

# West Lindsey District Council

## Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Consultation on use of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

This proposal is with reference to the PSPO proposed for Gainsborough General Cemetery and North Warren Cemetery. These proposals have been put forward by Gainsborough Town Council to keep the areas accessible and well maintained for the majority of users and to address particular issues that have occurred on the sites.

Consultation open from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 till Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. In total 970 responses were received. The results from this consultation are:

1. Would you support the requirement for dogs to be kept on leads at both cemeteries in Gainsborough?  
857 Yes  
(89.1%)  
92 No  
(9.6%)  
13 No opinion  
(1.4%)
2. Would you support the banning of dogs entirely from both Gainsborough Cemeteries? (except guide or medical alert dogs)?  
353 Yes  
(36.6%)  
598 No  
(62.0%)  
14 No opinion  
(1.5%)
3. Do you believe there should be any restrictions in place to limit the number of dogs that can be walked by any person at one time?  
435 Yes – Move to q4  
(46.3%)  
505 No – Move to q5  
(53.7%)
4. What do you believe the maximum number should be?  
409 responses received:  
  
0 – 41 responses  
1 – 45 responses  
2 – 217 responses  
3 – 71 responses  
4 – 28 responses  
5 – 6 responses  
6 – 1 response

Where a respondent gave a range of numbers depending on the size of the dog the lowest number has been taken for this question.

5. Do you believe there is sufficient open space within Gainsborough to exercise your dogs?
- |         |            |
|---------|------------|
| 315     | Yes        |
| (58.9%) |            |
| 151     | No         |
| (28.2%) |            |
| 69      | Don't know |
| (12.9%) |            |

6. What open spaces to walk a dog are you aware of?

269 responses received. Each location has only been mentioned once below:

- Aisby Walk
- Beckingham Village Hall
- Blue Bell
- Blyton
- Carr Lane
- Castle Hill Woods
- Dog Island
- Dunstall Walk
- Field at Elsham Walk
- Field near Queen Elizabeths
- Field near skatepark
- Fielding Way
- Fields
- Fields past Golf Club
- Foxby Hill Woodlands
- Gainsborough Old Hall
- Heapham Road
- Industrial estates
- Knaith Fields
- Land by Middies
- Laughton Woods
- Lea Park
- Leisure Centre Field
- Levellings
- Love Lane
- Mercers Wood
- Middlefield Lane Park
- Morton Fields
- Open green spaces
- Owlet Woods
- Park by Roper Road
- Park near North Parade
- Parks
- Paths adjacent to Cemetery's
- Pathways
- Pit Hills
- Pringle Hill
- Queensfield

- Rev Hill
- Richmond Park
- River Bank
- Roses Sports Field
- Rugby Field
- Scotter
- Scouts Hill
- Skate Park
- St Georges Park
- Streets
- The Rec
- Thonock Hill
- Unused park at back of cemetery
- Whitewoods Lane
- Whittons Gardens
- Willingham Woods
- Woods
- Wreck Hill

7. Do you believe that anti-social behaviour (in any form) is a problem at the Gainsborough Cemeteries?

517 Yes  
(53.5%)

132 No  
(13.7%)

317 Don't know  
(32.8%)

8. Please state what anti-social behaviour you have experienced/are aware of:  
412 comments received and the topics included:

- Abuse from travellers
- Abuse when asking people to keep dogs on leads
- Abusive dog walkers
- Bullying and intimidating behaviour by youths
- Car damage
- Cars damaging headstones
- Couples having sex
- Damage to fence
- Destroying/damaging graves and property on graves
- Disrespect to the area
- Distress caused
- Dog Fouling
- Dog fouling on graves
- Dogs attacking other dogs
- Dogs off leads
- Dogs playing off lead
- Drinking
- Drug taking
- Fighting
- Flashers

- Fly tipping
- Following People
- Graffiti
- Groups of young people - intimidating
- Homeless sleeping there
- Intimidation from those visiting graves shouting at dog walkers
- Knife crime
- Littering
- Mini motorbikes in the middle of the night
- Muggings
- Noise pollution from cars and music
- Playing football in the cemetery
- Posing for selfies
- Residents using the Cemeteries for general recreation activities.
- Riding of cycles/motorbikes on cemetery with no helmets
- Robberies
- Smoking
- Stealing from graves and benches
- Theft
- Trespassing on derelict buildings
- Vandalism
- Vandalism of play equipment
- Vehicles blocking access routes
- Verbal abuse
- Videoing people while visiting graves
- Young people misbehaving

9. Do you think the use of alcohol and recreational use of motor vehicles should be banned at both Gainsborough Cemeteries?

611 (63.4%)	Yes - both
229 (23.8%)	Alcohol use only banned
44 (4.6%)	Recreational motor vehicle use only
45 (4.7%)	No - neither
34 (3.5%)	No opinion

10. Please add any other comments below, including any other areas of town you think this would be useful for?

336 comments received. Full list supplied separately.