

Dog Control and Seashores and Promenades PSPOs: Proposed Changes with Justification

Proposed Change	Justification
Dog Exclusion Areas	
Budleigh Salterton – Norman Crescent play area	To bring this play area in line with other play areas throughout the district.
Exmouth Beach – extend dogs allowed area to 2 nd groyne before Orcombe Point	Officer observations have concluded that there is restricted access because there are no steps at the first groyne where the dogs allowed area currently starts. The beach between the first and second groynes is not well used and there are steps onto the beach only at the second groyne. The area of beach where dogs are now allowed is often very crowded. This will still leave over 1 mile of beach with a seasonal dog exclusion.
Exmouth – Redgates play area, Whitman Close play area	To bring these play areas in line with other play areas throughout the district.
Cranbrook – Hayes Square, St Martin's play area, Londinium Way play park.	These are 3 new play parks and a dog ban has been requested by the town council. This would bring these areas in line with all other play parks within the East Devon district.
Cranbrook – Nature reserve south of old A30.	At the request of EDDC countryside team working with the Cranbrook Consortium to designate one area of the country park free of dogs in order to protect, preserve and enhance the area for wildlife.
Luppitt – Sports Field	The parish council has prohibited dogs on this field for many years and it is appropriate to incorporate this within the PSPO in line with other play areas throughout the district.
Lympstone – Candy's Field play area	To bring this play area in line with other play areas throughout the district. This area has been designated and signed as a No Dogs area by Lympstone parish council for many years so this change would incorporate this local control into the new PSPOs. The effect of this is that the requirement would become enforceable.
Ottery St Mary Elliot Close MUGA	To bring this sports area in line with other sports areas throughout the district.
Sidford – Bakers Close play area and Lindemann Close play area	To bring these play areas in line with other play areas throughout the district.
Sidmouth – The Ham play area	To bring this play area in line with other play areas throughout the district.
Stoke Canon – River Close playing field	Requested by Stoke Canon Parish Council and Primary School and supported by 149 residents (100% of those responding) in a locally

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Sidmouth – Jacobs Ladder beach: Start dogs exclusion at a point level with the most westerly beach hut and remove Dog on Lead requirement adjacent to the cliffs	Officer observations during the summer of 2016 concluded that the current arrangement to access the “dogs allowed” area by walking close to the cliff over pebbles is hazardous particularly since the cliff is unstable, the profile of the beach has changed and the pebbles are steep. Officers observed most dog owners taking their dogs safely on a lead across the beach to access the dogs allowed area to the west of the beach huts. Officers received several enquiries from dog owners concerned about the dangers of accessing the “dogs allowed” area via the dangerous cliff base and pebbles. There is no other direct means of access to this area.
Dog on Lead Areas	
Beer - Beer beach from a point immediately below Charlie’s Yard in the west to the last beach hut in the east from 1 st May to 30 th September every year.	Requested by Beer Parish Council who have consulted with visitors and residents during summer 2016.
Broadclyst – Remove dog on lead restriction at Holly Close Recreation field	Requested by Broadclyst Parish Council and the landowner, the National Trust, and supported by substantial numbers of villagers who have used the land to exercise dogs off the lead for many years.
Exmouth – Carter Avenue – Remove dog on lead restriction on the playing field (retain dog ban in the play park)	Officer observations have concluded that this area is heavily used by local dog owners exercising dogs off the lead. No complaints have been received regarding this use or regarding irresponsible dog ownership in this area.
Lympstone – Candy’s playing field	This area has been designated and signed as a Dog on Lead area by Lympstone parish council for many years so this change would incorporate this local control into the new PSPOs. The effect of this is that the requirement would become enforceable.
Sidmouth – The Ham recreation ground	Officer observations have concluded that the recreation ground is used for a variety of entertainment and recreational purposes with a footpath adjacent, and is close to the east end of the beach where dogs can be exercised off

	lead. It is considered appropriate for dogs to be kept on leads and therefore under close control so that other users of this area are not affected.
Axmouth – From the B3172 to The Old Harbour House	Residents and a business on Axmouth Harbour have requested a dog on lead control because there have been many incidents of dog fouling in this short stretch of path linking to the coast path, and also incidences of dogs running around unaccompanied. This has been evidenced by the Seaton dog warden, but the owners cannot always be identified. A requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead will ensure they are under close control.
Seaton – The walkway adjacent to the beach between Castle Hill and Trevelyan Road between 1 st October and 30 th April every year.	Requested by Seaton Town Council to bring this walkway in line with the West Walk which has an all year round dog on lead restriction. The winter only control is needed because during the seasonal dog ban period no dogs are allowed on this walkway.
Dogs on Lead on the Highway	
Dogs to be kept on leads whilst on the public highway or on footpaths adjacent to the highway.	Two surveys of East Devon residents, visitors and beach users have been carried out during summer 2016. 23% of households owned dogs and of over 1,000 people responding to the surveys more than 87% supported this proposal.
Feeding of Seagulls on the Seashores and Promenades	
Prohibition on providing or depositing food for consumption by seagulls on the seashores and promenades.	Officers of the council receive complaints throughout the summer regarding minor injuries and stress caused by seagulls taking food or flocking onto food litter actively left for them. Many of these incidents would be avoided if residents and visitors using the promenades and beaches did not actively feed the gulls. Signs have been in place requesting no feeding for many years and this control would strengthen the impact of signage and allow the council to pursue identified offenders.