

# Equality Impact Assessment

## Appendix B

This document is intended to act as a guide and point of reference, rather than be a template. There is no requirement to use this document as part of the policy development or decision making process; although it may help.

When using this form, please feel free to enter as much or as little information as you feel is appropriate.

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<b>What are you thinking of changing or implementing?</b>			
<p>The Council's current Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will expire in 2022 and needs to be extended for a further 3 years. The Council is proposing to extend this order to continue to have the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue fixed penalty notices for not cleaning up after a dog has fouled</li><li>• Direct people to put dogs on leads if they are causing a nuisance</li><li>• Issue fixed penalty notices to owners whose dogs are off leads in designated areas e.g., churchyards and cemeteries</li><li>• Limit the number of dogs that can be walked in public to four</li><li>• Exclude dogs from designated areas e.g., play areas</li></ul> <p>It also proposed that authorised officers will also have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to owners whose dogs are off the lead in Portchester Crematorium.</p>			
<b>What is the expected or anticipated impact of this change?</b>			
<p>The proposal will affect all dog owners who walk and exercise their dogs in Fareham. There is no record of the number of dogs in Fareham, but national estimates are that 33% of households have at least one dog.</p> <p>Considerate dog ownership is of concern to residents, who want the Council to take action against irresponsible dog owners and there was strong support to extend the current PSPO powers for another three years as well as including Portchester Crematorium in the list of areas where dogs must be kept on leads.</p>			
<b>Protected characteristic: Age</b> (including children and young people)			
Points to consider:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?</li><li>• What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?</li><li>• What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?</li></ul>			
The proposed PSPO extends the power for authorised officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for not cleaning up after a dog has littered and excludes them from designated			

areas such as play areas. This may have a positive impact on young people who are more likely to come into contact with dog fouling and are at greater risk of infection.

**Protected characteristic: Disability** (including physical and those with mental health conditions)

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact has been identified. Trained assistance dogs will be exempt from the controls meaning that they will be able to support their owner in the dog excluded public locations included in the PSPO. We will also consider dogs that assist their disabled owners

**Protected characteristic: Gender reassignment**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.

**Protected characteristic: Marriage and civil partnership**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.

**Protected characteristic: Pregnancy and maternity**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.

**Protected characteristic: Race**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.

**Protected characteristic: Religion or belief**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.

**Protected characteristic: Sex**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.

**Protected characteristic: Sexual orientation**

Points to consider:

- How have you considered the potential impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What, if any, is the expected impact on people with this protected characteristic?
- What steps or action is planned to mitigate any negative impact?

No impact identified.