

Public Spaces Protection Order Proposals

Cemeteries

To prohibit dogs from cemetery grounds (with a clause which allows specific authorisation for individuals to attend a grave with a dog and also for guide dogs).

NOTE: There are increasing concerns over irresponsible dog ownership surrounding complaints of dog fouling failing to be removed, the urinating on graves and dogs being exercised off the lead. This causes a great deal of upset. In addition, dog faeces creates health and safety risks for visitors and maintenance personnel alike, especially those tending to graves.

Beaches

There will be no change for most dog restrictions currently in place on beaches with the exclusion period remaining the same. Areas where changes are being proposed include;

Ryde

To prohibit dogs to enter or remain on the beach between Ryde Harbour boundary wall eastwards to Appley Tower between 1st May & 30th September out to the mean low water mark (dogs will be permitted eastwards of Appley Tower all year round).

This is to eliminate those who flout the current restrictions in place by continuously crossing the existing area. By introducing a clear dog ban between 1st May & 30th September this would enable Ryde to be eligible to apply for beach awards.

In addition to the above it is also proposed that;

Horse riding on beaches is not permitted between the hours of 10am and 6pm all year round.

Parks and Open Spaces

Dogs must be kept under effective control at all times; this means they must be kept on a lead; or kept within sight, remaining aware of its actions and reasonably confident that the dog will return reliably and promptly to them on command. Ensure the dog does not stray off the path or area where you have right of access.

To prohibit dogs from entering an enclosed fenced play park area.

To operate drones in accordance with the Civil Aviation Drone Code. (www.dronesafe.uk)

To prohibit a person having more than 4 dogs under their control within park and open space

Rights of Way

The dog must be kept on a lead when in the same enclosure as farm animals.

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Alcohol Control

The Order will enable the police to confiscate alcohol from people who may be causing anti-social behaviour in a public place, making it an offence not to surrender the alcohol when requested to do so by a police officer.

The proposed order will cover all public places on the Isle of Wight including beaches to the mean low water mark.

The purpose of the order is to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in a public place. An island wide order will ensure continuity throughout the island and prevent the displacement of this behaviour into an area not covered by an Order, which has become common over the past few years.

Areas currently covered by Designated Public Places Orders are Newport, East Cowes, Ryde, Lake, Sandown, Freshwater and Totland.

General

To include within a PSPO the following existing offences:

Dogs must be kept on a lead next to a highway carriageway.

Owners/dog walkers to clear up after their dog has fouled.

Failing to remove litter.

Defacing the public realm with graffiti or unauthorised advertising(fly posting).

Failing to comply with a waste receptacle notice (Domestic and Commercial).

Failure to produce the correct documentation for waste transfer.