

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
DRAFT DOG CONTROL ORDERS
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMENTS**

Respondent	Comments
Resident	Considers the Dog Control Order to be too strict and would like to object on the grounds that it gives no protection for the responsible owners. Believes responsible owners will fall victim to this proposal, specifically in regard to dog fouling, and suggests a red/yellow card warning system. Supports the idea though the process is poor.
Councillor Ms Branson	Residents have expressed their views to Councillor Ms Branson that the fines are not high enough for dog fouling – not a deterrent. They have also highlighted concern regarding the number of dogs per person as this should be linked to whether they are on or off the lead. Councillor Mrs Branson has suggested that four on the lead and two off the lead would be reasonable.
Resident	Offered support to the proposals which will be most welcome to the dogless people with children who will enjoy the park area more.
Resident	Not sure about the basis of the Orders as the problem is failure by dog owners to clear up mess and does not consider the Orders will improve this. There does not seem to be enough regular patrols by empowered wardens.
Resident	As owner and foster carer of five friendly, controlled dogs finds the enforcement of four dogs absolutely unnecessary. Cannot understand what will be achieved or what the benefit will be. Responsible dog owners clean up after their dogs regardless of the number of dogs.
Resident	As a responsible dog owner believes the Orders are a very good idea.
Resident	In agreement with the Council's proposals.
Resident	Objects to the inclusion of the Audley Rise Car Park under Order 4 (keeping of dogs on leads) on the following grounds <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. car park has no clear boundaries which could lead to endless misunderstandings and disputes as to when a dog should or should not be on a lead; 2. area surrounding car park is crossed by two paths leading in three different directions. Dogs on path (off lead) will be mixed with dogs in car park (on lead). This has the potential to cause conflict between dogs.
Resident	Is the owner of five dogs and objects to the Order restricting the numbers of dogs to four.

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Resident	Considers dogs should be kept on leads in more areas of Leybourne Lakes Country Park to cater for the needs of other users, for example, cyclists.
Resident	Consultation measures are very fair to all users without being over restrictive and agrees with the proposals outlined.
Resident	Supports proposals to have dogs on leads around car parks as this is a sensible approach. Agree with the proposals regarding dog mess.
Kennel Club	<p>Being that your dog exclusion areas are children's play areas we would not have any objections to this. I also believe your dogs on leads order to be reasonable. However, the Kennel Club does not believe that restricting the number of dogs a person can walk to four is necessary.</p> <p>How well a dog / dogs are controlled does not generally depend on the number of dogs being walked by one person at any one time, the relationship the walker has with the dogs is much more important.</p> <p>For example: if the dogs are well behaved and trained, then whether a person is walking 1 or 6 should not make much of a difference. However if a dog is badly behaved or trained it can potentially be more out of control than someone walking many dogs.</p>