**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**

**CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

**DOG CONTROL CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL 2016**

Notice is hereby given that Charnwood Borough Council (‘the Council’) proposes for the purposes of reducing antisocial behaviour in relation to dog control to make a Public Spaces Protection Order under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and of all other enabling powers.

**The Council would like to seek your views on the proposed Notice of Intention to make an order. This Notice outlines the details of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order. Any comments and/or objections should be sent in writing or by email to the correspondence address below.**

At the closure of the formal consultation period, Charnwood Borough Council will review all comments/objections and will make a decision on whether to make the order or an alternative in part or in full.

The Public Spaces Protection Order will seek to address anti-social behaviour issues relating to dog control across the Borough of Charnwood.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and display effective dog control but there are some occasions where additional controls are necessary to ensure all people in control of dogs are acting responsibly.

The Council takes the health and well-being of the residents very seriously, and seeks to promote a healthy, safe environment for all residents, protecting them from anti-social behaviour in the form of dog control issues. These issues include:

* Owners allowing dogs to foul and not clearing away afterwards
* Dogs defecating on graves in cemeteries/graveyards
* Dogs in dog exclusion zones where small children are playing
* Dogs not being kept under control on a lead near wildfowl and other animals causing distress and sometimes fatalities

The effect of the Order will be to apply conditions to dog owners by:

* Insisting they clear up forthwith after their dogs if they foul
* Insisting all dogs are kept on leads in cemeteries and graveyards which are owned/managed by Charnwood Borough Council or the Parish/Town Councils
* Insisting dogs are not to be taken into fenced children’s’ play areas
* Insisting dogs are put on lead if directed by an authorised officer in areas outlined in schedule below.

This Order applies to the public places described in the Schedule to this Order (“the restricted area”)

**SCHEDULE**

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| **Condition** | **Location** |
| Dogs on leads at all times  (fixed penalty notice £100) | All cemeteries and graveyards within Charnwood Borough Council which are owned/managed by the Borough Council or the Parish or Town Council |
| Dogs on lead by direction  (fixed penalty notice £100) | Booth Wood  Shelthorpe Pitch and Putt  Charnwood Water  Springfield Lake (Quorn) |
| Dog exclusion zones  (fixed penalty notice £100) | All fenced children’s’ play areas which display a sign stating “Dog Exclusion Zone” or words or symbols to that effect |
| Clearance of dog faeces  (fixed penalty notice £100) | Borough wide on any land which is open to the air and has access to the public whether by payment or not |

A draft of the proposed Order is available for inspection on the Charnwood Borough Council’s website (Reference CBC/10/16).

More details about the Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order can be found on the Charnwood Borough Council website at:

<http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/currentconsultations>

Any representation or objection to the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order must be in writing addressed to:

Head of Regulatory Services,

Charnwood Borough Council,

Southfield Road,

Loughborough,

Leicestershire

LE11 2TR

Stating the reference to which they relate and the grounds for making them, by Monday 5th December 2016

Alternatively you can email [cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk) quoting reference

CBC/10/16.