners. Fines for dog fouling higher	6/26/2023 11:07 PM
3	I take my husband dog to visit him on a lead as he would have wished. In þerms of fines, I believe one warning should be issued first.	6/24/2023 9:08 AM
4	Dogs should be kept on leads in the Manor Field as people let them off the dog then goes to the toilet and owner hasn't noticed because they are not with their dog and that is why there is so much poop in the manor	6/23/2023 9:25 AM
5	No dogs should be allowed to run free in public Parks but all public Parks should have a gated and fenced dog exercise area.	6/20/2023 4:48 PM
6	there is currently a good balance and I think the current order should stay the same. No point introducing rules for the sake of it or for a personal view point.	6/19/2023 3:04 PM
7	All the above should be executed but where are the people to do so as I have never seen anyone around, as there is dog droppings everywhere, and dogs off the lead in St. Mary's Church Grave grass area.	6/19/2023 2:34 PM
8	On Q6 Members of Chatteris Town Council do not believe that dogs should have to be on a lead in a closed cemetery but they do believe they should be on a lead in an open children's play area.	6/19/2023 11:23 AM
9	Ive had dogs all my life. Generally, dogs enjoy the company of other dogs & respond better to be allowed to socialise than being separated - as such, being able to throw a ball for a dog to retrieve is good for dogs. If dogs are required to be always on a lead & under control, it is no longer possible to exercise a dog. As such, a public park should have sufficient space for dogs to be allowed to run freely, allowing dog owners who refuse to allow their animals to socialise to use other areas where dogs are all kept on a leash. Removing the right of an animal to run freely is to the detriment of the animal.	6/18/2023 1:02 PM
10	Dogs should be on leads on all playing fields regardless of whether it is a gated playpark area for children or not. People running or playing football etc are continually challenged by dogs on recreation fields. The dogs jump up, scratching people's legs and knocking over small children. A lot of owners seem to shy away from any responsibility.	6/18/2023 12:35 PM
11	Responsible dog owners are NOT criminals and you are treating us like we are. You already have UK laws to hand to tackle any issue relating to dogs out of control etc. This survey and the PSPO information states nothing positive about dogs - you are obviously an anti dog council and that will affect ALL my future votes come any election	6/18/2023 7:35 AM
12	I think there should be designated dog fields ,and other fields for sport ,ect	6/17/2023 7:35 PM
13	The fine should be greater than £100	6/17/2023 4:39 PM
14	The banning of all dogs in some cemeteries is utterly heartless - a person who has lost a family member may need the companionship of their dog, which can be their only companion, when visiting a graveside. A properly controlled dog on a lead is doing absolutely nothing wrong just offering some comfort to the owner at a time when it is most needed.	6/17/2023 11:52 AM
15	I would love to take my little dog for company when visiting my parents' grave - I no longer feel comfortable without her so don't attend. They should be permitted if on a lead. Also the Manor Field should be included in the list. Dogs should be allowed in the play areas if they are with the child and parents or grandparents. Not running loose.	6/17/2023 10:23 AM

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	The vast majority of dog owners follow these rules so there should be no objection. Unfortunately following the covid 19 pandemic there seems to be a rise of less responsible dog owners who need to understand that we should not be picking up their dog waste. Unfortunately the lack of police presence in my local town (Whittlesey) render any enforceable law quite useless. We are not able to prevent parents parking on zig zag marking outside a schools during pick up and drop off times, seriously risking the safety of children's. So I'm quite sure we will be unable to slow or stop dog owners not cleaning up dog mess on the manor field.	6/17/2023 9:14 AM
17	Im a responsible dog owner but there are always dogs off lead in the church yard. If these orders are going to be put in force, then more patrols are needed. I have never seen anyone patrol these areas	6/17/2023 8:08 AM
18	Dogs need exercise off lead so wouldn't want them to be made to go on one in places like the manor or the green wheel . Dog fouling is normally only done by a few ,we need an easy way of reporting repeat offenders without any comeback	6/16/2023 10:18 PM
19	Dogs should be kept on leads on public footpaths/walkways too as many owners cannot control their dogs.	6/16/2023 10:02 PM
20	Having been a dog owner for 50 years I have never seen a dog warden in my area So how can this order be policed If it's a case of no budget to have an effective force to enforce this policy then it should be scrapped As for safe suitable areas to exercise my dog these are all disappearing due to land being built on for housing As for dog fouling maybe more bins with bag dispensers would help we can all run out of bags on a walk	6/16/2023 8:39 PM
21	Please keep everything the same as it is	6/16/2023 8:31 PM
22	Whittlesey needs to extend this to cover the Manor field. Lots if people let dogs off and do jot pick up dog poo. Also it is used regularly for children, football etc. Not all people like dogs and it would be far safer to extend.	6/16/2023 8:21 PM
23	Open fields that are for the use of the community such as the Manor field should be dogs on leads only. Too many people exercise their dogs off the lead in what is a field for all- not dog walking specifically?	6/16/2023 8:11 PM
24	Manor leisure centre needs to be patrolled for dog fouling and dogs of leads especially around children's play areas	6/16/2023 7:40 PM
25	I do not like dogs bounding up to me and jumping up at the Manor Park Whittlesey	6/16/2023 7:23 PM
26	Dog Park area would be good.	6/16/2023 7:18 PM
27	I think all dog owners no matter the breed should have to have a dog licence and that the fines for not picking up after your pets in public spaces should be higher. There is no excuse for not picking up after your dog. If disabled people can do it so can everyone.	6/16/2023 12:55 PM
28	Just to add however, while we have green spaces to walk our dogs, because they are not being cut as regularly, 1 of my dogs is literally covered by the length of the grass in one of the areas which keep getting forgotten which in itself brings various issues, and the other places are done less regularly than usual which means the nettles/thistles/spiky things are still in long pieces when cut and are getting more attached than usual to the dogs. I've had to spend £184 at the vet for one dog whose paws were very affected by the spiky things left in the grass (which is in close proximity to the childrens play area also so they will also be getting stung if they fall over or crawl in it - not gated area). So if we maintain these areas better that would help - for info it's extra difficult to pick up no.2's in these longer grasses as well - don't give people an extra excuse.	6/16/2023 9:04 AM
29	As to Q9, 1st I tried google and found no help in finding areas where I could exercise a dog. so, I looked on the FDC website, but only got where dogs have to be on a lead or excluded. Not very helpful for visitors or new residents.	6/14/2023 4:24 PM
30	Put dog poo bag dispensers at the site of dog poo bins, to encourage people to pick up after their dog. More anti dog fouling signs.	6/14/2023 1:01 PM
	I am writing on behalf of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council and as much as the Council	6/13/2023 12:45 PM
31	continue to support the Dog Control PSPO, they consider the enforcement in rural areas to be the problem, there needs to be the availability of CCTV or Officers in built up villages suffering significant issues with Dog Fouling.	

	PSPO (Dogs) Public Consultation	APPENDIX 1
33	Well this covers absolutely nothing! What a waste of time!	6/11/2023 7:46 PM
34	Fine should be £1000 as £100 is too low and do you actually ever fine anyone? As never seen a authorised officer. Deerfield Road gets quite fouled as on route to park one man rides his cycle and dog runs behind fouling as he walks man never looks never cleans up after dog it's disgusting.	6/11/2023 5:08 PM
35	Completed on behalf of Benwick Parish Council. Dog fouling is an ongoing problem in Benwick and members of the public have persevered in raising the issue at Parish Council meetings time after time. The PC has paid for several dog bins which FDC service and empty but the problem persists. The Parish Council support the order but would like to kno what resources FDC have allocate for will allocate to enforcing the order?	
36	All dogs should be on leads at all times when in public places.	6/11/2023 12:26 PM
37	Yes to Q10 currently, but if dogs are banned from the local park and houses are built on the local meadow, there will be no large, open green spaces left for dogs/people, and most nee to enjoy controlled, off lead activities.	
38	Pspo are detrimental to dogs health and training	6/11/2023 6:40 AM
39	Such orders should also be applicable to dog fouling on walkways and public paths in the fields and floodplains. Nothing more distressing than walking in the fields looking around a enjoying nature then suddenly stepping onto dog foul. Perhaps public announcements and well positioned signs could be displayed.	6/10/2023 4:26 PM and
40	There are already UK laws in place to deal with dog related antisocial behaviour. PSPO's a essentially the council micro managing with unevidenced and disproportionate PSPO's. Do fouling needs to be addressed by Enforcement Officers patrolling areas effectively and efficiently. Education about keeping dogs out of areas is important but is a PSPO regarding this evidenced and proportionate? As the majority of dog owners are responsible a targeted approach to the existing dog law is the way to deal with irresponsible owners would be much more proportionate rather than councils enforcing blanket bans.	g I
41	I am a dog owner but still feel that £100 is not a high enough maximum fine and doesn't ac as enough of a deterrent. I think dogs should be allowed in cemeteries, but only on a lead and following strict guidance around sticking to paths and no fouling.	t 6/10/2023 2:24 PM
42	Dogs are great company and prevent loneliness. Making more dog accessible places should be a priority, however your questions are just covering restrictions that are already in place. There is a lack of dog walking areas in and around Wisbech look at this please and more dog bins also.	
43	Dangerous breeds should be always kept on a lead in public areas.	6/10/2023 8:00 AM
44	Dog should be on leads around schools.	6/10/2023 4:45 AM
45	British Law covers fouling and not having a dog under effective control. PSPOs bypass the Courts and having a fair trial by adding a layer of law that is in the hands of local Council employees. I object strongly to PSPOs on the grounds that they are not fair, evidenced or appropriate as they victimise a whole community (dog owners) the majority of whom are responsible. This is a dangerous path to tread - it's how the Nazi party was born - local officials deciding that a local law gave them powers over a certain section of society. Use British Law to prosecute offenders, not PSPOs to restrict a named group of society.	e 6/9/2023 8:48 AM
46	Understanding where you can & can't walk a dog would be really helpful	6/8/2023 11:00 PM
47	Wisbech park There is no-one to provide enforcement, so what's the point of rules? Dogs regularly in tennis court Fouling is extensive, and faeces spread about by mowing. Any patch of grass in town has fresh piles of faeces every day. Dogs not on leads, many not under control Even some dogs on leads, usually small ones, bark, growl and have attacked ours.	6/8/2023 10:42 PM
48	re Q6, i agree with the issue around childrens play areas, but not in closed cemeteriesthese are quite different types of area and should be treated differently	6/8/2023 7:34 PM

No 2 Dogs on Leads, should be at all times unless on private land, people don't know their dog 100%. And also to stop Dog Attacks there's getting too much of this with dogs running

In parks where there is a child play area dogs should be kept on leads in the whole park.

Children don't just stick to playing in the play areas, they play in whole park. West End park in March for example can be very busy with dogs running around off leads. This mixed with young children playing and elderly people out walking is an accident waiting to happen with

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loose.

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either a dog and child incident or dogs knocking over elderly people. I've seen 1st hand some close calls. I think dogs should have there own fenced, secure area in parks where they can be let off leads in a contained, safe and secure space. 51 Offer enclosed dog fields/spaces to be used independently to safely exercise dogs 6/8/2023 9:47 AM 52 The fine should be more than £100 6/8/2023 7:12 AM 53 Dogs should be on leads where other people are. A lead is not an exstendable cord on 6/7/2023 10:33 PM country roads dogs on exstendable are dangerous as they will run around pedestrians and cyclists. I know I have knocked off by one. All dogs should be on a lead at all times in public spaces. 6/7/2023 9:04 PM 54 Drugs should be allowed in public parks. For example they are not allowed in park in Soham 55 6/7/2023 8:54 PM town centre which is really one of not many places people could go with dogs. 56 Maximum fines should be increased, at least in line with inflation, and doubled for a second 6/7/2023 7:00 PM offence. 57 The stitch Friday bridge..dogs poo on pavement and people do not pick it up.disgusting 6/7/2023 6:53 PM Better signs in local parks to make sure people keep their dogs on leads at all times. I have 6/7/2023 6:16 PM 58 often visited Wisbech park and have had very large dogs running towards me. When I have shouted at them to go away, trying to get the attention of whoever owns the dog, I have been accused of causing distress to the dog!! I don't mind dogs on leads, but am very nervous of large dogs roaming free. 59 Dogs should be kept on Leads at all times. 6/7/2023 5:49 PM 60 i believe there should be a fine its horrible, little kids running around on fields at park and 6/7/2023 4:37 PM end up slipping or stepping in the dogs waste. March is lacking in green areas for the size of its population. Areas for dog walking only are 6/7/2023 3:59 PM 61 non existent. Shared use of West End park is essential for dog walking - many owners use it for exercise and their mental health (together with their canine companions). Any further restrictions for dog walking would be very unwelcome - dog owners pay their rates too and need recreation space as well. Dog licences should be mandatory. Exception being pensioners and people on disabled 62 6/7/2023 3:58 PM benefit. 63 If these rules are in place they need to be monitored. We have a play area for children out 6/7/2023 3:01 PM the back of my house and there are often dogs in the gated area. There was a sign once saying no dogs, not sure that is still there though. No point having these rules if nothing is going to be done about them. dont ban dogs from west end park and robingoodfellows park and the causeway park or any 6/7/2023 1:42 PM 64 others these are precious spaces of socialisation and exercise 65 I agree to the above as they are sensible rules and I am sure others will feel the same. 6/7/2023 12:51 PM These schemes fall apart when officials move away from the boundaries or when common sense escapes officials and become 'jobsworth'. If everyone remains reasonable, from both sides, there shouldn't be a problem. 66 There are notices up already but there are still dogs running in the cemetery and walking on 6/7/2023 11:46 AM the public footpath. There are good walks around Benwick thanks to local farmers who keep the walkways mowed. If there is nobody patrolling people will not take any notice of the signs put up. 6/7/2023 11:09 AM I don't feel it is fair that dogs are the only animal people are expected to clean up after. I 67 think every animals in the care of a person should be expected to be cleaned up after. Including horses who make the biggest mess on roads making it unsafe for people with mobility scooters and cyclists trying to dodge the mess. I don't feel it's right to ban dogs from anywhere unless the dog is off lead and not under control. However I feel that any laws like this are pointless unless there are people on site to actually enforce these rules. Why is this council showing zero interest in large dogs regularly escaping from their home 68 6/7/2023 11:07 AM and wandering around Christchurch? Call to your office redirected me to some rescue

kennel that I could not get a reply from. This village only has two Facebook related pages it would not be hard to trace the owner. Clearly these people ignore the complaints about the dogs escaping and will only be interested when they dogs cause an accident. Council the

dog fouling is a major issue, dogs being walked in eastwood cemetery which does not allow

same apparently.

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	dogs, dogs off leads in public, its not acceptable yet it still s a major issue. You need the legislation but please take more action to stop it being a problem. For example, council workers in the cemetery ignore people walking their dogs, council staff seen in town yet dogs are not on leads and they go to others and jump up or bark and yet nothing is said. It shouldnt happen in the first place, dog owners should be responsible, but sadly when these fail the council still don't seem to do anything	
70	I don't believe dogs on leads should be excluded from cemeteries if their owner wants them to accompany them to visit a family member that has passed. If it was a family dog owned by the person who has passed it can provide much comfort. Dogs should be on leads in public places but we should not seek to ban dogs from most areas as this provides essential socialisation for youngsters.	6/7/2023 10:10 AM
71	See above comments, thank you	6/7/2023 9:27 AM
72	Dogs should be kept on a short lead on all public footpaths where other people are present.	6/7/2023 9:16 AM
73	I think all the above covers everything	6/7/2023 8:54 AM
74	It's about time all this was made law	6/7/2023 7:52 AM
75	wisbech park is a lovely walk for our dogs. but i agree it is about the owners and control of dogs. no bad dogs just bad owners.	6/7/2023 7:45 AM
76	Ensure enough dog bins are in the right locations	6/7/2023 7:44 AM
77	would be great to see more enforcement , dog owners should also not be allowed to have dogs off leads or on extendable leads on cycle paths , west end road in march becomes very dangerous in the daylight hours	6/7/2023 6:57 AM
78	Horse manure should also be treated the same.	6/7/2023 6:34 AM
79	In Christchurch Cambridgeshire there is dog poo everywhere. It's disgusting!! I have 3 dogs and obey by all the rules and don't understand why they don't pick up their dog poo. People who don't walk their dog responsibly control it appropriately and pick up the poo should not be allowed to Own dogs!!	6/6/2023 6:35 PM
80	Christchurch needs a secure area/field to let dogs off their leads.	6/6/2023 6:32 PM
81	Extend the DPSPO but ensure there are visible authorised officers to make random checks and this is not always within normal working hours	6/6/2023 6:01 PM
82	People not paying attention or who are completely oblivious to what their dog is doing especially when the dog is off the lead.	6/6/2023 5:08 PM
83	It's an effect tool to reinforce the need for the community to respect their environment	6/6/2023 4:30 PM
84	The biggest issue is the large number of people failing to supervise and control their dogs when they are off their lead. With regard to faecal matters cat owners should be forced to keep cats indoors or clean up their disgusting mess their cat leaves in people's gardens. It is vile and a health hazard.	6/6/2023 4:29 PM
85	The council needs to be more stringent in enforcement if footpath fouling. I would also expect suitable discretion to be used re the walking of dogs not on leads in open parks at antisocial hours where there are no other persons presents or children playing	6/6/2023 4:04 PM
86	Arguably the fines are not a sufficient deterrent, and I've never seen an "Authorised Officer" in Wisbech Park but I've seen plenty of uncontrolled dogs. I am an owner of two dogs.	6/6/2023 3:31 PM
87	The fine should be higher	6/6/2023 3:12 PM
88	There seems to be a lot of dogs that 'get out' and roam. Should there be a deterrent to ensure your home/garden is secure? Yes I do own 2 dogs myself.	6/6/2023 2:51 PM
89	Also to include grass verges	6/6/2023 1:58 PM
90	The FPNs at £100.00 is no where near enough	6/6/2023 1:27 PM
91	I am a dog owner and I clean up after my dogs, I believe all dogs kept on lead unless private fields. Too many ignorant dog owners leave their "fur baby" lose running to harass other due to lack of training and laziness. Its not a god given right to allow dogs to socialise with on lead dogs minding their own business or people, not everyone want the hair and snot of you doodle "sir humphry barks alot " all over them, just because your dog is friendly do not mean I want to be. And its not funny when a small dog is aggressive, just because its only a tea cup chi-blinkin-poo does not make it ok to snarl and bite at my bigger dog or my child, get some manners on your aggressive animals, all dog bites hurt and scar mentally.	6/6/2023 1:17 PM

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92	Don't limit the fine at £100, adjust it for inflation to £1000.	6/6/2023 1:15 PM
93	Don't think that dogs should be allowed to be off their lead in any public space such as the manor field in Whittlesey, this area has previously been used by football teams for training sessions and we had to clean up dog faeces before it could be used. Also, small children can often be frightened by dogs especially when they are running towards them. My dog is petrified of other dogs now after another dog went for her whilst off its lead.	6/6/2023 1:05 PM
94	You should ensure any signage is still clear and readable	6/6/2023 12:59 PM
95	Alright saying yes to these questions if the council have the balls to inforce them	6/6/2023 12:41 PM
96	I agree with most of the statements but there is no point in putting an order in place if it is not enforced and where we live, we will never see any enforcement. Rural areas get forgotten. There is dog mess everywhere and despite loads of bins, no one does anything about the mess. So it is highly unlikely that the cost of putting orders in place will be a waste as there will not be sufficient officers to enforce them.	6/6/2023 12:20 PM
97	It should put up signs on all grass areas about dog poo being picked up	6/6/2023 11:10 AM
98	A few years ago, there was a trial at Elm Playing Field (Begdale Road), where dogs were and are still allowed on the field. This is great, but as a Friday Bridge resident, you need to drive there (and get dog hair/drool in your car) or walk roughly 40 minutes each direction. Currently, there's a no dogs sign at the Friday Bridge Park (Maltmas Drove), but it would be great if a similar trial could be held at this location. There is a large grass area there, which is hardly ever used and it would be great to have somewhere more local, where dogs could exercise and socialise.	6/6/2023 9:54 AM
99	Dog owners should be made to sign up to Dogwatch that is run by neighbour hood Watch groups .	6/6/2023 9:52 AM
100	Slightly off topic but there should be greater controls and penalties for owners who allow their dogs to bark for long periods of time, causing noise disturbance to neighbours.	6/6/2023 8:32 AM
101	Lack of open fields where dogs can run	6/5/2023 10:58 PM
102	It would be great if the council would consider enclosed areas for dogs to be exercised and socialised off lead. These can be clearly marked but owners should adhere to picking up poo and requests for dogs to be put on a lead by an authorised officer	6/5/2023 6:15 PM
103	I think failure to maintain a property boundary so dogs are let loose onto streets and other properties should also be listed	6/5/2023 5:16 PM
104	There are too many dogs off leads in public places. How can an authorised person control this. Dogs should be on leads. I am a dog owner and get upset and annoyed by the many loose dogs running about they are definitely not under close control	6/5/2023 2:29 PM
105	the interpretation of the control order needs to be un ambiguous. where it says an officer deeming the dog not to be under control there has to be strict definitions of not under control. in the event of a dispute between the pfficer and the dog onwer/handler it canoot cone down to a differnec of opinuion there has to be strict criteria lais down on the control order	6/5/2023 1:49 PM
106	It would be helpful if the council were to publish a list of areas where dogs can be exercised maintaining a distinction between those where dogs have to be on leads and those where they can be let off the lead to be properly exercised. A published list of dog waste bin locations might be useful too if possible.	6/5/2023 1:39 PM
107	All dogs should be on a lead in public places including parks, on pavement, market place.	6/5/2023 12:42 PM
108	Re Q9, secure areas for off-lead exercise would benefit many dogs and owners, but appreciate this may be difficult to manage	6/5/2023 12:34 PM





#### **Customer Impact Assessment**

#### Name and brief description of policy being analysed

Briefly summarise the policy including any key information such as aims, context etc; note timescales and milestones for new policies; use plain language – NO JARGON; refer to other documents if required

#### Street Scene - Enforcement, Investigatory and Educational Work

The team may need to undertake proportional enforcement work where, promotional or investigatory work has not resolved an issue, and where it is in the public interest. Enforcement work may include issuing fixed penalty notices, cautions/formal warnings, PACE interviews, and serving of statutory notices and prosecutions.

#### Information used for customer analysis

Note relevant consultation; who took part and key findings; refer to, or attach other documents if needed; include dates where possible

These functions are statutory duties set out in relevant legislation, including Environmental Protection Act 1990, Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014,

<b>✓</b>	Could particularly benefit	Neutral	May adversely impact	Explanations	Is action possible or required?	Details of actions or explanations if actions are not possible  Please note details of any actions to be placed in your Service Plan
Race		<b>✓</b>		Officers have access to language line to offer translation services where required.  Promotional and educational work is preceded with a communication plan to ensure that target audiences have access to the information.	Y	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.  Service standards and performance targets are used to measure the success of promotional work.  Publicity material is produced in a number of languages where the need is justified.  Translation services have made





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Cont				contacting customers much easier and make sure that language is not a barrier for enforcement work.
Sex	<b>✓</b>	Male and female officers cover all aspects of the enforcement, educational and investigatory work.	Υ	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that no gender is treated unfairly in our processes.
Gender reassignment	<b>~</b>	We would not be aware of a person's gender reassignment. If made aware we can take the persons individual needs into consideration where required.	Υ	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that there is no discrimination, and all customers are treated fairly.
Disability	•	Access is considered when requesting customers to visit council offices for hearings, interviews, meetings or training sessions.  There is access to meet at the four market towns closest the customer.  Where known, a person's abilities or disabilities are considered when requesting a person to provide a statement or to complete log sheets. Our procedures are customer focused to adapt to a person's needs, i.e. using simplified tick sheet log sheets or templates and providing in person	Y	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.  Hearing loops available if needed. Braille and large print available on request.  Access to disabled friendly interview room & facilities if needed.  Implementation of which elements of our formal interviews can be carried out by letters. This will also benefit those with mobility issues/anxiety etc.





		visits to assist.		
Age		Enforcement work will exclude those below the criminal age of responsibility.		To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.
	<b>✓</b>	Communication plans preceding any information or educations are designed to be inclusive, so all ages can access local authority. i.e., Tidy Fenland Campaign using children's artwork from school's competition, working with Age UK to ensure access to services.	Y	
Sexual orientation	<b>*</b>	We would not be aware of a person's sexual orientation. If made aware we can take the persons individual needs into consideration where required.	Υ	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.
Religion or belief	*	Male and female officers are available, and consideration is undertaken of people's race and religion.  Training, interviews and meetings times can be tailored around religious holidays and prayer timing if required.	Y	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.
Pregnancy & maternity	<b>*</b>	We would not be aware of a person's pregnancy or maternity. If made aware we can take the persons individual needs into consideration where required.	Υ	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.





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Marriage & civil partnership  Human Rights		<b>✓</b>		We would not be aware of a person's marital status. If made aware we can take the persons individual needs into consideration where required.  The undertaking of enforcement	Y	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.  Enforcement action may result in
	•			work is to protect the wider community. Examples such as protecting the community from the environmental impact on communities from enviro-crime positively impacts on the whole communities' lives.  Enforcement work benefits the wider community by providing safer neighbourhoods, safe places to work, and protects the community's well-being by reducing the impact of nuisances.	Y	prosecution and restriction of an individual's actives and occupations. All notices or action is accompanied with details of how a person may appeal these measures.  If enforcement action reaches prosecution stage, human rights are assessed by the courts to ensure that Human Rights are not breached, and appeals may be made.  Investigations have found other impeaches of human rights – such as modern day slavery and we work closely with police and other partners to improve human rights.
Socio Economic		<b>✓</b>		Enforcement encourages better compliance and supports raising standards through regulation.  Where enforcement action prevents an individual or	Y	To use customer feedback and 3c's procedure to monitor that this is being used appropriately.





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			organisation undertaking an activity, i.e., fly tipping, dog fouling and littering. It creates better communities and enjoyment of local environments. Best Practicable Means is considered in the public interest test before taking enforcement action.  Enforcement action may adversely impact on those of socio-economic status that are unable to access legal or specialist advice.		
Multiple/ Cross Cutting	<b>&gt;</b>		Specific officers are delegated with specific enforcement responsibilities dependant on the relevant experience, qualification, or competencies to undertake the regulatory functions.  Initially legislation sets out where enforcement action may or shall be undertaken.  Each regulatory function must fall within the requirements of the Councils Enforcement Policy.  Systems are in place to ensure that decisions to undertake enforcement are proportional to	Y	As regulation is reactive this will be assessed on an ongoing basis.  Periodic review of enforcement delegation matrix and changes in legislation.  If changes to legislation is likely to positively or negatively impact of and aspect of the community, i.e., by age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religious or belief or marital status and equality impact assessments details how we will ensure equality.  Training and Staff development

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	Assessing Equality	the impact caused and within the public interest. These include a prosecution matrix and a public interest test.  Where it is not in the public interest to undertake enforcement action, alternative interventions are used to support customers, such as referrals to agencies directing to official advice and signposting to agencies that can support people resolve their own issues such as Citizen Advice Bureau, Financial Support Agencies and Gang masters Support Agencies.	is reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that officers are appropriately trained to undertake regulatory functions.  Peer review and consistency exercises are undertaken to ensure proportionate decision making.  Customer feedback is invited in all written communications to ensure people have an opportunity to air any complaints, compliments or correspondence.  Officers attend working groups and are members of professional bodies to ensure that learning opportunities and knowledge sharing.		
Outcome(s) of customer analysis					
a) Will the policy/ procedure impact	t on the whole population of Fenland	d and/ or identified groups within the population; nega	tive □ neutral ✓ positive □		
No major change needed ✓	Adjust the policy	Adverse impact but continue $\square$ Stop and remove / reconsider policy			
Arrangements for future monitoring:  Twice yearly staff appraisals will assess for learning needs and training opportunities. Staff one to ones and twice yearly appraisals will review officer's core competencies and behaviours that includes equalities. Monthly review of 3c's (Complaints, compliments and correspondence) will review that procedures and systems are appropriate.					

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All procedures are reviewed on a five yearly period or when changes to the organisa	ation or legislations guides otherwise.
Details of any data/ Research used (both FDC & Partners):	
None	
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### Fenland District Council (Dog Control) Proposed - Public Spaces Protection Order 2020

Fenland District Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers pursuant to Section 59 and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") hereby makes the following Order ("The order"):-

- 1. This Order shall come into operation following public consultation and shall have effect for a period of 3 years from the effective date.
- 2. This Order relates to the areas shown hatched in red on the attached Plans in Schedule's 1,2,3,&4 and as further described respectively in Schedules 1A & 4A ('the Restricted Area'); and applies to all the land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment). For the purposes of this paragraph, any land which is covered is to be treated as land which is "open to the air" if it is open to the air on at least one side.
- 3. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions and requirements on the Restricted Areas as specified individually as follows:
- 4.1 In the Restricted Areas shown in Schedule 1 and described in Schedule 1A:
- 4.1. 1 (A) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he does not keep the *dog on a lead* of not more than 5 meters in length, unless –
- (a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
- (2) For the Purpose of this Paragraph a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
- 4.2 In the Restricted Areas shown in Schedule 2
- 4.2. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he does not comply with a *direction* given to him by a constable or authorised officer of the Council to put and keep the *dog on a lead* of not more than 5 meters in length. This would be when the officer decides it is not being sufficiently supervised or the owner does not have it under control, unless-
- (a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
  - (2) For the Purpose of this Paragraph -
- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time another person is in charge of the dog:
- (b) a constable or authorised officer of the Council may only give direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on any land to which this Order applies or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

In this Paragraph "an authorised officer of the Council" means any person authorised in writing for the purposes of this Order by Fenland District Council (the Council).

#### 4.3 In the Restricted Areas shown in Schedule 3:

- 4.3 (1) If a dog defecates at any time on any part of the land, a person who is in charge of the dog at that time who *fails to remove faeces* from the land forthwith, shall be guilty of an offence unless-
- (a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
  - (2) Nothing in this paragraph applies to a person who –
- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 in respect of a dog trained to assist the blind: or
- (b) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to carry, lift or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribe charity and upon which he relies on for assistance.
  - (3) For the purposes of this paragraph-
- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at the time some other person is in charge of the dog:
- (b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land for which is provided for the purpose, or disposal of the waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land.
- (c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces.
- (d) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"-
- (i)Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).
- 4.4 In the Restricted Areas shown in Schedule 4 and described in Schedule 4A:
- 4.4. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he **takes the dog onto**, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on to any part of the **land** unless-
- (a) he has reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.
  - (2) Nothing in this paragraph applies to a person who –
- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 in respect of a dog trained to assist the blind; or
- (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People 9registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
- (c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to carry, lift or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribe charity and upon which he relies on for assistance.
  - (3) For the purposes of this paragraph-
- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at the time some other person is in charge of the dog: and
- (b) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"-
- (i)Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);

- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).
- 5. It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to do anything prohibited by this Order, or to fail to comply with a prohibition or requirement to which a person is subject to pursuant to this Order.
- 6. A constable or "an authorised officer of the Council" may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under this Order.
- 7. "An authorised officer of the Council" means any person authorised in writing for the purpose of this order by Fenland District Council (this Council). A constable means a police constable in whatever capacity.
- 8. A person found to be in breach of this Order is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000.00); or to be made subject to a FPN.
- 9. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59 and 72 of 'the Act' have been met: that activities carried out in a public place within the authorities area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Notice. The Council believe that it is reasonable to impose the above prohibitions and requirements in order to prevent the detrimental effect from continuing, occurring or reoccurring, and to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or reoccurrence.
- 10. Any interested person (an individual who lives or regularly visits or works) in the restricted area who desires question the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council had no power to make it or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with in relation to this Order, may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which the Order is made.

This Order shall come into force and be in place for a period of three years from the:

Date: 2nd December 2020

Sealed as Deed on behalf of Fenland District Council, the common seal being affixed in the presence

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of and signed by

Seal no:

**Authorised Signatory** 

### **SCHEDULES**

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

#### Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs) 2020 SCHEDULE 1 – Dogs on leads

The Fenland District Council hereby makes the following Order:

- 1 This Order will come into force after full consultation.
- 2 This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

#### Offence

- 3(1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead of not more than 5 meters in length, unless--
- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
- (2) For the purposes of this article a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

#### **Penalty**

4 A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

#### **SCHEDULE 1A**

Those areas hatched in red on the associated plans being located within the areas listed below:

#### **Settlement Area**

Benwick

St Mary's Churchyard Manea

St Nicholas' Churchyard

Chatteris

Coates

Huntingdon Road

Larham Way Alberts Drive

Meeks Cemetery Garden of Rest, High Street

St Peter's & St Paul's Nightall Drive

Churchyard Robingoodfellows Lane
St Wendredas' Cemetery
Station Road Cemetery

March

North Green The Avenue

South Green Newton

Doddington St James' Churchyard

St Mary's Churchyard
Whittlesev

Elm Garden of Rest, Station Road

All Saints Churchyard St Andrew's Churchyard St Mary's Churchyard

Friday Bridge Churchyard Tower Close

#### Wimblington

St Peter's Churchyard

#### Wisbech

Burcroft Road General Cemetery Heron Road Jasmine Close St Peter's & St Paul's Churchyard Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

#### Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs) 2020 SCHEDULE 2 - Dogs on leads by direction

The Fenland District Council (in this Order called "the Authority") hereby makes the following Order:

- 1 This Order comes into force on following public consultation.
- 2(1) This Order applies to all the land with the Fenland District Council local authority area which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment). The area hatched in red on the associated plans.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, any land which is covered is to be treated as land which is "open to the air" if it is open to the air on at least one side.
- 3 In this Order "an authorised officer of the Authority" means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

#### Offence

- 4(1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 5 meters in length, unless--
- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person of authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
- (2) For the purposes of this article--
- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) a constable or authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on any land to which this Order applies or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

In this Paragraph 'an authorised officer of the Council' means any person authorised in writing for the purposes of this Order by Fenland District Council (the Council).

#### **Penalty**

A person who is guilty of an offence under article 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

### Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs) 2020 SCHEDULE 3 – Dogs No Fouling - Means to pick up dog faeces

The Fenland District Council hereby makes the following Order:

- 1 This Order comes into force following public consultation.
- 2(1) This Order applies to all the land with the Fenland District Council local authority area which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment). The area hatched in red on the associated plans.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, any land which is covered is to be treated as land which is "open to the air" if it is open to the air on at least one side.

#### Offence

- 3(1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless--
- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who--
- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 in respect of a dog trained to assist the blind; or
- (b) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon

which he relies for assistance.

- (3) For the purposes of this article--
- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;
- (c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;
- (d) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"--
- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).

#### **Penalty**

4 A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

### Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

#### Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs) 2020 SCHEDULE 4 – Dogs excluded

The Fenland District Council hereby makes the following Order:

- 1 This Order comes into force following public consultation.
- 2 This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

#### Offence

- 3(1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this Order applies unless--
- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who--
- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 in respect of a dog trained to assist the blind; or
- (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
- (c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.
- (3) For the purposes of this article--
- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog; and
- (b) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"--
- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).

#### **Penalty**

4. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

#### **SCHEDULE 4A**

Those areas hatched in red on the associated plans being located within the areas listed below:

#### **Settlement Area**

**Benwick** 

**High Street** 

#### Chatteris

Cricketers Way Furrowfields Hunter's Close Huntingdon Road

## **APPENDIX 3**

Larham Way New Road Cemetery St Paul's Drive Wenny Road

### Doddington

Beech Avenue Walden Close

#### Eastrea

Springfields Thornham Way

## Friday Bridge

West Drive

#### Manea

Williams Way

#### March

Eastwood Cemetery Gaul Road North Drive West End Park

### Parson Drove

Main Road

# Whittlesey

Burdett Grove
Manor Leisure Centre
Pinewood Avenue
Snowley Park
Station Road
Whittlesey Cemetery

## Wimblington

Honeymead Road

#### Wisbech

Bath Road
Conference Way
Copperfields
Heron Road
Malt Drive
Mount Pleasant Cemetery
Westmead Avenue
Wisbech Park

## Wisbech St Mary

Wisbech St Mary Cemetery

### SCHEDULE 1A

Those areas hatched in red on the attached plans being located within the areas listed below:

#### Settlement Area

Benwick

St Mary's Churchyard

Chatteris

Huntingdon Road Larham Way Meeks Cemetery St Peter's & St Paul's Churchyard

Coates

North Green South Green

Doddington

St Mary's Churchyard

Elm

All Saints Churchyard

Friday Bridge Church Yard

Manea

St Nicholas' Churchyard

March

Alberts Drive
Garden of Rest, High Street
Nightall Drive
Robingoodfellows Lane
St Wendredas' Cemetery
Station Road Cemetery
The Avenue

Newton

St James' Churchyard

Whittlesey

Garden of Rest, Station Road St Andrew's Churchyard St Mary's Churchyard Tower Close

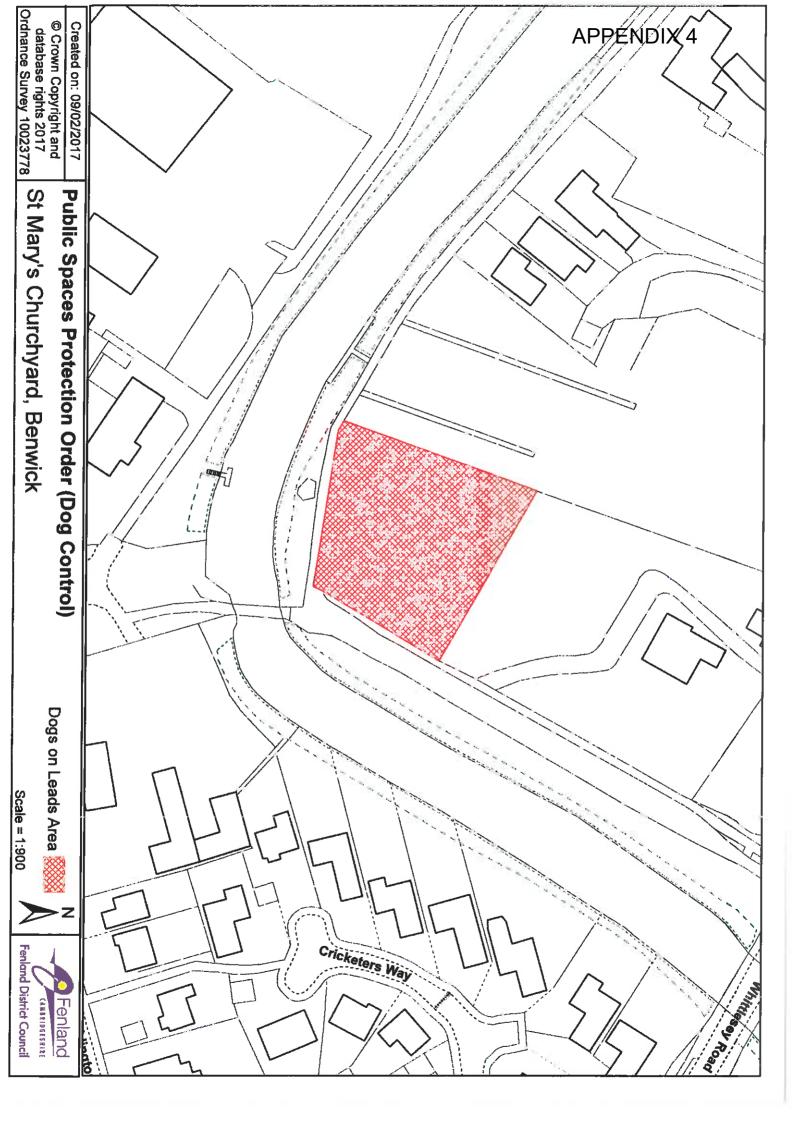
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St Peter's Churchyard

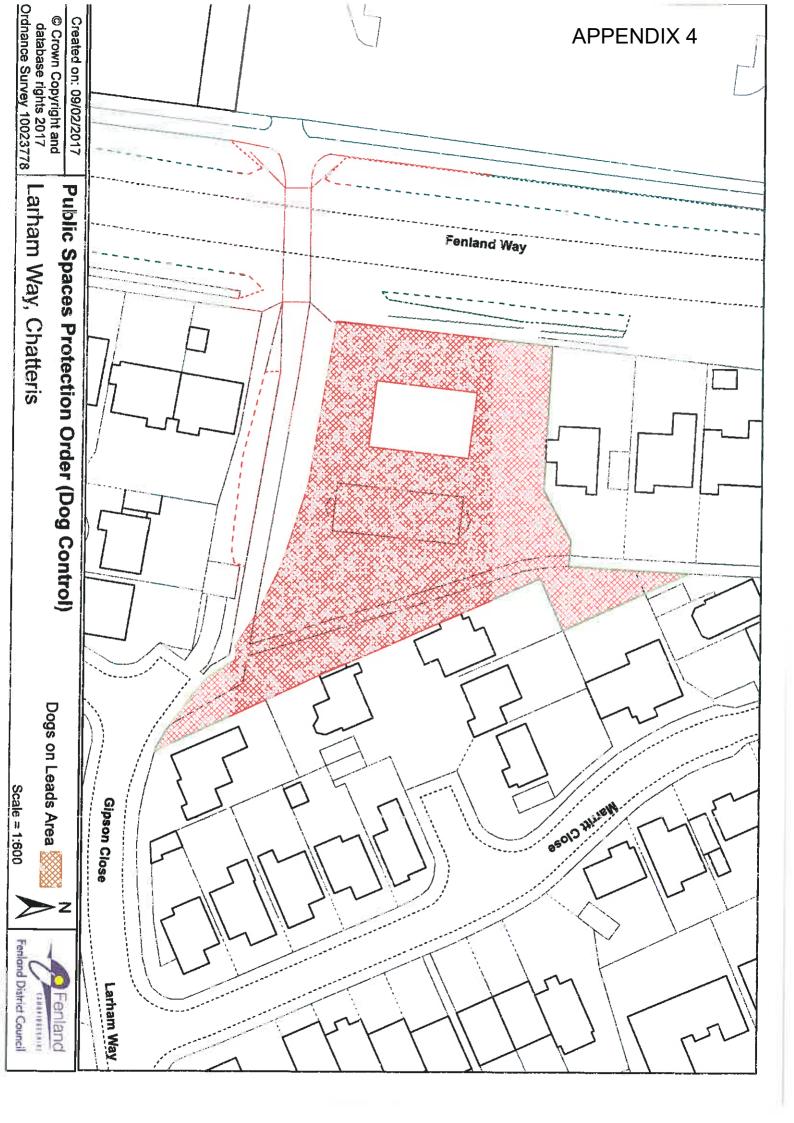
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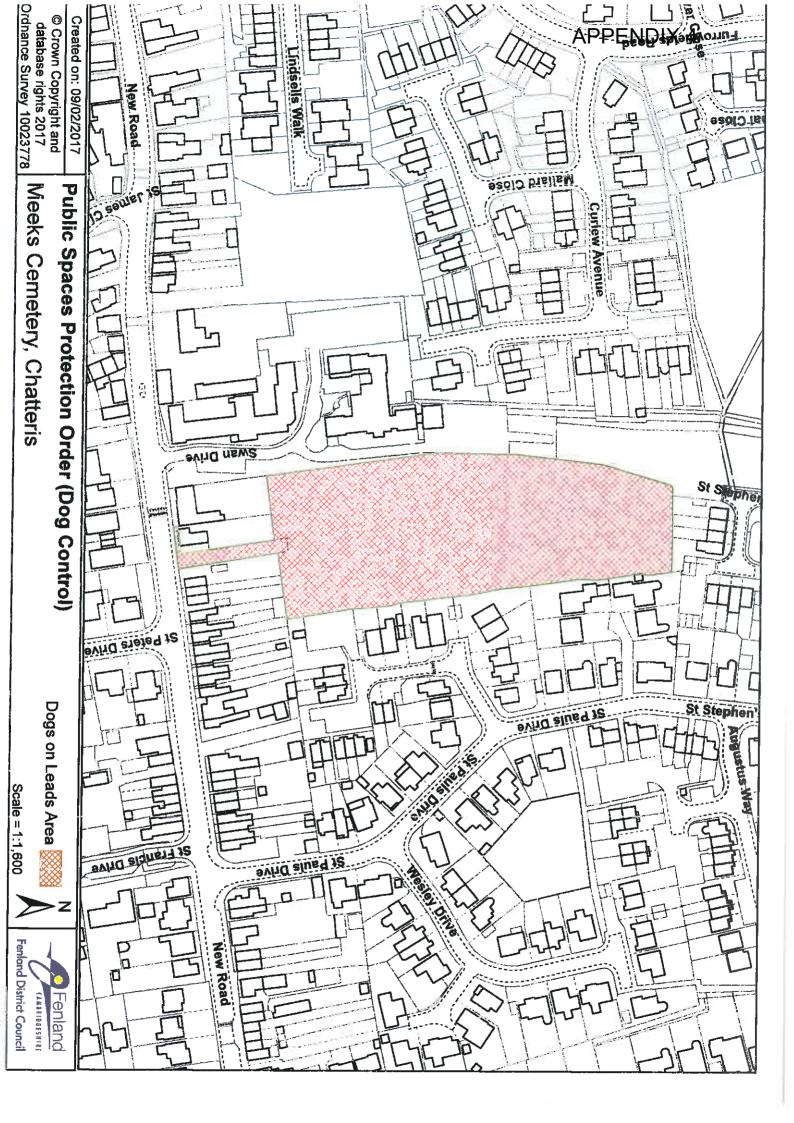
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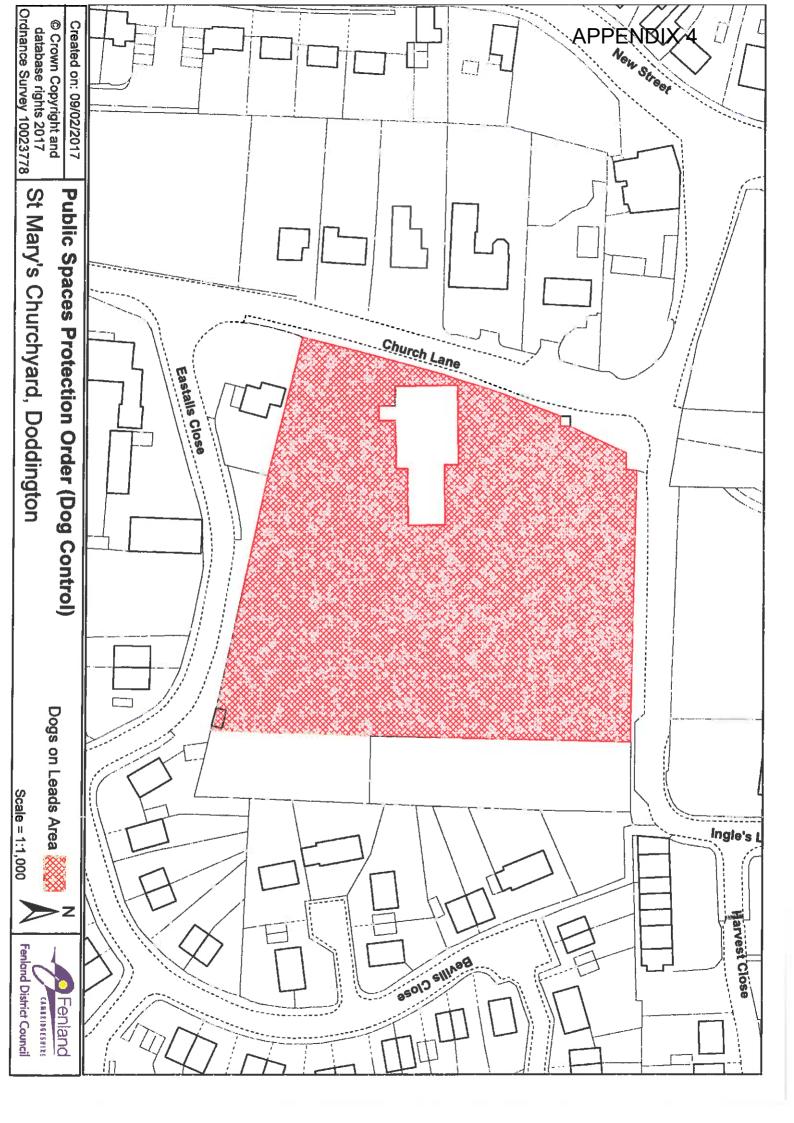


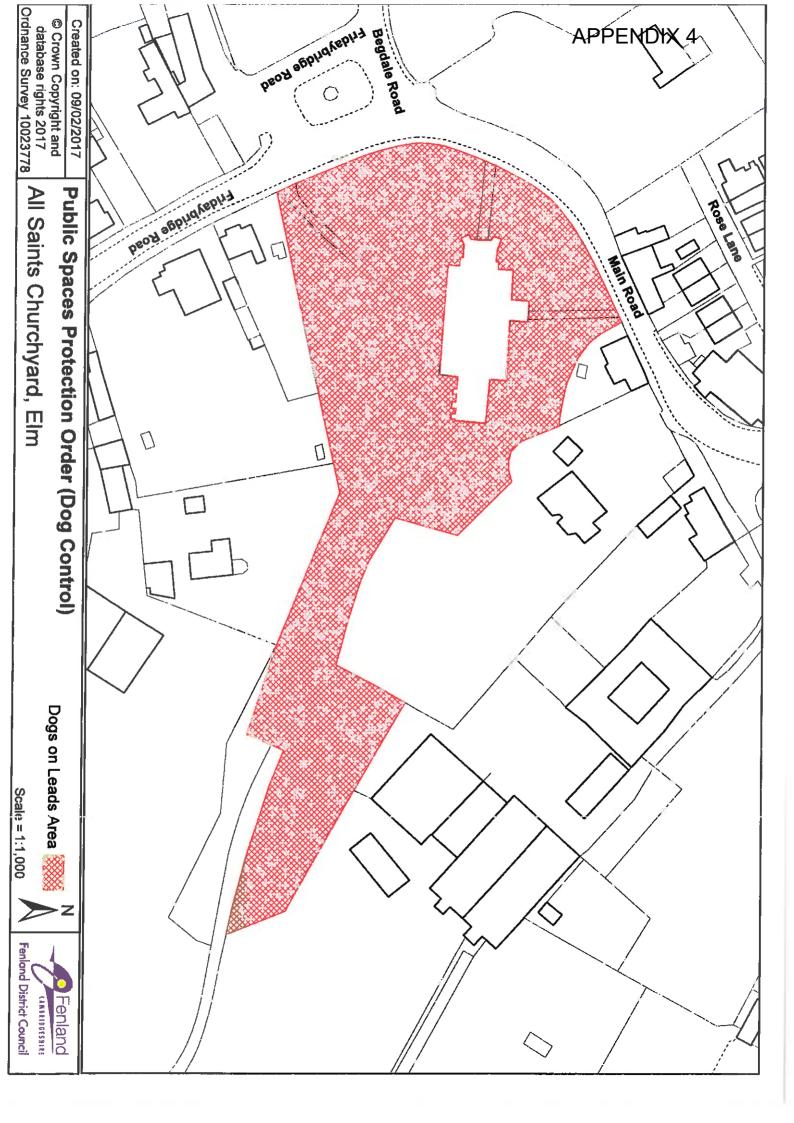


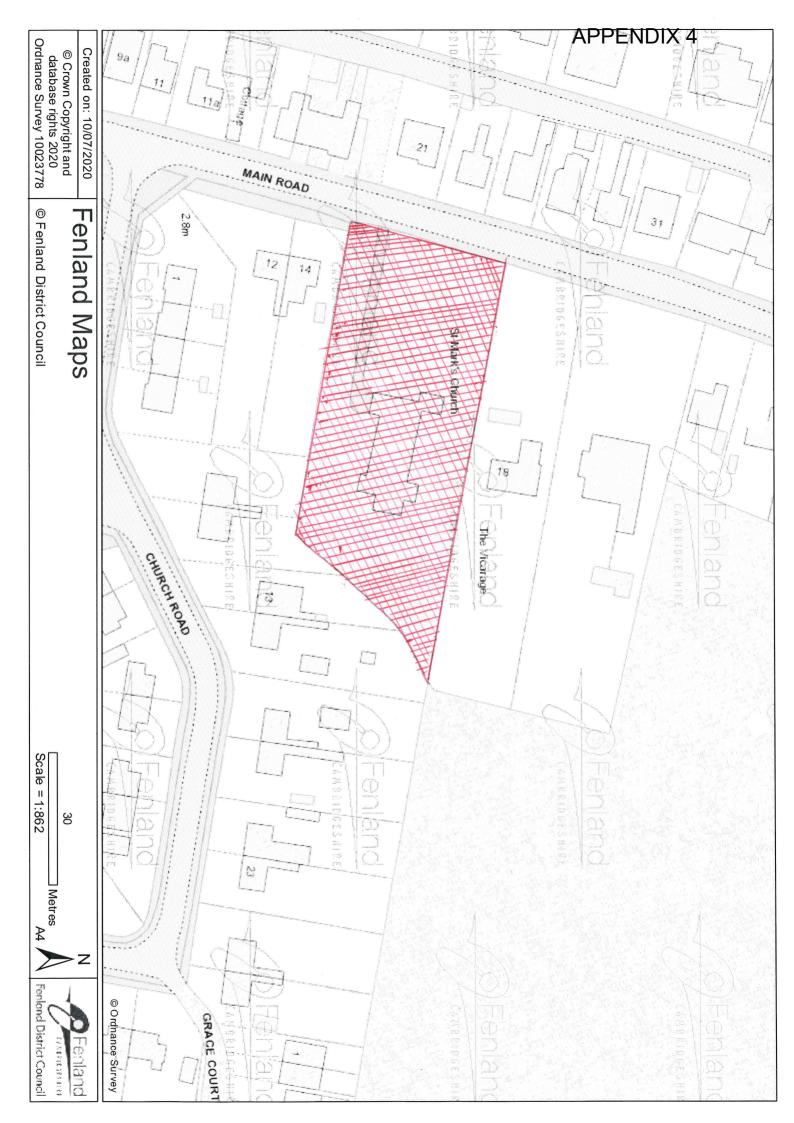










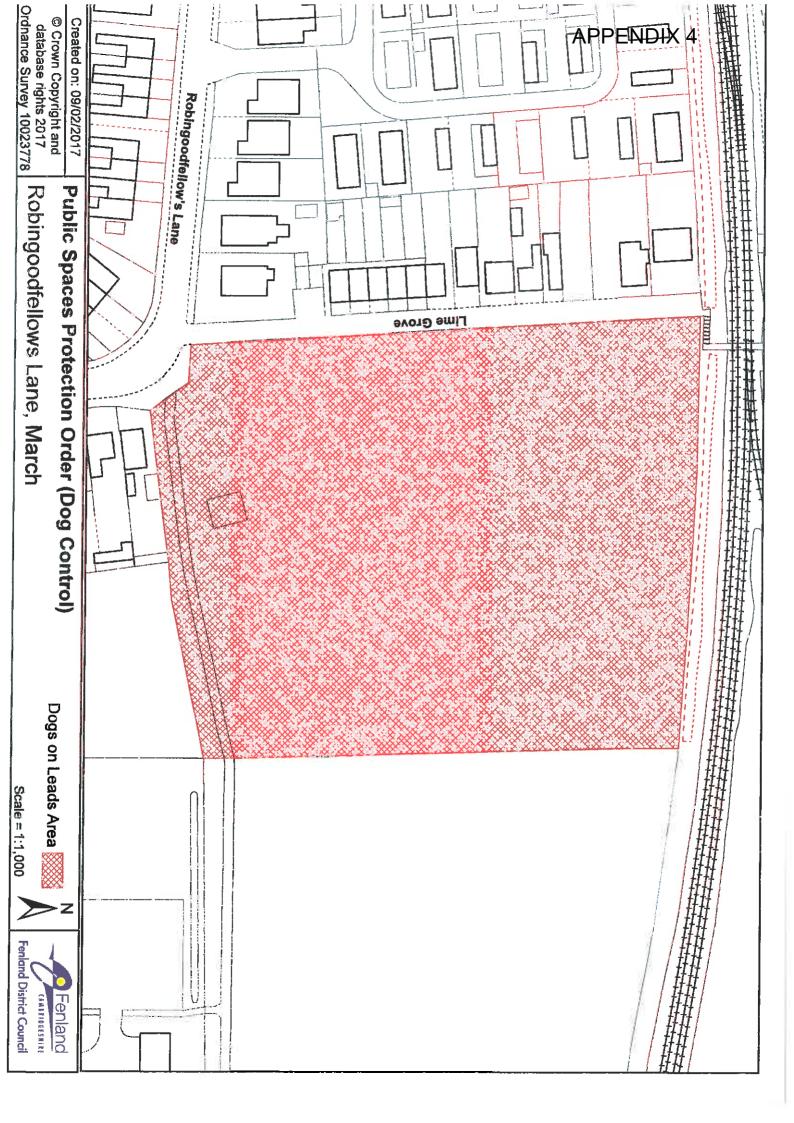




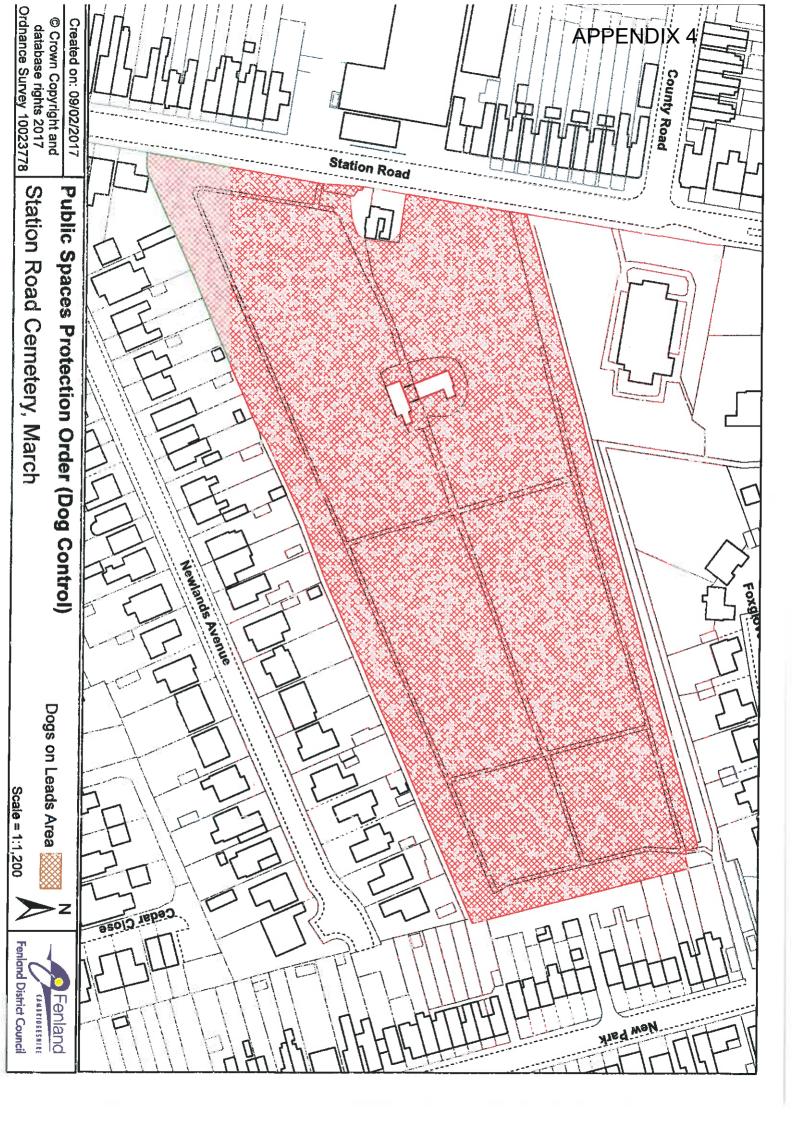


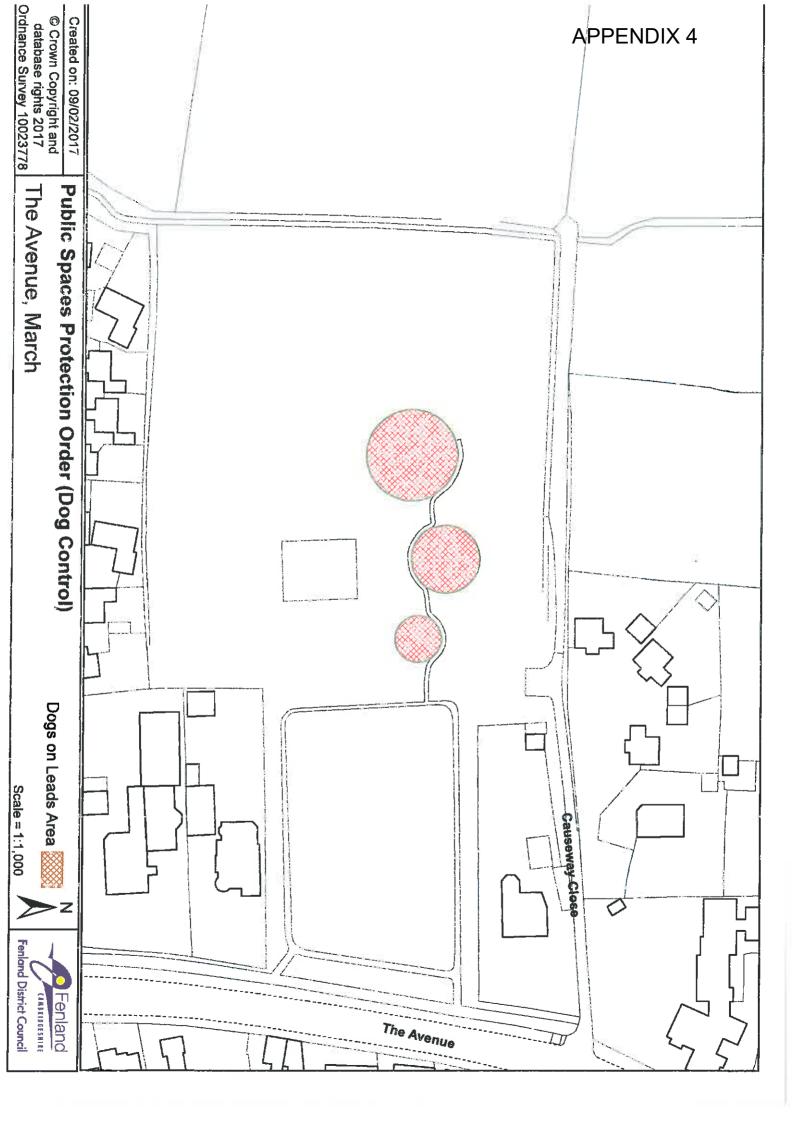


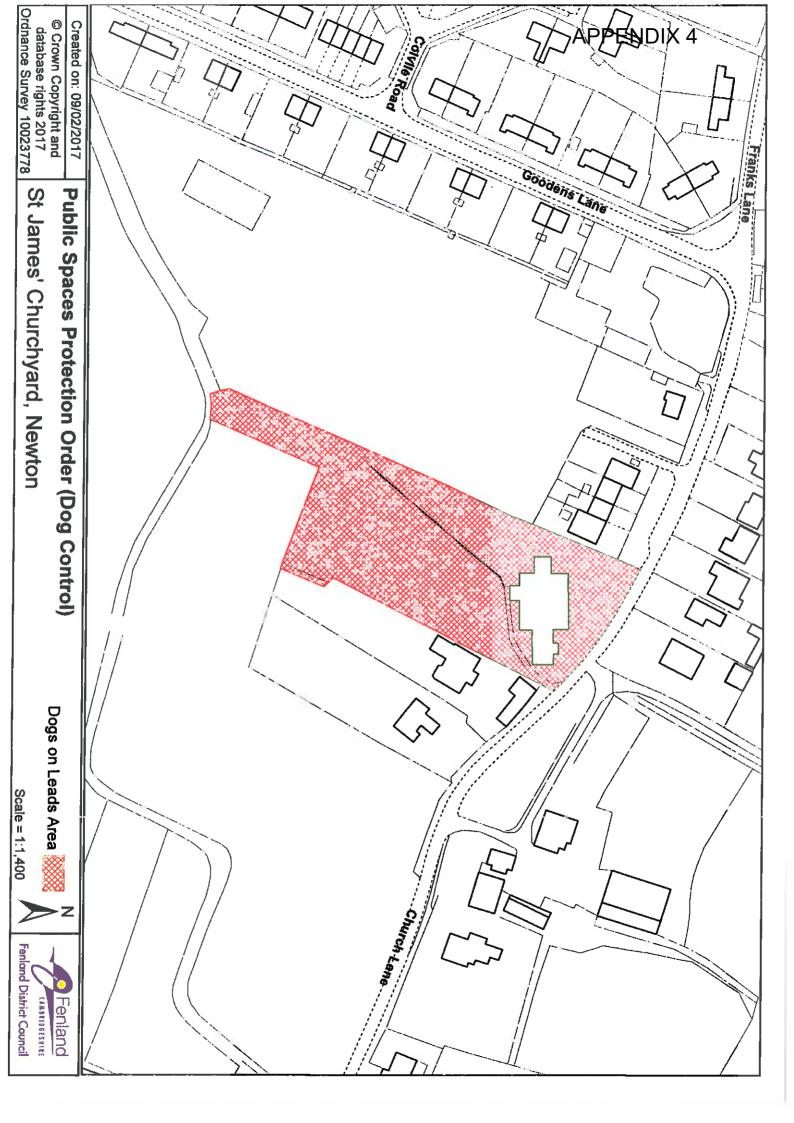


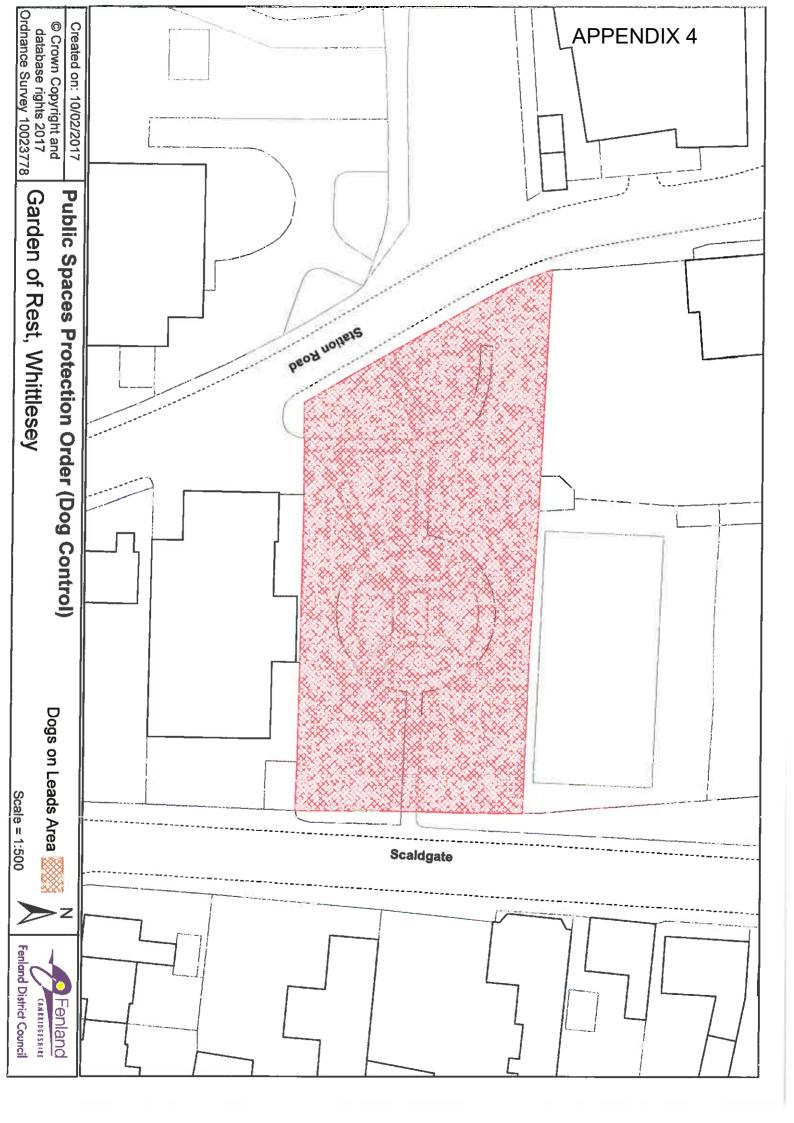








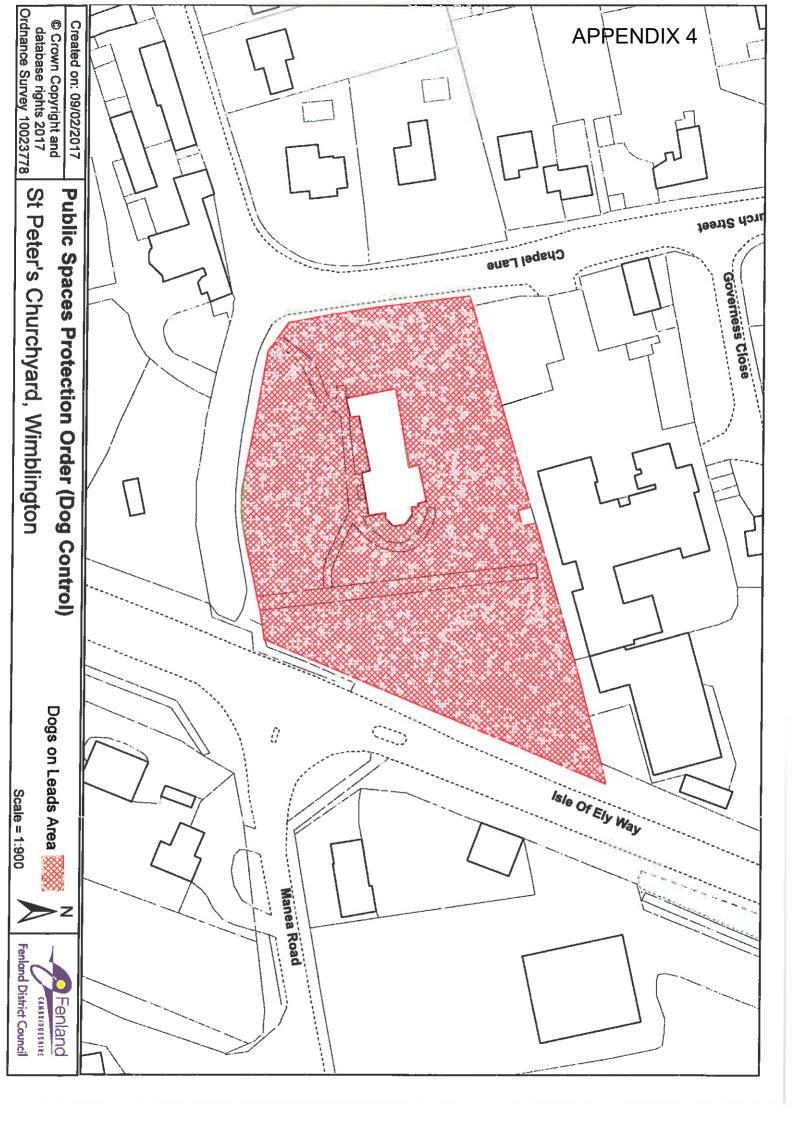




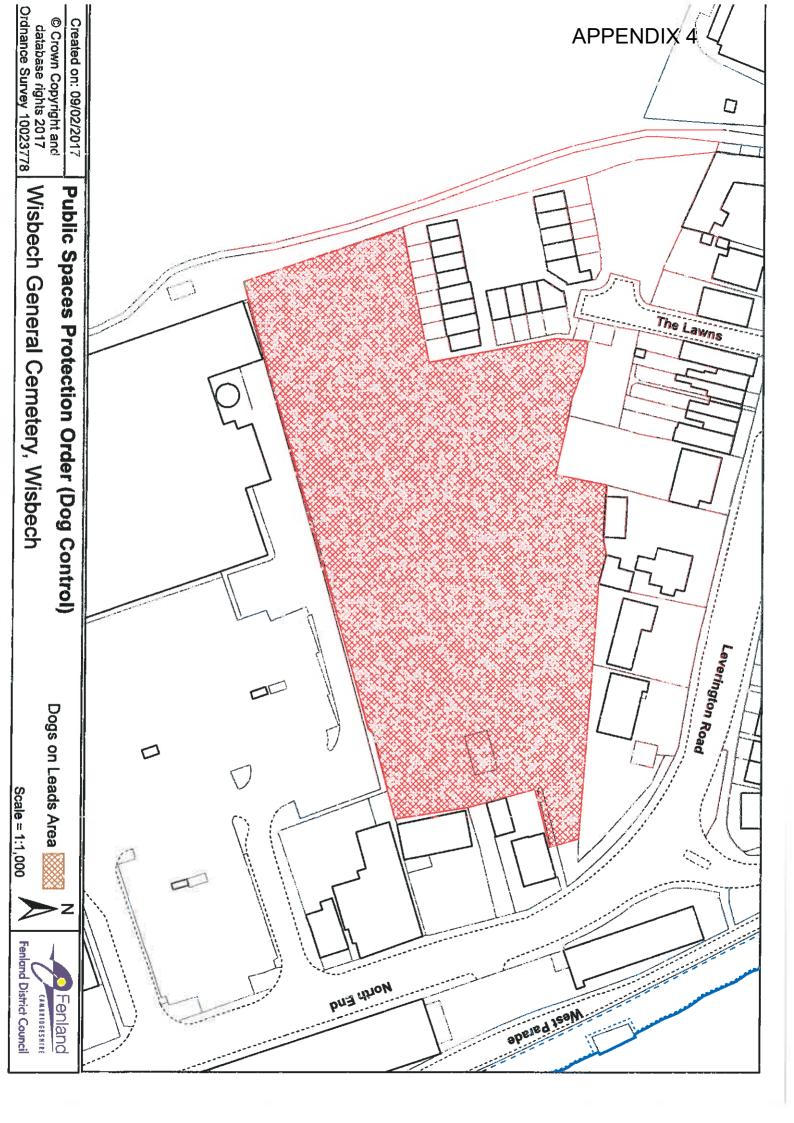


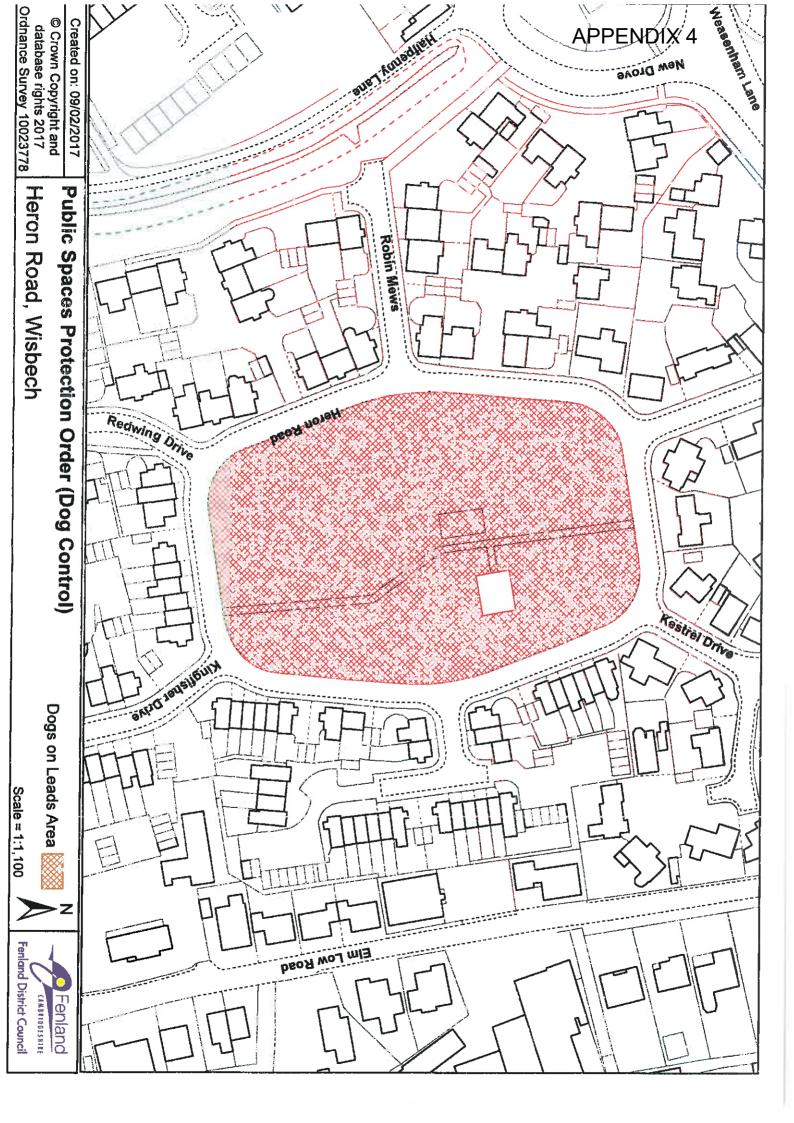








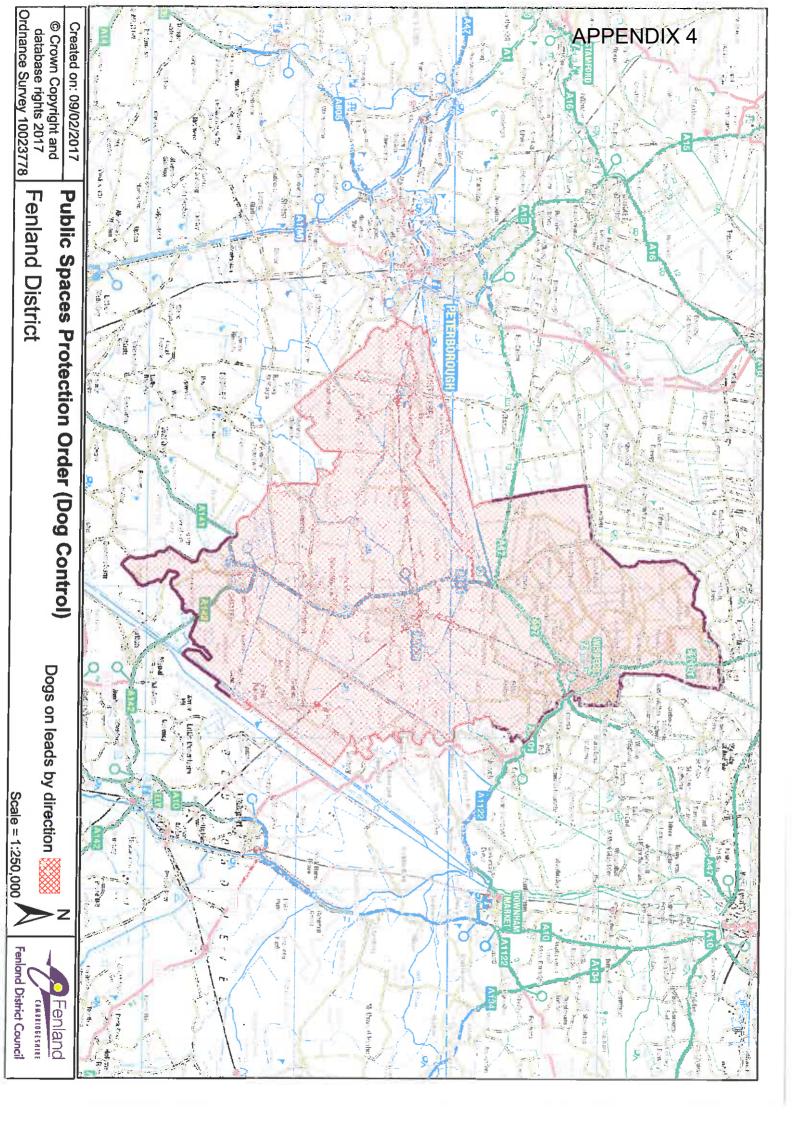




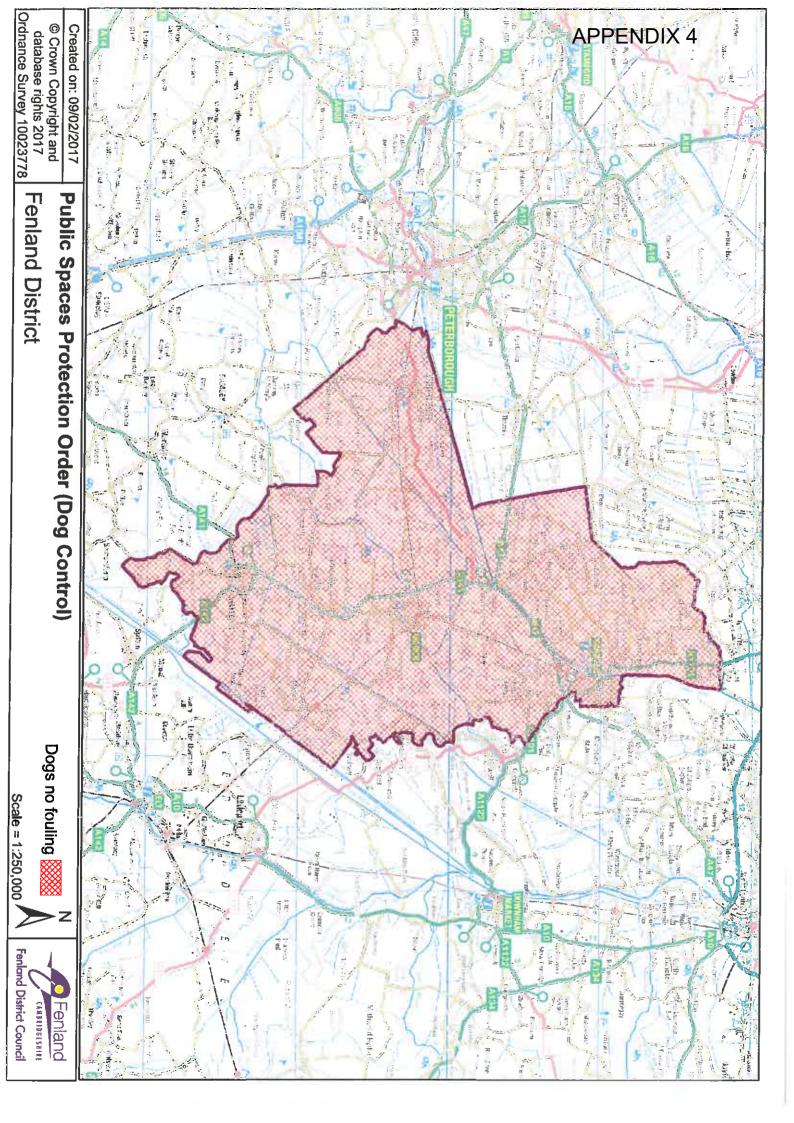




# **SCHEDULE 2**



# **SCHEDULE 3**



## **SCHEDULE 4A**

Those areas hatched in red on the attached plans being located within the areas listed below:

## Settlement Area

Benwick

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Main Road

Chatteris

Cricketers Way Furrowfields Hunter's Close

Huntingdon Road Larham Way

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March

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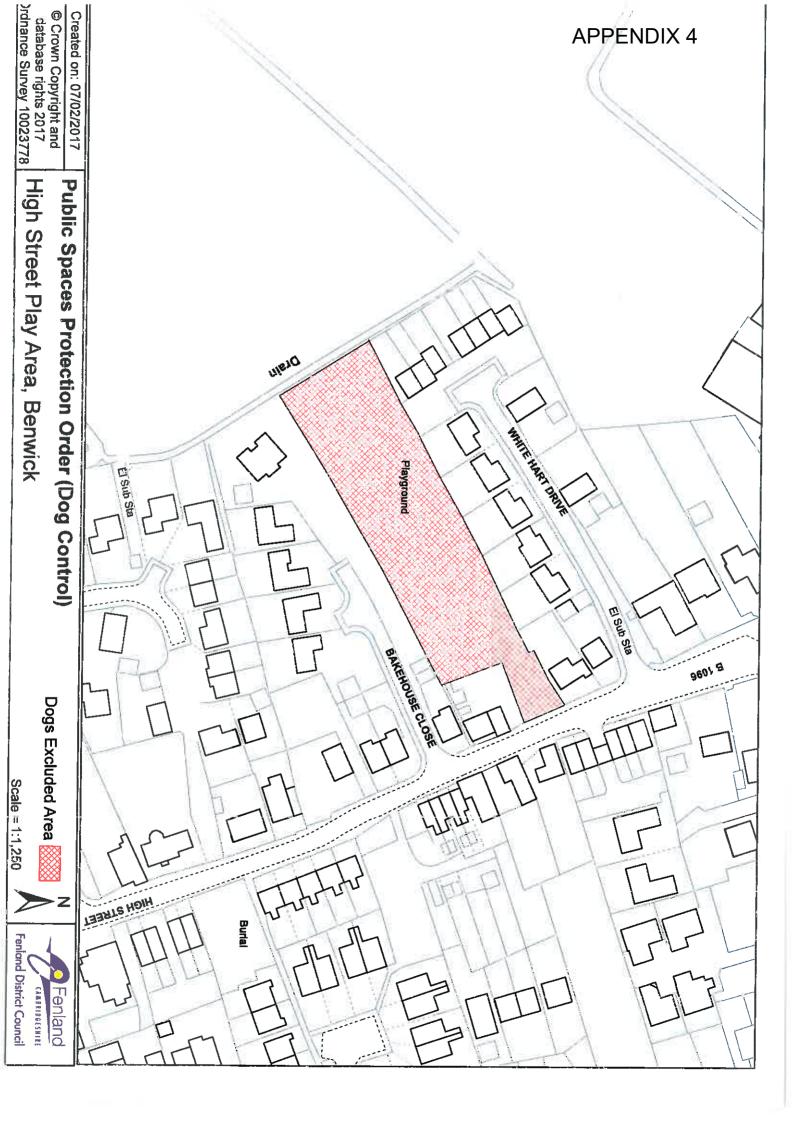
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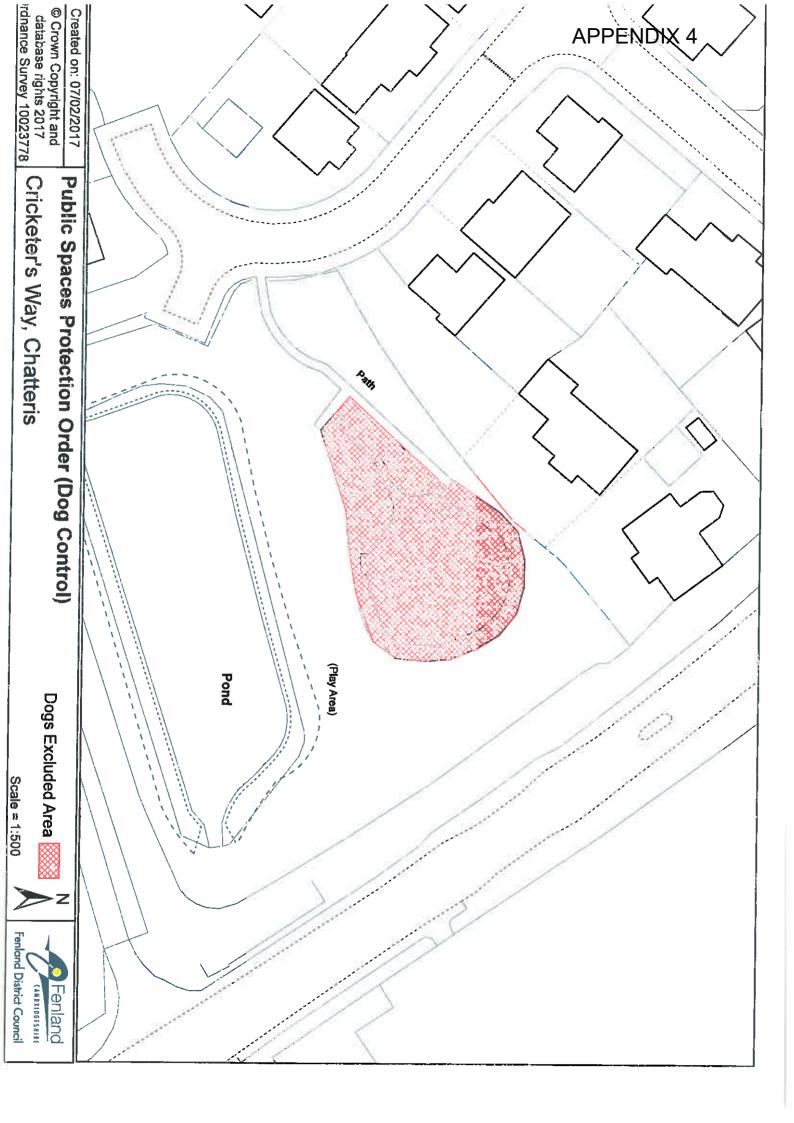
Westmead Avenue Wisbech Park

Wisbech St Mary

Wisbech St Mary Cemetery

## SCHEDULE 4



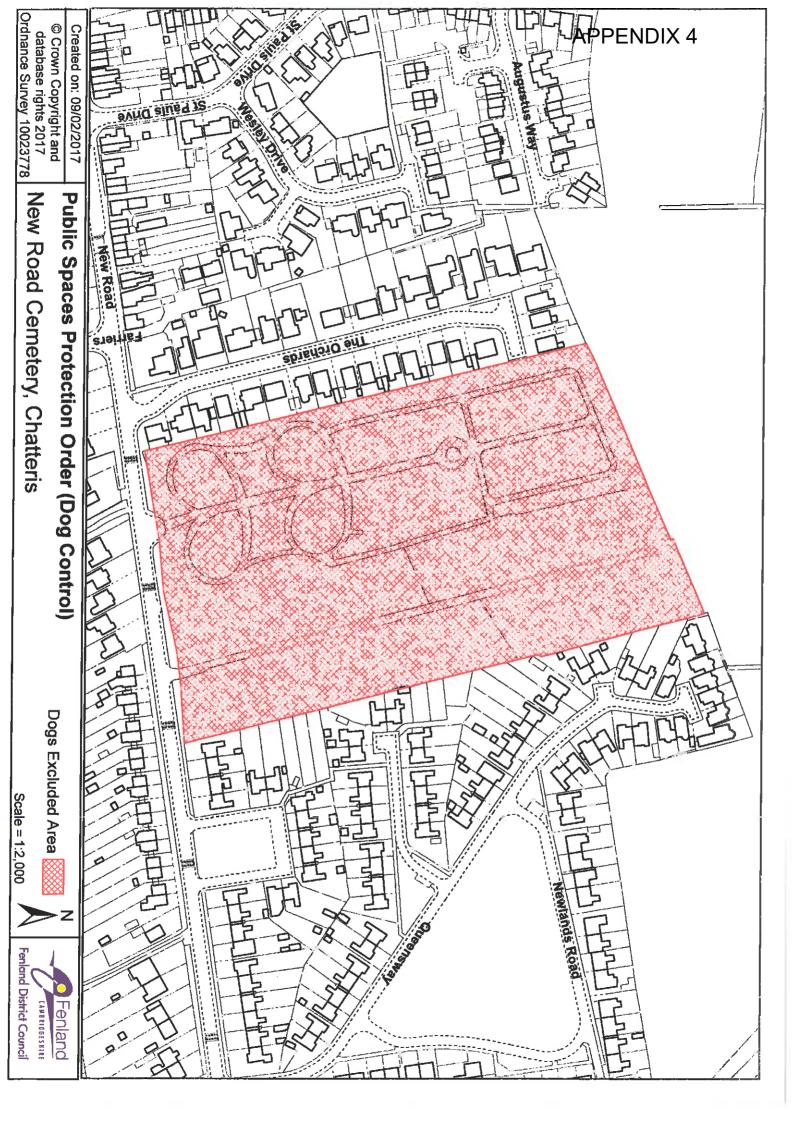


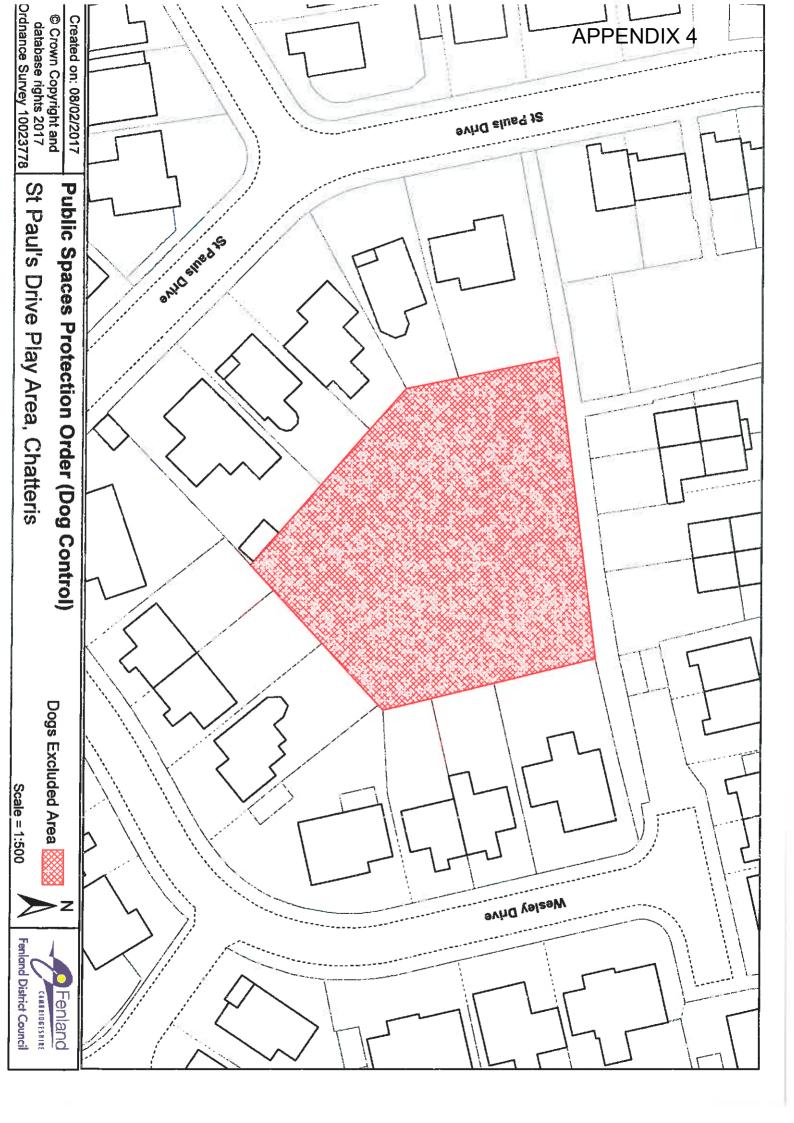




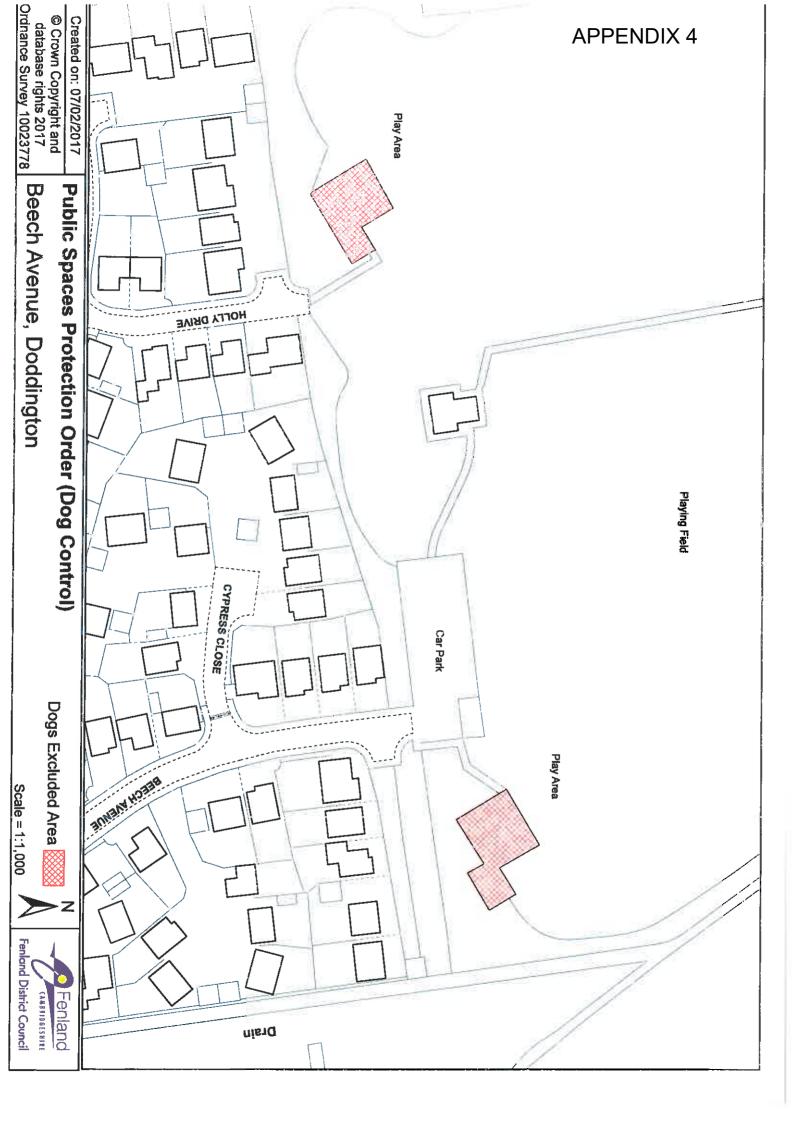




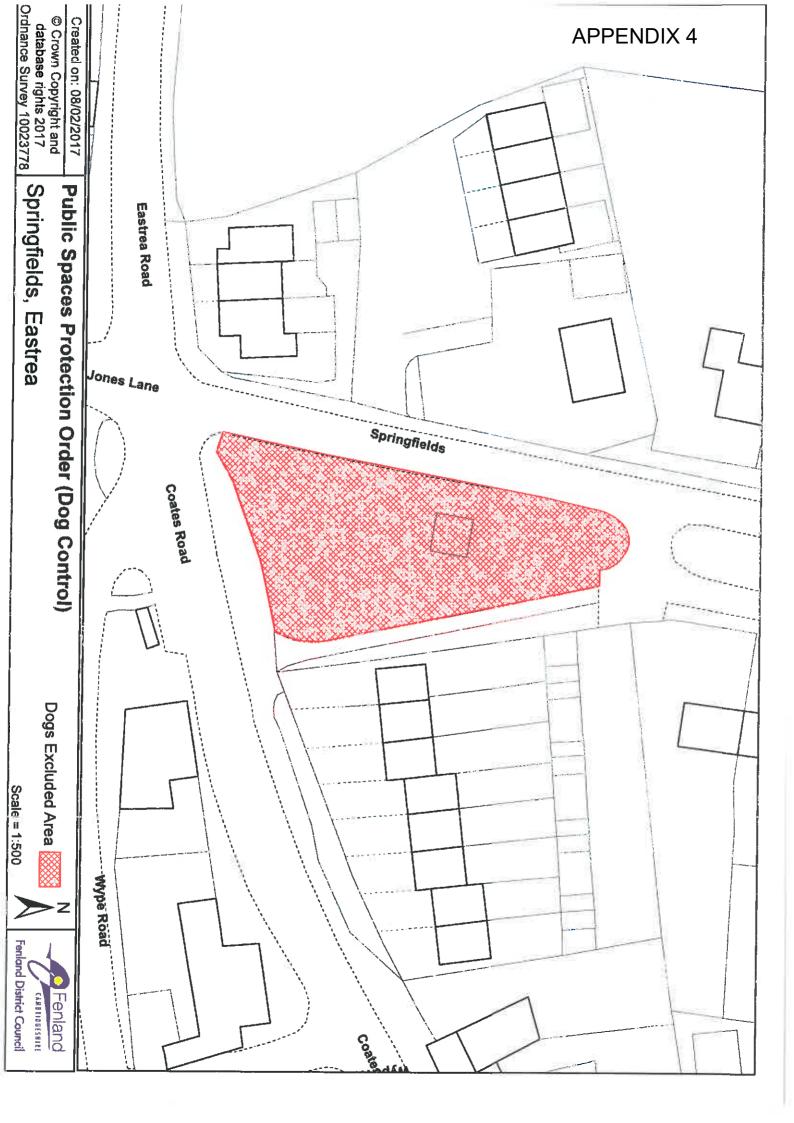












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