

Council consults on extending dog fouling order!

West Lindsey District Council is looking at extending a public space protection order on dog fouling and nuisance dogs across the whole district.

An order was introduced by the district council in 2017 under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. It allows the Council to issue fixed penalty notices for £100 or prosecution to any dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs and dispose of it appropriately.

The Council is consulting on the extension and variation of the Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). It is proposing to be able to issue penalties to dog owners who do not carry with them the right means to pick up dog fouling (i.e. dog poo bags).

Cllr Milne Chair of the Regulatory Committee said: "The Council understands that the majority of dog owners act responsibly and pick up after their dogs. However we do recognise that dog fouling is an issue across the District and we are keen to ensure that we have powers in place to deal with it when it occurs.

"We are also seeking to extend these powers and ask dog owners to ensure that they carry with them dog bag, or similar to demonstrate that when their dog fouls they can pick it up. We want to hear resident's views on these issues and welcome responses to the consultation that we have commenced."

The consultation opened on 16 March 2020 and residents have until 9am 27 April 2020 to take part.

The Council's Regulatory Committee is due to make a decision on the outcomes of the matter in June 2020.

More details on this and a list of frequently asked questions can be found on the Council's website: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/dogfoulingpspo

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