

# PSPO Evidence Report June 2022

## Introduction

Public Spaces Protection Orders ('PSPOs') were introduced by Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (this section came into force on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014).

PSPOs represent orders created in relation to areas within the local authority's jurisdiction, where activities are taking place that are, or are likely to be, detrimental to the local community's quality of life. PSPOs impose conditions or restrictions on people within that area, such as restrictions on Dog Control. A Breach of a PSPO is an offence punishable by a fixed penalty notice and/or prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Leicester City Council adopted and implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. This Order, comprising its three distinct aspects, was subsequently extended to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A PSPO remains live for a maximum of three years at any one time but can be extended for a further 3 years. To extend, the Authority must be able to evidence that extending such a PSPO is necessary to prevent occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the order, or an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities set out in the order.

There are no limits to the number of extensions that can be applied to a PSPO by the local authority.

The PSPO applies to all Leicester City Council owned land and consists of three Dog Control Orders.

1. Dog exclusion sites
2. Dog fouling
3. Dog on leads.

Copies of the current PSPO orders can be found within the appendix of this report.

## Purpose of report

To provide an evidence-based review of the current Public Spaces Protection Order adopted by Leicester City Council for Dog Control. This report provides the evidence required to apply a further three-year extension to the current PSPO for Dog Control applied to Leicester City.

## Evidence Collated

This report brings together all available information in relation to customer reports, enquiries, complaints received, and fixed penalty notice enforcement action undertaken by the authority in relation to dog control for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Data provided by the Uniform database, covering fiscal years (April - March) for 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022**

| Category    | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Grand Total |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Dog Control | 581       | 208       | 247       | 1036        |
| Dog Fouling | 109       | 82        | 96        | 287         |
| Total       | 690       | 290       | 343       |             |

**Total of Combined Reports 1323**

|                           | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Average Reports Per Month | 19.17     | 8.06      | 9.53      |

**Monthly Average over the 36 Month period: 36.76**

**Origin of statistics by point of contact**

| How Received                        | Dangerous Dogs | Dog Fouling | Grand Total |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| E Mail to LCC                       | 307            | 105         | 412         |
| Letter to LCC                       | 3              | 0           | 3           |
| Love Leicester                      | 1              | 0           | 1           |
| Telephone to LCC                    | 580            | 59          | 639         |
| Visit/approach to L.C.C. staff/cllr | 10             | 3           | 13          |
| L.C.C. Web Form                     | 134            | 117         | 251         |
| Via Bid Ambassadors                 | 0              | 1           | 1           |
| Via Other External Agency           | 1              | 0           | 1           |
| Service Request raised by team      | 0              | 2           | 2           |
| Grand Total                         | 1036           | 287         | 1323        |

**Stand-alone Love Leicester reports not captured by Uniform**

| Category                       | 2019       | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Dog Fouling Reports            | 69         | 62   | 115  | 71   |
| <b>Total number of reports</b> | <b>317</b> |      |      |      |

|                   |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of Months  | 12   | 12   | 12   | 5    |
| Average per month | 5.75 | 5.17 | 9.58 | 14.2 |

**Monthly Average over the 41-month period: 7.73**

**Park Warden Fixed Penalty Notices covering fiscal years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022**

| Category      | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Dog Control   | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Dog Fouling   | 0       | 5       | 4       |
| Dog Exclusion | 0       | 1       | 0       |
| Total         | 0       | 6       | 4       |

**Fixed Penalty Notices Issued Over 36 Month Period: 10**

## City Warden Fixed Penalty Notices covering fiscal years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

| Category      | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Dog Control   | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Dog Fouling   | 3       | 0       | 0       |
| Dog Exclusion | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Grand Total   | 3       | 0       | 0       |

**Fixed Penalty Notices Issued Over 36 Month Period: 3**

### Dog Exclusion Zones

This Order applies to all play areas, ball courts, tennis courts and recreation areas listed below together with those cemeteries within the administrative area of Leicester City Council as listed below:

| Ward                                | Site Name                    | Site Address                      | Dog Exclusion Area/Fenced |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Play Areas, Ball Courts etc.</b> |                              |                                   |                           |
| Abbey                               | Abbey Grounds (Main Area)    | Abbey Park                        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Abbey Grounds (Pets Corner)  | Abbey Park                        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Bewcastle Grove              | Bewcastle Grove (Hadrian Rd. Pos) | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Border Drive Site 01         | 54 Garth Avenue                   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Border Drive Site 02         | 44-78 Jersey Road                 | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Border Drive Site 03         | 1-35 Millwood Close               |                           |
| Abbey                               | Border Drive Site 04         | 45-67 Millwood Close              | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Border Drive Site 05         | 46-64 Pytchley Close              | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | Oakwood Road                 | Off Blackbird Road                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                               | St. Helens Close             | 17-20 St. Helens Close            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Aylestone                           | Gilmorton Avenue (Main Area) | Gilmorton Avenue                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Aylestone                           | Gilmorton Avenue Ballcourt   | Gilmorton Avenue                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Aylestone                           | Montrose Spinney (Infant)    | Alvacote Rd                       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Beaumont Leys                       | Astill Park                  | Bennion Road                      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Beaumont Leys                       | Chancel Road                 | opp. Infants school               | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Beaumont Leys                       | Home Farm                    | Home Farm Close                   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                            | Garfield Street              | Opposite 25 Garfield Street       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                            | Garfield Street Ballcourt    | Garfield Street                   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                            | Loughborough Road            | 19 Linford Street                 | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                            | Martin Street (Infant Area)  | Next To Pub                       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                            | Orchardson Avenue Ballcourt  | Orchardson Avenue, St. Marks      | <b>Yes</b>                |

| Ward                            | Site Name                              | Site Address                                    | Dog Exclusion Area/Fenced |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Belgrave                        | St Marks Open Space                    | Open Space, Catherine Junior School             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                        | Thurcaston Road                        | Belgrave Gardens                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Belgrave                        | Cossington Street Ballcourt            | Cossington Street                               | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields | Bendbow Rise                           | Side of Oak Centre                              | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields | Bronte Close                           | Bronte Close / Boynton Road                     | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields | Manor House N/C                        | Compton Road                                    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Castle                          | Clarendon Park Road                    | 229 Clarendon Park Road                         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Castle                          | Nelson Mandela Park Ballcourt          | Welford Road, Next to HM Prison                 | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Castle                          | St. George's Pocket Park               | St George Street                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Castle                          | Victoria Park (Main Area/outside cafe) | Victoria Park                                   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Castle                          | Victoria Park Ballcourt                | Granville Road                                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Charnwood                       | Overton Road Ballcourt                 | Overton Road                                    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Coleman                         | Humberstone Park (Main Area)           | Humberstone Park                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Evington                        | Coleman Road                           | Coleman Rd / Broad Ave Junction                 | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Evington                        | Evington Park                          | Evington Park                                   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Evington                        | Humberstone Park (Infant Area)         | Humberstone Park                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Evington                        | Lily Marriott Gardens (Infant Area)    | Oxon Way, Off Rowlatts Hill Road                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Fosse                           | Stephenson Drive                       | Corner of Stephenson Drive/Fosse Rd. North      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Fosse                           | Vernon Street                          | 14 Hoby Street                                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Humberstone & Hamilton          | Elmtree Close                          | Side of 5 Elmtree Close                         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Humberstone & Hamilton          | Humberstone Recreation Ground          | Keyham Lane                                     | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Humberstone & Hamilton          | Netherhall Road (Infant Area)          | Netherhall Road                                 | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Humberstone & Hamilton          | Speedwell Drive                        | 46 Speedwell Drive, Off Sandhills Ave. Hamilton | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Knighton                        | Chiltern Green                         | Chiltern Green                                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Knighton                        | Knighton Park (Infant)                 | By Tennis Courts                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Knighton                        | Knighton Park (Junior)                 | By Tennis Courts                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Knighton                        | Knighton Park (Sensory)                | By Tennis Courts                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Knighton                        | Southernhay Avenue                     | Southernhay Road                                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| New Parks                       | Ryder Road                             | 62 Ryder Road                                   | <b>Yes</b>                |

| Ward           | Site Name                             | Site Address                           | Dog Exclusion Area/Fenced |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| North Evington | Ash Street (Infant Area)              | 29 Redwood Walk                        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| North Evington | Attingham Close                       | Rear of 16-19 Buscot Close             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| North Evington | Bridge Road Gardens                   | Corner Bridge Rd, Leicester St         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| North Evington | Hastings Road                         | Hastings Road                          | <b>Yes</b>                |
| North Evington | Overton Road                          | Side of 61 Overton Road                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| North Evington | Upper Charnwood Street                | Corner of Vulcan Road/Charnwood Street | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Rushey Mead    | Appleton Park (Infants Area)          | Wetherby Road                          | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Rushey Mead    | Jesse Jackson Park                    | 29 Nagle Grove                         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron        | Aylestone Recreation Ground           | 42 Macauley St                         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron        | Aylestone Recreation Ground Ballcourt | Macauley Street                        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron        | Elston Fields (Infant Area)           | Elston Fields                          | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron        | Hazel Street                          | Opposite Primary School                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron        | Meadow Gardens                        | Opposite Linwood Centre                | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron        | Thirlmere Gardens (Infant Area)       | Walnut Street                          | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Spinney Hills  | Crown Hills                           | Gwendolen Road / Crown Hills School    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Spinney Hills  | Spinney Hill Park (Main Area)         | Park Vale Road                         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Spinney Hills  | Spinney Hill Park Ballcourt           | Park Vale Road                         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Spinney Hills  | Atlas Close Ballcourt                 | Atlas Close                            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Stoneygate     | Cedar Road                            | Opposite 56-58 Cedar Road              | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Stoneygate     | Cedar Road Ballcourt                  | Cedar Road                             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Stoneygate     | Medway Street School                  | St. Stephens Road                      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Stoneygate     | Onslow Street                         | Opposite 12-22 Onslow Street           | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Thurncourt     | Willowbrook Park (Infant Area)        | Thurncourt Road                        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Troon          | Christopher Drive                     | Rear of 19-31 Christopher Drive        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Troon          | Stanier Drive                         | off Barkbythorpe Road                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Westcotes      | Bede Park                             | off Western Boulevard                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Westcotes      | Dane Street                           | Andrewes Street                        | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western        | Battersbee Road                       | Next To Working Men's Club             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western        | Lamen Road                            | corner of Holmwood Drive               | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western        | Pindar Road                           | Pindar Road                            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western        | Ryder Road Ballcourt                  | Ryder Road                             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western        | Western Park (Main Area)              | Western Park                           | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western        | Western Park Infant                   | Western Park                           | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western Park   | Western Park (Skateboard Area)        | Western Park                           | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe       | Maidstone Road                        | Opposite 166-190 Maidstone Road        | <b>Yes</b>                |

| Ward     | Site Name                                | Site Address                           | Dog Exclusion Area/Fenced |
|----------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wycliffe | Melbourne Street Ballcourt               | Melbourne Street, Highfields           | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 1 (13-27 Kashmir Road)      | 13-27 Kashmir Road St Matthews         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 10 (118-132 Everest Court)  | 118-132 Everest Court                  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 11 (14-28 Everest Court)    | 14-28 Everest Court St. Matthews       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 12 (74-88 Everest Court)    | 74-88 Everest Court St. Matthews       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 2 (185-199 Kashmir Road)    | 185-199 Kashmir Road St. Matthews      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 3 (77-84 Chester Close)     | 77-84 Chester Close St. Matthews       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 4 (217-223 Kashmir Road)    | 217-223 Kashmir Road St. Matthews      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 5 (309-323 Kashmir Road)    | 309-323 Kashmir Road St. Matthews      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 6 (389-403 Kashmir Road)    | 389-403 Kashmir Road St. Matthews      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 7 (37-44 Chester Close)     | 37-44 Chester Close St. Matthews       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 8 (405-419 Kashmir Road)    | 405-419 Kashmir Road St. Matthews      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews 9 (485-499 Kashmir Road)    | 485-499 Kashmir Road St. Matthews      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Matthews Park, Kamloops Crescent     | Kamloops Crescent                      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (1-31 Mensa Close)            | 1-31 Mensa Close St. Peters            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (19 Mercury Close)            | 19 Mercury Close                       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (2 Mercury Close)             | 2 Mercury Close St. Peters             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (35 Vostock Close)            | 35 Vostock Close St. Peters            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (4 Vostock Close)             | 4 Vostock Close St. Peters             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (44 Polaris Close)            | 44 Polaris Close St. Peters            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (45 Taurus Close)             | 45 Taurus Close St. Peters             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (61 Vostock Close)            | 61 Vostock Close St. Peters            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (78 Atlas Close)              | 78 Atlas Close St. Peters              | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (Gordon House, Pegasus Close) | Gordon House, Pegasus Close St. Peters | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | St. Peters (NHO, 1-7 Hydra Walk)         | Housing Office, Hydra Walk St. Peters  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | Stoughton Street South                   | Opposite 1-5 Stoughton Street South    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | Stoughton Street South Ballcourt         | Stoughton Street South                 | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Wycliffe | Taylor Road                              | Opposite Primary School                | <b>Yes</b>                |

| Ward                     | Site Name                   | Site Address                         | Dog Exclusion Area/Fenced |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wycliffe                 | Wesley Hall                 | Hartington Road                      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| <b>Cemeteries</b>        |                             |                                      |                           |
| Belgrave                 | Belgrave Cemetery           | Red Hill Way, Leicester LE4 3EX      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Beaumont Leys            | Gilroes Cemetery            | Groby Rd LE3 9QG                     | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Saffron                  | Saffron Hill Cemetery       | Stonesby Ave, Leicester LE2 6TY      | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Castle                   | Welford Road Cemetery       | Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BB     | <b>Yes</b>                |
| <b>Tennis Courts</b>     |                             |                                      |                           |
| Abbey                    | Abbey Park x5               | Abbey Park Road, Leicester, LE4 5AQ  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Aylestone                | Aylestone Playing Fields x2 | Braunstone Lane East, LE3            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Aylestone                | Aylestone Hall Gardens x2   | Hall Lane, Leicester LE2 8FS         | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Evington                 | Evington Park x6            | The Common, Leicester, LE5 6DF       | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Evington                 | Humberstone Park x4         | Humberstone Road, Leicester, LE5 4DG | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Knighton                 | Knighton Park x2            | Palmerston Way, Leicester, LE2 3YQ   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Humberstone & Hamilton   | Monks Rest Gardens x5       | Vicarage Lane, Leicester, LE5 1DB    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Abbey                    | Mowmacre Sports Ground x3   | Thurcaston Road, Leicester, LE4 2PJ  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Rushey Mead              | Rushey Fields x4            | Harrison Road – LE4 7AD              | <b>yes</b>                |
| Castle                   | Victoria Park x4            | Granville Road, Leicester, LE1 7RY   | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Western                  | Western Park x6             | Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0WA    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| <b>Pets Corner</b>       |                             |                                      |                           |
| Abbey                    | Abbey Park                  | Abbey Park Road, Leicester, LE4 5AQ  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| <b>Outdoor Gym Areas</b> |                             |                                      |                           |
| Knighton                 | Knighton Park               | Palmerston Way, Leicester, LE2 3YQ   | <b>Yes</b>                |

## Parks & Open Spaces – Where dogs can be exercised

Whilst dogs are excluded from being exercised within play areas, ball courts, tennis courts and recreation areas listed above together cemeteries within the administrative area of Leicester City Council. All sites listed that offer open recreational green space can be utilised to exercise dogs. There are over 120 parks, gardens, and open spaces within the administration area of Leicester City Council that are accessible to the public to exercise their dogs.

## Conclusion

The report identifies sufficient evidence to enable the authority to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that extending this PSPO is necessary to prevent occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the order, or an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities set out in the order.