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To: Councillors Bailey, Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rattray and Rollings (for attention)

All other members of the Council
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in Committee Room 1, at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough on Thursday, 13th October 2022 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

30th September 2022

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT – BACKGROUND PAPERS

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| 9. | <u>CHARNWOOD DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2023</u> | 3 - 40 |
| | A report of the Head of Regulatory and Community Safety. | |
| | <i>Key Decision</i> | |
| 10. | <u>BRADGATE PARK DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2023</u> | 41 - 42 |

A report of the Head of Regulatory and Community Safety.

Cabinet Report – Public Spaces Protection Order – (Charnwood Borough Council) Dog Control 2023

Summary of Incidents and Enforcement Actions

Numbers of Incidents

1. Charnwood Borough Council receive reports of dog fouling to be dealt with in two different ways:
 - First Report of dog foul – first report a high number of reports of dog fouling – report goes to waste contractor for cleansing
 - Second report within 6 months – report goes to waste contractor for cleansing and a patrol is carried out.

The number of dog fouling reports (second reports with a patrol is shown in the table below

Year	Number of reports
2018 - 19	92
2019-20	89
2020 - 21	76
2021 - 22	97

2. Dog fouling enforcement is usually by means of a fixed penalty notice (FPN). An authorised Officer must see the owner allowing their dog to foul and not clearing away afterwards for an offence to occur. If the FPN is unpaid the Council can prosecute. The number of fixed penalty notices and prosecutions can be seen in the table below:

Year	Number of FPNs	Number of Prosecutions
2018 - 19	9	2
2019 – 20	6	0
2020 - 21	4	0
2021 - 22	11	0

3. Charnwood Borough Council also receives reports about issues with dog control. These reports include dog on dog attacks, dogs scaring and worrying people and owners not being on control of their dog. In the last three years the number of dog control reports is as follows:




Year	Number of reports
2018-19	92
2018-19	115
2020-21	89
2021 - 22	113




4. The Council deal with many cases by contacting the individual concerned but the PSPO would offer a location-based order to implement controls in public spaces to prevent dog control issues.

There are also powers within the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 which allows relevant agencies to deal with individuals for dog control issues using Community Protection Warnings and Notices. These powers can be used alongside the PSPO.

Background Paper - Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation 2022

1. Consultation about dog control in Charnwood

1. To insist on people picking up dog faeces when in charge of a dog (this will be borough wide excluding private and agricultural land).				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Agree		97.89%	93
2	Neutral		2.11%	2
3	Disagree		0.00%	0
			answered	95
			skipped	0

2. Not allowing dogs within fenced children's play areas (fenced on all sides with a sign at the entrance "dog exclusion zone or similar").				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Agree		93.68%	89
2	Neutral		4.21%	4
3	Disagree		2.11%	2
			answered	95
			skipped	0

If you have any comment or suggestions for areas to be included, please indicate below: (13)

1	11/07/2022 13:33 PM ID: 195372235	Butler way play area (Sileby), Harlequin drive Play area (Sileby), Sileby Town Football Club Pitches (Southfields Avenue, Sileby), Southfields Avenue play area (Sileby).
2	17/07/2022 11:40 AM ID: 195778334	Also have dogs on a lead at all times when other people are enjoying the land, especially along the Riverside walks, my son was walking alone by the river, when a loose dog ran upto him, it jumped up at him, and when he tried to push it away because he was frightened, it bit his hand, it didn't draw blood or break the skin. The owner shouted at the dog, but offered no apology to my son, they just left the scene very quickly. My son is autistic and he was very upset with the whole experience. We did have a dog at one time, sadly she passed away due to old age, but when out on a walk she was on a lead, the only time she came off the lead was in an open meadow, and only if I was sure nobody else was there, if your dog won't obey your call to heel or sit down, you must keep it on a lead, and if your dog is disobedient then take it to a dog obeisance class.
3	18/07/2022 18:05 PM ID: 195853864	Dog bins need to be emptied more often to prevent over flow. Burton on the wolds seems to have a bad problem with dog poop!
4	18/07/2022 19:40 PM ID: 195857833	*School playing fields area at all times *Private roads with dwellings Keep your dog on a lead is a must! Especially private roads
5	18/07/2022 19:47 PM ID: 195859425	Also to be picked up I'd done on or at the side of the designated walking paths along sides of fields! This is agricultural land in most cases and the mess seen when walking with my children is terrible!
6	21/07/2022 10:30 AM ID: 196072835	Dog owners should be fined if not in control of a dog that harrasses either other dogs or humans, whether on the lead or not.
7	23/07/2022 11:00 AM ID: 196200387	Stonebow playing field
8	25/07/2022 15:26 PM ID: 196295474	These must be vandal proof
9	26/07/2022 17:54 PM ID: 196370191	More prompt emptying of faeces bins would encourage dog owners to use these more frequently
10	03/08/2022 11:20 AM ID: 196932525	To include all play areas in Anstey at Millfield Playing Field, Long Close, Fairhaven farm estate and Jelsons Estate on Cropston Road.
11	10/08/2022 19:39 PM ID: 197345901	Dogs should never be allowed in children's play areas. Children do not always know how to behave toward dogs, and many dogs are dangerous to children due to being nervous, large, or energetic.
12	25/08/2022 06:39 AM ID: 198248241	This restriction is irrelevant and too controlling
13	11/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 199185459	There should be no restrictions. If the restrictions are placed they must be policed, but if policed then better to allowed and police the people who leave mess and fine then to the maximum allowed level. I always go to places where dog are allowed and spend my money in those areas. If there are restrictions I avoid the area and advise my 250,000 followers the same advise how avoid these areas which is hiring local businesses especially when this fuel crisis is going to really hurt businesses, the council's need to allow all people and dogs to visit and increase visitor numbers or lose out to areas that do

2. Stonebow Washlands

3. To insist that dogs are kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries and graveyards.				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Agree		89.47%	85
2	Neutral		6.32%	6
3	Disagree		4.21%	4
			answered	95
			skipped	0
If you have any comment or suggestions for areas to be included, please indicate below: (7)				
1	11/07/2022 13:33 PM ID: 195372235	Closed off War Memorial areas so for Example Sibley's War Memorial which is situated in Sibley Memorial Park.		
2	18/07/2022 19:40 PM ID: 195857833	* Private roads lanes etc where there are dwellings - dogs not on leads can become excited by children on the private road, dogs a fenced garden or the private road cats and other distractions * areas of public ground when there is live entertainment with public eating drinking.		
3	18/07/2022 19:47 PM ID: 195859425	Sign of respect and to avoid any mess potentially being left behind by owners!		
4	23/07/2022 11:00 AM ID: 196200387	The some owners don't even pick after dogs poo sometimes they are so busy chatting with other owners and their dogs running around not safe for public		
5	02/08/2022 08:19 AM ID: 196844868	Dogs can do little damage in a grave yard		
6	10/08/2022 19:39 PM ID: 197345901	Graveyards are not dog parks and it is disrespectful to the deceased to allow dogs in them unless it is absolutely necessary to pass through.		
7	25/08/2022 06:39 AM ID: 198248241	Irrelevant		

4. Please indicate to what extent you are in agreement to dogs being kept on a lead in the blue zone (as shown on the map, which can be viewed here).				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Agree		76.84%	73
2	Neutral		11.58%	11
3	Disagree		11.58%	11
			answered	95
			skipped	0
If you have any comment or suggestions for areas to be included, please indicate below: (27)				
1	18/07/2022 18:05 PM ID: 195853864	Don't know the area.		
2	18/07/2022 19:40 PM ID: 195857833	Private roads! This is where I got bit on the leg because my friends son and daughter were playing blowing bubbles and the culprit did not live on our lane!		
3	19/07/2022 10:17 AM ID: 195883952	I believe this is important because of the recent death of one of a nesting pair of swans and number people being accosted by aggressive dogs.		
4	19/07/2022 23:41 PM ID: 195976308	Far too much wildlife is injured or killed by loose dogs that owners cannot control		
5	20/07/2022 17:50 PM ID: 196035922	I have witnessed some owners who have their dogs off leads and walked ahead leaving the dog running around behind them on the blue and yellow areas. These owners are not keeping an eye on their dogs or aren't bothered if they run up to the wildlife.		
6	21/07/2022 16:04 PM ID: 196101845	The dog attack which resulted in the direct killing of the swan brings home the importance of having designated areas which dogs must be on leads at all times, not only for the wildlife but as a safe area for other dog owners to exercise their pets without fear of confrontation and possible injury. As a dog owner myself i was very upset to hear of the incident which was totally avoidable. I hope common sense will prevail and provide a safe environment for the wildlife to prosper in this area.		
7	21/07/2022 16:26 PM ID: 196104097	swans and other wild birds need protecting from dogs not under controlled supervision		
8	21/07/2022 16:30 PM ID: 196104495	swans and other wild birds need protecting from dogs not under controlled supervision		
9	21/07/2022 18:09 PM	They should be on short leads at all times Not everyone wants dogs jumping up at them or running to then Have recently		

		<p>had leg surgery and using crutches dog owners have a responsibility to keep them close to be aware of what they are doing Not everyone using the area is a dog lover</p>
10	22/07/2022 16:08 PM ID: 196166621	I disagree because, like most dog owners, I have a well behaved dog who would not hurt other wildlife. My dog is elderly and benefits from swimming in the brook that runs alongside the pond. I would like to continue to use my own discretion as to when it is and is not appropriate to let my dog off the lead. However I do understand that the needs of local wildlife is important.
11	22/07/2022 20:04 PM ID: 196183503	I have seen dogs loose in this area chasing after the ducks and I am concerned that they might also attack the swans and signets. Also, my wife is not very brave with dogs and has been alarmed to meet a large (albeit well-meaning) dog running towards her across the narrow wooden walkway.
12	23/07/2022 10:07 AM ID: 196198984	Loose dogs can be dangerous near children anytime but especially around the pond.
13	23/07/2022 11:00 AM ID: 196200387	Once my sister and I took our grandchildren for a walk in the field 2 black dogs came running towards us barking the children got scared after a while the owner came as he didn't realise what his dogs were up to so not safe for us to go for a walk as there is a fear
14	25/07/2022 12:34 PM ID: 196279869	The majority of the time, owners allow their dogs off their leads and end up screaming and shouting at their dogs to try to recall them because the dogs run off out of control due to the lack of training.
15	25/07/2022 18:25 PM ID: 196308023	I notice that the 'blue area' on that map is smaller than the 'red area' shown in the PSPO of 20th May 2022 (https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/public_spaces_protection_order_2020_23_2022_variation_dog_control.pdf) - the blue area only goes up to the paths/tracks, suggesting that dogs could be off-lead in all the rough areas beyond, which I thought was not the intention? The 'red area' includes the surroundings up to the brook. There may be other 'edges' that should be included.
16	26/07/2022 13:01 PM ID: 196347102	This is an are where families and children play and go for picnics, dogs roaming around are a nuisance and spoil the enjoyment of this beautiful area. Wildlife, particularly the swans frequent this area and are disturbed by dogs not on leads.
17	26/07/2022 13:49 PM ID: 196350500	To protect wildlife.
18	26/07/2022 17:54 PM ID: 196370191	However, the death of the swan which has likely prompted this consultation should have been dealt with as a criminal act under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, to what extent did Leicestershire Police investigate this crime, owner either had no control of the dog or did not care, now all dog owners are being tarred with this brush!
19	28/07/2022 11:40 AM ID: 196500990	have seen dogs off lead chasing swans
20	30/07/2022 15:37 PM ID: 196702862	This is vital for the safety of wildlife in and around the pond area especially following the death of the male swan!
21	30/07/2022 15:40 PM ID: 196703114	To ensure safety of wildlife
22	31/07/2022 15:17 PM ID: 196748298	THE YELLOW ZONE NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE BLUE ZONE. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE FOR DOGS TO BE OFF THE LEAD IN THE YELLOW ZONE. THE DUCKS AND SWANS COME UP ONTO THIS FIELD AND AS YOU KNOW PEOPLE ARE NOT ALWAYS IN COMMAND OF THEIR DOGS? YOU MUST CHANGE THIS!
23	15/08/2022 11:38 AM ID: 197575291	<p>> There should be over 150 lines of text below. If the final word is not 'END', these comments have not been fully transmitted. If so, please contact me via > > This survey form randomly adds and removes blank lines, doesn't allow formatting for emphasis and won't reproduce images. Hence the regrettable but necessary use of > and * and CAPITALS. > > 15TH AUGUST 2022 > ***** > BELOW ARE MY COMMENTS FOR PSPO SURVEY FORM REQUEST (OR 'QUESTION') 4, WHICH ARE ALSO OF RELEVANCE TO SURVEY FORM REQUESTS (OR 'QUESTIONS') 5 AND 6. ***** > > I SELECTED 'AGREE' TO REQUEST 4, which was 'Please indicate to what extent you are in agreement to dogs being kept on a lead in the blue zone (as shown on the map, which can be viewed here). *' CBC refer to the ponds area as 'the blue zone'. > > IT MUST BE EMPHASISED FROM THE OUTSET THAT I'VE SPENT AN ESTIMATED ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL SITES, ACCUMULATING AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OF OBSERVATION AND INVOLVEMENT. I HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY, THEREFORE, WITNESSED, INTERVENED IN, RECORDED AND REPORTED TO CBC CONSIDERABLY MORE LOOSE DOG INDUCED INCIDENTS ON THOSE SITES THAN ANYONE ELSE WITHIN THE SAME TIMESPAN. ASTONISHINGLY, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OCCURRING DURING ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS COULD BE THREE TIMES OR SO GREATER THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED BY MY OBSERVATIONS DURING ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS. EVERYTHING IS EXPLAINED AND PROVEN IN MY COMPREHENSIVE 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT ENTITLED 'RESOLVING DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL LOOSE DOG BEHAVIOUR AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL, LOUGHBOROUGH', PROVIDED TO CBC SINCE JANUARY 2022. THIS SURVEY FORM WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THAT REPORT, WHICH IS NEVERTHELESS FREELY AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL REQUEST TO > ***** EXAMINING THREE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL (CBC) CONDITIONS WITH UNDECLARED CONCLUSIONS</p>

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> THREE CBC CONDITIONS WITH UNDECLARED CONCLUSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE CBC BRIEFING FOR THIS SECOND PSPO CONSULTATION FOR STONEBOW WASHLANDS. ALL THREE ARE EXAMINED IN DETAIL BELOW.
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CONDITION [1] - 'CLEAR EVIDENCE'

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> CBC quote: 'It is important to note that an extension of controls will only be considered where there is clear evidence of significant ASB activities, for example dog attacks.'
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> CBC WON'T HAVE GATHERED ANY VALID (QUOTE): 'CLEAR EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES (I.E. DOG ATTACKS)' ON ANY PART OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS FROM THE OPERATION OF ITS 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME. 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ALLOWS ALL DOGS TO BE OFF A LEAD UNLESS A SPECIFIC DOG IS DIRECTED TO BE PUT ON A LEAD BY A CBC 'OFFICER' (IDVERDE RANGER). Since its introduction on the entirety of Stonebow Washlands from 6th January 2020, that scheme has, in effect, been PROVEN to be incapable of detecting or enforcing anything AT ALL. Comprehensive proof of that failure, by two independent methods, was provided in my 16th October 2021 report (described earlier).
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> It is extremely unclear whether (quote): 'clear evidence of significant ASB activities for example dog attacks', was expected from consultees (i.e. citizens contributing opinions to this second PSPO consultation via this survey form). A CLEAR CBC request for input has not been identified. Any future claimed CBC shortage of evidence from consultees will be due to that lack of clarity, amongst other possible influences.
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> REGARDLESS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, I HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE VERY CLEAR 'HISTORICAL DATA AND EVIDENCE' TO CBC OF SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES, NAMELY LOOSE DOG ATTACKS, ON THE ENTIRETY OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS (THE PONDS AREA PLUS THE PLAYING FIELD), ON THIS SURVEY FORM (SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6), IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT AND IN MANY INDIVIDUAL EMAIL REPORTS, USUALLY AT THE TIME OF EACH INCIDENT.
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> OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE, I HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WITNESSING LOOSE DOG ATTACKS UPON WILDLIFE GRAZING AND GRUBBING ON THAT PLAYING FIELD AND HAVE ALSO REPORTED THAT MY INTERVENTION WAS SOMETIMES NECESSARY, AT RISK TO MY OWN SAFETY. RECENT COMMUNICATIONS HAVE REVEALED THAT, FOR SOME UNEXPLAINED REASON, THAT EVIDENCE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN RECOGNISED, LET ALONE ACTED UPON, BY CBC.
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> IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SPECIFIC EVIDENCE WILL BE PROVIDED IN MY COMMENTS BELOW REQUESTS NUMBERED 5 AND 6 OF THIS SURVEY FORM (DUE TO INSUFFICIENT SPACE PROVIDED BELOW THIS REQUEST, NUMBERED 4). ONE OBJECTIVE IS TO RE-STATE AND RE-EMPHASISE THE LOOSE DOG ATTACK SITUATION AT STONEBOW, IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE CBC RECOGNITION. ANOTHER OBJECTIVE IS TO SATISFY A RECENT WRITTEN CBC REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. USE OF THE WORD 'ONLY' BY CBC IS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO MEAN INSTANCES OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. DOG ATTACKS) BEGINNING, REMAINING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. I HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT IT SENSIBLE TO 'ONLY' REPORT SUCH ARTIFICIALLY CONSTRAINED INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT FAILS TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE AVAILABLE (BUT VERY NECESSARY) EVIDENCE, LEADING TO INCORRECT CONCLUSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, MY FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OR SO OF OBSERVATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL EASILY IDENTIFY SUFFICIENT EXAMPLES OF THAT SPECIFIC TYPE OF INCIDENT, WHICH ARE PROVIDED IN MY COMMENTS BELOW REQUEST NUMBER 5.
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CONDITION [2] - 'HISTORICAL DATA AND EVIDENCE'

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> CBC quote: 'There will also be an additional resource needed to enforce so historical data and evidence will be reviewed when making any decisions.'
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> CBC WON'T HAVE GATHERED ANY VALID 'HISTORICAL DATA AND EVIDENCE' OF SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES (I.E. DOG ATTACKS) ON ANY PART OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS FROM THE "OPERATION" OF ITS 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME. Since its introduction on the entirety of Stonebow Washlands from 6th January 2020, that scheme has, in effect, been PROVEN to be incapable of detecting or enforcing anything AT ALL without my assistance. My 16th October 2021 report explains all.
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> It is extremely unclear whether (quote): 'historical data and evidence of significant ASB activities for example dog attacks', was expected from consultees (i.e. citizens contributing opinions to this second PSPO consultation via this survey form). A CLEAR CBC request for input has not been identified. Any future claimed CBC shortage of such information from consultees will be due to that lack of clarity, amongst other possible influences.
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> REGARDLESS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, I HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE VERY CLEAR 'HISTORICAL DATA AND EVIDENCE' TO CBC OF SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES, NAMELY LOOSE DOG ATTACKS, ON THE ENTIRETY OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS (THE PONDS AREA PLUS THE PLAYING FIELD), ON THIS SURVEY FORM (SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6), IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT AND IN MANY INDIVIDUAL EMAIL REPORTS, USUALLY AT THE TIME OF EACH INCIDENT.
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> IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT PROVES THAT CBC'S CLAIM OF 'AN ADDITIONAL RESOURCE NEEDED' IS INCORRECT. IN REALITY, FEWER RESOURCES ARE LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED AND PRODUCTIVITY WILL BE (ALMOST LITERALLY) INFINITELY GREATER, AS IS THOROUGHLY PROVEN IN THAT REPORT AND BRIEFLY EXPLAINED BELOW.
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> CBC have recently confirmed, in writing, that there is clear evidence of significant ASB dog activities on the ponds area and, subject to the establishment of effective signage and enforcement at Stonebow and Dishley Pool, have correctly imposed 'Dogs on leads at all times' to control it on that area (there being no effective alternative). THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO OPERATE THAT SCHEME ON THE PONDS AREA ARE, THEREFORE, ALREADY COMMITTED AND WILL REMAIN IN PLACE. It then becomes obvious that the minimum resources solution for the entirety of Stonebow would also be 'Dogs on leads at all times' on the playing field. That simple, easy and efficient measure would combine and thereby reduce signage, policing and enforcement resources required for the ponds area and the playing field in combination, instead of wasting inevitably greater resources in an attempt to operate two entirely different dog control schemes on two imaginarily "different" dog behaviour areas (which are, in reality, nothing of the sort). Not least would be a vast improvement in dog owner compliance, by completely eliminating the presently observed and expressed dog owner confusion caused by illogically different dog control measures on two artificially defined areas that are not separated by any form of barrier, whether dog-proof or not. Signage alone will never be adequately effective and the vast majority of loose dogs will never be adequately controlled until a single, simple, easily understood and coherent dog control measure is applied, clearly signed and efficiently enforced on the entirety of Stonebow Washlands (ponds area plus playing field). 'Dogs on leads at all times' is the only effective solution in all of those respects and far more besides, as I inarguably explain on this survey form and in

my 16th October 2021 report. It is vastly superior, far more productive and considerably more economical than any other dog control scheme yet devised.

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> WITH FURTHER REGARD TO RESOURCES, IT IS PROVEN IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' IS 100% PRODUCTIVE DURING OFFICER (IDVERDE RANGER) ATTENDANCE, IN STARK CONTRAST TO VIRTUALLY NO PRODUCTIVITY WHATSOEVER AND A COMPLETE WASTE OF CBC RESOURCES BY 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'.

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 CONDITION [3] - 'A LEGAL TEST'

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> CBC quote: It will also need to meet the legal test outlined in the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.'

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> It is extremely unclear whether input regarding (quote): '...the legal test outlined in the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.' was expected from consultees (i.e. citizens contributing opinions to this second PSPO consultation via this survey form). A CLEAR CBC request for input has not been identified. Any future claimed CBC shortage of such input from consultees will be due to that lack of clarity, amongst other possible influences.

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> '...THE LEGAL TEST OUTLINED IN THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014.' HAS ALREADY CONFIRMED ILLEGAL LOOSE DOG BEHAVIOUR ON THE PONDS AREA OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS (WHICH CBC REFER TO AS 'THE BLUE ZONE'). CBC HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED (AND RECENTLY REPEATED) THAT CONCLUSION BY DECLARING THAT SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES, NAMELY LOOSE DOG ATTACKS, OCCUR ON THE PONDS AREA. CBC HAVE, THEREFORE, ALREADY FIRMLY COMMITTED RESOURCES TO THE OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' ON THE PONDS AREA.

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> IN STARK CONTRAST, MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT AND THE EVIDENCE HEREIN PROVE THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', IN CLAIMED OPERATION ON THE PLAYING FIELD (WHICH CBC REFER TO AS 'THE YELLOW ZONE') SINCE 6TH JANUARY 2020, HAS FAILED AND STILL DOES FAIL TO PREVENT LOOSE DOG ATTACKS BEGINNING, OCCURRING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. IT ALSO HAS FAILED AND STILL DOES FAIL TO PREVENT LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON THE DIRECTLY ADJACENT PONDS AREA DUE TO LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD, THERE BEING NO BARRIER, LET ALONE A DOG-PROOF BARRIER, BETWEEN THE TWO.

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 EVIDENCE

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> EVIDENCE PROVING ALL OF THE ABOVE AND MORE BESIDES IS PROVIDED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT AND MY COMMENTS BELOW REQUESTS 5 AND 6 OF THIS SURVEY FORM (DUE TO INSUFFICIENT SPACE IN THIS COMMENTS SECTION NUMBERED 4).

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> DUE TO INSUFFICIENT SPACE IN THIS COMMENTS SECTION NUMBERED 4, I LIST THE FOLLOWING THREE BODIES OF EVIDENCE IN THE COMMENTS SECTIONS BELOW REQUESTS 5 AND 6 OF THIS SURVEY FORM:

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> [1] - EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES (NAMELY LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) BEGINNING, OCCURRING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. THOSE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN (AND STILL ARE) FREELY ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' BY THE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME SINCE IT BEGAN SO-CALLED "OPERATION" ON THE PLAYING FIELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2020. 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' IS STILL IS BEING "APPLIED" (ALBEIT PROVEN TO BE OF NO EFFECT) ON THAT PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'.

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> [2] - EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB ACTIVITIES (NAMELY LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE PONDS AREA DUE TO LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA. THOSE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN (AND STILL ARE) OCCURRING ON THE PONDS AREA BECAUSE 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' IS IN TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE SO-CALLED "OPERATION" ON THE DIRECTLY ADJACENT PLAYING FIELD, WITH NO DOG-PROOF BARRIER BETWEEN THE TWO. THIS HAS BEEN OCCURRING SINCE 6TH JANUARY 2020, REGARDLESS OF THE CHANGE FROM 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' TO 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' ON THE PONDS AREA ON 19TH MAY 2022.

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> [3] - EVIDENCE OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA DUE TO LOOSE DOGS ON THAT AREA. FROM 6TH JANUARY 2020 TO 19TH MAY 2022, THOSE ATTACKS WERE FREELY ALLOWED BY THE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME, WHICH WAS APPLIED TO THE ENTIRETY OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS DURING THAT PERIOD. THE IMPOSITION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' ON THE PONDS AREA FROM 19TH MAY 2022 (SUBJECT TO EFFECTIVE SIGNAGE AND ENFORCEMENT) RESOLVES ATTACKS ORIGINATING ON THE PONDS AREA, BUT DOES NOT RESOLVE ATTACKS BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD (SEE [2]. ABOVE).

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> THOSE THREE LISTINGS OF EVIDENCE THEREFORE CONFIRM THAT '...THE LEGAL TEST OUTLINED IN THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014.' SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' BE IMPOSED ON THE PLAYING FIELD (YELLOW ZONE) IN ADDITION TO ITS EXISTING USE ON THE PONDS AREA (BLUE ZONE). 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' IS THE ONLY SUFFICIENTLY EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL DOG CONTROL MEASURE CAPABLE OF RESOLVING THE PROVEN FAILURE OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' TO ADEQUATELY CONTROL DOGS.




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24	18/08/2022 17:42 PM ID: 197854892	I really do think that it would suffice to have the ' dog on leads if the dog becomes out of control etc ' in the blue zone and yellow zone as just about everyone that walks through there has their dog on a lead anyway.
25	18/08/2022 20:47 PM ID: 197873820	Owners who have taken the time to teach their dogs and keep them under control should not be forced to follow on leads because of the one or few whom cannot be bothered too.
26	19/08/2022 13:01 PM ID: 197915143	I think it would be enough to have a dogs on leads by direction of an officer if the dog is out of control, not many dog owners use the area and mainly the dogs are kept on a lead anyway
27	11/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 199185459	There should be no restrictions. If the restrictions are placed they must be policed, but if policed then better to allowed and police the people who leave mess and fine then to the maximum allowed level. I always go to places where dog are allowed and spend my money in those areas. If there are restrictions I avoid the area and advise my 250,000 followers the same advise how avoid these areas which is hiring local businesses especially when

this fuel crisis is going to really hurt businesses, the council's need to allow all people and dogs to visit and increase visitor numbers or lose out to areas that do

5. Please indicate to what extent you are in agreement that dog owners can have their dogs off leads in the yellow area on the map but must put their dog on a lead if the dog becomes out of control or in an Officer's opinion is likely to become out of control. (Yellow zone on map).

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Agree		34.74% 33
2	Neutral		8.42% 8
3	Disagree		56.84% 54
		answered	95
		skipped	0

If you have any comment or suggestions for areas to be included, please indicate below: (33)

1	17/07/2022 14:22 PM ID: 195783001	Dogs should be on a lead on the whole site. If a dog off the lead on the playing field decides to head towards the ponds, many owners won't be able to stop them quickly enough to prevent disturbance & harm to wildlife. I have seen this happen many times. Children play on the field and should not have to encounter loose dogs that can be frightening and sometimes dangerous. It is easier for owners to pick up dog faeces when they are on the lead - when off the lead owners are not always close enough to spot it. Dog faeces can also pose a danger to children, as well as being a nuisance to others.
2	18/07/2022 18:05 PM ID: 195853864	Don't know the area
3	18/07/2022 19:40 PM ID: 195857833	I would like to see that dogs friendly or otherwise have to be seriously licensed and chipped/ the chip being in a place not easily to be removed. I'm fed up with our caring nation having these dogs but most more that 60% do not have them vaccinated, have too many to handle when they are out, or neglectful of their licences conditions It may actually help be a preventative against dog being stolen which is devastating to owners and families regardless of rural or urban areas. Police dogs are registered and classed as criminal damage if killed in the line of duty Dogs that are working for the blind, or helpers for owner who has a disability/ illness all these are registered and have a worth. So let's go back to the '70's when owners had to pay a licence but now it's makes the owner more responsible as they need to have the animal chipped, all injections, visits to the vet, castrated or spade regarding illegal breeding - hormones - illegal activities. The chip can be updated regarding all its passport health. I'd be happy to do this job for you! If you have a dog it must be treated as a serious addition to your home and therefore pay to protect it like any valuables!
4	19/07/2022 10:11 AM ID: 195882811	Given the number of instances where dogs have caused problems on the wash lands it is clear that some dog owners do not maintain sufficient control over their dogs and the only way to rein in these individuals is to insist all dogs are on leads.
5	19/07/2022 10:17 AM ID: 195883952	It is important that members of the public can feel safe in all recreational areas within the borough.
6	19/07/2022 23:41 PM ID: 195976308	It's not that far for a loose dog to run to the blue zone. Owners, in general, do not have well behaved dogs that respond to a recall command
7	20/07/2022 17:50 PM ID: 196035922	This area is too near the blue area to let dogs off their leads. During a walk on these areas I have had a few loose dogs (both large and small) run up to me barking and jumping at my legs which is unnerving. The owners often say the dog is only excited or a puppy etc. as if that gives them the right to allow their dogs to display this behaviour.
8	21/07/2022 16:04 PM ID: 196101845	See above.
9	21/07/2022 16:26 PM ID: 196104097	a dog not on a lead can not be supervised properly
10	21/07/2022 16:30 PM ID: 196104495	a dog not on a lead cannot be properly supervised
11	21/07/2022 18:09 PM ID: 196110146	Again not everyone is a dog lover More than dog owners use this area Living in the area and using crutches I should be able to enjoy walking as part of exercise without having to watch out for dogs not on leads They should be on short leads at all times There is a lot of natural wildlife there Dog owners seem to want to let dogs run wild and chase them I have even been told that their dog wants to be where I am on crutches
12	22/07/2022 16:08 PM ID: 196166621	I disagree with this because it is the perfect place to exercise dogs. There are waste bins provided and as a woman walking a dog alone it feels like a busy and safe environment. If I have to walk further into the countryside in order to let my dog get adequate exercise, I would feel unsafe and vulnerable. Also houses are being built on the surrounding countryside which further reduces the space we have to safely walk and exercise our dogs. I have tried to walk my dog on the other side of the bridge (as recommended by David Heaskin) but again this area was very isolated, there were no waste bins provided and we encountered ducks and duckling on our walk. We were also walking through a variety of wild flowers. This seemed to defeat the object of keeping dogs off the field to protect wildlife.
13	22/07/2022 20:04 PM ID: 196183503	I think the yellow zone is too close to the blue zone to have different rules for the two areas. A dog could well run off in the yellow in pursuit of a duck in the blue zone. If the dog becomes out of control, it is already too late to put it on a lead. How would a officer be able to tell whether a dog was 'likely to become out of control'?

Please via or ely to		Shouldn't questions 4 and 5 have been worded the same way such that 'agree' means dogs should be kept on a lead? The wording seems more confusing than it should have been.
14	23/07/2022 10:07 AM ID: 196198984	Lots of loose dogs have chased my grandchildren or bounded up to them which is very frightening.
15	23/07/2022 11:00 AM ID: 196200387	Dogs should be on lead at all times actually they she's separate field just for dogs where they can freely run around
16	25/07/2022 12:49 PM ID: 196281421	There are far too many people who say they can control their dog and allow it off the lead when, in fact, their dog runs off and will not come back.
17	25/07/2022 13:53 PM ID: 196286815	Always on leads
18	25/07/2022 18:25 PM ID: 196308023	Given that the washlands are an amenity for residents, it seems a reasonable compromise to allow owners to exercise dogs off-lead in this flat, mown grass area if they are under control.
19	26/07/2022 13:49 PM ID: 196350500	Wildlife also goes into this area. This is also an area where children play.
20	26/07/2022 17:54 PM ID: 196370191	Never seen an officer be it Police or Council in the areas indicated on our dog walks
21	28/07/2022 13:38 PM ID: 196514123	Please note as a local resident there needs to be safe open space where responsible dog owners can exercise their dogs in a safe manner. I regularly walk my dog alone and the open field is a comfortable safe place to let my dog get exercise particularly given that the free open space is reducing in the area with building work now underway.
22	30/07/2022 15:37 PM ID: 196702862	This is vital for childrens safety and also for owners to monitor where their dog defecates.
23	31/07/2022 15:17 PM ID: 196748298	WHO IS GOING TO POLICE THAT? THE GENERAL PUBLIC CANNOT START TELLING OTHER PEOPLE THEIR DOG IS OUT OF CONTROL? THE SIGNS NEED TO BE BIGGER AND STATE CLEARLY DOGS MUST BE ON LEADS IN ALL THE AREA AROUND THE PONDS BLUE AND YELLOW! AS YOU KNOW ONE MALE SWAN HAS ALREADY BEEN KILLED AND MOST OF THE CYGNETS BELONGING TO THEIR FAMILY! LET US LOOK AFTER THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA AND MANAGE THE PLANTS, TREES AND WILD LIFE THAT DEPEND ON IT.
24	02/08/2022 08:19 AM ID: 196844868	I strongly disagree I have seen dogs that are off the lead run straight into the blue area from the yellow area then chase ducks once they start to chase the owners are powerless to stop them.
25	10/08/2022 19:39 PM ID: 197345901	This is not a good area for off-lead play for dogs, as they are likely to cause problems with wildlife and habitat. Off-lead areas should be established for dogs, but not in areas where wildlife, natural habitat, and walkers who don't wish to be bothered by dogs are likely to be. Unfortunately policy must be planned to account for the behaviour of the most badly behaved dogs and the least responsible owners.
26	15/08/2022 11:38 AM ID: 197575291	<p>> There should be over 150 lines of text below. If the final word is not 'END', these comments have not been fully transmitted. If so, please contact me via</p> <p>></p> <p>> This survey form randomly adds and removes blank lines, doesn't allow formatting for emphasis and won't reproduce images. Hence the regrettable but necessary use of > and * symbols and CAPITALS.</p> <p>></p> <p>> 15TH AUGUST 2022</p> <p>></p> <p>*****</p> <p>> BELOW ARE MY COMMENTS FOR PSPO SURVEY FORM REQUEST (OR 'QUESTION') 5, WHICH ARE ALSO OF RELEVANCE TO SURVEY FORM REQUESTS (OR 'QUESTIONS') 4 AND 6.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>></p> <p>> I SELECTED 'DISAGREE' TO REQUEST 5, which was '5. Please indicate to what extent you are in agreement that dog owners can have their dogs off leads in the yellow area on the map but must put their dog on a lead if the dog becomes out of control or in an Officer's opinion is likely to become out of control. (Yellow zone on map)'. *. CBC's 'yellow zone' is the playing field.</p> <p>></p> <p>> IN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE, THE SCHEME BEING DESCRIBED ABOVE IS REFERRED TO BY CBC AS 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'. CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL FROM 6TH JANUARY 2020 TO 19TH MAY 2022, EXCEPT FOR THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD, WHICH IS STILL 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'.</p> <p>></p> <p>> NEITHER I NOR ANY OF THE MANY STONEBOW VISITORS I'VE ASKED HAVE EVER SEEN AN 'OFFICER' (IDVERDE RANGER) ASSESSING DOG BEHAVIOUR THERE OR AT DISHLEY POOL. EVEN IF 'OFFICERS' (RANGERS) DID PERFORM THEIR CLAIMED ROLES, THE MATHEMATICAL PROBABILITY OF THEM DETECTING 'OUT OF CONTROL' DOGS IS AS CLOSE TO ZERO AS MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO RENDER 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' WORTHLESS, CBC HAVE ADMITTED TO THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKING DIRECTED DOG OWNERS FOR FUTURE COMPLIANCE, WHICH ALONE RENDERS THE ENTIRE SCHEME AND ALL CBC RESOURCES EXPENDED UPON IT POINTLESS. ALL OF THESE STATEMENTS AND FAR MORE BESIDES ARE EXPLAINED AND PROVEN IN MY COMPREHENSIVE 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT ENTITLED 'RESOLVING DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL LOOSE DOG BEHAVIOUR AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL, LOUGHBOROUGH'. THIS SURVEY FORM WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THAT REPORT, PROVIDED TO CBC SINCE JANUARY 2022. COPIES ARE FREELY AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL REQUEST TO</p> <p>></p> <p>> IT MUST BE EMPHASISED FROM THE OUTSET THAT I'VE SPENT AN ESTIMATED ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY</p>

POOL SITES, ACCUMULATING AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OF OBSERVATION AND INVOLVEMENT. I HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY, THEREFORE, WITNESSED, INTERVENED IN, RECORDED AND REPORTED TO CBC CONSIDERABLY MORE LOOSE DOG INDUCED INCIDENTS ON THOSE SITES THAN ANYONE ELSE WITHIN THE SAME TIMESPAN. ASTONISHINGLY, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OCCURRING DURING ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS COULD BE THREE TIMES OR SO GREATER THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED BY MY OBSERVATIONS DURING ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS. ALL IS REVEALED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT (SEE ABOVE).

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> EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE').

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> In the following, 'the ponds area' is CBC's 'blue zone'. 'The playing field' is CBC's 'yellow zone', which CBC also call 'the top grassed area'. NOTE THAT THE PLAYING FIELD AND PONDS AREAS ARE DIRECTLY ADJACENT, WITH NO PHYSICAL BARRIER, LET ALONE A DOG-PROOF BARRIER, BETWEEN THE TWO.

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> IN AN EMAIL DATED 11TH JULY 2022, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL (CBC) REQUESTED (QUOTE) '... ANY EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB IE DOG ATTACKS FOR THE YELLOW ZONE ONLY.'

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> THE WORD 'ONLY' IN THE ABOVE IS APPARENTLY INTENDED BY CBC TO MEAN SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. DOG ATTACKS) BEGINNING, REMAINING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. I HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT IT SENSIBLE TO ONLY REPORT SUCH SEVERELY CONSTRAINED INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT FAILS TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE AVAILABLE (AND VERY NECESSARY) EVIDENCE, WHICH COULD LEAD TO INCORRECT CONCLUSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, MY FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OR SO OF OBSERVATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL EASILY IDENTIFY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF THAT SPECIFIC TYPE OF INCIDENT, WHICH IS PROVIDED BELOW.

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> I WILL ALSO REPORT SOME EXAMPLES OF INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A 2021 WILDLIFE FATALITY, CAUSED BY UNCONTROLLED LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD AND INFLECTING ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA. NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF SUCH HAVE BEEN WITNESSED DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS. IT IS INARGUABLE THAT THOSE INCIDENTS WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED HAD 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' BEEN COMPETENTLY APPLIED TO BOTH THE PONDS AREA AND THE PLAYING FIELD. CONTINUING USE OF CBC'S 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME ON THE PLAYING FIELD HAS BEEN AND STILL IS THE CAUSE OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON BOTH AREAS, DUE ITS TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS, AS PROVEN BY TWO INDEPENDENT METHODS IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT.

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LIST OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'

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> NUMBERING IS ARBITRARY.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [1] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - Before being killed by a loose dog in April 2022, the Stonebow cob had already been hospitalised by the RSPCA on two separate occasions due to loose dog attacks. He barely survived the first incident. The second of those incidents was witnessed occurring ON THE PLAYING FIELD (CBC's 'yellow zone') by a visitor who called the RSPCA at the time.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [2] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I arrived by bicycle at the Stonebow notice board entrance at the same time as a car, which parked on Lindisfarne Drive. A door of the car swung open, a football was ejected down the entrance slope LEADING TO THE PLAYING FIELD and a loose dog leap out and chased after it. I noticed that the swan family, quite well grown, were close by ON THE PLAYING FIELD, so I began moving towards them as I shouted to ask if the dog was "OK with swans" and to advise that the swan family was on the playing field. A man emerged from the car and replied that his dog ignored the swans. A few seconds later, his dog charged into and attacked the swan family ON THE PLAYING FIELD, clearly intent upon causing injury or worse. I dropped my bike, launched into the melee, grabbed the dog's collar and pulled it away from the swan family. The owner eventually caught up, snatched the dog from me and stormed off, grim-faced, towards the ponds area without a word, as if the attack was anybody's fault but his own. I shouted for him to put his dog on a lead, which he ignored. Fortunately, there were no physical injuries to myself, the swan family or the dog.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [3] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I was leaving Stonebow along the southern path and observed one loose dog pounce upon another loose dog ON THE PLAYING FIELD and attempt rape. The owners separated them and a loud exchange began, which I didn't stay to witness.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [4] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - January 2022. The adult swan pair were grazing ON THE PLAYING FIELD when two loose dogs appeared from the Mount Grace Road incline. One of the dogs immediately rushed straight for the cob. The dog was alarmingly aggressive. The dog owner said and did nothing. Fortunately, I was close to the cob, who knew and trusted me, so I was able to quickly stand between the two, albeit at very obvious risk from the aggressive dog. I shouted for the owner to control it, but she continued to ignore the situation, didn't call the dog and merely headed toward the ponds. Thankfully, the dog followed her. She entered the ponds area with both dogs still loose.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [5] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - March 2022, the swan pen (adult female) was sleeping alone on the playing field. The cob was at the other end of Stonebow, guarding their nest. This was typical behaviour by this pair during the two weeks or so of mating and egg creation prior to incubation. Fortunately, I decided to take some photographs of the pen. A loose dog appeared, charged towards the pen from the small bridge at the north west corner of the playing field and attacked her. I intervened loudly, upon which the dog left the playing field via the same bridge. A dog owner was nowhere to be seen. Thankfully, there were no physical injuries to the pen. Some minutes later, the owner appeared on the path north of the playing field, with his dog still loose. My description of the incident and a request for the dog to be put on a lead was met with foul language and refusal.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [6] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - In July 2022 a Stonebow visitor, without prompting, raised the subject of an Eastern European man with two very aggressive black dogs. I was already all too well aware of this particular dog owner, who frequently visits Stonebow (or Dishley Pool) at the same approximate time of day. I formally reported him, his dangerous dogs and his vehicle details and registration to CBC MONTHS AGO, but determining his address is still reportedly ongoing at CBC and no other action has been taken. I still quite frequently see and hear the man shouting loudly at his dogs, usually loose, at Stonebow or Dishley Pool. The visitor said that his innocent dog had been attacked by one of the Eastern European's two dogs. He asked the Eastern European to control his dog, but was ignored. The visitor added that the same dog then attacked a group of flight-

capable swan cygnets ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

> *** THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING, DESPITE MY FORMAL REPORT, INCLUDING VEHICLE DETAILS, PROVIDED MONTHS AGO AND, NOT LEAST, THE CONTINUING, FREQUENT APPEARANCES OF THE OWNER AND HIS DOGS ON STONEBOW OR DISHLEY AT THE SAME APPROXIMATE TIME OF DAY, ALSO REPORTED TO CBC. THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETE FAILURE OF ONE OF MANY TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE ASPECTS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' (SEE MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS).

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENTS [7] TO [13] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – At the time of writing, attacks on the playing field by the above-described Eastern European's two loose dogs have been described to me, without prompting, by SEVEN other people/couples. Those dogs are consistently described as extremely aggressive towards people, dogs and/or wildlife, yet 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING AT ALL DESPITE MY FORMAL REPORT MONTHS AGO. Almost all of the seven were of the firm opinion that the Eastern European's dogs were their prime suspects for the murder of the Stonebow Mute swan cob in April 2022. I've witnessed the man holding one of his loose dogs' collars whilst passing a group of several children playing on the playing field. He is clearly well aware of the danger his dogs pose, yet he continues to allow them to be loose and, not least, is allowed by the failure of 'Dogs on leads by direction' to have them loose.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING. SEE ABOVE ***.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [14] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - 14th April 2022. The above-described Eastern European was involved in an exceptionally loud episode with his dogs ON THE PLAYING FIELD. I was on Mount Grace Road, unable to immediately see what was happening, so I rushed down the slope to the playing field to investigate as the Eastern European and his loose dogs went up the slope to Lindisfarne Drive and drove off. Two youths had erected tents on the field and were looking extremely stunned and red-faced. A significant incident had clearly occurred.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING. SEE ABOVE ***.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [15] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I was walking with my bicycle across the playing field and heard loud shouting behind me. I saw two men with two loose dogs, one medium sized and the other small. The larger dog was speeding towards me. One of the men was shouting loudly at the larger dog, which ran at full speed into my legs. I felt a bite to my leg. The dog stood close, snarling, barking and snapping the air. The men did nothing, apart from continued ineffective shouting. As the men left the playing field to the west, one still shouting, the dog thankfully ran to join them. I checked my leg and could see marks but no bleeding. I checked if there were any vehicles parked at any of the eastern entrances (there were none) and the four weren't seen (or heard) again during this visit or any subsequent visits.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [16] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I witnessed an attack by a medium-sized dog upon a small one, both loose ON THE PLAYING FIELD. I was close and able to chase the attacking dog away, at risk to myself. The attacking dog's owner was nowhere to be seen. The small dog was left with bleeding nose and ear wounds. Not least was the worryingly extreme distress of its elderly owner.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [17] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – I witnessed, more than once, a man encouraging his large dog to enter the larger pond, inducing the swan cob to react. He kept the dog on a collar connected to an extremely long length of thick strapping, to allow him to pull the dog, with alarming violence, out of the water by its neck just before the cob reached it. This behaviour by the same man and dog was also witnessed ON THE PLAYING FIELD, once as an encouraged dog attack upon a gathering of Mallard and on another occasion as an encouraged dog attack upon another dog, which led to a fight between the two owners. He hasn't been seen at Stonebow since, although that does not necessarily mean that he no longer visits.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> Other dog owners using extremely long, makeshift leads are also seen at Stonebow (and Dishley Pool). One Stonebow dog owner I spoke to, who was using a very long length of rope, said, with a grin and a nod at his dog, that '...he likes to nip other dogs'. UNBELIEVABLY, HE WAS UNASHAMEDLY ADMITTING THAT THE ROPE WAS LONG IN ORDER TO DELIBERATELY ALLOW HIS DOG THE FREEDOM TO BITE OTHER DOGS!

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> EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS PONDS AREA (CBC'S 'BLUE ZONE') CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE').

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> Of considerable relevance, the following will provide some examples (amongst many witnessed) of previously submitted written evidence to CBC of significant ASB (i.e. loose dog attacks) on the ponds area (CBC's 'blue zone') due to loose dogs COMING OFF the playing field (CBC's 'yellow zone') onto the almost immediately adjacent southern bank of the smaller pond in the ponds area. Note that there is no physical barrier, let alone a dog-proof barrier, between the playing field and the ponds area.

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> FOR SOME UNIDENTIFIED REASON, THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE HAS RECENTLY BEEN OVERLOOKED BY CBC. THEY HAVE INSTEAD DECLARED 'NO EVIDENCE' OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. USE OF THE WORD 'ONLY' BY CBC WAS EXPLAINED EARLIER. BECAUSE OF THAT SERIOUS OVERSIGHT, THE UNREALISTICALLY LIMITING 'ONLY' STIPULATION AND A FAILURE TO RECOGNISE THE TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', CBC RECENTLY CHOSE TO CONTINUE WITH THAT SCHEME ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

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> CBC HAVE YET TO EXPLAIN HOW THEY EXPECT TO PREVENT DOG ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA CAUSED BY DOGS ALLOWED TO BE LOOSE ON THE PLAYING FIELD UNDER THE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME. IT IS (OR SHOULD BE) CLEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE ALONE THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' ON THE PLAYING FIELD IS THE ONLY SENSIBLE SOLUTION.

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> THE FOLLOWING LOOSE DOG ATTACKS CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS. 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' WAS IN SUPPOSED "OPERATION" DURING THAT ENTIRE PERIOD. NUMBERING IS AS USED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT. SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS WILL ALSO BE DESCRIBED, TO DEMONSTRATE THE INEVITABLE CONTINUANCE OF THE PROBLEM. THE ONLY EFFECTIVE SOLUTION IS TO APPLY 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' TO THE PLAYING FIELD.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 11 - Stonebow Washlands. 1st January 2021. A loose dog attack upon a family of two adult swans and their four cygnets. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.
> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 17 - Stonebow Washlands 25th February 2021. A loose dog attack upon four Mute swan cygnets on the southern bank of the smaller pond. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.
> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 20 - Stonebow Washlands, 17th May 2021. A loose dog attack upon nine Mallard on the southern bank of the smaller pond. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.
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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 21 - Stonebow Washlands, 19th May 2021. On the southern bank of the smaller pond. An uncontrolled loose dog causing havoc, in addition to an attack upon pigeons on the bank. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.
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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 24 - Stonebow Washlands, on the southern bank of the smaller pond, 29th June 2021. A very young Mallard duckling was killed during a loose dog induced incident. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.
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> Subsequent loose dog attacks on the southern bank of the smaller pond, CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE') ONTO THE PONDS AREA (CBC'S 'BLUE ZONE'), have been witnessed. Some have been reported to CBC (by myself and others) and some have occurred since the introduction of 'Dogs on leads at all times' on the ponds area and 'Dogs on leads by direction' (loose dogs) on the playing field. My report of an attack on 4th June 2022 and a visitor report of an incident on 8th June 2022 (held on file) are easily recalled examples, although there have been others.

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27	15/08/2022 17:29 PM ID: 197602386	Better to order dogs on leads to avoid doubt. 'Control' is subjective and not all owners know what it means, or they believe they have control of their dogs until they find they don't. Officers are unlikely to witness daily instances of dogs with poor recall, it would have to be reported and investigated for action to be taken.
28	16/08/2022 17:15 PM ID: 197666174	The yellow area is very small and a dog could easily reach the small pond and cause problems so I think dogs should be kept on leads on the playing field (yellow area).Please install clear notices so people know what is expected of them.
29	18/08/2022 17:42 PM ID: 197854892	blue zone
30	18/08/2022 20:47 PM ID: 197873820	Again owners whom take the time to teach their dogs should be allowed anywhere off lead. Council officers are there to check on this
31	19/08/2022 13:01 PM ID: 197915143	I don't see a reason why dogs that are well behaved can't be off lead for the whole of Stonebow, we've been going there for years with our dogs off lead and have had no issue, and have never seen a dog attack or chase any wildlife there, as we put above the notice for dogs on leads by direction is fine as not many dog owners use the area anyway
32	22/08/2022 10:07 AM ID: 198050850	
33	11/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 199185459	There should be no restrictions. If the restrictions are placed they must be policed, but if policed then better to allowed and police the people who leave mess and fine then to the maximum allowed level. I always go to places where dog are allowed and spend my money in those areas. If there are restrictions I avoid the area and advise my 250,000 followers the same advise how avoid these areas which is hiring local businesses especially when this fuel crisis is going to really hurt businesses, the council's need to allow all people and dogs to visit and increase visitor numbers or lose out to areas that do

6. Please write in the box below if you have any further comments, ideas, or suggestions. Please note: We will not be able to reply to all comments due to the large number of responses we receive.

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	95
1	09/07/2022 17:19 PM ID: 195304029	No further comments.		
2	11/07/2022 10:50 AM ID: 195355591	None		
3	11/07/2022 13:33 PM ID: 195372235	Dog/Street Wardens to be given areas to patrol (such as Leicester City Council) so both the Dog & Street Wardens get to know there Problem areas as well as get to know the Residents/Councillors & work together in partnership with parish/town councils & the neighbourhood policing teams.		
4	11/07/2022 13:45 PM ID: 195373944	.		
5	11/07/2022 17:55 PM	none		

	ID: 195402178	
6	13/07/2022 19:30 PM ID: 195559466	No comments
7	17/07/2022 11:40 AM ID: 195778334	See my previous comment please.
8	17/07/2022 14:22 PM ID: 195783001	<p>I would like to see dogs on leads across the whole site at Stonebow Washlands AND Dishley Pool. We are so lucky to have these sites that wildlife choose to live in. We have a new pair of nesting swans at Dishley that need to be protected as well as the surviving pen & cygnets at Stonebow. There are plenty of other areas dogs can be taken to run around.</p> <p>'By direction' seems meaningless - I've never seen anyone official at either site asking people to put dogs on leads. I walk round the Stonebow site 2-3 times a day! I have seen numerous dogs charge into the ponds, scattering birds, on many occasions.</p> <p>The signage at both sites needs to be improved to make it clear & very obvious what the rules are. Most people miss the signs (as they don't cover all the access points) or think they all say the same thing at the moment (I.e. 'by direction').</p>
9	18/07/2022 13:00 PM ID: 195825626	Far too many dogs of leads.
10	18/07/2022 13:55 PM ID: 195830604	<p>I think that all dogs should be under control in restricted areas. For example in parks, yes parents bring their furry friends along, while taking their children to the park but not all children and park goers appreciate the furry company they keep. Myself as a parent and dog owner, I do understand it is difficult taking both to the park, especially in areas that are fenced off but I opt to sit outside those areas and watch from a far with the dog.</p> <p>As far as the restricted wildlife areas, I think it is essential to keep dogs on the lead. How can we maintain the wild life in these areas, and enjoy seeing them, if they will be scared off by dogs unleashed.</p>
11	18/07/2022 14:08 PM ID: 195831758	As a dog owner, I feel that it would be beneficial for the conservation of wildlife if dogs were on leads in all above areas, this then means that it's across the board and less likely to cause confusion as to when dogs should be on lead or can be off lead.
12	18/07/2022 15:18 PM ID: 195837762	<p>In previous years I was called to the main pond at Stonebow Washlands to witness a dead Swan with bite marks to its neck. May have been dog or fox but I would still opt for dogs on leads to protect and preserve our beautiful Wildlife, Flora and Fauna. Thank you</p>
13	18/07/2022 17:30 PM ID: 195851232	no further comments
14	18/07/2022 17:56 PM ID: 195853278	Please find a way of installing a larger type of bin where appropriate
15	18/07/2022 18:02 PM ID: 195853638	Tolerance must be afforded to those who have genuinely forgotten to take their bags with them, especially where none are provided by the council. People should be given a chance to obtain a bag and redress the situation.
16	18/07/2022 18:05 PM ID: 195853864	No further comment
17	18/07/2022 18:09 PM ID: 195854201	N/a
18	18/07/2022 19:31 PM ID: 195857325	<p>As a parent of young children dog owners often do not control their dogs sufficiently, and failing to recognise the relative size of dogs to small kids which can be very daunting for them. Equally dog poo in public spaces is just awful if not picked up and would encourage strong penalties for this</p>
19	18/07/2022 19:35 PM ID: 195858688	None for now but dogs need be kept on leads to prevent further swan deaths as was the case this year at Stonebow...dog out of control and owner to blame!
20	18/07/2022 19:40 PM ID: 195857833	<p>If walking your dog in the countryside on a country path or anywhere where you feel it's legal to walk ..., it is the dog owners immediate responsibility to put their dog(s) on the lead if they see other people or young people in the area - with or without dogs ...</p> <p>Likewise for the other party. Dogs get excited when children are making high pitched noise or playing in long grass etc and this is no exception for them ignorance thinking you know your dog ... it's an animal and we are clearly not mind readers ...unfortunately accidents happen even the most distressing with owners and their dogs turning savage in them. So there is no excuse put it on a lead and wait till you have passed the other people and then do another risk assessment of what's around you. Be a caring, competent, legal dog owner.</p>
21	18/07/2022 19:47 PM ID: 195859425	<p>There should be stronger consequences where owners fail to pick up after their dogs. When committing to having a dog you are committing to picking up their poo! I live in Burton on the Wolds and the mess left and also picked up but the bag left is disgusting and a disgrace to those dog owners who do care!</p>
22	18/07/2022 20:02 PM ID: 195860087	I am the owner of 3 dogs and know that it is possible to pick up poo EVERY time. I'd like to see dog owners challenged at random to ensure they have a means by which to pick up after their dogs and I'd also like to see some kind of notice/notification about having a responsibility to pick up on footpaths in fields too!!
23	19/07/2022 10:11 AM ID: 195882811	No further comment.
24	19/07/2022 10:17 AM ID: 195883952	No further comment.
25	19/07/2022 17:12 PM ID: 195946734	I think dogs should be on leads in all above areas.

26	19/07/2022 23:41 PM ID: 195976308	Dogs should be kept on leads at all times around wildlife and areas where children (or adults) may be playing or congregated.
27	20/07/2022 17:50 PM ID: 196035922	The yellow zone is too near the blue zone for dogs to be off leads. I love dogs and all animals but feel the irresponsible owners need guidance on how to keep their pets under control and if CBC support my and many others' concerns we would be very grateful.
28	21/07/2022 10:30 AM ID: 196072835	I don't agree with dogs being on a lead at all times. What I disagree with is the owners - they should be held more responsible. Fine for first incident (not poo picking, harrassment, dog running further from the owner that makes it difficult for the owner to control, increasing if a further incident happens, third incident a ban. With a board with all names and photos where possible.
29	21/07/2022 16:04 PM ID: 196101845	See above.
30	21/07/2022 16:04 PM ID: 196102737	n/a
31	21/07/2022 16:17 PM ID: 196103596	No further comments
32	21/07/2022 16:26 PM ID: 196104097	swans and other wild birds need protecting from dogs not under controlled supervision
33	21/07/2022 16:30 PM ID: 196104495	swans and other wild birds need protecting from dogs not under controlled supervision
34	21/07/2022 17:16 PM ID: 196106612	Perhaps there needs to be a push to involve children, especially Stonebow school to take an interest in their local environment. Educate them about their surroundings, wildlife, flora etc and why littering is unpleasant to us but also dangerous to wildlife. Perhaps set up a 'Stonebow code' like the country code! The area changes so much from spring through to winter. The children could collect photographic evidence of the changes each season brings. Researching the names of the wild flowers that pop up and the list of activities goes on. Then the next generation May appreciate what is on their door step and look after it. It's all about nurturing NOT putting signs up to alienate the dog walking/ fishing community! Only for the signs to be kicked down and ignored. We need to be encouraging not exclusive.
35	21/07/2022 18:09 PM ID: 196110146	Keep dogs on short leads in all public areas
36	21/07/2022 20:42 PM ID: 196118509	There are an extensive number of walks where dogs can be off lead beyond the wash land. We must protect wildlife in the wash land and keep the mown area of grass for children to play on free from unleashed dogs and owners that fail to pick up dog dirt.
37	21/07/2022 21:27 PM ID: 196120703	I think that stonebow washlands should be a small nature reserve.
38	21/07/2022 21:30 PM ID: 196120800	The washlands are for nature
39	22/07/2022 07:28 AM ID: 196129328	I have dogs and only walk them on leads around the Stonebow area, it is not a suitable area around Stonebow for dogs to run loose because of the wild life & its an area where young children play.
40	22/07/2022 16:08 PM ID: 196166621	Please let us continue to use the field as a safe area to exercise our dogs. I do feel that a campaign brought by David Heaskin is very focused on the needs of the swans at the expense of everything else. He is extremely passionate about the swans but I think we should let common sense prevail. While it was very sad that the male swan got killed, this is not a typical occurrence, why do we all have to pay for the reckless behaviour of individuals? Also, the swans may be a protected species but they are not endangered. Most people use their common sense and avoid the field if the swans are on it. I have not seen any other wildlife nesting in the field area.
41	22/07/2022 20:04 PM ID: 196183503	While dogs absolutely should have spaces where they can run off the lead, I don't think this is appropriate on the Stonebow Washlands given the population of birds in the area.
42	22/07/2022 21:34 PM ID: 196186959	Dogs must be on leads at all times in the blue zone (Stonebow Washlands ponds area). Dogs must be on leads at all times in the yellow zone (Stonebow Washlands playing field). Loose dogs on the playing field (yellow zone) with no physical dog-proof barrier between that and the ponds area (blue zone) would not work reliably enough to be safe for wildlife in the ponds area. Loose dogs on the playing field (yellow zone) would obviously not be safe for wildlife on the playing field. Wildlife does go onto the playing field quite regularly.
43	22/07/2022 21:54 PM ID: 196188561	Dogs must be on leads at all times in all areas of Stonebow Washlands, because wildlife goes into all areas (blue and yellow). You obviously shouldn't mix wildlife with loose dogs anywhere on Stonebow Washlands if you want to protect all Stonebow wildlife from dog attacks.
44	23/07/2022 10:07 AM ID: 196198984	Dogs need to be kept on their leads where ever children are as some can be dangerous or at least very boisterous and frightening especially for small children.
45	23/07/2022 11:00 AM ID: 196200387	Few years ago I was walk-in the field to go home and this big white dog came on me I fell down struggling to escape for nearly 5 mins when I looked back the owners was on her mobile phone not looking to see what her dog was doing after that for few months I could not sleep I even complain but nobody took any action as they wanted proof? In keg worth they have separate area for dogs please do consider please make safe place for community for safe walking without fear
46	25/07/2022 12:34 PM ID: 196279869	I would like to suggest that large clear signs are erected on the Public Open Space that runs at the side and rear of Golding Close, informing dog owners that it is an offence to allow their dogs to foul the area and not clear up after them.
47	25/07/2022 12:49 PM ID: 196281421	For general public safety it would be better if dogs were on a lead in public areas.
48	25/07/2022 13:05 PM ID: 196282559	Dog owners require fenced off secure areas where dogs are free to run off lead without danger of running up to other people, dogs, wildlife or traffic. It's important for safety of everyone- especially for dogs which can cause concern through their unruly or reactive behaviour. Without such areas, owners will continue to allow their dogs to run offlead

Pleas able		as there are such limited places fir them to go. Also, Many, many owners of nervous or elderly dogs are sick of offlead dogs charging around and ruining all the rehabilitation work they've put in. Such fields can be used by them too, to give a safe space to exercise their dog away from others.
49	25/07/2022 13:53 PM ID: 196286815	Dogs always on leads
50	25/07/2022 15:26 PM ID: 196295474	Give dog wardens more power
51	25/07/2022 18:25 PM ID: 196308023	See comments above regarding the exact area for 'dogs-on-leads'. There are some sections not covered by either rule. It might be worth constructing a soft barrier (the branch-stacks as elsewhere) to divide the blue and yellow areas?
52	26/07/2022 12:46 PM ID: 196346076	I don't know the Stonebow area well enough to comment
53	26/07/2022 13:01 PM ID: 196347102	These open spaces should be for the enjoyment of people and for the wildlife and this should not be disturbed by dogs not on leads.
54	26/07/2022 13:49 PM ID: 196350500	I've seen wildlife tangled up in fishing line. Could we ban fishing at the Stonebow Washlands
55	26/07/2022 14:17 PM ID: 196353287	None
56	26/07/2022 17:17 PM ID: 196368738	I have no further comments
57	26/07/2022 17:54 PM ID: 196370191	The big stick punishes all when yet again a small minority of hooligans spoil dog walkers enjoyment. Before you instigate further bylaws or instructions please try and control the few, your partners the local Policing units know who these people are, we are subject to a whole raft of anti social behaviour, stealing and setting fire to waste bins by the Needle in Garendon park, using this area and beyond as a dirt bike trail, I am surprised that innocent walkers have not been seriously hurt by the reckless way these "bikers" behave
58	26/07/2022 18:38 PM ID: 196372610	My dog is not good with strange dogs. Irresponsible dog owners often have their dogs off lead and seemingly disregarding or totally ignoring other dog owners, I often have to warn them to keep their dogs away from my dog. Some dog owners simply don't care!
59	26/07/2022 20:00 PM ID: 196376866	Dogs on leads must be implemented to protect wildlife, children, vulnerable people and other smaller dogs.
60	26/07/2022 22:16 PM ID: 196381817	N/A
61	27/07/2022 12:00 PM ID: 196405072	More dog litter bins required.
62	28/07/2022 08:53 AM ID: 196463552	I'm completing this survey as a supporting document to protect Waterfowl on Stonebow Washlands.
63	28/07/2022 09:37 AM ID: 196467716	As a dog owner myself I find there are plenty of spaces where dogs can be let off the lead and not come into direct contact with any known nesting birds or wildlife. We should have safe areas for children and wildlife to just be without the threat of an out of control dog as not all dogs and dog owners are the same.
64	28/07/2022 10:54 AM ID: 196489463	It is not only for the protection of wildlife in both zones but also for the protection of children who play in the yellow zone. From my years of dog walking I've noticed that owners are less likely to pick up dog faeces if the dog is off the lead.
65	28/07/2022 10:58 AM ID: 196488551	I consider this area to be a nature reserve and feel that the wildlife is important. It has been an area that has given children and adults a lot of enjoyment throughout the years, especially watching the swans. They see these magnificent birds sitting on their nest and then can watch the cygnets develop from small chicks to adult swans. The wild flowers are absolutely beautiful as they change continually throughout the seasons. With all the development going on nearby it is important to keep these areas safe and the wildlife safe from boisterous dogs. There are plenty of spaces nearby where dogs can quite happily have exercise off the lead.
66	28/07/2022 11:40 AM ID: 196500990	more dog bins required at all sites
67	28/07/2022 13:38 PM ID: 196514123	I feel the existing approach to stonebow washlands with dogs on leads around the ponds is a safe and balanced approach to the situation allowing all parties to share the space and enjoy. In my opinion restricting dogs to on leads in the field would be a detrimental decision.
68	28/07/2022 18:09 PM ID: 196561985	I don't mind dogs on leads in play areas if they are with their families.
69	28/07/2022 21:12 PM ID: 196580915	Allowing dogs off leads in yellow area is a sensible idea, to remove this would be cruel
70	30/07/2022 15:37 PM ID: 196702862	Dogs need to be kept under control where wildlife and children are at risk.
71	30/07/2022 15:40 PM ID: 196703114	Dogs need to be kept under strict control where wildlife and children are
72	30/07/2022 15:44 PM ID: 196703163	Dogs need to be kept under strict control by their owners especially since the tragic death of the male swan at dishley ponds. Owners also need to take responsibility for picking up faeces and by having dog on lead this will help. Children also need to be kept safe which if dog is in on lead and controlled this will help too.
73	31/07/2022 10:11 AM ID: 196733069	All dogs on leads, in all areas
74	31/07/2022 15:17 PM ID: 196748298	THAT IS A SHAME THAT IT IS SO DIFFICULT TO GET A REPLY FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT.

Please able		
75	01/08/2022 12:25 PM ID: 196796637	no
76	02/08/2022 08:19 AM ID: 196844868	I have never seen any type of officer in the area and there seems no deterrents for the rule breakers so this survey may well be of little use, but I hope not. I would like to see a camera in the area.
77	03/08/2022 11:20 AM ID: 196932525	no comments
78	03/08/2022 12:26 PM ID: 196938207	No comments
79	08/08/2022 13:43 PM ID: 197190582	I feel that you are penalising dog owners by your variations to this order, why include other areas of the borough without proper plans and consultations for them too?
80	10/08/2022 13:59 PM ID: 197319847	none
81	10/08/2022 19:39 PM ID: 197345901	The safety and rights of children, the disabled, and those who are alarmed by the presence of off-lead dogs should take priority over the wishes of dog owners. I am very fond of dogs but feel that generally current policies allow the minority of irresponsible owners and badly behaved dogs to ruin things for everyone. There should be more policies that keep dogs out of restaurants and pubs and on-lead in the majority of places except for designated off-lead play areas. This is just better for the safety of children and dogs as well as the enjoyment of public spaces by those with allergies or those who do not wish to have an off-lead dog getting in his or her space.
82	11/08/2022 11:34 AM ID: 197392102	No other Comment
83	12/08/2022 17:00 PM ID: 197487436	I approve of the suggested regulations and look forward to them being applied.
84	15/08/2022 11:38 AM ID: 197575291	<p>> There should be over 150 lines of text below. If the final word is not 'END', these comments have not been fully transmitted. If so, please contact me via</p> <p>></p> <p>> This survey form randomly adds and removes blank lines, doesn't allow formatting for emphasis and won't reproduce images. Hence the regrettable but necessary use of > and * and CAPITALS.</p> <p>></p> <p>> 15TH AUGUST 2022</p> <p>></p> <p>*****</p> <p>> BELOW ARE MY COMMENTS FOR PSPO SURVEY FORM REQUEST 6, WHICH ARE ALSO OF RELEVANCE TO REQUESTS (OR 'QUESTIONS') 4 AND 5.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>></p> <p>> REQUEST 6 was as follows: 'Please write in the box below if you have any further comments, ideas, or suggestions. Please note: We will not be able to reply to all comments due to the large number of responses we receive. *'</p> <p>></p> <p>*****</p> <p>EXAMINING A CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL (CBC) PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE DIFFERENT DOG CONTROL MEASURES ON DIFFERENT AREAS OF STONEBOW WASHLANDS.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>></p> <p>> In addition to my 16th October 2021 report (see my comments in other sections for details), a short report, entitled 'Why all dogs must be on leads at all times on the entire Stonebow Washlands site', has been distributed to CBC and elsewhere since April 2022. Regrettably, this survey form is incapable of reproducing essential images. Requests to will secure a complete, illustrated copy of that report. By way of a brief but less informative summary, that report clearly explains how loose dogs on the Stonebow playing field are a danger to children playing, a danger to human cleanliness and health and a SEVERE MORTAL danger to wildlife. In view of its significance and prevalence, the plight of wildlife on that playing field is explained in greater detail immediately below.</p> <p>></p> <p>> It is far more likely that wildlife (typically Mallard and legally protected Mute swans and their cygnets) will be KILLED by loose dogs on the Stonebow playing field than on the ponds area. CBC or visitor detection of evidence of such deaths is, however, far from likely, given that guilty dog owners or wild predators will remove or consume corpses. Wildlife frequently grazes and grubs on the entirety of that playing field, yet CBC have declared that dogs may be loose on that same field under 'Dogs on leads by direction', despite my 16th October 2021 report proving that scheme to be totally ineffective in every respect. Because wildlife is in clear sight on that open field, it is a very obvious, tempting and extremely easy target for loose ASB dogs inclined to launch attacks (or even some normally well behaved dogs induced to attack and kill by the mere presence of other animals). UNFORTUNATELY AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, THERE IS NOWHERE ON THAT FIELD WHERE WILDLIFE MAY QUICKLY ACHIEVE SAFE ESCAPE FROM INJURY OR (MORE LIKELY) DEATH DUE TO LOOSE DOG ATTACKS. UNLIKE THE PONDS AREA, THERE IS NO BODY OF WATER SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE TO OFFER SOME POSSIBILITY OF ESCAPE. The only realistic means of escape from attacking dogs on the playing field is immediate flight. Adult Mallard often react quickly enough and fly out of danger, but adult Mute swans and any flight-capable cygnets are far too heavy to accelerate quickly enough in MOST situations. They can only (and are in any case instinctively inclined to) stand wherever they are attacked by a loose dog and attempt to defend themselves, albeit only by "bluffing" (hissing loudly, spreading their wings wide and raising their plumage to create an illusion of greater strength and size). Swan and cygnet fatalities at Stonebow and Dishley Pool have proven that such defensive "bluffing" is all too often unsuccessful. IN EVEN GREATER DANGER OF INEVITABLE DEATH, HOWEVER, ARE THE VERY YOUNG, FLIGHTLESS OFFSPRING OF ANY SPECIES, SUCH AS MALLARD DUCKLINGS AND SWAN CYGNETS, WHICH CANNOT BLUFF, ARE FLIGHTLESS AND ARE INCAPABLE OF ADEQUATE SPEED ON LAND.</p>

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> My April 2022 report also describes "blind spots" created by vegetation. Such vegetation prevents wildlife sightings of loose dogs as they approach and attack FROM THE PLAYING FIELD until those dogs are "right on top of" that wildlife, most often and most dangerously on the adjacent southern bank of the smaller pond in the ponds area. A witnessed wildlife death due to that situation was one example amongst five loose dog attack incidents witnessed during a deliberately chosen period of nineteen months for the purposes of my 16th October 2021 report. Subsequent incidents have also been reported to CBC. ALL OF THOSE INCIDENT REPORTS MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED BY CBC WHEN THEY RECENTLY CLAIMED 'NO EVIDENCE' OF SIGNIFICANT ASB DOG ACTIVITY (LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. THE WORD 'ONLY' IS APPARENTLY INTENDED BY CBC TO MEAN SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. DOG ATTACKS) BEGINNING, REMAINING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. REPORTED ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA DUE TO LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED!

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> Also explained and illustrated in the above report is the local availability of short-mown grass areas and good rural footpaths, which constitute an estimated twenty five times greater area than the Stonebow playing field and aren't occupied to anywhere near as great or visible an extent by vulnerable wildlife. Those areas are a TRIVIAL walking distance from Stonebow and are ideal for dog walking and exercising. Dog owner complaints that there is nowhere other than the Stonebow playing field to exercise or "toilet" their dogs are thereby disproven. Those areas are, in truth, far more suitable than the Stonebow playing field.

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TWO INDEPENDENT SOURCES OF EVIDENCE THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' IS TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE IN EVERY RESPECT

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> COMPREHENSIVE PROOF THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' IS TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE IN EVERY RESPECT IS ACHIEVED BY TWO ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT METHODS IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT, FREELY AVAILABLE ON REQUEST TO THE FIRST METHOD IS A LOGICAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS. THE SECOND METHOD IS A COMPARISON OF TWENTY FOUR DOG ATTACK INCIDENTS IDENTIFIED BY MYSELF WITH NO DOG ATTACK INCIDENTS IDENTIFIED BY 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' IN THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, CBC HAS CLEARLY STATED, IN WRITING, THAT (QUOTE): 'SUBSEQUENT COMPLIANCE CHECKS ARE NOT ROUTINELY CARRIED OUT...THIS WOULD REQUIRE COVERT SURVEILLANCE...WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE DOG OWNER IS COMPLYING.'. THAT CLEAR STATEMENT RENDERS THE OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' COMPLETELY AND INCURABLY POINTLESS, GIVEN THAT THE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF ANY 'OFFICER' (IDVERDE RANGER) DIRECTION TO A DOG OWNER TO PUT THEIR DOG ON A LEAD WOULD ALWAYS BE A FAILURE TO CHECK FOR CONTINUING FUTURE COMPLIANCE. THAT ASIDE, THE HEAD RANGER HAS DECLARED THAT HIS RANGERS HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO 'DIRECT' ANYONE IN ANY RESPECT, WHILST THE RELEVANT RANGERS, WHEN ASKED, HAVE ALL DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR CLAIMED DOG CONTROL ROLE.

PROOF OF THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' USING LOGICAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSES

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> THE FOLLOWING IS A VERY BRIEF SUMMARY OF EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT CONCLUSIONS. PLEASE REFER TO MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT FOR A FULL EXPLANATION. IN COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', LOGICAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSES CONCLUDE THAT ONLY ONE LOOSE DOG ATTACK WILL BE DETECTED FOR AT LEAST EVERY EIGHTY EIGHT THAT WILL FAIL TO BE DETECTED AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND ONLY ONE LOOSE DOG ATTACK WILL BE DETECTED FOR AT LEAST EVERY ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT THAT WILL FAIL TO BE DETECTED AT DISHLEY POOL. THE PRODUCTIVITY OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' IS THEREBY PROVEN TO BE ZERO FOR ANY SENSIBLE OR USEFUL PURPOSES.

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TWENTY FOUR DOG ATTACK INCIDENTS IDENTIFIED BY ME, BUT ALL UNDETECTED BY 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'.

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> THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE WAS GATHERED BY MYSELF DURING SEVENTEEN MONTHS OF OBSERVATION AT DISHLEY POOL AND NINETEEN MONTHS AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS. NONE OF THAT EVIDENCE WAS SO MUCH AS DETECTED, LET ALONE PROSECUTED OR PREVENTED BY 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'. THAT DOG "CONTROL" SCHEME IS THEREBY PROVEN TO BE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE IN EVERY SINGLE RESPECT OF ITS SUPPOSED "OPERATION".

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> Identification photographs, evidence, vehicle registrations and/or offenders' home addresses were achieved entirely by my own efforts. CBC's totally ineffective 'Dogs on leads by direction' scheme achieved NOTHING.

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- > MUTE SWANS ARE PROMINENT IN THE FOLLOWING LIST, FOR REASONS THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 1 - Dishley Pool. 12th February 2020. A vicious and illegal loose dog attack upon a Mute swan cygnet, a protected species, in this instance nine months old.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 2 - Dishley Pool. 12th February 2020. An alarming and illegal loose dog attack upon me! This incident immediately followed 'Loose dog attack incident 1' (see above). I alone determined the dog owner's vehicle registration and home address and submitted a formal statement to CBC, with videos/photographs hurriedly and shakily taken shortly after the attacks. CBC instructed the dog owner to keep his dog on a lead, but cannot conduct subsequent checks for compliance, thereby rendering the entire exercise pointless.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED NOTHING AND ULTIMATELY ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 3 - 15th-16th April 2020. Dishley Pool's resident, successfully breeding Mute swan cob (adult male) was the victim of an illegal loose dog attack of such severity that, despite several days of medical treatment, euthanization became the only humane course of action.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 4 - Dishley Pool. April 2020. A reportedly vicious, illegal loose dog attack upon an innocent dog. The dog owner submitted a formal report.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 5 - Stonebow Washlands. 18th June 2020. The resident, successfully breeding Mute swan cob (adult male) was subjected to an attack by five loose dogs.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 6 - Dishley Pool. 14th September 2020 - An attack by one of a pack of four dogs upon a group of seven swans. I alone determined the dog owner's vehicle registration and submitted a formal statement, with images, to CBC. I have received no promised confirmation that the dog owner has been directed to keep his dog on a lead. In any case, subsequent checks for compliance cannot be carried out by CBC, rendering the entire exercise pointless.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 7 - Dishley Pool. 26th November 2020 - A suspected attack upon an innocent dog by one of the same pack of four dogs responsible for causing incident 6. I alone determined the dog owner's vehicle registration and submitted a formal statement, with images, to CBC. I have received no promised confirmation that the dog owner has been directed to keep his dog on a lead. In any case, subsequent checks for compliance cannot be carried out by CBC, rendering the entire exercise pointless.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 8 - Dishley Pool. 11th October 2020. An attack by a loose dog upon a group of eight swans.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 9 - Dishley Pool. 7th November 2020. An attack by a loose dog upon a group of six swans.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 10 - Dishley Pool. 15th November 2020. Two separate attacks in close succession by the same loose dog upon a group of ten swans.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 11 - Stonebow Washlands. 1st January 2021. A loose dog attack upon a family of two adult swans and their four cygnets.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 12 - Dishley Pool, 5th January 2021.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 13 - Dishley Pool, 5th January 2021.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 14 - Dishley Pool. 6th January 2021.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 15 - Dishley Pool. 4th February 2021. A loose dog attack upon six swans and a cygnet.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 16 - Dishley Pool, 23rd February 2021. A loose dog attack involving a total of twenty three swans.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 17 - Stonebow Washlands 25th February 2021. A loose dog attack upon four Mute swan cygnets.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 18 - Dishley Pool, 22nd April 2021. A loose dog attack upon an estimated twenty Mute swans.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 19 - Stonebow Washlands. 26th April 2021. A loose dog attack upon a Mute swan cob.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 20 - Stonebow Washlands, 17th May 2021. A loose dog attack upon nine Mallard.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 21 - Stonebow Washlands, 19th May 2021. Smaller pond. An uncontrolled dog causing havoc, in addition to an attack upon pigeons on the bank.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 22 - Stonebow Washlands, 28th May 2021. Deliberate loose dog harassment of wildlife.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 23 - Stonebow Washlands, north west corner of the larger pond, 3rd June 2021. Two separate loose dog attacks upon a group of Mallard.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 24 - Stonebow Washlands, south bank, 29th June 2021. A very young Mallard duckling was killed during a loose dog induced incident.
> 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' DETECTED AND ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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85	15/08/2022 14:20 PM ID: 197588908	This area is for people, yes wildlife is important but it is a multi use site.
86	15/08/2022 17:29 PM ID: 197602386	I would like an order to keep dogs on leads on all areas of the Forest Road green belt. It is not enclosed, it is open to Forest Road and to Holt Drive. The nearby Lodge Farm fields are more suited as an off-lead area, and it would be one place where owners of nervous dogs or dogs that must be walked on-lead could feel more confident that their dogs will not be molested by off-lead dogs. There are very few such areas other than pavements, which do not provide as much enrichment for dogs. It would also be a good idea to publicise areas where dogs must be kept on-lead. I would walk my dog there if I knew where it was.
87	16/08/2022 15:05 PM ID: 197656161	No further comment
88	16/08/2022 17:15 PM ID: 197666174	I think it is important to do all we can to protect swans and other water birds locally
89	18/08/2022 17:42 PM ID: 197854892	I've been walking my dogs through and around Stonebow Washlands for the last 15 years off lead with no incidents whatsoever, I've walked my current dog through and around Stonebow Washlands for the last 10 years she is well trained and does not go near the wildlife, as a disabled lady I can't access any other area to take my dog in the afternoons as I am unsteady on my feet and the paths are flat and ideal for me as I struggle on rough ground or any sort of incline, she has always enjoyed exploring the area off lead and keeps close to me at all times, she also enjoys a short ball play on the grassed area there (yellow zone) I do feel it is wrong to vilify all dog owners when just a few, and in this case, one, can't be bothered to train their dog.

Background Paper – Additional Consultation Response from Interested party

These comments are also included in the Background Paper – Consultation Responses. This paper is to highlight an individual site user’s comments which he has requested be considered as evidence to extend the restriction to dogs on leads at all times on the playing fields at Stonebow Washlands (yellow zone).

This forms the background for Cabinet to make the decision on whether to opt for Option 1 – Maintain the existing restriction or Option 2 Extend the restriction at Stonebow Washlands, Loughborough – Playing Fields (yellow zone)

Question 4 – Please Indicate to what extent you are in agreement to dogs being kept on a lead in the blue zone (as shown on the map)

<p>15/08/2022 11:38 AM ID: 197575291</p>	<p>> There should be over 150 lines of text below. If the final word is not ‘END’, these comments have not been fully transmitted. If so, please contact me via</p> <p>></p> <p>> This survey form randomly adds and removes blank lines, doesn’t allow formatting for emphasis and won’t reproduce images. Hence the regrettable but necessary use of > and * symbols and CAPITALS.</p> <p>></p> <p>> 15TH AUGUST 2022</p> <p>></p> <p>*****</p> <p>> BELOW ARE MY COMMENTS FOR PSPO SURVEY FORM REQUEST (OR ‘QUESTION’) 5, WHICH ARE ALSO OF RELEVANCE TO SURVEY FORM REQUESTS (OR ‘QUESTIONS’) 4 AND 6.</p> <p>*****</p>

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> I SELECTED 'DISAGREE' TO REQUEST 5, which was '5. Please indicate to what extent you are in agreement that dog owners can have their dogs off leads in the yellow area on the map but must put their dog on a lead if the dog becomes out of control or in an Officer's opinion is likely to become out of control. (Yellow zone on map). *'. CBC's 'yellow zone' is the playing field.

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> IN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE, THE SCHEME BEING DESCRIBED ABOVE IS REFERRED TO BY CBC AS 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL FROM 6TH JANUARY 2020 TO 19TH MAY 2022, EXCEPT FOR THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD, WHICH IS STILL 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'.

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> NEITHER I NOR ANY OF THE MANY STONEBOW VISITORS I'VE ASKED HAVE EVER SEEN AN 'OFFICER' (IDVERDE RANGER) ASSESSING DOG BEHAVIOUR THERE OR AT DISHLEY POOL. EVEN IF 'OFFICERS' (RANGERS) DID PERFORM THEIR CLAIMED ROLES, THE MATHEMATICAL PROBABILITY OF THEM DETECTING 'OUT OF CONTROL' DOGS IS AS CLOSE TO ZERO AS MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO RENDER 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' WORTHLESS, CBC HAVE ADMITTED TO THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKING DIRECTED DOG OWNERS FOR FUTURE COMPLIANCE, WHICH ALONE RENDERS THE ENTIRE SCHEME AND ALL CBC RESOURCES EXPENDED UPON IT POINTLESS. ALL OF THESE STATEMENTS AND FAR MORE BESIDES ARE EXPLAINED AND PROVEN IN MY COMPREHENSIVE 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT ENTITLED 'RESOLVING DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL LOOSE DOG BEHAVIOUR AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL, LOUGHBOROUGH'. THIS SURVEY FORM WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THAT REPORT, PROVIDED TO CBC SINCE JANUARY 2022. COPIES ARE FREELY AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL REQUEST TO

> IT MUST BE EMPHASISED FROM THE OUTSET THAT I'VE SPENT AN ESTIMATED ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL SITES, ACCUMULATING AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OF OBSERVATION AND INVOLVEMENT. I HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY, THEREFORE, WITNESSED, INTERVENED IN, RECORDED AND REPORTED TO CBC CONSIDERABLY MORE LOOSE DOG INDUCED

INCIDENTS ON THOSE SITES THAN ANYONE ELSE WITHIN THE SAME TIMESPAN. ASTONISHINGLY, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OCCURRING DURING ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS COULD BE THREE TIMES OR SO GREATER THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED BY MY OBSERVATIONS DURING ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS. ALL IS REVEALED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT (SEE ABOVE).

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> EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE').

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> In the following, 'the ponds area' is CBC's 'blue zone'. 'The playing field' is CBC's 'yellow zone', which CBC also call 'the top grassed area'. NOTE THAT THE PLAYING FIELD AND PONDS AREAS ARE DIRECTLY ADJACENT, WITH NO PHYSICAL BARRIER, LET ALONE A DOG-PROOF BARRIER, BETWEEN THE TWO.

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> IN AN EMAIL DATED 11TH JULY 2022, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL (CBC) REQUESTED (QUOTE) '...ANY EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB IE DOG ATTACKS FOR THE YELLOW ZONE ONLY.'

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> THE WORD 'ONLY' IN THE ABOVE IS APPARENTLY INTENDED BY CBC TO MEAN SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. DOG ATTACKS) BEGINNING, REMAINING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. I HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT IT SENSIBLE TO ONLY REPORT SUCH SEVERELY CONSTRAINED INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT FAILS TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE AVAILABLE (AND VERY NECESSARY) EVIDENCE, WHICH COULD LEAD TO INCORRECT CONCLUSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, MY FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OR SO OF OBSERVATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL EASILY IDENTIFY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF THAT SPECIFIC TYPE OF INCIDENT, WHICH IS PROVIDED BELOW.

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> I WILL ALSO REPORT SOME EXAMPLES OF INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A 2021 WILDLIFE FATALITY, CAUSED BY UNCONTROLLED LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD AND INFLECTING ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA. NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF SUCH HAVE BEEN WITNESSED DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS. IT IS INARGUABLE THAT THOSE INCIDENTS WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED HAD 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' BEEN COMPETENTLY APPLIED TO BOTH THE PONDS AREA AND THE PLAYING FIELD. CONTINUING USE OF CBC'S 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME ON THE PLAYING FIELD HAS BEEN AND STILL IS THE CAUSE OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON BOTH AREAS, DUE

ITS TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS, AS PROVEN BY TWO INDEPENDENT METHODS IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT.

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LIST OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'

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> NUMBERING IS ARBITRARY.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [1] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - Before being killed by a loose dog in April 2022, the Stonebow cob had already been hospitalised by the RSPCA on two separate occasions due to loose dog attacks. He barely survived the first incident. The second of those incidents was witnessed occurring ON THE PLAYING FIELD (CBC's 'yellow zone') by a visitor who called the RSPCA at the time.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [2] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – I arrived by bicycle at the Stonebow notice board entrance at the same time as a car, which parked on Lindisfarne Drive. A door of the car swung open, a football was ejected down the entrance slope LEADING TO THE PLAYING FIELD and a loose dog leap out and chased after it. I noticed that the swan family, quite well grown, were close by ON THE PLAYING FIELD, so I began moving towards them as I shouted to ask if the dog was “OK with swans” and to advise that the swan family was on the playing field. A man emerged from the car and replied that his dog ignored the swans. A few seconds later, his dog charged into and attacked the swan family ON THE PLAYING FIELD, clearly intent upon causing injury or worse. I dropped my bike, launched into the melee, grabbed the dog's collar and pulled it away from the swan family. The owner eventually caught up, snatched the dog from me and stormed off, grim-faced, towards the ponds area without a word, as if the attack was anybody's fault but his own. I shouted for him to put his dog on a lead, which he ignored. Fortunately, there were no physical injuries to myself, the swan family or the dog.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [3] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I was leaving Stonebow along the southern path and observed one loose dog pounce upon another loose dog ON THE PLAYING FIELD and attempt rape. The owners separated them and a loud exchange began, which I didn't stay to witness.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [4] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – January 2022. The adult swan pair were grazing ON THE PLAYING FIELD when two loose dogs appeared from the Mount Grace Road incline. One of the dogs immediately rushed straight for the cob. The dog was alarmingly aggressive. The dog owner said and did nothing. Fortunately, I was close to the cob, who knew and trusted me, so I was able to quickly stand between the two, albeit at very obvious risk from the aggressive dog. I shouted for the owner to control it, but she continued to ignore the situation, didn't call the dog and merely headed toward the ponds. Thankfully, the dog followed her. She entered the ponds area with both dogs still loose.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [5] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - March 2022, the swan pen (adult female) was sleeping alone on the playing field. The cob was at the other end of Stonebow, guarding their nest. This was typical behaviour by this pair during the two weeks or so of mating and egg creation prior to incubation. Fortunately, I decided to take some photographs of the pen. A loose dog appeared, charged towards the pen from the small bridge at the north west corner of the playing field and attacked her. I intervened loudly, upon which the dog left the playing field via the same bridge. A dog owner was nowhere to be seen. Thankfully, there were no physical injuries to the pen. Some minutes later, the owner appeared on the path north of the playing field, with his dog still loose. My description of the incident and a request for the dog to be put on a lead was met with foul language and refusal.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [6] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – In July 2022 a Stonebow visitor, without prompting, raised the subject of an Eastern European man with two very aggressive black dogs. I was already all too well aware of this particular dog owner, who frequently visits Stonebow (or Dishley Pool) at the same approximate time of day. I formally reported him, his dangerous dogs and his vehicle details and registration to CBC MONTHS AGO, but determining his address is still reportedly ongoing at CBC and no other action has been taken. I still quite frequently see and hear the man shouting loudly at his dogs, usually loose, at Stonebow or Dishley Pool. The visitor said that his innocent dog had been attacked by one of the Eastern European's two dogs. He asked the Eastern European to control his dog, but was ignored. The visitor added that the same dog then attacked a group of flight-capable swan cygnets ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

> *** THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING, DESPITE MY FORMAL REPORT, INCLUDING VEHICLE DETAILS, PROVIDED MONTHS AGO

AND, NOT LEAST, THE CONTINUING, FREQUENT APPEARANCES OF THE OWNER AND HIS DOGS ON STONEBOW OR DISHLEY AT THE SAME APPROXIMATE TIME OF DAY, ALSO REPORTED TO CBC. THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETE FAILURE OF ONE OF MANY TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE ASPECTS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' (SEE MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS).

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENTS [7] TO [13] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – At the time of writing, attacks on the playing field by the above-described Eastern European's two loose dogs have been described to me, without prompting, by SEVEN other people/couples. Those dogs are consistently described as extremely aggressive towards people, dogs and/or wildlife, yet 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING AT ALL DESPITE MY FORMAL REPORT MONTHS AGO. Almost all of the seven were of the firm opinion that the Eastern European's dogs were their prime suspects for the murder of the Stonebow Mute swan cob in April 2022. I've witnessed the man holding one of his loose dogs' collars whilst passing a group of several children playing on the playing field. He is clearly well aware of the danger his dogs pose, yet he continues to allow them to be loose and, not least, is allowed by the failure of 'Dogs on leads by direction' to have them loose.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING. SEE ABOVE ***.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [14] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - 14th April 2022. The above-described Eastern European was involved in an exceptionally loud episode with his dogs ON THE PLAYING FIELD. I was on Mount Grace Road, unable to immediately see what was happening, so I rushed down the slope to the playing field to investigate as the Eastern European and his loose dogs went up the slope to Lindisfarne Drive and drove off. Two youths had erected tents on the field and were looking extremely stunned and red-faced. A significant incident had clearly occurred.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING. SEE ABOVE ***.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [15] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I was walking with my bicycle across the playing field and heard loud shouting behind me. I saw two men with two loose dogs, one medium sized and the other small. The larger dog was speeding towards me. One of the men was shouting loudly at the larger dog, which ran at full speed into my legs. I felt a bite to my leg. The dog stood close, snarling, barking and

snapping the air. The men did nothing, apart from continued ineffective shouting. As the men left the playing field to the west, one still shouting, the dog thankfully ran to join them. I checked my leg and could see marks but no bleeding. I checked if there were any vehicles parked at any of the eastern entrances (there were none) and the four weren't seen (or heard) again during this visit or any subsequent visits.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [16] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I witnessed an attack by a medium-sized dog upon a small one, both loose ON THE PLAYING FIELD. I was close and able to chase the attacking dog away, at risk to myself. The attacking dog's owner was nowhere to be seen. The small dog was left with bleeding nose and ear wounds. Not least was the worryingly extreme distress of its elderly owner.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [17] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – I witnessed, more than once, a man encouraging his large dog to enter the larger pond, inducing the swan cob to react. He kept the dog on a collar connected to an extremely long length of thick strapping, to allow him to pull the dog, with alarming violence, out of the water by its neck just before the cob reached it. This behaviour by the same man and dog was also witnessed ON THE PLAYING FIELD, once as an encouraged dog attack upon a gathering of Mallard and on another occasion as an encouraged dog attack upon another dog, which led to a fight between the two owners. He hasn't been seen at Stonebow since, although that does not necessarily mean that he no longer visits.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> Other dog owners using extremely long, makeshift leads are also seen at Stonebow (and Dishley Pool). One Stonebow dog owner I spoke to, who was using a very long length of rope, said, with a grin and a nod at his dog, that '...he likes to nip other dogs'. UNBELIEVABLY, HE WAS UNASHAMEDLY ADMITTING THAT THE ROPE WAS LONG IN ORDER TO DELIBERATELY ALLOW HIS DOG THE FREEDOM TO BITE OTHER DOGS!

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> EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS PONDS AREA (CBC'S 'BLUE ZONE') CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE').

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> Of considerable relevance, the following will provide some examples (amongst many witnessed) of previously submitted written evidence to CBC of significant ASB (i.e. loose dog attacks) on the ponds area (CBC's 'blue zone') due to loose dogs COMING OFF the playing field (CBC's 'yellow zone') onto the almost immediately adjacent southern bank of the smaller pond in the ponds area. Note that there is no physical barrier, let alone a dog-proof barrier, between the playing field and the ponds area.

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> FOR SOME UNIDENTIFIED REASON, THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE HAS RECENTLY BEEN OVERLOOKED BY CBC. THEY HAVE INSTEAD DECLARED 'NO EVIDENCE' OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS)' ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. USE OF THE WORD 'ONLY' BY CBC WAS EXPLAINED EARLIER. BECAUSE OF THAT SERIOUS OVERSIGHT, THE UNREALISTICALLY LIMITING 'ONLY' STIPULATION AND A FAILURE TO RECOGNISE THE TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', CBC RECENTLY CHOSE TO CONTINUE WITH THAT SCHEME ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

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> CBC HAVE YET TO EXPLAIN HOW THEY EXPECT TO PREVENT DOG ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA CAUSED BY DOGS ALLOWED TO BE LOOSE ON THE PLAYING FIELD UNDER THE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME. IT IS (OR SHOULD BE) CLEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE ALONE THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' ON THE PLAYING FIELD IS THE ONLY SENSIBLE SOLUTION.

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> THE FOLLOWING LOOSE DOG ATTACKS CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA ARE TAKEN FROM MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT, WHICH DELIBERATELY ENCOMPASSED A RECORDING PERIOD OF NINETEEN MONTHS AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS. 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' WAS IN SUPPOSED "OPERATION" DURING THAT ENTIRE PERIOD. NUMBERING IS AS USED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT. SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS WILL ALSO BE DESCRIBED, TO DEMONSTRATE THE INEVITABLE CONTINUANCE OF THE PROBLEM. THE ONLY EFFECTIVE SOLUTION IS TO APPLY 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' TO THE PLAYING FIELD.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 11 - Stonebow Washlands. 1st January 2021. A loose dog attack upon a

family of two adult swans and their four cygnets. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 24 - Stonebow Washlands, on the southern bank of the smaller pond, 29th June 2021. A very young Mallard duckling was killed during a loose dog induced incident. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.

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> Subsequent loose dog attacks on the southern bank of the smaller pond, CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE') ONTO THE PONDS AREA (CBC'S 'BLUE ZONE'), have been witnessed. Some have been reported to CBC (by myself and others) and some have occurred since the introduction of 'Dogs on leads at all times' on the ponds area and 'Dogs on leads by direction' (loose dogs) on the playing field. My report of an attack on 4th June 2022 and a visitor report of an incident on 8th June 2022 (held on file) are easily recalled examples, although there have been others.

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END

**Individual Consultation Response – Question 5 – To what extent are you in agreement that dog owners can have their dogs off lead in the yellow area on the map but must put their dog on a lead if the dog becomes out of control or in an officer’s opinion is likely to become out of control
Note – Same information as question 4 (above)**

> There should be over 150 lines of text below. If the final word is not 'END', these comments have not been fully transmitted. If so, please contact me via

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> This survey form randomly adds and removes blank lines, doesn't allow formatting for emphasis and won't reproduce images. Hence the regrettable but necessary use of > and * symbols and CAPITALS.

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> 15TH AUGUST 2022

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> BELOW ARE MY COMMENTS FOR PSPO SURVEY FORM REQUEST (OR 'QUESTION') 5, WHICH ARE ALSO OF RELEVANCE TO SURVEY FORM REQUESTS (OR 'QUESTIONS') 4 AND 6.

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> I SELECTED 'DISAGREE' TO REQUEST 5, which was '5. Please indicate to what extent you are in agreement that dog owners can have their dogs off leads in the yellow area on the map but must put their dog on a lead if the dog becomes out of control or in an Officer's opinion is likely to become out of control. (Yellow zone on map). *'. CBC's 'yellow zone' is the playing field.

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> IN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE, THE SCHEME BEING DESCRIBED ABOVE IS REFERRED TO BY CBC AS 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL FROM 6TH JANUARY 2020 TO 19TH MAY 2022, EXCEPT FOR THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD, WHICH IS STILL 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION'.

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> NEITHER I NOR ANY OF THE MANY STONEBOW VISITORS I'VE ASKED HAVE EVER SEEN AN 'OFFICER' (IDVERDE RANGER) ASSESSING DOG BEHAVIOUR THERE OR AT DISHLEY POOL. EVEN IF 'OFFICERS' (RANGERS) DID PERFORM THEIR CLAIMED ROLES, THE MATHEMATICAL PROBABILITY OF THEM DETECTING 'OUT OF CONTROL' DOGS IS AS CLOSE TO ZERO AS MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO RENDER 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' WORTHLESS, CBC HAVE ADMITTED TO THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKING DIRECTED DOG OWNERS FOR FUTURE COMPLIANCE, WHICH ALONE RENDERS THE ENTIRE SCHEME AND ALL CBC RESOURCES EXPENDED UPON IT POINTLESS. ALL OF THESE STATEMENTS AND FAR MORE BESIDES ARE EXPLAINED AND PROVEN IN MY COMPREHENSIVE 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT ENTITLED 'RESOLVING DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL LOOSE DOG BEHAVIOUR AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL, LOUGHBOROUGH'. THIS SURVEY FORM WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THAT REPORT, PROVIDED TO CBC SINCE JANUARY 2022. COPIES ARE FREELY AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL REQUEST TO

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> IT MUST BE EMPHASISED FROM THE OUTSET THAT I'VE SPENT AN ESTIMATED ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS AND DISHLEY POOL SITES, ACCUMULATING AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OF OBSERVATION AND INVOLVEMENT. I HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY, THEREFORE, WITNESSED, INTERVENED IN, RECORDED AND REPORTED TO CBC CONSIDERABLY MORE LOOSE DOG INDUCED INCIDENTS ON THOSE SITES THAN ANYONE ELSE WITHIN THE SAME TIMESPAN. ASTONISHINGLY, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OCCURRING DURING ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS COULD BE THREE TIMES OR SO GREATER THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED BY MY OBSERVATIONS DURING ONE THIRD OF ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS. ALL IS REVEALED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT (SEE ABOVE).

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> EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE').

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> In the following, 'the ponds area' is CBC's 'blue zone'. 'The playing field' is CBC's 'yellow zone', which CBC also call 'the top grassed area'. NOTE THAT THE PLAYING FIELD AND PONDS AREAS ARE DIRECTLY ADJACENT, WITH NO PHYSICAL BARRIER, LET ALONE A DOG-PROOF BARRIER, BETWEEN THE TWO.

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> IN AN EMAIL DATED 11TH JULY 2022, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL (CBC) REQUESTED (QUOTE) '...ANY EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB IE DOG ATTACKS FOR THE YELLOW ZONE ONLY.'

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> THE WORD 'ONLY' IN THE ABOVE IS APPARENTLY INTENDED BY CBC TO MEAN SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. DOG ATTACKS) BEGINNING, REMAINING AND ENDING ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. I HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT IT SENSIBLE TO ONLY REPORT SUCH SEVERELY CONSTRAINED INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT FAILS TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE AVAILABLE (AND VERY NECESSARY) EVIDENCE, WHICH COULD LEAD TO INCORRECT CONCLUSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, MY FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOURS OR SO OF OBSERVATION AT STONEBOW AND DISHLEY POOL EASILY IDENTIFY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF THAT SPECIFIC TYPE OF INCIDENT, WHICH IS PROVIDED BELOW.

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> I WILL ALSO REPORT SOME EXAMPLES OF INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A 2021 WILDLIFE FATALITY, CAUSED BY UNCONTROLLED LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD AND INFLECTING ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA. NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF SUCH HAVE BEEN WITNESSED DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS. IT IS INARGUABLE THAT THOSE INCIDENTS WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED HAD 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' BEEN COMPETENTLY APPLIED TO BOTH THE PONDS AREA AND THE PLAYING FIELD. CONTINUING USE OF CBC'S 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME ON THE PLAYING FIELD HAS BEEN AND STILL IS THE CAUSE OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON BOTH AREAS, DUE ITS TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS, AS PROVEN BY TWO INDEPENDENT METHODS IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT.

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LIST OF LOOSE DOG ATTACKS ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'

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- > NUMBERING IS ARBITRARY.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [1] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - Before being killed by a loose dog in April 2022, the Stonebow cob had already been hospitalised by the RSPCA on two separate occasions due to loose dog attacks. He barely survived the first incident. The second of those incidents was witnessed occurring ON THE PLAYING FIELD (CBC's 'yellow zone') by a visitor who called the RSPCA at the time.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [2] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – I arrived by bicycle at the Stonebow notice board entrance at the same time as a car, which parked on Lindisfarne Drive. A door of the car swung open, a football was ejected down the entrance slope LEADING TO THE PLAYING FIELD and a loose dog leap out and chased after it. I noticed that the swan family, quite well grown, were close by ON THE PLAYING FIELD, so I began moving towards them as I shouted to ask if the dog was “OK with swans” and to advise that the swan family was on the playing field. A man emerged from the car and replied that his dog ignored the swans. A few seconds later, his dog charged into and attacked the swan family ON THE PLAYING FIELD, clearly intent upon causing injury or worse. I dropped my bike, launched into the melee, grabbed the dog’s collar and pulled it away from the swan family. The owner eventually caught up, snatched the dog from me and stormed off, grim-faced, towards the ponds area without a word, as if the attack was anybody’s fault but his own. I shouted for him to put his dog on a lead, which he ignored. Fortunately, there were no physical injuries to myself, the swan family or the dog.
- > THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [3] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I was leaving Stonebow along the southern path and observed one loose dog pounce upon another loose dog ON THE PLAYING FIELD and attempt rape. The owners separated them and a loud exchange began, which I didn't stay to witness.
- > THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.
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- > LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [4] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – January 2022. The adult swan pair were grazing ON THE PLAYING FIELD when two loose dogs appeared from the Mount Grace Road incline. One of the dogs immediately rushed straight for the cob. The dog was alarmingly aggressive. The dog owner said and did nothing. Fortunately, I was close to the cob, who knew and trusted me, so I was able to quickly stand between the two, albeit at very obvious risk from the aggressive dog. I shouted for the owner to control it, but she continued to ignore the situation, didn't call the dog and merely headed toward the ponds. Thankfully, the dog followed her. She entered the ponds area with both dogs still loose.
- > THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [5] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - March 2022, the swan pen (adult female) was sleeping alone on the playing field. The cob was at the other end of Stonebow, guarding their nest. This was typical behaviour by this pair during the two weeks or so of mating and egg creation prior to incubation. Fortunately, I decided to take some photographs of the pen. A loose dog appeared, charged towards the pen from the small bridge at the north west corner of the playing field and attacked her. I intervened loudly, upon which the dog left the playing field via the same bridge. A dog owner was nowhere to be seen. Thankfully, there were no physical injuries to the pen. Some minutes later, the owner appeared on the path north of the playing field, with his dog still loose. My description of the incident and a request for the dog to be put on a lead was met with foul language and refusal.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [6] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' – In July 2022 a Stonebow visitor, without prompting, raised the subject of an Eastern European man with two very aggressive black dogs. I was already all too well aware of this particular dog owner, who frequently visits Stonebow (or Dishley Pool) at the same approximate time of day. I formally reported him, his dangerous dogs and his vehicle details and registration to CBC MONTHS AGO, but determining his address is still reportedly ongoing at CBC and no other action has been taken. I still quite frequently see and hear the man shouting loudly at his dogs, usually loose, at Stonebow or Dishley Pool. The visitor said that his innocent dog had been attacked by one of the Eastern European's two dogs. He asked the Eastern European to control his dog, but was ignored. The visitor added that the same dog then attacked a group of flight-capable swan cygnets ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

> *** THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING, DESPITE MY FORMAL REPORT, INCLUDING VEHICLE DETAILS, PROVIDED MONTHS AGO AND, NOT LEAST, THE CONTINUING, FREQUENT APPEARANCES OF THE OWNER AND HIS DOGS ON STONEBOW OR DISHLEY AT THE SAME APPROXIMATE TIME OF DAY, ALSO REPORTED TO CBC. THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETE FAILURE OF ONE OF MANY TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE ASPECTS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' (SEE MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS).

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENTS [7] TO [13] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY – At the time of writing, attacks on the playing field by the above-described Eastern European's two loose dogs have been described to me, without prompting, by SEVEN other people/couples. Those dogs are consistently described as extremely aggressive towards people, dogs and/or wildlife, yet 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING AT ALL DESPITE MY FORMAL REPORT MONTHS AGO. Almost all of the seven were of the firm opinion that the Eastern European's dogs were their prime suspects for the murder of the Stonebow Mute swan cob in April 2022. I've witnessed the man holding one of his loose dogs' collars whilst passing a group of

several children playing on the playing field. He is clearly well aware of the danger his dogs pose, yet he continues to allow them to be loose and, not least, is allowed by the failure of 'Dogs on leads by direction' to have them loose.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING. SEE ABOVE

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [14] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - 14th April 2022. The above-described Eastern European was involved in an exceptionally loud episode with his dogs ON THE PLAYING FIELD. I was on Mount Grace Road, unable to immediately see what was happening, so I rushed down the slope to the playing field to investigate as the Eastern European and his loose dogs went up the slope to Lindisfarne Drive and drove off. Two youths had erected tents on the field and were looking extremely stunned and red-faced. A significant incident had clearly occurred.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' HAS THUS FAR ACHIEVED NOTHING. SEE ABOVE

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [15] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I was walking with my bicycle across the playing field and heard loud shouting behind me. I saw two men with two loose dogs, one medium sized and the other small. The larger dog was speeding towards me. One of the men was shouting loudly at the larger dog, which ran at full speed into my legs. I felt a bite to my leg. The dog stood close, snarling, barking and snapping the air. The men did nothing, apart from continued ineffective shouting. As the men left the playing field to the west, one still shouting, the dog thankfully ran to join them. I checked my leg and could see marks but no bleeding. I checked if there were any vehicles parked at any of the eastern entrances (there were none) and the four weren't seen (or heard) again during this visit or any subsequent visits.

> THE SUPPOSED OPERATION OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [16] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I witnessed an attack by a medium-sized dog upon a small one, both loose ON THE PLAYING FIELD. I was close and able to chase the attacking dog away, at risk to myself. The attacking dog's owner was nowhere to be seen. The small dog was left with bleeding nose and ear wounds. Not least was the worryingly extreme distress of its elderly owner.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT [17] ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY' - I witnessed, more than once, a man encouraging his large dog to enter the larger pond, inducing the swan cob to react. He kept the dog on a collar connected to an extremely long length of thick strapping, to allow him to pull the dog, with alarming violence, out of the water by its neck just before the cob reached it. This behaviour by the same man and dog was also witnessed ON THE PLAYING FIELD, once as an encouraged dog

attack upon a gathering of Mallard and on another occasion as an encouraged dog attack upon another dog, which led to a fight between the two owners. He hasn't been seen at Stonebow since, although that does not necessarily mean that he no longer visits.

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> Other dog owners using extremely long, makeshift leads are also seen at Stonebow (and Dishley Pool). One Stonebow dog owner I spoke to, who was using a very long length of rope, said, with a grin and a nod at his dog, that '...he likes to nip other dogs'. UNBELIEVABLY, HE WAS UNASHAMEDLY ADMITTING THAT THE ROPE WAS LONG IN ORDER TO DELIBERATELY ALLOW HIS DOG THE FREEDOM TO BITE OTHER DOGS!

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> EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS) ON THE STONEBOW WASHLANDS PONDS AREA (CBC'S 'BLUE ZONE') CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE PLAYING FIELD (CBC'S 'YELLOW ZONE').

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> Of considerable relevance, the following will provide some examples (amongst many witnessed) of previously submitted written evidence to CBC of significant ASB (i.e. loose dog attacks) on the ponds area (CBC's 'blue zone') due to loose dogs COMING OFF the playing field (CBC's 'yellow zone') onto the almost immediately adjacent southern bank of the smaller pond in the ponds area. Note that there is no physical barrier, let alone a dog-proof barrier, between the playing field and the ponds area.

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> FOR SOME UNIDENTIFIED REASON, THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE HAS RECENTLY BEEN OVERLOOKED BY CBC. THEY HAVE INSTEAD DECLARED 'NO EVIDENCE' OF SIGNIFICANT ASB (I.E. LOOSE DOG ATTACKS)' ON THE PLAYING FIELD 'ONLY'. USE OF THE WORD 'ONLY' BY CBC WAS EXPLAINED EARLIER. BECAUSE OF THAT SERIOUS OVERSIGHT, THE UNREALISTICALLY LIMITING 'ONLY' STIPULATION AND A FAILURE TO RECOGNISE THE TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS OF 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION', CBC RECENTLY CHOSE TO CONTINUE WITH THAT SCHEME ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

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> CBC HAVE YET TO EXPLAIN HOW THEY EXPECT TO PREVENT DOG ATTACKS ON THE PONDS AREA CAUSED BY DOGS ALLOWED TO BE LOOSE ON THE PLAYING FIELD UNDER THE TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' SCHEME. IT IS (OR SHOULD BE) CLEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE ALONE THAT 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' ON THE PLAYING FIELD IS THE ONLY SENSIBLE SOLUTION.

> THE FOLLOWING LOOSE DOG ATTACKS CAUSED BY LOOSE DOGS COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA ARE TAKEN FROM MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT, WHICH DELIBERATELY ENCOMPASSED A RECORDING PERIOD OF NINETEEN MONTHS AT STONEBOW WASHLANDS. 'DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION' WAS IN SUPPOSED "OPERATION" DURING THAT ENTIRE PERIOD. NUMBERING IS AS USED IN MY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 REPORT. SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS WILL ALSO BE DESCRIBED, TO DEMONSTRATE THE INEVITABLE CONTINUANCE OF THE PROBLEM. THE ONLY EFFECTIVE SOLUTION IS TO APPLY 'DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES' TO THE PLAYING FIELD.

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> LOOSE DOG ATTACK INCIDENT 11 - Stonebow Washlands. 1st January 2021. A loose dog attack upon a family of two adult swans and their four cygnets. CAUSED BY A LOOSE DOG COMING OFF THE STONEBOW PLAYING FIELD ONTO THE PONDS AREA.

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END

Bradgate Park and Swithland Woods Public Spaces Protection Order (SPO) Consultation to extend or extend and amend the existing controls

Survey Results

Results Summary

Statistics:

Total

46

Partial

0

Completed

46

1. Are you in agreement to continue with the 2020 Public Spaces Protection Order as made?

	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes	78.26%	36
2 No	21.74%	10
	answered	46
	skipped	0

2. Please let us know any comments or suggests you may have about the Order .

	Response Percent	Response Total
1	100.00%	46
	answered	46
	skipped	0

Cabinet Report – Public Spaces Protection Order – (Bradgate Park and Swithland Wood) Dog Control 2023

Summary of Incidents and Enforcement Actions

Numbers of Incidents

1. Bradgate Park have dealt with a number of dog control incidents across the estate in the 3 years since the last Order was introduced.

The number has reduced due to people complying with the controls but there is still a number of incidents the Rangers have dealt with. Numbers are shown in the table below:

Year	Number of reports
2020 - 21	9
2021– 22	14
2022 to now	5

2. Enforcement of a dog control incident is usually by means of a fixed penalty notice (FPN). An authorised Officer must witness it for an offence to occur. FPNs can be served for failing to comply with the following conditions:

- Allowing a dog to foul and not clearing away afterwards.
- Failing to put a dog on a lead in the zone where dogs must be on leads at all times (yellow zone)
- Failing to put a dog on a lead if directed to do so by an authorised officer
- Allowing a dog to go into a dog exclusion zone (grey zone)

Bradgate Park Estate have an enforcement policy where they will ask the individual to comply, and they will only get an FPN if they refuse or fail at a later date to comply with the conditions in the Order.

The number of FPNs issued since the last Order is shown in the table below:

Year	Number of FPNs
2020 – 21	6
2021 – 22	7
2022 - now	6