

Dog Control Orders - Survey

Background

Currently, there are byelaws in place which restrict people from walking their dogs on nine of Thanet's beaches, but these have operated at different times and have been difficult for local people to follow.

Proposal

We would like your views on introducing Dog Control Orders to ten of Thanet's beaches, restricting dogs on these beaches from **15 May to 15 September** between the hours of **10:00 and 18:00**.

This would include:

- Minnis Bay (main area) in Birchington
- Viking Bay, Louisa Bay and Stone Bay in Broadstairs
- Margate Main Sands and Walpole Bay in Margate
- Westbrook Bay, West Bay and St. Mildred's Bay in Westgate
- Ramsgate Main Sands

Please note Botany Bay and Joss Bay already have Dog Control Orders in place

<p>1. How strongly do you either agree or disagree that Dog Control Orders should be introduced to the ten beaches above?</p> <p>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	If you disagree please state why:

<p>2. How strongly do you either agree or disagree with the proposal to bring the restrictions in line, so that dogs are banned from each of these beaches at the same time?</p> <p>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	If you disagree please state why:

These proposals would mean that ten bays in Thanet would continue to have no restrictions in place. These are:

- Grenham Bay (between Minnis Bay and Epple Bay) and Epple Bay in Birchington
- Dumpton Gap and Kingsgate Bay in Broadstairs
- Foreness Point, Palm Bay and Sacketts Gap (between Palm Bay and Walpole Bay) in Cliftonville,
- Fulsam Rock (between the Margate Harbour Arm and the Lido) in Margate
- Eastcliff and Western Undercliff in Ramsgate.

3. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to leave the ten beaches above with no restrictions in place? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	If you disagree please state why:

4. Please tell us which of the following beaches you use. PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnis Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Botany Bay
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grenham Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingsgate Bay
	<input type="checkbox"/> Epple Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreness Point
	<input type="checkbox"/> Westbrook Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Joss Bay
	<input type="checkbox"/> West Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Stone Bay
	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Mildred's Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Viking Bay
	<input type="checkbox"/> Margate Main Sands	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisa Bay
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fulsam Rock	<input type="checkbox"/> Dumpton Gap
	<input type="checkbox"/> Walpole Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Undercliff
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacketts Gap	<input type="checkbox"/> Ramsgate Main Sands
	<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Undercliff

5. Please tell us the MAIN reason for your use of the beaches above. PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Family day out	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling
	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialising with friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Water sports
	<input type="checkbox"/> For fresh air	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand-based sports
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun bathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Play activities
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting food or bait
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sea swimming/paddling	<input type="checkbox"/> Beachcombing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending an event
	Other please state:	

Thanet District Council is also proposing to update the Dogs Fouling of Land Act, by introducing a Dog Control Order. This means that anyone who fails to clear up after their dog on public land would be issued with a fixed penalty notice. This would come into force on 01/01/2009.

6. How strongly do you either agree or disagree with this proposal? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree
	If you disagree please state why:

7. Please use this space to provide any further comments.	
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If you would like to receive an update on the consultation results please leave your contact details below.

Name:

Postal/email address:

Postcode:

Please return this survey to Communications, FREEPOST SEA 8273, Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate CT9 1XZ.

Please return all surveys by no later than **Friday 29 August 2008**.

For further information please visit www.thanet.gov.uk, email hannah.thorpe@thanet.gov.uk or call 01843 577120

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