

COMMERCIAL DOG WALKING CONSULTATION RESULTS

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Wards affected:	Nonsuch Ward;
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Draft Terms of Reference of the Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Working Group. Appendix 2 – Summary of Results of the Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Consultation. Appendix 3 – Comments on Dog Walking in Nonsuch Park from the Public Consultation Appendix 4 – Feedback and Suggestions from the Public Consultation

Summary

This report presents the Committee with the results of the Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Consultation and recommends that a Working Group be established to consider how the matter should be progressed.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Receive the results of the Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Consultation, as seen at Appendices 2, 3 and 4.
- (2) Agree to establish a Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Working Group.
- (3) Approve the draft Terms of Reference for the working group, as set out at Appendix 1.
- (4) Appoint members to the working group, in line with the rules of membership as set out in the Terms of Reference at appendix 1.

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1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Consultation received 989 responses. These responses now need to be carefully considered by a working group to ensure that the public's views are evaluated and used to develop a recommendation to the Joint Management Committee at their next meeting.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Nonsuch Park Commercial Dog Walking Consultation concluded on 2 June 2024.
- 2.2 The consultation was promoted on Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's social media channels, leaflet drops in public spaces such as local libraries and veterinary surgeries and via posters in Nonsuch Park.
- 2.3 During the consultation period, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council officers conducted several engagement exercises in the park to encourage visitors to take part.
- 2.4 Our staff reported that visitors were extremely vocal on the subject and the online consultation was well received with just under 1000 people logging on to share their views.
- 2.5 Appendices 2, 3 and 4 detail a graphical summary of responses and many pages of comments, feedback, and suggestions from participants.
- 2.6 It is now recommended that the Committee appoint a working group to carefully consider all responses and decide on a set of recommendations to present to the Joint Management Committee at their next meeting.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 None for the purpose of this report

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3.5 Other

3.5.1 None for the purpose of this report

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Effective Council

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** n/a

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** n/a

6.5 **Partnerships:** n/a

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- Commercial Dog Walking Report – 25 March 2024

Other papers:

- none